



Police Chief Bradley Rabideau has been part of the Shawano Police Department for over 25 years, but he will be retiring from decades of service in early February.

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Police chief retiring from department after 25 years

Rabideau finds home in Shawano and a place to serve

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

More than 25 years after vowing to protect the streets of Shawano, Police Chief Bradley Rabideau will be stepping away from his role and enjoying a much deserved retirement.

On Jan. 31, the city of Shawano will throw him a party to commemorate his time with the Shawano Police Department, culminating with his final role as chief but also celebrating his time as a K-9 trainer, firearms instructor, emergency vehicle operations instructor, lieutenant, captain and more.

Rabideau said his decision to retire came after discussing the matter with his wife, Wendy, and the rest of his family.

He noted that a former city police captain, Jeff Heffernon, instilled in him the reality that a police officer's "expiration date" is only known to one entity, and when the opportunity comes to retire, it's best to seize upon it to enjoy the time with one's family. Rabideau's children are all grown up now, so family time is all the more precious to him.

Rabideau came to Shawano in 1999, and his main goals when coming here were to buy a home and raise a family in a good environment. The city delivered, he said.

"I count this as home," Rabideau said.

Rabideau had been with the Dane County Sheriff's Department and the Algoma Police Department prior to moving to Shawano, with neither post being quite the correct fit for him. Shawano seemed good for him and his family, because the schools were good and the community was friendly.

"This was a place where my kids could walk to the candy store, and I wouldn't have to worry about it," Rabideau said. "When I was with Dane County ... there

were 450 deputies. You knew the people that you worked with on shift on certain locations, but you didn't know everyone you worked for — they were just uniforms in the hallway. When I worked with Algoma, that was a six-person department, so there weren't a lot of opportunities for advancement."

The attitude toward law enforcement has ebbed and flowed over the years that Rabideau has been in Shawano. Shortly after Rabideau came on board with the police department, the 2001 terrorist attacks happened, and at that time, first responders could do no wrong, because security and safety was so paramount, he said, but that attitude has waned in recent years.

The most recent challenge for the police department, along with others around the country, has been finding good officers to fill the ranks after others have left for other opportunities or, like Rabideau, retired. He noted that when he applied for the Shawano job, he was competing against hundreds of other applicants.

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Committee agrees to lower annual wheel tax

Supervisor suggests exempting Shawano vehicle owners

By **KEVIN PASSON**
Editor-in-Chief

Members of the Shawano County Executive Committee agreed Jan. 15 to a \$20 annual wheel tax, \$5 less than what the highway and parks committee recommended.

The proposal was expected to go to a vote at the Jan. 22 meeting of the county board.

The vehicle registration fee would only apply to vehicles weighing less than 8,000 pounds, per state law. It is estimated there are 37,350 such vehicles registered in the county, which, at \$25 per vehicle, would generate \$933,750.

At \$20 per vehicle, revenue would total \$747,000, \$186,750 less than the original proposal.

Money raised from the fee would be earmarked for road and bridge projects.

"We are really hamstrung at the county, given our levy limits," said Jim Davel, administrative coordinator. "Quite frankly, we need extra revenue."

Supervisor Tom Kautza made the motion to reduce the fee to \$20. It was seconded by Ken Capelle.

"We thought that the \$40 that the city (of Shawano) did was far too high," Davel said of the original proposal. "We thought that \$25 was more than reasonable given the impact that our roads and bridges have on our community. It's probably our most important thing that we maintain in our county."

He said nobody likes the additional fee, but the county's costs have gone up significantly, and the state has limits on what can be levied.

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The Shawano County Board was expected to vote on the proposed \$20 wheel tax when it met Jan. 22. That meeting ended after NEW Media's print deadline. Visit

www.newmedia-wi.com for the results of that vote. A full story will appear in the Jan. 31 print edition.

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Remodeled store includes residential space

Project addresses housing needs, rising workforce demands

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

A new chapter is beginning for a formerly vacant building in Shawano's downtown.

Dave and Heather Pahl, co-owners of Martin Jewellers, 148 S. Main St., repurposed the building at 146 S. Main St. into a renovated space that combines residential and commercial uses. The renovations add character to the historic building, but perhaps more importantly, they address the city's need for additional housing.

"Employees in Shawano can't find housing and are living out of town and commuting in," Heather Pahl said. "In order to bring back that vibrancy downtown, second-story housing is critical."

The building at 146 S. Main St. was the original home of Citizens State Bank, dating back to 1910.

The bank would expand and move across the street to 133 S. Main St. in 1935, and after a few more moves, it eventually was relocated to East Division and South Sawyer streets.

As communities across Wisconsin struggle to meet local housing needs, the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) is providing grants to assist a wide range of projects – from small apartment renovations to large housing developments.

Through programs like the Community Development Investment (CDI) and Idle Site Redevelopment grants, WEDC supports a range of community-driven construction, renovation and development projects.



David and Heather Pahl purchased Martin Jewellers in 2017, keeping it in the family. After remodeling the interior of the jewelry store, they purchased the building next door and recently completed an interior restoration for business and residential use.

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The downtown Shawano project, which received a \$178,000 CDI grant, is one of several housing projects WEDC is assisting.

WEDC is also providing \$228,000 to convert a former motel into a 31-unit apartment building for veterans and low-income residents in Rhinelander, and \$250,000 for an apartment development in Eau Claire's Cannery Development District.

"Affordable, quality housing is essential for the growth and sustainability of communities across Wisconsin," Missy Hughes, secretary and CEO of WEDC, said in a news release. "Housing projects directly support a community's economic health by bringing in residents, creating jobs and strengthening local businesses. Public-private partnerships are key to overcoming funding hurdles for these projects."

The project includes a second-floor apartment that has already been leased, as well as commercial space on the first floor that is now home to The Ultimate Closet.

Peter Thillman, executive director of Shawano County Economic Progress Inc., said the Martin Jewellers project "checked a number of boxes for the city," adding that, "Without local and state incentives for second-floor housing rehab, most projects don't pencil out."

Renovating the historic building came with its own set of challenges, from restoring original architectural details to updating the structure to modern building codes. As nine layers of old flooring were removed and the historic façade was revealed, additional repairs and adjustments to the building's foundation became necessary, Heather Pahl said. Each of these surprises put a financial strain on the project, making the support from WEDC and other local grants even more critical, said Pahl.

A few tin ceiling tiles had to be replaced with newer replicas. Stage lighting was strung across beams to illuminate the store. The old bank vault is now used as a dressing room.

"The building is part of



Martin Jewellers owners David and Heather Pahl operate their store at 148 S. Main St. A few years ago, they purchased the original Citizens State Bank building at 146 S. Main St. and remodeled it for commercial use on the ground level and an apartment on the upper level.

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the Shawano Main Street District, and because it is on the National and State Register of Historic Places, as much as possible we had to keep the historical significance intact," Pahl said.

The project took about 18 months to complete.

Despite these hurdles, the project aligns closely with Shawano's Downtown Master Plan, which prioritizes the development and use of vacant spaces to enhance the city center. Pahl hopes this project will encourage other local investors to pursue similar support for second-story housing renovations, helping to attract more residents and businesses to the

community.

"People remember the days in Shawano when there were more pigeons than people. That certainly has changed," Pahl said. "We are forever thankful to the business owners and the town for continuing to invest in the buildings and creating that change."

Martin Jewellers was established in 1960 by Herb Martin. He had his start in clock and watch repair, and then expanded his business over time.

The original store was out of a home shop on Franklin Street in Shawano. Herb's son, Jim, joined the business, and it was moved to Main Street in 1989.

Thimke Jewelers owned the location at 148 S. Main St. until Bob Thimke was ready to retire. The Martins purchased the building and inventory and expanded the business again.

David and Heather Pahl purchased Martin Jewellers in 2017, keeping it in the family. Interior renovations were completed in 2017, but many of the familiar brands and services were maintained. The store has an estate booth in Bottle House Antiques on South Main Street. Advanced in-house design services were added and continue to be expanded.

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Clinic hit by cyber attack

The Menominee Tribal Clinic announced that it was the target of a cybersecurity attack around Christmas. The attack affected the clinic's servers.

Officials said they took immediate action, suspending all affected systems, notifying authorities and activating third-party cyber team experts to resolve the situation. The clinic continues to work with its

cyber team to assess and restore its networks and any necessary software updates.

At this time, the clinic is not aware of any evidence that any patient or employee data has been compromised as a result of the attack. Additionally, neither the clinic nor the Menominee Tribe of Wisconsin are aware of any evidence at this time that any other non-

clinic tribal systems were affected.

Full restoration of the clinic's systems will take time, which will require the clinic to temporarily modify services available to its patients. Until full restoration, the clinic will continue to share updates on services provided via channels managed by the tribe (daily e-newsletter, MITW app and the tribe's Facebook page).

Maintenance department welcomes new staff

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

Two people with a combined 60 years of experience retired in January from the maintenance department with Shawano County.

Steve Dreher, director of facilities and grounds, retired Jan. 3 after more than 29 years of service to the county. Julie Harland, office and purchasing specialist with the department, retired Jan. 18 after more than 31

years of experience with the county.

Nicholas Hesse was hired as the public facilities manager at an annual salary of \$92,976.

Hesse has an associate's degree from Fox Valley Technical College with training as an auto body and paint refinishing technician and journeyman millwright.

He has more than 10 years of related experience in a variety of positions ranging from shop manager to lead industrial main-

tenance technician, with additional experience in management and planning.

To replace Harland, county staff looked down the hall to the planning and development department. Dana Krause will transfer from that department, where she served as an office assistant to the maintenance department.

The county will now seek to fill Krause's former position.

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ABOVE: A house at 221 W. Fourth St., Shawano, will be the subject of an asbestos abatement. The vacant house is owned by the county, and officials are debating when it should be razed. KEVIN PASSON | NEW MEDIA
LEFT: This house at 205 W. Fourth St., Shawano, is one of several on the block west of the courthouse that is owned by the county. It and the others on the block could one day be razed for a courthouse expansion project. KEVIN PASSON | NEW MEDIA

Asbestos to to be removed from county-owned homes

Razing decision held until next month

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

Asbestos will be removed from a pair of vacant county-owned homes, but whether the abandoned properties will be razed has yet to be decided.

Members of the Shawano County Public Property Committee agreed Jan. 9

to pay nearly \$12,900 to remove asbestos at 205 and 221 W. Fourth St., Shawano. The two homes are west of the courthouse and are part of the block of homes that could one day be used for a courthouse expansion project.

“The yellow one over there (221) still has electricity and water, because when they do the abatements, they will need water,” said Nick Hesse, facilities management director. “We got the heat set real low, so we don’t freeze. But the other one is totally abandoned and ready to go.”

Years ago, when the county started buying these properties, a special account was established to hold all rent money from the homes. The money can only be used to improve or raze these properties.

“Basically, we’ve been raising money to knock them over,” said Julie Harland, office and purchasing specialist with the

maintenance department. “They’re an eyesore.”

The account has a balance of \$221,165.10. An estimate to have the highway department raze the two homes is \$51,000. Just over \$2,700 has already been paid for asbestos lead inspections on the properties.

Jim Davel, administrative coordinator, questioned whether it is necessary to raze the properties now.

“Do we have to tear these down? We still don’t know in this concept thing (potential new courthouse) and what we’re going to do,” he said. “I don’t know if I’d spend \$66,000 now, or we have highway come in one time and do this tear-down, which will be multiple buildings and multiple asbestos abatement. I’m not so sure we should spend \$66,000 now just because we have the ability to spend \$66,000. Maybe we board it up.”

“I feel bad for the residents across the street,” Harland said.

Supervisor Rick Giese said it makes sense to do the abatement now, so the county can shut off and stop paying for electricity and water for an empty house.

Supervisor Tom Kautza agreed and suggested holding off on the razing decision until the February committee meeting.

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JIM DAVEL, Shawano County administrative coordinator



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Della takes charge as city's finance director

Financial advising, consulting expected to be big assets

By **LEE PULASKI**
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Brian Della recently took hold of the reins of the city of Shawano's money as the new finance director, months after Greg Smith stepped down to take a finance position with the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin.

Della has served as an independent municipal adviser for 19 years in Wisconsin, advising on over 450 local government debt issues. This will be his first time working directly for a municipality when it comes to handling the money.

Della has a master of business administration in finance and accounting from the Kelly School of Business at Indiana University. He also has bachelor's and master's degrees in civil and environmental engineering from University of Wisconsin-Madison. Della grew up in the Waukesha and Brookfield area.

Getting the engineering degrees, Della went to Kansas City to be an engineering consultant for five years.

"I had focused on environmental engineering and I focused on landfills in my graduate studies, a real niche kind of education," Della said.

When Della went to Indiana for his MBA, his track turned him toward investments, he said, thinking he

would be a bond portfolio manager for an insurance company. Then he moved back to Wisconsin, specifically Milwaukee, started as a municipal adviser and didn't look back.

"The city (of Shawano) borrows about \$4.5 million every other year for their capital projects. If they were my client, that's what I'd help them do. I'd help them plan the repayment, help them budget for it," Della said.

A time of financial crisis last summer had prompted Della to seek a new job, and he saw that the finance director position for Shawano was available. Having been in a position that has non-compete clauses in the contracts, he felt it would be better to find something in municipalities, even if it was as a budget analyst.

"I'm friends with a couple of guys I went to college, and they were from Shawano, so I'm kind of familiar (with the area)," Della said. "One of them ... he had a little lake house here during the summer, so I've been in the area from time to time."

Even with friends from the area, he hadn't met anyone with the city because he'd never been a consultant for Shawano, but after interviewing with city leaders, he felt the area was a good fit for him. He described the city as a "well-run organization."



Brian Della took over the finance director position for the city of Shawano over a month ago following 19 years of advising municipalities on their finances.
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"Some organizations can appear dysfunctional, even to a person on a first meeting, and there was no such feeling here in the city," Della said. "It seemed like a lot of people had been here for a long time, and it was very well run, and people get along here."

City Administrator Eddie Sheppard noted that Della brings a unique skillset to the city with financial consulting and advising, as he brings ideas on how Shawano can invest and maximize its funds. It makes him an unconventional finance director, Sheppard said.

"We're already doing a lot of modeling of our utilities and our capital plans with an eye on the future," Sheppard said. "That's something that most municipalities our size don't necessarily have the luxury

of having. We have a small staff, and we're grinding out day-to-day and year-to-year. With Brian's abilities, we're going to take a farther look out to make sure, as we're navigating financial challenges, he brings a wealth of knowledge to that process."

Even with his financial knowledge, Della expects to face some challenges. He said his background in finance does not include accounting, so he anticipates it will take some time to get up to speed on utilizing the city's software.

"A lot of that will be a learning experience," Della said. "Conceptually, I've got a broad understanding on most things, but sometimes putting the numbers in the system, I've got some learning there."

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Report findings delay Renel sentencing

Cecil man found mentally ill only on felony crimes

By **LEE PULASKI**
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Aaron Renel was originally scheduled to be sentenced Jan. 16 for his role in a standoff on state Highway 29 in a military vehicle, but a conflicting report required justice to be pushed back another month.

Renel, 42, of Cecil, pleaded not guilty by reason of mental illness June 21 to felony counts of fleeing and eluding an officer in a vehicle and second-degree recklessly endangering safety, along with a misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer. Because of the mental illness plea, an evaluation is required to determine Renel's mental state.

The evaluation concluded that he was mentally ill when it came to the felony crimes but not so on the misdemeanors.

"We find ourselves in a strange situation," said defense attorney Eric Pangburn. "I've been trying to work with DA (Greg) Parker to see what we want to do about this, but I have not received an amended offer."

Pangburn felt it would take at least 30 days to resolve the matter, so a new plea hearing was scheduled for 9:45 a.m. Feb. 20 in Branch I of the Shawano County Courthouse.

Pangburn also made a request to restore Renel's driving privileges, citing the difficulty in the last three years getting rides to court hearings. Renel currently has a valid driver's license, but his bond conditions do not allow him to drive.

A motion hearing was scheduled for 10 a.m. Jan. 23.

According to the criminal complaint, the Shawano County Sheriff's Department responded around 5:15 p.m. on May 8, 2022, to reports of a heavy truck-type military vehicle on state Highway 29 in western Shawano County traveling down the roadway with a flat tire, thus causing a traffic hazard.

Deputies located and attempted to stop the vehicle, which the complaint says Renel was driving, but he allegedly led them on a short chase, coming to a stop in about a half-mile on the eastbound lane median of Highway

29 near County Road G in the Town of Seneca. The eastbound highway was shut down during the incident.

Renel allegedly would not cooperate and would not exit the vehicle. Because of comments allegedly made by Renel and the conditions of this incident, the Shawano County Special Response Team responded to this scene, according to the complaint. Deputies, including trained negotiators, communicated with Renel for about four hours; during this time, arrangements were made with the Shawano County Highway Department for the use of snowplows in case the driver tried to flee the scene.

About 9:30 p.m. Renel allegedly did just that, heading eastbound on Highway 29. Deputies tried to stop the suspect vehicle, using the snowplows in an attempt to perform a moving roadblock. The vehicle then crossed the median and began heading eastbound in the westbound lanes of the highway, according to the complaint.

Renel allegedly came back to the eastbound lanes but then again crossed the median and was driving the wrong way down the highway. At one point, Renel allegedly drove into the median and a deputy operating a snowplow was able to pin the truck into the median, immobilizing it. Renel allegedly would not exit his vehicle and had to be removed with force. No serious injuries were reported to any law enforcement or the suspect, according to the complaint.

Renel is currently free on a \$10,000 cash bond.

During his initial appearance May 9, 2022, Shawano County Circuit Court Judge William Kusel ordered a competency evaluation. According to court records, Renel refused to appear for court for a status conference Aug. 31, 2022, when the evaluation showed he was not competent to stand trial at that time.

A second competency evaluation was requested in October 2022 by the public defenders' office, and that evaluation showed Renel was not competent but could be restored to competency. A hearing in February 2023 confirmed he was competent to proceed in his own defense.

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Caldwell gets doctorate from UW-Madison

College of Menominee Nation (CMN) President Christopher M. Caldwell has earned his doctorate in environment and resources through the Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies at UW-Madison.

Caldwell's dissertation, titled "Indigenous Sustainability Thinking: A Menominee Perspective," focused on Indigenous approaches to research, language revitalization and

sustainability. The majority of this work was built from his experiences on the Menominee reservation, and as part of the CMN Sustainable Development Institute (SDI).

Caldwell's professional career spanned time with Menominee Tribal Enterprises, U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs and the college. During his time as director of CMN SDI, he

began his doctoral program with UW-Madison. In February 2020, the CMN board of directors asked him to step in as interim president. He and his team navigated the college through the pandemic, supporting the campus community, as well as surrounding tribal nations and rural communities.

In June 2021, the board officially installed him as president, and since then, his focus has been priori-

tized on CMN charter obligations to preserve, protect and advance the Menominee way of life and learning, which is learning by doing. This strategy builds on high quality academics and administration, which allows students to pursue their individual goals while supporting the broader interests of the Menominee people, while supporting other tribal nations and rural communities.

Veterans administration seeking valentines

The Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) is asking for folks to help show veterans how much they appreciate their service and sacrifice by sending Valentine's Day cards to veterans living in DVA facilities.

"Last year, the residents at our Veteran Homes in Chippewa Falls, King and

Union Grove were thrilled to receive Valentine's Day wishes and thoughtful messages," said DVA Secretary James Bond.

In the first year, DVA received 24,000 valentines, and last year that grew to 28,000. Because of the overwhelming response, DVA will be able to share valentines with even more vet-

erans by delivering them to three Veterans Housing and Recovery Program locations in Chippewa Falls, Green Bay and Union Grove.

The valentines are hand delivered by staff, including Bond, to the veterans, loved ones and Gold Star families residing in veterans facilities.

Cards should be mailed

no later than Jan. 31 to ensure they can be distributed to facilities on Feb. 14 to Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, Attn: Veteran Valentines, P.O. Box 7843, Madison, WI 53707-7843.

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Olivia Schneider, 8, and her brother, Charles LaRock, stand in front of the display of items donated to Olivia's Pantry of Hope and Giving at 1134 S. Franklin St. in Shawano. Olivia decided to start the food pantry for people in need, based on the pantry Charles had operated for about four years, starting when he was 8. Food, hygiene items and clothing are available free of charge to anyone in need.

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Shawano girl follows in her brother's footsteps

8-year-old takes charge of gathering food for needy

By **LYNN ZAFFRANN**
Correspondent

The Christmas decorations that brightened South Franklin Street in Shawano over the holidays have been put away.

In their place, there is something else that's full of light, hope and love for the needy in Shawano.

Olivia's Pantry of Hope and Giving, 1134 S. Franklin St., Shawano, the idea of 8-year-old Olivia Schneider, takes up part of the front yard of the house. Donations of boxes, cans and bottles of food are on display for those in need to pick up, free of charge, with no limits.

"The other day, I just wanted to start one," Olivia said when asked why there is a food pantry in her yard.

She said that her brother, Charles LaRock, had done the same thing when he was 8 years old.

Sadie Cornelius is the mother of Olivia and Charles.

"I thought it was a great idea when she came up with it," Cornelius said. "I liked doing it with Charles. We did it for about four years."

She said that as Charles got older, he got busy with other things, and they discontinued his food pantry.

Olivia wasn't even born when Charles ran his food pantry from their home, but she said that she had heard about it often as she grew up.

"We were talking about Charles' pantry,

and I asked Olivia if she wanted to do one," Cornelius said.

"Yes, I want to help families," Olivia added.

Olivia just turned 8 years old in December. According to Cornelius, that's just a bit younger than Charles was when he began his food pantry.

Charles is now 18 and out of the house, but he gives Olivia a lot of support with her new food pantry. They still have the freezer and refrigerator that were donated when Charles was collecting food for the needy.

Donations are coming in from family, friends and others, as news of the food pantry is shared on its Facebook page, Olivia's Pantry of Hope and Giving. The Facebook page is administered by Cornelius.

"People are dropping things off," Cornelius said. "It's starting to fill up fast."

A friend of Cornelius dropped off some clothing, and boxes of supplies from family members out of state have arrived.

The Facebook page is the place to watch to see when the pantry is open. Because Cornelius works every other weekend, the open hours follow her work schedule. Typically, days that it is open are posted on Facebook at least one day in advance. Cornelius said that hours would probably be 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Because of Olivia's young age, it's obvious that a lot of the work involved in starting a food pantry and running it is in Cornelius' hands. She explained that Olivia helps organize the donations into categories and puts things in boxes. She also helps to take the donations outside and bring them back into the house.

Olivia recently decided that they should

also have an infant and toddler area in the food pantry. Donations for diapers, baby wipes, clothes and infant/toddler hygiene items are welcome. She said that she wanted children her age to get help.

"Babies, too," Olivia added.

Advertising for the food pantry has been limited to the Facebook page. Cornelius is hoping to find someone who could help with printing flyers to let people in need within the community know about the venture.

Charles said that when he started his food pantry, "Facebook was enough to let people know."

Friends and family helped to spread the word back then looking for donations and people in need to come to pick up food. There were also an article in the Shawano Leader that helped let people know about the pantry.

His pantry was successful for the four years it was in operation. Cornelius said that they didn't keep track of exactly how much was donated and given away. Charles indicated that "it was a lot."

There are plans to clean out the garage in spring, when the city's spring cleaning happens, according to Cornelius. Then they will be able to add storage shelves to hold the pantry items.

When asked if she wanted to do as well with her pantry as Charles did, Olivia said, "I want to do better."

There is a decorative sign hanging on the wall that says "Do All Things With Love." It's apparent that Cornelius has set a loving example for her family and that, first Charles, and now Olivia, have embraced that wholeheartedly.

Iconic restaurant gets fresh updates

River City Diner and Smokehouse becoming modernized

Marti Johnson has been spearheading efforts to modernize and enhance her business, River City Diner and Smokehouse, while maintaining its welcoming, community-focused atmosphere.

The first thing customers will notice is the transformation of the seating area. The newly updated bright red seats add a vibrant and refreshed look to the diner, a change that has been happening gradually to minimize disruptions.

"The new seating gives the space a whole new energy," Johnson said. "We're thrilled with how it's coming together and can't wait for everyone to see the final result."

Further updates are on the horizon. New ceiling fans, set to be installed in 2025, will add both style and functionality to the diner. Plans are also underway to modernize the counter eating spaces with new coverings, creating an inviting first impression for diners as they walk in.

"We're also excited about introducing digital display boards for specials and announcements," Johnson said. "It's another step in creating a more modern and engaging experience for our guests."

In addition to the physical upgrades, River City launched delivery services Jan. 1. Currently available from 4-7 p.m., the service is already gaining popularity. The team plans to expand delivery hours to accommodate daytime orders, especially for local businesses.

To complement the barbecue and smokehouse theme, River City is also introducing an expanded drink menu. This new offering will feature a variety of beverages crafted to pair perfectly with their signature dishes, creating an even more enjoyable

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Marti Johnson, owner of the River City Diner and Smokehouse, shows off some of the renovations she has been doing on the iconic Oconto restaurant, and there are more good things to come, she said. CONTRIBUTED

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Maximize seed starting success with chart

Now is the time when many of us are busy ordering seeds. We often end up with many seeds, some new ones we needed or wanted and perhaps a few duplicates of those we have left from past seasons. It is easy to overlook some of these as the indoor and outdoor planting season begins.

Save money by taking inventory of your current seed collection, reducing the risk of ordering seeds you don't need. Decide what seeds you want to keep and grow this season and those you want to pass along to or swap with gardening friends. You may choose to make seed art with older or improperly stored seeds and invest in fresh seeds that are sure to germinate.

If in doubt, check the seed viability of older stored seeds with a simple germination test. Wrap 10 seeds in a damp paper towel and place them inside a



plastic bag. Check the seeds in a week or so to see how many sprout. If all the seeds sprout, follow the planting guidelines on the seed packets. When only half the seeds sprout, you will need to plant the seeds twice as thick and so on.

Check catalogs and your favorite garden center for any seeds you need to purchase. Place your order early for the best selection.

Once the seeds arrive, look at the back of the packet to determine when to start the seeds indoors or out. Many seed companies now provide this information on their website instead of the seed packet. Check with your local University Extension website

for recommended planting dates in your area.

Record the start date on your calendar, garden chart or spreadsheet to make the process easier. Consider organizing your seeds to make it easier to find and plant them at the proper time. You may want to organize the seeds in alphabetical order or by the month for planting. Design a system that works best for you.

You can create your own seed storage organizer or purchase one. Store the seeds in a cool dark location in an airtight container to help maintain their viability and keep them safe from mice.

Once your seed starting schedule is created and seeds are organized, prepare the space for starting seeds indoors, if needed. Make sure your grow lights are in working order and you have sufficient containers, flats and seed starting mix for planting.

Save money by repurposing yogurt, applesauce and similar food containers into seed starting pots. Just clean and add drainage holes. Look for used cell packs, flats and small pots that can be used again. Disinfect these by soaking them in a one-part bleach and nine-part water solution for 10 minutes, then rinse with clear water. Repurposing saves you money and helps reduce plastic waste and the risk of disease that could kill your seedlings.

Taking time to plan and organize now can save you money while helping you maximize the productivity and beauty of your gardens.

Melinda Myers has written over 20 gardening books, including "Midwest Gardener's Handbook," "Revised Edition" and "Small Space Gardening." She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" instant video and DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds and Blooms magazine. Myers' website is www.melindamyers.com.



Save money on plants by starting seeds indoors with grow lights, containers and seed starting mix. MELINDAMYERS.COM

Crows, ravens not easy to differentiate at first glance

The American crow and common raven can be hard to tell apart. Both species are all black, large, make loud raspy calls, and tend to fly out of range too fast to get a really good look at them.

I've learned that there are differences if you have time to spot them; having a good pair of binoculars handy is a big help. According to the Cornell Lab All About Birds website (AAB), the common raven is larger and stockier than the American crow, has a heavier bill, shaggy feathers on the bill and neck, and elongated throat feathers called "hackles" that are raised to show dominance or when threatened.

When in flight, the raven flaps its wings less, soars more and feeds more on carrion than crows do. A distinguishing feature to look for when in flight is the wedged shape to the end of the raven's tail versus the straight edge of the crow's tail.

Both crows and ravens have a large vocal repertoire ranging from croaks, knocks, and rasping calls to mimicking the calls of other birds and animals, even humans according to the AAB website. But the most commonly heard call of the raven is a classic gurgling croak that rises in pitch and is much deeper



The American crow is known to chase larger birds like hawks, as well as being more social than ravens. JOEL TRICK



and more musical than the crow's simple, scratchy caw caw. Learn to recognize these two calls and you will be well on your way to discerning a crow from a raven.

You've likely seen crows chasing larger birds like hawks, swooping and dashing down on the predator from above; this is called mobbing. According to Jennifer Ackerman in her book, "The Bird Way, A New Look at How Birds Talk, Work, Play, Parent, and Think," crows are among the most frequent mobbers.

They make short, loud and repetitive alarm calls when mobbing to alert other birds of danger and to recruit them to join in on the mobbing effort to help drive the threat away.

It's also thought that mobbing is a teaching tool. It teaches inexperienced birds about dangerous predators, and produces more future mobbers to deal with predators. The more "hands on deck" to deal with a threat, the better.

Crows and ravens, like many other birds, are very intelligent. In her book, Ackerman discusses how research has revealed that even though the brains of birds are small, they pack a large number of brain cells into that small space. Corvids (including crows and ravens) have more neu-



Common ravens have a large heavy bill and shaggy feathers along the neck, while American crows do not. LYNETTE THONNE

rons in their forebrain than monkeys. This explains why these birds are capable of mental feats on par with great apes.

Ravens put their intelligence to use in many ways. They may distract animals like river otters and steal away their fish, according to the AAB website. And they sometimes work in pairs to grab eggs or chicks out of seabird colonies; one bird distracts the adult while the other grabs the egg or chick. According to Allen Haney in his book, "Jewels of Nature," ravens may follow wolves knowing they may get an easy meal of "scraps" left at wolf kills.

Ravens and crows are intelligent, but also bold, curious and clever. According to AAB, ravens are skilled aerial acrobats. While

flying, they may perform sudden rolls, wing-tucked dives, and use objects in play such as sticks, dropping and catching them in midair. According to Haney, they also like to collect odds and ends. He reports finding not only bones and feathers (which would be expected) but also a comb, teaspoon and eyeglasses at the base of a raven's nest tree.

Crows are more social than ravens, according to Haney. They live in extended families with three generations helping with nesting and raising of the young. They form large non-breeding flocks that roost and forage for food together. This is likely why when we see one crow, we know that there are more about. Ravens, on the other hand, form long term pair

bonds and raise their young with just the help of their mate.

Interestingly, a large flock of crows is called a "murder." Why? There are several explanations, according to a PBS Nature website, that are based on folktales and superstitions. One associates the presence of crows with an omen of death because they are scavengers that feed on carrion, and are seen at battlefields and in cemeteries. They also tend to circle in large numbers above places where animals or people are expected to die. There's another folktale that crows gather together to decide the capital fate of another crow.

Both the American crow and common raven are seen in Wisconsin, the crow throughout the state and the raven in the northern half. Keep an eye out for these intelligent birds, listen for their calls to help identify them, and watch for that aerial acrobat, the common raven, whose antics you will certainly find amazing and entertaining.

Cathy Carnes is a retired biologist in Oconto who worked with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Green Bay Field Office and prior to that with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Regulatory Branch in Buffalo, New York. As endangered species coordinator for the USFWS, she helped conserve and recover federally listed threatened and endangered species in Wisconsin.

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dining experience for guests.

"We've always prioritized convenience and connection with our community," Johnson said. "Delivery is just the beginning, and we're exploring

online ordering as well, which we hope to roll out in 2025. The addition of a tailored drink menu brings a new dimension to what we offer our customers."

Samantha Routheau, president of the Oconto

Area Chamber of Commerce, expressed her excitement about the changes.

"River City Diner and Smokehouse is a cornerstone of our community," said Routheau. "These ren-

ovations and new services show how committed they are to evolving and meeting the needs of their customers. It's businesses like this that make Oconto a great place to live and work."

With ongoing renova-

tions and ambitious plans for the future, River City is positioning itself as a modern, community-oriented hub.

"We're always looking for ways to improve and give back to our commu-

nity," said Johnson. "This is just the beginning."

For updates and announcements, follow River City Diner and Smokehouse on social media or visit www.rivercityoconto.com.

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Roommate shared King’s dream of better world

Commemorating Martin Luther King Day always takes me back to 1964 when I was a freshman at Mount Mary College in Milwaukee. A first-class academic institution, MMC was also a “finishing school” for pampered girls from wealthy families.

Could a dairy farmer’s daughter fit in? I was about to find out.

From the day I failed at driving a tractor, I was determined to go to college. I worked hard at St. Mary’s Menasha where our teachers were School Sisters of Notre Dame, doing a side gig recruiting girls to pursue a “vocation” at their convent in Mequon. Definitely not nun material, I stubbornly resisted.

It fell to my typing teacher to make one last try my senior year. She was livid when my answer was no and said I was squandering 12 years of Catholic education and thwarting God’s will by not becoming a nun. I ended up with all



A’s, except for that B-plus in typing.

Though I prayed for a way to pay for college, I hadn’t heard anything by March and got desperate enough to consider the convent. Then in April, I was called to the principal’s office. Sister Lucille Marie said I’d won the Frank Sensenbrenner full-tuition scholarship to Mount Mary. It was a great honor, but I knew I couldn’t afford the housing and fees and tearfully declined.

When I got home, Mom said Gertrude Bergstrom, Frank Sensenbrenner’s daughter, had phoned and asked me to call her. A nervous wreck, I dialed her number. When she came on the line, Mrs. Bergstrom

said she was chairman of the Mount Mary Board of Governors. If I went there, she’d pay all my expenses, provided I maintained a B average and kept this a secret until she died. “Yes!” I said. Just like that, this Cinderella had a fairy godmother.

I toured MMC in August, registered for classes and met with the house mother. All went well until she said girls like me often found dorm life at MMC difficult. “Some of your classmates won’t be here for the same reason you are. Their primary purpose is to find a husband, meeting him at socials hosted by MSOE or Marquette fraternities. These events are popular among upper-classmen seeking a suitable wife. Don’t feel bad when you aren’t invited.”

I thought she was joking — until I met my roommate. I knew little about Marianne except what I’d gleaned from one letter written on expensive stationery.

She was from Indiana, had attended a private all-girls high school, and wrote that if I was quiet and neat, we would get along just fine. Splendid.

Mom and Dad proudly drove me down in September, my bulging suitcase and painstakingly packed cardboard box stowed in the trunk. When we found Room 282, Marianne had already staked out her claim. She’d taken the better bed and dresser; her tailored wardrobe occupied three-fourths of the closet. I was unpacking my belongings when she popped in, chirped a bright hello, then frowned in confusion.

Looking us over, she blurted out: “Oh my God, you’re poor.”

I’d never known my father to be at a loss for words, and he did not disappoint. “Rich or poor, we all put on our pants the same way,” he replied.

Marianne’s face turned a bright red as she made a

hasty exit. With no other choice, we had to get along, though it was no fun living with a neat freak — an immaculately groomed, perfectly coiffed witch with a capital B.

In an amazing stroke of luck, Marianne met Mr. Right at a Marquette Halloween party. A handsome preppy, he’d be graduating early to start dental school. She was engaged by Christmas and gone by January, having punched her ticket to a charmed existence as the Stepford Wife of a successful orthodontist.

Me? I hit the jackpot in the replacement roommate lottery. Ramone was also from Indiana, but as one of the few black girls in our dorm, she’d had her own issues adjusting. She was beautiful, inside and out. Gorgeous hair, flawless skin, flashing black eyes and a laugh that made music.

We talked far into the night about the Civil Rights Movement led by a mes-

merizing Baptist preacher named Martin Luther King. Her brother had been at the Lincoln Memorial for Dr. King’s “I Have a Dream” speech. We both joined the International Relations Club, where I acquired my love for politics, travel and history.

Ramone left MMC at the end of sophomore year to care for her brother. He’d been badly beaten on Bloody Sunday (March 7, 1965) when he and 600 other protesters were attacked with clubs and tear gas by law enforcement at the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma. Sadly, I lost track of her, but every MLK Day I remember how we shared the same dream: making the world a better place. Something tells me she succeeded.

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

ASPI auditioning for ‘The Play That Goes Wrong’

Abrams Spotlight Productions Inc. is looking for actors who enjoy making people laugh — without cracking up themselves.

Mike Eserkahn, the artistic director of Comedy City in De Pere, will direct the ASPI spring comedy, “The Play That Goes Wrong.” Eserkahn understands comedy, and he’s looking for men and women, ages 16 and older, who love to make people laugh.

Actors can audition anytime from 6-8 p.m. Jan.

28, or Jan. 29 at the Nancy Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple St., Abrams. Those auditioning are invited to prepare an optional short monologue.

Virtual auditions are available for those unable to audition in person. To schedule a virtual audition, contact ASPI at 920-826-5852 or theater.aspi@gmail.com.

“The Play That Goes Wrong” describes the inept and accident-prone Cornley Polytechnic Drama Society’s attempt to produce

an ambitious 1920s murder mystery. Unfortunately, the set is not yet complete, the props start to disappear, actors go missing, and the set begins to collapse. Mayhem ensues, the acting gets worse, and the set becomes increasingly dangerous. The question is whether any of the cast and crew will remain standing, or conscious, by the final curtain.

The show will be presented May 8-11 and May 15-18 at the Nancy Byng Community Theater.

Wild game banquet coming up in Oconto Falls

Hillside Assembly will be sponsoring its 29th annual Wild Game Banquet on Jan. 25 at Oconto Falls High School, 210 N. Farm Road, Oconto Falls.

Attendees are encouraged to bring their favorite dish to the potluck dinner at 5:30 p.m. with speaker Dean Hulce from “God’s Great Outdoors” at 6:30 p.m. The doors open at 4 p.m.

Hulce is a lifetime hunter who has spent 35 years as a guide in Kodiak Island, Alaska, coastal Florida,

Colorado and Texas. He is a writer for national and regional magazines and newspapers, daily devotionals, and has appeared on hunting and outdoor television programs, videos and podcasts.

Replicas of huge white-tail deer will be on display. Grizzly bear, elk and mule deer mounts will also be featured.

Donation raffle prizes will be available again this year. New this year is a free drawing for a Disabled

American Veteran buck hunt at Butler Rock Ranch. There will be a youth Nerf gun range from 4-5:30 p.m.

Any buck, bear or bull can be brought in for scoring. The event is free, but folks can bring in a canned good for the local food pantry and your their wild game dish. One low level raffle ticket will be given for each wild game dish brought.

For information, call 920-855-2962 or go to www.hillsideassembly.com.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, JAN. 24

SHAWANO: American Red Cross blood drive, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., City Hall, 127 S. Sawyer St. Appointments at Red-CrossBlood.org or 800-733-2767.

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.

SHAWANO: Indoor Rum-mage Sale, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., The Boulevard, 744 E. Green Bay St.

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.

SHAWANO: Indoor Rum-mage Sale, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., The Boulevard, 744 E. Green Bay St.

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.

SUNDAY, JAN. 26

SHAWANO: Indoor Rum-mage Sale, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., The Boulevard, 744 E. Green Bay St.

MONDAY, JAN. 27

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.

SHAWANO: American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Shawano-Menominee kickoff meeting, 5:30 p.m., Shawano County Library, lower level, 128 S. Sawyer St.

ABRAMS: Machickanee Cross Country Ski Club meeting, 7 p.m., Town Hall, 5877 Main St.

TUESDAY, JAN. 28

NAVARINO: Junior Investi-

gator Home School Program, 1-2 p.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. Winter Wonderland hands-on activities. \$5 per child ages 6-12, younger siblings and adults welcome.

ABRAMS: Auditions for Abrams Spotlight Productions play “The Play That Goes Wrong,” 6-8 p.m., Nancy Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple St. For information, 920-826-5852 or abrams-spotlightproductions.com.

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

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 29

ABRAMS: Auditions for Abrams Spotlight Productions play “The Play That Goes Wrong,” 6-8 p.m., Nancy Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple St. For information, 920-826-5852 or abrams-spotlightproductions.com.

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POUND: North Country Kickers line dance lessons, 6:30-9 p.m., Equity Hall, W7403 State Highway 64. \$5 admission. Playing a variety of music. Everyone welcome. For more information, call Nancy 920-829-6316 or Charles 920-606-4370. Weekly through April 2.

THURSDAY, JAN. 30

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

FRIDAY, JAN. 31

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. Third 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, FEB. 1

BONDUEL: Doubles Cribbage Tournament, noon to 7 p.m., Gehm’s Club 117, 117 N. Cecil St. \$20 per team, 100% payout, registration 11 a.m. to noon. Play starts 12:30 p.m., must be 21 unless with parent or guardian. Call 715-758-2164 or stop in at Gehm’s Club 117 to reserve a spot. First 24 teams only.

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SUNDAY, FEB. 2

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Chargers' Granquist hits 1,000 points

Wittenberg-Birnamwood stays perfect at 7-0 in conference play, 13-0 overall

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Jan. 18
Gillett 74, Northland Pines 36

Gillett improved to 12-2 overall with a 74-36 dismantling of Northland Pines.

Gillett is on a four-game winning streak.

Menominee Nation 51, Shiocton 25

Jan. 17
Wittenberg-Birnamwood 66, Manawa 31

Wittenberg-Birnamwood's 66-31 win over Manawa was a special night for Melaina Granquist.

Not only did the high school junior lead her team with 28 points and 13 rebounds, she also hit the 1,000-point mark in scoring.

Rory Salvesen added another 15 points for the Chargers. She also led the team with six assists and seven steals.

"We had a great first half tonight jumping out 20-0," coach Nick Mechelke said. "The girls played exceptional defense tonight."

The Chargers improved to 7-0 in the Central Wisconsin East Conference and 13-0 overall.

Shawano 46, Xavier 44

Shawano pulled out a tough victory over Xavier 46-44.

In the back-and-forth game, Ella Stuber hit two 3-pointers in the second half to give Shawano the lead for good.

Shawano improved to 5-1 in the Bay Conference and 12-3 overall.

Gresham 51, Marion/Tigerton 47

Gresham improved to 4-0 in the Central Wisconsin North Conference with



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Melaina Granquist crossed the 1,000-point threshold in a game against Manawa on Jan. 18. A few days, the Chargers defeated Bonduel (shown here), and Granquist moved to within striking distance of the mark.

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sin North Conference with its 51-47 win over Marion/Tigerton.

Marion/Tigerton dropped to 2-2.

Lena 60, St. Thomas Aquinas Academy 26

Lena didn't let St. Thomas Aquinas Academy score in double digits until the second half as the Wildcats won 60-26 in the Marinette & Oconto Conference matchup.

Lena maintained its hold on first place at 8-1 (12-2 overall).

Kali Fisher led the Wildcats with 15 points

Hannah Thomson scored 12, and Madilyn Thomson added 11.

Madilyn Thomson led the team with nine rebounds and six assists, while Eva Brooks pulled down eight boards and had five assists. Fischer led with three steals.

De Pere 73, Pulaski 43
Ashley Servais led the Red Raiders with 13 points and Olivia Sprangers added 11, but Pulaski pulled up short, losing 73-43 to De Pere.

It was De Pere in charge pretty much from

the start, taking a 38-19 lead at halftime.

Pulaski dropped to 2-7 in the Fox River Classic Conference and 4-10 overall.

Gillett 44, Niagara 40
Bonduel 49, Weyauwega-Fremont 36

Jan. 16
Northland Pines 66, Bowler 23

Jan. 14
Lena 58, Suring 39

Eva Brooks had a huge night for Lena as she led the Wildcats in scoring, rebounds, assists and steals as Lena beat Suring

58-39.

Brooks scored 21 points, pulled down 11 rebounds, was credited with six assists and had five steals.

Madilyn Thomson scored another 17 points, and Kali Fischer had 12. Bunny Cramer led Suring with 18 points.

Lena nearly doubled up on Suring with a 29-14 first half, but things settled down after the break, but Lena still outscored Suring 29-25.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood 63, Bonduel 40

In a battle of first-place teams, Wittenberg-Birnamwood remained unscathed with a 63-40 win over Bonduel.

Melaina Granquist led the Chargers with a double double of 19 points and 10 rebounds. Rory Salvesen scored 14 points, and seven other teammates also scored.

Salvesen led the team with five assists. With three steals each were Salvesen, Brie Ladika and Harper Rogowski.

"We played great team defense, and everyone got involved on the offensive end," Chargers coach Nick Mechelke said. "I was very pleased with the effort we put out on the court tonight."

The Chargers are 12-0 overall, 6-0 in the Central Wisconsin East Conference. Bonduel is 11-4 and 6-1, respectively.

Gresham 74, Bowler 35

Gresham mauled Bowler 74-35 in a Central Wisconsin North Conference game.

Leading the Wildcats were Lexi Baddmoccasin-Barnes with 18 points, Janay Pecore-Kirkland with 16 and Grade Haffner with 14.

Pecore-Kirkland pulled down 15 rebounds. Baddmoccasin-Barnes recorded six assists and eight steals.

Menominee Nation 57, Manawa 47

Urijih Reeves scored 15 points to lead Menominee Nation to a 57-47 win over Manawa.

Natalie Peters paced the Eagles with nine rebounds, and Reeves had another eight. Peters led with six assists, and

GIRLS, CONTINUED ON PAGE 15

Dickman leads hockey team against Marshfield, Northland Pines

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Jan. 18
Marshfield 6, Antigo 5

Owen Dickman scored four goals and Antigo battled back late in the third period but the Red Robins pulled up short, losing 6-5 to Marshfield.

The Tigers took an early 2-0 lead, scoring twice in the first two minutes. Dickman put Antigo on the board at 3:10 with assists from Parker Chaney and Eli Kassler.

Marshfield scored again to take a 3-1 lead. Dickman's second goal came at 9:58 with assists from Kassler and Ethan Novy. Kassler then tied the game at 3-3 at 12:26 with an assist from Dickman.

The Tigers then seemed

to get the better of the Red Robins, going up 4-3 after two periods and taking a 6-3 lead early in the third period.

Dickman, with a Kassler assist, scored at 7:23 and then brought the Red Robins even closer with his fourth goal of the game at 13:24. Unfortunately, that was all the scoring Antigo could muster.

Antigo made the most of its shots on goal, connecting on five of its 19 shots. Marshfield had 39 shots on goal, with Antigo's Richie Veriha notching 33 saves.

Each team was penalized four times for eight minutes.

With his four goals and one assist, Dickman leads the Red Robins with 44

overall points. He is followed by Kassler with 33 and Liam Burt with 10.

Jan. 16
Shawano/Bonduel 7, Beaver Dam 5

After a somewhat quiet first period, Shawano/Bonduel found its footing and scored several times in the second and third periods to beat Beaver Dam 7-5.

Trailing 2-0 after the first period, Kielman Armbruster put Shawano/Bonduel on the board with a goal at 5:20 in the second period; Cameron Schroeder assisted. Just 37 seconds later, Bryce Lammers tied the game at 2-2 with a goal and an assist from Max Huntington.

Blake Swedberg put Shawano/Bonduel up 3-2 with a score at 14:03,

and Gavin Hundt scored at 15:06 with help from Waylon Snider to make it 4-2. The Golden Beavers scored at the end of the second period.

Beaver Dam tied the game at 4-4 at 5:13 in the third period. Blake Knope put Shawano/Bonduel bacon top 5-4 at 7:42, only to see Beaver Dam tie the score at 5-5 at 13:58.

Wyatt Schroeder scored at 14:20 to give Shawano/Bonduel the lead. At 16:23, Hundt ended the scoring with his second goal.

Beaver Dam edged Shawano/Bonduel 8-5 on shots on goal in the first period, but Shawano/Bonduel reversed the trend 11-8 in the second period and 13-12 in the third.

Kaiden Thornborrow

notched 23 saves for the visitors.

The Golden Beavers were penalized twice for four minutes, and Shawano/Bonduel was called for three infractions for six minutes.

Antigo 5, Northland Pines 3

Owen Dickman recorded a hat trick with one goal in each period as Antigo beat Northland Pines 5-3.

The Red Robins scored first on a goal by Eli Kassler just 22 seconds into the game. Dickman assisted.

The Eagles tied the game at 1-1 at 9:18, only to see Dickman get his first goal and the Antigo lead at 12:35. Kassler assisted on the go-ahead goal.

Dickman scored his

second goal at 3:12 in the second period to put Antigo up 3-1. Northland Pines scored at 11:14.

Dickman's third goal came at 13:28 in the third period to put the Red Robins on top 4-2; Kassler assisted. Northland Pines scored at 14:20. Kassler notched his second goal at 15:04 to end the scoring.

The Eagles attempted nearly three times as many shots as the Red Robins, but their shots came up empty. Northland Pines had 44 shots on goal, compared to 17 for Antigo. Richie Veriha recorded 41 saves for Antigo.

Penalties were at a minimum, with the Eagles penalized once and the Red Robins called for two of them.

Lena wrestlers go 2-1 at home quad

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Jan. 17
Lena Quad
Lena's boys wrestlers went 2-1 at their home quad, defeating Kewaunee and Bonduel but losing to D.C. Everest.

Lena 41, Kewaunee 21
Lena started with three wins over Kewaunee. At 106 pounds, Isaac Peterson won 16-0 on a technical fall. Sam Peterson won at 114 on a forfeit, and Brayden Graef won at 120 on a pin in 1:01.

Parker Boomsma lost 16-13 at 126 for Lena's first defeat. That was followed by a double forfeit at 132.

Lucas Heimke pulled out a pin in 1:33 at 138. However, Len'a Riley Windus and Erik Kosch lost the decision at 138 and 144, respectively.

Quinton McDonald won by a pin in 22 seconds at 157, and Max Peterson won by forfeit at 165.

Lena forfeited at 175, Kewaunee forfeited at 190, and there was a double forfeit at 215.

Kewaunee's Mitchell

Boeder won the 285 match over Lena's Dylan Urbanek with a pin in 57 seconds.

Lena 54, Bonduel 24
Lena captured the first three matches against Bonduel, with the 113 and 126 matches won by forfeit. At 120, Graef pinned John Parsons in 3:19.

There was a double forfeit at 132, followed by Heimke winning by forfeit at 138.

There was a return to action at 144 with Bonduel's Aiden RoBarge pinning Windus in 1:28. Kosch pinned Dylan Hillsberg in 1:06 at 150, and Max Peterson won by medical forfeit over Matthew Walenta at 157.

Colin Fischer pinned McDonald in 38 seconds at 165, and Bonduel's Ryley Kurtz pinned Lena's Collin Van Ark in 5:04 at 175.

Lena's Colt Miller pinned Bonduel's Jayden Popp in 2:50 at 190. Bonduel's last win of the match was at 215 when Isaac Seefeldt won by forfeit. Urbanek pinned Jackson

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Boivin jersey retired



Former Menominee Tribal School athlete and alumna Pam Boivin had her jersey retired by Mike Clark, athletic director. Clark had Boivin as a student at the school, where she excelled in volleyball, basketball, cheerleading and softball. Boivin now coaches the Sacred Heart Cardinals.

Barkley places fourth at Wausau meet

By NEW Media Staff

Jan. 18
Wausau Warrior Women's Challenge
There was plenty of stiff competition at the Wausau Warrior Women's Challenge with more than 75 schools and 500 female wrestlers participating on the mats.

"The team wrestled well today as we faced very tough competition," Shawano coach Mike Homan said. "There were many returning state champions at today's tournament."

Adalyn Barkley placed fourth overall in the 145 bracket.

"She has had a great season so far and gets better every single match that she wrestles," Homan said. "She is a team leader and excels on the mat. She is always looking to improve."

GIRLS, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 14

Reevis had four. Peters again set the pace with six steals, as Anisa Waupoose and Lena Waukau each contributed four.

Manitowoc Lincoln 40, Pulaski 29
Seven Red Raiders found the scoreboard in the team's 40-29 loss to Manitowoc Lincoln, but none had more than six points.

Lily Urben and Olivia Sprangers each scored six points.

Gillett 57, St. Thomas Aquinas Academy 17
Marion/Tigerton 29, Northland Lutheran 25
Oconto Falls 62, Clintonville 24

Jan. 13
Menominee Nation 81, Port Edwards 27
Urijih Reevis scored 23 points and nine teammates also scored as Menominee Nation tripled up on Port

Edwards 81-27.

Aaliyah Corn scored 10 points for the Eagles.

Also contributing were

Mylee Dixon, Keira Nacotee, Darcie Spruce, Cecilia Grignon, Lena Waukau, Taylesia Pamoncutt,

Natalie Peters and Charlotte Fish.

Wausau led the team

with 11 rebounds.

Peters led with five assists, and Reevis had six

steals.

Manawa 62, Marion/Tigerton 29

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Bonduel boys basketball team wins again

Jan. 18 Northland Pines 83, Gillett 16

The Eagles had their fill of the Tigers as Northland Pines tore apart Gillett 83-16 in non-conference action.

Shiocton 72, Menominee Nation 48

Each half was nearly identical in Shiocton's 72-48 win over Menominee Nation in a Central Wisconsin Each Conference game.

Shiocton scored 35 points in the first half and 37 in the second. The Eagles scored 24 points before and after the break.

Kenew Awonohopay led the Eagles with 23 points, while Ryan Corn added 14.

Xavier 96, Shawano 63

Shawano and Xavier are heading in opposite directions in the Bay Conference following Xavier's 96-63 win.

Xavier is 5-1, while Shawano is 1-5 (2-10 overall).

Shawano trailed by a manageable 42-37 score at halftime, but the hosts blew the game open with a 54-26 second half.

Logan Sipple led Shawano with 23 points. Nine other players also scored.

Jan. 17 Little Chute 71, Oconto Falls 31

Evan Yuma scored 12 points and Jameson Beaman had 11 in Oconto Falls' 71-31 loss to Little Chute.

Yuma also led the Panthers with eight rebounds. JJ Pytleski had three steals, and with one assist each were Yuma, Chase Cariveau, Croix Gardebrecht, Emerich Skarban, Beaman, Aydien Wold and Pytleski.

De Pere 81, Pulaski 68 Jan. 16

Tigerton 72, Northland Lutheran 46

James Brady scored 27 points and pulled down 15 rebounds as Tigerton defeated Northland Lutheran 72-46 in a Central Wisconsin North Conference game.

Maverick Maass and Joey Zimdars each scored 14 points for the Tigers.

Sam Anheuser led the team with five assists and five steals.

Wittenberg-Birn

wood 60, Manawa 38

Wittenberg-Birnwood jumped out to a 38-16 lead by halftime and maintained the 22-point margin throughout the second half to win 60-38 over Manawa.

"We played a solid first half tonight and didn't really separate any more in the second," coach Garrett Rogowski said. "Oliver Fraaza had a very nice performance in the first half, then got in foul trouble."

Jett Rogowski led the Chargers with 21 points (include 7-of-12 free throw attempts), followed by Fraaza with 16 (including 12 in the first half) and Jaden Clark with 10.

Bonduel 78, Weyauwega-Fremont 29

Nine players scored for Bonduel as the Bears manhandled Weyauwega-Fremont 78-29.

Quinn Wesenberg and Race Anvelink each scored 14 points, with Carter Moesch adding 12 and Cade Johnson with 10. Mason Zuleger and Wesenberg each connected on a trio of 3-pointers.

Gillett 59, Suring 54

Jesse DeBauch scored more than half of Gillett's points as the Tigers snuck past the Suring Eagles 59-54.

DeBauch had 32 points, and Ryan Pensis added 14.

For the Eagles, Michael Bailey led with 16 points, followed by Taylor Booth Stoffregen with 13 and

Donny Otradovec with 12.

Coleman 62, Lena 55

Coleman and Lena were tied at 29-29 at halftime, but the Cougars pulled away with a 33-26 second half to beat the Wildcats 62-55.

Lena was led by Mason Belongia's 20 points and Mason Spice's 19.

White Lake 51, Bowler 46

Gresham 46, Marion 45

Jan. 14 Bonduel 71, Valders 58

Ryan Westrich had a double double with 24 points and 14 rebounds in Bonduel's 71-58 win over Valders.

Quinn Wesenberg dropped in five 3-pointers and had 20 total points.

Race Anvelink scored another 10 for the Bears.

Gresham 65, Faith Christian Academy 46

Four players scored in double digits as Gresham beat Wausau's Faith Christian Academy 65-46.

Kevin Miller and Thomas Kaquatosh each scored 16 points Kaquatosh also led the Wildcats with 11 rebounds, and Miller had eight.

Wyatt Neitzer scored 12 points, and Kobe Miller had 10.

Neitzer and Kobe Miller each recorded three assists, and Neitzer had four steals.

Oconto Falls 76, Clintonville 31

Jameson Beaman scored 30 points to lead Oconto

Falls to a 76-31 win over Clintonville.

JJ Pytleski scored another 11, and Chase Cariveau had 10.

Beaman had a double double with 10 rebounds to lead the Panthers. Emerich Skarban had nine, and Cariveau had eight.

Cariveau led the team with five assists, while Beaman had three steals.

Pulaski 60, Manitowoc Lincoln 52

Down 27-26 to halftime, the Red Raiders clawed their way back in the second half to beat Manitowoc Lincoln 60-52.

Shawano 63, Green Bay East 56

The Hawks earned their second win of the season with a 63-56 win over Green Bay East.

Logan Sipple led the game with 22 points, and Crew Weisnicht added 14.

Tigerton 82, Elcho 31

Tigerton had little difficulty in dispatching Elcho 82-31.

The Tigers pounced out to a huge 51-12 halftime lead and added another 12 points to the margin of victory with a 31-19 second half.

Maverick Mass led Tigerton with 17 points, followed by Sam Anheuser with 16, James Brady with 14 and Gavin Kielblock

with 11.

Rosholt 63, Suring 60 Jan. 13

Gillett 68, Coleman 58

Jesse DeBauch scored 48 points, and Gillett slowly pulled away in the second half to defeat Coleman 68-58.

He also led his teammates with 21 rebounds. Jed Herzog had another 10. DeBauch led Gillett with three assists and three steals.

Lena 66, Wausaukee 63

Manawa 71, Marion 29 Wittenberg-Birnwood 96, Lakeland Union 63

Menominee Nation 77, Port Edwards 69

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OBITUARIES

Richard ‘Dick’ Kessen

Richard Bradley “Dick” Kessen, 74, died unexpectedly, yet peacefully, on Saturday, Jan. 11, 2025, at his home in Eland, with his little dog, Ute, at his side.

Dick was born on April 24, 1950, in Shawano, the third son of Harris and Nellie (Pietz) Kessen. He lived most of his life in Bowler, graduated from Bowler High School in 1968 and then enlisted and served his country in the Army National Guard for the next six years.

Dick was united in marriage to Pamela Henry on March 13, 1969, at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Bowler. She preceded him in death on July 5, 1997.

Dick worked in the automotive industry until his retirement. He was the parts manager for All Car Automotive in Antigo, service manager for Brickner’s in Schofield and service writer for Fred Mueller Automotive in Schofield.



Dick and Pam enjoyed shooting pool, snowmobiling and gardening. They also enjoyed camping at Star Campsite and later created a small campground for family and friends on their property east of Birnamwood.

Dick is survived by two sons, Mark and Chad, both of Birnamwood; grandchildren, Jordan (Katie) Kessen, of Birnamwood, and Kayleen Johnson, of Cass Lake, Minnesota; and great-grand-

children, Jazmyn Johnson and Serenity Moenke.

He is further survived by brothers, Clifford (Audrey) Kessen, of Tigerton, Larry (Cathy) Kessen and Tommy (Deb) Kessen, both of Birnamwood; brothers- and sisters-in-law, Kenneth Henry Jr., of Bowler, LaMonte (Janet) Henry, of Tomahawk, Steve (Diane) Henry, of Birnamwood, David (Barbara) Henry, of Deerbrook, Linda (Clayton) Laszewski, of Wausau, Susan Henry, of Schofield, and Lisa Cox, of Antigo.

Dick is also survived by many nieces and nephews and special friend, Pamela Daffron.

In addition to his wife and parents, Dick was preceded in death by brother-in-law, Scott Henry, and grandson, Aaron Pingel.

A funeral service was held Thursday, Jan. 16, 2025, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Birnamwood. Burial was in Forest Cem-

etry, Birnamwood. Schmidt and Schulta Funeral Home, Birnamwood, is assisting the family with arrangements. Memories and messages of support may be shared at schmidtschulta.com.

Delores R. Rohloff

Delores R. Rohloff, 89, of Shawano, passed away peacefully on Jan. 6, 2025. A celebration of life/ memorial service was held at Zion Lutheran Church in Shawano on Saturday, Jan. 18, 2025.

Connie J. Hoffmann

Connie J. Hoffmann, 71, of the Town of Wyoming, passed away Jan. 10, 2025. Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory, Clintonville.

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 Pt 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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Balthazor, Danielle P O Box 157 Bowler WI 54416	396.00	Holts on Grand 513 W Grand Port Washington WI 53074	20.41	Reed, Michele 105 N Warrington St Apt 2C Cecil WI 54111	250.00
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Cafe Ole Mexican Restaurant 575 Swan Rd De Pere WI 54115	49.52	Krueger, Sandra 401 W 5 th St Shawano WI 54166	80.00	Sanapaw, Julie N613 Chief Shunien Rd Keshena WI 54135	300.00
Clarksen, Brian P O Box 5211 De Pere WI 54115	277.17	Lapointe, Emily Grace 919 Lakeside Ave Eau Claire WI 54703	25.20	Schoop, Anthony 7014 W Sheridan Ave Milwaukee WI 53218	2,500.00
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				Zastrow, Margaret 621 W Green Bay St Bonduel WI 54107	20.41

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT,
WINNEBAGO COUNTY

Plaintiff(s):
Petit & Dommershausen, SC
1650 Midway Rd.
Menasha WI 54952

-vs-
Defendant(s):
Dylan M Giese
W7621 County Rd. MMM
Shawano WI 54166

Publication Summons and Notice

(Small Claims)
Case No. 2024SC003523
Publication Summons and Notice of Filing

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: Winnebago County Courthouse clerk of court: 920-236-4858 Courtroom/Room Number: 150 415 Jackson St. Oshkosh State WI Zip 54901 March 12, 2025 Time: 3:30 p.m. If you do not attend the hearing, the court may enter a judgment against you in favor of the person(s) suing you. A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate (property) you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property. You may have the option to Answer without appearing in court on the court date by filing a written Answer with the clerk of court before the court date. You must send a copy of your Answer to the Plaintiff(s) named above at their address. You may contact the clerk of court at the telephone number above to determine if there are other methods to answer a Small Claims complaint in that county. Plaintiff/Attorney
Dylan Gehrtz 1099170
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1650 Midway Rd.
Menasha, WI 54952
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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT,
SHAWANO, COUNTY

Publication Summons and Notice (Small Claims)
Case No. 25 SC 12

Plaintiff(s):
Nsighttel Wireless LLC, d/b/a Cellcom
P.O. Box 5301
De Pere WI 54115

-VS-
Defendant(s):
Frank C. O Kimosh
712 1/2 S Franklin St.
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 715-526-9347 Courtroom/Room Number. Branch 2 Address: 311 N Main St Shawano, WI Zip 54166 on the following date and time: 02/04/25 1:00 a.m. S pm.

If you do not attend the hearing, the court may enter a judgment against you in favor of the person(s) suing you. A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate (property) you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property. You may have the option to Answer without appearing in court on the court date by filing a written Answer with the clerk of court before the court date. You must send a copy of your Answer to the Plaintiff(s) named above at their address. You may contact the clerk of court at the telephone number above to determine if there are other methods to answer a Small Claims complaint in that county.
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Dakota Kay Bannister-Wiegand

By Ava Watson

NOTICE and ORDER for Name Chance Hearing case No.25cv04

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: Dakota Kay Bannister-Wiegand To: Dakota Kay Wiegand
Birth Certificate: Dakota Kay Wiegand

IT IS ORDERED:
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Shawano County State of Wisconsin: Judge's name: Judge Katherine Sloma 311 N Main St Shawano WI 03/10/2025 8:30 a.m. If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-526- 9347 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT SHAWANO COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Frank J. Roe Jr.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Informal Administration) Case Number - 25pr01

DOD 12/23/2024

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE :
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 01/04/1962 and date of death 12/23/2024, was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address 307 Mills St, Shawano, WI 54166, USA.
3. All interested persons waived notice. You do not need to appear unless you object. The application may be granted if there is no objection.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate 04/22/2025.
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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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\$25M grant to improve highways 47, 55

Gov. Tony Evers, together with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT), celebrate the announcement of two \$25 million grants awarded by the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity program, which is funded through the Biden-Harris administration’s Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

The federal investment supports the state Highway 47 and state Highway 55 improvement project on the Menominee Reservation, as well as the National Avenue Complete Streets project in Milwaukee. The program supports surface transportation

infrastructure projects with significant local or regional impact that are difficult to fund through other programs.

“These projects build on the momentum of the meaningful investments we’ve made in recent years to upgrade our aging infrastructure, reduce reckless driving and improve road safety in Wisconsin,” Evers said. “This investment allows us to support all transportation users and improve the quality of life in historically underserved communities. The upgrades will keep pedestrians and transit riders safer in Milwaukee and address the infrastructure and safety needs of the Menominee Indian Tribe

of Wisconsin.”

DOT is partnering with the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin to resurface nearly 40 miles of road and replace about 100 culverts. Road improvements include safety features such as guard-rail upgrades, center line rumble strips, shoulder widening and 6-inch pavement marking, as well as the relocation of a pull-off area near Markton. The project will also add multi-modal improvements near Neopit, including lighting, curb ramps compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act and sidewalk replacements.

The highways serve as the primary connections between the rural Menom-

inee Nation and north central Wisconsin, playing a vital role in economic development and facilitating tourism to the region, but this infrastructure is aging and requires frequent repairs.

“The National Avenue and Menominee Nation projects improve mobility, connectivity and safety for two communities whose current infrastructure conditions limit their economic opportunities,” DOT Secretary Kristina Boardman said. “We sought feedback from residents and developed unique designs that will transform and modernize services to support the different needs of these urban and rural areas.

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Now, when there’s a vacancy, the highest number of applicants hovers around 20.

“The availability of people who want to get into this line of work has decreased considerably,” Rabideau said. “There’s probably a lot of different reasons for it, and one is there’s a multitude of different options for young people, which is good, and with this career, let’s face it. You’re going to work weekends. You’re going to work holidays. You’re going to work nights. I worked nights for 17 years. That has an effect on you as a person.”

For Rabideau, the decision to go into law enforcement stemmed from seeing his father work as a paramedic. He met the police officers who

worked with his father and learned the importance of service to the community, pointing out that he was amazed to see someone leave their family on a moment’s notice to help a stranger.

Making a difference was important to Rabideau, but even more so as he rose up in the ranks. He saw his role as leader to involve helping the police department do what was necessary to make Shawano better.

“When I took the promotion to lieutenant, my thought process at the time was that I wanted a seat at the table to help with decision making and the direction of the department, and that same process has applied all the way to becoming chief,” Rabideau said. “Being cap-

tain meant an even bigger seat at the table.”

One of the more rewarding points in the career for Rabideau was when he became a K-9 handler. Once he got his dog back from training, his first call out revealed a vehicle was carrying marijuana.

“It wasn’t much at the time,” Rabideau said. “That’s when I realized, ‘Wow, this really works.’”

While there have been plenty of high points to being in law enforcement, Rabideau said there have been times that have been difficult. One time, his wife used what Rabideau described as “tough love” to snap him out of a funk.

“We were sitting on the back porch, and I was probably being pretty negative about the job

and life in general,” he said. “She looked at me and said, ‘Listen. You can either quit or change your attitude.’”

In a couple of weeks, Rabideau will be passing the torch to new chief Mike Musolf. Rabideau believes it’s best to leave a place in a better condition than when he first arrived, and he’s hoping that tradition will continue.

“My hope is that, when Mike comes in, he’s able to continue to improve on that, as I’ve learned from (previous police chief) Dan Mauel,” Rabideau said. “That’s the natural progression. I’m excited for Mike and the department to see the things they’re going to do in the future.”

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“We need additional revenue to come in just to maintain the services that we are required to perform,” Davel said.

Prior to Kautza’s motion to lower the fee, Supervisor Randy Young suggested another idea. Young, who represents

the city on the county board, said the city fee was based on 8,000 eligible vehicles. He suggested exempting the city’s 8,000 vehicles, which would leave 29,350 eligible vehicles in the county. Further, he suggested charging everyone else \$40, which would raise \$1,174,000.

“If you don’t like the \$40, and you want to leave it at \$25, that’s fine, but I think it’s only fair that we remove the city residents that are already paying the \$40,” he said.

He also said that whatever rate is set, Tigerton residents, who pay a \$10 annual wheel tax, would have that amount subtracted from the county fee.

Supervisor Kathy Luebke said she is completely against the wheel tax.

Many people own property in the county but live elsewhere, she said. They travel on the roads all the time but won’t have to pay the fee.

“They’re using our roads. They’re not contributing to this at all,” she said. “They’re smiling. They ruin our roads, but that’s not their problem.”

She suggested somehow

adding it to the tax roll for all property owners to pay or not do it all.

Davel said that with a wheel tax, renters would also pay, not just the landlords.

“Affect what you can affect,” he said. “You can’t affect that. They already pay property tax. They drive in to see their property, but they don’t live here. They register their vehicle in a different part of the state, or out of state. Focus on what you can do, not what you want.”

Luebke said she is concerned about equity.

Young said the same equity argument holds true for exempting city residents.

“City residents use county roads. County residents use city roads,” he said. “We’re all in it together.”

Supervisor Bill Switalla, who represents the Wittenberg area, questioned how you can apply a tax only to certain residents.

“I do agree it’s not fair to Shawano (city),” he said. “I don’t agree that we can just leave Shawano out of it.”

Kautza asked what

would stop every municipality from adopting their own wheel tax and keeping all the revenue for themselves. Then, the county gets nothing.

“We can’t start picking and choosing,” he said.

Last year, the county repaved 9.6 miles of roads. This year, 8.6 miles are budgeted, Davel said.

Most likely, there would be no additional money for roads and bridges. Some of the money normally used for roads and bridges would be relocated to other departments.

“The bottom line here is highway’s probably going to get the same amount of money, but it’s going to be less contribution from the budget (general fund),” Switalla said.

Kautza, Capelle, Luebke and Tess Serrano voted in favor of reducing the fee to \$20. Switalla and Young opposed that amendment.

On the final, amended motion that would establish the wheel tax and set it at \$20, Kautza, Capelle, Switalla and Serrano voted in favor, with Luebke and Young opposing.

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COURT NEWS

PUBLIC RECORD

Kevin E. Lyons, 45, Gresham, was found guilty at a jury trial July 10 of seven counts of battery or threat to a law officer, one count of attempted battery or threat to a law officer, two misdemeanor counts each of resisting or obstructing an officer and disorderly conduct. Judge Katherine Sloma sentenced him Jan. 13 to 10 years in prison, followed by 15 years of extended supervision with conditions.

Dylan M. Giese, 25, Shawano, pleaded no contest Jan. 13 to child abuse recklessly causing great harm, first-degree recklessly endangering safety and second-degree recklessly endangering safety. Sloma sentenced him to two years in prison, followed by five years of extended supervision with conditions. Giese was given credit for 318 days already served.

Cassandra L. Gipp, 34, Cecil, was charged Jan. 13 with possession of drug paraphernalia to manufacture methamphetamine, maintaining a drug trafficking place, possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), possession of methamphetamine, five counts of misdemeanor bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Judge William Kussel Jr. set a \$1,000 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for March 19.

Denny James Frieland, 44, Cecil, was charged Jan. 13 with possession of drug paraphernalia to manufacture methamphetamine, maintaining a drug trafficking place, possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor counts of possession of THC and possession of drug paraphernalia. Kussel set a \$10,000 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for March 31.

Brandon J. Gipp, 30, Cecil, was charged Jan. 13 with five counts of felony bail jumping, maintaining a drug trafficking place, possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), and misdemeanor

counts of using or possession with intent to use a masking agent and possession of drug paraphernalia. Kussel set a \$1,500 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for March 13.

Tyler J. Thunder, 22, Keshena, was charged Jan. 13 with felony bail jumping. Kussel set a \$1,500 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for March 25.

Johnathon K. A. Neumann, 34, Wittenberg, was charged Jan. 13 with two counts of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (second offense). Kussel set a \$5,000 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for Jan. 29.

Richard A. Pingel, 36, Wittenberg, was charged Jan. 14 with burglary to commit a battery on a person, burglary while armed with a dangerous weapon, first-degree recklessly endangering safety, possession of a short-barreled shotgun or rifle, failure to comply with a person taking a person into custody, two counts of possession of a firearm by a person convicted of a felony, and misdemeanor counts of battery, disorderly conduct and operating a firearm while intoxicated. Kussel set a \$10,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Jan. 17.

Orman D. Waukau, 39, Shawano, was charged Jan. 14 with four counts of felony bail jumping. Kussel set a \$1,500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Jan. 21.

Jessica L. Tepiew, 41, Neopit, was charged Jan. 16 with fleeing an officer in her vehicle, five counts of misdemeanor bail jumping, and misdemeanor counts of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (second offense), possession of THC, possession of an illegally obtained prescription, and resisting or obstructing an officer. Kussel set a \$3,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Jan. 21.

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT

Jan. 19
Deputies responded to 20 incidents, including property theft on Hillview Road in the Town of Hutchins, child abuse on East Green Bay Street in Bonduel; assisting the fire department on Willow Creek Road in the Town of Pella; assisting the fire department on state Highway 22 in the Town of Belle Plaine; one 911 call; two reckless driving incidents; one welfare check; five crashes, one involving deer.

Jan. 18
Deputies responded to 30 incidents, including property theft on Stone Avenue in Mattoon; assisting the fire department on U.S. Highway 45 in Marion; warrant on County Road Z in Aniwa; sick animal on East Westgor Avenue in Wittenberg; assisting the fire department on Opperman Way in the Town of Richmond; noise on Old Lake Lane in the Town of Wescott; two 911 calls; three reckless driving incidents; two traffic hazards; one welfare check; two crashes.

Jan. 17
Deputies responded to 37 incidents, including assisting the fire department on Hatchery Road in the Town of Seneca; trespassing on Lessor-Navarino Road in the Town of Navarino; assisting the fire department at S&K Hardwoods, 295 U.S. Highway 45 in Birnamwood; sick animal on Murphys Road in the Town of Bartelme; assisting the fire department on Chrissie Circle in the Town of Washington; operating without a license on state Highway 29 in the Town of Herman; operating without a license on Waukechon Street in Shawano; operating without a license on East Grand Avenue; drugs on state Highway 22 in the Town of Belle Plaine; animal bite on Norrie Road in the Town of Birnamwood; three 911 calls; six reckless driving incidents; two traffic hazards; two welfare checks; two crashes.

Jan. 16
Deputies responded to 19

incidents, including recovering a stolen vehicle on state Highway 22 in the Town of Belle Plaine; dive team call on Maders Circle in the Town of Wescott; operating while intoxicated on Waukechon Street in Shawano; operating while intoxicated on South Airport Drive in Shawano; three 911 calls; one reckless driving incident; two traffic hazards; one welfare check.

Jan. 15
Deputies responded to 27 incidents, including a warrant at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main St., Shawano; eviction on East Randall Street in Shawano; scam on Tower Road in the Town of Germania; warrant arrest at Dollar General, 410 N. State Highway 22, Cecil; assisting the fire department on County Road D in the Town of Almon; four reckless driving incidents; two traffic hazards; two welfare checks; two crashes, one involving deer.

Jan. 14
Deputies responded to 30 incidents, including a warrant at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main St., Shawano; trespassing on Pine Street in Eland; assisting the fire department on Hillcrest Drive in the Town of Washington; sick animal on Riverside Drive in the Town of Wescott; one 911 call; one reckless driving incident; four crashes.

Jan. 13
Deputies responded to 32 incidents, including an eviction on Prospect Circle in Shawano; sick animal on County Road J

in the Town of Almon; fleeing and pursuit on Camp 14 Road in the Town of Bartelme; four 911 calls; two traffic hazards; three welfare checks; two crashes.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Jan. 19
Officers responded to 21 incidents, including neglected animals on South Lafayette Street; assisting the fire department on West First Street; trespassing on Lakeland Road; threatening on Oak Court; two 911 calls; six welfare checks; one crash.

Jan. 18
Officers responded to 13 incidents, including two drug offense calls at undisclosed locations; juvenile problem on South River Street; one 911 call; one welfare check.

Jan. 17
Officers responded to 24 incidents, including operating without a license on North Sawyer Street; three truancy calls at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; drugs at Family Dollar, 413 S. Main St.; animal bite on West Picnic Street; restraining order violation on North Lafayette Street; two 911 calls; one reckless driving incident; two welfare checks; one crash.

Jan. 16
Officers responded to 20 incidents, including drugs in an undisclosed location; shoplifting at Kwik Trip, 1241 E. Green Bay St.; vehicle theft on South Andrews Street; found property

at the Shawano Police Department, 125 S. Sawyer St.; internet sex crime at an undisclosed location; warrant arrest on East Division Street; one 911 call; three welfare checks.

Jan. 15
Officers responded to 12 incidents, including truancy at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; operating without a license on Teddington Lane; scam on East Lieg Avenue; operating without a license on South Andrews Street; one 911 call; one crash.

Jan. 14
Officers responded to 24 incidents, including assisting the fire department at Strive Behavioral Solutions, 1542 Industrial Drive; property theft at Diablo’s, 1045 E. Green Bay St.; noise on Acorn Street; two warrant arrests at different locations on Picnic Street; two welfare check; three crashes.

Jan. 13
Officers responded to 28 incidents, including found property at the Shawano Police Department, 125 S. Sawyer St.; assisting the fire department at Shawano Health Services, 1436 S. Lincoln St.; four truancy calls at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; resisting and interfering with police on South Waupoose Street; bail jumping at Charlie’s County Market, 521 S. Main St.; juvenile problem at an undisclosed location; three 911 calls; four reckless driving incidents; two welfare checks.

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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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REMINDER

TO CITY OF SHAWANO TAXPAYERS

REGARDING 2024 REAL ESTATE TAXES

The 1st installment of your 2024 Real Estates taxes is due by Friday, January 31, 2025. Reminder, City Hall closes at 11:00 AM on Friday's.

Mail payments to City of Shawano, 127 S. Sawyer St., Shawano WI 54166. We accept checks, money orders, or cashier's checks. Checks should be made payable to the City of Shawano.

We encourage taxpayers to make their payments by checks. If paying in cash, we do require that you have the exact amount, including the change.

As a reminder, if you mail your payment, a receipt will not be provided unless a self-addressed, stamped envelope is included with payment.

Thank you.
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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:

Quote #1

Bituminous Paving Mix Material for asphalt paving projects to include Bituminous Paving Mix Material for County LRIP projects located on CTH M, CTH D, CTH CC, and CTH N.

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.

SHAWANO COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMISSION

Grant Bystol, Commissioner
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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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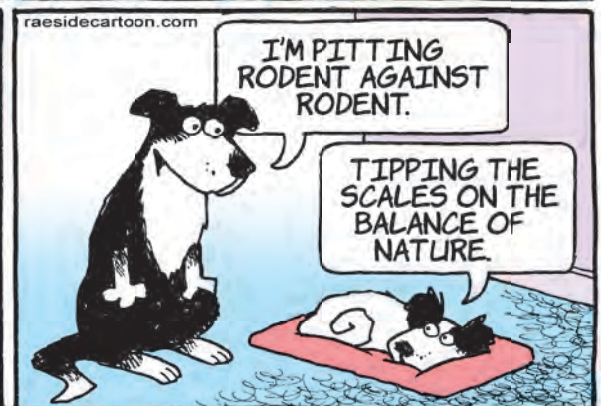
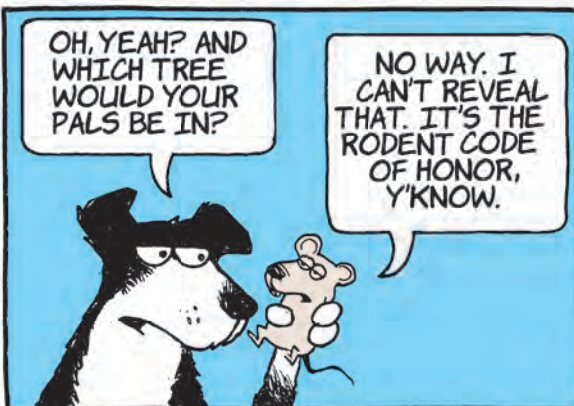
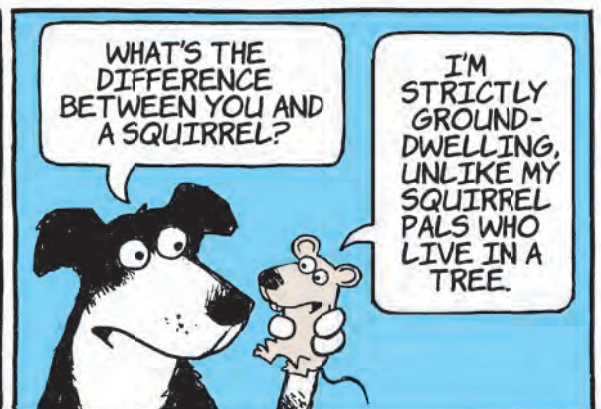
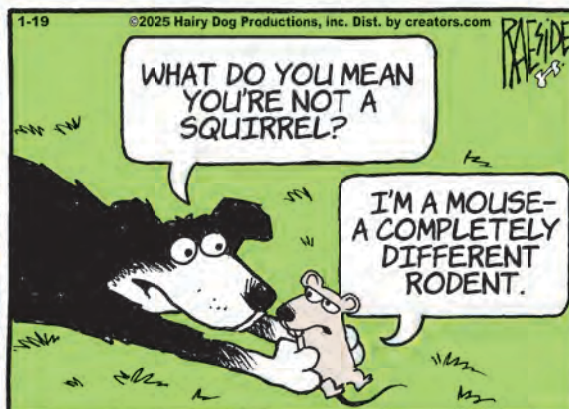
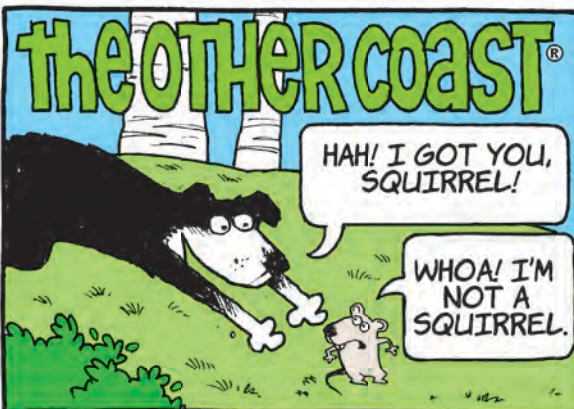
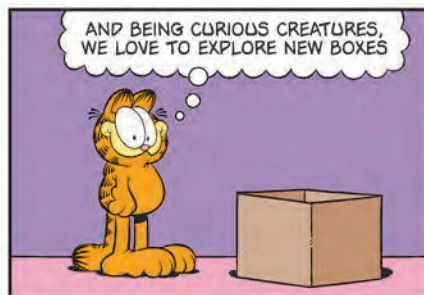
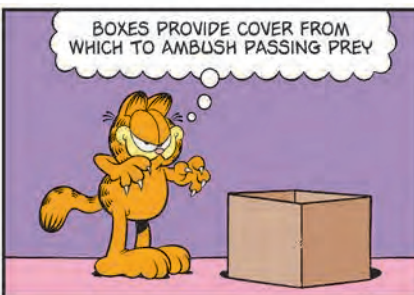
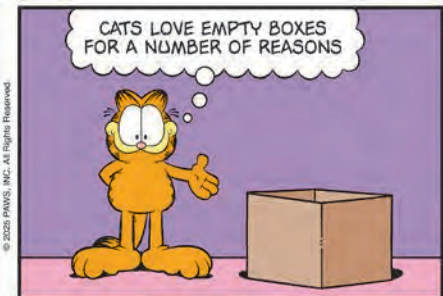
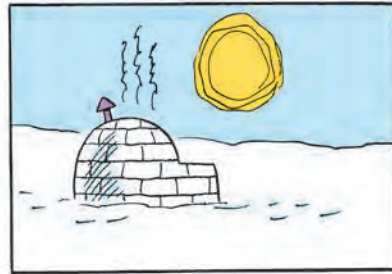
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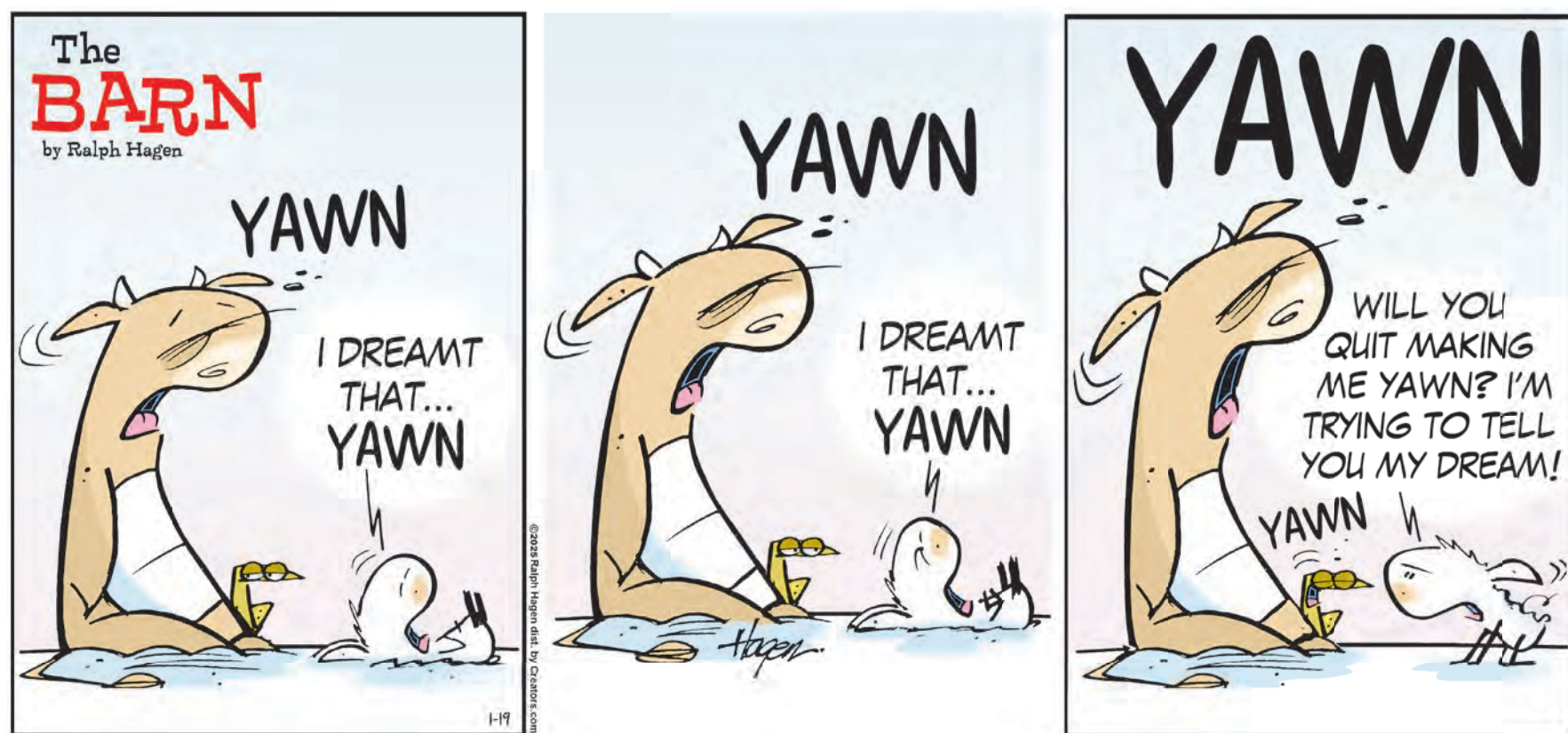
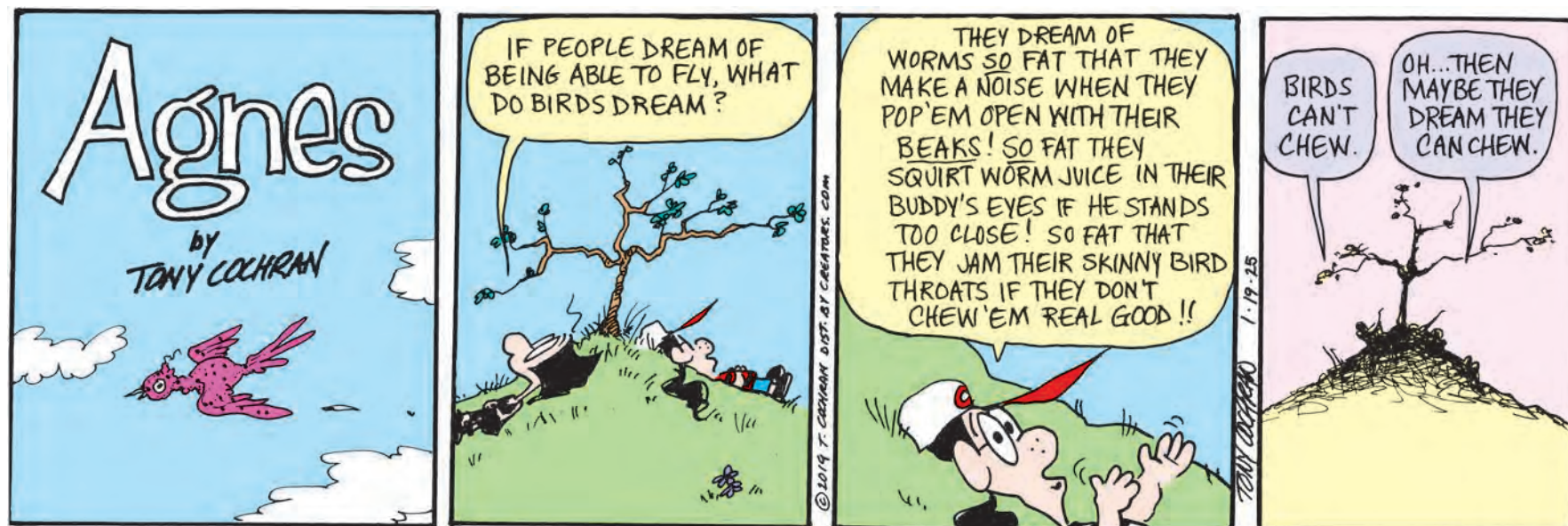
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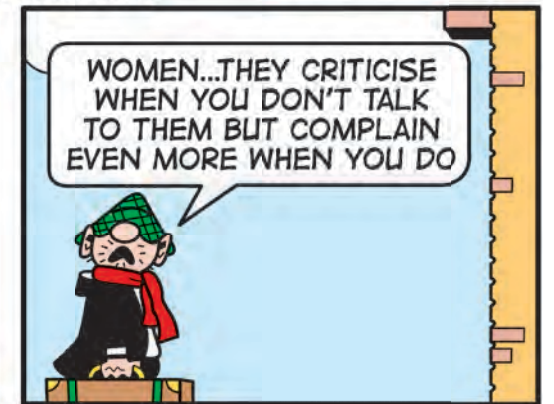
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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As we eagerly anticipate the opportunities that lie ahead, I am filled with optimism for the continued growth and prosperity of our business community and all the communities that encompass Shawano Country.

We believe in the power of collaboration and the importance of building strong relationships within our community through the various programs we offer.

Our Coffee Connections have proven to be a resounding success, fostering valuable connections among our members.

We are seeing continued growth with our Shawano Area Young Professionals (saY-Pro.) Their ideas, dedication and active participation is a testament to their collective strength.

Leadership Shawano County (LSC) continues to thrive while educating their participants on what leadership can look like and how they can leave a legacy in our communities.

Your participation and unwavering support have been instrumental in shaping a vibrant and thriving business community.

The year ahead promises exciting prospects. We are committed to:

- Strengthening our efforts to help our members: We will find out your specific needs and how we can help in your efforts to establish or grow your business/nonprofit. Whether that be resources, connections or “how to” advice, we want to help!
- Expanding member benefits: We will explore new and innovative ways to enhance the value of your chamber membership, providing exclusive discounts, educational workshops= and networking opportunities that will help your business thrive.
- Fostering community engagement: We will actively engage with our community through events and initiatives that celebrate local businesses/organizations and promote civic pride.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. We look forward to working with you to build a brighter future for Shawano Country.

Suzanne Wittman
Executive Director
Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center

2025 board members, officers announced

The Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce recently named new board members and officers for 2025.

Ben Hartwig, Twig’s Beverage, has been named president; John Opichka, Community Education Initiative, is president-elect; Leann Gueths, Novolex is past president; and Mike Papendorf, Bonduel State Bank, is treasurer.

Newly elected board members are Jodi Anderson, Value Added Distributors; Jeannie Otto, Northeast Wisconsin Technical College; Raul Beltran, Acupuncture of Shawano and Jiu Jitsu of Shawano; and Carrie Bohlman, Nueske’s Applewood Smoked Meats.

Keith Marquardt, Shawano County Parks, will continue in his role of president of the Shawano Country Tourism Council, a division of the Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce, and will fill the tourism representative position on the chamber of commerce board of directors.

Outgoing chamber board members are Zachary Linsmeyer, KerberRose; Mary White, Nueske’s Applewood Smoked Meats; Char Larsen, Premier Investment Services; Scott Parson, Thrivent Financial-Wolf River Associates; and Lori Singer, Celerity Staffing.

The chamber recognized the new board members at the 98th Annual Awards Banquet on Jan. 16 at North Star Mohican Casino Resort in Bowler.

The board is comprised of 15 chamber members from throughout Shawano County representing the areas of agriculture, manufacturing, retail/business, tourism, education, government and professionals.

Six additional liaison board members represent Shawano County, Shawano County Economic Progress Inc., the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin, city of Shawano, and the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians.

The Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce is a 350-plus member organization that advances economic growth by coordinating resources and providing networking, promotion and education to businesses in Shawano and Menominee counties.



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Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce Member.



Dennis Bohm was named the Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Citizen of the Year. After three years of active duty with the U.S. Marine Corps, he has spent his life volunteering with veterans organizations and advocating for the men and women who served in the military.

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DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Bohm celebrated for service to community

Volunteer efforts largely focused on helping veterans

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

Dennis Bohm has packed a lot of volunteering into his 85 years. From willingly joining the Marine Corps one month after graduating from high school to a Sunday School teacher to driving veterans to their medical appointments and covering more than a quarter of a million miles, Bohm has offered himself up to others throughout his life. Never one to volunteer for his own benefit, he was named the Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce 2024 Distinguished Citizen

of the Year. “The love of my country, my feeling for my fellow veterans and the drive to serve our community, along with the love of those close to me, makes serving others easy with the grace of God,” he said.

Early life

Born and raised on a dairy farm, Bohm graduated from Bonduel High School in 1957. Just one month later, he enlisted in the Marines. “I was good at athletics, and I wanted to be part of the best there was,” he said of his choice to join the Marines. He served three years of active duty and three

years in the Reserves. Bohm spent two years and four months on a U.S. Navy aircraft carrier performing security and intelligence work. Back home, he took a job at Fort Howard Paper Mill in Green Bay, where he worked for nine years. He and Carol Shannon married, and they bought a home in Shawano. After the paper mill job, he started his own painting and decorating business that he retired from after 35 years. A member of Peace United Church of Christ, Bohm taught Sunday School for three years, served as head usher and was a member of the church council.

Volunteering for veterans

Another veteran

reached out to him to get him to join the AMVETS Post 10. Bohm found his volunteer niche. He would go to serve as commander the post from 2003-10 and was instrumental in reorganizing the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary. Membership in the post grew, and Bohm was the top recruiter in the state for three consecutive years. The local post was named AMVETS Post of the Year, and Bohm would go on to be chosen as the AMVETS Commander of the year in 2007. Volunteering at several fundraisers over the years, the post collected and distributed funds to benefit homeless shelters, food pantries, cancer walks, community building projects, 4-H and Scout troops,

and high school marching band from Shawano, Bonduel, Marion and Pulaski. As post commander, he initiated a national program for students in grades K-12 in which students wrote essays or poems and created drawings about either the U.S. in general or against the use of drugs and alcohol. First-place winners advanced to the state competition with a chance to win a trip to Philadelphia to visit historic sites. The local post has sent four winners, and this year, a Bowler student won. Bohm is also a lifetime member of American Legion Post 117, for which he serves as chaplain. He was also once chosen as the post Legionnaire of the Year. He also worked with

the Bonduel American Legion Post 217 and received an certificate of appreciation for his efforts. Bohm can still be found with his fellow veterans at parades, Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies, and honor guards. “At 85 years of age, his active participation provides vital services to enhance the quality of life for numerous individuals and families,” said Joe Skaleski, one of two men who nominated Bohm for the chamber award. “Dennis a role model for his dedication and enthusiasm for serving the United States of America, the state of Wisconsin, Shawano County and city. It would be hard to find someone more committed and de-

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Never one to volunteer for his own benefit, Dennis Bohm was named the Shawano County Chamber of Commerce 2024 Distinguished Citizen of the Year. GREG MELLIS | NEW MEDIA

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pendable in their service to others though his volunteering efforts.”

Bohm didn’t serve in Vietnam, but that hasn’t stopped him from volunteering with those veterans.

With Vietnam Veterans Chapter 206, he reads and grades essays written by students seeking college scholarships.

The Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America (AVVA) presented him with its Fellowship Award, the highest award given to members.

“I’m an associate member of the AVVA, because even though I had three tours in the Far East, I

wasn’t physically in Vietnam,” Bohm said.

In 2023, Bohm was presented with the Advocacy Award from the County Veterans Service Officer Association of Wisconsin.

Driving efforts

For Bohm, one of the lasting impacts of his many efforts has been with the veterans he’s met over the years, particularly those he drove to medical appointments for more than 20 years.

“I still call some of them just to see how they’re doing,” he said.

From 2003-24, he drove fellow veterans to medical appointments in Milwaukee, Green Bay, Appleton,

Madison, Tomah, Wausau and Manitowoc.

He finally stopped last fall when he decided he had enough of the traffic in places like Milwaukee.

Bohm was recognized for volunteering more than 14,000 hours, driving more than 270,000 miles and serving about 2,450 veterans.

“Dennis has touched the lives of so many people of all ages,” said Greg Stezenski, who also nominated Bohm for the award. “Dennis is an amazing person. It would be hard to find a person who is more deserving of this award.”

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It's Sun Drop as far as the eye can see for the Hartwig family. Founded by Floyd Hartwig in 1951, Twig's Beverage has given a lot to the community that has given to them, earning them the Business of the Year Award by the Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce. GREG MELLIS | NEW MEDIA

Twig's bottling up community success

Company gets Business of the Year honor through caring, giving back

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Twig's and Shawano go hand in hand, so it's likely surprising to no one that Twig's Beverage was named the Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce's Business of the Year.

Starting as a humble business in the heart of Shawano in 1951, it can be hard not to see signs of the Twig's name in the community today. With the name adorning athletic field scoreboards, Franklin Park's amphitheater and

the Shawano Ski Sharks jump, as well as the soda being the primary drink of choice at the annual Sun Drop Dayz music festival, it's hard to miss.

Even with all that marketing and promotion, though, it doesn't show a lot of what Twig's does behind the scenes. The company donates to local Easter egg hunts and Shop With a Cop, has contributed to the scholarship endowment for Northeast Wisconsin Technical College's Shawano campus, has been a field trip destination for schoolchil-

dren and organizations like the Red Hats and hosted the Forget Me Not Soda Pop Swing Party to raise money for research into Alzheimer's and dementia.

Ever since Dan and Diane Hartwig took over the company in 1986, from Dan's father, Floyd Hartwig, the company's workforce has tripled. The company offers employees the option of working four 10-hour days or five 8-hour days, as well as performance payouts, bonuses and staff parties, to help keep them happy and motivated.

Now, Twig's is securely in the hands of the third generation of Hartwigs, and that generation is determined to make the name well known beyond the borders of Shawano.

"We love Shawano, and we love supporting them," said Ben Hartwig, a vice president at Twig's along with his brothers, Luke and Jacob. "Whenever we feel that support back, we're extremely grateful. We always say that our business wouldn't be successful anywhere else. Shawano has always been there for us, so we always do what

we can for Shawano."

Hartwig noted Twig's gratitude extends to its employees. He said it's important for the workers to have time outside of work to live their own lives, so that's where the choice on the work schedule came into play. The company has also implemented one-on-one meetings between management and individual employees to look at what's going well and what can be improved.

"We wouldn't be what we are today without our staff," Hartwig said. "Our team here, day in and day

out, does a lot of hard work behind the scenes that people don't see."

A new production line has recently been added, according to Hartwig, and many employees are ready to work when it starts up at 6 a.m.

"They're able to produce in a couple of days what we used to produce in a week on that other line," he said. "They've been so efficient, so the schedule's really worked for us. The one-on-one meetings, those have

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helped because we want to provide the space for our employees to feel comfortable to talk to us and to tell us anything that may be troubling to them, whether it's at work or outside of work. We just want to make sure we're there to support them and do what we can to help."

Hartwig said he's excited to be continuing the family business.

"I know, when my grandpa started, he just started with a small bottling crew, and they just did returnable bottles, and then they branched off to Sun Drop," he said. "It's always exciting to see us expanding, and when my dad took over, he added on another line with non-returnable bottles. He added on the gift shop and museum. We did water for a time period, and now we're moving on updating our lines, and we're looking at adding on new seltzers. So I love looking back at where we started and kind of how we're progressing along the way with different trends and what our customers love."

Besides keeping up with what the customers want, Twig's continues to imprint values on the community. Working with Jaime Lee, Twig's Sun Drop Girl, the company started a youth Golden Boy and Golden Girl project in 2024 that allows Lee to work with children on being brand representatives and show-



Twig's workforce has expanded three-fold in the last four decades, with plenty of focus on the glass-bottled sodas, which include the iconic Sun Drop and over a dozen other sodas with real sugar that bear the Twig's logo.

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casing hometown family values.

"She's done an amazing job promoting our brand," Hartwig said. "She's been doing now these 'Drop Ins' this year where she'll stop

at local businesses that carry our products, and she's been supporting them."

There are very few businesses competing with each other in Shawano, Hartwig noted, which makes it

easier for them to work together collaboratively to make the community a better place for everyone.

"You can have one amazing business in town, and that's not going to

draw a ton of people," Hartwig said. "If you have a huge community that has a bunch of amazing locations in town, then people are going to make it a destination to visit. I think col-

laborating with multiple businesses is huge, and I notice a lot of businesses work together in town. It's fantastic to see."

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SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

El Tequila growth coincides with community support

Restaurant cited as strong advocate for sports teams, youth groups, community activities

BY KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

El Tequila is more than a restaurant that serve Mexican food. It's a community gathering space for family and friends who want to share and build memories.

It's also a huge supporter of events and groups in Shawano and Menominee counties.

Owned by Sergio and Perla Hernandez, El Tequila is located at 1240 E.Green Bay St. Chosen as the Small Business of the Year, it was nominated by Chris Caldwell, president of the College of Menominee Nation.

Caldwell said El Tequila is fundraising supporter for local sports teams such as Menominee youth baseball and Shawano hockey, and the College of Menominee Nation golf outing.

It supports other local businesses and events such as Oktoberfest in Shawano, Standing Pine Convenience Store and Lake Mart in Shawano. Also, they give free food to first responders Shawano and Menominee Counties.

El Tequila recently expanded its offering through food truck service at various events, and in the summer of 2023, it opened El Jefe Mexican Bar and Grill inside the Four Seasons Hotel.

"The food trucks are an enhanced equipment purchase," Caldwell said. "They allow for more business and faster meals,

especially serving the country and outer areas of Shawano and Menominee counties.

The Hernandezes moved to Shawano in 2008. Sergio Hernandez said the first El Tequila was opened in Antigo, and two years later, another restaurant was opened in New London before the family came to Shawano.

Regardless of the business venture, Caldwell said the restaurant offers employee advancement opportunities, focuses on their team and provides a satisfying work-life balance with no work on holidays.

"We've seen them support both counties, youth groups, community events, fundraisers," he said. "They are a strong local community advocate."

Perla Hernandez said her husband practically grew up in the restaurant world.

"I started at 13, washing dishes," Sergio Hernandez said, in a 2023 article about the opening of El Jefe.

"His dad was an immigrant worker, from Mexico," Perla Hernandez added. "He would work at a factory (in Chicago) but also decided to open a restaurant in the late 1980s. Sergio came from a good background of restaurants, he knows what it is, and I kinda got involved with it when I met him, and started learning from the bottom up."

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El Tequila supports many community events and groups. One of their biggest contributions comes from its support of the livestock animal auctions at the Shawano County Fair.

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The Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce and its ambassadors group stays busy welcoming new businesses to the community through ground-breakings, ribbon cuttings and new chamber memberships. Above, at left, are Shopko Optical employees at a ribbon cutting event in October. Shopko Optical is located at 1056 E. Green Bay St. Below, at left, is the grand opening and ribbon cutting for Acupuncture of Shawano, 820 E. Green Bay St., Suite A. Above is Chloe Genske, the owner of The Daily Drip Coffeehouse, 215 N. Main St. In the summer of 2024, she purchased the former Beans & Books Espresso.

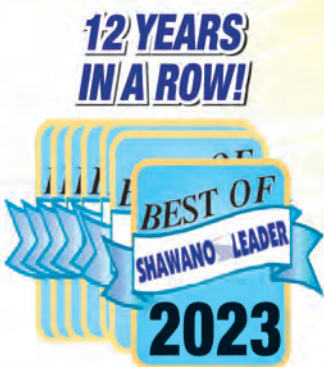
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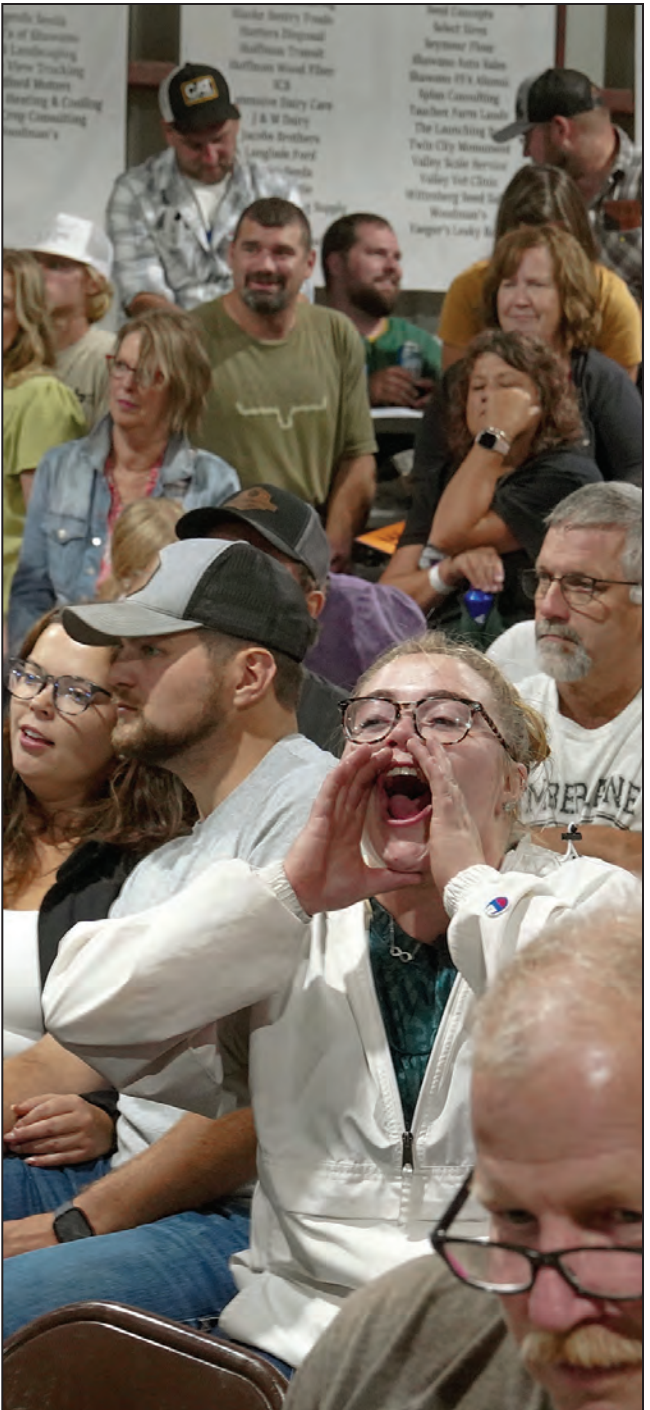
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Above are members of the nonprofit Shawano County Humane Society upon its joining of the chamber. At right is Annelies Hartwig of A New Lease, 152 S. Main St. Her boutique offers clothing that has been given "a new lease on life." Find unique merchandise, accessories and gifts for the whole family at A New Lease.

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Area residents and businesses support the local 4-H clubs by purchasing hundreds of animals at various livestock auctions at the Shawano County Fair.

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Community in good hands with likes of Steenbock

Young professional manages work, community and family activities

By **KEVIN PASSON**
Editor-in-Chief

Shawano's professional community is in good hands with the likes of Ashley Steenbock.

Steenbock is the Shawano Area Young Professionals (saYPro) 2024 Young Professional of the Year.

Steenbock started her career working in diagnostic imaging at ThedaCare Shawano. She was in that role for about six years.

"I always had a passion for leadership and helping others achieve their goals, which is what lead me to transferring to a clinic supervisor role," she said. "I worked as the clinic supervisor for the Shawano call group for about three years before I transferred back to diagnostic imaging as the manager."

This recent promotion to imaging manager came in December 2024.

"I have always aspired to becoming the diagnostic imaging manager, and reaching this has been my ultimate career goal. Being in a leadership role comes with its challenges, but it also offers the rewarding opportunity to guide and develop a team, witness their success and directly impact the overall goals of the team and the organization."

Steenbock was nominated for the award by her friend and co-worker Maggie Bohm.

"Ashley is an amazing leader in the clinic," Bohm said prior to Steenbock's promotion to diagnostic imaging manager. "She never thinks twice about stepping in to the work and helping out if they are short staffed or to cover lunches. She is humble, kind and sees issues from all angles before making a decision."

Steenbock said the two instantly bonded when they started working together in the clinic.

"She is someone I consider a great friend, and I am grateful to have Maggie in my life to laugh, support and collaborate with," Steenbock said. "We complement each other well."

The community at large is also in good hands with Steenbock's participation in several activities.

She was a part of last year's Leadership Shawano County where she worked with the Hometown Heroes military banners program. She is still a part of that group and joined the steering committee for Leadership Shawano County, where she contributes to ideas of how to ensure this years group gets the best experience as well.

"She is also always looking for other ways to



Ashley Steenbock is the Shawano Area Young Professionals (saYPro) 2024 Young Professional of the Year. Her community involvement and leadership style have been shaped by several inspiring people throughout her career, she said.

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support nonprofits and fundraising efforts," Bohm said.

Steenbock said being a participant in Leadership Shawano County provided a unique opportunity to learn about the area, develop leadership skills and grow relationships within the community.

"It was rewarding to see the interactions and teamwork that was developed with my classmates through each session," she said. "Each person brought a different perspective and skill to the table. Working together, being creative, coming up with solutions and following through with those solutions was gratifying. This why I chose to join the steering committee after wards. I wanted to share these amazing opportunities for involvement within our community and to make a meaningful impact with others."

Part of the mission of saYPro members is to engage "in a career and exemplify strong morals and ethics, and strive for personal and career related growth, achieved by experience, education and positive relationships."

Bohm said Steenbock fits that mission well.

"She always looks for more education opportunities and learning



The first Hometown Heroes banner is hung on South Main Street at Elizabeth Street on May 15 by Shawano Municipal Utilities employees Brett Nelson. Local veterans are honored through a new public program created by members of the 2024 Leadership Shawano County class.

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opportunities, whether it be seminars, trainings or podcasts and books," Bohm said. "She engages in her communities, both in Shawano and Clintonville where her boys go to school. Treating everyone fairly is a big part of who she is, and she holds her employees to a high standard, while also guiding them and supporting them

to be the best they can be."

Steenbock said she strives to exemplify strong morals and ethics as she goes personally and professionally.

"I consistently prioritize honesty, integrity, fairness and accountability in all professional interactions," she said. "I continue to seek opportunities to learn and develop new

skills, take on challenges, build on communication and expand my knowledge base."

Serving as an example of the group's mission statement both takes effort and comes naturally for Steenbock.

"It can be challenging to live up to the standards set by a mission statement, as everyone makes mistakes and faces situations where they might not perfectly embody the ideals they strive for, leading to constant self-reflection for improvements," she said. "However, there are pieces to the mission statement that just occur naturally, because it's a reflection of my purpose, values and direction, that I want to guide my team toward. Being a part of a team is a privilege, and being in a leadership position is an opportunity to positively impact those around you."

Like all good leaders, Steenbock has been inspired by others along the way. Samantha Sperberg played a large part in Steenbock's community involvement.

"Her unwavering positivity and commitment to improving our community really motivated me to get involved," Steenbock said. "Sam is passionate, determined and a positive

influence to those around her. She challenges you to grow by getting you outside of our comfort zone to pursue higher heights, and sees your strengths and encourages you to believe in your potentials."

"I have witnessed Sam dedicate countless hours to organizing fundraiser events, actively champion innovative ideas for community involvement and confidently lead others by working collaboratively toward a common goal."

Of course, there are those at work who inspire Steenbock.

"My leadership style has been shaped by several inspiring people throughout my career," she said. "Each individual, whether through their actions, behaviors or teachings, have positively influenced my development as a leader and provided me with valuable insights and examples to model my own leadership approach."

Steenbock and her husband, Tyler, have two sons, Hudson, 6, and Jackson, 4.

Along with her work and community activities, she also manages her time to attend the boys' baseball practices, games and swimming lessons.

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JR Machine was named the Shawano County Chamber of Commerce Manufacturing Business of the Year. Tim and Parker Tumanic maintain their leadership roles and ownership within the company after founding it more than 30 years ago. Paul Knoll, pictured above, joined JR Machine as CEO.

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MANUFACTURING BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

JR Machine reaching for new heights

Community involvement goes hand in hand with business enhancements

By **KEVIN PASSON**
Editor-in-Chief

As quality assurance manager at JR Machine, Keegan Gast is a witness to the many aspects of

the machining business — whether on the production floor or in the Shawano community that is supported by the company and its employees.

Tim and Parker Tu-

manic founded the company more than 30 years ago. Today, it employs 48 full-time workers at 1355 Beauprey Road.

JR Machine was named the Shawano Country

Chamber of Commerce Manufacturing Business of the Year.

JR Machine regularly donates to the local Boys and Girls Club, the Fourth of July fireworks display and Thanksgiving food drives for families in need. It works with the trades programs at area high schools to provide equipment for the classes that raise awareness of the machining industry.

“JR Machine works closely with the Shawano and Bonduel High School trades programs to enhance the learning and possibilities for students interested in entering the trades field for machining, providing new CNC machines, tooling and materials to work on projects through the year,” Gast wrote in his nomination letter. “New this coming year, we are also working ... to create a personalized training program for all

new employees that do not have any machining experience to gain knowledge quicker and become familiar with the trade at an easier pace for them.”

Gast has seen significant growth in the business, with sales doubling in the past five years. JR Machine is constantly adding new state-of-the-art machines for complex machining. Employment has risen by 72% in that time.

Landing solid, qualified employees is a constant challenge. JR Machine offers a competitive wage and benefits package, a 401(k) match, health care contribution, quarterly profit-sharing bonuses and a bonus referral program for new hires.

It also holds job fairs. Again, its regular partnership with local high schools contributes to its success in landing qualified candidates.

Gast said JR Machine

also continually reinvests in the equipment, with a 10-year replacement plan in the works for all machines.

JR Machine employees are skilled at procuring castings, forgings and bar stocks in a range of materials, including steel, aluminum, nickel alloys, titanium, inconel, brass and superalloys.

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Keegan Gast is the quality assurance manager at JR Machine. He has been a key part of the team for more than a decade. He creates the control plans used by operators throughout the manufacturing process. Gast also programs and operates the coordinate measuring machines for checking critical dimensions and parts.

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The success of JR Machine is also due in part to its leadership team continually searching for new and emerging markets. The current focus is the aerospace market and space exploration, as the company holds an AS9100 certification to be able to machine these complex parts.

In May 2024, JR Machine secured a strategic investment from Schneider

Resources Holding (SRH) to launch an expansion. SRH, a family-owned private investor, is now a majority equity member in JR Machine.

“Building parts for the most recognizable names in space exploration has allowed us to ... revolutionize how we work. Now we can reach the next stage for our customers faster,” said Tim Tumanic. “Schneider Resources

Holding is a perfect match. We share long-held values of quality, innovation, providing good careers for our staff and supporting out commitment to grow in the Shawano area.”

Tim and Parker Tumanic maintain their leadership roles and ownership within the company. Paul Knoll joined JR Machine as CEO.

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Mission

Our mission is to create relationships by connecting young professionals while contributing to our community.

Membership

Becoming a saYPro member is a simple process with zero time commitment. As a member you will receive monthly updates of what we are doing in our community, including invites to member only events, receive discounted rates to other events, many local volunteer opportunities and much more.

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Visit our website to see past and upcoming events, along with our membership form and monthly updates!



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