

Board puts brakes on wheel tax proposal

Decision delayed until February pending public information meeting

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

Supervisors only made a few comments about a proposed \$20 annual wheel tax, when debate ended on a motion to table the issue until February.

Shawano County Supervisor Jeremy Gretzinger said at the Jan. 22 meeting that one of the big concerns he heard from his constituents is that the county is trying to slip this past taxpayers without ample information given to them. He suggested the county host a public information meeting before the county board meets again Feb. 26.

"They want to see the numbers," he said. "People have brought the lack of snowfall these past few years, and they're like, 'Where is that money going?' Once we show where this money is being allocated for, I don't think they'd have a problem with it."

Supervisors voted 22-5 to end discussion and table the proposal until next month.

Public comments

A handful of county residents expressed their concerns before the board took the matter up for discussion.

"My property taxes went up this past year. The price of gas is up to \$3 again, and you can't even buy a dozen eggs for less than \$5 in the store. Where does it end?" asked Timothy Massey, of the Town of Wescott. "My point is you can only squeeze so much out of a turnip, and then there's no more juice. People like myself, retired, are on a fixed income and need to tighten our belts, and perhaps the highway department needs to as well."

He said the highway department budgets a lot of money for snow removal, which he noted has been significantly less the past few years.

Massey said snow fences probably don't need to be installed and removed every year, claiming the snow doesn't last long. He said the department applies brine to the roads more than necessary.

He noted the state's \$4.6 billion surplus and said some of that money needs to be returned to municipalities.

The county needs to find a way for owners of ATVs and UTVs to pay, as they now use the roads, too. If the county need a wheel tax, it should apply to non-resident property owners as well, Massey said.

"With the amount of tourists on our county highways, it only seems fair that they should share the burden," he said.



Shawano County supervisors voted 22-5 to delay a vote on a proposed \$20 annual wheel tax that would see the funds directed to roads and bridges projects. A public information meeting will be set up before the board meets again Feb. 26.

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Town of Navarino resident Jon Zuich- es said his gas tax and registration fee tax already pays for roads.

"Retirees like myself get a 2.5% in- crease in our Social Security this year," he said. "For mine, it's \$40 more a month. That's only \$480 a year. Now you want to squeeze more out of us."

He noted that 13 Wisconsin counties and 38 cities have a wheel tax.

"I feel that the money they're (high- way department) getting now already, it's being wasted a little bit," he said. "They have to learn within a budget just like I do."

For example, he cited the grading of gravel three times a summer along County Road K and state Highway 156.

"That's not cost effective," Zuiches said. "If there's that much grass, you get some chemical out there and spray it. You don't need to be roughing the gravel up every couple weeks."

Former Supervisor Peter Schmidt, a Bonduel resident, encouraged the county to be more transparent about where this money will go — just saying highways and bridges is pretty vague, he said.

"There's lots of other municipalities going to that, because it's the easy way to solve a tough problem instead of going to the taxpayers for a levy increase," he said. "We are afraid to do that."

Schmidt said a \$20 tax won't solve the county's financial problems.

"If you want to be realistic about giving money to fix our roads like we did in 1990, you're going to need at least a \$100 wheel tax to be considered effective," he said.

As for the state surplus, he reminded supervisors the state already tied in- creases in sales tax revenue to increases in shared revenue. He said the sales tax revenue has increased every year, except once in 2009.

"Shawano County, we are gray. We

are not blue, purple or red. We're gray," Schmidt said. "We have a retirement community. We have a lot of tourists. We should be looking at the whole pie."

He said there are ways to be flexible within the limits of the law. For example, city residents, who will pay a \$40 wheel tax to the city starting next year, can be reimbursed the amount of the county wheel tax.

He told supervisors they are supposed to be leaders and make the hard decisions.

"A wheel tax is the easy way to show we're doing something, but we're not being serious," he said.

County discussion

With about 37,350 eligible vehicles in the county, a tax of \$20 would generate \$747,000 in annual revenue.

When supervisors finally took the mat-

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Film debuting next month fo- cuses on ice fishing tradition.

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Wittenberg swimmers place sixth at Clintonville

Wittenberg Area Swim Program members got an early jump on a prediction for spring when they placed sixth in the Groundhog Swim Meet on Jan. 18 in Clintonville.

The Wittenberg team was led by the Wierzba girls — Aubrey, Brinley and Lucy — as they each captured first-place finishes.

Lucy Wierzba, 7, led with three top spots. She was first in the 100-yard individual medley in 1:52.72, first in the 50-yard breaststroke in 1:00.27 and first in the 25-yard breaststroke in 26.19. Lucy Wierzba also placed second in the 25-yard freestyle in 18.61, third in the 25-yard butterfly in 24.42 and third in the 50-yard freestyle in 44.80.

Aubrey Wierzba, 12, won the 100-yard individual medley in 1:14.86. She placed second in the 50-yard breaststroke in 39.14 and the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:24.86. Aubrey Wierzba also finished third in the 50-yard butterfly in 35.29, fourth in the 50-yard backstroke in 36.17 and sixth in the 50-yard freestyle in 30.73.

Brinley Wierzba, 10, was first in the 25-yard freestyle in 16.17. Her other finishes were second in the 25-yard backstroke in 20.86, second in the 25-yard breaststroke in 21.45, third in the 25-yard butterfly in 20.95, fifth in the 50-yard freestyle in 36.43 and seventh in the 50-yard breaststroke in 49.91.

The three Crick girls placed in the top 10 in all of their events.

Kaydence Crick, 12, had there fifth-place finishes – the 50-yard backstroke in 36.72, the 100-yard breaststroke in

1:36.87 and the 100-yard individual medley in 1:23.91. She was eighth in the 50-yard breaststroke in 43.02.

Rylee Crick, 14, had her best finish in the 50-yard butterfly (third place in 31.51). She also had a pair of fifth-place finishes, the 50-yard breaststroke in 35.81 and the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:20.77. Rylee Crick also earned seventh place in the 100-yard butterfly in 1:17.05 and ninth in the 50-yard freestyle in 28.46.

Peyton Crick, 12, claimed fourth in the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:33.02, fifth in the 200-yard breaststroke in 3:10.65, sixth in the 50-yard butterfly in 36.83, seventh in the 50-yard breaststroke in 42.17 and ninth in the 50-yard freestyle in 32.20.

Olivia Bessette, 17, collected a fifth-place finish in the 500-yard freestyle in 6:05.04, and a pair of eighth places in the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:27.22 and the 50-yard breaststroke in 38.54. She also finished ninth in the 50-yard backstroke in 35.97, 11th in the 100-yard freestyle in 1:06.10 and 13th in the 50-yard freestyle in 28.91.

Avery Van Alstine, 8, finished fifth in the 25-yard breaststroke in 37.79. She was also 14th in the 25-yard freestyle in 28.76 and the 25-yard backstroke in 32.20.

Elizabeth Behnke, 14, captured sixth in the 200-yard freestyle in 2:38.97 and eighth in the 500-yard freestyle 7:17.68. She also finished 24th in the 100-yard freestyle in 1:15.76 and 35th in the 50-yard freestyle in 32.75.

Natalie Bessette, 12, also earned a top-10 result, claiming ninth in



ABOVE: Natalie Bessette, left, and Addison Fuller swam against each other in the 100-yard individual medley, the 50-yard backstroke and the 50-yard freestyle.

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RIGHT: Avery Van Alstine finished fifth in the 25-yard breaststroke and 14th in the 25-yard freestyle and the 25-yard backstroke.

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the 100-yard freestyle in 1:21.90. She also claimed 15th place in the 100-yard individual medley in 1:51.54, 18th in the 50-yard freestyle in 35.79 and 24th in the 50-yard backstroke in 49.99.

Claire Fuller, 8, earned 10th place in the 50-yard freestyle in 57.57, 12th in the 25-yard backstroke in 30.57 and 13th in the 25-yard freestyle in 27.75.

Finishing 10th in the 50-yard butterfly in 44.56 was Makayla Wild, 12. She was also 11th in the 100-yard individual medley in 1:36.53, 16th in the 50-yard backstroke in 44.50, 17th in the 50-yard breaststroke in 50.23 and 20th in the 50-yard free-

style in 36.99.

Vanessa Wendorski, 11, was 12th in the 100-yard freestyle in 1:26.04, 21st in the 50-yard backstroke in 47.97 and 23rd in the 50-yard breaststroke in 58.53.

Taking 16th in the 50-yard butterfly in 56.07 was Addison Fuller, 11. She also placed 17th in the 100-yard individual medley in 1:56.91, 25th in the 50-yard backstroke in 52.42 and 29th in the 50-yard freestyle in 40.76.

Olivia Starr, 9, placed 19th in the 50-yard breaststroke in 1:12.34, 24th in the 50-yard backstroke in 1:00.83 and 31st in the 50-yard freestyle in 54.53.



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ter up for discussion, a few made clarifying statements about some comments from the public.

Supervisor Terry Tipton, speaking on behalf of the highway and parks committee, noted that state law exempts the Amish and farmers driving agricultural equipment on roads from a wheel tax.

“This is a way everyone can contribute,” Tipton said. “I’m not looking forward to paying more for it either, but the condition of the roads and bridges isn’t getting any better.”

He acknowledged the receipt of state shared revenue but also said the state is still holding back

on a lot of funds municipalities can’t access.

Supervisor Randy Young said he was going to propose an amendment to eliminate city of Shawano residents from the tax but was told by Corporation Counsel Larenda Maulson the tax has been applied evenly to all vehicle owners.

Supervisor Joe Miller asked Maulson what effect, if any, the issue would have on tribal members living on tribal trust land.

“With regards to tribal members and tribal registration, those are not eligible to be taxed through this wheel tax,” she said.

That didn’t change Miller’s mind.

“I’m still going to vote no,” he said. “I made up my mind when I first heard this thing being presented. I’m going to stick to my guns on this and oppose it.

“The Stockbridge-Munsee Community over the course of many, many, many years has contributed to the roads and infrastructure of this county second to none other than the county. It’s important for everybody in this county to understand our little bitty community out west does in contributing to the road system.”

County Board Chair-

man Tom Kautza acknowledged that contribution.

“We do appreciate what the Stockbridge has donated, Joe,” he said. “It’s a great benefit for us.”

Supervisor Kathy Luebke said local municipalities need to go after the stat about the levy limits and other measures.

“They keep pushing unfunded mandates on the county level,” she said. “We need to stop this. We can’t just accept that all the time. Enough’s enough.”

Supervisor Al Kuhn wondered if the county could apply a 2-cents-per-gallon gasoline tax. He said tourists and residents

would pay, it would be applied to all fuel grades, and it would generate more money and be available year after year.

“You’re paying \$3 a gallon now,” he said. “Another 6 cents ain’t going to make or break anybody.”

Jim Davel, administrative coordinator, reminded supervisors he told them in October the county needed to be creative with increasing its revenues.

“We have cost increases, significant cost increases,” he said.

Nobody likes the idea of another tax, he said. State levy limits make it difficult with what county

does, and all departments took a 3% cut during the budget process.

“This benefits all of our departments, because when you look at it, then we can take that levy that we would normally give highway and transition that across the board to our other departments that are struggling,” Davel said. “You do not want to get into a pattern where you borrow every single year.”

Tipton said the highway and parks committee would set up a public information meeting in the next few weeks.

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Retirees honored by Shawano County Board

4 employees leave with about 110 years of experience

By KEVIN PASSON
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Steve Dreher was among four retired Shawano County employees honored by the county board Jan. 22.

Dreher retired Jan. 3 as facilities management director after nearly three decades of service to the county.

He started as a maintenance supervisor in September 1995.

As the facilities management director, Dreher was responsible for the planning and execution of all remodeling, renovation, construction projects, office planning and design for the county, as well as overseeing and managing a handful of employees.

He was involved in many projects throughout his employment and has served as an integral part of changes, advancements and improvements within the department over the last 30 years.

Julie Harland, who worked closely with Dreher the past several years, retired Jan. 14 after more than 30 years of employment with Shawano County.

Harland began her employment with the child support agency in July 1993. She would go on to also work in the property listing, finance and maintenance departments. Her final job was purchasing specialist in the maintenance department, a position she held since 2019.

As the purchasing specialist, Harland was responsible for county-wide purchasing of office and janitorial supplies, meeting with suppliers and potential suppliers, negotiating supply contracts, compiling data for various reports, maintaining detailed records for various committees and was the main point of contact for maintenance needs.

Lisa Onesti was recognized for her 31 years of service.

Onesti began her duties as Shawano County Sheriff's Department dispatcher Oct. 18, 1993.

She was one of the first civilian dispatchers hired by the Shawano County Sheriff's Department and began her career when dispatch was located in the basement. She worked through the move to the present dispatch location and two major remodels of the room.

During the course of Onesti's career, she navigated the introduction of several technological updates for dispatch to include new CAD programs and changes within those programs, the introduction of 911 to Shawano County and the expansion of information available through 911, new phone systems, new radio systems and countless other database applications.

She has worked with four dispatch supervisors, five sheriffs and likely hundreds of agency colleagues throughout her career.

Onesti retired from the Shawano County Sheriff's Department on Jan. 3.

Julie Dassler ended her employment with Shawano County on Nov. 9, 2024, after serving 21 years as a Shawano



ABOVE: Supervisor Rick Giese, chairman of the public property committee, left, presents Steve Dreher with a certificate of appreciation for his nearly 30 years of service to Shawano County. Dreher retired Jan. 3 as facilities management director.

RIGHT: Sheriff George Lenzner presents retired dispatcher Lisa Onesti with a certificate of appreciation for her 31 years of service. Onesti began her duties as Shawano County Sheriff's Department dispatcher Oct. 18, 1993. She retired Jan. 3.

County Library employee. She worked with three library directors, trained many departmental colleagues, helped a multitude of families and children and ultimately retired while serving as the children's librarian.

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OBITUARIES

Vian Carol (Long) Kersten

Vian Carol (Long) Kersten, 90, of Wittenberg, died on Thursday, Jan. 23, 2025, at House of the Dove in Marshfield.

Vian was born on July 22, 1934, in the Town of Almon, the daughter of Harold and Adeline (Zeinert) Long.

On Oct. 1, 1955, Vian was united in marriage to Milan Kersten in Wittenberg. He preceded her in death on July 27, 2014.

Vian was a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church and was on the altar guild for many years. She was also a member of the Wittenberg American Legion Auxiliary for 48 years. Vian was a food service worker for 26 years at Wittenberg-Birnhamwood High School until her re-



tirement in June 1997. She enjoyed cooking and baking for family and friends. Vian loved flowers, playing canasta and listening to big band and polka music. Family was very important to her, and she loved spending time with them.

Nicholas P. Hill

Nicholas P. Hill, 34, of Appleton, passed away Jan. 20, 2025.

Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory, Clintonville.

Vian is survived by two sons, Tom (Karen) Kersten of Eland and Tim (Dawn) Kersten of Fremont; four grandchildren, Brian (Lindsey) Kersten of Mosinee, Stephanie (Mike) Maciejewski of Abrams, Kyle (Haley) Kersten of Fremont and Travis (Christina) Kersten of Mosinee; eight great-grandchildren, August and Archie Kersten, Annabelle, Emilie and William Maciejewski, Henley and Holdyn Kersten and Cody Kersten; sister-in-law, Dianne Long; and other relatives and friends.

Vian was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; sister, Arletta Crowell; brother, James Long; in-laws, Allen and Rolland Kersten and Ardell Lex and Vernetta Kersten.

Phylliss I. Goltz

Phylliss I. Goltz, 89, of the Town of Matteson, passed away Jan. 22, 2025.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 31, 2025, at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Wittenberg. Lay minister Peter Krolow will officiate. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery at a later date. Visitation will be on Friday, from 9 a.m. until the time of service at the church.

"Many thank yous to my daughters-in-law, Karen and Dawn, for doing so much for me over the years, just like daughters to me. Also thank you to Dianne Long for all she has done for me. Also my friend Sandy Turcek. Loved my family very much."

— Vian
Schmidt and Schulta Funeral Home, Wittenberg, is assisting the family with funeral arrangements.

Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory, Clintonville.

Kakkak sends out letter on Trump policies

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin is looking into how the new Donald Trump administration's plans for mass deportation of illegal immigrants would impact tribal members, according to a letter Chairwoman Gena Kakkak sent out Jan. 24.

"We know there is a lot of confusion, uncertainty, and concern within our community regarding some of the decisions and changes happening within the new U.S. Administration," Kakkak wrote. "These moments of change can be unsettling, but I want to reassure you that our tribe has navigated significant change before, and we always emerge strong and



GENA KAKKAK

united." Kakkak wrote that the tribal leaders are in regular communication with federal agencies to understand how new policies could impact the tribe and look at paths forward, noting that the tribe is working to make sure the best interests of its people comes first. "Our tribe has worked diligently to develop relationships across both sides of the aisle, and we will continue to do so with any incoming administration and elected leaders within Congress," Kakkak wrote. "We do so while always remaining vigilant with an eye toward protecting our people and resources."

Rudnick pleads guilty to sexual assault

Two cases
in Town of
Lessor coming
to a resolution

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

Jacob Rudnick pleaded guilty Jan. 22 in two cases involving the sexual assault of women in the Town of Lessor as part of a plea deal to lessen the charges.

The 30-year-old Seymour man had originally been charged with two felony counts of third-degree sexual assault and one count of second-degree sexual assault for an attack that allegedly took place in a park in Lessor on Halloween in 2022.

The second case involved a sexual assault that reportedly took place in July 2023 in Lessor. In that case, he faced two counts of second-degree sexual assault.

Rudnick pleaded guilty to two counts of fourth-degree sexual assault, considered a misdemeanor, in the first case and one count of third-degree sexual assault in the second case. The remaining charges were dismissed but still read into the record.



Attorney Christopher Van Wagner, left, talks with the judge regarding the plea deal for Jacob Rudnick on Jan. 22 as Rudnick looks on.

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The recommendation from the Shawano-Menominee County District Attorney's Office is five years in prison followed by five years of probation on the third-degree charge. For the fourth-degree charges, the recommendation is staying a nine-month jail sentence on each of the counts but putting Rudnick on probation; if probation is violated, he would serve the jail time.

Sentencing was delayed

due to the request for a pre-sentencing investigation, which is expected to take eight weeks to complete due to a backlog. Rudnick's attorney, Christopher Van Wagner, will be providing the investigator with a psycho-sexual evaluation as part of the investigation.

Criminal complaints reported that both incidents occurred after Rudnick first encountered the victims online via Snapchat.

The first victim told law enforcement a friend had been messaging a guy who "became freaky." She said she talked with the guy whose screen name was "cuddlebug" and that he "wanted to be friends."

The victim told law enforcement that she rode with Rudnick to the park at 1 p.m. Oct. 31, 2022, according to the criminal complaint. She said that Rudnick forcibly attempted intercourse on a

park trail, in a vehicle and in the women's restroom at the park. The complaint states that the victim, who has disabilities, allegedly stayed with Rudnick at his home for a couple of days before going to the park.

The second victim reported the sexual assault on the same day it happened and told law enforcement she initially met Rudnick on the dating site Hily on July 17, 2023. After a day, the two switched to

communicating on Snapchat, and this time Rudnick went by the screen name "nightrider165."

The victim's in-person encounter with Rudnick took place two days later at a park in Black Creek. The victim had a female friend who drove her to the park.

After chatting and walking around for a bit, Rudnick suggested going to another park and that the victim should ride with him, with the friend following.

On the way, the two vehicles were separated by distance, and the friend tried to text the victim, but Rudnick had taken the phone away and started to grope the victim. Rudnick drove the victim to Moeller Ridge Nature Park and assaulted her before taking her to her mother's house and dropping her off.

If the case had gone to trial, Rudnick would have faced up to 40 years in prison for each of the second-degree assaults, along with \$100,000 in fines, as well as 10-year prison sentences and \$25,000 in fines for the third-degree assault charges.

Rudnick will be sentenced at 1 p.m. May 28 in Branch II of the Shawano County Courthouse.

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A graphic showing a blue church with a steeple and a Christmas tree in the foreground. The church has a sign that says "N" on it.

Schinke appointed to county board

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

Steven Schinke has been appointed to fill the vacant District 13 position on the Shawano County Board.

Schinke was appointed by Shawano County Board Chairman Tom Kautza at the board's Jan. 22 meeting.

The current term will expire in April 2026.

The seat was held by Kevin Conradt, who died Jan. 3. He served on the county board for nearly 30 years.

"I've lived in the Town of Navarino all my life after I was 17 years old," Schinke said. "I've been on the town board with Kevin for 28 years."

Schinke also served on the Clintonville Ambulance Commission for 30 years, including 24 years as vice chairman, has been a member of the fire department for 35 years, served as a first responder for 36 years and worked with several other organizations.

He was chosen as president of the local cemetery association at age 18 and still serves in that capacity at 66.

"I have one of them jobs, too," Kautza said. "You don't get to leave them until you become a true member of the cemetery."

"And I prefer not to push that position any sooner than I have to," Schinke responded with a

chuckle.

District 13 includes Wards 1 and 2 in the Town of Lessor, and Ward 1 in the Town of Navarino.

Schinke was also appointed to the human services department board, on which Conradt also served. Other committee appointments will be made next month, Kautza said.

Conradt also served as the eastern Shawano County representative on the county highway and parks committee, elected by his fellow supervisors.

Schinke, Jim Przybylski, Kathy Luebke and Ken Capelle threw their names into the ring, and Przybylski was elected on the third ballot.

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Novel offers insight into religious persecution

This week I chose a book that turned out to be very difficult to read. "Daughter of the King" by Kerry Chaput is a historical novel set during the bloody Catholic suppression of Protestants in France. It is hard for us to imagine the absolute powerlessness of Protestants at this time.

Isabelle Collette's family lived in La Rochelle for generations. Their strong Protestant faith has sustained them through many years of persecution, but now they face each day in fear. While most Huguenots do their best to avoid notice, Isabelle is different. She needs the freedom of the woods and fields and chooses to go out for supplies.

Her mother worries that Isabelle's wild spirit will get them all killed. All too often she encounters Antoinette, the haughty daughter of the mayor. She endures Antoinette's taunts with dreams of finding freedom. When Isabelle recklessly prevents the rape of young Catholic girl, she is confronted by James, a handsome soldier. He could have her arrested but is attracted to her.

When their worship service is attacked, Isabelle and her mother escape and attempt to walk to Rouen and safety. Isabelle is found near death on the steps of a Catholic church. Nuns nurse her back to health and find her



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Columnist

a position as lady's maid to Madame Dupre.

Isabelle seals her fate when she manages to kill the cruel Jacques Dupre when he tries to rape her. Her friends spirit her away and soon she must pay for her rescue. She must convert to Catholicism and travel to Canada as a "daughter of the king." These women hold a special status but are expected to find a husband and raise families in the new colonies.

Sadly, Isabelle's old nemesis, Antoinette, is also on the ship. She is to join her future husband, the mayor of the new colony. When Isabelle meets the fur trader Andre, she falls in love. But he is already married so they do their best to squelch their feelings. Amazingly, James, the young soldier, finds her and she enters a loveless marriage.

It is painfully obvious that Protestant persecution is still common, so once again they worship in secret not knowing who they can trust. The greater danger comes from the Mohawk tribes. They have learned the hard way not to trust the colonists and



AT A GLANCE

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often raid outlying farms and settlements.

The mayor has established a small military unit with orders to stop the Mohawk uprising, but Andre learns that the mayor is planning to double-cross the soldiers. He expects the entire unit to be slaughtered, giving his personal troops free reign.

The grim finale hardens Isabelle's decision to fight for religious freedom in her new home. She also understands that her faith is strong but has very little to do with any formal religion. Whatever comes, her wild spirit will see her through.

PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Jan. 26

Deputies responded to 21 incidents, including a warrant on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; scam in South River Street in Shawano; property damage on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; property damage on Church Road in the Town of Green Valley; two 911 calls; three reckless driving incidents; two welfare checks; two crashes, one involving deer.

Jan. 25

Deputies responded to 16 incidents, including a warrant on Julius Street in the Town of Angelica; assisting the fire department on Red River Road in the Town of Hutchins; bail jumping on Knoke Street in Gresham; animal noise on Hiawatha Court in the Town of Wescott; operating while intoxicated at Classic's Restaurant and Lounge, W6026 Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; two reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazard; one welfare check; two crashes.

Jan. 24

Deputies responded to 22 incidents, including shoplifting at Dollar General, 413 N. Genesee St., Wittenberg; warrant on Chrissie Circle in the Town of Washington; threatening on South First Street in Bonduel; sick animal on Lake Drive; trespassing on Twin Creek Road in the Town of Hartland; two 911 calls; one welfare check; two crashes.

Jan. 23

Deputies responded to 28 incidents, including shoplifting at Krakow One Stop, N4795 State Highway 32 in the Town of Angelica; sick animal on Fourth Street in Mattoon; threatening on South Prouty Street; warrant at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main St., Shawano; drugs on McDonald Road in Shawano; warrant on Trieglaff Road in the Town of Grant; bail jumping on Waukechon Road in Shawano; one 911 call; three reckless driving incidents; two crashes, one involving drugs.

Jan. 22

Deputies responded to 22 incidents, including two drug calls at undisclosed locations; one 911 call; one reckless driving incident; two traffic hazards; four welfare checks; two crashes.

Jan. 21

Deputies responded to 16 incidents, including assisting the fire department on Robin Road in the Town of Wittenberg; eviction on South Washington Street in Shawano; sick animal on Main Street in the Town of Fairbanks; one 911 call; one traffic hazard; two welfare checks.

Jan. 20

Deputies responded to 19 incidents, including operating without a license on East Lieg Avenue in Shawano; eviction on Prospect Circle in Shawano; sick animal on Ah Toh Wuk Circle in the Town of Bartelme; two 911 calls; one reckless driving incident; two traffic hazards; one welfare check; two crashes.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Jan. 26

Officers responded to 11 incidents, including operating while intoxicated at Prevea Health, 1300 E. Green Bay St.; one welfare check.

Jan. 25

Officers responded to 17 incidents, including burglary at Amerivu Inn Suites, 211 Waukechon St.; shoplifting at Charlie's County Market, 521 S. Main St.; property theft on West Picnic Street; two reckless driving incidents; two crashes.

Jan. 24

Officers responded to 18 incidents, including harassment at Kwik Trip, 1241 E. Green Bay St.; neglected animal on South Main Street; juvenile problem at Olga Brenner Intermediate School, 1300 S. Union St.; juvenile problem at an undisclosed location; shoplifting at Charlie's County Market, 521 S. Main St.; assisting the fire department on Humphrey Circle; three 911 calls; one reckless driving incident; one welfare check; one crash.

Jan. 23

Officers responded to 18 incidents, including bail jumping on Waukechon Street; drugs at an undisclosed location; found property at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; threatening on South Main Street; death investigation on South Smalley Street; pornography at an undisclosed location; operating without a license at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; scam on South Lafayette Street; attempted suicide at an undisclosed location; one welfare check; four crashes.

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• Omaha S. Tucker, an Appleton man serving time at the Redgranite Correctional Institution, pleaded no contest Jan. 15 to felony bail jumping and misdemeanor counts of operating while revoked, violating an ignition interlock device order and bail jumping. Judge William Kussel Jr. assessed \$2,358 in fines and fees and sentenced him to 180 days in jail concurrent with his present sentence.

• Matthew C. Malone, 41, Bowler, pleaded no contest Jan. 22 to two counts of battery or threat to a law officer, six counts of felony bail jumping, and misdemeanor counts of resisting or obstructing an officer and attempted criminal damage to property. Judge Katherine Sloma withheld sentencing and placed him on three years of probation with conditions, including one year in the county jail.

• Alex J. Stodall-Wheeler, 35, pleaded no contest Jan. 21 to fleeing an officer in his vehicle, second-degree recklessly endangering safety and a misdemeanor charge of operating while revoked. Kussel sentenced him to three years in prison, followed by four years of extended supervision with conditions. He received credit for 670 days already served.

• Anthony S. Crump, 46, Green Bay, was charged Jan. 21 with first-degree recklessly endangering safety and misdemeanor counts of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (third offense), operating while revoked and violating an ignition interlock

device order. Kussel set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for March 13.

• Alexander J. Dekeyser, 24, Shawano, was charged Jan. 21 with possession of narcotic drugs and misdemeanor counts of dispensing a prescription drug without a prescription and possession of THC. Kussel set a \$2,000 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for April 1.

• Brian L. Pamonicutt, 56, Cecil, was charged Jan. 21 with victim intimidation, 18 counts of felony bail jumping, and misdemeanor counts of battery and disorderly conduct. Kussel set a \$10,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Jan. 23.

• Kimberly M. Boivin, 30, Keshena, was charged Jan. 21 with possession of narcotic drugs and misdemeanor counts of dispensing a prescription drug without a prescription and possession of THC. Kussel set a \$2,500 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for April 8.

• Nicole M. Belongia, 30, Shawano, was charged Jan. 21 with possession of methamphetamine, possession of narcotic drugs, two counts of misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia and a misdemeanor count of possession of THC. Kussel set a \$5,000 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for April 22.

• Charles C. Cox, 41, was charged Jan. 22 with two

counts of forgery, two counts of uttering, theft in a business setting, theft of movable property and six misdemeanor counts of bail jumping. Kussel set a \$2,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Jan. 31.

• Shawnee E. Gauthier, 49, Keshena, was charged Jan. 22 with second-degree recklessly endangering safety, possession of methamphetamine, possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), 18 counts of felony bail jumping, and misdemeanor counts of disorderly conduct and possession of an illegally obtained prescription. Kussel set a \$3,500 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for Feb. 4.

• Steven J. Champion, 61, Cudahy, was charged Jan. 24 with felony bail jumping. Kussel set a \$2,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Jan. 30.

• Tina M. Sandovall, 54, Shawano, was charged Jan. 24 with six counts of felony bail jumping, two misdemeanor counts of resisting or obstructing an officer and a misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. Kussel set a \$1,500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Jan. 30.

• Kendriana C. Shojgreen, 24, Shawano, was charged Jan. 24 with two counts of felony bail jumping and misdemeanor counts of possession of cocaine and possession of drug paraphernalia. Kussel set a \$3,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Jan. 30.

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The Battle of Buna during World War II had a big impact on northeast Wisconsin, with seven soldiers from Oconto and Marinette counties dying during the campaign.

OCONTO COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Historical society looks back at Battle of Buna

History comes alive in February as the Oconto County Historical Society invites the community to an evening honoring the bravery and sacrifice of local soldiers.

The Speaker Series event, “The Red Arrow Division at Buna,” begins at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 6 at the Beyer Home and Carriage Museum, 915 Park Ave., Oconto, and will delve into one of the most challenging and pivotal battles of World War II.

Capt. Florian Waitl, command historian of the Wisconsin National Guard,

will provide a richly detailed presentation recounting the heroism of Oconto’s Company C, 127th Infantry, 32nd Red Arrow Infantry Division, during the bloody Battle of Buna in New Guinea in 1942-43.

This engaging presentation will take people back in time through an immersive combination of photographs, aerial imagery, modern drone footage, virtual terrain maps, and firsthand soldier accounts. Waitl will also share insights from members of today’s Wisconsin National Guard who visited Buna in

September 2024, providing a unique connection between past and present.

The Battle of Buna was one of the most grueling campaigns of World War II, and its impact resonates deeply in northeast Wisconsin. Seven soldiers from Oconto and Marinette counties made the ultimate sacrifice in this campaign. This event offers a poignant opportunity to reflect on their courage and the enduring spirit of those who served.

The presentation is free, and light refreshments will be served.

Online series addresses caregivers

Powerful Tools for Caregivers is an educational series designed to provide caregivers with the tools needed to take care of themselves.

Classes will be hosted on Zoom on Tuesdays and begin March 11 from 1-2:30 p.m.

This program helps family caregivers reduce stress, improve self-confidence, improve communication, balance their lives, increase their ability to make tough decisions and

locate helpful resources.

The caregiver class consists of six sessions held once a week. Two experienced class leaders will conduct the series; many are experienced caregivers themselves who have successfully applied the techniques they teach. Interactive lessons, discussions and brainstorming will help you take the “tools” you choose and put them into action for your life.

Participants will re-

ceive a book, “The Caregiver Helpbook,” free of charge.

For information or to register, contact the University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension at 920-834-6845 or email Katie.Daul@wisc.edu. Class size is limited, and pre-registration is required.

Visit <https://oconto.extension.wisc.edu/2025/01/20/powerful-tools-for-caregivers> to learn more.

Farm bureau offering six \$500 scholarships

The Shawano County Farm Bureau is open for applications for annual scholarships to be used at a university, college or technical program.

Applicants must be Shawano County residents or have attended a Shawano County high school, be pursuing an agriculture-related degree at a university or technical college, have

volunteered at one or more Shawano County Brunch on the Farm Events, provided evidence of academic achievement and demonstrated a record of active participation in extracurricular activities.

Up to six scholarships may be awarded. Each scholarship shall be up to \$500 to students pursuing a degree or certificate at a

university, college, or technical college.

The following items must be received by March 7: Completed scholarship application, copy of most recent transcripts (unofficial transcripts are acceptable), and two letters of recommendation.

Completed applications must be mailed to Ken Matsche, N9906 White Birch Road, Birnamwood, WI 54414. Application questions can be directed to kenmatsche@gmail.com.

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Machickanee Players plan annual meeting

The Machickanee Players will hold its 42nd annual meeting at 2:30 p.m. Feb. 23 at the Park Avenue Playhouse, 304 Park Ave., Oconto.

On the agenda will be the wrap of the 2024 year, the presentation of the annual budget and election of officers. All past and current Machickanee Players are invited to attend.

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ThedaCare offers tips to break free of tech

Technology is all around, and it is nearly impossible to escape. This might lead to a desire to reduce technology use. Regardless of what your reason is to limit technology, it's a worthwhile goal. Experts also say setting boundaries around technology can lead to improved well-being.

It helps to first understand that technology has some undeniable benefits. When used in moderation, it can be a great tool.

"Technology helps us learn new things and allows us to stay connected with family and friends worldwide," said Jessica Schnell, ThedaCare nurse practitioner. "It also provides convenience, such as paying our bills and managing our finances at our fingertips."

Social media can help you connect to and network with people with similar interests. It also can create a sense of community in difficult times, such as the COVID-19 pandemic, Schnell noted.

"It is important to remember it is possible to have too much of a good thing," Schnell said. "Spending too much time using technology or on social media can impact our physical and mental health."

On the physical side, too much screen time can lead to sleep deprivation,



JESSICA SCHNELL

eyestrain, headaches, neck pain and even hand and wrist discomfort. If it keeps you from physical activity, it also can lead to weight gain and other health issues that come with a sedentary lifestyle.

From a mental wellness standpoint, technology overuse may cause anxiety, dependence and even social isolation.

"Studies have shown that too much time on social media leads to decreased self-esteem and an increased risk in developing mental health conditions," Schnell said.

Beyond that, technology can support other harmful habits, such as striving for unattainable beauty standards and spending money on items not needed. It also can hamper true connection.

"Technology allows us to build connections with others without having to leave the comfort of our homes," Schnell said. "However, this can make it more difficult to develop the social skills needed to develop true connections with others in a face-to-face setting."

Fixating on technology can lead to distraction in situations that call for in-

person communications. In addition, becoming too immersed in social media can lead to a skewed sense of reality, Schnell said.

"A person's online persona may not reflect their true self," she said. "This can lead to misunderstandings of those we're connecting with. Social media is a highlight reel. People often don't share their problems or messes. They share their good and happy times, which can lead to others feeling inadequate."

Several signs can indicate a person may have a problem with over-dependence on technology. Some of these include:

- Neglecting responsibilities at home, work or school
- Feeling irritable or negative when you're away from your devices
- Struggling to take time away from devices for extended periods of time
- Losing your sense of time, such as realizing that you've lost an hour of your day scrolling
- Harming your relationships through distracted behavior while using technology
- Using technology as a way to avoid working through difficult feelings or addressing problems
- Becoming preoccupied with monitoring your social media presence
- Developing problematic habits, such as excessive online shopping

sive online shopping "As with anything, it's a good idea to limit and set boundaries around time on devices – for you and your loved ones," Schnell said. "Experts recommend that adults spend two hours or less per day on technology outside of work."

There are some things than can be done to limit time with technology. Turn off non-essential notifications on phones and other devices. Set rules for the family like no screen time at the dinner table or within an hour before bedtime. Place the phone in another room. Set aside tech-free time periods throughout the day. Designate and stick to certain times of day to check email and social media. Consider an app to help become aware of and manage technology use.

For those struggling to break free of technology dependence on their own, it may be time to seek mental health help. Primary care providers can help connect people to care.

"Similar to drugs, alcohol, food, gambling and many other temptations, it's possible to become addicted to technology use," Schnell said. "A mental health professional can help you work through your concerns and identify solutions to help find a balance and well-being."

Pesticide training coming soon

Wisconsin farms that conduct their own pest management control practices need to be certified through the Pesticide Applicator Training (PAT) process to purchase or apply restricted-use-pesticides.

The process for ordering the PAT manual and registering for a training/test session has undergone significant changes. Anyone wanting to re-certify or become certified must visit the PAT website www.patstore.wisc.edu to get started in the process.

For most farms, the category will be 100/101 General Farming, but some will select Fruit Crops or Greenhouse/Nursery. This will allow farmers to order the manual (\$43), but they also need to register and pay (\$10) to attend one of the local training sessions if they want to certify.

Local training/testing sessions will be held Feb. 21 at Pound Town Hall, W8484 County Road B, Coleman; March 6 at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main St., Sha-

wano; and March 25 at Lena Town Hall, 6087 Goatsville Road, Lena.

Training sessions begin at 9 a.m. and are completed by 1 p.m., with the test conducted after. Division of Extension crops and soils educator Scott Reuss will moderate the in-person sessions.

Onsite registration is not allowed. Anyone without computer access can request a paper order and registration form from the Marinette, Langlade or Shawano County Extension offices, but it must be done at least two full weeks ahead of the program date.

Farms are also able to become certified by self-studying the training materials and then coordinating with one of the three offices to take the exam, or utilize the online testing option if they have the appropriate equipment.

For information, contact Reuss at 715-732-7510, 715-701-0966, or scott.reuss@wisc.edu, or visit the PAT website to communicate directly with program personnel.



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Miguel, played by David Ezekiel Duran, right, becomes fascinated by the idea of ice fishing when Carl, played by New Auburn resident Ritchie Gordon, shows him how it's done in the film "February," which will be coming to Shawano Cinema and More on Feb. 12.

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New film looks at joys of ice fishing in the Dairy State

Wisconsin native's 'February' gets special showing at Shawano Cinema

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Ice fishing is synonymous with many who call Wisconsin home, but for those who don't, they'll get to find out all about it in the new film "February."

"February" will receive a special showing at 6 p.m. Feb. 12 at the Shawano Cinema and More, 1494 E. Green Bay St., Shawano. Following the film, which won the 2024 Golden Badger Award and the Audience Choice Award at the Wisconsin Film Festival, Nathan Deming will answer questions from audience members.

The film is part of what Deming hopes is a 12-part series focusing on each month of the year. The first film, "January," is a 24-minute piece about an elderly church volunteer struggling to keep up with a shotgun wedding planned at the last minute for an extremely pregnant teenage bride.

"Each movie is going to focus on a different aspect of our state," Deming, a Wisconsin native, said in a phone interview.

"February" is completely different from the previous film, with its only tie being Wisconsin. The movie follows Miguel, played by David Ezekiel Duran, who is a recent immigrant who travels to a small Wisconsin town and has difficulty fitting in. He stays with his sister, Rosa, played by Nayeli Michelle Hernandez, and her husband, Louie, played by Erick Inestroza, but still experiences difficulty until he meets Carl, played by Ritchie Gordon, who takes him out on the lake and shows him about ice fishing.

Deming's goal in filming "February" was to explore the things people have in common instead of what separates them.

"(The family) has been in Wisconsin longer and has become more acclimated, and he's struggling to fit in, since he came to the U.S. in the worst month of the year with the deep cold and all that," Deming said. "He's



Miguel, played by David Ezekiel Duran, left, is having difficulty adjusting to life in America, even with the help of Louie, played by Erick Inestroza, in the new film "February."

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AT A GLANCE

WHAT: "February," a film by Nathan Deming
WHEN: 6 p.m. Feb. 12
WHERE: Shawano Cinema & More, 1494 E. Green Bay St., Shawano
TICKETS: \$9 adults, \$8 seniors, \$7 children
ONLINE: www.februaryfilm.com

struggling to fit in until he finds ice fishing."

Even though Wisconsin has always been home, Deming has lived in California for the past 10 years, and when he talks with colleagues and friends about ice fishing, the concept is foreign to them.

"I think it's a really great part of our state and culture," Deming said. "It's completely different from fishing as an experience. I guess the thing that really attracted me to it for this story is, one, no matter what

else you're doing in your life or how much money you have or anything like that, ice fishing is one of those activities where suddenly you can get away and you're the king of your own domain. That's what a lot of people love about it. Two, there's this immediate camaraderie that seems to go along with ice fishing."

To clarify the second point, Deming noted that the people ice fishing on the lake where filming was taking place were extremely friendly, which he described as a "nice community aspect."

While filming was fun overall, Deming said there was a little fear during the scenes on the frozen lake.

"That was one of the more nerve-wracking parts of filming," Deming said. "The

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GARDENING WITH MELINDA MYERS

Gardeners can succeed by watching weather

Each gardening season seems to offer new growing challenges. Our gardens are exposed to more drastic and variable weather with changing weather patterns. Floods, droughts, wind, temperature extremes and unseasonable weather episodes can have immediate and long-term impacts on our plants.

Monitoring and noting these occurrences will help you diagnose immediate and

future plant and garden problems. It also reminds us to adjust plant maintenance when these stressors occur and watch for potential insect, disease and plant decline that may appear in the future.

Create your own weather station with a rain gauge, snow gauge and high-low thermometer. These gauges monitor the conditions in your backyard as opposed to those reported for nearby locations. Having information from your yard allows you to make any needed adjustments to watering and care to help your plants thrive.

Record significant weather extremes that can negatively impact plant health and longevity. Check with local nature centers, botanical gardens and extension services for gardening calendars. Many include information on significant weather events in your area. You can then add your observations for future reference. Refer to this information as needed in the future to help diagnose plant problems that may result from these extremes.

Large trees and other established plantings are often overlooked when weather extremes occur. Extended dry periods, temperature extremes and flooding can stress and weaken these plants, making them more susceptible to insect pests, diseases and decline in the coming years.

Always select plants suited to the growing conditions, and start watching for those that appear to be more tolerant of extremes. Visit local public gardens and consult with your University of Wisconsin-Extension



Melinda Myers
Columnist

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FRIDAY, JAN. 31

SHAWANO: Boost Your Brain and Memory, 9-10:30 a.m., Shawano County Human Services Complex, W7327 Anderson Ave. A holistic approach to improving brain health. Third week of eight-week class, enrollment limited to 12 people, register by calling Ericka at 715-526-4712.

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

SATURDAY, FEB. 1

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

OCONTO FALLS: Taste of the Knights of Columbus, 5-7:30 p.m., St. Anthony School, 253 N. Franklin St. Enjoy dishes prepared by members of the Knights of Columbus, school parents and Chef JR, bucket raffles, 50/50. \$20 per person at the door.

SUNDAY, FEB. 2

ABRAMS: Machickanee Cross Country Ski Club Meet and Greet, noon to 3 p.m., 6625

Timberline Road.

MONDAY, FEB. 3

OCONTO FALLS: American Red Cross blood drive, 1-6 p.m., St. Anthony Parish, 253 N. Franklin St. Appointments at RedCrossBlood.org or 1-800-733-2767.

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

TUESDAY, FEB. 4

OCONTO: Jacob's Well - Oconto All Community evening small group Bible study, 6 p.m. The Good Place Bowling Center, 1128 Main St. Information at jacobswellgb.org.

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

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 5

SHAWANO: Chamber Coffee Connection, 8-9 a.m., SweetLife Eatery, 116 N. Main St.

SHAWANO: 100-Plus Women Who Care Shawano County, 5-7 p.m., Crescent Ballroom, Stubborn Brothers Brewery, 220 S. Main St.

KESHENA: Recovery talking circle, 6-8 p.m. Omaeqnome-newak Wetohkatikamek Cen-

ter, 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 more information, call Nancy 920-829-6316 or Charles 920-606-4370.

THURSDAY, FEB. 6

SHAWANO: God's Little Wonders: Parent/Tot Hour, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Zion Lutheran Church, 1254 S. Union St. Hands-on activities and crafts, songs and stories, faith nurturing.

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.

OCONTO: Speaker Series event, "The Red Arrow Division at Buna," 6:30 p.m., Beyer Home and Carriage Museum, 915 Park Ave. Historical Society presentation about one of the most challenging and pivotal battles of World War II.

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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winter we filmed, we had two feet of ice, which is more than enough for a vehicle. There were plenty of other vehicles out there, but still, when you're in charge of a film crew, we were still very white-knuckle the whole time being safe."

Wisconsin is very defined, according to Deming, and living in California has caused the filmmaker to miss the seasons changing. That's what prompted him to seek a mission to produce 12 films on the Dairy State. He's planned ideas out to the sixth film, "June," and he's getting ready to start production of "March."

"In Wisconsin, each month is pretty unique," he said. "It has its own personality, and to me, February has a very distinc-

tive personality. There's something about that fourth or fifth month of winter. It's different than December or November. You're not quite to March yet. You're not quite to the thaw."

Deming's notion of having a series of distinctive yet connected films is not a new one. He said he was inspired by the Dekalog, which was a series of Polish movies in 1989 and 1990 based on each of the Ten Commandments.

Deming estimated it will take over a decade to produce his remaining films.

"February" premiered at the Wisconsin Film Festival, and Deming received so much positive feedback that he decided to do the statewide tour of movie theaters, which recently started in Appleton.

"We thought it would be really fun to take it on the road like a traveling band," Deming said. "Being a person who is a storyteller and filmmaker, it's going to be so much fun to watch it with Wisconsin audiences, and hopefully, they're interested in 'March' when it comes around."

Deming knows the film will be familiar to Wisconsinites, especially those who partake in ice fishing, but he expects "February" to be a learning experience for those who don't call Wisconsin home.

"I think there's a lot going on here, and we're a beautiful state," Deming said. "We have interesting people, interesting culture. We have our own identity."

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specialists and other plant experts when selecting new plants for your gardens.

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Weather watching is a great project for the family or classroom. It helps boost gardening success while increasing our awareness and knowledge of what's happening around us.

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



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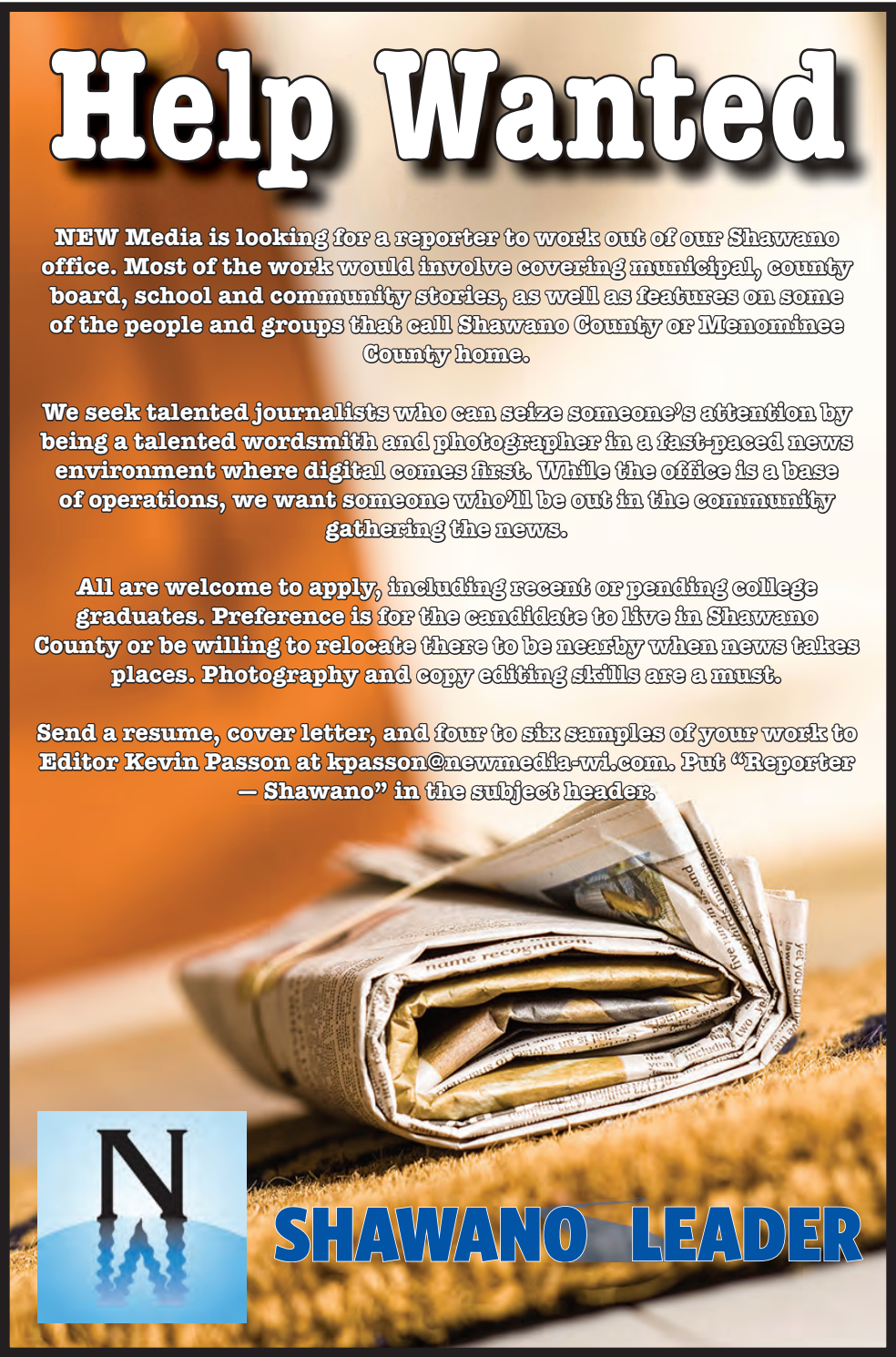
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GUEST COLUMN

No kid should be priced out of playing sports

Participating in youth sports has long been a cornerstone of the American experience — or at least it used to be. Fewer American kids are playing sports, and shifting trends are leaving countless kids on the sidelines.

The importance of reversing this trend cannot be overstated. Youth sports are not just games; they are a critical component of childhood development. Simply put, the well-being of our nation hinges, in part, on our investments in youth sports today.

The cost of participating in sports has become increasingly prohibitive. The rise of digital entertainment has captivated kids' attention, drawing them away from physical activities. These declining participation rates threaten young Americans' mental and physical health. Anxiety and depression in kids, which can be alleviated by exercise, are on the rise.

Youth sports are becoming steadily more privatized: Today, "pay-to-play" youth sports is a \$30-\$40 billion industry. American families spend an average of almost \$900 annually per child to participate in organized sports.

The growing socio-economic gap in sports participation is glaring. Today, while more than two in three kids from wealthier families are playing sports, only about one in three from the poorest families get the same opportunity.

Sports teach teamwork, discipline, perseverance and resilience — traits that are essential on and off the field. For many kids from challenging family situations, sports offer a sense of belonging and purpose and put them on the path to a more stable future.

Participation in sports has been linked to better academic performance, higher self-esteem and a greater likelihood of college attendance. In fact, studies show that 66% of students who earn all A's play organized sports compared to just 24% of students with



Hanna Skandera
Guest columnist

mostly D's and F's.

Kids who play sports have higher lifetime earnings. They have vastly lower rates of depression, obesity and other serious health conditions. The benefits are so stark that Americans would be a collective \$57 billion richer each year, thanks to reduced health care spending and increased productivity, if the youth sports participation rate increased by just about 10 percentage points, according to one recent study.

Investing in youth sports is a matter of public health — and national pride. The athletes who will represent us in the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics and the 2034 Salt Lake City Olympics are today's young hopefuls in recreational leagues and school teams.

Without a robust pipeline of young talent, not only will our health suffer, but our ability to compete at the highest levels will be compromised.

Nonprofit organizations have a unique opportunity to cultivate that pipeline. My organization, the Daniels Fund, recently teamed up with the Aspen Institute to launch the first-ever Colorado Youth Sports Giving Day. With over \$3.7 million raised through overwhelming support from philanthropists and community members, this campaign demonstrates the deep belief in the importance of making sports accessible to all children.

As a society, we'll need to make big investments to ensure that every child has a chance to experience the benefits of sports. By doing so, we will build a healthier, more resilient generation of Americans.

Hanna Skandera is president and chief executive officers of the Daniels Fund, and she is a former track and field athlete and coach. This piece originally ran in Salon.



GUEST COLUMN

Challenged community can be rebuilt

Many years ago, I toured the Beloit Corporation when it led the world in manufacturing paper-making machines.

My guide was a true gentleman by the name of Thomas M. Jones. Tom had joined the firm in 1950 and had the unenviable task of babysitting a journalist because over the years he ascended to the company's director of advertising and public relations post.

Like many men in his day, Tom, who passed away in 2011, believed success in business required giving back through public service. He served on the Beloit City Council, chaired United Givers (now known as United Way), was an incorporator of Beloit Memorial Hospital and stepped up in many other community roles. He and his wife, Patricia, helped found Friends of the Riverfront, a gift that keeps on giving in the beautiful Rock River park.

I'm reminded of that tour — and how that dark, smelly, old foundry seemed like something out of a Dickens story — after joining my friend and former Beloit Daily News publisher Kent Eyman for beer and sandwiches at the new Henry Dorrbacker's entertainment venue on the site.

It's the latest addition to the Geronimo Hospitality Group's impressively long list of restaurants, pubs and meeting spaces. There are games to play, including duckpin bowling, which this non-



Bill Barth
Guest columnist

bowler would call miniature bowling. The space is huge, and during better weather includes fun outdoor activities along the lovely riverfront. The bar is large and welcoming. The menu is creative and unlike anything else in town. Great place to visit with friends or watch a ballgame.

At the turn of the century, the community was sad and fearful as the once mighty Beloit Corporation collapsed, leaving a giant hulking hole in the downtown. Some may remember that I used to write irreverent April Fool's Day stories and couldn't resist spoofing readers by claiming developers were planning to use the deserted site to build Beloit Corpse Theme Park. Many enjoyed that and other April Fool's yarns, but we also got an earful from people whose lives were disrupted by the company's closure.

Apologies, again, to those folks. The idea, with tongue in cheek, was to suggest opportunity often follows failure.

Enter Diane Hendricks and her late, visionary husband, Ken. It vastly over-simplifies things, but there's a frequent element to the Hendricks story about turning failed, discarded properties into opportunities and suc-

cesses. Ken and Diane acquired the old Beloit Corp property and turned it into a thriving multi-use complex where hundreds work and thousands play every day. Farther north along the riverfront they acquired vacant, dilapidated industrial buildings and converted the site into the headquarters for ABC Supply Co., one of America's fastest-growing firms.

Downtown Beloit is home to numerous other Hendricks improvements — two hotels, innovative restaurants, urban-living apartments and ABC Supply Stadium. Often, the work involves reclaiming declining buildings.

To my continuing astonishment there are always naysayers who find something to complain about every time a new venture (and big investment) takes off. Prices are too high. Apartments aren't affordable. Not enough parking.

Blah, blah, blah. Thank heaven the Negative Nellies of the social media sewer are just a loud, obnoxious minority. Most people see the transformation for what it really is and just think "thanks."

It could have turned out differently.

I came to Beloit in the second half of the 1970s in the early days of my journalism career. Here's why I came. In Beloit, there were opportunities to cover urban stories that otherwise required getting a job in a major American city. That's because Beloit was failing.

Industries were re-trenching and shedding jobs at a rapid pace. The downtown commercial district looked like a ghost town or, some said, a battle zone. Entire blocks were being torn down — and staying that way. Racial tensions were evident. Crime was bad and rising. Population was dropping. Hope was fading. For a young journalist just learning to deep-dive, call it a target rich environment. I expected to make a name for myself and move on.

Instead, I fell in love with this city of many challenges and its cast of characters determined to rebuild something big and beautiful from the ashes of the past. Any objective observer — especially those who remember decades past — cannot miss the fruits of those endeavors.

Ken and Diane Hendricks have been the leaders of the pack, no doubt. They had help, though. Lots of good people have put money, muscle and heart into the rebuilding project — a work that continues and, one hopes, will never stop. Every step forward creates other opportunities.

Henry Dorrbacker's — it's named after a Beloit bowling pioneer — may be the latest, but it won't be the last.

So long as there are believers.

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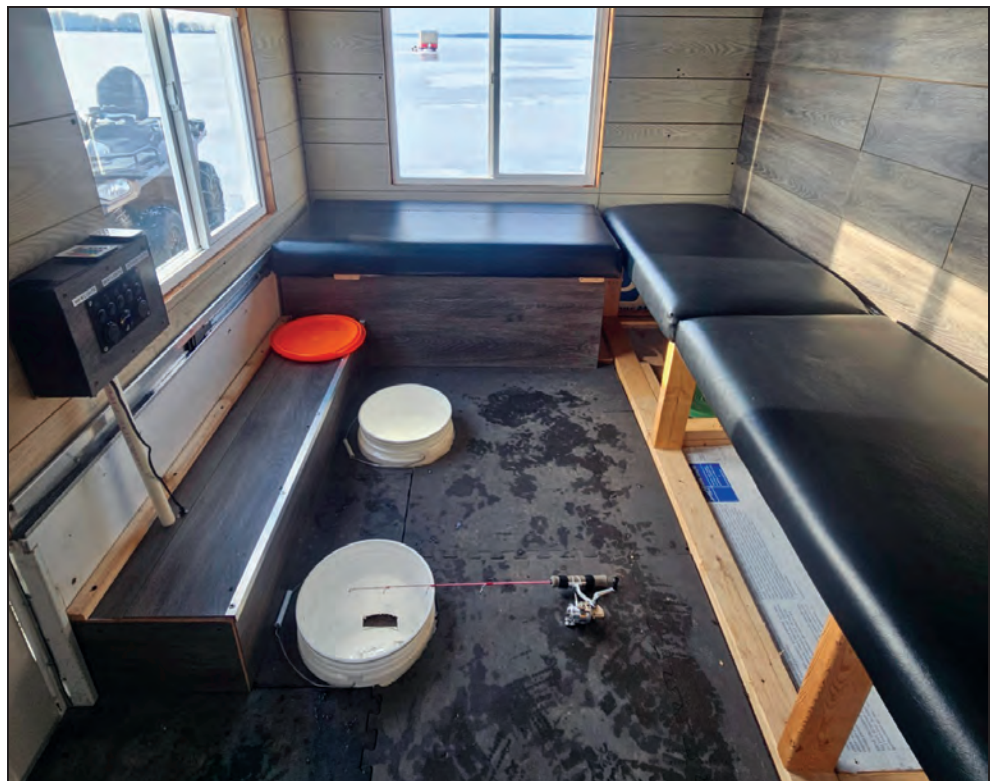
Scott Schmidt shows off a recent catch from Shawano Lake. The Lena man started his own business this year - renting ice shanties to fishermen on Shawano Lake. Business is booming so far, with the three shacks rented out most days each week.

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Showing off some of the fish caught from inside the Walleye Shack are Green Bay fishermen, from left, Seth Reed, Jarod Zirbel and Nate Calawerts.

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The interiors of the Walleye, Pike and Crappie shacks have ample room for seating and sleeping, a place to plug in your phone, LED lighting and propane heating.

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Get out of the cold with rented ice shanty

New business offers three shacks from which to choose

BY KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

A bad day fishing is better than a good day at work, but that doesn't mean you have to sit outside on the ice. At least, not on Shawano Lake.

Scott Schmidt brings his Triple S Ice Shanty Rentals

to the rescue.

"I saw people on Facebook looking to rent ice shacks, so I thought it would be something to look into and possibly a good investment opportunity," said Schmidt, a Lena resident. "I built the shacks in 2023 with the intention of renting them, but the ice conditions didn't allow us to get them out."

Schmidt has three shanties available — the Pike, the Crappie and the Walleye. Size and amenities differ among them.

"I started with two of them and then added my personal shack (Pike Shack) with more amenities — TV, hot pot, hot

plate, refrigerator and a built-in furnace," he said.

The Walleye Shack seats four and sleeps two (bedding and pillows not provided). Inside are four ice holes with covers, a propane heater with one tank provided (more available as an add-on) and 12-volt LED lighting and a 12-volt, 100-watt power inverter charging station to charge electronics, drill batteries and multiple USB ports for phones. It also includes a gas grill for outdoor cooking.

The Crappie Shack seats three and sleeps one. Four or five holes can be drilled inside. The shack also includes a propane

heater and propane, and LED battery-operated lighting.

The Pike Shack seats four and sleeps two, with room for four ice holes. It has a propane furnace and propane tank, generator capability, a TV for camera hookup, a hot plate and LED battery-operated lighting.

"It's been a fairly good investment so far," Schmidt said. "The shacks are usually rented four to five days per week."

Schmidt said there is a mix of renters. He's had local fishermen from Shawano and the Green Bay area, but also several from outside the area, including

Illinois and Vermont.

As long as ice conditions are favorable, the shacks stay on the lake. Cecil Bay is a popular fishing spot, but it's not the only one on the lake.

"I move them based on the bite," Schmidt said. "Or if a customer requests a spot, I will accommodate them."

Schmidt doesn't provide poles, tip-ups, bait or other gear.

"All the shacks are heated," he said. "I do try to warm up the shacks and pre-drill the holes inside the shacks for the renters."

Rates vary per shack and whether they are used during the day or

overnight.

As for Schmidt, he usually fishes three days a week, weather permitting. His favorite to catch — and eat — is northern pike.

He was born and raised in Green Bay and has been fishing since he was a child. He also operates a lawn care business in the summer months.

For information or to reserve a shanty, contact Schmidt at 920-305-5902, iceshantyrentals@gmail.com, through the Triple S Ice Shanty Rentals Facebook page or the business website at www.iceshantyrentals.com.

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Red Robins beaten by Bulldogs, Hatchets

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

**Jan. 24
Cedarburg 9, Antigo 7**

Owen Dickman scored four goals, including all three of Antigo's in the final period, but the Red Robins came up short in a 9-7 loss to Cedarburg.

The Bulldogs jumped out to a 2-0 lead before Parker Chaney put the Red Robins on the board at 9:49. Another Bulldog score made it 3-1 as the period ended.

Goals went back and forth in the second period.

Cedarburg scored just 28 seconds into the second period for a 4-1 lead. Eli Kaasler responded for Antigo at 7:00 with Dickman assisting. Another Cedarburg goal was followed by Kassler's second goal, this time at 8:28 with help from Chaney and Dickman. At 11:15, Dickman scored his first goal, making the score 5-4 in Cedarburg's favor.

Cedarburg put its stamp on the scoring in the third period, pounding in three scores in the first five minutes to lead 8-4.

Dickman scored at 13:36 with help from Kassler only to see the Bulldogs score within the next two minutes. Trailing 9-5, Dickman scored his hat trick at 15:32 with an assist from Kassler and then had a solo goal at 16:48 to end the scoring.

Antigo ended the night with 28 shots on goal. Cedarburg had 31 shots on goal, and Richie Veriha collected 22 saves.

The Bulldogs were penalized six times for 15 minutes. The Red Robins had nine infractions for 21 minutes.

**Jan. 23
Tomahawk 11, Antigo 2**

Antigo was smacked around in the first period and never recovered in an 11-2 loss to Tomahawk.

The Hatchets took 22 shots on goal and jumped out to a 7-0 lead to end the first period. They added another goal in the second period to lead 8-0 before Eli Kassler finally found the back of the net for the Red Robins. A pair of Tomahawk goals made the score 10-1 going into the final period.

Kassler scored a second goal with as assist from Ian Brittenham, and Tomahawk responded with one of their own to end the scoring.

Tomahawk had 44 shots on goal, and Richie Veriha had 33 saves. Antigo had 10 shots on goal.

The Red Robins did, however, lead in penalties, getting called for seven infractions for 14 minutes. The Hatchets were penalized twice for four minutes.

Shawano/Bonduel 5, Rhinelander 1



A pair of Shawano/Bonduel players make a sandwich out of a Rhinelander opponent in a Jan. 23 game at the Hodag Dome. The visitors returned home with a 5-1 victory.

ROBERT MAINHARDT



Shawano/Bonduel's Blake Knope (8) battles it out for control of the puck with Rhinelander's Riley Squires (10). Shawano/Bonduel won 5-1 over the Hodags in the Jan. 23 game.

ROBERT MAINHARDT

Bay Area Ice Bears collect two more hockey wins

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

**Jan. 25
Bay Area 3 ECA 1**

Faye Brunke scored twice in the first period and Hannah Von Haden added a third in the second period as Bay Area topped the ECA (Eau Claire Area) Stars 3-1.

Both of Brunke's goals were solo shots. Von

Haden had assists from Tiana Stindt and Abby Mommaerts.

ECA scored its only goal at 1:35 in the third.

Bay Area had 32 shots on goals, forcing Stars goalie Amy Thul into 29 saves. ECA had 20 shots on goal, and Reese Spiering had 19 saves.

The Ice Bears had four penalties for eight min-

utes, and the Stars had there penalties for six minutes.

The Ice Bears return home for the final three games of the regular season. The Arrowhead Warhawks will visit for a 6 p.m. game Jan. 31.

**Jan. 24
Bay Area 4, Chippewa Falls/Menomonie 1**

The two girls hockey

teams combined for more than two dozen shots on goal in the first two periods, but none of them found the back of the net, as all the scoring was done in the third period in Bay Area's 4-1 win.

Hannah Von Haden broke the scoreless tie at 1:24 in the third period with an assist from Abby Mommaerts. Julianne

Bradford then scored twice, once at 1:52 with help from Faye Brunke and again at 7:23 with help from Emily Bill.

The Sabers scored at 11:06 to make it 3-1 but Brunke scored at 14:10 with a Bradford assist to end scoring.

Chippewa Falls was penalized twice for four minutes. Bay Area was

called for six infractions for 20 minutes, including a two-minute unsportsmanlike conduct and a 10-minute unsportsmanlike conduct against Bradford at 15:57 in the third period. Bay Area's Reese Spiering collected 12 saves against 13 shots on goal, while Chippewa Falls' Aubrie Dowd had 34 saves against 38 shots.

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

**Jan. 24
Bonduel Invite**

Shawano's girls wrestling team placed third among several schools at the Bonduel Invitational.

Adalyn Barkley placed first, while pinning all of her opponents.

"She is really wrestling

well lately and looks to keep things going as we move closer to regionals," coach Mike Homan said.

Gwyn Hermann also wrestled well and took second in the 107-pound bracket. Jenna Moede took third place, wrestling well but dropping a close match in the semifinals.

"Jenna is doing a good

job, and we look for her to continue that going forward," Homan said.

Lilly Tomas also placed third. She lost 2-1 in the semifinals. Vivian Waldburger wrestled out of a tough situation in her fifth-place match; she worked for a pin taking fifth place. Jacey Cowden wrestled well and took fifth place as

well.

Kendall Knope and Maddy Miller each placed sixth.

Shawano will host multiple schools at its Jan. 31 invitational.

**Jan. 23
Shawano 48, New London 12**

Shawano wrestled a depleted New London team

winning six matches by forfeit in a 48-12 victory.

Forfeits were recorded by Zenith Bosetski, Gwyn Hermann, Jenna Moede, Mazie Martin, Vivian Waldburger and Lily Tomas.

Adalyn Barkley pinned Berkley Reimer at 145 in 3:19.

"She has really been

wrestling well lately and looks to have a strong finish at the end of the season," coach Mike Homan said.

The Hawks lost matches at 132 and 152.

Lauren Seehafer and Jacey Cowden did a good job battling, but both fell in falls to Hayleigh Ritchie and Hailie Krueger.

Shawano girl wrestlers take third at Bonduel Invite



Coach Gerald "Pappy" Wayka gives some last-minute advice to Brycen Reiter before the 11-year-old competes for the Silver Gloves regional title in Minneapolis. Reiter won and will now box for a national title in Independence, Missouri.

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Brycen Reiter is No. 1 after winning the Silver Gloves regional boxing title in the 106-pound class. He will compete for a national title Jan. 28 to Feb. 1.

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Reiter, 11, to box for national title

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

Brycen Reiter recently won the Silver Gloves regional boxing title in Minneapolis and is set to compete for the national title in the 106-pound class in Independence, Missouri, from Jan. 28 to Feb. 1.

By the way, Brycen Reiter is 11 years old.

The son of Jay Reiter Sr., Brycen is in sixth grade and an honor roll student in the Gresham School District.

An enrolled member of the Menominee Tribe of Wisconsin, he boxes for the Menominee Indian Boxing Club. Brycen has been boxing for almost two years.

"Boxing is a great interest and always has been in our community," Reiter Sr. said. "As a single father, that is our main sport. We watch it, live it — just like football would be."

Brycen comes from a long line of fighters. Both grandfathers knew their

way around the ring. His older brother, Jay Reiter Jr., was also a Silver Gloves winner, and many other Menominee Indian Boxing Club members have won various titles.

Much of the reservation community is part of the boxing community.

"All my friends and people around him have boxed," Reiter Sr. said. "It's just a sport we love and live. Even my 4-year-old son goes to the gym with him every day."

Safety is a concern, but it's not a deterrent to participating.

"For the safety part, there is always a concern, but it's no different from football," Reiter Sr. said.

Brycen's coaches include Gerald "Pappy" Wayka, a former professional fighter who once trained for the Olympics with Gene Newton and Dean Peters Jr.

Current boxer Jason Komanekin also coaches him.

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Gillett slips past Niagara

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Jan. 24
Gillett 63, Niagara 60
Behind the dominating shooting of Jesse DeBauch, Gillett jumped out to a 28-22 halftime lead and held on for a slim 63-60 win over Niagara.

DeBauch had a double-double with 33 points and 11 rebounds. He also had five assists and two steals. Jed Herzog scored 11 points, pulled down seven rebounds and had one steal.

Ryan Pensis also had a double-double, scoring 10 points and leading the Tigers with 12 rebounds. He had one assist and one steal.

Brody Halla led Gillett with three steals.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood 64, Menominee Nation 59

It was the tale of two halves at Menominee Nation when the Eagles fell 64-59 to Wittenberg-Birnamwood.

The Eagles held 34-27 halftime lead, but the Chargers reversed that in the second half with a 37-25 advantage to give them the win.

Xavier 78, Shawano 61

Three Shawano players scored in double digits, but it was Hawks from Xavier that ended up on the winning side of a 78-61 Bay Conference game.

Xavier held a slim 39-37 edge at halftime, but opened up the contest with a 39-24 second half performance.

Logan Sipple led Shawano with 18 points, followed by Will Verkuilen with 14 and Crew Weisnicht with 13.

Crivitz 61, Suring 39
St. Thomas Aquinas Academy 51, Lena 40
Sheboygan North 74, Pulaski 58

Bowler 47, Marion 44
Northland Lutheran 81, Gresham 62

Jan. 23
Bonduel 61, Iola-Scandinavia 58

Race Anvelink hit a half-court shot as time expired as Bonduel beat Iola-Scandinavia 61-58.

Bonduel remains unbeaten at 15-0 overall this season.

Ryan Westrich led the Bears with 18 points. Anvelink scored 13, while Cade Johnson and Quinn Wesenberg had 12 each.

The team was 11-of-15 in free throws with Johnson



Members of the Menominee Nation High School boys basketball team take to the court in a recent game. The Eagles were defeated by Wittenberg-Birnamwood 64-59 on Jan. 24, which dropped them to 4-4 in the Central Wisconsin East Conference (the Chargers are 6-1) and 8-5 overall.

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make all four of his attempts, Anvelink scoring in all three of his tries and Carter Moesch making 2-of-2. Westrich was 2-for-4.

Fox Valley Lutheran 79, Oconto Falls 47

The Panthers are in the middle of the pack in the North Eastern Conference

after a 79-47 loss to Fox Valley Lutheran.

Oconto Falls is 5-5 in the NEC and 8-6 overall.

Jameson Beaman scored 16 points, and J.J. Pytleski added 12.

Pytleski led the team with five rebounds and four assists, while Beaman recorded two steals.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood 61, Antigo 50

Wittenberg-Birnamwood advanced to 9-2 overall with a 61-50 non-conference win over Antigo.

The Red Robins led 28-21 at halftime, but the Chargers battled back in the second half with a

40-22 advantage that propelled them to victory.

Zandyr Barke led the Chargers with 23 points including a pair of 3-pointers and seven free throws. Jett Rogowski scored 17 points including eight free throws.

Tigerton 66, Greenwood 38

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Hodkiewicz leads Shawano wrestlers at Sheboygan North

Jan. 25
Sheboygan North Invite
Dane Hodkiewicz had the best finish for Shawano's boys wrestling team when they competed at Sheboygan North. Hodkiewicz placed fourth and wrestled well throughout the day, taking out the number 1 and 2 seeds in this tournament. Marcus Brezgel placed eighth. Drew Chelberg also took eighth place. Austin Stickney was a consolation bracket champion. He went 4-1 on the backside of the bracket.

Jan. 23
Shawano 39, New London 38

Shawano boys wrestling coach Mike Homan told his team New London would be a tough opponent as the Bulldogs have some heavy hitters. The night was going to be a constant uphill battle before Shawano pulled off a 39-38 victory to remain unbeaten at 5-0 in conference action. Shawano started the night with a major decision at 150 by Kody Popelka. He wrestled a back-and-forth match until taking control in the third period. At 157, Kian Morstad was down late in the third period, but he scored a takedown as time was running out to lose by a 12-6 decision instead of a 12-3 major decision. Marcus Brezgel came up huge in his match at 165. Both wrestlers were scoreless in the first period and Marcus chose neutral in the second. "He got into a double undertook tie, jacked it up and threw his opponent to his back," coach Mike Homan said. "He transitioned to headlock and earned the fall in 2:48. That was a big match for Marcus. We really needed that match. He has been wrestling so much better during this second half of the year. He is really coming into his own, and it is exciting to watch." Then, at 175, Drew

Chelberg wrestled a tough match that found him down 3-1 going into the third period. Chelberg earned an escape, and then with less than a minute left, he worked in on a takedown and moved his opponent onto his back and secured a fall in 5:57. "Drew securing that pin with only three seconds to spare really set us up for a chance at a team win," Homan said. "Those were big points we needed as we moved into the upper weights." Shawano had to forfeit 190 and 215 due to injuries. At 285, Brayen Boivin wrestled well until the third period where he was

reversed to his back and pinned by his opponent. Going into the light-weight matches, Shawano picked up some points by taking forfeits with Teagon Gerrits, Dylan Gartner, and Dane Hodkiewicz at 106, 113 and 120, respectively. At 126, Nicholas Wausau competed in his first varsity match. "Nicholas has been doing a good job for us this year, and he earned a technical fall in 3:07 over Henry Auer," Homan said. In the next match, at 132 Austin Stickney was pinned in 2:28. At 138, Dominick Thorson wrestled against William Christopher, one of New London's best wrestlers. Thorson knew if he could stay out of bonus points that Shawano would win the dual. He survived a great effort by Christopher, and in the last 30 seconds fought off of his back hard to give up a victory by technical fall. Even though Thorson lost his match and gave up five team points, the one point he saved proved to be the difference in the dual. "Dominick did a great job understanding what his job was, and he executed it perfectly," Homan said. In the last match of the night, Braxon Beyersdorf was pinned in 1:27.

Chargers, Wildcats notch basketball wins

Jan. 24
Wrightstown 46, Oconto Falls 40
Jan. 23
Wittenberg-Birnhamwood 63, Menominee Nation 45
Slow and sure wins the race is the old adage, and Wittenberg-Birnhamwood showed that to be true in its 63-45 win over Menominee Nation. "We got off to a slow start tonight and Menominee Nation took advantage of it," Chargers coach Nick Mechelke said. "We got almost down 10 in the first half, but we just chipped

away and took the lead into halftime. This was a game that we just found a way." At halftime, Wittenberg-Birnhamwood worked its way to a 34-25 lead. A 29-20 second half cemented the win. The Chargers were led by Rory Salvesen with 24 points and Melaina Granquist with 22. Salvesen had three 3-pointers, and Granquist connected on two. Harper Rogowski had the only two assists. Granquist pulled down nine rebounds, and Salvesen had seven steals. The Chargers are 8-0 in the Central Wisconsin East Conference and 14-0 overall. **Lena 48, Green Bay NEW Lutheran/Providence Academy 39** A dominating second half by Lena pushed them over the top to defeat Green Bay NEW Lutheran/Providence Academy 48-39. Trailing 27-25 at halftime, Lena outscored their guests 23-12 in the second half. Eva Brooks led the Wildcats with 15 points,

followed by Kali Fischer with 14 and Madilyn Thomson with 13. Hannah Thomson led the team with 12 rebounds. Madelyn Thomson had five assists, and each of the Thomson girls had three steals. **Bonduel 72, Iola-Scandinavia 38** **Northland Lutheran 45, Gresham 42** **Marion/Tigerton 69, Bowler 48** **Sheboygan North 45, Pulaski 35** **Oneida Nation 60, Suring 55** **Gillett 48, Crivitz 29**



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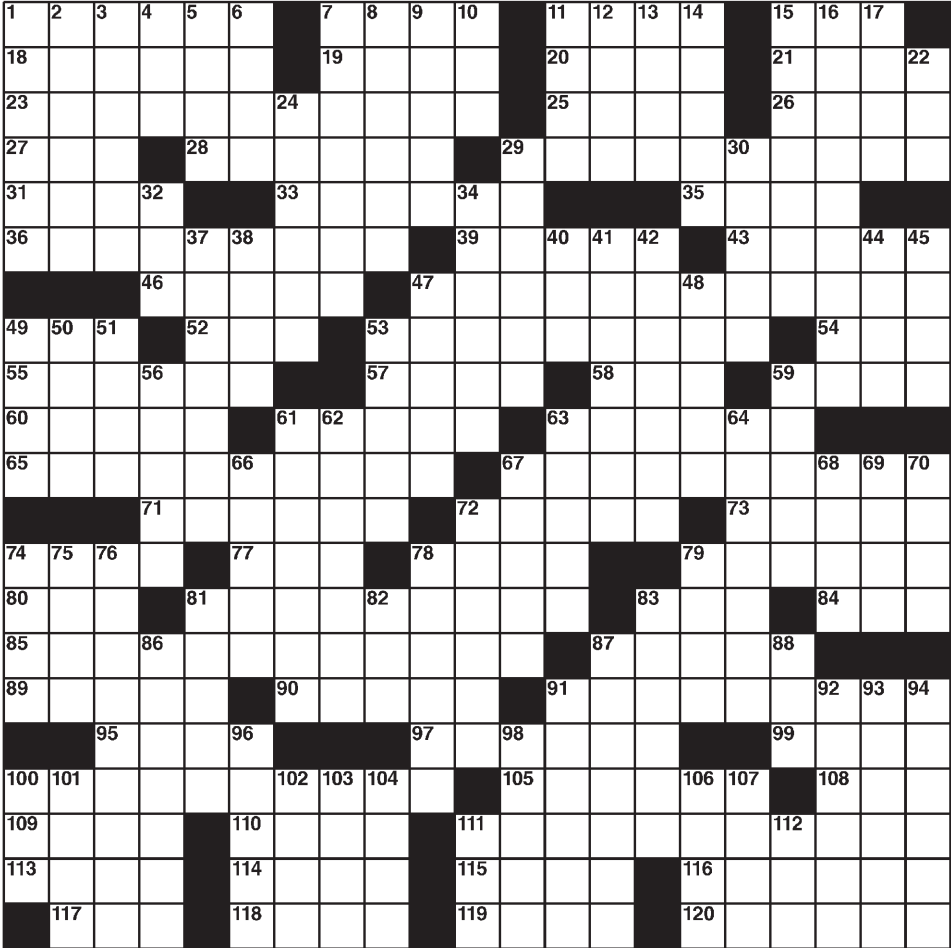
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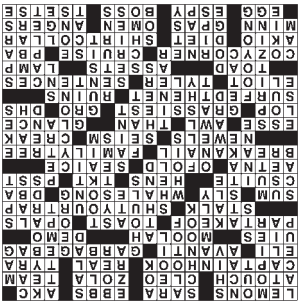
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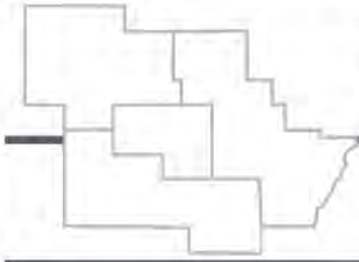
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IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME
CHANGE OF
Dakota Kay Bannister-Wiegand
By Ava Watson
NOTICE and ORDER for Name Chance
Hearing case No.25cv04
NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change
the name of the person listed above:
From: Dakota Kay Bannister-Wiegand
To: Dakota Kay Wiegand
Birth Certificate: Dakota Kay Wiegand
IT IS ORDERED:
This petition will be heard in the Circuit
Court of Shawano County State of
Wisconsin: Judge's name: Judge
Katherine Sloma 311 N Main St Shawano
WI 03/10/2025 8:30 a.m. If you require
reasonable accommodations due to a
disability to participate in the court
process, please call 715-526- 9347 prior
to the scheduled court date. Please note
that the court does not provide
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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT
COURT SHAWANO COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Frank J. Roe Jr.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
(Informal Administration) Case Number -
25pr01
DOD 12/23/2024
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE :
1. An application for informal
administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth
01/04/1962 and date of death
12/23/2024, was domiciled in Shawano
County, State of Wisconsin, with a
mailing address 307 Mills St, Shawano,
WI 54166, USA.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
You do not need to appear unless you
object. The application may be granted if
there is no objection.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against
the decedent's estate 04/22/2025.
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano
County Courthouse, 311 N Main St,
Shawano, WI Wisconsin Room 202
Probate Office.
Form completed by
Megan Frank
1712 Bouten St
Appleton, WI 54915
920 858 0480
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01/31/25, 02/07/25, 02/14/25
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:
FROM: Lydia Rose Mier
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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accommodations due to a disability to
participate in the court process, please
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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT
COURT, OF WAUPACA

IN THE INTEREST OF
Lanklin Robert Sipiorski
Child's name

COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER of
Hearing
(For Publication)
Case No.24TP16

TO:
Shannon Terasa Heil
aka Shannon Terasa Rickard

Additional identifying information:
Date of birth October 15, 2011

IT IS ORDERED:
This Notice be published advising you
that a Petition for Termination of your
parental rights to the named-above child
be heard at the
Waupaca County Courthouse,
Waupaca, Wisconsin,
811 Harding Street
February 10, 2025 at 2:30 p.m.
IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR,
the court may hear testimony in support
of the allegations in the Petition and grant
the request of the petitioner to terminate
your parental rights.

You have the right to have an attorney to
represent you. If you desire to consent
the matter and cannot afford an attorney,
the state public defender may appoint an
attorney to represent you.

If you fail to appear and the court
terminates your parental rights, a notice
of intent to pursue relief from the
judgment must be signed and filed in the
trial court within 30 days after the
judgment is entered, in order to preserve
the right to pursue such relief.
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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT
COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY
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 .
Form completed by:
Attorney Thomas J. Brunner
PO Bo 317
Greenville, WI 54942
920-779-0098
Bar Number
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01/31/25, 02/07/25, 02/14/25
STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT
COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Jayne M. Johnson

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.

Attorney James O. Conway
Olsen Kloet Gunderson & Conway
602 North 6th Street, Sheboygan WI
53081
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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT
COURT SHAWANO COUNTY
COVANTAGE CREDIT UNION
PO BOX 107
ANTIGO, WI 54409
Plaintiff,
vs.
BRIAN L. ST. LOUIS
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BRIAN ST.
LOUIS
626 STONE AVE.
MATTOON, WI 54450
Defendants.

Case No. 24-CV-97
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a judgment of foreclosure entered on
June 18, 2024 in
the amount of \$38,399.19 the Sheriff will
sell the described premises at public
auction as follows:

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
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Concussions a risk that comes with winter sports

Winter sports are a great way to embrace the season, but they come with unique risks — one of the most common being traumatic brain injuries (TBI), particularly concussions.

“In sports like hockey, skiing and snowboarding, you’re moving fast, and concussions happen more often than people realize,” said Dr. Joseph Benert, Aspirus sports medicine physician. “Protecting yourself or your kids isn’t just about wearing a sport-appropriate helmet — though that’s a great start. It’s also about being informed. Understanding the risks, recognizing symptoms and knowing what to do if you suspect a concussion can make a big difference.”

Concussions occur when an impact or jolt causes the brain to move rapidly back and forth inside the skull. This movement can lead to chemical

changes in the brain and, in some cases, stretch or damage brain cells.

When a concussion is suspected, the priority is to remove the individual from the activity.

“It may be tempting to brush off a fall or hard hit to keep playing, but that can lead to more severe injury,” Benert said. “Taking a break to watch for symptoms is always the best choice.”

Common signs of a concussion include headache, dizziness, confusion, slowed thinking and vision issues. However, symptoms vary and aren’t always immediate or obvious. More serious symptoms — like loss of consciousness, persistent nausea, vomiting or significant balance problems — require urgent medical attention.

During the first 24-48 hours after a concussion, rest is critical to allow the brain to recover. After-

ward, individuals can gradually resume normal activities as their symptoms allow.

“Sub-threshold exercise, such as walking or light biking, can aid recovery as long as it doesn’t worsen symptoms,” Benert said. “And when it comes to screen time, moderation is key. A little is OK, but too much blue light or eye strain can make symptoms worse. It’s important to take breaks if symptoms increase.”

Most concussion symptoms resolve within 10-14 days, though pediatric recovery can take up to a month. Benert said it’s important to watch for delayed symptoms like mood changes, difficulty concentrating or increased fatigue, which can appear later.

If symptoms persist or worsen beyond a month, it’s important to seek medical care.

“Don’t hesitate to

advocate for yourself or your child,” Benert said. “Concussion symptoms can be subtle and not immediately obvious to others. If you’re concerned, speak up. There are many effective treatments, including physical therapy for balance or vision issues and, in some cases, medications for sleep or mood disturbances.”

Proactive communication with schools, employers, coaches and trainers is also essential.

“Parents and athletes should feel empowered to ask questions about concussion protocols and recovery plans,” Benert said.

Winter sports can be a fun and active way to enjoy the season, as long as safety is a priority.

“Taking the right precautions doesn’t take away the fun,” Benert said. “It keeps athletes healthy and ready to make the most of the season.”

ThedaCare offers technology tips

Technology is all around, and it is nearly impossible to escape.

This might lead to a desire to reduce technology use. Regardless of what your reason is to limit technology, it’s a worthwhile goal. Experts also say setting boundaries around technology can lead to improved well-being.

It helps to first understand that technology has some undeniable benefits. When used in moderation, it can be a great tool.

“Technology helps us learn new things and allows us to stay connected with family and friends worldwide,” said Jessica Schnell, ThedaCare nurse practitioner. “It also provides convenience, such as paying our bills and

managing our finances at our fingertips.”

Social media can help you connect to and network with people with similar interests. It also can create a sense of community in difficult times, such as the COVID-19 pandemic, Schnell noted.

“It is important to remember it is possible to have too much of a good thing,” Schnell said. “Spending too much time using technology or on social media can impact our physical and mental health.”

On the physical side, too much screen time can lead to sleep deprivation, eyestrain, headaches, neck pain and even hand and wrist discomfort. If it keeps you from physical activity, it also can lead to weight gain and other health issues that come with a sedentary lifestyle.

From a mental wellness standpoint, technology overuse may cause anxiety, dependence and even social isolation.

“Studies have shown that too much time on social media leads to decreased self-esteem and an increased risk in developing mental health conditions,” Schnell said.

Beyond that, technology can support other harmful habits, such as striving for unattainable beauty standards and spending money on items not needed. It also can hamper true connection.

“Technology allows us to build connections with others without having to leave the comfort of

our homes,” Schnell said. “However, this can make it more difficult to develop the social skills needed to develop true connections with others in a face-to-face setting.”

Fixating on technology can lead to distraction in situations that call for in-person communications. In addition, becoming too immersed in social media can lead to a skewed sense of reality, Schnell said.

“A person’s online persona may not reflect their true self,” she said. “This can lead to misunderstandings of those we’re connecting with. Social media is a highlight reel. People often don’t share their problems or messes. They share their good and happy times, which can lead to others feeling inadequate.”

Several signs can indicate a person may have a problem with over-dependence on technology. Some of these include:

- Neglecting responsibilities at home, work or school
- Feeling irritable or negative when you’re away from your devices
- Struggling to take time away from devices for extended periods of time
- Losing your sense of time, such as realizing that you’ve lost an hour of your day scrolling
- Harming your relationships through distracted behavior while using technology
- Using technology as a way to avoid working through difficult feelings or addressing problems

• Becoming preoccupied with monitoring your social media presence

• Developing problematic habits, such as excessive online shopping

“As with anything, it’s a good idea to limit and set boundaries around time on devices – for you and your loved ones,” Schnell said. “Experts recommend that adults spend two hours or less per day on technology outside of work.”

There are some things than can be done to limit time with technology. Turn off non-essential notifications on phones and other devices. Set rules for the family like no screen time at the dinner table or within an hour before bedtime. Place the phone in another room. Set aside tech-free time periods throughout the day. Designate and stick to certain times of day to check email and social media. Consider an app to help become aware of and manage technology use.

For those struggling to break free of technology dependence on their own, it may be time to seek mental health help. Primary care providers can help connect people to care.

“Similar to drugs, alcohol, food, gambling and many other temptations, it’s possible to become addicted to technology use,” Schnell said. “A mental health professional can help you work through your concerns and identify solutions to help find a balance and well-being.”



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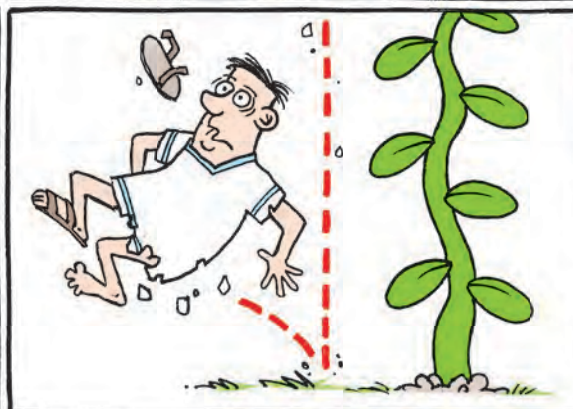
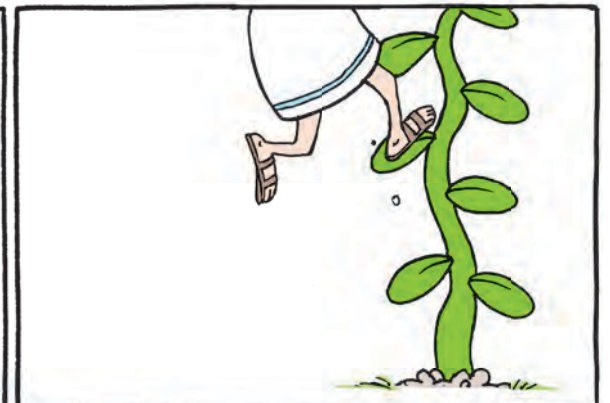
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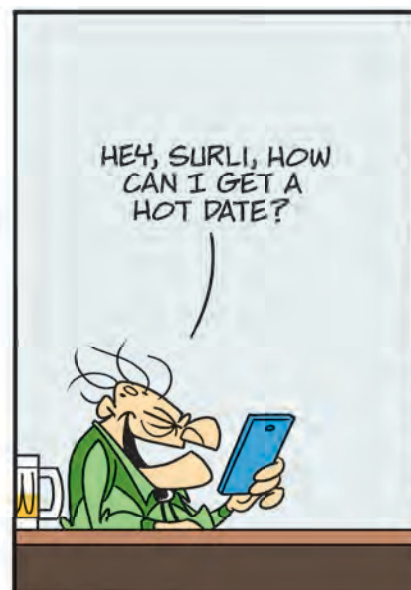
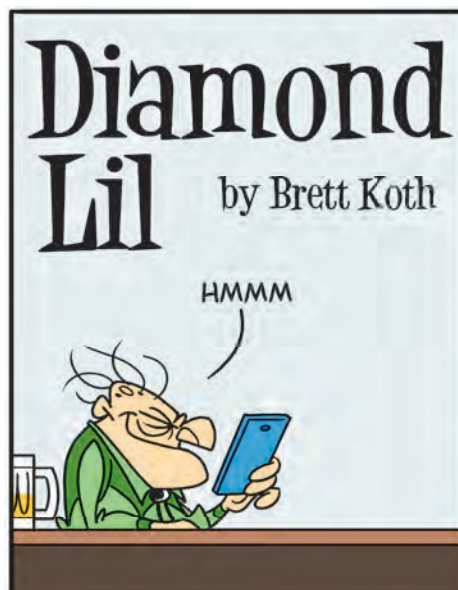
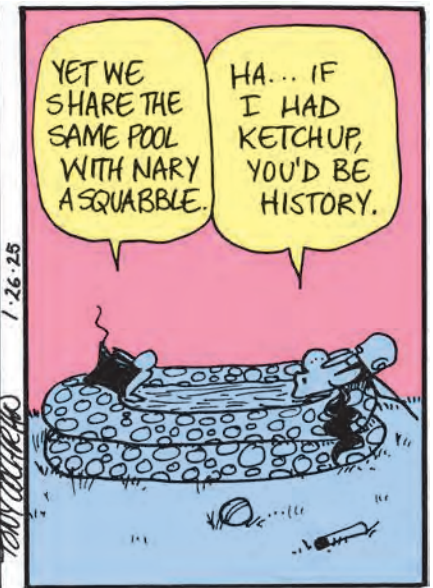
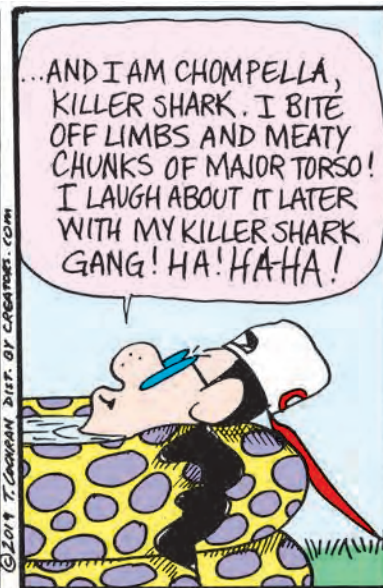
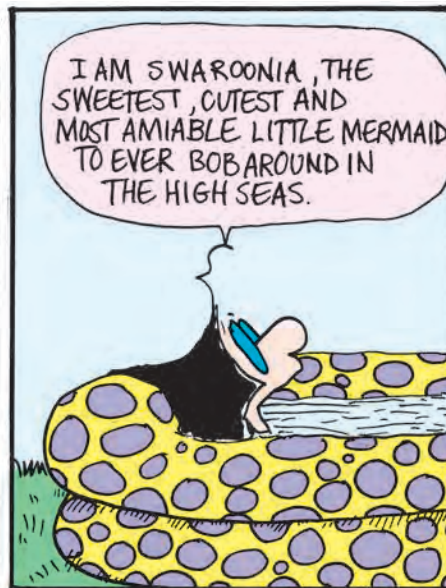
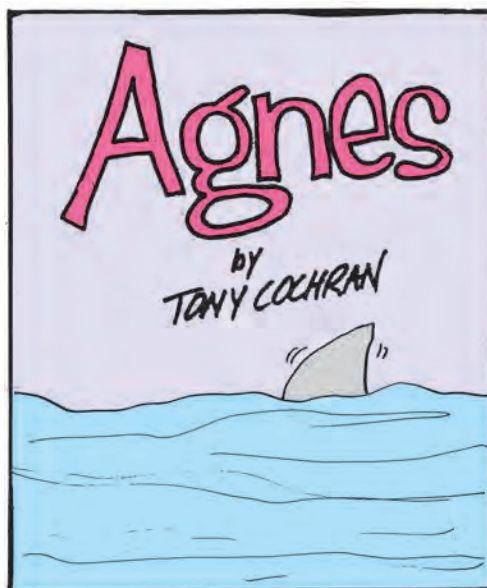
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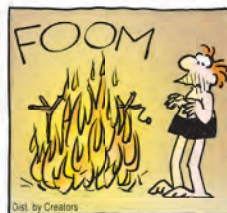
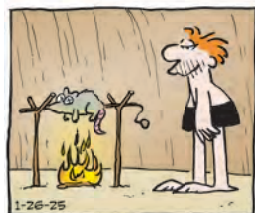
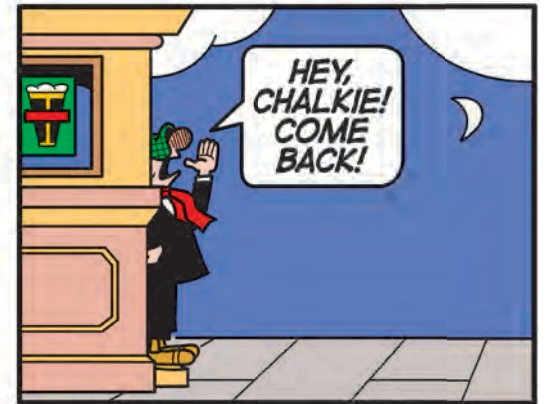
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