

Sheriff: Don't expect ICE roundups in the county

By KEVIN PASSON Editor-in-Chief

Wisconsin Republican legislators introduced a bill Feb. 4 requiring county sheriffs to cooperate with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in identifying and deporting illegal aliens arrested for felonies. "Many local law enforcement departments across Wisconsin are already cooperating with federal agencies to enforce the law," said Rep. Brent Jacobson, R-Mosinee. "However, a minority of sheriffs and Gov. (Tony) Evers have decided to stand in the way."

In 2024, ICE issued nearly 150,000 detainers for noncitizen criminals.

An ICE detainer is a written request that a local jail or other law enforcement agency detain an individual for an additional 48 hours after his or her release date to provide ICE agents extra time to decide whether to take the individual into federal custody for removal purposes.

Under the proposal, sheriffs must verify citizenship status when they make an arrest. If the individual is not a citizen, they would have to report to ICE. If a detainer has been issued for that individual, the sheriff would have to hold them.

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County to host info meeting on wheel tax

By KEVIN PASSON Editor-in-Chief

Shawano County officials will hold an informational meeting about the reasons behind a proposed wheel tax and take public comment on the issue Feb. 20.

The meeting will be held 3:30-6 p.m. in Rooms A and B of the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main St.

Representing the county will be: Tom Kautza, chairman of the county board; Jim Davel, administrative coordinator; and Grant Bystol, highway commissioner.

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Pedro Noriega-Avila is led down the hall by Shawano County Sheriff's Deputy Bill Beaumeier as defense attorneys Joe Furnstahl, second from right, and James Schoenecker are close behind. Noriega-Avila will spend the next 49 years in prison for the sexual assault of his stepdaughter over a decade ago. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

Noriega-Avila sentenced to 49 years for child sex crimes

9-year case comes to close as state pushes for consecutive sentences

By LEE PULASKI City Editor

A Mexican immigrant who married a woman in Shawano County and then proceeded to sexually assault her young child will spend close to a half century in prison after sentencing was passed by Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Court Judge William Kussel Jr. on Feb. 7, closing out a case that has been in the court system for nearly nine years.

Fleeing the country after bond was posted did not help Pedro Noriega-Avila, now 42, as he was sentenced for heinous acts against his stepdaughter from around

2010 to 2015. Kussel sentenced him to 13 years in prison for the sole count of first-degree child sexual assault with someone under the age of 13, with an additional nine years for each of the two counts of second-degree child sexual assault and two counts of incest with a child by a stepparent. Kussel ordered the sentences to be carried out consecutively, which adds up to 49 years.

The sentence was similar to what the district attorney's office recommended, which was a range of 49-56 years. Each of the counts also come with a sentence of seven years of probation, which totals 35 years.

Assistant District Attorney Laura Nelson noted that the first-degree count sentencing recommendation from the state is a maximum of 60 years, 40 in prison and the remainder on extended supervision. The second-degree and incest counts are recommended a maximum of 40 years, with 25 of those in prison.

Defense Attorney James Schoenecker's recommendation was much more lenient,

recommending seven to nine years for the first-degree count and five to six years for the remaining counts. However, he was pushing for those sentences to run concurrently. Schoenecker offered no recommendation on the time for probation, noting that once Noriega-Avila served his sentence, he would be deported to Mexico.

That recommendation clashed with what the mother of the victim, identified only as Angela, defined as justice. She spoke on behalf of her daughter, who was not ready to face her assaulter after having to testify in a three-day trial in 2024, and told Kussel about how life irrevocably changed from Noriega-Avila's actions.

"Pedro, I will never forgive this dreadful day that has changed my life," Angela said. "I hate that we had to relive the terrible memories over and over again in a three-day trial, because you couldn't be man enough to take responsibility and accept the consequences for your actions."

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Cardinal Games wrap up



Kindergarten teacher Emily Sorenson wraps up eighth grade student Corby Wassenberg for the Cardinal Games on Jan. 31 as Sacred Heart Catholic School concluded Catholic Schools Week. Mary Rose Morse and the student council organized fun activities for the school — including Blind Man's volleyball, tug-of-war, mummy race and snowball dodgeball. CONTRIBUTED

2 local primaries, state office on Feb. 18 ballot

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

A pair of area school districts will have primary elections Feb. 18, and all voters will have a chance to narrow the list of candidates competing to be the state superintendent of public instruction.

In the Menominee Indian School District, residents are asked to vote for one candidate among the four who are running. The top two will advance to the April 1 general election to compete for a three-year term.

Candidates are Miriam Wepackespiw Waupoose, Gary Pywasay, McKaylin Peters and Carrie Waukau-Grignon.

Residents in the towns of Belle Plaine, Pella and Navarino will vote for up to two candidates for the Clintonville School District at-large seat.

Candidates are Patrick Huss, Laurie Vollrath, Marie Vandeberg, Tanya Hepp-Netrefa, Mark Zach-

ow, David Battenberg and Christopher Hoffmann.

Jill Underly is running for another term as the state school leader. She is opposed by Jeff Wright and Brittany Kinser.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Feb. 18, or voters may contact their municipal clerk for an absentee ballot or to cast an absentee ballot in person.

The deadline for submitting an absentee ballot application is Feb. 13, and the last day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office is 5 p.m. Feb. 14. By state law, no in-person absentee voting may occur on the day before the election.

The municipal clerk will deliver voted absentee ballots returned on or before Election Day to the proper polling place or counting location before the polls close on Feb. 18. Any ballots received after the polls close will not be counted.

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SCHS jazz band wins Purdue fest

Victory five years in the making includes lot of newcomers for main band

By LEE PULASKI
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Shawano Community High School's Jazz I Band is back on top of the Purdue Jazz Festival, getting first place for the first time since 2020.

The school's jazz program regularly impresses at jazz festivals in the Midwest, and it had been tops at Purdue for several years consecutively before the pandemic, so returning to the top spot, beating 15 other bands in the process, is particularly gratifying for band director Christopher Kent.

"Purdue is extremely competitive," Kent said. "We've placed every year we've been there, but we haven't won since 2020."

The win is quite the feather in the school's cap, considering Kent lost almost three-fourths of his main band to graduation. He had six students who'd been to Purdue and knew what was expected in such a competitive environment working to drill that mentality into a group of first-time performers.

"Fourteen seniors graduated out of this band last year," Kent said. "This included my entire rhythm section and basically my entire trumpet section. We went down there, and I wasn't sure how things were going to go, and the kids really, they basically decided they were going to have fun."

Kent added that the fun involved not letting nerves



The Shawano Community High School Jazz I Band, directed by Christopher Kent, center, found itself back on top at the Purdue Jazz Festival held Jan. 25, the first time in five years it had taken top honors. CONTRIBUTED

overtake them and just have a good time, win or lose.

"They do take this very seriously," Kent said. "The judges could see the joy. They were smiling. They were having fun with each other."

The news of Shawano's big win did not hit until the band was passing by Bonduel en route to home, according to Kent, as the band did not stay for the end of the festival due to the eight-hour commute back. He noted that normally the wins are usually

close within one point of the first- and second-place bands, but this year, eight points separated SCHS from its nearest competitor.

"That's how big of a difference there was this year," Kent said. "That means something."

Besides the band winning as a group, Ireland Setterman was recognized as one of two outstanding soloists.

Also, the Jazz II Band, which is mostly freshmen and sophomores, finished ninth at the festival but was recognized with the out-

standing saxophone section honor. Kent noted most of the students in the Jazz II band were on their first competition at Purdue.

"One of the judge's comments for the second band was, 'They sound like a family,'" he said. "To me, it's maybe the best comment you can get. That's how I run my classes."

Kent added he was in the military for 10 years, and military is family for most.

"They help each other. They support each other," Kent said. "They also hold each other accountable."

The jazz bands have one more festival coming up March 1 at Rolling Meadows before hosting its own festival March 8 with 21 confirmed bands attending. Kent noted that three of the bands are directed by SCHS alumni.

For those who want to see the jazz bands in action locally, they will be performing two shows, Feb. 20 and March 13, at Stubborn Brothers Brewery, 220 S. Main St., Shawano. Both shows start at 7 p.m. and last about an hour.

"That's been a wonderful experience for the kids," Kent said. "It's such a cool place to play."

The shows at Stubborn Brothers have helped the jazz bands financially by covering a lot of the cost to attend festivals like Purdue and Rolling Meadows, including accommodations and meals.

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CHRISTOPHER KENT, Shawano Community High School jazz band director

Caroline Motorsports expands footprint

By KEVIN PASSON
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Caroline Motorsports recently added a 12th employee, and now the company is adding more space for inventory.

Known for its sale and service of Polaris and Bobcat brands, the business — which already uses two of the four corners at County roads G and M in Caroline — is now using a third corner.

With permission granted by the Shawano County Board of Supervisors in January, Caroline Motorsports will use the

southeast corner of the intersection to display inventory. The business already uses the northeast and southwest corners.

"All of our used Bobcat units and attachment will be displayed there," owner Shawn Peebles said. "We'll be adding some inventory and spreading out what we already have."

The southeast corner used to be the site of three houses. They were razed in anticipation of the approved zoning change. The land, which was zoned rural residential, is now zoned hamlet zoning district. A conditional use permit was

also granted to allow for outdoor sales, display and repairs at the new site.

Peebles said he purchased the car shop in 20007 with Polaris coming on board in 2017.

"We're a small-town store for the community," Peebles said. "We're also known for free installation at the time of purchase."

Caroline Motorsports offers new and used inventory, as well as parts, service and financing.

Equipment includes ATVs, augers, blades, buckets, cutter implements, grapples, hitches, lawn mowers (riding, too),

loader attachments, loaders, mower attachments, off-highway trucks, skid steers, snowblower implements, speciality vehicles, stump grinder attachments, tele handlers, tiller implements, tractors and utility vehicles.

"We pride ourselves on giving our customers the best service available, the best parts and accessories, and a staff that understands all aspects of our business," its website states.

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Strangulation case against Runion unresolved

Investigator's report could be available by April 30 hearing

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The case against Zachary Runion has not yet been resolved, it was revealed during a Feb. 4 hearing. Attorney Eric Maciolek said he has not received any kind of offer from the Shawano-Menominee County District Attorney's Office, and he is still waiting to receive a report from his own investigator, which was expected to take up to 60 days to receive. A new pre-trial hearing was set for

9 a.m. April 30 in Branch I of the Shawano County Courthouse. Runion pleaded not guilty Dec. 11, 2024, to charges that include two counts of strangulation and suffocation, two counts of aggravated battery, two counts of felony intimidation of a victim and one count of false imprisonment. According to the criminal complaint, the Shawano County Sheriff's Department received a call from a woman at 2:27 a.m. Sept. 14, 2024, claiming that her nephew was attacking her husband, reporting that "everyone is bleeding from the head." When deputies arrived, Runion was found on the deck of the house smoking a cigarette. He was placed

into custody without incident, according to the complaint. Deputies found Runion's uncle in a bedroom unconscious with both eyes swollen shut, his nose broken and the side of his face fractured. The man's airway was obstructed by blood and fluid, according to the complaint. Blood stains were found on the carpet, walls and hallway floor. Holes had been punched in the wall, and there were broken food bowls, picture frames and mirrors. The uncle, once regaining consciousness, told a deputy that Runion allegedly attacked his wife first and then him, according to the complaint. The aunt told deputies that she, her husband and Runion had recently moved into the home in

Belle Plaine from De Pere a few days before the incident, with most items still waiting to be unpacked. She claimed that arguing started around 8 p.m. Sept. 13, 2024, over whose stuff was going where. She also claimed everyone was drinking alcohol but said she saw Runion mixing in some prescription medication and later told deputies some of her prescriptions were missing. Things turned physical shortly after midnight when the aunt had gone to her bedroom to get some sleep. She said Runion allegedly came into her bedroom and began hitting her and pushing her around. Runion allegedly shoved her into a closet and would not allow her to leave before turning the power off via the breaker box. The

woman's cellphone was taken so she could not call for help, according to the complaint. The aunt said Runion stopped his attack for a while, giving her time to shower and wash the blood off of her, but then Runion allegedly attacked her again. The uncle intervened, according to the complaint, and that's when Runion allegedly attacked him, repeatedly punching him in the face, even after he lost consciousness, until law enforcement arrived. The aunt had been able to retrieve her phone and called the sheriff's department after running outside. One deputy reported in the criminal complaint that, while escorting Runion to a squad car, Runion allegedly told his aunt "I'll see you in 10 years." The

deputy also reported that Runion claimed the cause of the assault "was kind of a build up." Both victims were transported to ThedaCare Medical Center-Shawano. The woman was released later that day, while the man went to Green Bay and later Madison, where he had to undergo surgery for both of his eyes, with an emergency room official telling a deputy the man had a ruptured globe, according to the complaint. If convicted, Runion faces a maximum of six years in prison for each of the strangulation counts and the false imprisonment charge, 15 years for each of the aggravated battery counts and 10 years for each of the intimidation counts.

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ThedaCare auxiliary offering scholarships for students in health care education

ThedaCare Medical Center-Shawano Auxiliary will be offering scholarships for students who are currently enrolled in a health care education program. Since 1983, the auxiliary has awarded more than \$124,000 in scholarships. The scholarship program

is designed to help students finance tuition for the final year of college or technical school for the 2025-2026 school year. Students must be a high school graduate or a current resident of Shawano, Menominee or Waupaca counties or have a parent or grandparent who is

employed by or volunteers with ThedaCare. Other criteria must also be met. Application forms and scholarship guidelines are available by calling 320-493-0284 or emailing dklspeechlady1@gmail.com. The application deadline is April 15.

Several cows perish in Waukechon barn fire

A barn was destroyed and at least six cows were lost in a fire Feb. 4. About 5:02 p.m., the Shawano County Sheriff's Department received a call reporting a barn fire on Swamp Road near County Road K in the Town of Waukechon. Callers reported the barn was fully engulfed, and that there was no one inside. When deputies arrived

on scene, they were able to confirm no one was inside the barn. Deputies were informed there was still cattle in the barn, and people were trying to herd the rest away from the barn. Lessor-Navarino, Shawano and Bonduel fire departments responded to the scene to control the barn fire. Deputies spoke with the owners and were informed they believed

possibly six to eight cows did not make it out of the barn. It is believed a space heater in the well house of the barn likely caused the fire. Besides the fire departments, the sheriff's department was also assisted by Shawano Ambulance, Bonduel EMS, Shawano County Highway Department and Grunewald Excavating.

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Food backpack program sees growing need

Students in need provided with weekend snacks

By LYNN ZAFFRANN
Correspondent

On a recent snowy Monday morning, 13 volunteers for the Wee Care Food Backpack Program made their way to the basement of Zion Lutheran Church in Shawano to pack bags with donated food items for school children in need, just as they do every other Monday.

Wee Care helps to meet the needs of children who don't always have access to nutritious food at home on the weekends. Mitzi Moesch, a parishioner at Zion, had heard from teachers and counselors that there was a need for this help.

Bonnie Wolf, Eileen Ebelt and Peggy Ray are the current leaders of the program, which was started in 2015 by Moesch and her daughter-in-law, Micki Moesch.

"Because there are only school lunches during the week," Ebelt said. "When they (school children) went home on weekends, it was really hard for them."

The schools involved are Hillcrest Primary School, Olga Brener Intermediate School, Shawano Community Middle School and Sacred Heart Catholic School.

"School counselors select the school children that would be eligible for Wee Care," Ebelt said. "We only know how many meals are needed. We don't get names or situations."

"The counselors put the bags in the students' backpacks to take home for the weekend," Wolf added.

Currently, the volunteers pack each plastic bag with 13 items, such as small boxed cereal, applesauce cups, peanut butter and snack-size fruit cups.

Volunteer Nancy Wise packs the bags for students with allergies separately



A group of 13 volunteers meet Feb. 3 at Zion Lutheran Church to pack food bags from the Wee Care Food Backpack Program for needy children in four Shawano schools. Getting together every other week, the volunteers sort through donated food items, such as snack size fruit cups, small boxed cereal and breakfast bars for the school children to take home for the weekend.

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Verdeen Welch, left, and Carla Osborne are two of the volunteers who meet every other Monday to fill Wee Care food bags for needy children in Shawano schools. Zion Lutheran Church supports this community effort by providing rooms in its church basement where Wee Care can store donated food supplies.

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from the other bags. Ebelt said that if a student has a milk allergy, Wise will pack Jell-O cups instead of pudding cups. She watches for peanut allergies and substitutes Nutella for peanut butter.

"Luckily, we don't have a lot of children with aller-

gies," Ebelt said. "Nancy packs everything separately, reading labels. She puts the food into black plastic bags, labeled with the specific allergy. That way, when they get to the school they can be identified for students with an allergy."

Ebelt noted that there

has been an increase in the number of students served since the beginning of the school year.

"Since last year, it's about 60 more children that have been added," she said. "Now it's 140 students. We've been scrambling."

"Donations from parish-

ioners and the community are what fund this," Wolf said.

All of the food is either donated or purchased with donated funds.

"Different groups in the community help. They bring in food, too," she said.

Some of the community groups that have provided financial assistance include 4-H clubs, Shawano Area Young Professionals, Shawano Woman's Club, Cornerstone Chiropractic in Shawano and others.

"Even some little churches in the area come in and bring food and help pack bags," Ebelt said.

They accept cash, gift cards, checks and food for the program. A donation by check should be made payable to Zion Lutheran Church, earmarked specifically for Wee Care. The address is 1254 S. Union St., Shawano, WI 54166.

Ebelt explained that they have a wish list for the types of food they need, which they pass out to people who'd rather purchase food than donate cash.

Besides increasing the amount of breakfast bars, applesauce, Jell-O and

pudding cups, crackers and peanut butter they pack weekly, Ebelt said that they wished they could purchase a few more nutritious and protein items for the bags like non-refrigerated yogurt, and vouchers for eggs, fresh fruit and vegetables, and milk. More donations are needed to be able to do that.

"We shop locally, at Walmart and Charlie's County Market and order from Performance Food Service," Wolf said. "When Charlie's has a sale, he is so generous. He allows us to order bulk when a sale is on."

Wee Care receives support from the parishioners at Zion Lutheran Church and even runs a scratch-baked cookie sale for parishioners each month to raise money.

The Wee Care volunteer group gathers to bake the cookies at the church.

"We bake 70 dozen cookies, which typically sell out," Wolf said. "We sell them for \$7 a dozen. The congregation really supports us."

The parish has been a tremendous supporter of the program.

"After COVID, we were way down on our funds," Ebert said. "We weren't even sure we could continue. The church stepped up and gave us a great donation. This got us back on our feet again."

The volunteers will do presentations for community groups to get the word out.

"We hope that the community becomes aware that there is a need," Ebelt said. "People say we don't need that in Shawano. They don't realize that there are families here who are struggling for food."

The biggest wish that Ebelt said they have is for not needing the program any more.

"Wouldn't that be wonderful if everybody had the food they needed?" she said.

Ebelt noted that the families who may need this help and feel that their child could benefit from the program are encouraged to contact the school social worker, counselor or teacher at the child's school.

Two strikes and you become a felon — maybe

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

A Shawano County citation for possession of marijuana can land a fine of \$150 plus fees and court costs. A second conviction on a criminal charge of possession makes you a felon.

That was the bit of education shared with members of the Shawano County Public Safety Committee on Feb. 5 after one supervisor raised the issue brought to his attention

from a constituent.

Supervisor Randy Young said he received a call from a woman upset that Shawano County made her son a felon. According to the woman, her son was stopped along state Highway 29, and the deputy discovered a little bit of marijuana in his pocket. As it was his second offense, his conviction led to felon status.

"If he's convicted twice for possession of THC, he becomes a felon," Shawano County Sheriff's Capt.

Nick Prey said.

Prey said those two convictions would have to be on state charges, not ordinance violations. Shawano, Bonduel, Tigerton and the county have local ordinances for possessing small amounts of marijuana. Those ordinances carry fines and are not counted toward the two-strike felony status that comes with criminal charges.

"It's a discretion thing. They look at how much they have. Is it just a joint? Is it a big bag of

marijuana?" Sheriff George Lenzner said. "We've issued 11 ordinance tickets in the month of January. Ordinance citations for marijuana are more common now, because we're basically focusing on the fentanyl, meth and harder drugs, but marijuana is still illegal."

Prey explained the deputies' thought process when deciding between a citation and a criminal charge.

"A half an ounce — 14 grams — or less is going to

be a ticket usually if they don't have priors," he said. "Fourteen grams to an ounce is their discretion if they want to take them to jail or not. Over an ounce, we try and say they should probably go to jail, just because of the amount, but it's up to the person who did the stop. Are they cooperative? Are there other reasons why they were going to jail to begin with?"

"Our district attorney office has the understanding that if they get arrested for let's say bail jumping

and they only have two or three grams on them, they want a criminal charge with that, too, because they can use that as part of the plea agreements and stuff like that."

Prey said he didn't know of the situation Young discussed but surmised there was more to the stop.

"We don't hang a felony on somebody for just having a joint," he said. "That's not the way things go."

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Oconto Falls schools want to get your shoes

Motivational speaker pushing students to collect 1,500 pairs

By LEE PULASKI
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Oconto Falls schools could soon be drowning in shoes, but that will all depend on how kind their students are.

Oconto Falls High School and Washington Middle School will work with motivational speaker Brian Johnson to collect at least 1,500 pairs of shoes that would be distributed in the United States and Kenya to children in need this summer. For Johnson, president and founder of Think Kindness, it's the simplest acts of kindness that make the biggest difference in the world.

The challenge for the students is that they only have 15 days to collect the shoes. Johnson spent about an hour Feb. 6 talking to the students about how simple acts of kindness make a difference, whether it's telling someone they're awesome or joining a plane full of people in a game of rock, paper, scissors. He pointed out that everyone has some kind of talent that can be used for good.

"You should be proud of the things that you're good at," Johnson said. "If you're good at something, you have the responsibility to use the thing you're good at in a way that helps other people."

Johnson's focus on shoes for those in need started when he was in college. A professor tasked him and his classmates to come up with a plan to come up with an event that would garner media attention. There were three teams, and the two that Johnson weren't in came up with a 5K race and a hot dog eating contest, and only one radio station covered the eating contest.



Oconto Falls High School students engage in a game of rock, paper, scissors on Feb. 6 at the request of motivational speaker Brian Johnson. Those students are now part of an effort to collect 1,500 pairs of shoes in 15 days that will go to children in need in the United States and Kenya. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA



Motivational speaker Brian Johnson talks about how simple acts of kindness can make a difference in the lives of people every day Feb. 6 at Oconto Falls High School as a group of Washington Middle School students listen in the background. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

"My team, we decided to do something completely different," Johnson said. "We decided to see if we could get two middle schools and three high schools to see if they could band together to make a massive difference in the world, but to see if they could do it in 15 days."

The professor was skeptical about the idea when Johnson's team turned the paper in, and on the cover page, he wrote: "If you want to make a bigger difference, change your audience," indicating that the idea of making a difference and doing it in 15 days was attainable, but that it wasn't something that those who hadn't reached adulthood could achieve, because they didn't have wealth and resources like adults did.

Johnson set out to prove the professor wrong. He

said a sophomore at one of the high schools suggested collecting shoes, and he was excited about the prospect, but what would make the news media think it was a story worth covering? He did some research and learned that about 300 million children in the world currently go barefoot in the world.

"Put this number in perspective," Johnson said. "This would be like the vast majority of the United States of America being so poor that Mom and Dad couldn't even afford a pair of shoes."

He added that 2.4 billion pairs of new shoes were purchased in a single year, which prompted the question of where 2.4 billion pairs of old shoes went, and the vast majority ended up in the trash or left in a closet. That led Johnson to realize that if he could get the kids to give shoes they no longer wanted to those who have gone without, it would make a big difference.

The original project for

those five schools was to collect 5,000 pairs of shoes. They wound up collecting 8,000 pairs, according to Johnson, after a newspaper story indicated they were crazy for setting such a goal, and the students did it by writing their churches, the elementary schools in the area and other places to get them involved.

The mission didn't stop there for Johnson, though. Those shoes had to go somewhere, and someone had to distribute them. That culminated into a trip to Kenya.

The trip was eye-opening for Johnson, because he learned that children in the community he went to could only go to school if they had the essentials.

"Kenya, as itself, cannot afford to send everybody to school," Johnson said. "Their way to weed out people is writing utensils, backpacks, school uniforms and shoes."

Johnson said he was surprised when he arrived on a Saturday morning to distribute the shoes and saw a line of 2,000 children, eager to get something they'd never had before.

"When you give a child a pair of shoes for the first time, it's an experience you never forget," Johnson said.

One of the pairs of shoes went on a boy named Peter, who eventually became an Olympic runner who broke a four-minute mile, and Johnson pointed out that the shoes sitting in someone's closet can be donated and totally change someone's life.

"When you do an act of kindness, you put a ripple out in the world," Johnson said. "Unfortunately, we don't get to see where those ripples go. Some might die away. Some might continue just like Peter's. We don't get to see, but we just have that faith that the ripple is going to reach a person on the day they need it the most."

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BRIAN JOHNSON, motivational speaker who encouraged students at Washington Middle School and Oconto Falls High School students to collect 1,500 pairs of shoes

Chamber, other groups sponsor speed coaching

Entrepreneurs and small business owners are invited to a speed coaching event sponsored by Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative Corporation, Score and the Shawano County Chamber of Commerce.

The free event will be held Feb. 26 at Northeast Wisconsin Technical College's Shawano campus, 111 Thomas Ave., Shawano. Registration and networking begins at 3:30 p.m., with coaching starting at 4 p.m.

The speed coaching event offers an opportu-

nity to meet with entrepreneurial experts in a variety of fields, including accounting, lending, marketing and more. Participants will 20-minute, one-on-one sessions with experienced professionals who can provide guidance, answer questions and help businesses take the next step toward success.

Pre-registration is required to secure a spot with a mentor. Attendees can sign up online at wwbic.com/trainings. Space is limited to the first 25 signups to ensure time

with each coach. Light hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be provided.

"This event is a fantastic way for entrepreneurs to gain valuable insight and personalized advice," said Kim Massey, regional director of WWBIC-Northeast. "Whether you're looking to start or grow your business, you'll leave with actionable ideas to take your business to the next level."

For more information or to register, visit wwbic.com/trainings, call 920-944-2700 or email averhagen@wwbic.com.

8 die on county roads in 2024

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

Shawano County roadways were the site of six fatal crashes in 2024, which led to eight deaths.

Sheriff George Lenzner told the public safety committee Feb. 5 that five of those crashes involved impaired drivers, and five were also single-vehicle crashes.

"Still too many," he said.

In Wisconsin in 2024,

there were 502 crashes resulting in 567 deaths, he said.

The number of crashes was up from 2023, but the number of deaths was down.

He said deputies issue a lot of traffic citations.

"Our guys do a lot with traffic citations," he said. "I think traffic enforcement is crime prevention in a way."

Traffic stops in January led to 339 citations being issued. These included more than 60 tickets for a

variety of speeding violations, as well as operating while intoxicated, seat belt violations, operating with a suspended or revoked license, operating without insurance or without proof of insurance, and failure to stop at a stop sign.

Stopping a vehicle for a traffic violation can lead to other charges such as open intoxicants, drug offenses, weapons violations and theft.

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Six receive confirmation at Sacred Heart



Six Shawano Community High School students made the holy sacrament of confirmation Feb. 5. Participating in the ceremony were, front row, from left, Ayden Bystol, Kyle Roe, Andrew Hanssen, the Most Rev. Bishop David Ricken, Sydney Mitchell, Olivia Dobratz and Ava Wachtel. In back are Deacon James Lonick, left, and the Rev. Edward Looney. CONTRIBUTED

Free online tax-filing system now open

Direct File allows eligible folks to file taxes directly with IRS

By PETER CAMERON
The Badger Project

Americans spend billions getting help filing their taxes every year, but a new online system with the IRS allows eligible taxpayers to file for free, including in Wisconsin. The federal Direct File system "integrates seam-

lessly" with the state's free online filing program WiSTax, the state Department of Revenue said in a news release, allowing eligible filers to submit their state return as well. You can check if you are eligible on the IRS website. More than 600,000 Wisconsin residents, those who have

simple tax situations, can use Direct File in 2025, the IRS said. The systems began allowing usage on Jan. 27. Tax filings are generally due by April 15. Direct File can save taxpayers time and money by importing their tax information directly from the IRS, the agency said. Live support from IRS staff is available Monday through Friday. Funding for the Direct File system was included in the massive American investment bill, the Inflation Reduction Act, passed in 2022.

After seeing its funding cut for many years, the IRS got a restoration of \$60 billion in that bill to do things like increase enforcement on corporations and the wealthiest Americans, which projects to raise tax revenue, as well as provide better customer service for tax filers. The bill also paid for the Direct File system. A trial run in 2024 allowed tens of thousands of taxpayers in several states to use the free program. They saved about \$5.6 million in filing costs, according to an IRS estimate. For those who would rather get help from a person and have income under \$67,000, you can use the IRS's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, which provides free tax prep services. The program can handle a broader range of tax situations than Direct File, and their tax centers are open in many parts of the state. To find the one closest to you, call 800-906-9887, or check the VITA Locator Tool online. The Badger Project is a nonpartisan, citizen-supported journalism nonprofit in Wisconsin.



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AGAINST ALL ODDS



Mike and Nancy Cornell enjoy a steak dinner on their 49th wedding anniversary. The Cornells have served many years at radio station WRVM, where Mike Cornell is the general manager. CONTRIBUTED

Voice tells Marion woman to bake pies

White keeps baking at age 73 from her home

By KAY REMINGER
Correspondent

"Buy the tent. Bake the pies." Patti White felt she heard an almost audible voice when awakening one morning, thinking she was dreaming. Over and over that day, the thought reoccurred to her, and perceiving it to be a divine assignment, she indeed bought a tent and started baking pies.

White kept thinking, "Nobody's gonna buy my pies." Her friend encouraged her to try it. That week, she brought three pies and two cakes to a farmers market and sold two pies and both cakes.

"You'd have thought I'd won the lottery, I was so excited," White said. The rest, as they say, is history.

At that point, White had been released unexpectedly from a banking job and was at a crossroads in her life. Knowing her love of baking was hidden in the deep recesses of her heart she thought, "Maybe someday I could do this" is kind of how it started.

With the encouragement of a friend, White launched Pies by Patti, a business located at her home in Marion.

White bakes her goodies in her certified, state-inspected downstairs kitchen. Because she's licensed, all sales must be labeled with ingredients listed. White makes all her fillings from scratch using eggs, milk and sugar.

"Just like Grandma used to make," she said.

White's pies have satisfied the palate of many customers, enticing them back for more. She's also baked cookies and bars and has made pies for celebratory occasions such as weddings, birthdays, graduations and anniversaries.

Offering raspberry, blackberry and

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Kelly Lake couple going on their 49th year of marriage

By NATHAN BIRR
Correspondent

Mike and Nancy Cornell started their marriage with the odds against them.

"When we went in for our premarital counseling, we each filled out a questionnaire," Nancy Cornell said. "Our answers were so opposite that our pastor said, 'According to your answers, you two should not get married,' and here we now are working on our 49th year of marriage."

The couple first met each other at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. Mike and Nancy entered the three-year program at the same time, and their paths crossed during student life-group activities. Because they both lived in lower Michigan, Mike could provide Nancy a ride home, or at least halfway there.

"She found out where I lived and that I had a car," Mike Cornell said.

"He had a car, and I lived past where he lived," Nancy Cornell said. "He would give me a ride to his house. So, my folks would come to his house to finish up the trip. We weren't dating; he was just giving me a ride home."

During the second year at Moody, a friend group of Mike and a friend group of Nancy attended a student banquet together.

"And I made sure to sit next to Mike," Nancy Cornell said.

While seated together at the table, Mike asked Nancy if she would like to go with him to a concert that took place after the meal.

"It was a spur-of-the-moment type thing; it wasn't premeditated," Mike Cornell said.

She said "yes," and that was their first date. Ten months after they graduated from Moody in 1975, Mike made his successful but not-so-smooth proposal of marriage.



Mike and Nancy Cornell stand together on their wedding day Aug. 21, 1976. They first met each other while attending Moody Bible Institute in downtown Chicago. CONTRIBUTED

"It took forever," Nancy Cornell said. "It was February, and it was cold. We were in the car and talking, and I knew he was going to ask me, but he just sat there silent, but he finally did after sitting in the car for hours."

She said "yes," and they were married Aug. 21, 1976, in Hazel Park, Michigan. During the rehearsal for the wedding ceremony, a policeman interrupted and informed them that Mike's father was in the hospital after suffering a massive heart attack.

"The wedding was one disaster after an-

other, the craziest wedding I had ever been to," Nancy Cornell said. "Flower and candle decorations were catching fire. The front zipper on a groomsmen's pants was broken. It was forgotten to microphone the preacher, so he had to holler the whole time."

To top that off, there was a delay at the reception dinner with the catering. The caterers failed to previously mention that they would not serve food until they were paid.

"They wouldn't serve 'til we found somebody in the congregation that had that money in cash," Nancy Cornell said. "And he had to go to his store, which was 20 miles away, to get cash out of his register."

The newlyweds spent their honeymoon at Paradise Lake, near Mackinaw City. Shortly after, Mike began a career in radio broadcasting. The Cornells lived their first decades in Michigan, Alabama and Washington.

In 1996, the Cornells moved to Wisconsin when Mike joined the staff at the radio station WRVM in Suring — where he is currently the general manager.

Looking back on their nearly half century of marriage, Mike and Nancy Cornell have some advice to give.

"To newlyweds, we would say, 'Put God first,'" said Mike Cornell. "Each day, have prayer together and a time of devotions in the Word. It's not a magic pill, but Jesus makes all the difference."

"And understand that love is not really a feeling but a commitment," Nancy Cornell said. "I'm so glad that we had a Sunday school teacher that encouraged us to attend a marriage conference of some kind every year."

Their advice for the those reaching 25 years of marriage is to celebrate.

"Renew your vows, only this time write them yourself," Nancy Cornell said.



Patti White stirs up the ingredients for a banana cream pie recently at her home in Marion. White makes a variety of pies and sells them at various events in the Marion, Shawano and Clintonville areas. KAY REMINGER

Moses helps students take language back

Jeremiah Moses Jr. offers Shawano Community High School students the opportunity he wished he'd been given. The first-generation descendant of the Menominee Nation graduated from SCHS in 2020 without having the chance to study his people's language. This academic year, he is ensuring current high schools will be able to do so.

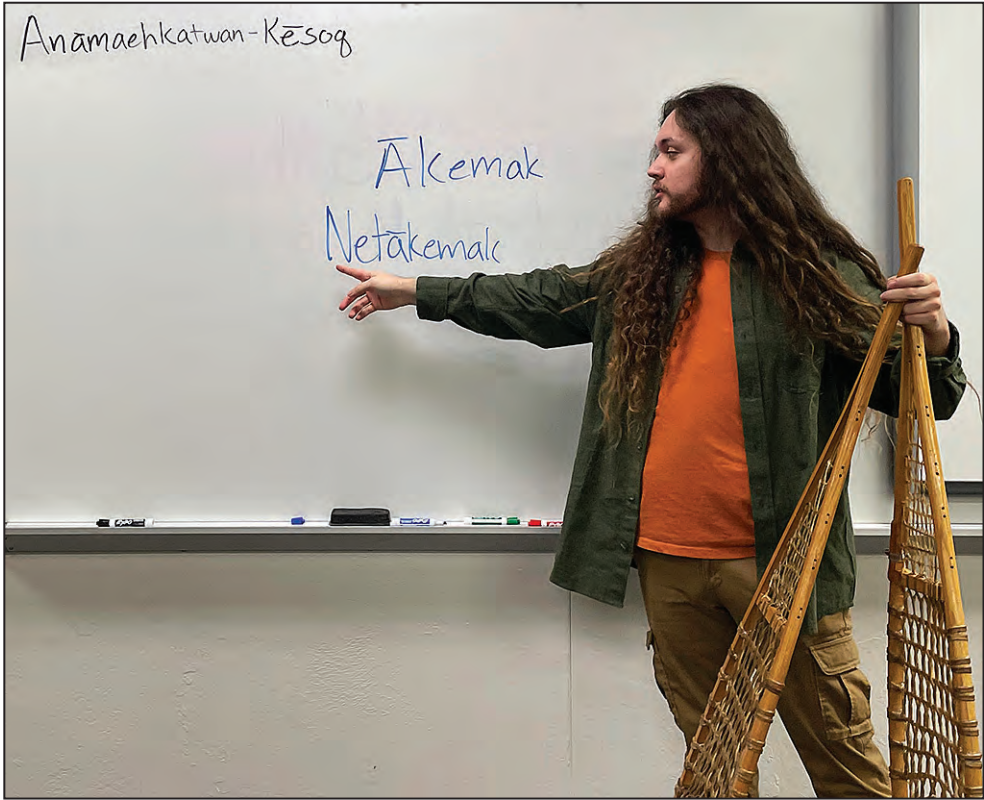
"I attended K-12 in the Shawano School District," Moses shared. "For a majority of my childhood and adolescent years, I only knew a handful of Menominee words that my parents remembered from when they were younger. I felt embarrassed to ask others, because I felt like I was supposed to know these things already."

During his junior year, a College of Menominee Nation recruiter extended the invitation Moses had been waiting to hear.

"I learned that CMN offered a course I could take for college credit," Moses said. "I went there every week over the spring 2019 semester. As I learned, I felt pride in myself and my ancestors that I never knew I could feel. I took a second language class in the fall semester."

Moses' first steps on his language journey had an immediate impact.

"My grades in high



Jeremiah Moses Jr. explains the inflection of snowshoes to his students at Shawano Community High School. JERICHO MOSES



school really saw a big improvement from my knowing myself better," he said. "I really owe a maec-waewaenen — big thanks — to my teacher, Jennifer Gauthier. She helped me find the door to our culture

and to myself." After his high school graduation, Moses continued to build upon his linguistic skills as a full-time student at CMN. "I used the language in projects at CMN, with other language speakers, and I still try to incorporate it into everything I do," Moses said. Moses' efforts did not go unnoticed. Inspiring a change from the tribal legislature, in June 2024, he

became the first descendant to both attempt and pass the Menominee Language and Culture Commission test certifying him as a teacher of the language. Moses' journey to the front of the Shawano classroom began this past summer. "My mom was having a conversation with Joel Doxtator, the Title VI high school liaison, and the conversation happened to come to the subject of

Indigenous language," he said. "When Joel heard I was a certified teacher, he expressed his interest in beginning a Menominee language class as an after-school program at Shawano." After taking a few months to work out the details, Moses held his first class with 15 Menominee students in November. Meeting on Wednesdays in the World Languages Hall from 2-3:30 p.m. each week, Moses explained his classroom is a welcoming space for learners. "I want my Menominee students to recognize that not knowing our language is not your fault. Federal policies tried to take it from us, but we can take it back," he said. "Most of the language that we cover is vocab-based, with bits of grammar worked in. I try to teach what is most relevant to the time of the year. Most recently we covered clothing items, because it's good to bundle up when it's cold out. "The class is open to anyone. As of right now, all the students are Menominee, but anyone in the high school can come to the class. Everyone is encouraged to come and gain more cultural understanding about Menominee people. That includes SSD

staff, if their schedule is open." When not teaching for his alma mater, Moses is working on an associate degree in education at CMN. Having already earned an associates of applied science in liberal studies, Moses said, "For my educational goals, I would really like to pursue a bachelor's in linguistics or history. The Integrated Studies in Sustainability Program at CMN looks very interesting as well." What's certain for now is that Moses is committed to teaching his students the lessons that he wished he'd had. "A consistent Menominee language class like this, during or after school, has never been offered at Shawano," he said. "Native American students are about one-fourth of the 2,100 students. This class is the first step in providing an opportunity for 500 Omaeqnomenewak (Menominee people) to learn more about our language, our history and our culture." For Menominee students attending SCHS, Moses' course is a wish come true.

Ryan Winn, Ph.D., teaches communications, English, history and theater at the College of Menominee Nation. Visit www.menominee.edu for more information about the school.

Kirby Omega still works, even with belt fiasco

My Kirby Omega Classic celebrated its 50th birthday right before Christmas. It's old and past its prime, but it still does the job, just like my husband, Jon. It cost me a month's salary, but my uncle was a Kirby salesman, so it was part family loyalty and part buy-the-best-you-can-afford. I have a newer one for the main level, but the Omega is all Jon's for vacuuming his dead animals room downstairs.

I met Jon 42 years ago on Feb. 4, 1983. We are an unlikely match, proving opposites do attract. You know: plus and minus, yin and yang, positive and negative. Most everyone thinks Jon's the positive pole; upbeat, congenial, great sense of humor. For the most part that's true, but he also has a negative streak that can drive me crazy. While he's tried valiantly to top what happened just before Christmas 2017, nothing can match the story of when his Kirby came down with Broken Belt Syndrome. We considered buying a new vacuum, but the Omega was still in good working condition, so we decided to try replacing the belt. Jon didn't (still doesn't) do computers. He wanted to drive 90 miles to Appleton to get a new one. "Come on," I said, "It's



almost 2018." I fired up my new laptop. (I'm writing this on No. 3. They sure don't make things to last like they used to.) I paid \$2.98 plus tax for three belts; \$5 for shipping. Happily reporting my success, I said: "Honey, for eight bucks we'll get the Kirby back to playing cleanup." He reacted with a skeptical frown, and out came the contrarian side of my otherwise almost perfect mate. Jon: "How do you know that'll fix the problem?" Me: "I don't, but I have to assume so because it was working fine until the belt broke." Jon: "How do you know the ones you ordered will fit?" Me: "Kirby belts are universal." Jon: "What if they're a piece of junk?" Me: "It says genuine Kirby parts on the package." Jon: "How can you be sure what's in the bag is what's printed on the bag?" Me: "I can't, but we're only wasting \$8 if this doesn't work."



The Kirby Omega ICB was manufactured by Scott and Fetzek from 1973 to 1976. Parts are still available to this day for this brand of vacuum. KATHLEEN MARSH

Jon: "Which it won't." Me: "Good grief, Gerty. I need an aspirin; I have a headache." When the belts arrived a week later, Jon examined them skeptically. "They seem sturdy enough but look too small." Now, knowing our past history of working together

fixing things, I suggested he do the job while I was grandma-sitting in Fitchburg. He agreed that was a great idea. Neither of us says it out loud, but we both know this time-tested strategy helps us prevent marriage-mayhem. While I'm 200 miles away enjoying my granddaughter, Jon

will install the new belt his way, without my uninvited, unwanted and unappreciated help. When I got back, Jon assured me the belt replacement went well, but I'd been home three days before he decided to test it. He pushed the vacuum around for a while, then yelled a familiar: "Honey, I've got problems!" Me: "What's wrong?" Jon: "Vacuum's running good but not picking up dirt." Me: "Usually that means the beater brush isn't rotating." We check. Yup. He spent half an hour trying to get the stupid thing to spin, so I said: "Let me check YouTube." Jon: "Go ahead, but you won't find anything." Ten minutes later, we're watching Kevin replace a Kirby belt. I really hit the YouTube jackpot with this Kevin dude. The perfect teacher, he models the process while explaining clearly what to do. Jon follows along, installs the new belt, turns the belt lifter and puts the head back on. I watch him work; I want to know how to do this if I ever have to. As he proceeds, I know he's not doing the belt lifter part right. I foolishly attempt to point this out; he tells me

to go finish the laundry. You know how sometimes you'd rather not be right? Yeah. He proceeds doing it his (wrong) way. When he fires up the Kirby, the brush doesn't turn. Now he's frustrated and angry. "See, I told you this wouldn't work." Me: "Honey, I think you did everything right except the belt lifter part." Jon: "I told you it wouldn't work." Me: "Why not try it again?" Jon: "All right, but it won't work." He gives it another try and a big smile lights up his still handsome face. "It'll work now," he says confidently as he reinstalls the head. I plug it in. He turns it on. Bag inflates, brush spins; vacuum slurps up everything in its path. I raise my arms in triumph. "Yay. You did it, Jon." He gives me a big hug and says, "Miracles do happen." Yes, they do, like that frigid February night I met this amazing man. I know I'm so lucky, but then sometimes...

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GARDENING WITH MELINDA MYERS

Dahlia combinations for gardens and bouquets

Dahlias come in various colors, shapes and sizes, making them easy to include in any garden, container or bouquet. Grow them in their own dedicated space, mix them with other flowers or plant a few at the end of the vegetable garden.

Consider including different varieties of dahlias for added interest and beauty in the garden and your arrangements. Select colors that you imagine will look great together in a vase. This will make it easy to create a lot of creative combinations on the fly.

Grow dahlias with flowers of different shapes and sizes to create more interesting arrangements. Dahlias offer many options, and it's one of the reasons they are such a popular cut flower. Longfield Gardens provides help and inspiration in "Types of Dahlias: 8 Great Looks."

You'll find the widest range of colors and styles with new varieties in the decorative dahlia group continually being released. Add a bit of elegance to the garden and bouquets with Mondriaan's soft pink petals tinged with pastel yellow, apricot and lavender. Decorative dahlias make great cut



Dinnerplate dahlias, like this Berry Spritz collection, can grow up to 10 inches across on four- to five-foot-tall plants. LONGFIELDGARDENS.COM



flowers, and their sturdy stems make them easy to grow with other flowers in gardens and containers.

Add interesting texture to your gardens and bouquets with anemone-flowered and collarette dahlias. The anemone-flowered dahlias have a cluster of tubular florets in the center surrounded by more traditional petals. The two different lengths of petals in the collarette varieties add to their charm.

Enjoy an abundant harvest of cut flowers when growing ball and pompon dahlias. These perfectly round flowers are packed with tightly rolled petals and are long-lived in arrangements. Their size makes them excellent additions to mixed bouquets helping to connect the various flowers for an

impressive display.

The unique blossoms of waterlily dahlias have made it one of the most popular for cutting. The relatively flat flowers have tightly closed centers surrounded by several rows of flat or slightly curved petals.

Grow a few single dahlias for you and the pollinators to enjoy. The daisy-like flowers have a prominent center surrounded by a single row of petals. Their airy appearance complements a variety of late-season perennials in the garden and bouquets. Mix in a few peony-flowered varieties for a showier display. These also have a prominent center but are surrounded by two or more layers of petals.

Add a bit of excitement to any arrangement with cactus and semi-cactus varieties. Their tightly curled petals make them a standout in the garden and bouquets.

You'll only need one or a few dinnerplate dahlia blooms to make a statement in a vase or arrangement. The large flowers can grow up to 10 inches across on four- to five-foot-tall plants. Tag team a pair of dinnerplate dahlias for the back of the bor-

der. Labyrinth and Tyrell have apricot flowers with pink and yellow accents that blend nicely with a wide range of colors in the garden.

If you feel overwhelmed by all the choices or can't decide on the best combination, let the experts lend a hand. Consider purchasing one or more ready-to-plant dahlia combinations selected to look great in the garden and arrangements. The bumblebee collection includes pollinator-favorite Kelsey Sunshine collarette and the coral pink decorative Great Silence. For a big splash of purple, try the Berry Spritz dinnerplate collection (longfield-gardens.com) with lavender-pink, lilac and eggplant purple blooms.

Take pictures of your favorite combinations and make notes of what you want to try next year. Most importantly, enjoy the fantastic blooms. Fortunately, any flower combination is sure to brighten your day.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the recently released "Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition" and "Small Space Gardening." Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds and Blooms magazine and was commissioned by Longfield Gardens for her expertise to write this column. Her website is www.melindamyers.com.



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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. Fifth 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. 15

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

CAROLINE: Run for Fun Vintage Ride and Show, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Legion Hall, W12850 County Road M. Hosted by Four Dams Snow Goers. Bring your vintage sleds, running or not. All years welcome, rat rod sleds, too. Registration 10 a.m. to noon, live music 11 a.m., voting at noon, ride 1 p.m. (weather permitting). Basket raffles, 50/50 raffles, food and drinks available for purchase.

BIRNAMWOOD: Second annual Winter Frost Fest, 2-11 p.m., Chet and Emil's, 388 Main St. Hosted by Birnamwood Polka Days. Ultimate Polka

Band 2-6 p.m., NightShift 7-11 p.m. Advance tickets \$5, \$10 at the door. Ticket enters you into 50/25/25 raffle to be drawn at 10 p.m. Additional tickets \$5 or three for \$10.

SHAWANO: Run the Lake Poker Run, 2-5 p.m., Bamboo Bar, W5884 Cedar Court. Hosted by WI Trail Lake Runners. Details at <https://witrail-lakerunners.com>

PULASKI: "Once Upon A Mattress," 7 p.m., Pulaski High School, 1040 S. St. Augustine St. Tickets \$8 at pulaskihs.ludus.com.

SUNDAY, FEB. 16

PULASKI: "Once Upon A Mattress," 7 p.m., Pulaski High School, 1040 S. St. Augustine St. Tickets \$8 at pulaskihs.ludus.com.

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

TUESDAY, FEB. 18

KESHENA: Recovery talking circle, 6-8 p.m. Omaeqnomenewak Wetohkatikamek Center, 2700 Mianaceqtawak Road.

Information: Mindy Thunder at 715-799-3835 or mthunder@mitw.org.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 19

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

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 information, call Nancy 920-829-6316 or Charles 920-606-4370. Weekly through April 2.

THURSDAY, FEB. 20

OCONTO: Jacob's Well — Oconto All Community small group Bible study, 2:30 p.m. The Shop On Main (rear conference annex), 821 Main St. Information at jacobswellgb.org.

SHAWANO: Shawano Community High School Jazz Band, 7 p.m., Stubborn Brothers Brewery, 220 S. Main St.

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

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cherry, she also bakes apple and caramel apple.

"Lemon meringue was a challenge to get it right. I just kept at it," White said. "I've made pies for the Peace Church chili dinners. I'd make 20-30 pies for their dinner."

Six-inch pies are sold at DuPont Cheese Factory in Marion and Clintonville's Erickson's Drug Store. With almost 12 years' experience baking pies, bars and cookies, White bakes what she thinks would sell and tries to switch up the variety.

"Occasionally, I bake bars for events for Northwinds (Marion) and also bake on request for people," White said.

Thursday is delivery day. During the winter, DuPont gets the pies before 8 a.m. and loading up, White then heads to Erickson's. During the summer, she sells at the Clintonville Farmers Market. Pies by Patti can also be purchased at the winter farmers market behind the Compassionate Connections Center in the Fox Communities Credit Union Partner Annex at 143 S. Main St., Clintonville, coming up on March 8 and April 12 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

As for any helpers in her endeavor, she mentioned her granddaughters, Laci and Layla, started out with her when they were just 7 and 8, respectively, making crusts and learning how to bake. Now close to graduating high school, the girls thought, "If Nana can do this so can we," and have since started their own business, selling at the Shawano Farmers Market. Recently they filled a wedding order for 60 dozen cookies.

"One is a dreamer, one is a worker, and together they make a great team,"



Patti White's kitchen in Marion is state-inspected and certified to make commercial baked goods. Labeled as Pies by Patti, they're available at DuPont Cheese Factory in Marion and Erickson's Drug Store in Clintonville.

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White said. "Someday they'd like to own a bakery in Shawano."

White also has a friend who helps with packaging, labeling and hauling bounty to the farmers market. Almost fully recovered from a mini-stroke five years ago, she needs help with transporting, as her strength is not quite 100%.

"I bake because I like it," White said. "If I ever won the lottery, I'd bake and give them away. If I don't sell out at the market, I give them away to my neighbors. I hate to see waste. I want them fresh. Nothing is frozen for another day. Everything is fresh-made."

At the age of 73, White doesn't care to expand.

"It's just me. Marion, Clintonville, Shawano area is all I care to cover," she said. "I'm very happy and

content to have what I have and do what I can."

However, she frequently checks in with her heavenly father, asking, "God, are you sure? Not to doubt him but just to make sure I'm hearing his voice. So far, he hasn't let me down. I'm not a commercial bakery and sometimes I have to say no because of my age and my health, but if the good Lord wants me to do it, he'll find a way."

To order a pie, call 715-754-4465. She accepts phone orders and either delivers the goodies herself or the customer picks them up.

Admitting she's not technically savvy, White said: "I am old-school and I like it that way. I'm not saying technology is bad, it's just not for me. The less handling the better. It doesn't mess them up that way."



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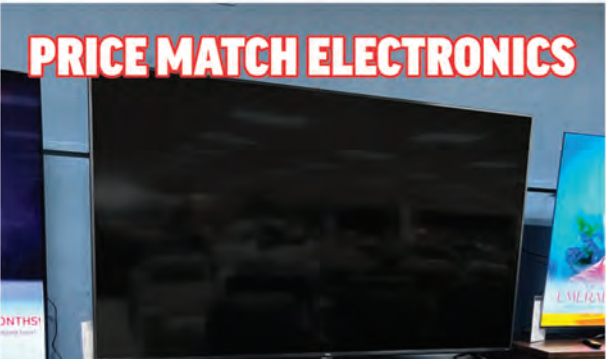
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Lena inches closer to M&O Conference title

BY NEW MEDIA STAFF

**Feb. 7
Lena 40, Gillett 22**

Lena jumped out to a 22-7 halftime lead over Gillett and coasted from there in a 40-22 win.

Eva Brooks led the Wildcats with 16 points and 10 rebounds. She also had two assists and a pair of steals.

Madilyn Thomson led Lena with four assists and four steals. She also contributed nine points and seven rebounds.

Bonduel 62, Shiocton 23

Audrey Jacobs scored 16 points and nine other Bears scored as well in Bonduel's 62-23 win over Shiocton.

Bonduel dominated throughout the game, holding a 38-10 halftime lead.

Ashwaubenon 54, Pulaski 45

Olivia Sprangers and Alissa Nischke each scored 16 points with Ashley Servais contributing 11, but Pulaski lost 54-45 to Ashwaubenon.

The Jaguars held a 25-15 halftime lead, and Pulaski held a one-point advantage in second-half scoring.

Marinette 47, Oconto Falls 38

**Feb. 6
Wittenberg-Birnhamwood 56, Amherst 29**

Wittenberg-Birnhamwood advanced to 11-0 in the Central Wisconsin East Conference with a 56-29 win over Amherst.

"We got off to a sluggish first half but still continued to inch away," coach Nick Mechelke said. "Started the second how we wanted to and stretched our lead to 30. This was a good game where we got to sub in and out a lot."

Rory Salvesen led the Chargers with 16 points, followed by Melaina Granquist with 13 and Harper Rogowski with 11.

Granquist pulled down nine rebounds, and Nora Bushman, Rogowski and Salvesen each had four steals.

Notre Dame De La Baie Academy 81, Pulaski 22

Notre Dame ran away from Pulaski early and continued to pile on in its 81-22 win.

Brooke Barry led the Red Raiders with six points.

Niagara 68, Suring 53
Niagara controlled the game with a 17-point



lead at halftime, and even though Suring outscored their guests by a pair in the second half, this game belonged to the visitors, 68-53.

Paige Pommerich led the Eagles with 12 points. Bunny Cramer scored 10.

Little Chute 46,

Bowler 22

Green Bay NEW Lutheran/Providence Academy 67, Gresham 31

Marion/Tigerton 55, Northland Lutheran 33

Feb. 4

Shawano 69, New London 51

A tough Shawano defense led to an early halftime lead of 35-16, and the Hawks held steady from there to earn a 69-51 win.

Leah Nordin led the Hawks with 32 points. Ella Stuber added 13.

Shawano improved to 7-2 in the Bay Conference and 14-4 overall.

Lena 55, Oneida Nation 38

Lena stretched its 29-20 halftime to lead emerge victorious over Oneida Nation with a 55-38 win.

Eva Brooks and Madilyn Thomson each recorded a double-double. Brooks led with 22 points with 12 rebounds, and Thomson had 10 points with a team-leading 14 rebounds.

Kali Fischer scored another 13 points for the Wildcats.

Brooks and Fischer each had three assists, and Thomson had five steals.

Freedom 41, Oconto Falls 26

Rylie Shallow led Oconto Falls with 13 points, but the Panthers were on the losing end of a 41-26 final score.

Bowler 65, Faith Christian Academy 15
Gillett 48, Menominee, Michigan, 36

Marion/Tigerton 62, Elcho 22

Coleman 49, Suring 44

**Feb. 3
Wittenberg-Birnhamwood 65, Pacelli 49**

Harper Rogowski and Rory Salvesen each connected on a trio of 3-pointers in Wittenberg-Birnhamwood's 65-49 win over Pacelli.

"Our girls played extremely well tonight on both ends of the court," coach Nick Mechelke said. "I give a lot of our credit to the defensive effort by all the girls tonight."

Melaina Granquist led the Chargers with 26 points and 11 rebounds. Salvesen scored 20 points.

Salvesen led the team with six assists, and Faith Resch had three steals.

Almond-Bancroft 65, Gresham 42

Marion/Tigerton 49, Chequamegon 45



At left, Audrey Pate of Gillett drives to the basket guarded by Kali Fischer of Lena during the M&O Conference game Feb. 7 at Gillett. Lena won 40-22. Above, Hannah Thomson of Lena drives to the basket against two Gillett defenders. Below, Gillett's Sophie Limberg (34) drives to the basket.

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Ice Bears beat Warhawks for second game in a row

BY NEW MEDIA STAFF

**Feb. 6
Bay Area 7, Arrowhead 1**

After beating Arrowhead 4-1 in Ashwaubenon on Jan. 31, the Bay Area Ice Bears traveled to the Warhawks' home rink and

won again, this time 7-1.

Hannah Von Haden had goals for the Ice Bears, with five teammates accounting for the other five goals.

Pulaski's Faye Brunke started the scoring at 9:38 in the first period, with Addison Dahl add-

ing a second goal at 10:21 with a Julianne Bradford assist.

The Ice Bears scored four times in the second period to open up a 6-0 lead.

Von Haden scored at 3:06 and then assisted Aisling Buchan at 9:38. Bradford scored at 16:22

with help from Ava McDonald and Dahl. Then, Von Haden scored again at 16:57 with an assist from Tiana Stindt.

Arrowhead's only goal at 12:31 in the third period, and Bay Area responded with a goal by Emily Bill at 14:56 with an assist

from Brunke to end the scoring.

The Warhawks only mustered 11 shots on goal, with Reese Spiering getting 10 saves. The Ice Bears had 42 shots on goal.

Arrowhead had one penalty for four minutes. Bay Area had four penalties for 11 minutes.



Wittenberg-Birnbaumwood's Jett Rogowski preapres to shoot in the Chargers' 73-71 overtime win over Stevens Point Pacelli. Rogowski scored the 1,000th point of his high school career in the game.

TINA BACON

Bonduel, Tigerton boys remain perfect in conference action

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

**Feb. 7
Bonduel 85, Shiocton 75**

Race Anvelink and Quinn Wesenberg combined for 51 points to lead Bonduel to an 85-75 win over Shiocton.

The Bears are now 19-0 overall and 11-0 in the Central Wisconsin East Conference.

Anvelink scored 28 points, including six 3-pointers. Wesenberg's 23 points included four 3-pointers.

Ryan Westrich contributed another 13 points, 13 rebounds and seven blocked shots. Cade Johnson scored 11 points and had eight assists.

Wittenberg-Birnbaumwood 60, Amherst 51

The Chargers advanced to 15-2 overall and 10-1 in the Central Wisconsin East Conference with a 60-51 win over Amherst.

The Chargers held a six-point lead at the half and extended it slightly for the nine-point victory.

"I felt we got a lot of good shots tonight on the offensive end," coach Garrett Rogowski said. "We didn't necessarily shoot that great but moved the ball well and had very few turnovers. In fact, we didn't have one turnover

the first half. Defensively, we switched things up a bit, and that seemed to keep them somewhat out of sink."

Jett Rogowski led Wittenberg-Birnbaumwood with 29 points. Hayden Miller scored 13, and Jaden Clark added 10.

Zander Barke led with eight rebounds, and Miler had another seven. Barke and Clark each had three assists. Rogowski, Clark, Miller and Barke each had two steals.

Tigerton 93, Bowler 51

James Brady scored 33 points as Tigerton cruised past Bowler 93-51 in a Central Wisconsin North Conference game. The Tigers lead the conference at 7-0 and are 16-1 overall.

Also scoring in double digits for Tigerton were Caleb Dahlstrom with 16, Brody Miller with 15 and Maverick Maass with 10.

Brady also led the team with 12 rebounds. Sam Anheuser had eight assists. With three steals each were Izaiah Lederhaus, Miller, Dahlstrom, Tanner Dent, Gavin Kielblock and Brady.

Northland Lutheran 59, Marion 32

Braylon Mielke scored 10 points in Marion's 59-32 loss to Northland Lutheran in Central Wisconsin

North Conference action.

The Mustangs are 0-5 in conference play and 1-16 overall.

Oconto Falls 58, Marinette 45

Jameson Beaman poured in 22 points to pace Oconto Falls in a 58-45 win over Marinette. JJ Pytleski added another 16 points, and Evan Yuma contributed 11.

Pytleski led the Panthers with eight rebounds, Yuma had a pair of assists, and Chase Carriveau and Aydien Wold each had three steals.

The Panthers are in fourth place in the North Eastern Conference with an 8-6 record. They are 11-8 overall.

Wausaukee 73, Gresham 64

Iola-Scandinavia 67, Menominee Nation 49

Pulaski 85, Ashwaubenton 71

**Feb. 6
Gillett 66, Wausaukee 53**

Jesse DeBauch scored 39 points including 18 free throws to lead Gillett to a 66-53 win over Wausaukee.

Ryan Pensis also scored 18 points.

Crivitz 63, Lena 39

Lena trailed by 14 points at halftime, and Crivitz maintained and extended its lead en route to a 53-39 win.

Mason Spice scored 15 points for the Wildcats.

Green Bay Preble 66, Oconto Falls 57

The Panthers couldn't maintain their three-point halftime lead as Green Bay Preble battled back to win 66-57.

Oconto Falls was led by Jameson Beaman with 24 points, JJ Pytleski with 15 and Emerich Skarban with 11. Beaman had six 3-pointers, while Pytleski was 4-for-4 for free throws.

Skarban had a double-double as he led the Panthers with 10 rebounds. Beaman led with three assists, while Skarban had three steals.

Notre Dame De La Baie Academy 77, Pulaski 59

Pulaski spread the ball around as five players scored in double digits, but the Red Raiders came up short, 77-59, against Notre Dame.

Bryce Wotruba led Pulaski with 13 points, and Joseph Mijal scored 12. With 10 each were Colin Schultz, Bohdan Schmidt and Dixon Holewinski.

Shawano 69, Green Bay West 43

Logan Sipple scored 33 points, and the Hawks turned up the heat in

**BOYS BASKETBALL,
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Hawks hockey team wins in OT

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

**Feb. 6
Shawano/Bonduel 4, Appleton United 3 (OT)**

A pair of goals by Appleton North late in the third period forced overtime, but Shawano/Bonduel pulled out the win with a goal by Blake Knope in the second OT frame. Cameron Schroeder assisted on the game-winning shot.

The Hawks' scoring began at 7:10 in the first period on an even strength goal by Blake Swedberg. Appleton United tied the

game before the period ended.

Shawano/Bonduel recaptured the lead on a Gavin Hundt goal 31 seconds into the second period. Max Huntington scored at 5:48, with assists from Kielan Armbruster and Wyatt Schroeder, to give the Hawks a 3-1 lead.

Appleton United scored in the third period, first at 15:34 and again at 16:31, to tie the game at 3-3.

There was no scoring in the first overtime period, with Knope's game-winning goal coming at 7:09 in the second OT period.

Shawano/Bonduel at 28 shots on goal. Appleton United had 37 with Kaiden Thornborrow tallying 34 saves.

Appleton United only had one penalty called for two minutes. The Hawks had five infractions for 10 minutes.

Pacelli 5, Shawano/Bonduel 3

The Hawks and the Cardinals went back and forth until the end when Pacelli pulled out a 5-3 win.

Shawano/Bonduel opened the scoring with

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Suring's Cramer hits 1,000-point milestone



Bunny Cramer of the Suring Eagles eclipsed the 1,000-point mark in her high school basketball career Feb. 1 against the Crivitz Wolverines. The game was considered a home contest for the Eagles even though it was played at the Oshkosh Herd Arena, home to the Milwaukee Bucks affiliate team. Cramer had 14 points in the game — five field goals and 2-for-2 free throws. That completed a week of four games where she scored 75 points in the previous three games to set herself up with the opportunity to get 1,000 points.

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Shawano's Moede wins at Preble

Pulaski's Skenandore still unbeaten

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Feb. 8 Green Bay Preble Tournament

Shawano's girls wrestling team competed in its final regular season tournament before WIAA playoff action begins.

Jenna Moede finished in first at 114 pounds.

"She wrestled well all day long attacking on takedowns and controlling in the top position," coach Mike Homan said. "Her finals match was one of the best she has ever wrestled. She really controlled her front headlocks and kept her opponent out of her elbow control."

With 30 seconds left in the first period, she had an opportunity for a throw and she used it. She secured her takedown and earned a fall with five seconds left in the period.

"Jenna has been wrestling well, and she is peaking at the right time," Homan said. "I'm looking forward to watching her wrestle the next few weekends."

Gwyn Hermann placed second.

"Gwyn wrestled well today," Homan said. "She came up short in her finals match against a great opponent but has shown improvement all season long."

Lily Tomas placed third, Jacey Cowden was fourth, and Kendall Knope finished fifth.

Placing seventh were Zannah Bosetski, Lauren Seehafer and Brynn Hannes. Maddie Miller finished in eighth.

WRESTLING,
CONTINUED ON PAGE 17

2 Bears win at conference meet

Wittenberg-Birnamwood wrestler also gets a crown

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Feb. 8 CWC Conference Wrestling Tournament

Two Bonduel wrestlers and one from Wittenberg-Birnamwood earned first-place championships at the CWC Conference Wrestling Tournament in Weyauwega-Fremont.

Bonduel's Colin Fischer won at 165, and teammate Evan Wilcox won at 215.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Byron Schmid kept Bonduel from winning a third title as he pinned his Bonduel opponent to win

at 175.

Fischer, a senior, pinned Shiocton's Blake Carton, a freshman, in 2:44 for the title. Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Kaden Yaeger placed sixth in the same weight class.

Wilcox, a senior, beat Weyauwega-Fremont's Tellyer Alix, also a senior, 7-6 for his championship. Also, George Seegmiller of Wittenberg-Birnamwood placed third and Miklo Guzman of Menominee Nation was fifth.

Schmid, a junior, pinned Bonduel's Ryley Kurtz, a freshman, in 1:42 to capture first place. Menominee Nation's Mitchell Waukau placed third with a 10-0 major decision over Rosholt's Keegan O'Donnell.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Ben Miller placed second at 150 pounds. Menominee Nation's Jason

Chapman was third, and Bonduel's Aiden RoBarge was sixth.

Matthew Walenta of Bonduel won third place at 157 when he pinned Luca Pelusi of Wittenberg-Birnamwood in 3:44.

At 126 pounds, Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Bo Davis took third when he defeated Menominee Indian's Mike Peters on a 14-6 major decision.

Three Wittenberg-Birnamwood wrestlers placed second. They were Dalton Fletcher at 120, Easton Davis at 132 and Devin Wudtke at 138.

Landon Meronk finished third at 106.

Frank Wierzbza placed fifth at 144.

Bonduel's Jaxon Bogacz placed fourth at 132 pounds. Jackson Krause was fifth at 285.

At 190, Carter Waldvogel of Wittenberg-Birnam-

wood placed fourth and Jayden Popp of Bonduel was sixth.

Feb. 7 Gillett/Suring multi-dual

Lena's wrestlers placed second and Gillett/Suring was fourth as five teams competed at Suring. Coleman won, Crivitz/Wausaukee was third, and Oneida Nation placed fifth.

Lena defeated Crivitz/Wausaukee 60-15 in the first round, while Gillett/Suring defeated Oneida Nation 24-12.

Lena won its second-round match, a 60-12 win over Gillett/Suring.

In Round 3, Gillett/Suring was shut out 83-0 against Coleman.

Lena defeated Oneida Nation 72-6 in the fourth round.

In the final round, Coleman defeated Lena 71-6,

as Lena earned the only points against Coleman in the entire event. Crivitz/Wausaukee defeated Gillett/Suring 40-12.

Lena's only win against Coleman was Lucas Heimke pinning Wyatt Van Haren in 1:11 in the 138-pound category.

In Lena's win over Gillett/Suring, the Wildcats opened with forfeit wins at 106, 113, 120 and 126.

Gillett/Suring's Parker Bomma pinned Lena's Carson Joyce in 32 seconds at 132. Heimke followed by pinning Taylor Brown in 1:28, and Gillett/Suring responded with Braxton Wirth pinning Lena's Riley Windus in 1:20 at 144.

Lena won on forfeits at 150, 157, 165 and 175. There was a double forfeit at 190. Lena won by forfeit at 215, followed by Dylan Urbanek pinning Bradley Bayer in 1:11 at 285.



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the second half as they defeated Green Bay West 69-43.

Shawano held a slim 24-34 lead at halftime and then outscored Green Bay West 45-20 after the break.

St. Thomas Aquinas Academy 59, Suring 53 Feb. 4

Bonduel 82, Menominee Nation 64

Race Anvelink led Bonduel with 26 points, five assists and six steals as the Bears defeated the Menominee Nation Eagles 82-64.

Ryan Westrich also scored 26 points, including four 3-pointers.

Bonduel jumped out to a 48-31 lead at halftime and cruised from there.

The Eagles were led by Kenew Awonohopay with 19 points, Mikey Chapman with 16 (including four 3-pointers) and Terrince Sanapaw with 10.

Gillett 58, Goodman/Pembine 51

After scoring only six points in the first half, Gillett's Jesse DeBauch went

on a scoring rampage with 19 in the second half to lead the Tigers to a 58-51 win over Goodman/Pembine.

Gillett trailed by a point at halftime but out scored their hosts in the second half to earn the win.

Jed Herzog scored 13 points for Gillett, and Brody Halla added 11.

Freedom 77, Oconto Falls 57

JJ Pytleski scored 26 points, and Jameson Beaman added 15, but Oconto Falls came up short in a 77-57 loss to Freedom.

Beaman connected on 4-of-8 3-pointers.

Pytleski had nine rebounds, while Beaman, Chase Cariveau and Evan Yuma each had six. Emerich Skarban and Pytleski each had two assists, while Yuma, Cariveau and Pytleski each had one steal.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood 69, Weyauwega-Fremont 68

For the second night in a row, the Chargers pulled out a nail-biter, beating

the Weyauwega-Fremont Warhawks 69-68.

Jett Rogowski paced the Chargers with 38 points, including 12 free throws. Jaden Clark also scored 12 points.

A comfortable 28-16 first half lead did not hold the Warhawks down long as they penetrated the Chargers' defense time and time again in the second half. The Chargers did just enough though to advance to 14-2.

Shawano 68, New London 61

The Hawks were up by two points at halftime and pulled away in the second half, outscoring New London 45-40 en route to a 68-61 win.

The Hawks were led by Anderson Schmidt's 19 points and Logan Sipple's 18.

Shawano shot 86% from the 3-point arc in the second half, going 6-for-7 from beyond the arc.

Tigerton 84, Gresham 35

James Brady paced Tigerton with 25 points as Tigerton defeated Gresham 84-35. Brady completed a double-double as he also led the team with 11 rebounds.

Sam Anheuser led Tigerton with seven assists while also scoring 13 points. Joey Zimdars scored 12 points, and Brody Miller added another 10.

Caleb Dahlstrom led the Tigers with five steals.

Bowler 73, Faith Christian Academy 45 Feb. 3

Gillett 71, Wausaukee 52

Jesse DeBauch led Gillett with 30 points as the Tigers pounded Wausaukee 71-52.

Ryan Pensis scored 16 points. Jed Herzog had a double-double with 10 points and 11 rebounds.

Brody Halla led Gillett with nine assists and six steals.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood 73, Pacelli 71 (OT)

Wittenberg-Birnamwood outscored Pacelli 9-7 in overtime to capture a 73-71 win.

Jett Rogowski scored his 1,000th point in his high school career in the game.

"Just a great effort across the board tonight from all the boys," said coach Garrett Rogowski.

"Jett (Rogowski) fouled out early, and guys stepped up in multiple ways. Zandyr Barke capped an amazing

night with a steal and coast-to-coast spin move finish."

Pacelli led 37-32 at halftime, but while Wittenberg-Birnamwood scored an identical 32 points in the second half, Pacelli only managed 27, which forced the overtime period.

Rogowski's 28 points included three 3-pointers and nine free throws.

Jaden Clark and Hayden Miller each scored 15 points, with Miller hitting three 3-pointers. Barke scored 11, and Eddie Nowinsky had the Chargers' other four points.

Oconto 80, Menominee Nation 66

Suring 75, Florence 48

Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah 86, Marion 7

HOCKEY, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 15

a goal by Blake Knope at 4:21 in the first period with assists by Cameron Schroeder and Teagan Harkey.

Stevens Point scored twice in the first half of the second period to go up 2-1 before Blake Swedberg tied the game with a Bryce Lammers assist at 15:15.

The Hawks grabbed a 3-2 lead at 3:00 in the third period when Gavin Hundt scored with another Schroeder assist.

The Cardinals reposed with three unanswered goals in the second half of the period to tie the game and then win.

Shawano/Bonduel had 48 shots on goal, while Pacelli had 24 with Tyson Lyons getting 20 saves.

Stevens Point was penalized only once for two minutes. Shawano/Bonduel was called for five infractions, including an unsportsmanlike conduct in the third period, for 18 minutes.

Northland Pines 9, Antigo 3

Antigo's 2-1 lead early in the second period couldn't hold up as Northland Pines had a pair of scoring streaks that eventually left them on top 9-3.

Trailing 1-0 after the first period, Owen Dickman tied the game at 0:28 in the second period. Eli Kassler and Parker Chaney assisted. Then, at 1:25, Ethan Novy was assisted by Carson Rhode for the

go-ahead goal. The Eagles responded with three unanswered goals in the last half of the period to lead 4-2.

Rhode assisted Dickman on another Red Robins goal at 3:15 to start the third-period scoring. Northland Pines responded with five straight goals to close out the game.

The Red Robins had 29 shots on goal. The Eagles had 38 shots with Ian Brittenham getting 29 saves.

Antigo was penalized seven times for 14 minutes. Northland Pines was called for four infractions for 14 minutes, including a 10-minute unsportsmanlike conduct penalty in the second period.

WRESTLING, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 16

Ninth place was earned by Jozlyn Bocker, Bella Tupper and Madelyn Moesch.

Ella Korth placed 12th.

Shawano's girls will be in action Feb. 14 at Wausau West for WIAA regionals.

As for Pulaski, Harlow Skenandore was the

winner of the 145 match. Skenandore, 18-0, pinned Sturgeon Bay's Tiani LeMieux, 4-1, in 1:22.

Earning second place in their weight categories were Leah Kapla at 132, Ellie Neosh at 165 and Noelle Manning at 185.

Taylor Gunville placed third at 152.

Lillian Wiitala finished fourth at 107, and Elliana Maroszek was fourth at 132.

Maddeline McCargar placed fifth at 235.

At 138, Reese Burich was seventh.

Pulaski wrestlers will compete in a tournament Feb. 14 at Peshtigo.

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Notice Setting Time to Hear Application and Deadline for Filing Claims (Informal Administration)
Case No. 25 PR 03

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth April 5, 1955 and date of death November 16, 2024 was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin , with a mailing address of W5341 Shady Drive #20, Shawano WI 53964.
3. The application will be heard at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 North Main Street, Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202, before Gwen Hoffman, Probate Registrar on March 11, 2025At 10:00 a.m.
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 is April 28, 2025.
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 North Main Street, Shawano , Wisconsin, Room 202 Probate Office.
6. This publication is notice to any persons whose names or address are unknown.

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Wednesday, March 5, 2025 @ 9:00 AM
Shawano County Courthouse, Rooms A & B
Members: Ken Capelle, Jeremy Gretzinger, Lowel Hammett, Kathy Luebke, Theresa Serrano
Z-3-25: David M and Corby Marohl request zone change pursuant to Shawano County Zoning Ordinance 7-14, Section X.1.10(4) Zoning Map and Interpretation of Zoning District Boundaries on the following: A) 318 square feet of land from A-R, Agricultural Residential to FP, Farmland and Forest Preservation, property located as part of parent parcel #044-12210-0010 located in the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 12, T27N R17E; AND B) 32,641 square feet of land from FP, Farmland and Forest Preservation to A-R, Agricultural Residential, property located as part of parent parcel #044-12210-0000 located in the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 12, T27N R17E; Town of Washington for the purpose of adjusting the lot line between two parcels.
CU-2-25: Cole Yach requests two (2) after the fact conditional use permits for 1) Outdoor Sales, Display, or Repair (land use) in the Commercial-General Zoning District pursuant to the Shawano County Zoning Ordinance No. 7-14, Table X.4.02 and Section X.9.03 (228) for the sale of shipping containers, deer blinds, golf carts and electric bikes; AND 2) Section X.9.03 (282) to allow up to 2 shipping containers to be used for storage for the existing business. Property is located and described as part of the NW 1/4 of SW 1/4, Lot 1 of Volume 21 of Certified Survey Map page 48 Map #4156 now known as Lot 3 Certified Survey Map #4640, Section 17 T29N R11E. Tax parcel #006-17320-0000. Town of Aniwa. Property address: N11016 US 45 Hwy
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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT, OF SHAWANO COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE
Kirstyn Lee Gueths
By Kirstyn Lee Gueths
NOTICE and ORDER for Name Change Hearing
case No.25cv17
NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: Kirstyn Lee Gueths
To: Kirstyn Lee Soderstrom
Birth Certificate: Kirstyn Lee Soderstrom
IT IS ORDERED:
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Shawano County State of Wisconsin: Judge's name: Judge William Kussel
311 N Main St Shawano WI
March 04, 2025 08:15 a.m.
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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF David L. Erdman

Amended
Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No. 24 PR 55

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 02/12/1960 and date of death 06/05/2024 , was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin , with a mailing address of W12638 Keller Rd. Marion, WI 54950.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is April 15, 2025 .
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano , Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate Office .
Form completed by: James E. Aschenbrenner
P.O. Box146,
Shawano, WI 54166, USA 715 524 6258
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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT SHAWANO COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF:
Lydia Rose Mier
By (Petitioner) Amanda Rae Mier
By (Co-Petitioner) Tanner Brock Sprangers
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case # 24cv239
NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
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TO: Lydia Rose Sprangers
Birth Certificate: Lydia Rose Mier
IT IS ORDERED:
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Shawano County State of Wisconsin: Judge Katherine V. Sloma 2 311 N Main Street, Shawano, WI, 54166 02/21/2025 08:15 am
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Jerry Grosskreutz

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No. 25 PR 02

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth September 7, 1953 and date of death December 20, 2024 , was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin , with a mailing address of 107 S. Andrews St., Shawano, WI 54166 .
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is April 25, 2025 .
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano , Wisconsin, Room 202. Probate Office .
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Greenville, WI 54942
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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT WOOD COUNTY

CREDIT ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION
Plaintiff,
vs.
CHARLENE ELLIS
LOGAN R MCLENNAN
Defendants.
Case No. 24CV000479
AMENDED SUMMONS

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN
TO: CHARLENE ELLIS
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You are hereby notified that the Plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The Complaint, which is also served on you, states the nature and basis of the legal action.

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If no Complaint accompanies this Summons you must respond within the said 40 day period with a written demand for a copy of the Complaint by mailing or delivering said written demand to the court and to the Plaintiff's attorneys at their respective addresses listed above.

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Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin February 3, 2025.

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COVANTAGE CREDIT UNION
PO BOX 107
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Plaintiff,
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BRIAN L. ST. LOUIS
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Defendants.

Case No. 24-CV-97
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

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TIME: March 12, 2025 at 9:00 am

TERMS: Pursuant to said judgment, 10% of the successful bid must be paid to the sheriff at the sale in cash, cashier's check or certified funds, payable to the Shawano County Clerk of Courts. (Personal checks cannot and will not be accepted). The balance of the successful bid must be paid to the clerk of courts in cash, cashier's check or certified funds no later than ten days after the court's confirmation for the sale or else the 10% down payment is forfeited to the plaintiff. The property is sold 'as is' and subject to all liens and encumbrances.

PLACE: Shawano County Courthouse, main lobby 311 N. Main Street in Shawano, WI 54166 in Shawano County

DESCRIPTION: Lots Seven (7) and Eight (8) of Block Twenty-three (23) of the Village of Mattoon according to the recorded plat thereof, Village of Mattoon, Shawano County, Wisconsin. .
~This is not a Purchase Money Mortgage. ~This is the Homestead of the Mortgageor.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 626 Stone Ave. Mattoon, WI 54450

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(My daughter) is one of the most important people in this world to me, and for a mother to see how her daughter has lost so much of herself breaks my heart. No parent should ever have to go through that.”

Schoenecker pushed back against the assertion that Noriega-Avila’s decision to go through a trial was wrong, noting the United States Constitution offers the right to a jury trial, even though his client is not a U.S. citizen.

Angela said her daughter deals with depression, anxiety, low self-esteem, and panic and post-traumatic stress disorders. Flashback nightmares continue to haunt her daughter, she said, and she considers Noriega-Avila’s “sinful” actions to be unforgivable.

“Your honor, my daughter received a life sentence, and she has to live with this for the rest of her life, so I only think it’s fair that Pedro receives nothing short of the maximum for the awful crimes he has committed against my daughter,” Angela said. “I hope and pray he will never be given another chance to ruin anyone else’s life.”

Noriega-Avila declined to make a statement on his own behalf at the hearing. Nelson’s recommendation for sentencing was higher than what was recommended by the pre-sentencing investigation that her office ordered after Noriega-Avila was found guilty. She said her office’s recommendation was appropriate due to multiple aggravating factors.

Child sex crimes are inherently violent on their own, Nelson said, but they were even more reprehensible because Noriega-Avila was a de facto parent who was responsible for her welfare and perpetrated the crimes over many

year. Also a factor was the defendant fleeing the country after his employer posted a \$5,000 bond and living in Mexico for five years before trying to cross the border into Arizona when economic conditions in his country required him to seek employment in the U.S. again.

“Factually, very few crimes are as grave as child sex crimes,” Nelson said. “(The victim’s) life ended when Pedro started assaulting her at the age of 10. She lost her childhood, and she’s suffering lifelong consequences.”

Noriega-Avila didn’t even like his stepdaughter, Nelson said, and this case is a rare one where the abuser never had to endure abuse himself. She said the report indicated his parents did believe in punishment for bad behavior, but that was limited to restricting time watching television and not being allowed to get the things he wanted, not from physical actions.

Noriega-Avila had claimed that he left the country because he was under the impression that posting the bond was the end of the legal system for him. Nelson said that was not a believable excuse and that Noriega-Avila fled because he was afraid to face justice.

Nelson added that Noriega-Avila has shown no remorse for what he’s done, and he even developed a conspiracy theory that the victim and her mother were out to get him. She said the pre-sentencing investigation’s belief that he’s a low-risk threat to society is “misleading.”

Schoenecker felt differently and criticized Nelson for thinking she knew better than trained officials who conduct pre-sentencing interviews full time. He noted that the report’s sen-

tencing recommendations fall around the average for people found guilty for the same crimes.

“The PSI is not lip service,” Schoenecker said. “I would believe they have a superiority in their knowledge and assessments.”

He noted that Shawano County has dealt with 417 similar cases, and the total prison time recommended in all of them was 20 years, with 84% of the defendants getting fewer than 15 years and 57% under 10.

“The average person incarcerated dies at 64,” Schoenecker said. “Giving him more time is going to be a death sentence. He does have no prior criminal history.”

Schoenecker also cited statistics that it costs the state \$64,000 per prisoner for their care, and that amount can double once someone reaches the age of 60, so he feels concurrent sentences with deportation after probation is preferable.

Kussel sided with the state, reiterating that child sexual assault is a violent crime because children are in such situations with trusted adults who are much bigger than them, and trust is violated by such acts. He noted the lack of prior criminal history and no problems with drugs and alcohol are factors in Noriega-Avila’s favor, but ultimately, there was no excuse for his behavior.

Kussel also blasted Noriega-Avila’s lack of repentance during the whole process, even in the pre-sentencing investigation.

“Sympathy can be shown, even when a person’s maintaining their innocence,” Kussel said. “It was a stepchild, a person who should have been protected.”

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you have to do to get rid of them?”

Beyer said the first step would be for ICE to issue a detainer.

Sheriff George Lenzner said he had a briefing with ICE officials the previous week.

“They’re only targeting criminals and gang members. We currently don’t have any ICE in Wisconsin,” Lenzner said. “I think what people are perceiving is roundups – they’re rounding up criminals and gang members, and people that are hiding and housing these (criminals). If somebody hides them or houses them, and they’re illegal, they’re going to go, also, but they’re not doing the roundups. They’re not going to the farms in Wisconsin and rounding up people.”

Serrano said she received an email from a school superintendent who said that if ICE showed up at the school, officials would not simply turn over

any children to them.

“They were some rumors starting down in Milwaukee and some of the bigger cities here that there were ICE agents,” Lenzner said about the stories of roundups at schools. “It turned out they weren’t ICE agents.

“ICE will notify us if they come. They’re really good with working with the jail, too. If there is a detainer, they will have them out before that detainer express.”

Serrano asked about agriculture workers, many of whom are undocumented.

“In Wisconsin, they had that problem (the last week of January). You had a lot of these big farms where people didn’t show up for work, because they were afraid,” Lenzner said. “There’s only so many ICE agents in the United States. You wouldn’t be able to have them target every state.”

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County supervisors are considering a \$20 annual tax to fund highway and bridge improvements. They were scheduled to vote on the measure in January but delayed the matter until the Feb. 26 meeting; they also said a public information meeting should be held before the board meets. With about 37,350 eligible vehicles in the county, a tax of \$20 would generate \$747,000 in an-

AT A GLANCE

WHAT: Wheel tax informational meeting
WHEN: 3:30-6 p.m. Feb. 20
WHERE: Rooms A and B, Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main St.

nual revenue. State law exempts the Amish and farmers driving agricultural equipment on roads from a wheel tax.

Tribal members living on tribal trust land, such as the Stockbridge-Munsee, are also exempt. City of Shawano residents now pay an annual \$40 wheel tax. Davel has told supervisors several times the county needs to be creative about increasing its revenues as expenses continue to climb.

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NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS
(s. 120.06(8)(c), Wis. Stats.)

NOTICE is hereby given to the qualified electors of the Menominee Indian School District that on **Tuesday, February 18, 2025**, a primary election of school board members will be held. Electors will vote in their regular polling places. Polls will be open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.

Residents of Keshena & South Branch will vote at the Menominee County Courthouse, Keshena. Residents of Middle Village Area will vote at the Town Hall, Town of Red Springs. Residents of Neopit and Zoar will vote at the Neopit Fire Station, Neopit.

Electors will vote for no more than one of the four candidates that are registered. The result of the primary election will be the two candidates that receive the most votes then moving forward to the April 1, 2025 election. At that time, the voters will narrow that down to one office, and will hold a 3 year term as school board member.

Keshena At Large:
Miriam "Wepackespiw" Waupoose
Gary Pyawasay
McKaylin Peters
Carrie Waukau-Grignon

Signed: Christie Isom MISD Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent & Board of Education
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ADVERTISEMENT TO BID

Wolf Treatment Plant COMMISSION
Shawano, Wisconsin
2025 HEATING, VENTILATION, AND AIR CONDITIONING IMPROVEMENTS
CONTRACT 1-2025

Wolf Treatment Plant Commission (OWNER) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:

2025 Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning Improvements
Contract 1-2025

Electronic Bids for the construction of the Project will be received by OWNER until Thursday, March 6, 2025, at 11 A.M., local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly downloaded and read aloud via teleconference. The login information for the teleconference is as follows: (309) 205-3325, Conference ID 938 8135 8899.

The Project includes the following Work: Replacement of existing heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) equipment and installation of new HVAC equipment. Work includes mechanical, electrical, structural, and controls.

Complete digital Project Bidding Documents are available at www.strand.com or at www.questcdn.com. Download the digital Bidding Documents for \$75 by inputting Quest project number 9519451 on the website's project search page. Please contact QuestCDN.com at (952) 2331632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance with free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital Project information.

For this Project, Bids will **ONLY** be received and accepted via the online electronic Bid service through QuestCDN.com. To access the electronic Bid Form, download the Project Documents and click the Online Bidding button.

The Issuing Office is Strand Associates, Inc.*, 910 West Wingra Drive, Madison, WI 53715.

All Bidders submitting a sealed Bid shall obtain the Bidding Documents from QuestCDN.com.

Bidders who submit a Bid must be a Plan Holder of record at the Issuing Office. Bids from Bidders who are not on the Plan Holders List may be returned as not being responsive.

The Bid must be accompanied by Bid security made payable to OWNER in an amount of 10% of the Bidder's maximum Bid price.

OWNER reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, to waive any technicality, and to accept any Bid which it deems advantageous. All Bids shall remain subject to acceptance for 85 days after the time set for receiving Bids.

Contract award shall be made based on the lowest responsive and responsible Bidder.

A pre-bid conference will be held at 11 A.M., local time, on February 18, 2025, at Wolf Treatment Plant Commission at N4802 River Bend Road, Shawano, WI 54166. Bidders are encouraged to attend and participate in the conference.

The Strand Associates, Inc.* project manager is Adam D. Gander, P.E. and can be contacted at Strand Associates, Inc.*, 910 West Wingra Drive, Madison, WI 53715, (608) 2514843, regarding the Project.

For further requirements regarding Bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and Contract Award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

Published by the authority of the Wolf Treatment Plant Commission
Nicole Bystol, Administrative Manager

Dated at Shawano, Wisconsin
February 7, 2025 and February 14, 2025
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Division of Energy, Housing and Community Resources

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

City of Shawano
FFP Grant Agreement 24-30

The City of Shawano will receive and accept bids ONLY through QuestCDN.com via the online electronic bid service (QuestvBid) for the construction and remodeling of the Shawano Recreation Center until 2:00 PM March 19, 2025. All bids will be downloaded and publicly read aloud during a virtual public bid opening at 2:00 PM March 19, 2025. All plan holders will receive information via Quest on how to join the virtual meeting prior to the bid opening.

A pre-Bid conference will be held at 10:00 AM, local time on March 4, 2025, at the Shawano Recreation Center, OWNER and ARCHITECT will be present to discuss the Project. Bidders are encouraged to attend and participate in the conference.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A. The project is the remodeling and addition to the existing 12,066 square foot Shawano Recreation Center. When completed, the Recreation Center will total 17,711 square feet in size with new and upgrade amenities.

- Approximately 4,800 square feet of the existing building will be remodeled which includes:
 - New Men's Locker Room
 - New Women's Locker Room
 - New Family Family Changing Room
 - New Reception Desk and Check-In
 - Existing Corridor Interior Finish Upgrades.
- The New Additions are Approximately 7,500 square feet in size and includes:
 - A New Classroom for Computer Training
 - A New Tech Center
 - Four New Administrative Offices.
 - New Exercise Room with 24/7 Access
 - A New Gathering Space for Community Gatherings and Computer Stations
 - Exterior Improvements that include Two Outdoor Seating Areas and Playground Equipment
 - New Public Toilet Rooms
 - New Fire Suppression System
 - New HVAC System
 - New and Upgraded Lighting and Electrical System.

B. Total Renovation

- Except for the existing pool space, the entire facility will be renovated to meet current building codes, interior finishes will be modernized, and overall improvement with the interior circulation.

C. Building Site Development

- Two New Seating Areas for Community Gathering and Reading Areas.
- New Playground Equipment with Safety Ground Surface.
- New Green Space is being provided with Shrubs and Trees
- New Parking and Paved Walkways.
- With the New Additions, the Building Façade will be Enhanced.

D. The project will Improve the Site Accessibility and will provide a new and larger entry with Canopy.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

A. The highlighted dates are mandated by the FFP Grant Agreement (FFP-GA) with no extensions granted.

• Bid Documents Available to Bidders:	February 19, 2025
• Bids Due:	March 19, 2025
• Bids Reviewed and Contractor Selected By:	March 27, 2025
• City of Shawano Committee(s)/Council Approvals By:	April 18, 2025
• Owner/Architect Contract Finalized By:	May 23, 2025
• Start of Construction, FFP-GA No Later Than:	June 27, 2025
• Construction Complete, FFP-GA No Later Than:	September 25, 2026

Planholders list will be updated interactively on our web address at <http://www.msa-ps.com> under Bidding.

Copies of the BIDDING DOCUMENTS are available at www.questcdn.com. QuestCDN Vbid system requires Bidders to purchase BIDDING DOCUMENTS from QuestCDN. You may download the digital plan documents for \$45 by inputting Quest eBidDoc #8436745 on the website's Project Search page. Please contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with the digital project information. Prospective Bidders are urged to register with the designated website as a plan holder, even if Bidding Documents are obtained from a plan room or source other than the designated website in either electronic or paper format. The designated website will be updated periodically with addenda, lists of registered plan holders, reports, and other information relevant to submitting a Bid for the Project. All official notifications, addenda, and other Bidding Documents will be offered only through the designated website. Neither Owner nor Architect will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the designated QuestCDN website.

Each bidder must deposit with his/her bid, an amount to secure the bid and subject to the conditions provided in the information for bidders, in accordance with bidding requirements set forth in Wis.Stats. § 66.0901 and § 62.15.

The contract shall be subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (CWHSSA), 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704, and DOL (29 CFR Part 5); Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA); and fair labor practices and wage standards for the program under which the contract is funded, and subject to the federal and state equal opportunity provisions, as specified in the bid packet. Small businesses, minority-owned and women-owned business enterprises (MBEs, WBEs), disabled veteran-owned businesses (DVBs), and firms in labor surplus markets are encouraged to participate in the bidding.

No bidder may withdraw their bid within 60 days after the date of the opening thereof.

Contracts awarded under this advertisement for bids may be funded in whole or in part by the U.S. Department of Treasury's Capital Project Fund through a grant awarded to the owner named above from the State of Wisconsin Department of Administration Flexible Facilities Program (FFP); and will be subject to all program requirements specified in the bid packet.

OWNER reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids.

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Matt Hendricks, Park and Recreation Director
City of Shawano
February 2, 2025
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Leeder could be accepting plea deal

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

A Wittenberg woman accused of first-degree recklessly endangering safety and disorderly conduct could be accepting a plea deal in April for an incident involving a gun and children.

At a Feb. 6 hearing, defense attorney Joseph Kaupie revealed he and Shawano-Menominee County District Attorney Greg Parker have agreed to a plea deal in concept for Mindy S. Leeder, but there are still some details to be worked out.

A new plea and sentencing hearing was scheduled for 3:30 p.m. April 7 in

Branch II of the Shawano County Courthouse.

According to the criminal complaint, deputies were dispatched May 9, 2023, to 401 S. Mill St. in Wittenberg for a report of a weapons offense. The caller claimed a woman, later determined to be Leeder, was at Pond Park and pointing a firearm at multiple children. When arriving on scene, a deputy was shown a video of Leeder as she allegedly pulled a gun from her waistband and pointed it at one of the children, who was recording the video.

The deputies were informed of the house that Leeder entered, at 301 E. Front St. When police officers pulled up to the

residence, Leeder walked out of the house with her hands in the air, complying with law enforcement officials' orders. The firearm that Leeder had allegedly pointed at the children was found inside the residence.

The children who were at the park at the time told law enforcement that Leeder came to the park to yell at them, because they were allegedly bullying her children. The children said that they were not bullying. They stated that Leeder was pointing the gun at them and waving it around in the air.

The children reportedly told Leeder that they were going to call the police. From there, the criminal

complaint states that Leeder put the gun in her pocket and went to the Front Street residence, where law enforcement arrested her.

In an interview with Leeder, deputies claim she stated that she could hear her daughter yelling when the daughter was at Pond Park. Upon hearing the yelling, Leeder stated that she wanted to walk over to the park to see what was going on. She also stated that it is common for her to take a concealed firearm with her when leaving the residence, as she has a valid concealed carry permit. She claimed the firearm was loaded.

Leeder told deputies that when she was leaving

her residence, her daughter came home and reported the bullying, but did not specify what the bullying was, according to the criminal complaint. Leeder told law enforcement that her children have experienced bullying at Pond Park in the past.

When addressing the group of children at Pond Park, Leeder said that the children became argumentative and began to form a semi-circle around her, according to the complaint. She allegedly told the children that she had a firearm and, when asked if it was real, she allegedly pulled the gun out of her pocket.

Leeder reportedly pointed the gun in the air

without putting her finger on the trigger, according to the complaint, saying that she did not point the gun at any of the children and was being situationally aware of her surroundings. She said that the children got scared and that she put the gun back into her pocket after holding it in the air.

The court is expected to approve a request from Leeder for she and her family to attend a Civil War reenactment in Mississippi from March 6-18. Leeder has attended the reenactment in previous years and has always returned to the state to attend court hearings.

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01/14/2025

Notice of Spring Primary and Sample Ballots

February 18, 2025

Office of the Shawano County Clerk
To the voters of Shawano County:

Notice is hereby given of a spring primary election to be held in Shawano County on February 18, 2025, at which the officers named below shall be chosen. The names of the candidates for each office, whose nominations have been certified to or filed in this office, are given under the title of the office, each in its proper column, together with the questions submitted to a vote, for a referendum, if any, in the sample ballot below.

Information to Voters

Upon entering the polling place and before being permitted to vote, a voter shall:

- state their name and address
- show an acceptable form of photo identification*
- sign the poll book**

*If a voter does not have acceptable photo identification, the voter may obtain a free photo ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.

**If the voter is unable to sign the poll book due to disability, a poll worker may write the word "exempt."

If a voter is not registered to vote, they may register to vote at the polling place serving their residence if the voter provides proof of residence.

Where ballots are distributed to voters, the initials of two inspectors must appear on the ballot.

Upon being permitted to vote, the voter shall enter a voting booth or go to a machine and cast their ballot. The vote should not be cast in any manner other than specified here. Sample ballots or other materials to assist the voter in marking their ballot may be taken into the booth and copied. The sample ballot shall not be shown to anyone so as to reveal how the ballot is marked.

A voter who is a parent or guardian may be accompanied by the voter's minor child or minor ward.

An election official may inform the voter of the proper manner for casting a vote but the official may not advise or indicate a particular voting choice.

Assistance for Voting

A voter may select an individual to assist in casting their vote if the voter declares to the presiding official that they are unable to read, have difficulty reading, writing, or understanding English, or that due to disability are unable to cast their ballot. The selected individual rendering assistance may not be the voter's employer or an agent of that employer or an officer or agent of a labor organization which represents the voter.

Where Paper Ballots are Used

The voter shall make a mark (X) in the square next to the name of the candidate of his or her choice for each office for which they intend to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall write in the name of the person of their choice in the space provided for a write-in vote. On referendum questions, the voter shall make a mark (X) in the square next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall make a mark (X) in the square next to "no" if opposed to the question.

Where Optical Scan Voting is Used

The voter shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to the name of the candidate of their choice for each office for which he or she intends to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall write in the name of the person of their choice in the space provided for a write-in vote and fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to the write-in line. On referendum questions, the voter shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to "no" if opposed to the question.

When using an electronic ballot marking device "ImageCast Evolution-ICE" to mark an optical scan ballot, the voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select the name of the candidate of their choice for each office for which they intend to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall type in the name of the person of their choice in the space provided for a write-in vote. On referendum questions, the voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select "no" if opposed to the question.

Where Touch Screen Voting is Used

The voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select the name of the candidate of their choice for each office for which they intend to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall type in the name of the person of their choice in the space provided for a write-in vote. On referendum questions, the voter shall touch the screen at "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall touch the screen at "no" if opposed to the question.

Spoiled Ballots

If a voter spoils a paper or optical scan ballot, they shall return it to an election official who shall is-

sue another ballot in its place, but not more than three ballots shall be issued to any one voter. If the ballot has not been initialed by two inspectors or is defective in any other way, the voter shall return it to the election official, who shall issue a proper ballot in its place.

The voter may spoil a touch screen ballot at the voting station before the ballot is cast.

After Voting the Ballot

After an official paper ballot is marked, it shall be folded so the inside marks do not show, but so the printed endorsements and inspectors' initials on the outside do show. The voter shall deposit the voted ballot in the ballot box or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit and shall leave the polling place promptly.

After an official optical scan ballot is marked, it may be inserted in the security sleeve, so the marks do not show. The voter shall insert the ballot in the voting device and discard the sleeve or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. If a central count system is used, the voter shall insert the ballot in the ballot box and discard the sleeve or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. The voter shall leave the polling place promptly.

After an official touch screen ballot is cast, the voter shall leave the polling place promptly.

Kara Skarlupka, Shawano County Clerk

The following is a sample of the official ballot:

Ballot ID: 1105

Town of Belle Plaine, Ward 1-4

Official Primary Ballot
Nonpartisan Office
February 18, 2025

Notice to voters: If you are voting on Election Day, your ballot must be initialed by two (2) election inspectors. If you are voting absentee, your ballot must be initialed by the municipal clerk or deputy clerk. Your ballot must not be counted without initials (see end of ballot for initials).

General Instructions

If you make a mistake on your ballot or have a question, ask an election inspector for help (absentee voters: contact your municipal clerk).

To vote for a name on the ballot, fill in the oval next to the name like this: ●

To vote for a name that is not on the ballot, write the name on the line marked "write-in" and fill in the oval next to the name like this: ●

State Superintendent of Public Instruction

State Superintendent
Vote for 1

☐ Jeff Wright

☐ Brittany Kinser

☐ Jill Underly

write-in: _____

Official Primary Ballot
Nonpartisan Office
February 18, 2025
for

Town of Belle Plaine, Ward 1-4
Shawano County

Ballot ID: 1105

Ballot issued by _____
Initials of election inspectors _____

Absentee ballot issued by _____
Initials of Municipal Clerk or Deputy Clerk _____

If issued by EDCs, both must initial _____

Certification of Voter Assistance
I certify that I marked or read aloud this ballot at the request and direction of a voter who is authorized under Wis. Stat. § 6.82 to receive assistance.

Signature of assistant _____

For Official Use Only

Inspectors: Identify ballots required to be remade:
☐ Overvoted
☐ Damaged
☐ Other

If this is the Original Ballot, write this serial number here: _____

If this is the Duplicate Ballot, write this serial number here: _____

Initials of inspectors who remade ballot _____

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COURT NEWS

PUBLIC RECORD

▪ Robert L. Brown, 37, Keshena, was found guilty at an Oct. 23-24 jury trial of two counts of first-degree child sexual assault and two counts of exposing himself to a child. Judge Katherine Sloma sentenced him Feb. 3 to 50 years in prison followed by 20 years of extended supervision.

▪ Nicholas C. Hutson, 35, Black Jack, Missouri, pleaded no contest Feb. 3 to possession of THC (second or subsequent offense) and a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. Judge Leon Stenz levied fines and costs totalling \$3,112.

▪ Aaronn A. Allison, 29, Seymour, pleaded no contest Oct. 9 to possession of narcotic drugs and felony bail jumping. Sloma withheld sentencing Feb. 5 and placed him on three years of probation with conditions.

▪ Ethan A. Escalante, 28, Shawano, pleaded no contest Feb. 3 to possession of methamphetamine, four counts of felony bail jumping, misdemeanor charges of operating while revoked and possession of drug paraphernalia and seven counts of misdemeanor bail jumping. Judge William Kussel Jr. withheld sentencing and placed him on three years of probation with conditions.

▪ Robert F. Zittlow, 42, Pulaski, pleaded no contest Feb. 5 to victim intimidation, eight counts of felony bail jumping and misdemeanor counts of operating while revoked, resisting or obstructing an officer, and three counts of disorderly conduct. Kussel withheld sentencing and placed him on five years of probation with conditions, including 270 days in county jail.

▪ Christy R. Boyd, 35, Neopit, was charged Jan. 31 with two counts of bail jumping and misdemeanor counts of retail theft and bail jumping. Kussel authorized an arrest warrant.

▪ Vernon C. Bessette, 62, Clintonville, was charged Jan. 31 with failure to report to jail. Sloma authorized an arrest warrant.

▪ Danielle J. Beso, 35, Gillett, was charged Jan. 31 with failure to report to jail. Sloma authorized an arrest warrant.

▪ Thomas J. Thunder, 26, Neopit, was charged Feb. 3 with second-degree recklessly endangering safety and a misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. Sloma set a \$200 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for March 20.

▪ Rory M. Burns, 55, Shawano, was charged Feb. 3 with operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fourth offense) and a misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer. Sloma set a \$1,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Feb. 11.

▪ Cassandra A. Braddock, 24, Keshena, was charged Feb. 3 with three counts of felony bail jumping and two counts of misdemeanor bail jumping. Sloma set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Feb. 11.

▪ Lynn M. Felts, 55, Shawano, was charged Feb. 3 with possession of methamphetamine, felony bail jumping and misdemeanor bail jumping. Sloma set a \$2,500 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for March 11.

▪ Heather K. Devey, 46, Shawano, was charged Feb. 3 with four counts of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of possession of cocaine. Sloma set a \$2,500 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for March 25.

▪ James A. Miller, 22, no address available, was charged Feb. 3 with possession of narcotic drugs and misdemeanor counts of possession of drug paraphernalia and two counts of resisting or obstructing an officer. Sloma on Feb. 4 set a \$5,000 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for March 17.

▪ Cherie L. Laurent, 56, Clintonville, was charged Feb. 4 with operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fifth or sixth offense) and operating with a prohibited alcohol content (fifth or sixth offense). An initial appearance was scheduled for Feb. 27.

▪ Michael J. Mahl, 34, Keshena, was charged Feb. 4 with seven counts of forgery-uttering. Kussel authorized an arrest warrant.

▪ Angel L. Mendoza, 32, Shawano, was charged Feb. 4 with possession of cocaine, possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), six counts of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of operating while revoked. Sloma set a \$1,500 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for March 18.

▪ Bruce L. Buck, 51, Carolin, was charged Feb. 5 with three counts of child abuse intentionally causing harm, two misdemeanor counts of battery and a misdemeanor charge of disorderly conduct. Sloma set a \$2,500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Feb. 14.

▪ Deandre E. Tye, 32, Green Bay, was charged Feb. 6 with possession of narcotic drugs, a misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia and six counts of misdemeanor or bail jumping. Sloma set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Feb. 25.

▪ Shannon L. Perkins, 38, Shawano, was charged Feb. 6 with possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia to manufacture methamphetamine and a misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a \$5,000 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for March 24.

▪ Shyla L. Vele, 33, Bowler, was charged Feb. 6 with two counts of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. Sloma set a \$1,000 cash bond and scheduled a review hearing for April 22.

▪ Xadrienne N. Wayka, 19, Shawano, was charged April 6 with two counts of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of theft. An initial appearance was scheduled for March 18.

▪ Jeffery J. Leroy, 55, Keshena, was charged Feb. 7 with possession of narcotic drugs. Sloma set a \$250 cash bond and scheduled a review hearing for April 21.

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Feb. 9 Deputies responded to 23 incidents, including noise on South Webb Street in Wittenberg; ATV problem on Ash Circle in the Town of Wescott; bail jumping on South Warrington Avenue in Cecil; intoxication at Little Star Convenience Store, W12140 County Road A in the Town of Bartelme; two 911 calls; one traffic hazard; one welfare check; three crashes.

Feb. 8 Deputies responded to 29 incidents, including trespassing on Menge Road in the Town of Fairbanks; seven disabled vehicles; two reckless driving incidents; two traffic hazards; nine crashes.

Feb. 7 Deputies responded to 22 incidents, including noise on Hilbert Street in the Town of Angelica; bail jumping on South Warrington Avenue in Cecil; one 911 call; four reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazard; six crashes.

Feb. 6 Deputies responded to 40 incidents, including elderly abuse on Center Street in Birnamwood; found property on state Highway 55 in the Town of Maple Grove; harassment on Riverside Drive in the Town of Wescott; scam on Meisner Road in the Town of Fairbanks; sick animal on Weasel Dam Road in the Town of Grant; operating without a license on South Bartlett Street in Shawano; animal bite on Elm Avenue in the Town of Wescott; vehicle theft on Old Shawano Road in the Town of Pella; assisting the fire department on Swamp Road in the Town of Waukechon; one reckless driving incident; two traffic hazards; four welfare checks; nine crashes.

Feb. 5 Deputies responded to 38 incidents, including vehicle theft on Mountain Bay Trail Drive in Shawano; operating without a license on state Highway 47 in the Town of Hartland; sick animal on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; warrant on state Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; operating without a license on U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Fairbanks; property theft on Middle Branch Road in the Town of Morris; threatening on U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Aniwa; lost property on County Road A in the Town of Herman; intoxication on South Warrington Avenue in Cecil; operating without a license on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; three 911 calls; one reckless driving incident; two welfare checks; four crashes, two involving deer.

Feb. 4 Deputies responded to 15 incidents, including illegal burning on County Road E in the Town of Wescott; assisting the fire department on Swamp Road in the Town of Waukechon; one 911 call; two welfare checks; two crashes, one involving deer.

Feb. 3 Deputies responded to 41 incidents, including criminal damage of Main Street in the Town of Angelica; two welfare checks; 22 crashes.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Feb. 9 Report not received by press time.

Feb. 8 Officers responded to 26 incidents, including assault at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; assisting the fire department at the Shawano School District office, 218 County Road B; assisting the fire department at Dairy Queen, 1005 E. Green Bay St.; one welfare check; two 911 calls; three crashes.

Feb. 7 Officers responded to 24 incidents, including a juvenile problem at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; fraud on West Division Street; juvenile problem at Olga Brener Intermediate School, 1300 S. Union St.; truancy and a juvenile problem at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; intoxicated person on South Andrews Street; one 911 call; one reckless driving incident; one traffic hazard; two welfare checks.

Feb. 6 Officers responded to 18 incidents, including bail jumping at Sharona's Bar, 111 S. Washington St.; threatening at an undisclosed location; one reckless driving incident; one traffic hazard; five welfare checks.

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Shawano County Informational Meeting

RE: Adopt and Enact Vehicle Registration Fee (Wheel Tax) Ordinance 1-25

February 20th, 2025 at 3:30 to 6:00 pm

Shawano County Courthouse Room A/B

If you are a Shawano County resident and would like to voice your opinion on the proposed Ordinance 1-25 to Adopt and Enact Vehicle Registration Fee, please attend this information meeting. You will have the opportunity to speak to County Representatives about this ordinance. If you would like to review Ordinance 1-25 please contact the County Clerk's office.

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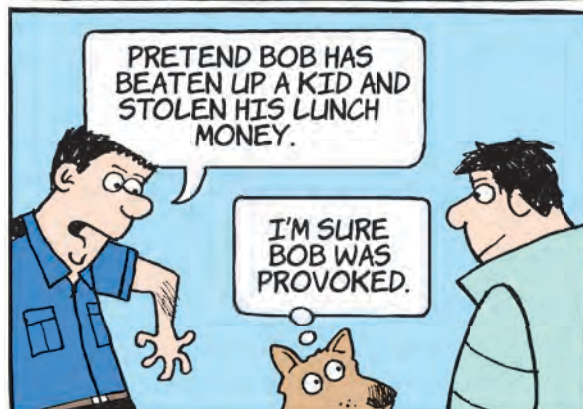
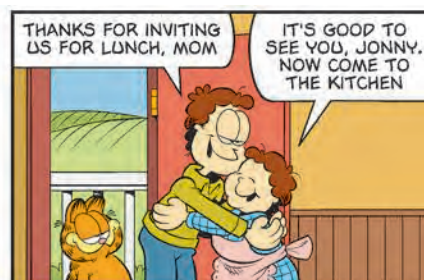
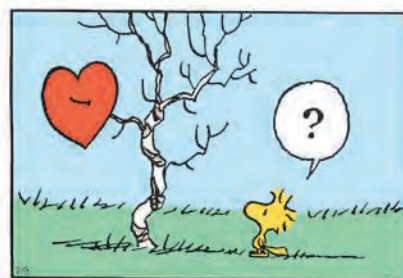
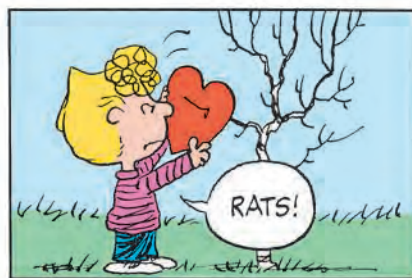
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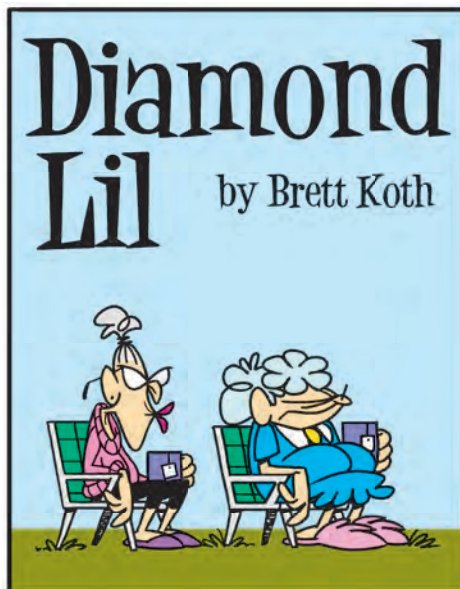
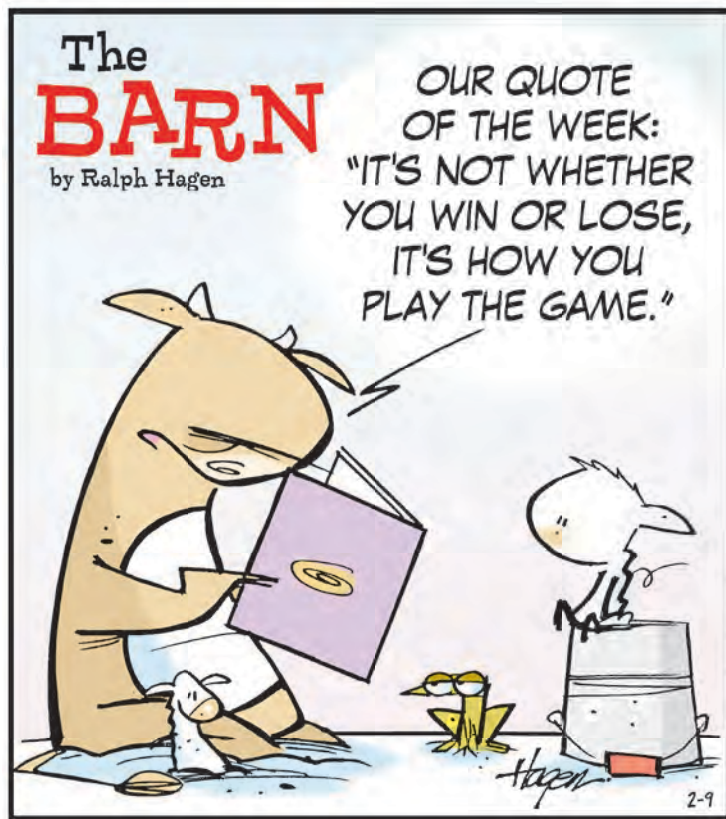
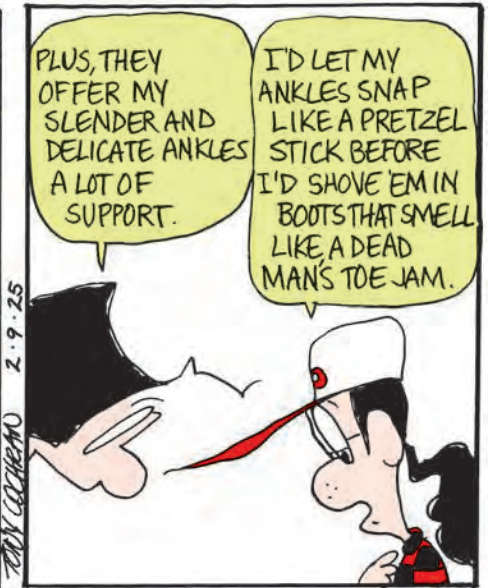
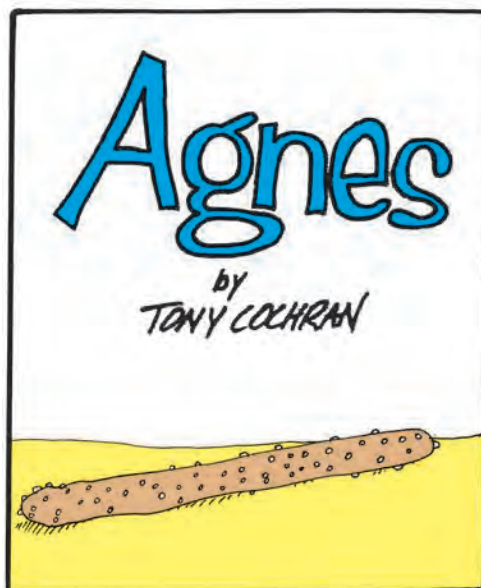
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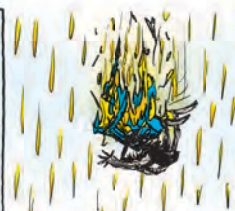
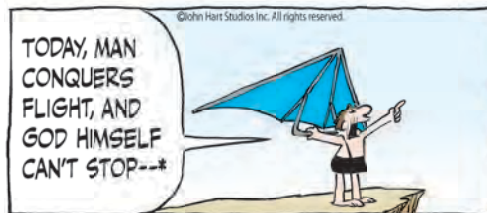
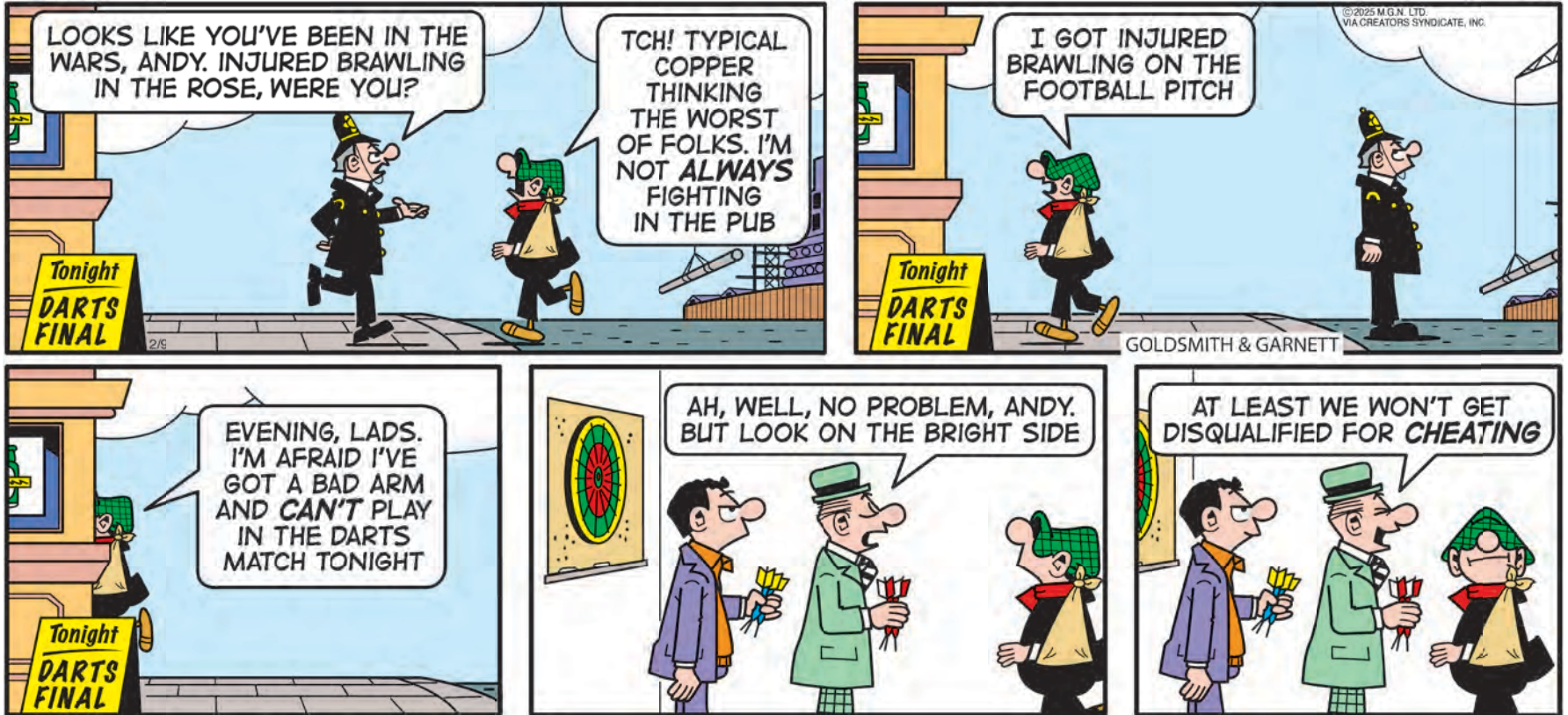
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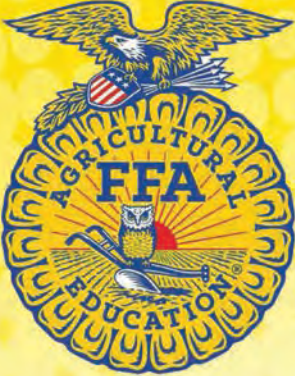
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Bella Theys stands in front of the Lincoln Memorial during the Washington Leadership Conference (WLC).
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Shawano FFA chapter has a rich history

By TRENTYN BARTZ
Shawano FFA 2024-25 Reporter

Since its founding on Jan. 15, 1928, the Shawano FFA Chapter has proudly developed future leaders in agriculture through education, leadership and hands-on experiences. As we celebrate our 85th anniversary, we reflect on the chapter's legacy of growth, success and commitment to the agricultural industry.

One of our most outstanding achievements this year occurred at the World Dairy Expo, where our dairy judging team (Brynn Hannes, Kendra Strebel and Alliyah Haws) placed first in Wisconsin and second out of 73 teams overall. This remarkable accomplishment highlights the expertise and dedication of our members in dairy science.

Several members also earned prestigious leadership opportunities. This past summer, Bella Theys traveled to our nation's capital to attend the Washington Leadership Conference, gaining valuable leadership skills. Hannah Yeager and Mallory Braun were accepted to participate in the Plant Systems Next Gen Conference held this March in Florida to expand their knowledge of plant science career opportunities.

In addition to academic and leadership success, our members excelled in the show ring. At the Shawano County Fair, Madisyn Weinig earned Grand Champion Rabbit, while Hannah Yeager secured Reserve Champion Rabbit, demonstrating their commitment to animal science through their Supervised Agricultural Experiences (SAEs).

Our chapter has also expanded its focus by participating in CDE teams and exploring specialized areas such as wildlife, floriculture, poultry, vet science, nursery landscape, food science and milk quality.

Our Leadership Development Events (LDEs) saw impressive participation, with members engaging in Parliamentary Procedure, Creed Speaking, Discussion Meet, Extemporaneous Speaking and Prepared Public Speaking. e didn't have all areas represented.

Looking to the future, we have ambitious goals for growth. We aim to achieve 50% active membership, reaching a total of 60 members. We are also focused on submitting six Wisconsin State FFA Degree applications and 12 proficiency applications. We also look forward to a spring trip to Milwaukee to tour various agricultural companies as well as go to a Brewers game for our active members.



The Shawano FFA 2024-25 officer team is, front row, from left, Hannah Yeager, vice president; Madisyn Weinig, president; and Kyera Williams, treasurer. Back row, from left, are Steve Stomberg, chapter adviser; Trentyn Bartz , reporter; Kendra Strebel, secretary; Mallory Braun, sentinel; and Melissa Goers, chapter adviser.

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Brynn Hannes, Kendra Strebel, and Alliyah Haws at the World Dairy Expo before the competition.

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Madisyn Weinig and Hannah Yeager with their winning rabbits stand next to the 2024 Shawano County Fair rabbit judge.

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The Oconto Falls FFA chapter membership has reached more than 168 members for the 2024-25 year.

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Active FFA membership thrives in Oconto Falls

The Oconto Falls FFA Chapter has had a very successful year so far. Our over 160 members have been busy working on a variety of activities to help develop their leadership skills and potential for career success. Back in the summer, members participated in many different activities, including volunteering at Breakfast on the Farm, the Wisconsin State Fair and the Oconto County Youth Fair. Additionally, students attended the Wisconsin State FFA Convention in June to celebrate the accomplishments of the past year. Three students attended the Washington Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C., and were able to network with members across the country. In November, we took 10 students to the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, where two members qualified for the National Agriscience Fair competition and took second place in their category. Recently, the chapter held our largest fundraiser of the year, our annual fruit sale. We were very successful

this year and were able to bring in funds to support the activities and trips our members attend and learn about good communication, social and financial skills as well. This fundraiser also serves as a way for our chapter to connect with the community. New to our chapter this year is a podcast, hosted by our adviser, Walter Taylor, and dubbed by the members as “Taylor Time.” We hope to continue to utilize this unique way to spread the word about what we have accomplished and what we do in FFA. Our FFA Alumni and Supporters purchased a vending machine for the chapter to see milk, meat and cheese, to help bring in funds for our membership dues. On Feb. 3, Oconto Falls hosted the District LDE competition for the area. We had multiple members do very well, and two teams and three public speakers will be advancing to sectionals in March. Upcoming in the next couple of weeks for our mem-

bers are the Farm Forum trip, the Wisconsin FFA Day on the Hill, and the FFA and NAHS partnership Empty Bowls fundraiser at Oconto Falls High School. We are also in the middle of our first strawberry sale fundraiser. Additionally, our members are working hard on their Leadership and Career Development Event competitions and their SAE proficiency applications, as competition and application season ramps up. We will have multiple students applying to be a part of the Wisconsin State FFA Honors Band and Chorus group as well. Our 2024-25 executive officer team is Jadyn Weslow, president; Destiny VandeVoort, vice president of strengthening agriculture; Neela Cherry, vice president of growing leaders; Kara Philhower, vice president of building communities; Olivia Wagner, secretary; Ben Adams, treasurer; Mika Tassoul, sentinel; Jazmine Van den Bogart, parliamentarian; Natalie Rieth, reporter; and Megan Kesler, historian.



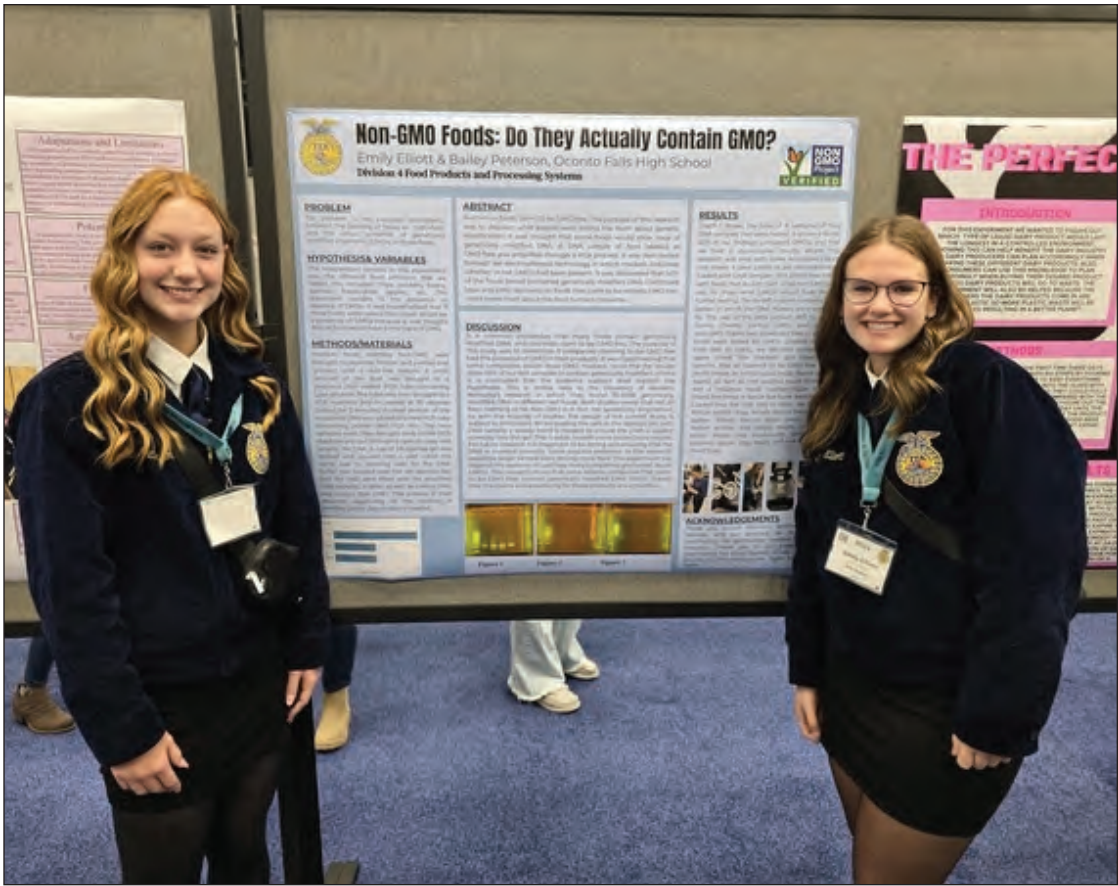
Oconto Falls FFA members pose with a recently restored 1946 John Deere A, which was on display at the 2024 Wisconsin FFA Convention in Madison. This tractor is being raffled off at the conclusion of FFA Week on Feb. 22 during the Oconto Falls FFA Alumni and Supporters Corn Hole Tournament at the Blue Spruce.

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From left, Leo Mielke, Ayden Thurow, Jazmine Van Den Bogart, and Jadyn Weslow package and label oranges and grapefruit for the local FFA fruit sale on Dec. 18. The annual fundraiser included sales of meat, cheese, honey and mustard.

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Bailey Peterson and Emily Elliott stand in front of their poster for their Agriscience Fair project that won second place gold at the National FFA Convention and Expo in Indianapolis.

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Giving your teacher a pie in the face is a highlight for many students. Mr. Taylor gladly participated in this event during Oconto Falls HOCO activities.

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From left, Natalie Rieth, Jadya Weslow, Abigail Roskon and advisor Mr. Walter Taylor stand in front of the Lincoln Memorial during the Washington Leadership Conference in July 2024.

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Oconto Falls High School FFA members participate in a "gallery walk" activity to learn more about Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) Proficiency Awards and Career Development Events (CDEs) and Leadership Development Events (LDEs). Each student was asked to select a CDE/LDE and put their names on the posters for the award areas that their SAEs align to.

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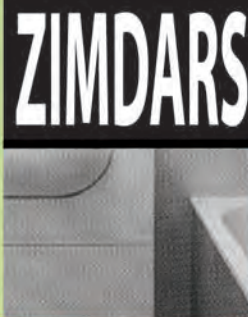
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Fairs, conventions and parade highlights of Suring FFA's year

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

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

In July, our chapter with other FFA chapters participated in the Neighborhood Dairy Distribution service project, which provided numerous dairy products to community members, and we participated in the Breakfast on the Farm ag education activities.

Ten Suring FFA members attended the FFA State Convention held in Madison. We toured Two Guernsey Girls Dairy in Freedom and toured UW-Madison's College of Agriculture campus.

In July, the newly installed officers went to Green Bay to experience an escape room and tested our driving skills with go-karts. Chase Schindel, Cooper Ruch, Chloe Schroeder and Ginger Gerndt attended the Washington Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C., where members are provided a premier leadership experience.

Throughout the summer, numerous members participated in many livestock shows, the Wisconsin State Fair and the Oconto County Fair. During the Oconto County Fair, Suring FFA officers planned and managed the Ag Olympics, which was well attended.

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

We continued our pumpkin carving and decorating contest and our big buck contest for our entire student body.

In November, we sent 10 members to the National FFA Convention, held in Indianapolis that featured lots of tours, member bonding and fun. In December, the chapter has a large fruit sale that many community members generously support. We had another successful sale.

The Suring FFA and ag education program has a long history at Suring Public Schools. The FFA chapter was chartered in 1947. The school currently has 82 members, and its adviser is Mary E. Smith. The many programs and activities of Suring FFA would not be possible without the help of our Suring FFA Alumni and the Suring community.



Cooper Ruch, right, shares his knowledge of maple syrup production with Malachi Largo during Suring FFA's Ag Education Day held each spring for the elementary school.

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Suring FFA officers for 2024-25 are, from left, Ginger Gerndt, secretary; Bunny Cramer, treasurer; Birdee Cramer, parliamentarian; Hailey Huguet, sentinel; Tessa Losurdo, president; Chloe Schroeder, reporter; Georgia Gerndt, vice president; and Chase Schindel, vice president.

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



Chase Schindel, right, encourages Kade Kegel to hold the egg steady during the Oconto County Fair Ag Olympics that Suring FFA sponsored. CONTRIBUTED

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Pulaski FFA in the middle of a busy year

Pulaski FFA has been busy recently, starting back in April when we got our 2024 proficiency results back. We submitted at total of 11 proficiencies, and several of them became state finalists and were recognized on stage at State Convention in June — Taylor Maroszek, Kaitlyn Gee, Clarie Bentley, Nathan Seitz and Faith Posbrig.

Pulaski FFA is also home of the Star Farmer for the second year in a row. Taylor Maroszek was recognized for all of her outstanding accomplishments throughout her FFA career and supervised agricultural experience projects including beef cattle production, swine production and diversified livestock. To wrap up the 2024 state convention, our very own Taylor Maroszek was elected to be our 2024-25 state reporter, representing Section 8.

Once the state convention was over and September rolled around, we kicked off the school year with our annual back-to-school picnic, where we recognized FFA members who showed at livestock shows over the summer: Oconto County, Brown County, Shawano County, Outagamie County and Wisconsin State Fair, and installed our 2024-25 chapter officer team.

The officer team consists of Faith Posbrig, president; Kaitlyn Gee, vice president; Amelia Sikorski, secretary; Jacob Bentley, reporter; Jenna Posbrig, treasurer; and Evelyn Mihaliski, sentinel.

Our next big event after the back-to-school picnic was hosting the Section 8 Fall Leadership Workshop at the Pulaski High School that 350 FFA members attended.

Next was the FFA National Convention in Indianapolis. We left bright and early and headed to Indy, but we made a pit stop along the way at Hummel Livestock. We spent the week attending different sessions and conferences. We also went to the Megan Moroney Concert, rodeo and Exotic Feline Rescue. As our trip came to an end, we returned home back to Wisconsin and our Trunk or Treat event was waiting for us at the Polka Grounds. We donated a truck bed full of canned goods to PACE and provided a safe environment for the community to trick or treat and celebrate Halloween.

For our monthly December activity as a chapter, we made Christmas cookies and donated them to local families that were in need of some Christmas cheer.

As February approaches, National FFA Week is in full swing. Our officer team has been busy coming up with dress-up days, Ag Olympic activities and preparing for our annual open house, all while applying for proficiencies and Wisconsin State FFA Degrees. We are looking forward to all of the success the rest of the year may bring.



The Pulaski FFA officer team, from front left to back right, is Kaitlyn Gee, Amelia Sikorski, Evelyn Mihaliski, Jenna Posbrig, Jacob Bentley and Faith Posbrig. CONTRIBUTED



Taylor Maroszek of the Pulaski FFA chapter, center, is introduced as 2024-25 state reporter, representing Section 8, during the FFA state convention. CONTRIBUTED

Gillett FFA students reflect on national convention

By WARREN BLUHM
News Editor

The National FFA Convention in Indianapolis is the third largest convention in the country every year, behind the Republican and Democratic Party conventions.

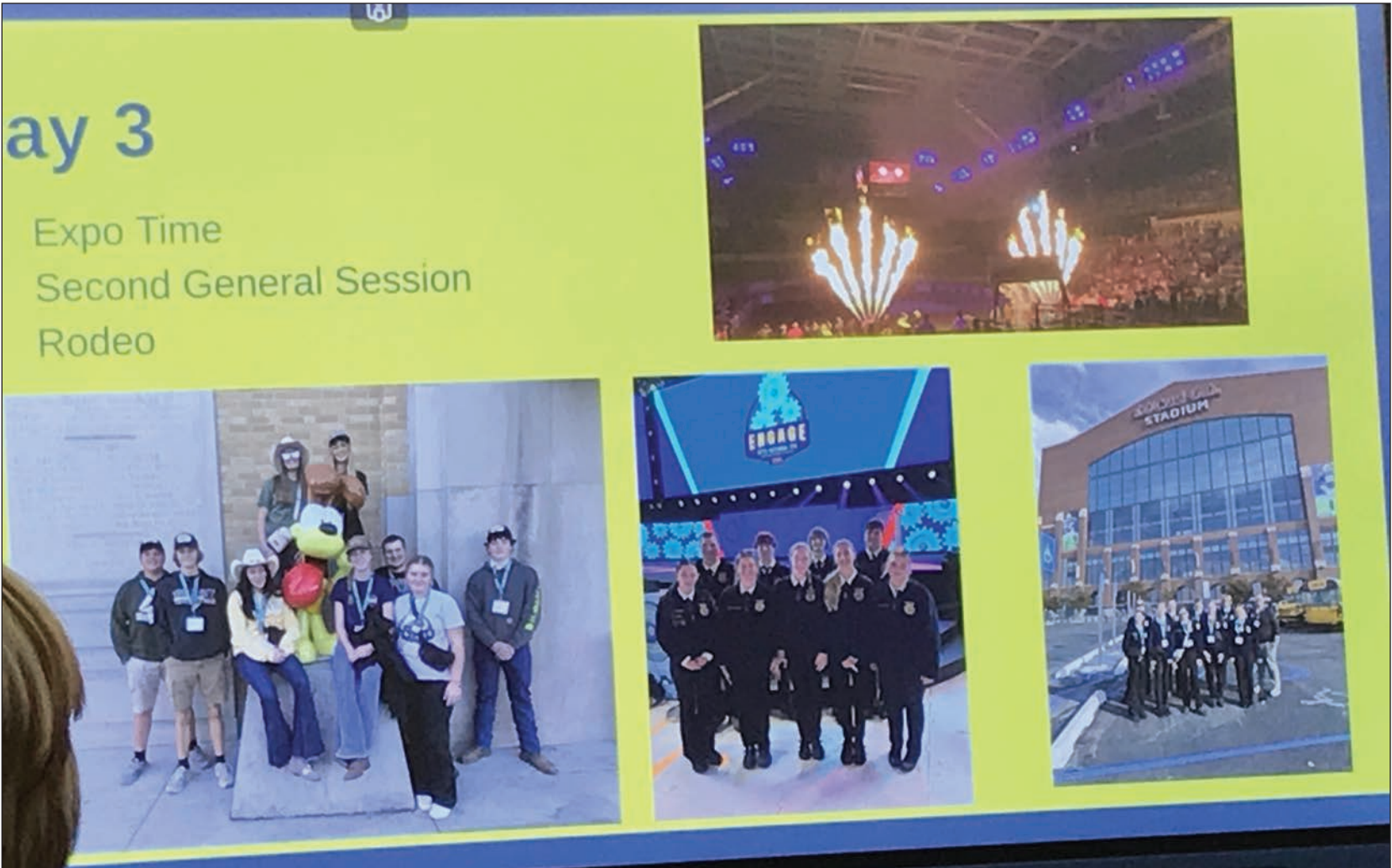
That was among the information shared Nov. 21 when members of the Gillett FFA chapter talked about their experiences with the Gillett School Board.

The 97th National FFA Convention & Expo was staged Oct. 23-26 at Lucas Oil Stadium, where the Indianapolis Colts hold their NFL games.

Attendees have the opportunity to compete, explore more than 350 careers, meet other members from across the country, shape the future of the organization, enjoy entertainment opportunities and more.

“As someone who isn’t as involved in agriculture as some of the people around me, I got to talk to a lot of higher-up people in businesses like John Deere,” said Scott Heroux, a chapter member. “I thought it was really interesting seeing all the stuff behind that.”

Adviser Jacob Timm said the convention is one of his favorite things every year.



Members of the Gillett FFA chapter share a PowerPoint presentation about the organization's national convention during the Nov. 21 meeting of the Gillett School Board.

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“I always look forward to going down and kind of recharging my batteries as an adviser and an ag teacher,” Timm said. “I was able to connect with many different ag teachers from around the country, meet all the people that I

see year after year, figure out what they’re doing in their programs and how to bring it back to Gillett.” This year’s students are a great group, and they had a lot of fun and brought back great memories, Timm said.

About 71,000 students attended the convention, but the organization is expecting big things in three years, he said. “In 2028 is when the centennial is, the 100th anniversary of FFA nationally,” Timm said. “They

are gearing up for that. Lucas Oil Stadium may not be as big as we want it to be that time, but we’ll make it work one way or another.” In addition to the convention itself, chapter members made some stops

along the way to and from Indianapolis — including Natural Beauty Greenhouse in Denmark, Fair Oaks Farm in Fair Oaks, Indiana, the Indianapolis Zoo and the Albanese Candy Factory in Merrillville, Indiana.

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