

Free from injuries but not the law

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

A 40-year-old Clintonville man escaped injury after his van broke through the ice on Shawano Lake the morning of Jan. 7. However, he didn't escape justice, as he was later taken to the county jail on bail jumping and other charges, officials said.

Shawano County dispatchers received a call at 6:32 a.m. about the vehicle in the water near Stark and Washington Lake roads. The actual location was found to be on the north shore of Shawano Lake, directly south of the channel to Washington Lake.

The caller indicated the vehicle was a small van and the headlights were still on. It was believed that everyone was out of the vehicle. The driver exited the vehicle and left the area on foot prior to deputies arriving on scene. Deputies eventually located the driver who confirmed there was no one else in the vehicle.

Deputies learned the driver had driven



Local pilot and airport enthusiast Paul Sheridan's drone captured this image of the north shore of Shawano Lake the morning of Jan. 7. A van was driven onto the ice and then broke through it near the boat launch area of Washington Lake. The driver was not injured, but he was arrested and taken to jail on bail jumping and other charges.

PAUL SHERIDAN

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Shawano County could see new wheel tax

\$25 annual fee would help pay for road, bridge projects

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

On the heels of a \$40 annual wheel tax for Shawano residents, most Shawano County residents could soon find themselves facing a similar fee.

Members of the Shawano County Highway and Parks Committee on Jan. 7 unanimously agreed to a \$25 annual wheel tax on all vehicles weighing no more than 8,000 pounds.

The vehicle registration fee was scheduled to be debated by the executive committee Jan. 15 and could go to the full county board Jan. 22. If approved, it

would take effect Jan. 1, 2026.

Funds collected from the tax would be earmarked for road and bridge maintenance.

Grant Bystol, highway commissioner, said the county used to repave about 20 miles of county roads each year in the 1990s.

"We're down to about 9 miles now, if we're lucky," he said.

In 2024, the county performed work on 9.6 miles of roads at a cost of about \$3.2 million or about \$331,000 per mile.

"For perspective, the county has 295 miles of roads," Bystol said. "That would mean a road would be resurfaced every 33 years."

In addition to increased costs, the other culprit affecting the change is state levy limits.

"Nobody wanted this to pass at highway, I can tell you that," said Jim Davel, administrative coordinator. "The issue is ... that we need additional revenue com-

ing into the county to support what we want done. We can't afford it. It's just the bottom line. We've got to figure out additional ways to make up that difference, and this is one of those ways. With the levy limits being the way they are, you're forcing counties and other municipalities to do this."

State law limits which vehicles are subject to a wheel tax. Amish horse and buggies, as well as agricultural equipment, are exempt, as are all vehicles more than 8,000 pounds.

Some committee members said that is ironic as it is the heavy equipment and vehicles that do the most damage to roads.

"We really can't touch the farmers much, or the Amish," said Supervisor Rick Giese. "They (ag equipment) are the big ones that wear the roads down."

He said the county is expected to be more stringent regarding weight limits on roads that take effect with each spring

thaw.

"We have been doing it in the past, but we want to do a little more," he said. "Keep it in check so people aren't out there damaging our roads by having overweight trucks and stuff."

A fiscal note on the proposed ordinance indicates there are about 37,350 eligible vehicles in the county. At \$25 per vehicle, \$933,750 would be generated in annual revenue.

A \$25 rate was suggested after reviewing wheel taxes of neighboring counties. Marathon County has a \$25 tax, and Langlade County has a \$15 tax.

The city of Shawano fee is \$40 per vehicle, and the village of Tigerton fee is \$10 per vehicle.

Nearby communities and their wheel taxes are Gillett \$20, Green Bay \$25, Kaukauna \$10, New London \$20, Port Edwards \$35.

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Recreation center plans moving forward

Council discusses the need for alternative funding for second phase

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Work could get underway soon for the first phase of renovating and expanding the Shawano Recreation Center, and the city of Shawano is already working on plans for the second phase.

Shawano Parks and Recreation Director Matt Hendricks approached the Shawano Common Council on Jan. 8 with a look at how the first phase, funded by a Flexible Facilities Program grant for \$4.25 million, is expected to progress and solicited input from the council members on whether the planning for the second phase should begin now. Hendricks said it would be difficult for the city to implement both phases simultaneously.

The first phase will provide computer lab, classroom and study areas, along with a community room that would have stations for computers. This is being done to provide residents and visitors space to access the internet, a commodity that was found very lacking during the 2020 pandemic.

“We’re very fortunate to have been awarded the \$4.25 million from the state,” Hendricks said. “As you recall, that was a technology-based grant for fiber access to internet so people can do things like health monitoring, workforce development and employment opportunities. That’s what’s allowing some of these office spaces, why you see a computer lab and the classroom. The idea is a minimum 100-meg upload and minimum 100-meg download for every device that walks into that building.”

Hendricks said the



An exterior rendering shows what the Shawano Recreation Center will look like after the first phase of renovations is completed. CITY OF SHAWANO



The floor plan shows what the Shawano Recreation Center is expected to look like when completed. The items in red are part of the first phase, paid for by a \$4.25 million grant from the state. The second phase, which includes an added gymnasium, is expected to cost millions more, but the city is figuring out funding sources beyond taxpayer money. CITY OF SHAWANO

first phase will also make extensive renovations of the exercise area and the locker rooms. The locker rooms, part of the 1950s era when people show-

ered in one area, will be replaced by family-style changing rooms and single shower slots. “There’s a lot of things that people and archi-

ects think about today that weren’t thought about in the 1950s like ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) accessibility and ease of use,”

Hendricks said. “For this building to get brought up to standards, for me, is phenomenal.”

The final project plan for the first phase is expected to be approved by the council in April.

The second phase will involve constructing a new gymnasium on the east side of the existing recreation center. The gymnasium would provide for one full-court basketball area, two youth basketball courts, a single volleyball court and four pickleball courts. There would also be separate racquetball areas and an aerobics studio.

“It doesn’t have to be decided tonight, but we’d like to know how much energy you want us to pursue into that,” Hendricks said.

Council members were interested in the second phase becoming a reality once the first phase is completed, but when they heard that the price tag was currently estimated by city staff to be \$3 million to \$3.5 million, their recommendation turned to finding at least some alternative funding, like

the state grant funding the first phase.

Alderman Kevin Barkow said he was enthusiastic about the idea, as he recalled that the city tried working with the Shawano School District to create a joint recreation center at Shawano Community High School to fulfill the district’s desires to expand its athletic facilities. That plan drew public outcry, however, and both entities decided against pursuing the idea further.

“Thanks to the generosity of the state, we are now moving into something like this,” Barkow said, who admitted the building is older than he is. “I’m looking at this other \$3 million and thinking that hopefully it’ll be a lot easier to get this passed than whatever we were trying to get passed previously that didn’t go through.”

Barkow offered his own personal assistance in finding a way to pay for the second phase.

Mayor Bruce Milavitz recommended that Hendricks and his staff have enough information about the gymnasium project to entice potential business and private donors to ease the city’s financial burden. He said the need is there for more recreational facilities, but it shouldn’t be put squarely on the backs of taxpayers.

“Having more gymnasium space, I think, is truly recreation for the community,” Milavitz said. “Considering how hard it is to get sometime during the day, that gym space, because everything is connected to the schools, I am in favor of finding a way to make this happen sooner rather than later, but obviously on a proper time and place.”

Alderman John Hoeffs said now was definitely not the time to implement the second phase, seeing as the city raised its overall tax rate and added the wheel tax recently.

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Shawano Common Council approves street projects bid

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Street projects for the city of Shawano could come in under budget in 2025 after the Shawano Common Council voted

Jan. 8 to accept the bid from the David Tenor Corporation. The corporation was one of nine bidders for the project and agreed to do the work for \$514,655.15. The city had

budgeted \$525,000 this year for street and utility reconstruction. The other eight bidders were over that amount. This year, the city plans to redo the roads on South Lafayette Street

from Lieg Avenue to Wescott Avenue, Cleveland Street from Zingler Avenue to Stevens Avenue, and Ellis Street from Green Bay Street to Fifth Street. The work will include road repav-

ing, sidewalk replacement and utility work. According to Public Works Director Michael Mahloch, sewer and water lines will be replaced on Lafayette and Cleveland streets, while Ellis Street

will get new stormwater and sewer lines. Work on the streets is scheduled to begin this spring.

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Generator failure at dam will cause water level issues

Ice conditions are unstable north of Balsam Row Road Dam

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

A generator failure at the Balsam Row Road Dam will cause unstable water levels north of the dam for the rest of the winter, according to the Shawano County Sheriff's Department.

"It should only impact the waterway north of the Balsam Row Road Dam, which is about 1.7 miles in our county," said Lt. Chris Madle, also the county's emergency management director. "They're not worried about flooding or anything right now. They're just worried about unstable ice conditions with the waters being higher and lower beneath the ice."

Madle said Jan. 8 the biggest concern now is from the Menominee Reservation and how the water levels will impact the river farther north.

Madle said he talked with John Krizan, lead operator with Wolf River Hydro, which owns the dam.

"One of the stakehold-



A generator failure at the Balsam Row Road Dam will cause unstable water levels north of the dam for the rest of the winter. Residents are urged to not go on the ice north of the dam, as changing water levels can lead to cracks in the ice. Officials are weighing their options regarding repairs to the dam.

ers was there today (Jan. 8) with an electric company trying to figure out what the game plan may be," Madle said. "I guess all options are on the table, including getting rid of that dam."

The dam is used to produce electricity.

"They're in contempla-

tion if they really want to plug more money into it or not," Madle said. "It's like 100-and-some years old. They're trying to figure their cost options, how much it's gong to cost to repair."

Until it is repaired, this will have a severe impact on ice conditions, as some

days water levels will be high and some days, they will be low.

"Water levels will not be stable the rest of the winter north of the dam," Madle said. "Stay off the ice north up there. Don't go fishing up there."

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Navarino chairman, county supervisor dies

By KEVIN PASSON
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Longtime Navarino Town Chairman and Shawano County Board Supervisor Kevin Conradt died Jan. 3. He was 67.

Known to many as "Covey" and "Mr. Navarino," Conradt was first elected town chairman at age 29 and represented the Navarino area on the county board for about 30 years.

He also served as president of the Navarino Athletic Association and was involved with the Navarino-Lessor Fire Department and EMS.

"I was on Facebook with him, and every Friday when they (Navarino Rangers) would have games Friday night, he'd be posting something about cooking burgers, people come down to the ball diamond for fresh burgers," County Supervisor Rick Giese said. "You drove though Navarino, you look down a side street, he'd be driving by on a golf cart or something checking everything out."

Conradt was born in 1957 in Clintonville and graduated from Bonduel High School in 1975.

He worked various construction jobs as a young man and then went on to



work for Nordberg's. After a brief stint at tech school, he became the office manager for Olson's Rural Electric.

Conradt was a lifelong member of Ascension Lutheran Church in Navarino where he served as the treasurer for the cemetery board.

"I can't say enough good about him. He did so much for Navarino and that area," County Board Chairman Tom Kautza said. "He always did his homework when he'd come to the board here. Common sense. Level-headed. You couldn't find a better board member."

A memorial service was held Jan. 10 at Ascension Lutheran Church in the Town of Navarino with the Rev. Mark Sabin officiating. Inurnment will take place in the parish cemetery later in spring.

The service was recorded on the Facebook pages of Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory of Clintonville and Ascension Lutheran Church.

"He's leaving a pretty good size hole to fill," Kautza said.

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Shawano Pathways plans winter hikes

DNR also offers candlelight hikes on state land

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

The evening of Jan. 11 marked the first of five winter hikes organized by Shawano Pathways.

Held at Maple Hill Recreation Area on Highway 22 south of Shawano, this first hike was a moonlight hike.

The purpose of the winter hikes, other than just for fun and exercise, is also to get to know the local trails with a guide so hikers can then enjoy them anytime on their own.

Future hikes are scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Jan. 25, Sugar Shack Trails, N7061 Ash Road; 6 p.m. Feb. 12 moonlight hike, Kroenke Lake State Natural Area, end of Beech Road (bring a headlamp if you have one); 1:30 p.m. Feb. 23, Cotter Creek Trails, W9050 Broadway Road; and 9:30 a.m. March 8, Sugar Shack Trails.

Hikers are reminded to bring snowshoes if there is enough snow on the ground. If not, wear cleats, crampons, Yaktrax or similar items over boots for tractor.

Arrive at least 15 minutes before the start of the hike to register, get gear on and meet the guide. All hikes are free, but donations are appreciated.

Like all outdoor events, these are weather permitting. Check Shawano Pathways' Facebook page or website, shawanopathways.org, for updates.

Questions can be directed to Matty Mathison via text at 715-304-9796 or email 28degreesandsnowing@gmail.com.

Similarly, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has invited the public to celebrate the outdoors this winter by joining a candlelight event happening across the state.

"Winter candlelight events are some of the most popular activities at Wisconsin state parks, for-

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Find a full list of upcoming candlelight events and additional details on the DNR Events calendar at <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/events?type=Candlelight%20Events>.

ests, trails and wildlife areas," said Steve Schmelzer, DNR parks and recreation management director. "It can be challenging to stay active outside during the winter months when daylight is short and temperatures drop, but candlelight events offer the public a novel way to experience our valuable public lands all year long. Many events have become a long-standing tradition at some of our DNR properties, with hundreds or even thousands of attendees."

These free-to-low-cost events typically begin around sunset and offer a variety of ways to enjoy the winter scenery after dark, including hiking, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing, depending on weather and snow conditions. Many will include activities such as bonfires, hot chocolate, cider and other refreshments available for sale or by donation, and some will have open warming shelters.

Those who would like to participate by hiking and snowshoeing do not need to have any experience. These events offer no-commitment opportunities for first timers and can help build connections with other outdoor enthusiasts during the time of year when many people stay indoors.

Although the amount of gear needed varies, warm clothing with layers is recommended for all events. Trekking poles are optional, and a headlamp or flashlight is recommended. Some properties may have other equipment, such as snowshoes or an outdoor track chair, available to check out. Contact the property to see what is available and to make reservations.

Most properties will require a 2025 vehicle admission pass and/or a state trail pass unless otherwise noted.

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Sparks fly for Shawano County 4-H



ABOVE: Young weavers with Shawano County 4-H programs were hard at work Jan. 11 with the help of older 4-H members in one of the classes conducted for Spark Saturday. The event is expected to help young children find out what agriculture and other activities spark their interests. Among the other subjects were jiu jitsu, fiber arts, jams and rabbit showmanship.

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LEFT: Evelyn Suehring starts to place lids on jars of strawberry freezer jam on Jan. 11 in a classroom kitchen at Shawano Community High School for one of the workshops for 4-H Spark Saturday. Sponsored by the University of Wisconsin-Extension Shawano County office, the foods class also taught how to make the jam, as well as apple jelly.

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Algae eater, ball python appear at SCHS

Shawano Community High School hosted an exotic pet surrender Jan. 11, organized by J&R Aquatic Animal Rescue (JRAAR) in collaboration with the University of Wisconsin Sea Grant/Water Resources Institutes, WAMSCO, and the Menominee County Conservation/Forestry/Zoning Department.

This event marked the first of 29 planned for 2025. These events provide a judgment-free space for pet owners to surrender exotic animals they can no longer care for. Two animals were surrendered: a Chinese algae eater and a ball python affectionately named Sirius Black.

"Our exotic pet surrender events fill a critical need in communities where rehoming options for exotic animals are limited," said Melissa Gassner, JRAAR's surrender event specialist. "By providing a safe, accessible and stigma-free environment, we ensure that these animals find the care they need while protecting our ecosystems from potential harm."

Participants were also treated to educational opportunities, including a chance to meet animal ambassadors and learn about their unique stories. The event's photo booth offered a way for attendees to capture memories alongside rescued pets, further fostering connections between people and animals.

Surrendered animals will undergo a brief quarantine period before becoming available for adoption through JRAAR, ensuring they find new, loving homes.

For information about future events or to learn more, contact John Moyles at adoptions@jraar.org or 920-419-8839.



A ball python was one of the exotic animals brought to Shawano Community High School to be surrendered Jan. 11.

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Candlelight events are happening across the state this winter.

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Norovirus cases surging but can be curtailed

With norovirus cases surging across the country, ThedaCare is advising people about the best ways to avoid the illness and how to manage it if they catch it.

The average year brings approximately 2,500 reported norovirus outbreaks across the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Outbreaks occur throughout the year but are most common from November to April.

Dr. Maria Rossi, a family medicine physician with ThedaCare Physicians-Menasha, offered tips for weathering gastroenteritis.

“No one wants to endure a bout of gastroenteritis,” she said. “With rest and self-care measures, most people



MARIA ROSSI

recover within a few days. If symptoms worsen and become severe, we’re advising people to seek medical attention from their health care provider.”

Norovirus is commonly referred to as the stomach flu. It is a group of viruses that causes gastroenteritis, an inflammation of the stomach and intestines.

“This highly contagious gastrointestinal bug causes sudden bouts of diarrhea and vomiting,” Rossi said, “and although it’s often called the stomach flu, it isn’t related to seasonal influenza, which causes respiratory illness.”

The disease causes an

estimated 109,000 hospitalizations, 21 million illnesses, and 900 deaths annually, according to the CDC.

The virus spreads quickly. People who have the virus can shed billions of microscopic particles, and it only takes a few particles to make others sick, according to the CDC.

Norovirus spreads in several ways, including having direct contact with someone with norovirus, such as caring for them, sharing food or eating utensils with them, or eating food they have handled. The virus can also be spread by eating food or drinking liquids that are contaminated with norovirus, or touching surfaces or objects contaminated with norovirus and then putting

unwashed fingers in one’s mouth.

“The virus spreads easily in confined places like daycare centers, schools, nursing homes, and cruise ships,” Rossi said. “Food-borne norovirus outbreaks happen occasionally in restaurants. The foods in question typically include fresh fruits, leafy greens, and shellfish.”

The most common symptoms of the gastrointestinal infection are nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and stomach pain. People also may experience headache, fever, and chills.

For most people, the illness will run its course within one to three days, Rossi said. She offered the following home care measures to help people recover from the illness:

- Get plenty of rest.
- Isolate from others

until symptoms resolve.

- Rehydrate with ice chips and small sips of water; babies and younger kids can have an oral rehydration solution, such as Pedialyte.

- Reintroduce food slowly starting with bland, easily digestible options.

- Wash hands frequently and disinfect surfaces when caring for someone who is sick.

In some instances, gastroenteritis can lead to dehydration.

“This is particularly worrisome for young children, pregnant people, older adults, and immunocompromised individuals,” Rossi said. “That’s because they are at increased risk for complications.”

In adults, signs of dehydration include decreased urine output, dark-colored

urine, dry skin, thirst and dizziness. Signs of dehydration in children include dry diapers (from a lack of urination), lack of tears, dry mouth, drowsiness and sunken fontanel (the soft spot on the top of an infant’s head).

To help halt the spread of the virus, Rossi advises people to wash hands well and often using soap and water, wash fruits and vegetables thoroughly and regularly clean and sanitize kitchen utensils, counters and surfaces.

“Even with the most stringent steps in place, it’s possible to come down with gastroenteritis,” Rossi said. “If you become ill, take steps to recover at home. Seek care if you think you or a loved one is experiencing dehydration or if symptoms don’t resolve within three days.”

Man arrested in Wittenberg weapons incident

The Shawano County Sheriff’s Department arrested a man over the weekend who entered a home in Wittenberg with guns and caused a disturbance.

On Jan. 11 at about 9:51 p.m., dispatchers received a 911 call reporting a man

had entered a residence with two guns and caused a disturbance on Front Street. The man was believed to be intoxicated and after a brief struggle, fled into a nearby residence leaving one of the guns on scene. Within one minute, a deputy arrived

on scene and secured the discarded weapon.

The Shawano County Special Response Team was paged as well as an armored personnel vehicle from the Marathon County Multi-Agency SWAT Team. Several nearby homes were ordered to

evacuate, and a shelter was provided at Wittenberg Village Hall. The suspect home was surrounded and contact was attempted with the suspect. At 1:17 a.m. on Jan. 12, a 36-year-old man was taken into custody.

The man is currently

being held at the Shawano County Jail, and several felony charges were referred to the Shawano-Menominee County District Attorney’s Office for review. Based on the investigation, no rounds were fired from the arrested party. No further

details are being released, according to Detective Craig Rekoske.

The sheriff’s department was also helped by Tigerton and Shawano police departments, the village of Wittenberg and Wittenberg Ambulance Service.

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FARM LIFE FROM A FARM WIFE



A cow's whiskers show signs of freezing Jan. 5 with the temperature a balmy 5 degrees outside. With these chilly conditions, a lot of things can go wrong to make farmers' lives more complicated. KAY REMINGER

Frigid weather not much fun for farmers

Selling our livestock in May 2016, we're going on nine years without milking cows. While that very first day had me standing in the middle of my farm kitchen in tears wondering what on earth people do at four o'clock in the afternoon, I've since moved quite cheerily in the direction of choosing what I want to do when.

The big thing I don't miss about dairying is dealing with and working in the cold. There were times when I'd pull off my gloves; stiff fingers peppered with red and white splotches. Breathing on them, I'd rub my palms together to create friction — warming up as best I could.

Bundling up to trudge out to the barn in the frigid predawn, I'd work up a sweat a few hours later. Stripping off my outer coat, I'd hang it in the milk house to keep it warm as soon enough after I got done with inside work I'd have to feed outside heifers.

The first skidster we bought didn't have an enclosed cab and therefore no heat. I was tougher than shoe leather — no brag, just fact. I could handle it and did it just because it had to get done. In addition to feeding and many of the chores, my husband would milk cows. I'd do what I always called the peon work — scrape behind cows, scrape aisle, clean and bottle and/or pail feed inside calves their milk replacer and then go outside to feed heifers.

Using the cows' natural body heat as warmth, we'd kept the skidster inside the barn on the coldest nights to be assured it would start the next morning. At that time, we had transferred over to silage bags to store feed, eliminating silos, so I'd have to make trips from our bags back around to the heifer barn.

The heifers would greet me in the icy mornings, their whiskers coated with a



Kay Reminger
Columnist

Theater shining jewel of the Abrams community

Many changes improve facility, but lighting, more need replacing

By NATHAN BIRR
Correspondent

A jewel fit for a metropolis sparkles in the Town of Abrams.

Situated on a quiet street stands the Nancy Byng Community Theater. The theater is the home of Abrams Spotlight Productions, Inc., a nonprofit organization that presents three to four shows per year.

"We want it to be like a jewel in the community," said Bill Koehne, president of the board. "This a community theater that belongs to the community."

The theater building has seen significant changes and improvements in 2024, all made possible by the community's generous support of ASPI's Paint and Perform Initiative. Most noticeable is the fresh coat of blue paint on its exterior, the restored concrete front steps and a new lighted sign.

Of great significance were the foundation repairs that took place. Basement windows were replaced, along with the addition of an exterior barrier to the nearly 100-year-old rubble foundation. New rain gutters were installed and landscaping was done to reroute rainwater away from the building — effectively keeping the basement dry.

"People really don't notice gutters, but water management is a big deal," Koehne said.

Included also in this past year's initiative was the purchase of a diesel-powered lawnmower. The lawnmower, previously used by the village of Allouez, has a 72-inch deck which makes quick work of maintaining the theater's expansive property — which includes three lots and an acre of asphalt parking.

"Without the volunteers, without the donations it doesn't happen," Koehne said. "We have no paid employees; everything is 100% volunteer."

In 2023, a new roof was installed and the building's steeple rebuilt.

"The original shingles from 1927 were still there," Koehne said.



The Nancy Byng Community Theater retains the beauty of its stained glass windows and steeple from its days as a church building. Other beauty has had to be added on, as the roof has been replaced outside along with the sound system inside. NATHAN BIRR

Also that year was the purchase and installation of a new \$25,000 sound system. The floor and hanging microphones included in that upgrade allow the actors to have freedom to perform without wearing microphones. The upgrade also enabled the theater to accommodate telecoil (T-coil) hearing aids.

When it comes to making repairs

and changes to the theater, which was originally a church building, Koehne said, "What we want to do is keep the historical-ness of the buildings."

That is why the steeple and beautiful stained-glass windows were not removed. Window blocks blackout the seating area but can be easily removed to allow in gorgeous light.

"We're able to use our theater, doubled as a wedding chapel," Koehne said.

Indeed, the theater has been used for a few wedding ceremonies.

"Or even for funerals," Koehne said with a smile. "I have my funeral scheduled to be here."

With the building paid off and the recent acquisition of a neighboring foreclosure property, the theater's future is bright.

"We're one of the few theaters that own our own building and real estate, and that has such a huge impact, because so many people are reliant upon another building or another entity, or they're using someone else's space," Koehne said.

Looking forward into 2025 and beyond, ASPI hopes to utilize the property to further the positive impact which the theater provides.

"This isn't just about putting on shows," Koehne said. "It's affecting lives because we have kids coming in that maybe don't fit in certain groups and that type of thing, or they're really shy, and



Shown is a scene from the 2022 performance of Abrams Spotlight Productions, Inc.'s "White Christmas," which was so successful that ASPI had to add shows to keep up with demand. The lights that provided an illuminating glow to this show at the Nancy Byng Community Theater are in need of replacement, so ASPI is in the process of raising \$30,000 to do so. CONTRIBUTED

Next Alice in Dairyland being sought for 2025

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) is looking for individuals with a passion for promoting agriculture to apply for the position of 78th Alice in Dairyland through Jan. 31.

As one of the most widely recognized marketing communications professionals in Wisconsin agriculture, Alice in Dairyland travels extensively, promoting Wisconsin's agricultural industry and its impact on the state economy. In this highly visible and fast-paced position, Alice in Dairyland serves as a full-time spokesperson; cultivates relationships with television, radio and print media outlets throughout the state; writes and delivers speeches at events; and uses social media to tell the stories of Wisconsin agriculture.

Additional duties include developing and executing marketing plans, delivering classroom presentations and networking with industry professionals. Alice must also learn and retain information about the diversity of Wisconsin agriculture and be able to tailor that information to educate both urban

and rural audiences.

"The Alice in Dairyland program may have started as a beauty pageant following World War II, but the role is now about so much more than wearing a tiara — it's about being a voice for Wisconsin's agriculture, sharing the stories of our agriculturalists and inspiring the next generation to continue the legacy," said 77th Alice in Dairyland Halei Heinzl. "I am excited to work with the top candidates throughout the next several months as we lead up to the 78th Alice in Dairyland finals."

Alice in Dairyland applicants should have an interest in Wisconsin agriculture, public speaking experience and at least three years of experience, education or training in communications, marketing, education or public relations. Applicants must also be female, Wisconsin residents and at least 21 years old.

This one-year, full-time contractual position starts July 7. The chosen candidate will travel solo extensively throughout the state and be required to have weekly in-person office time at DATCP's Madison office. The annual salary for Alice in Dairyland

is \$45,000 and includes holiday, vacation and sick leave, and use of a vehicle while on official business. Reimbursement is provided for an individual health insurance premium up to \$450 a month and professional travel expenses.

To apply, provide a cover letter, completed application form, resume and contact information for three professional references to DATCPAlice@wisconsin.gov by 4:30 p.m. on Jan. 31. Application materials are available on the Alice in Dairyland website.

Qualified applicants will participate in a preliminary interview on Feb. 22 at DATCP's Madison office or via Microsoft Teams. The resulting top candidates will be required to attend a two-day program briefing and press announcement March 7-8 and the three-day final interview process May 15-17 in Crawford County.

Questions about the position or application process can be directed to DATCPAlice@wisconsin.gov. For more information about the Alice in Dairyland program, visit <https://www.aliceindairyland.com> and follow Alice online on Facebook and Instagram.



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IN THE KITCHEN WITH FRANCESCA

Experiments with ‘magic three’ quite delicious

I enjoy baking, trying new recipes, experimenting with old ones and always looking for the perfect recipes to enter in the county fair. Lately, I have been experimenting with what I consider to be the “magic three” in baking: cinnamon, ginger and cloves.

I first experienced this combination in pumpkin pie. My mom does not like nutmeg. So, although she would sometimes use pumpkin pie spice, she usually only used cinnamon, ginger and cloves. I grew up with this combination.

When I started baking, one of the things I made the most was molasses cookies. The recipe I used called for three spices: cinnamon, ginger and cloves. Since I made these cookies quite frequently, I began experimenting with the amount of spices.

Cinnamon, I soon realized, was hard to overdo. It is a great balancing spice. If you happen to add too much of another kind of spice, adding more cinnamon can usually restore balance.

Ginger is unique. It is very easy to overdo. Since it is a light-colored spice, it is harder to notice but can overpower a recipe quickly. I always add ginger with caution.

On the other hand, I love the taste of cloves. Cloves does have a sharp bite, but in tandem with the other spices, it adds so much to a recipe. When the perfect amount of the “magic three” is added to a recipe, the taste is sublime.

One day, I wanted to make muffins and, looking



Measurements were unnecessary to use the “magic three” — cinnamon, ginger and cloves — to make a delicious molasses cake. It’s just a matter of adding until it smells right.

FRANCESCA ULLMER

MOLASSES CAKE

2 eggs	1/2 cup sour cream	1/2 cup molasses	1/2 cup packed brown sugar
1 1/2 cups cake flour	1 tsp. baking soda	1 1/2 tsp. cinnamon	3/4 tsp. cloves
1/2 tsp. ginger	1/4 tsp. salt	1/2 cup butter	

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line the bottom of a 9-inch circular cake pan with parchment paper, and grease the sides. Melt the butter, set aside to cool slightly. Beat the eggs well with a whisk. Add the sour cream, molasses, and brown sugar, mix well. Sift together the dry ingredients. Add slowly to the wet mixture and beat well. Add the melted butter, and more spices if desired, mix well. Pour batter into prepared pan and spread level. Bake 28-35 minutes, or until middle of cake has sunk in and a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool cake in pan for 10 minutes, then remove cake from pan, peel off and discard parchment paper, and place cake on a cooling rack. Dust the surface with powdered sugar, and cool completely. Serve as is, or with whipped cream.



Francesca Ullmer
Columnist

through an old cookbook, found a recipe for brown sugar muffins. I remembered trying these muffins before; they were good, but plain. Hmm. I made the recipe as written, but added in the “magic three” and golden raisins. Raisin

spice muffins were born. They were delicious; even my picky little siblings liked them. The judge at the 2024 Oconto County Youth Fair liked them, too — first place.

As for the molasses cake, I was looking for a way to use up some molasses. Finding a recipe for sour cream gingerbread, that I had all the ingredients for, I tried it out. Instead of using the 1 teaspoon of ginger called for in the recipe, I used

the “magic three,” adding them little by little until it smelled right.

I tried to measure the amounts for this column, but feel free to use as much or as little of the “magic three” as you want in either of the two recipes.

Also, for the molasses cake, it is perfectly normal for the center to sink in. I was shocked and worried when I first made this recipe because I had never seen the center of a



An experiment with the “magic three” on a muffin recipe helped to win a blue ribbon at the Oconto County Fair.

FRANCESCA ULLMER

RAISIN SPICE MUFFINS

1/2 cup butter	1 cup packed brown sugar	1 egg
2 tsp. vanilla extract	2 cups all-purpose flour	1 cup milk
1 tsp. baking soda	1/2 tsp. salt	1 tsp. cinnamon
1/2 tsp. cloves	1/2 cup golden raisins	1/2 tsp. ginger

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Using a sturdy fork, cream the butter and brown sugar; add the egg and vanilla and mix well. Add the milk slowly, mixing carefully (it will look strange, that is normal). Combine the dry ingredients with the raisins. Add to the wet mixture slowly, mix well. Add more spices if desired. Fill greased or paper-lined muffin cups 3/4 full. Bake for 16-20 minutes, or until a toothpick comes out clean. Cool 5 minutes before removing from pan to wire rack.

cake sink in, except when under-cooked. However, when I stuck a toothpick in the center, it came out clean. I have now made this recipe multiple times, and every time it has done the same thing. Thus, I can only conclude that the center sinking in is an anomaly that is normal in this recipe. As long as the toothpick comes

out clean, it is done.

Although this cake tastes great with just powdered sugar, it tastes even better with whipped cream. It also freezes very well. Happy baking.

Francesca Ullmer, the second child of a large homeschooled family, is from the Krakow area. She enjoys baking, reading, knitting, raising goats, and entering numerous items in the Oconto County Fair.

REMINGER, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6

fine layer of frost. Their hot breath meeting frigid air would produce curls circling upward, evident in the predawn light’s shadow.

Literally licking their chops, they’d line up in their headlocks, straining toward me. They were hungry. I was filling a need — not only satisfying the hole in their bellies, but giving them fuel to stay warm. We had electric heaters in their waterers so the water didn’t freeze and would fill as they pushed their noses in to drink.

The calf pens in the back of the cow barn had drinking cups that were

next to where the cows went out. When the temps hit below zero, those drinking cups would occasionally ice over and once in a while I’d have to haul a bucket of hot water, pouring it in and chop the ice water free.

My husband really didn’t care for cold weather farming either as there was a constant concern about freezing pipes or broken drinking cups or equipment not starting such as silo unloaders, barn cleaners, tractors — the list of possible might-go-wrongs was lengthy.

Winter kept us constantly on our toes, always aware of checking things

over, so as to avoid any breakdowns. The silo unloaders would groan as they started in. We’d plug the manure spreader tractor into a heater overnight, as that was a mandatory daily task — cleaning barn.

My husband would always be sure the paddles leading up to the barn cleaner chute would be clean the previous day so no manure would freeze on and cause hardship for the next morning. He’d keep a crowbar close by and bang under each paddle, freeing them up before starting the cleaner.

As soon as we’d clean

the barn, he’d head down the road so the load wouldn’t freeze, especially on those below-zero days. I’d be left to finish chores — bedding cows and tearing apart a bale of fresh straw to line the gutters with. This would help handle the overnight manure load.

Another harsh reality of winter was dysentery. I’d say once a winter the cows would come down with it and yikes that made cleaning much more challenging. It was soupy (to put it daintily) and soupy manure doesn’t go up and out the barn cleaner very well. Production goes down when cows get sick

and need extra attention — all adding to the stress of cold-weather farming.

The years we had feed stored in the silo were challenging during the winter as, at times, the silage would freeze on the interior wall of the silo and would have to be chiseled off by hand with an axe. Thankfully that was never my chore and one my husband detested. It was hard work.

He’d appreciate a couple of sunny days in a row, and if it wasn’t too desperately cold, tackled it because the sun would warm the silo some — the silage then would peel off like skinning an orange.

Otherwise it was hard as cement and chisel is a good descriptive word for what he had to do. No wonder our backs ache now.

Cold weather farming was not fun but we always knew spring was coming.

“As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.” Genesis 8:22)

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

THEATER, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6

they become the greatest public speakers and outgoing people. It changes personality. It changes confidence, and it changes what their success will be in the future.”

Currently, the theater is in dire need to replace

its failing stage lighting. The lights were originally purchased in 2011 and are nearing the end of their “practical usage,” according to ASPT’s website.

“Many of our instruments have had power supply failures, and some

have had LED light board failures,” Koehne said. “Our fixture models are no longer produced, and it’s difficult to find replacement parts.”

To get this done, ASPI has begun a fundraiser called Light the Way with a

goal of \$30,000. According to Koehne, almost \$8,000 has been raised.

The theater has three productions on schedule for 2025: “Godspell,” March 13-23; “The Play That Goes Wrong,” May 8-18; and “Magic Treehouse: A Tale

for Mr. Dickens Jr.,” Dec. 4-14.

Auditions for “Godspell” are past, but auditions for “The Play That Goes Wrong” will be held Jan. 28-29 from 6-8 p.m. Koehne encourages first-time auditionees, saying, “We could

use a few more men with singing talent.”

Information on auditions and how to donate to the Light the Way campaign, along with other theater details, can be found on ASPI’s website, <https://abrams-spotlightproductions.com>.

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FRIDAY, JAN. 17

SHAWANO: Boost Your Brain and Memory, 9-10:30 a.m., ADRC of the Wolf River Region, W7327 Anderson Ave. A holistic approach to improving brain health. Beginning of eight-week class, enrollment limited to 12 people, register by calling Ericka at 715-526-4712.

SURING: Recovery Talking Circle, 6-8 p.m. South Branch Community Center, W1281 County Road M.

SATURDAY, JAN. 18

SHAWANO: Northern and Bass Fishing Tournament/Hawks Hockey Meat Raffle, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Bamboo Bar, W5884 Cedar Court. Payout first and second, based on entries. Must fish Shawano Lake only. More info and rules on Bamboo Bar's Facebook page or call 715-201-1158.

NAVARINO: Crafts: Snowman Stand, 9 a.m. to noon, Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. Easy guided class to paint and decorate a 3-foot snowman decoration. Members \$30, non-members \$40, space limited, reservations via navarino.org/events or 715-758-6999.

NAVARINO: Porcupine Snowshoe Hike, 1 p.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. Snowshoe through the woods, bog, and past porcupine dens. Bring snowshoes or rent. Arrive early to rent. Members \$5, non-members \$10, families \$20. Register by Jan. 16.

SHAWANO: Third annual Say-Pro Adult Prom, 7-11 p.m., Stub-

born Brothers Brewery, 220 S. Main St. Appetizers along with special photo opportunities included with registration fee of \$30 per ticket. Pre-registration required at 715-575-9392 or saypro13@gmail.com.

MONDAY, JAN. 20

SHAWANO: Recovery talking circle, 6-8 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, Room 4, 100 W. Presbyterian St. Information: Dallas Gast, 715-701-5388 or dallasgast8@gmail.com.

TUESDAY, JAN. 21

KESHENA: Recovery talking circle, 6-8 p.m. Omaeqnomenewak Wetohkatikamek Center, 2700 Mianaceqtawak Road. Information: Mindy Thunder at 715-799-3835 or mthunder@mitw.org.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 22

KESHENA: Recovery talking circle, 6-8 p.m. Omaeqnomenewak Wetohkatikamek Center, 2700 Mianaceqtawak Road. Information: Mindy Thunder at 715-799-3835 or mthunder@mitw.org.

THURSDAY, JAN. 23

BOWLER: Native American Talking Circle, 7-9 p.m., Mohican Family Center, N8605 Oak St. Information: Yvonne Burr, 715-326-0891.

FRIDAY, JAN. 24

SHAWANO: Boost Your Brain and Memory, 9-10:30 a.m., ADRC of the Wolf River Region, W7327 Anderson Ave. A holistic approach to improving brain health. Second week of eight-week

class, enrollment limited to 12 people, register by calling Ericka at 715-526-4712.

SURING: Recovery Talking Circle, 6-8 p.m. South Branch Community Center, W1281 County Road M.

SATURDAY, JAN. 25

SHAWANO: Panfish Derby, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Bamboo Bar, W5884 Cedar Court. Payout first, second and third for most weight. Must fish Shawano Lake only. More info and rules on Bamboo Bar's Facebook page or call 715-201-1158.

NAVARINO: Introduction to Cross-Country Skiing, 9 a.m. to noon, Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. One hour introduction to traditional cross-country skiing. Learn basic kick and glide, stopping, and turning. NNC members \$5. Non-members \$10. Families \$20. Register by Jan. 23 via navarino.org/events or 715-758-6999.

NAVARINO: Porcupine Snowshoe Hike, 1 p.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. Snowshoe through the woods, bog and past porcupine dens. Bring snowshoes or rent. Arrive early to rent. Members \$5, non-members \$10, families \$20. Register by Jan. 23 via navarino.org/events or 715-758-6999.

SHAWANO: Shawano Pathways winter hike, 1:30 p.m., Sugar Shack Trails, N7061 Ash Road. Arrive at least 15 minutes before the start of the hike to register, get gear on and meet the guide. All hikes are free, but donations are appreciated.

Knights donate to Lakeland Industries



The Knights of Columbus Bishop Fox Council 2836 presents a \$6,000 check to Lakeland Industries of Shawano County, the result of the Tootsie Roll Drive held in 2024. Every year, the knights seek donations for the intellectually disabled using member knights and members from Lakeland Industries at various locations throughout Shawano and Bonduel. The money given to Lakeland Industries is used for their programs and operations. From left, front row, Gene Kinninger, Lee Bosdeck, John Hoffman and Ron Hoffman; back row, Dick Martens, Dave Wilson, Charles Ketchum, Amy Neumann, Doug Erdman, Charles Kation and John Whitehouse.

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Student writing contest open for entries

Shawano Area Writers has announced that the 19th annual George Putz Memorial Student Writing Contest is open for entries.

All students grades 1-12 who live or go to school in either Shawano County or Menominee County are welcome to submit their entries. Students

will be able to submit their fiction, nonfiction and poetry writing for a chance to win a cash prize, plus a certificate of achievement.

The contest is free with no limit to entries. Deadline is April 5.

Through the years, Shawano Area Writers has given away thousands

of dollars to winning student writers. A couple of years ago, the organization also started giving out a \$2,000 scholarship for a graduating senior.

For information about the writing contest or scholarship, go to www.shawanoareawriters.org or call John Mutter Jr. at 715-524-4520.

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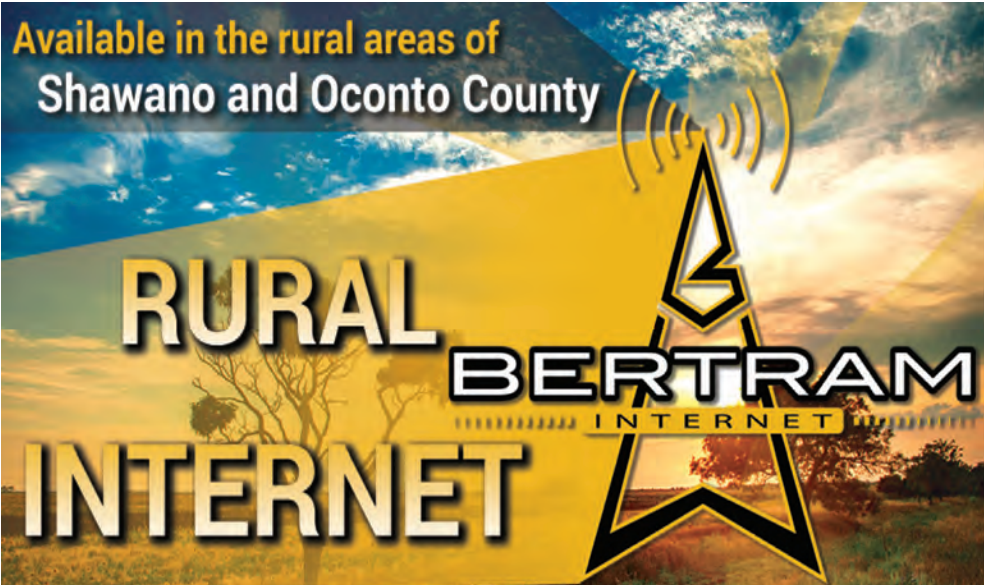


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Nordin breaks another Shawano scoring mark

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

**Jan. 11
Shawano 59, D.C.
Everest 32**

Coach Ryan Koenig said it was Hawks' good team defense that led to its 59-32 non-conference win over D.C. Everest.

Leah Nordin led Shawano with 23 points. Anna Dreier added another 10, as Shawano improved to 11-3.

**Bonduel 44, Xavier 41
Jan. 10
Wittenberg-Birnamwood 67, Iola-Scandinavia 24**

Melaina Granquist scored 24 points including six 3-pointers to lead Wittenberg-Birnamwood to a 67-24 win over Iola-Scandinavia.

Harper Rogowski scored 16 points, and Rory Salvesen added another 15, as the Chargers held a comfortable 39-14 lead at halftime.

"I thought we played a great defensive game tonight," coach Nick Mechelke said. "Iola threw a couple zone defenses against us, and Melaina decided to open up her game, knocking down six 3s tonight. She was really hunting down her shot."

Faith Resch led Wittenberg-Birnamwood with three assists and six steals. Granquist had four rebounds.

Menominee Nation 58, Green Bay East 41

Urijih Reevis scored 17 points, and Aaliyah Corn scored 15 as Menominee Nation beat Green Bay East 58-41.

Corn pulled down 13 rebounds, and Reevis had 10. Reevis also had six assists and four steals.

Marion/Tigerton 61, Elcho 36

Oconto Falls 55, Little Chute 26

Notre Dame 73, Pulaski 31

**Jan. 9
Shawano 75, Antigo 28**

The Hawks opened up a big lead early and never looked as they crushed the Red Robins 75-28 in non-conference action. Shawano improved to 10-3 overall.

Butternut 60, Bowler 29

Bowler was held to only nine points in the first half in a 60-29 non-conference loss to Butternut.

Lena 39, Coleman 36

Hannah Thomson scored 10 points, and five other teammates scored as Lena topped Coleman 39-36 in a battle for supremacy in the Marinette & Oconto Conference. Both teams are now 6-1.

Eva Brooks led the Wildcats with 12 rebounds, and Thomson added nine.

Brooks and Maddy Kushner each had two assists. Brooks and Thomson each recorded four steals.

Bonduel 55, Amherst 13

Gillett 52, Suring 27

Menominee Nation 62, Weyauwega-Fremont 43

Jan. 7

Shawano 61, Green Bay East 22

It was another record-breaking night for Shawano's Leah Nordin in the Hawks' 61-22 win over Green Bay East.



LEAH NORDIN

The 6-2 junior sank a short jumper from the left side of the lane with 9:16 left in the first half at Green Bay East to become Shawano's all-time leading basketball scorer, boys or girls.

Last month, she broke the record for all-time scoring by a female.

Nordin now has 1,343 career points. The old record was 1,329 points, set by John Cantwell, who played for Shawano from 1955-58.

Nordin finished with 18 points - 13 of them in the first half.

Trinity Popelka added 14 points for the Hawks (9-3 overall, 4-1 conference). Seven other girls also scored.

**GIRLS BASKETBALL,
CONTINUED ON PAGE 15**



Above, fighting for the ball are Gillett's Audrey Pate (44) Suring's El-layna Skarban (40). At left, Gillett's Lily Hansen (5) brings the ball up the court, as Suring's Bunny Cramer (20) guards her in a Jan. 9 conference game that saw Gillett win 52-27. Below, Gillett's Hope Soper (4) jumps as she prepares to shoot.

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Beaman socres 41 points to lead Oconto Falls

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

**Jan. 10
Oconto Falls 68,
Coleman 50**

There was no stopping Jameson Beaman as the 6-3 junior owned the court in Oconto Falls 68-50 win over Coleman.

Beaman scored 41 points, including eight 3-pointers and three free throws. He and Emerich Skarban each pulled down

eight rebounds, and J.J. Pytleski had seven.

Pytleski and Evan Yuma each collected five assists, and Yuma had three steals.

Yuma also scored 11 points, as the Panthers led 33-22 at halftime.

Bonduel 57, Amherst 32

Bonduel outscored Amherst 37-12 in the second half en route to a 57-32 win. The Bears improved

to 6-0 in the conference and 12-0 overall.

Cade Johnson led his teammates with 17 points, and Quinn Wesenberg added 12.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood 54, Iola-Scandinavia 52

A back-and-forth game between two 4-1 conference foes culminated with a game-winning shot from Jett Rogowski with four seconds left in the game.

The Chargers won 54-52.

Iola-Scandinavia held a 27-19 at halftime, but Wittenberg-Birnamwood clawed its way back with a 35-25 second half.

"Iola did a nice job defensively tonight, really contained the lane and made us work for everything," said coach Garrett Rogowski. "Proud of the boys and their effort and inching out this one."

Rogowski ended the night with 18 points.

He was joined by Oliver Fraaza with 14 points and Zandyr Barke with 10.

Jaden Clark, Eddie Nowinsky and Hayden Miller each scored four points.

Notre Dame 58, Pulaski 57

Notre Dame held a 30-29 lead at halftime and kept that single point for its margin of victory over Pulaski, 58-57.

Colin Schultz scored 18 points for the Red Raiders, and Bryce Wotruba and Dixon Holewinski each added 13.

Joseph Mijal led the team with eight rebounds. Wotruba and Bohdan Schmidt each had three assists, and Wotruba had four steals.

Gillett 71, Lena 51

**BOYS BASKETBALL,
CONTINUED ON PAGE 15**



Ava Brie goes in for a layup in Wittenberg-Birnhamwood's 64-49 win over Mosinee on Jan. 6. Brie scored six points for the Chargers. TINA BACON

GIRLS BASKETBALL, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 14

Coach Ryan Koenig said a good defensive game led to transition baskets as the Hawks pulled away early, leading 39-5 at halftime.

Pulaski 73, Green Bay Southwest 22

Pulaski had no trouble in dismantling Green Bay Southwest, running up a 44-8 halftime lead as they cruised to a 73-22 win.

Ashley Servais led the Red Raiders with 15 points, and Olivia Sprangers added 13. Anya Hasser and Alissa Nischke each scored 10. Five other girls scored in single digits.

Denmark 56, Oconto Falls 31

Rylie Shallow scored 17 points as Oconto Falls was

defeated 56-31 by Denmark.

Iola-Scandinavia 38, Marion/Tigerton 34

Jan. 6 Wittenberg-Birnhamwood 64, Mosinee 49

Rory Salvesen led the Chargers with 19 points, and Harper Rogowski and Melaina Granquist each dropped in another 15 to lead Wittenberg-Birnhamwood to a 64-49 win over Mosinee.

"Tonight was about team. We played amazing team basketball tonight. Our defensive effort was awesome," coach Nick Mechelke said. "Mosinee is a great basketball team, and they have a group of athletes. I'm a very proud



Tatum Sporisky led Bonduel with 12 points in a 41-31 non-conference win over Crandon on Jan. 6. Sporisky also led the team with eight rebounds, while also having two assists and two steals. BELLA ROBERTS

coach tonight."

The Chargers kept Mosinee at bay, leading 33-24 at halftime and also winning the second half 31-25. Included in Salvesen's scoring were a trio of 3-pointers four free throws. Rogowski scored two 3-pointers and five free throws.

Granquist dominated at the boards, pulling down 18 rebounds, including seven on offense and 11 on defense.

Salvesen also led the team with two assists and three steals.

Menominee Nation 45, Iola-Scandinavia 43

The Eagles pulled out a two-point win, defeat-

ing Iola-Scandinavia 45-43. Menominee Nation edged their hosts by one point in each half, 22-21 and then 23-22.

Anisa Waupoose led Menominee Nation with 15 points, all 3-pointers. She was followed by Urijah Reevis with 14 and Aaliyah Corn with 10.

Gresham 49, Port Edwards 19

Port Edwards only scored eight points in the second half as Gresham comfortably won 49-19.

Gresham held a 20-point lead at halftime and extended it by another 10 points after the break.

Bonduel 41, Crandon 31

BOYS BASKETBALL, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 14

Niagara 63, Suring 24 Tigerton 68, Marion 36

White Lake 61, Gresham 46

Menominee Nation 48, Weyauwega-Fremont 46

Seymour 86, Shawano 57

Jan. 9 Oconto Falls 66, Denmark 57

Jameson Beaman poured in 29 points, and J.J. Pytleski added another 21 as Oconto Falls came back from a halftime deficit to beat Denmark 66-57.

Beaman sunk seven 3-pointers. He was one of three players, along with Evan Yuma and Chase Cariveau, to have eight rebounds for the Panthers. Beaman and Emerich Skarban each had two steals.

Pytleski scored four 3-pointers and contributed four assists.

Yuma led the team with five assists.

In addition to Beaman and Pytleski's 50 points, the other Panther scorers were Cariveau with nine and Yuma with seven.

Denmark held a slim 34-31 lead at halftime. Oconto Falls powered through the second half with a 35-23 advantage to earn the nine-point win.

Oneida Nation 68, Bowler 61

Marion 57, Elcho 22 Jan. 7

Bonduel 69, Wittenberg-Birnhamwood 49

In a battle of unbeaten atop the Central Wisconsin East Conference, Bonduel emerged victorious with a 69-49 win over Wittenberg-Birnhamwood.

After a sluggish start going down 10 early, the Chargers played even with the Bears through the remainder of the first half. The second half proved to be a carbon copy, as the Bears trumped the Chargers by 20.

Wittenberg-Birnhamwood's Jett Rogowski led all scorers with 24 points, nearly half of his team's total.

For the Bears, they were led by Ryan Westrich with 19 points, Race Anvelink with 17, Cade Johnson with 13 and Quinn Wesenberg with 12.

Anvelink had three 3-pointers. Westrich was 5-for-7 in free throws.

The Bears improved to 5-0 in conference and 11-0 overall. The Chargers are 4-1 in conference and 5-2 overall.

Tigerton 76, White Lake 29

Caleb Dahlstrom scored 15 points, including four 3-pointers, as Tigerton manhandled White Lake 76-29.

Maverick Maas and James Brady each scored 14 points for the Tigers.

Maas and Brady each pulled down six rebounds, Sam Anheuser had five assists, and Maas led with four steals.

Bowler 61, Stockbridge 55

Gresham 56, Elcho 30 Lena 55, Oneida Nation 40

Pulaski 64, Green Bay Southwest 24

Coleman 49, Suring 41 Jan. 6

Wabeno/Laona 79, Gillett 54

Jesse DeBauch was a one-man machine as he scored 41 points, including four 3-pointers, for Gillett. Unfortunately, the Tigers as a team ended up on the short end of a 79-54 score to Wabeno/Laona.

Jed Herzog also scored 10 points for Gillett.

Gillett trailed 28-26 at halftime, but Wabeno/Laona had a strong second half, outscoring their guests 51-28.

Green Bay NEW Lutheran 70, Bowler 31

Sevastopol 47, Suring 37

Bay Area Ice Bears stay perfect in conference play

Jan. 11 Bay Area 5 Brookfield 1

The Bay Area Ice Bears girls hockey team improved their Eastern Shores Conference mark to 4-0 with a 5-1 home ice win over Brookfield.

The Ice Bears pounded away at the net, taking 46 shots on goal, while the Glacier only managed eight shots, including just one in the first period.

Bay Area ran up a 5-0 lead before Brookfield scored at 16:57 in the third period.

In the first period, Hannah Von Haden started the scoring at 6:27 with help from Addison Dahl and Ava McDonald.

Faye Brunke followed that up with two goals, one at 7:56 and another at 9:48. Rachael Beeck assisted on the first goal, and Emily Bill and Julianna Bradford assisted on the second.

Bill scored at 9:10 in the second period with assists from Dahl and Bradford.

The final Ice Bears goal came 16 seconds into the third period. Dahl scored, and Bill and Bradford assisted.

The Ice Bears were penalized three times for six minutes, while the Glacier were called for one infraction for two minutes.

Reese Spiering made seven saves for Bay Area, and Macy Blooming had 41 for Brookfield.

Next up is a game at Wisconsin Valley Union at 7 p.m. Jan. 17.

Jan. 10 Bay Area 4 Hudson 1

The Ice Bears sacred four goals against the Hudson Raiders, with the opponents' one goal sandwiched in between the Ice Bears' points.

Faye Brunke scored first at 4:00 in the first period

with an Emily Bill assist. Bill then scored at 9:46 with help from Brunke and Julianna Bradford for a 2-0 lead.

Hudson sacred at 1:09 in

the second period, but Bay Area responded with Bill's second goal at 4:38 with assists from Addison Dahl and Brunke to make it 3-1.

Bill collected a hat trick

at 10:39 in the third period with a Bradford assist to end the scoring at 4-1.

Kade Kitchnemaster made 13 saves for the Ice Bears. Sophie Thompson

had 24 for the Raiders.

The Ice Bears wee called for three infractions for six minutes, and Hudson was penalized twice for four minutes.



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Lena boys wrestlers win home quad

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

**Jan. 11
Valders Tournament**

Shawano's wrestlers captured a first place, three thirds and several other top 10s at Valders. Drew Chelberg won first place, with third place earned by Cash Panske, Kody Popelka and Marcus Brezgel.

"Drew Chelberg wrestled very well today," coach Mike Homan said. "He has seen some very tough competition this year, and his record shows that, but he puts the effort into practice every day, and it really paid off for him today. He earned a technical fall in his finals match and really showed that he was the best wrestler in the bracket."

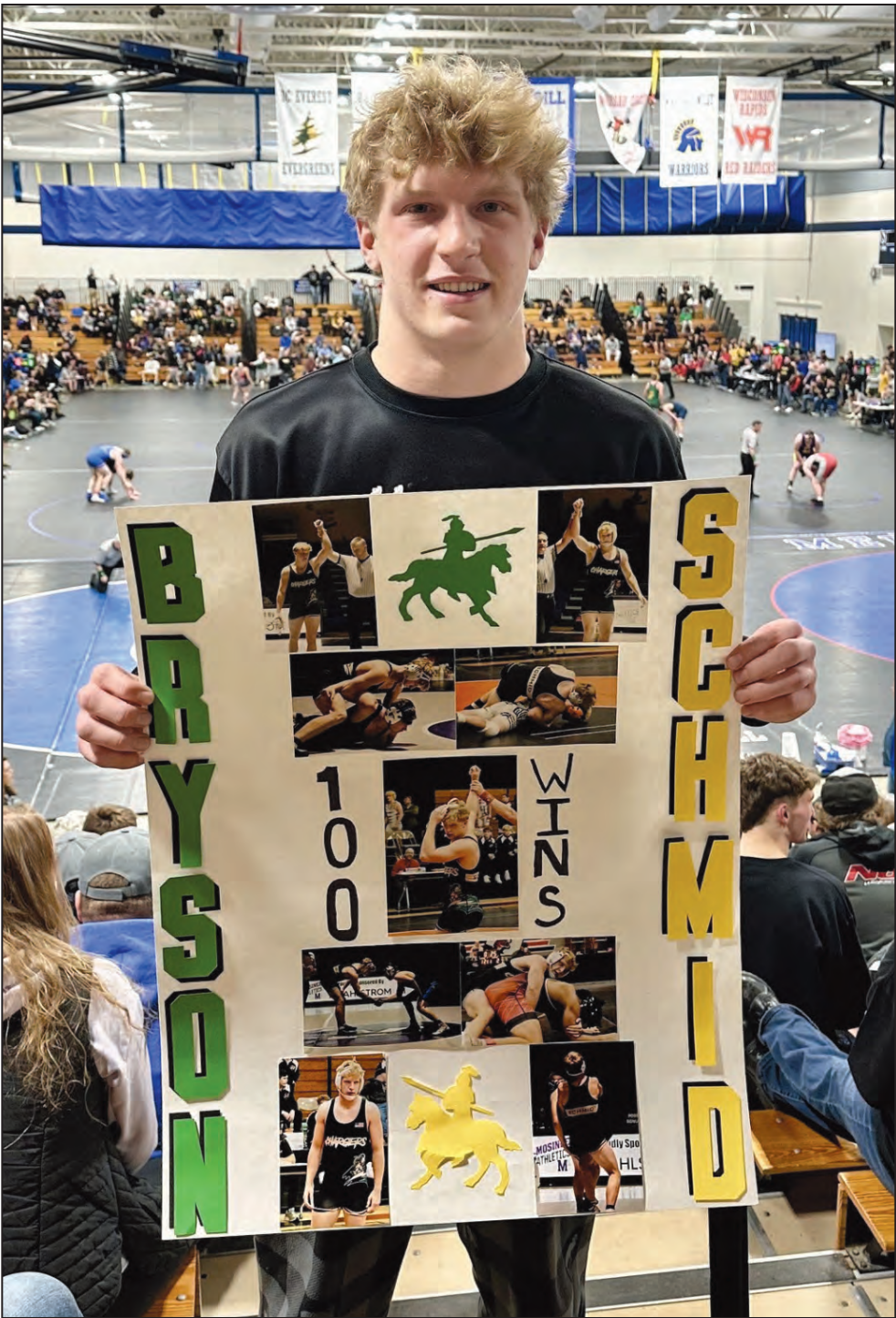
Homan also praised Panske, Popelka and Brezgel.

"Cash Panske ... did a great job taking advantage of his matches and did well at some key moments," he said. "Kody Popelka continues to be consistent and did a good job wrestling to third place. Marcus Brezgel ... wrestled well in his placing match. He continues to work hard, and once he puts everything together, he is going to be tough."

Dylan Gartner and Dane Hodkiewicz each took fifth place, Kian Morstad was sixth, Austin Stickney was seventh and Andrew Yeager took 10th.

**Jan. 9
Shawano 47, Green Bay United 28**

Shawano's boys wrestlers battled through some adversity before defeating



Wittenberg-Birnamwood wrestler Bryson Schmid earned his 100th win Jan. 11 at the Blue Jay Challenge Wrestling Invitational in Merrill. He also finished in first place at 175 pounds.

Green Bay United 47-28 at home.

"We started six freshman due to illness and

injury as we were down some of our starters," coach Mike Homan said. "They stepped in and

battled well. We bumped up to fill some holes in our lineup, and the move paid off with some good

matches."

The night started with quick pins by Drew Chelberg and Marcus Brezgel only to lose the next two matches by pins. Shawano then took forfeits at 106 and 113 pounds.

Dane Hodkiewicz wrestled a good match at 120 that resulted in a pin. Shawano then lost by technical fall and pin in the 126- and 132-pound matches, respectively.

The back-and-forth contest continued.

At 138, freshman Dominick Thorson won by fall in the first period. The Hawks lost a close match at 144. Kody Popelka won by fall at 150. At 157m we lost another close match. In the last match of the night Jorel Matchopatow won by fall at 165.

"Marcus Brezgel, Dane Hodkiewicz, and Jorel Matchopatow all wrestled well tonight," Homan said. "I thought they all came out ready to wrestle and put in gritty matches tonight. I like the way they wrestled in tough situations, I think it is a lot that they can build off of moving forward."

Shawano's record is 5-4.

Lena Quad

Lena went 3-0 at its home quad, defeating Florence 59-12, Wabeno/Laona/Three Lakes 51-20 and Antigo 50-28.

Against Florence, Erik Kosch won by pin in 3:35, and Quinton McDonald won by technical fall 17-2.

Florence won the matches at 144 and 190, both by pins.

Lena won by forfeit in eight matches. The teams

had double forfeits in two other matches.

In taking on Wabeno/Laona/Three Lakes, two wins by forfeit were followed by pins by McDonald, Max Peterson and Collin Van Ark.

Next came a 7-0 decision in favor of Colt Miller, another forfeit and a pin by Dylan Urbanek.

A win by forfeit at 106 was followed by Lena's three losses, an 11-0 major decision by Reegan Roy over Sam Peterson, a pin of Brayden Graef in 56 seconds and a 23-15 major decision against Parker Boomsma at 126 pounds.

Next was a double forfeit at 132, followed by Heinke winning by pin in 1:20.

The closest match was against Antigo, which defeated the other two teams.

The Red Robins' Jayson Arrowood opened with a 12-0 major decision over Kosch, followed by McDonald pinning his opponent in 1:49. Max Peterson was pinned in 3:24, but Van Ark pinned Joseph Stimac in 4:44.

Miller won on an 8-3 major decision. Lena forfeited the 215 match, and Tim Benser was pinned in 38 seconds.

Lena then won two forfeits, followed by Sam Peterson winning by a pin in 1:33 at 120 and Boomsma winning on an 18-1 technical fall at 126.

Lena forfeited the 132 match. The final two matches were won by Lena. First it was Heinke by a pin in 2:28, then Riley Windus by pin in 4:59 at 144.

Shawano girls finish ninth at Stevens Point Invite

**Jan. 10
Stevens Point Invite**

Shawano's girls won three duals and lost one as it placed ninth at the Stevens Point Invitational.

The Hawks opened the event with a 44-18 loss to Neenah. They then defeated Holmen Silver 48-10 and Pulaski 36-30. Sha-

wano tied Bonduel 30-30 in the final dual, but because Bonduel forfeited two matches and Shawano only gave up one, the Hawks were declared the winner.

Against Neenah, the girls wrestled hard but just came up short in too many matches. Adalyn Barkley, Lily Tomas and Gwyn

Hermann all earned six points for the team during that match.

Getting wins in the dual against Holmen Silver were Maddie Miller, Lauren Seehafer, Vivian Waldburger, Barkley, Jacey Cowden, Tomas, Hermann and Jenna Moede.

Against Pulaski, which

had beaten Shawano earlier in the season, Brynn Hannes won a big match for Shawano at 138 by earning a fall in 5:52. Barkley earned a pin in 4:00 minutes over Taylor Gunville. Tomas, Jozlyn Broucker, Maddie Moesch and Miller all earned forfeits.

In the dual against Bonduel, Waldburger earned a forfeit, Barkley earned a pin in 2:29, and Moede earned a pin at 114 in 1:10. At 120, Broucker pinned Ava Reinke in 24 seconds, and Miller earned a forfeit at 126.

"Adalyn Barkley continues to wrestle very well

and led our team with four wins," coach Mike Homan said. "She was a leader and set the tone for our matches. All of the girls wrestled well and did everything they could to win as a team. We had to bump some wrestlers up, and it worked well to earn some team wins."



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Antigo hockey shuts out Shawano/Bonduel

BY NEW MEDIA STAFF

Jan. 11
Antigo 5, Shawano/Bonduel 0

Shawano/Bonduel's boys hockey team was no match for Eli Kassler and his teammates as Kassler scored all five goals in the Red Robins 5-0 shutout at the Langlade County Fairgrounds in Antigo.

Kassler first scored at 10:35 in the first period with an assist by Owen Dickman. Ethan Novy and Dickman assisted on Kassler's next goal at 15:43.

In the second period, Kassler scored on his own at 12:01. He scored another

solo goal at 4:25 in the third period and his final goal at 14:41 with Dickman and Parker Chaney assisting.

Richie Veriha had 23 saves for the Red Robins. Tyson Lyons had 19 saves against 24 shots on goal for Shawano/Bonduel.

Antigo was called for five penalties for 10 minutes. Shawano/Bonduel was called for six penalties for 12 minutes.

Jan. 10
Shawano/Bonduel 4, Fox Cities 2

The Fox Cities Stars had 42 shots on goal compared to only seven for Shawano/Bonduel, but the

home team made the most of their attempts, winning 4-2 at the Crawford Center.

Trailing 1-0 after the first period, Shawano/Bonduel found the scoreboard with the help of Gavin Hundt who would end the night with a hat trick. Hundt scored at 7:25 in the second period and again at 15:32 to put Shawano/Bonduel up 2-1.

Blake Knope scored at 5:34 in the third period, and Hundt had his hat trick at 10:27 on an empty net goal.

Fox Cities scored a final goal at 16:25.

Kaiden Thornborrow

had 40 saves for Shawano/Bonduel.

Fox Cities players were called for three penalties for six minutes. Shawano/Bonduel had eight penalties for 16 minutes for a variety of infractions, including hooking, tripping, slashing, roughing, holding and head contact.

Jan. 9
Antigo 5, Lakeland 5

An overtime period couldn't break the tie between Antigo and Lakeland as the two teams called it a day after a 5-5 game in Minocqua.

It was an even first period and a half before each team went on a roll, each

apparently heading toward victory.

Tied at 2-2 after the first period, Antigo's Eli Kassler scored with an assist from Owen Dickman at 7:48 in the second period to take a 3-2 lead.

The Red Robins scored twice more in the third period, first on a goal by Dickman and assist by Kassler at 3:37 and then on an unassisted goal by Ethan Novy at 9:25. Leading 5-2 with less than half of the period remaining, things were looking up for Antigo. But then, the Thunderbirds stormed back with goals at 11:03, 13:01 and 16:37 to tie the

game at 5-5 and force an overtime period.

Lakeland tired to score with 10 shots on goal in the overtime period, and Antigo took four shots, but none of them found the net.

All total, Lakeland had 51 shots on goal, as Richie Veriha notched 46 saves. Antigo had 30 shots on goal, with Cam Bernard getting 25 saves.

The Thunderbirds were penalized three times for six minutes, and Antigo was called for five infractions for 10 minutes.

Both teams are 2-1-1 in the Great Northern Conference and 5-4 overall.

DNR fisheries management meetings to be held in Shawano

Shawano will serve as a host site for two informational meetings to educate anglers on various fisheries management and habitat topics.

Several meetings will be held across northeast Wisconsin, according to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

The meetings are part of a spotlight series highlighting various fisheries in Green Bay, the Winnebago System and inland waters in northeast Wisconsin. Over the next few months,

the sessions will be held both in person and virtually via Microsoft Teams from 6-8 p.m., giving the public a chance to meet and learn from their local DNR fishery resource specialists.

Northeast Wisconsin Trout Habitat Management will be presented by Jonathan Pyatskowitz, DNR fisheries habitat specialist, and Kyle Kossel, DNR habitat technician.

The meeting will be held Jan. 28 in the large group instruction room

at Shawano Community Middle School, 1050 S. Union St.

Shawano Lake Walleye Movement and Survey Results of 2024 Area Surveys will be presented by Elliot Hoffman, DNR senior fisheries biologist, on Feb. 11. This will be held in the same room at the middle school.

Information on these and other meetings, including Microsoft Teams login details, can be found at <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/calendar>.



The first meeting of a nine-part series focused on fisheries management in northeast Wisconsin took place Jan. 14. There will also be two meetings in Shawano, the first on Jan. 28 and the second on Feb. 11. WISCONSIN DNR

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1 Organic bandage

5 What Sarasota is south of

10 Slide on sleet

14 Brother of George W.

17 Folk singer Guthrie

18 Fencing swords

19 ___ colada

20 Doggie biscuit shape

21 Be very careful not to offend

24 Baseball great Wade

25 Barbell abbr.

26 Dozes (off)

27 Choir woman

28 Dabble in

29 Any menu listing

31 British noble

33 Nine-___ battery

35 Poet's sphere

36 Capricorn's symbol

37 Doctor's orders, briefly

39 Historic period

40 Twisty-horned antelope

41 Very long car, for short

44 Seeing red

46 Zealots

47 Classification with the same genus and species names

50 Tic-___-toe

53 Temporary tattoo dye

54 Stallone commando

55 Personal motto

58 Interrogative assent

60 Basket material

61 Foreshadowing

62 Host a roast

63 Clothesline alternative

67 Medicinal plants

68 Job-related move

69 Train track beam

70 Capital on the Missouri

71 Idyllic spots

73 Fine sprays

74 Drag racing fuel

77 Even so

78 Sturdy places to work

80 Sci-fi smuggler hero

82 Sentimental people

84 Make the slightest effort

88 Green Gables girl

89 Brit gent

91 Corporate coach

92 Unpartnered

93 Nero's caviar

94 Spanish snack

95 When tripled, "et cetera"

96 Nissan rival

98 Mongol invaders

100 Nutmeg St.

102 Exchange verbal jabs

104 Md. neighbor

105 Nero's 114-Across pair

106 Be feverish

110 Farmyard female

111 Others of that kind

112 Beers for everyone

113 Sale advisory

114 Sensory organ

115 Iowa State's city

116 Junior's nickname, perhaps

117 Small measure of progress

2 Crustacean catcher

3 Top athlete

4 ___ choy (Chinese cabbage)

5 Carpentry joint

6 Emulated

7 Hard drive measures

8 Tee, e.g.

9 Stubborn equine

10 Wizard's work

11 Scottish skirt

12 Very taken (with)

13 Courtroom VIPs

14 What a reminder might do

15 Fencing phrase

16 Chum

20 Feathered wrap

22 John ___ Lennon

23 Winfrey's company

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28 Dallas suburb

30 Short news piece

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32 Objectives

34 Public speaking skill

37 Knee neighbor

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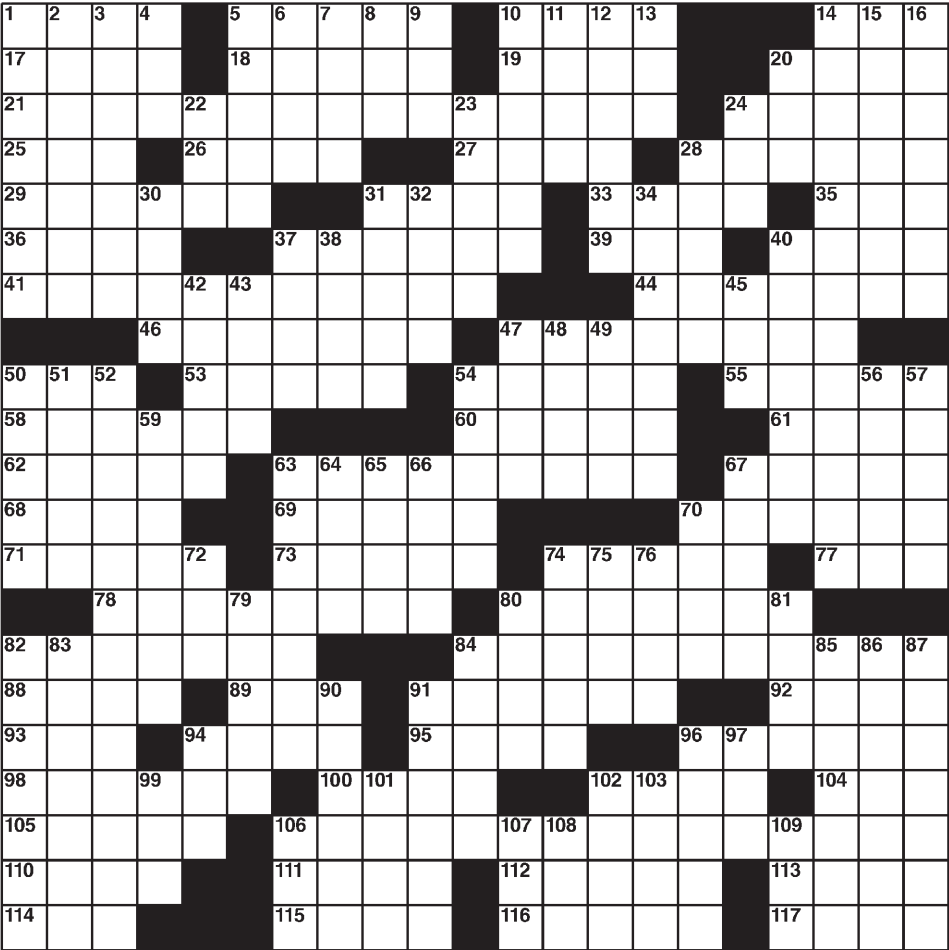
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64 *Exodus* author

65 Goalie's wear

66 Morsels

67 Garlicky mayo

70 Campus nickname

72 Stick with a binding

74 '90s commerce pact

75 Enthusiastic about
- 76 Bygone autocrat

79 French painter of dancers

80 ___ legs (quadruped's pair)

81 Nothing other than

82 African island paired with Príncipe

83 Chilling for days, say

84 Tilted

85 Beneficial application

86 Participate

87 Most authentic

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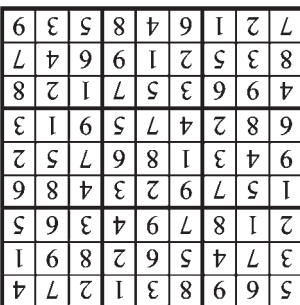
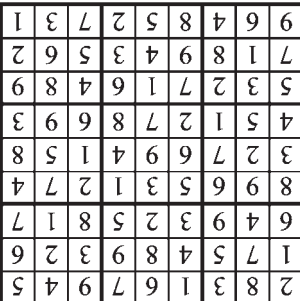
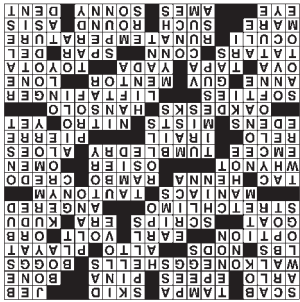
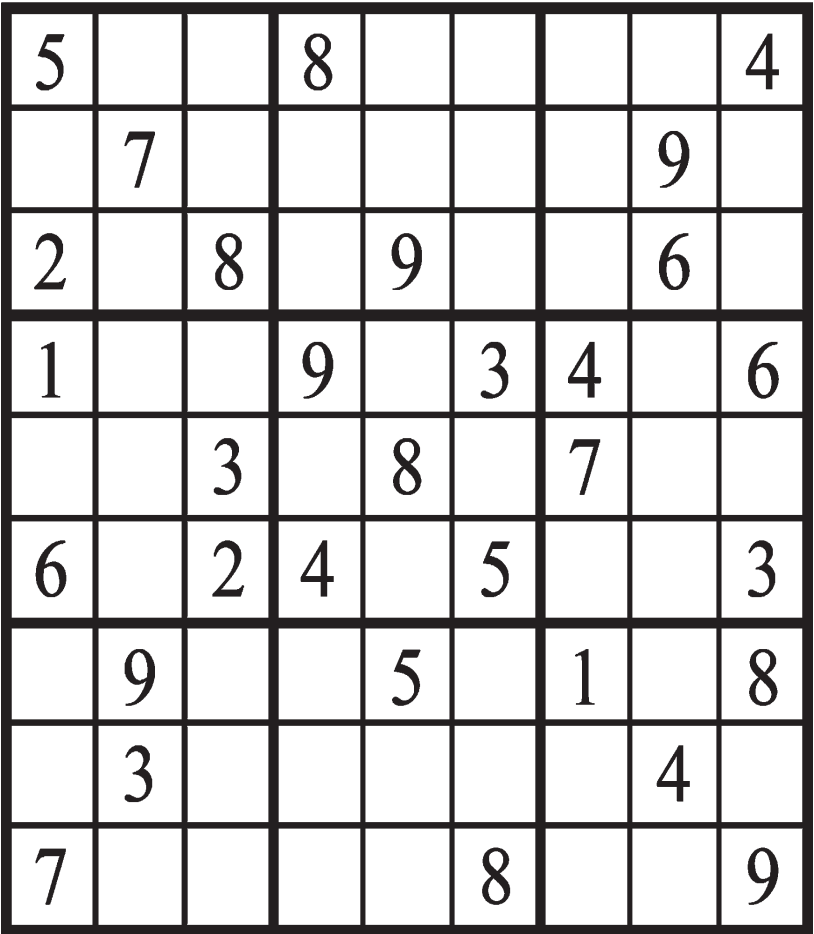
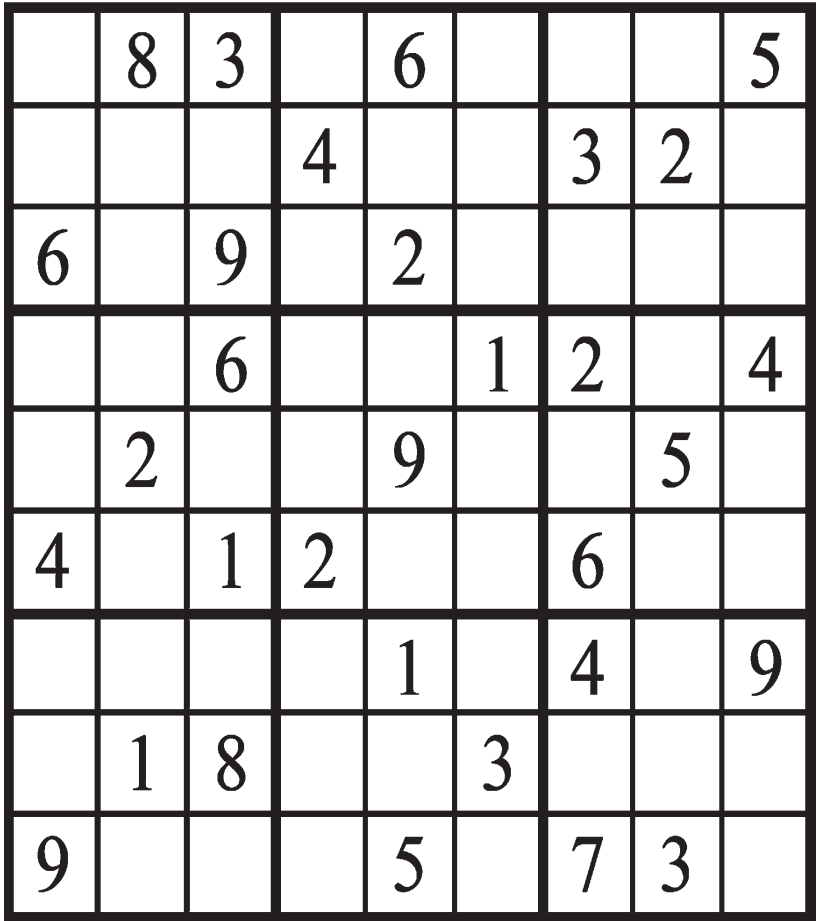
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• Travis L. Seifert, 26, Shawano, pleaded no contest July 10 to seven counts of felony bail jumping, and misdemeanor charges of two counts of battery, three counts of resisting or obstructing an officer, two counts of operating while revoked, and one count of disorderly conduct. Judge Katherine Sloma withheld sentencing Jan. 3 and placed him on four years of probation with conditions including six months in county jail.

• Latasha J. Linders, 43, Shawano, had her probation revoked Oct. 22 on charges of possession of methamphetamine and a misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma sentenced her Jan. 6 to one year in county jail with Huber work-release privileges.

• Christopher D. Warrington, 27, Keshena, pleaded no contest Sept. 24 to fleeing an officer in his vehicle, second-degree recklessly endangering safety, two counts of possession of narcotic drugs, eight counts of felony bail jumping, and misdemeanor charges of resisting or obstructing an officer, operating without a valid license and endangering safety through reckless driving. Sloma sentenced him Jan. 9 to three years in state prison followed by three years of extended supervision with conditions, and gave him credit for 1,244 days already served in county jail.

• Anthony B. Felix, 39, Aniwa, pleaded no contest Jan. 8 to a misdemeanor charge of disorderly conduct. A related felony charge was dismissed but read into the record. Judge William Kussel placed him on one year of probation with conditions.

• Brian L. St. Louis, 40, was charged Jan. 6 with felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer. Sloma set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for

Jan. 17.

• Feleesha J. Bruette, 35, Marion, was charged Jan. 6 with two counts of child abuse intentionally causing harm and a single count of felony bail jumping. Sloma set a \$5,000 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for Jan. 15.

• Danielle D. Tucker, 38, Wittenberg, was charged Jan. 6 with four counts of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of retail theft. Sloma set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for Jan. 21.

• Zadeus K. Huxford, 33, Keshena, was charged Jan. 7 with eight counts of felony bail jumping and two misdemeanor counts of knowingly violating a domestic abuse order. Sloma set a \$6,000 cash bond and adjourned his initial appearance until Feb. 26.

• Madeline P. O'Brien, 34, Keshena, was charged Jan. 8 with felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. Sloma set a \$2,500 signature bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Jan. 15.

• Nicholas R. Wetherell, 33, Shawano, was charged Jan. 8 with felony bail jumping. Sloma set a \$250 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for Jan. 21.

• Mikel R. Chamberlain, 39, Tigerton, was charged Jan. 8 with possession of THC (second or subsequent offense) and misdemeanor counts of possession of an illegally obtained prescription and possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a \$2,500 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for Feb. 17.

• Alyiah T. LaForge, 18, Green Bay, was charged Jan. 10 with possession of narcotic drugs and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a \$1,500 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for Feb. 18.

PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Jan. 12 Deputies responded to nine incidents, including one reckless driving incident and seven crashes.

Jan. 11 Deputies responded to 25 incidents, including bail jumping at Whisky Wells, 823 Richards St., Gresham; operating while intoxicated on Curt Black Road in the Town of Wescott; sick animal on state Highway 29 in the Town of Angelica; restraining order violation at the Shawano County Jail, 405 N. Main St., Shawano; operating without a license on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; trespassing at the Novitiate, W9711 Butternut Road in the Town of Herman; two 911 calls; two reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazard; two welfare checks, one crash involving deer.

Jan. 10 Deputies responded to 21 incidents, including criminal damage at Kwik Trip, 102 W. Express Way, Bonduel; fraud on Willow Road in the Town of Hutchins; ATV problem on Swan Acre Drive in the Town of Washington; three reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazard; four crashes, two involving deer.

Jan. 9 Deputies responded to 30 incidents, including a warrant arrest on North Avenue in Mattoon; criminal damage on Old Keshena Road; scam on Channel Drive in the Town of Washington; fraud on North Cecil Street in Bonduel; operating without a license on state Highway 22 in the Town of Belle Plaine; animal bite on Blueberry Road in the Town of Herman; operating while intoxicated on state Highway 29 in the Town of Wittenberg; two 911 calls; two reckless driving incidents; three welfare checks; one crash.

Jan. 8 Deputies responded to 20 incidents, including two warrants at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main St., Shawano; operating without a license on state Highway 47 in the Town of Les-sor; warrant on U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Aniwa; sex offender registry violation on Stone Avenue in Mattoon; operating without a license on Green Valley Road in the Town of Angelica; warrant on state Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; two reckless driving incidents; one welfare check; two crashes, one involving deer.

Jan. 7 Deputies responded to 20 incidents, including lost property at an undisclosed location; dive team call on Stark Road in the Town of Wescott; property theft on Ball Park Road in the Town of Seneca; trespassing on Old Keshena Road in the Town of Wescott; one 911 call; two crashes.

Jan. 6 Deputies responded to 21 incidents, including assisting the fire department on County Road BB in the Town of Green Valley; sick animal on Bohn Road in the Town of Green Valley; harassment on North Genesee Street in Wittenberg; three 911 calls; one reckless driving incident; four crashes, two involving deer.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Jan. 12 Officers responded to 17 incidents, including a sexual assault at an undisclosed location; repossession on River Heights Drive; two 911 calls; one crash.

Jan. 11 Officers responded to 19 incidents, including noise at Sturgeon Park, 811 S. Water St.; vicious animal at Arlington Park, 300 N. Humphrey Circle; threatening at Charlie's County Market, 521 S. Main St.; illegal burning on South Washington Street; weapon offense on

East Front Street in Wittenberg; one 911 call; two welfare checks.

Jan. 10 Officers responded to 26 incidents, including noise on West Eagle Street; drugs on East Fifth Street; shoplifting at Qualheim's True Value, 1345 E. Green Bay St.; six truancy calls at Shawano Community Middle School, 1050 S. Union St.; noise at Sturgeon Park, 811 S. Water St.; operating without a license on East Green Bay Street; one 911 call; three welfare checks.

Jan. 9 Officers responded to 27 incidents, including shoplifting at Tractor Supply, 1313 E. Green Bay St.; drugs at Amerivu Inn Suites, 211 Waukechon St.; shoplifting at Charlie's County Market, 521 S. Main St.; juvenile problem at an undisclosed location; child abuse at an undisclosed location; scam on Channel Drive; harassment on East Fifth Street; pornography at an undisclosed location; assisting the fire department on South Cleveland Street; one 911 call; four welfare checks; one crash.

Jan. 8 Officers responded to 18 incidents, including a tobacco problem at Shawano Community Middle School, 1050 S. Union St.; noise on East Randall Street; neglected animal on North Airport Drive; warrant arrest on South Evergreen Street; two reckless driving incidents; three welfare checks; two crashes.

Jan. 7 Officers responded to 29 incidents, including a juvenile runaway at an undisclosed location; drugs on East Green Bay Street; drugs on Fairview Way; warrant arrest on East Green Bay Street; fraud at the Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce, 1263 S. Main St.; truancy at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; warrant attempt on East Division Street; sexual assault at an undisclosed location; three 911 calls; three welfare checks; one crash.

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OBITUARIES

A beloved wife, mother and grandmother, Muriel “Midge” J. Acra (nee Swanson) passed away Saturday, Jan. 4, 2025. She entered into her eternal life surrounded by her loving daughters.

She was born in Chicago, on March 26, 1935, to her parents, Murrell and Beatrice Swanson.

Especially close with her father, it was Murrell who fostered Midge’s love of school and learning, enrolling her at the Academy of Our Lady in Chicago. She spoke fondly of the sisters there and the profound impact they had on her life, shaping her as a strong student and an independent thinker.

Midge excelled in school, particularly in writing, and would eventually attend Marquette University where she earned her bachelor’s degree in journalism. Marquette always held a special place in Midge’s heart as it was where she met the love of her life, Roger Acra. They were united in marriage on March 22, 1958, and began their life together in Milwaukee.

Always a woman ahead of her time, upon college graduation, she was the first woman hired in the marketing department at Miller Brewery. Roger and Midge eventually relocated to Shawano, where they built a beautiful life together, including their four children, wonderful friends and many adored dogs.

Marlyn J. Sprenger, 72, of the Town of Matteson,

Susie M. Raymond, 67, of the Town of Royalton,

Muriel ‘Midge’ J. Acra



Known for her warmth and wit, Midge found her biggest joy in her family. She was a talented cook, enjoyed traveling with Roger and was known by all for her big, generous heart. Her granddaughter often thought she possessed the perfect combination of strong, smart, goofy and gentle.

She prioritized, above all else, her family. They remember lovingly the stories she told, the little sayings she was known for and the way she could brighten everyone’s day with her ever present sense of humor. Midge lived life generously and was so happy just to be in the company of those she loved. We will miss her greatly but find comfort knowing she is reunited with her beloved husband.

Her family is deeply
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thankful for those who cared for her in the days preceding her death. It was clear how well loved she was by the Moments Hospice staff: Ellen, Dez and Emily as well as her caregivers at Primrose Retirement Community. A special thank you to Deacon Jeff Hofacker and the Rev. Robert Chinna-pan of St. Edward’s Parish for their tender care, always praying with her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Murrell and Beatrice Swanson; her father- and mother-in-law, George and Eleanore Acra; numerous family members and friends; and her husband, Roger.

She is survived by her three daughters, a son and their families.

Private family services were held.

Mom, Grandma, GG, we are so incredibly grateful you were ours. The grief is unimaginable, but as you always said, when things were overwhelming, “This too shall pass.” In time, the heartache will lessen as we hold onto our precious memories. You will be forever in our hearts. We love you.

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01/17, 01/24/2025

VILLAGE OF BONDUÉL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REQUESTS FOR A CONDITIONAL USE

The Village of Bonduel Plan Commission will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday, February 3, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.**, at the Bonduel Village Hall, 117 W. Green Bay Street, Bonduel, to hear the request for the following:

Request from applicant, Karl Yoder, for a conditional use permit to keep livestock in an Agricultural Zoning District (Bonduel Municipal Code Sec. 115-17) on Parcel No. 107-16320-0030, 720 S Cecil Street, Bonduel. Said livestock being requested consists of (3) three equines.

The Plan Commission will take comments from all interested parties at the Public Hearing. Immediately following the closing of the Public Hearing, the Plan Commission will make recommendations to the Village Board.

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01/17 & 01/24/2025

The Shawano County Highway Commission will accept sealed quotes until **8:00 A.M. on Tuesday, February 4, 2025** for the following:

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Bid specifications may be obtained at the Shawano County Highway Office, 3035 E. Richmond St., Shawano, WI 54166 or by calling 715-526-9182.

The Shawano County Highway Commission reserves the right to reject any and all quotes, to waive irregularities and informalities therein and further reserves the right to award the contract in the best interests of the County.

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SHAWANO COUNTY

Plaintiff(s):
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-vs-
Defendant(s):
Leslie N. Barse
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Shawano, WI 54166

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TO THE PERSON(S) NAMED ABOVE AS DEFENDANT(S): You are being sued by the person(s) named above as Plaintiff(s). A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above. The lawsuit will be heard in the following small claims court: Shawano County Courthouse Clerk of Courts (715) 526-9347 311 N. Main Street Shawano State WI Zip 54166 on the following date and time: 02-04-2025 Time: 01:00 p.m.

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The State of Wisconsin
To each person and/or business named above as a defendant:
You are hereby notified that the plaintiff named above has filed a motion to reopen the foreclosure action against you.

NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION
Please take notice that on the 21 st day of January, 2025, at 8:15 AM in Circuit Court Branch II, before Honorable William F. Kussel Jr., the Plaintiff’s Motion to reopen the case will be heard.

The court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the original complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the original complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

Dated this 7 th day of January, 2025
Omholt & Forsythe, S.C.
Attorneys for the Plaintiff
David L. Forsythe
State Bar No. 1012182
Case No. 2021CV000050
105 Pine Crest Lane
P.O. Box 215
Iola, WI 54945
(715) 445-2511
NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector. If you have previously received a discharge in a chapter 7 bankruptcy case, this communication should not be construed as an attempt to hold you personally liable for the debt.
Publish January 17, 2025

NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION TO REOPEN FORECLOSURE
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01/17/25, 01/24/25
Notice of Public Hearing
Planning, Development and Zoning Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 5, 2025 @ 9:00 AM, Shawano County Courthouse, Rooms A & B
Members: Ken Capelle, Jeremy Gretzinger, Lowel Hammett, Kathy Luebke, Theresa Serrano
AMENDED CU-21-24: Daniel J and Julie Brown Hanauer request a conditional use permit for the placement of up to 650 cubic yards of fill on a parcel greater than 2 acres in size (044-80350-0170) and up to 500 cubic yards of fill each on two parcels less than 2 acres in size (044-80350-0171 and 044-80350-172) in the Residential Sewered Zoning District pursuant to the Shawano County Zoning Ordinance No. 7-14, Table X.2.02 and Section X.9.03(120)(c) for the purpose of preparing the lots for future single family dwelling to be located at W4696 Swan Acre Lane (044-80350-0170). Property is located and described as Outlots 1, 2, and 3 of Certified Survey Map No. 4897 being part of Swan Acre Drive, located in Government Lots 2 and 3, unrecorded Plat of Swan Acres, Section 19, T27N R17E in the Town of Washington.

NOTE: Any person may appear at the public hearing and/or submit comments to be read into the record for Committee consideration. Correspondence must bear a legible signature of the author as well as the primary address of the signer. Accommodations due to disability can be made by calling 715-526-6766. Meeting notice emailed/posted: Shawano County Courthouse, Department of Human Services, Shawano County Library, Shawano Leader, WTCH Radio, Shawano County Civic website @ coshawanowi.civicweb.net

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Notice of Public Sale
Lakeland Storage, 722 Waukechon St, Shawano, WI 54166.
Bidding will take place on www.StorageTreasures.com starting February 1, 2025, at 9AM - February 4, 2025, at 11AM.
Bidding is on the complete contents of the unit.
Owner- Laurie Mendoza, Contents: boxes, mattresses, bed frame, tv, lamp, household items, misc.

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01/03, 01/10, 01/17/2025

ORDINANCE NO. 12-24 REAFFIRMING AND, AS MAY BE NECESSARY, AMENDING THE TOWN OF BELLE PLAINE ZONING DISTRICT MAP TO ESTABLISH THAT TAX PARCEL 10332400100 IS ZONED GENERAL AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, since at least 1998, Tax Parcel No. 10332400100 (As shown on Exhibit 1 attached) has been zoned General Agricultural District under the Town of Belle Plaine Zoning Ordinance (As shown on Exhibit 2, Town of Belle Plaine Zoning map 1998); and

WHEREAS, in 2022, the Town of Belle Plaine, with the assistance of Shawano County, sought to update and amend the Town of Belle Plaine Comprehensive Plan as required under state statutes, and to update and amend the Town of Belle Plaine Zoning Map as directed by the Town; and

WHEREAS, Shawano County prepared a proposed updated and amended Zoning Map dated June 8, 2022 (As shown on Exhibit 3 attached) which depicted Tax Parcel 10332400100 as zoned Residential District which was not directed by the Town and made in error; and

WHEREAS, because the proposed zoning map was in error the Town Board of the Town of Belle Plaine DID NOT adopt an ordinance to amend the Town Zoning Map showing a zoning change for Tax Parcel 10332400100 from General Agriculture District to Residential District and DID NOT provide any public notice or conduct any public hearing as required by state statute and did not intend to do so; and

WHEREAS, because no action was taken by the Town Board to adopt the proposed Zoning Map amendment showing Tax Parcel 10332400100 as Residential District, the Town considers Tax Parcel 10332400100 to be zoned General Agricultural District; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Belle Plaine deems General Agriculture District an appropriate district designation for Tax Parcel 10332400100 for the following reasons: Its irregular shape as an abandoned railroad right-of-way; its limited access for residential use; its use as a snow-mobile trail; and its forest cover (as shown on Exhibits 4 & 5); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Belle Plaine Zoning Committee, after public notice and public hearing considered the reaffirmation and, as may be necessary, amendment of the Town of Belle Plaine Zoning District Map to designate Tax Parcel 10332400100 in its entirety including parcel driveways as General Agricultural District and recommended its approval. (The designation does not include the Round Lake access along the North line of Lot 4, CSM 2292 which shall be deemed Residential District).

NOW THEREFORE, THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BELLE PLAINE DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

1. The designation of Tax Parcel 10332400100 in its entirety including parcel driveways as General Agricultural District is hereby reaffirmed. (The designation does not include the Round Lake access along the North line of Lot 4, CSM 2292 which shall be deemed Residential District).

2. In the event it is necessary, the Town of Belle Plaine does hereby amend its Plan and Zoning Map to designate Tax Parcel 10332400100 in its entirety including parcel driveways as General Agricultural District as shown on Exhibit 6. (The designation does not include the Round Lake access along the North line of Lot 4, CSM 2292 which shall be deemed Residential District).

3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon publication.

Adopted this 21st day of December, 2024.

ATTEST:
Kristine Vomastic, Clerk

Ayes: 3
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Nays: 0

Alvin Bartz, Town Chair

Medical issue sends semi truck into ditch



A semi driver had a medical condition that apparently contributed to his driving his semi off the west-bound state Highway 29 off-ramp into the ditch at County Road K south of Shawano just before sunrise Jan. 8. The driver was taken to ThedaCare Medical Center-Shawano, where he was treated and released. It officials several hours to move the truck from the ditch.

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out on Shawano Lake to deliver food to someone who was already on the lake ice fishing. Ultimately, EMS was dispatched to check out

the driver. The driver was later transported to a local hospital to be further evaluated. Once released from the hospital, the driver was

arrested on an unrelated matter and transported to the Shawano County Jail. As of the next day, the vehicle had not been removed from Shawano Lake.

A local towing company, as well as the Shawano Fire Department, were working on this matter. When going out on the ice for fishing, caution is

essential to ensure safety, officials said. Ice conditions can be unpredictable, and even a small crack or thin spot can lead to dangerous situations. It's important

to check the ice thickness, ideally ensuring it is at least 4 inches for safe walking, and to be aware of weather changes that can weaken the ice.

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SHAWANO LEADER

2024

Readers Poll

Deadline: January 20, 2025

BEST OF SHAWANO LEADER

2024

BALLOT #1

Best Goods:

☐ Appliances

☐ Carpet/Flooring

☐ Farm and Feed Store

☐ Flower Shop

☐ Furniture/Home Accessories

☐ Grocery Store

☐ Gift Store/Antiques

☐ Hardware

☐ Health Food

☐ Jewelry

☐ Men's Clothing

☐ Women's Clothing

☐ Paint Store

☐ Pet Grooming & Boarding

☐ Plant/Nursery

Best Services:

☐ A/C & Heating

☐ Attorney

☐ Bank

☐ Butcher/Meat Shop

☐ Child Care/Daycare

☐ Chiropractor

☐ Credit Union

☐ Dentist

☐ Electrician

☐ Fitness Center

☐ Gas Station/C-store

☐ Hair Salon/Barber

☐ Insurance Agency

☐ Massage

☐ Pharmacy

☐ Plumber

☐ Real Estate Company

☐ Retirement Community

☐ Travel Agency

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BALLOT #2

Best Thing To Do:

☐ Casino

☐ Cheese Factory

☐ Happy Hour/Night Spot

☐ Hotel/Motel/Resort

☐ Live Music

☐ Museum

☐ Golf Course

☐ Campground

Best Vehicle Services:

☐ ATV Store

☐ Auto Body Repair

☐ Auto Parts/Supply Store

☐ Boat Dealer/Maintenance

☐ Car Dealer

☐ Vehicle Service Center

☐ Car Wash

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First
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baby of 2025

Alani Mimikwah was the first baby born at ThedaCare Medical Center-Shawano in 2025. She was born Jan. 2 to Nyomi and Lisette Acosta. She has two older sisters, Nyla, Amari and Nataeh, Armani. CONTRIBUTED



Best of Wolf River Region
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2024
Readers Poll

Deadline: January 20, 2025

BALLOT #3

Best Food/Dining:

- ☐ Bakery _____
- ☐ Bar _____
- ☐ Breakfast _____
- ☐ Burger _____
- ☐ Coffee House _____
- ☐ Dessert _____
- ☐ Dinner _____
- ☐ Family Restaurant _____
- ☐ Fast Food _____
- ☐ Fish Fry _____
- ☐ Ice Cream _____
- ☐ International _____
- ☐ Lunch _____
- ☐ Pizza _____
- ☐ Sandwich _____

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01/17 & 01/24/2025
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Shawano Plan Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, January 29, 2025, at 5:00 PM at Shawano City Hall, 127 S. Sawyer St., Shawano, WI to consider the following:

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT to allow Amber D. Tremble to have a 10' x 12' temporary shelter structure at 608 W. Richmond Street, Shawano, WI per City of Shawano Municipal Code Section 10-66(4) Temporary shelter structure, as a conditional use. The property is located in the Single Family Residential-4 (SR-4) zoning district. (Legal description: City of Shawano Smalleys Addition Lot 1 & N 17' of Lot 2 Blk 21 and Tax parcel #281-752001420).

At the above time and place all interested persons will be given the opportunity to be heard.

Lesley Nemetz, City Clerk
City of Shawano

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01/17, 01/24/2025
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Shawano Plan Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, January 29, 2025, at 5:00 PM at Shawano City Hall, 127 S. Sawyer St., Shawano, WI to consider the following:

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT to allow Red Roof Storage LLC (Kevin Helmuth) to build storage units and business condos as a group development at 1150 E. Richmond Street, Shawano, WI per City of Shawano Municipal Code Section 10-118(2)(c) Group Development, as a conditional use. The property is located in the Light Industrial (LI) zoning district. (Legal description: City of Shawano Assessors Map Lot 1 Blk 16 was Lot 1 V3 CSM P36 Map #698 Was Lot 2 CSM Map #4956 NKA Lot 2 CSM Map #4989 tax parcel #281-404001042)

At the above time and place all interested persons will be given the opportunity to be heard.

Lesley Nemetz, City Clerk
City of Shawano

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01/17 & 01/24/2025
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please take notice that a Public Hearing will be held before the Plan Commission of the City of Shawano on Wednesday, January 29, 2025, at 5:00 PM at Shawano City Hall, 127 S. Sawyer St., Shawano, WI to consider the following: Zoning Map amendments pursuant to City Code Section 10-170 to rezone the following:

Current Parcel #281323400000 City of Shawano SE ¼ SW ¼ was Lot 4 V4 CSM P127 Map #1121 Sec 32 T27N R16E Ex Prt Of Lot 1 V4 CSM P127 was Lot 1 V5 CSM P291 Map #1466 NKA Lot 1 V5 CSM P322 Map #1483. Said parcel to be split per a proposed CSM. This property is a vacant lot.

Lot 3 of proposed CSM from Business Park (BP) to Two-Family Residential (TR-6) part of the vacant lot described above; and

Lot 4 of proposed CSM from Business Park (BP) to Light Industrial (LI) part of the vacant lot described above.

At the above time and place all interested persons will be given the opportunity to be heard.

Lesley Nemetz, City Clerk
City of Shawano

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01/17/2025
VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT

Absentee ballot requests for the February 18, 2025 Spring Primary Election
Any qualified elector who is unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place on Election Day may request to vote an absentee ballot. 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 28 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.**

TO OBTAIN AN ABSENTEE BALLOT YOU MUST MAKE A REQUEST IN WRITING
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Contact your municipal clerk and request that an application for an absentee ballot be sent to you for the spring primary election. 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. 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 request an application from your municipal clerk for an absentee ballot in person, by mail, by fax, by email or at MyVote.wi.gov.

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.

You can also personally go to the clerk's office or other specified location, complete a written application, and vote an absentee ballot during the hours specified for casting an absentee ballot.

Lesley Nemetz, City Clerk
City of Shawano
127 South Sawyer Street
Shawano, WI 54166
(715) 526-6138

Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday -Thursday / Friday 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

THE DEADLINE FOR MAKING APPLICATION TO VOTE ABSENTEE BY MAIL IS 5:00 P.M., ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2025.

MILITARY ELECTORS SHOULD CONTACT THE MUNICIPAL CLERK REGARDING THE DEADLINES FOR REQUESTING OR SUBMITTING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT.

THE FIRST DAY TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT IN THE MUNICIPAL CLERK'S OFFICE IS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2025 DURING OUR REGULAR HOURS OF OPERATION.

NO IN-PERSON ABSENTEE VOTING MAY OCCUR ON THE DAY BEFORE THE ELECTION.

ALL VOTED BALLOTS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE MUNICIPAL CLERK SO THE CLERK CAN DELIVER THEM TO THE PROPER POLLING PLACE OR COUNTING LOCATION BEFORE THE POLLS CLOSE ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025. ANY BALLOTS RECEIVED AFTER THE POLLS CLOSE WILL NOT BE COUNTED.

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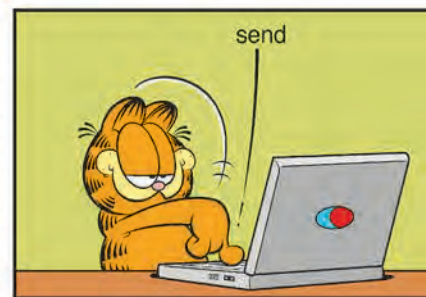
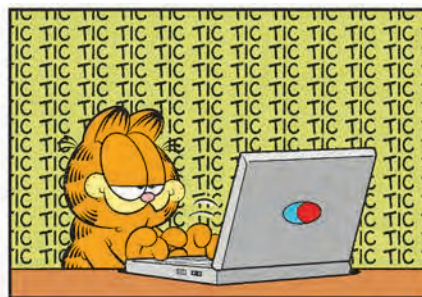
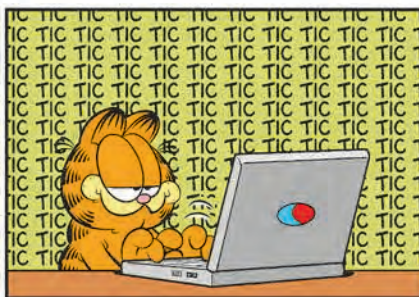
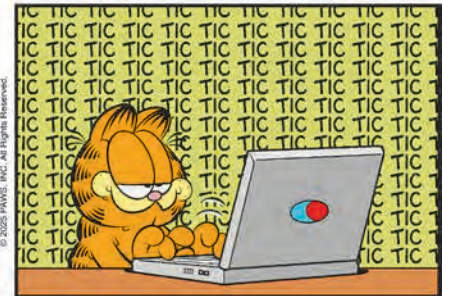
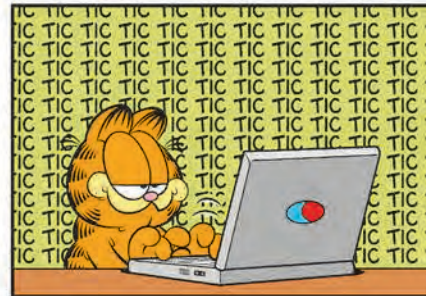
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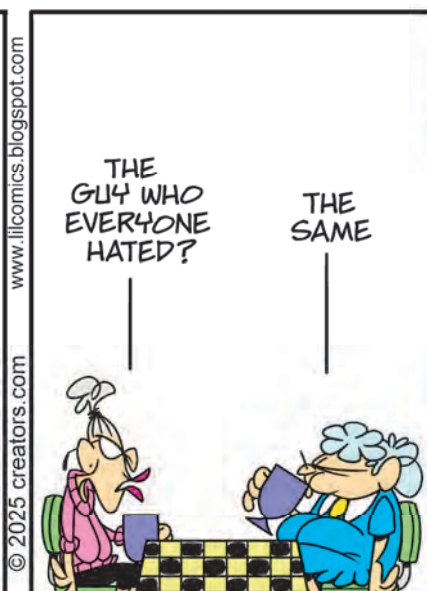
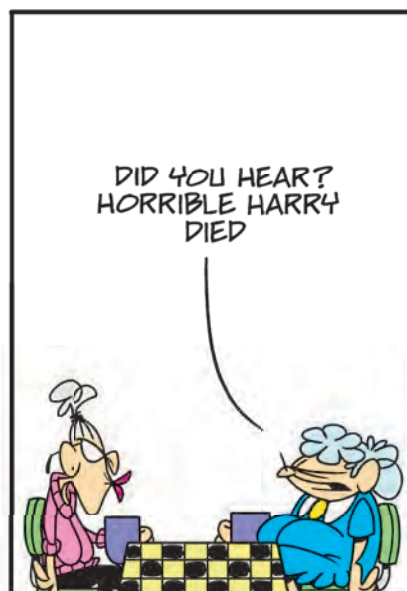
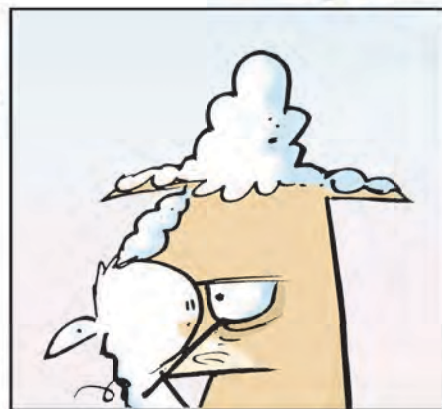
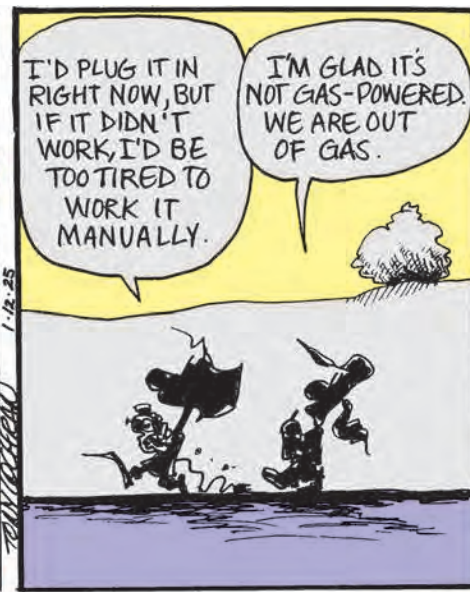
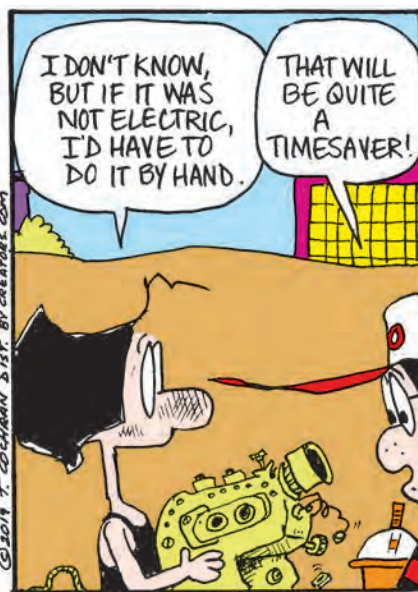
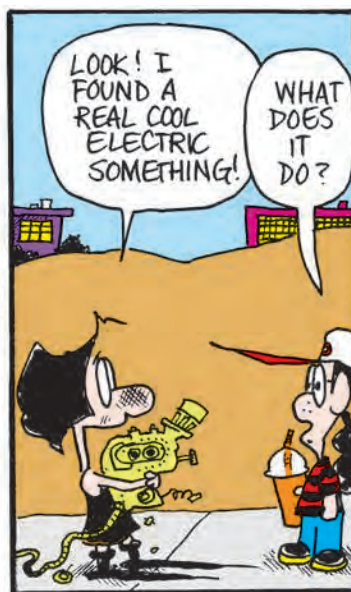
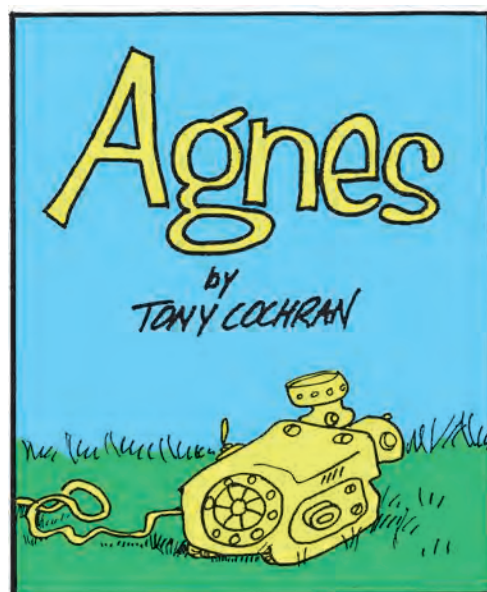
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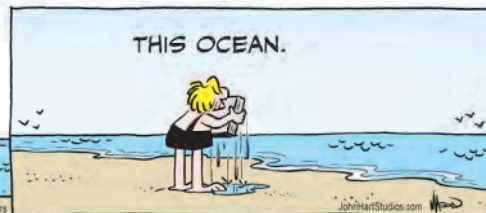
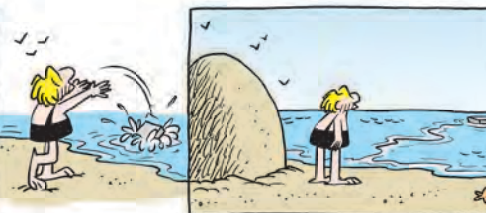
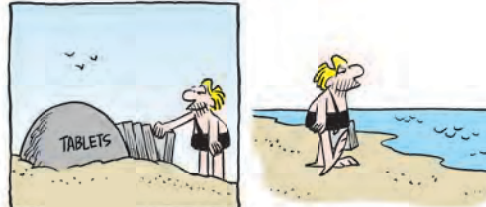
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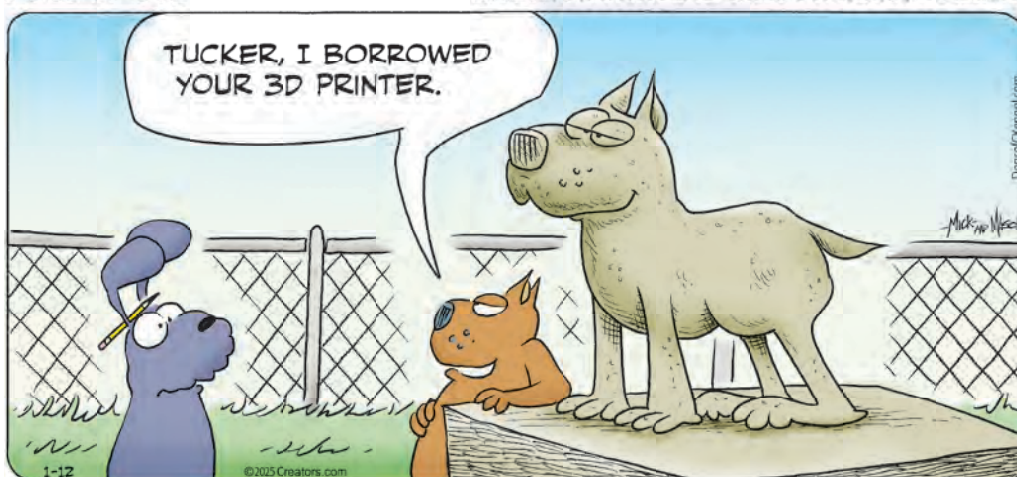


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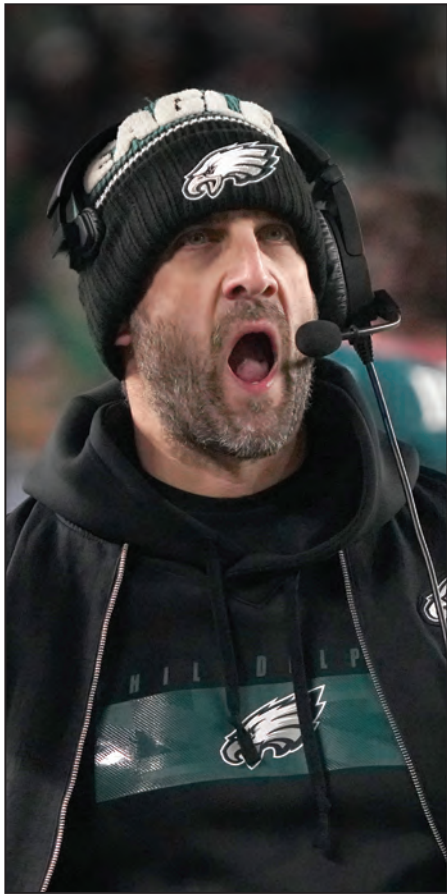
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DOGS OF C-KENNEL BY MICK MASTROIANNI AND MASON MASTROIANNI



INSULT TO INJURY



There were a lot of dejected looks on the faces of the Packers in their 22-10 loss to Philadelphia in the Wild Card Round. Above at right, coach Matt LaFleur and players watch the training staff after wide receiver Romeo Dobbs slammed his head to the ground in the end zone. Above at right, Eagles coach Nick Sirianni shouts to his players to keep the pressure on the Packers.

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BAD DECISIONS, MISTAKES HURT PACKERS AS THEY DROP PLAYOFF GAME TO EAGLES

BY LUKE REIMER
Green & Gold Express

The Green Bay Packers' offense struggled to find any footing all afternoon long, as it dropped its wild card matchup with the Philadelphia Eagles 22-10 in Philadelphia on Jan. 12.

Green Bay's demise began immediately on the opening kickoff. Keisean Nixon took the opening kick back from the end zone but fumbled when being tackled. In the ensuing scrum, it appeared that Nixon had recovered his fumble, but it was ruled Philadelphia's ball.

From there, Saquon Barkley picked up 17 yards in two plays, before quarterback Jalen Hurts connected with wide receiver Jahan Dotson in the back of the end zone for an 11-yard touchdown.

Green Bay was unable to make up the early swing as it entered halftime scoring no points and finding itself down 10-0.

"When you come into someone else's house against a really good football team, you can't start the way that we did," said Packers head coach Matt LaFleur. "To fumble the opening kick and then them turn it into a touchdown and be down seven nothing from the jump —



Above, Jordan Love has a tight window to throw into for Tucker Kraft. Love threw three interceptions on the day. At right, coach Matt LaFleur struggled to get his team to execute properly in the Wild Card game. Below, kicker Brandon McManus missed a field goal, only his second since joining the team this season.

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it was obviously too much to overcome."

Green Bay was finally able to get on the scoreboard in the middle of the third quarter.

After holding Philadelphia to a punt after five plays to open the half, Green Bay took over on its own 16-yard line. Between two runs and a pass reception, running back Josh Jacobs picked up 19 yards, before quarterback Jordan Love connected with Tucker Kraft for a 4-yard completion. Two plays later, Dontayvion Wicks hauled in a 29-yard

reception to bring Green Bay down to Philadelphia's 30-yard line. After Green Bay worked inside the 10-yard line, the drive eventually stalled, setting up a Brandon McManus 26-yard field goal.

Philadelphia immediately responded with a five-play drive. The big play on the drive was Hurts connecting with wide receiver DeVonta Smith for a 28-yard gain on third-and-three. Two plays later, Hurts completed a short bubble route to tight end Dallas Goedert, who took the pass down the



right sideline, stiff-arming Packers defensive back Carrington Valentine three times before finding the end zone.

Green Bay's last productive drive came in response to the touchdown, as down 16-3, Jacobs was not ready to give up yet. He put the offense on his back, picking up 23 yards on the drive before Green Bay was faced with a second-and-10 from the Eagles' 32-yard line. Jacobs carried the ball on the next for play 32 yards, breaking

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WILD CARD/OFFENSE

THE MOMENT

PACKERS 10 vs. EAGLES 22



Philadelphia's Zack Baun reaches out to tackle Packers quarterback Jordan Love during the Jan. 12 Wild Card Weekend game. Baun also intercepted a pass by Love before halftime, ending a Green Bay scoring threat. Had Baun not snared that pass just before halftime and had the Packers scored there to cut the Eagles' lead to three before the break, who knows what might have happened in the second half?

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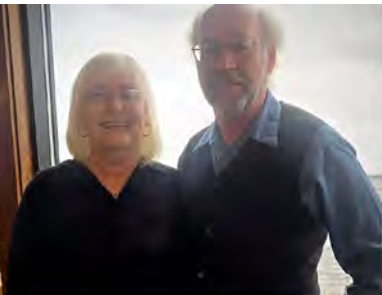
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Another long offseason on the horizon

Packers will look to rehab and retool for another playoff run next season

BY LUKE REIMER
Green & Gold Express

The Green Bay Packers' season ended with a sight that has become very familiar for fans — a loss in the playoffs.

As opposed to going down to the San Francisco 49ers this season, it was the Philadelphia Eagles who ended Green Bay's Super Bowl hopes. While the Super Bowl was and is always the vision for the Packers, it seemed like the 2024-25 team was good enough to make the play-

offs but not good enough to make a deep playoff run.

The major story throughout the Packers' season was its inability to play up to the level of the better tier teams in the NFC. The Packers end the season having lost seven games. One loss to the Chicago Bears and two losses each to the Minnesota Vikings, Detroit Lions and Philadelphia Eagles. While the silver lining is that the Packers still employ the youngest team in the NFL, there seems to be a lot more questions to answer

after this season than last season.

"We have a really tough division, and I am hoping that our guys use that for fuel this offseason," said Packers head coach Matt LaFleur. "To dig a little bit deeper and come back a little bit better each individually, because collectively, that will make a huge difference."

So where does it start? Green Bay does have strong young pieces on its team to work around like Xavier McKinney, Josh Jacobs, Jordan Love and

Edgerrin Cooper, but as the season progressed, it became glaringly obvious that as things change, things stay the same.

The Packers have a major hole when it comes to the cornerback position. Given Jaire Alexander's injury history and contract status, his future in Green Bay looks to be up in the air. Eric Stokes has not progressed to the level that Green Bay would like to see, and Keisean Nixon continues to play inconsistently.

Another problem that

Green Bay continues to see is the lack of production from the pass rush. Lukas Van Ness is taking longer to progress than many would like, and Rashan Gary has seemingly hit his peak as a professional.

On offense, as always, it comes down to offensive line play. Elgton Jenkins is only getting older, and with Josh Myers hitting free agency in the off season, the center position all of a sudden becomes a need. Given what we saw when Jenkins went down in the playoff game, offensive line depth is needed

as well.

The other position that may need some looking at in the offseason is wide receiver. After Christian Watson went down with a knee injury, Green Bay was missing its big-play threat. Romeo Doubs and Jayden Reed will continue to develop, but outside of those two, Dontayvion Wicks certainly needs to make a big step next season to become an every day starter.

While there are holes to fill, it does not take away

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Kenneth Gainwell holds on to Keisean Nixon during a Packers kick return Jan. 12. He fumbled the opening kickoff, which the Eagles turned into seven points. After the game, Nixon told ESPN he was no longer interested in returning kicks, as he wanted to focus on his cornerback duties. Nixon was never a fan of the new kickoff return rules implemented before this season. He had only 18 return attempts this season after getting 65 the previous two seasons combined.

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Tight end Tucker Kraft recorded five receptions on five targets for 26 yards in Sunday's 22-10 loss to the Eagles. He added two rushes for 10 yards. The Packers dealt with a rash of injuries among their pass catchers, and Kraft was able to lead the team in receptions as a result. For the 2024 regular season, he caught 50 passes on 70 targets for 707 yards and an average of 14.1 yards. He also caught seven touchdowns. According to packers.com, of the various emotions players expressed as they cleaned out their lockers Monday - from motivation and hunger heading into the offseason, to anticipation for the future, to gratitude for their teammates and opportunities - one was more palpable than all the others. Profound disappointment. "Well, we certainly didn't win anything," Kraft said. The postseason defeat capped a three-game losing streak that saw the offense hit the skids, the defense hang tough but lose its discipline at times, and the special teams stumble into game-changing mistakes.

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six tackles in the process down to the 1-yard line. He finished off the drive with

a 1-yard touchdown rush. Scoring just 10 points in the game, Love finished the afternoon completing 20-of-33 passes for 212 yards and no touchdown passes, but threw for three interceptions. Without Christian Watson in the lineup due to a knee injury against the Bears in Week 18, Jayden Reed led the team in receiving, catching four passes for 46 yards. Wicks added another 39 yards on two receptions, and Kraft recorded 26

yards on five receptions.

With an already depleted wide receiver room, things did not get any better for Love and company, as Reed, Romeo Doubs, who finished the game with 13 yards on two receptions, and Jacobs all left the game with injuries. On top of those three play-makers leaving the game, offensive lineman Elgton Jenkins left early with a neck injury. Even though the pass game looked off kilter, Ja-

cobs and the run game did find some success before the injuries hit. Jacobs carried the ball 18 times, picking up 81 yards and one touchdown.

"There is definitely stuff we weren't able to get to that maybe we wish we could have, but at the same time, it is kind of the flow of the game," said Love. "You know, you get down a couple scores, and I don't think they respect some stuff when you are doing play action, so it is something that we will look at."

Just as Green Bay's offense struggled in the game, Philadelphia's offense was not that great, either. Hurts finished the game completing 13-of-21 passes for 131 yards and two touchdowns.

Smith was the leading receiver for the Eagles, catching four passes for 55 yards. Goedert recorded 47 yards and a touchdown on four receptions, while Dotson caught one pass for 11 yards and a touchdown. Superstar wide receiver A.J. Brown was held to just 10 yards on one reception.

After leading the NFL in rushing with 2,005 yards, Barkley picked up where he left off in the regular season, rushing the ball 25 times for 119 yards. He added another four yards on two receptions in the passing game.

"You have to be able to overcome things," said LaFleur. "Bad things happen in games, and you just have to be able to be resilient and bounce back and we just didn't do enough."

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Green Bay running back Josh Jacobs amassed 40 reception yards on three catches, 81 yards on the ground on 18 rushes and a rushing touchdown in a 22-10 loss to the Philadelphia Eagles on Wild Card Weekend. The Packers' season ends, while the Eagles advance to the Divisional Round.

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the fact the Packers have made the playoffs in both seasons that Love has started at quarterback. Jeff Hafley more than impressed in his first season as defensive coordinator, and the offseason gives all of the youth on the roster one more summer to develop.

Green Bay should enjoy the time off to rehab before things ramp back up with the draft in April and the start of training camp in July.

"I am not making excuses or anything like that. We have a young football team," said LaFleur. "Unfortunately, this is a tough lesson along the way, and hopefully, we can use this as fuel to get better and learn and be a better team come next year."

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NFL SCHEDULE
Wild Card Round
Saturday, Jan. 11
Houston 32, LA Chargers 12
Baltimore 28, Pittsburgh 14
Sunday, Jan. 12
Buffalo, 31, Denver 7
Philadelphia 22, Green Bay 10
Washington 23, Tampa Bay 20
Monday, Jan. 13
LA Rams 27, Minnesota 9
Divisional Round
Saturday, Jan. 18
Houston at Kansas City, 3:30 p.m.
Washington at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 19
LA Rams at Philadelphia, 2 p.m.
Baltimore at Buffalo, 5:30 p.m.
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Green Bay linebacker Edgerrin Cooper kept up the pressure on Eagles quarterback Jalen Hurts in the Wild Card Round of the NFL playoffs. Hurts was 13-of-21 for 131 yards and two touchdowns. In the regular season, Cooper played in 14 games, recorded 57 tackles (including 50 solo tackles) and assisted on 30 others. He also recorded one interception.

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Tight end Tucker Kraft kneels near the goal line as the Packers lose to the Philadelphia Eagles 22-10 in Wild Card Round action Jan. 12. With the season over, next up for the Packers is the 2025 NFL Draft on April 24-26 in Green Bay. The festivities will include several days of activities throughout Green Bay and will feature the NFL Draft Experience – a massive free football festival – near Lambeau Field to allow fans of all teams to enjoy games, interactive exhibits, player appearances, sponsor experiences, youth-focused activities and opportunities for fans of all ages to test their football skills.

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