

Blizzard Elsa strikes with a vengeance



Duane Schutt of Poplar Road, Town of Richmond, battles Blizzard Elsa that hit northeast Wisconsin March 15-16. Schutt is a retired veteran of the Shawano County Highway Department. According to the National Weather Service, the Shawano area received 24-30 inches of snow. GREG MELLIS | NEW MEDIA

Ingold faces charges of making threats from jail
Homicide suspect accused of threatening prosecutors, detectives

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

Michael Ingold, a Shawano man facing a first-degree homicide charge who has been in the Shawano County Jail for more than 3 1/2 years, is now facing even more charges involving threats to prosecutors and law enforcement.

Ten new charges have been added for prosecution involving threats of harm to four people, two assistant district attorneys handling the case and two detectives serving as witnesses for the homicide case. Ingold, 61, faces five counts of threatening prosecutors, three counts of threats to law enforcement officers and two counts of threatening bodily harm to people involved with the court or legal system.

Because of the threats involving people with the Shawano County Sheriff's Department and the Shawano-Menominee County District Attorney's Office, the case is being managed by special prosecutor Eric Sparr with Winnebago County. An initial appearance for Ingold took place March 11, and Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Court Judge William Kusel Jr. recused himself while a new judge is sought. The next court hearing has not yet been scheduled, according to online court records.

Each of the charges face maximum prison sentences of six years and maximum fines of \$10,000.

The evidence comes from seven phone calls made at the Shawano County Jail from January 2025 to July 2025, as well as a couple of in-person conversations at the jail in June 2025 and December 2025, according to the criminal complaint.

A detective monitored the recorded jail calls and reported that, in one call made Jan. 28, 2025, Ingold allegedly said he wanted to hang two of the victims.

Two calls in March had Ingold alleged saying that, if he got out of jail, he was going to do something terrible to three of the victims and that has has no

Residents have mixed reactions to county building proposal

Some suggest county hold referendum

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

Reactions were mixed after a 60-minute presentation about the proposed plans to construct a new courthouse and jail pod in Shawano County, as several dozen residents gathered March 12 at Shawano Community High School.

Plans put forth by The Samuels Group indicate, at most, an 11-cent mill rate increase per \$1,000 of equalized value for two years, with the rate decreasing after that. The figures are also based on an assumption of growth in the county's total equalized value.

Not everyone bought that argument. "It's ridiculous. You're saying you're going to decrease the mill rate, but you're going to increase the property value," one unidentified man said. "You can play that game all you want. You don't have to be a rocket scientist to figure it out. I've played this game already. You can't fool us anymore."

A base plan of \$88.5 million will cover

the cost of building a two-story courthouse west of the current building at 311 N. Main St.; this also included some auxiliary areas for the jail and a secure connection between the jail and the courthouse.

Also unveiled was a \$32.5 million alternate for a 150-bed housing pod at the jail; this would allow the county to close the work release center on Engel Drive and increase operational efficiencies within the jail.

"Many of these buildings are aging," said Julie Hasser, human resources director and interim administrative

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Trail advocate wins AARP volunteer award

Mathison learned about serving community from her parents

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

Matty Mathison has been selected to receive the 2025 AARP Wisconsin Andrus Award for Community Service.

AARP Wisconsin selected Mathison for the award based on her career of service, which has benefited her community, reflected AARP's vision and mission, and inspired others to volunteer.

As part of her award, Mathison could select an organization to receive a \$1,000 donation from AARP. She will donate the entire amount to Shawano Pathways. An awards ceremony for her will be held in Shawano on March 31.

"I grew up in a small town where everyone helped everyone," Mathison said. "My parents taught all nine of their children to play fair, learn to share and show you care. I carry that motto yet today."

She recalls fondly how her involvement began with Shawano Pathways.

"When I was still coaching and teaching, Greg Sturm hounded me to join what would turn into Shawano Pathways," she said. "Friends of the Mountain Bay Trail-Shawano is an offshoot of that."



Kevin King and Matty Mathison install signs on the east side of the new Midway on the Mountain-Bay Trail Information Center, a former Chicago and Northwestern depot, in 2024. The center was a joint project of Friends of the Mountain-Bay Trail — Shawano County and Shawano Pathways.

AARP Wisconsin state director Raj Shukla said AARP has long valued the spirit of volunteerism and contributions that volunteers make to their communities, neighbors and programs they serve.

"This award is a symbol that we can all work together for positive social change," Shukla said. "Matty clearly goes above and beyond the definition of the word volunteer. She serves as an inspiring example of the phrase 'service before self.' She is committed to doing whatever she can every single day to make life

better for those around her. She is truly one in a million."

A resident of Shawano since 1969, Mathison, 79, taught health and physical education (and coached two state volleyball championship teams) at Shawano High School for 37 years before retiring and turning much of her time and attention to improving the county's trails, pathways and parks.

Mathison said her family played outside all the time.

"I think that's where I gained my love for

winter," she said. "Twenty-eight degrees and snowing is my favorite weather."

The family was one of 110 in her hometown.

"After we did our chores in the morning, we'd run outside," she said. "We were active in ballgames, skating, 4-H, church. If we came home before supper, we were given more chores, so we played outside as long as we could."

Because of all those outdoors activities, Mathison was one of the children who recruited others for team sports, a skill she continues to use to this day.

"I've been successful

in recruiting people to help," she said. "We repaired 11 of the 20 bridges that cross the Mountain Bay Trail last year."

Mathison grew up watching her parents help others. That's the way it was in a small town.

"In 1984, a tornado hit my property causing lots of damage and the loss of 57 huge trees," she said. "Friends, neighbors and many Shawano people I didn't even know helped with the cleanup for days and days. Volunteering is my way of thanking this community and giving something back."

Mathison said she is honored to receive the award from AARP.

"Five years ago, the AARP Small Dollar, Big Impact grant was the impetus for the creation of our Grace Trails, which has now become nationally known," she said.

Mathison is a charter member of Shawano Pathways and the Friends of the Mountain Bay Trail - Shawano County, which are both volunteer trail advocacy community service organizations that promote, develop and maintain trails. She is also a member of the Red Tent Book Club.

"In communities our size, it's vital that county, city and nonprofits work together," she said.

Fellow trail volunteer Nancy Brown-Koeller nominated Mathison for the award.

"Matty has put in the blood, sweat and tears to make sure each group is fulfilling its mission," Brown-Koeller said. "When you look up the

definition of 'trail advocate,' you will see Matty's picture."

For example, Mathison brought to life the first and only Mountain Trail Information Center in Shawano County. She was the major fundraiser and the primary volunteer recruiter, organizer and worker for the center, which is now a place for trail users to get maps and information, refill their water bottles, enjoy a sitting area and historical exhibit, connect to WiFi, get help at a "fix-it" station and use the restrooms.

"At a time when many people are spending too much time on the couch, Matty is an inspiration with her motivation, spirit, and work ethic," Brown-Koeller said. "She is one of the hardest working people around and yet has the reputation as one of the nicest people in Shawano County."

Not one to rest on her laurels, Mathison is always looking ahead.

"The major project for both Friends of the Mountain Bay Trail and Shawano Pathways is to 'fix the gap' in the Mountain-Bay Trail, which runs for 83 miles through parts of Marathon, Shawano and Brown County," she said. "The only gap in it is an on-road section with heavy traffic in Shawano County. Our goal is to create a safe, continuous, traffic-free corridor for all to enjoy."

By the way, she would also like to get a bike shop in Shawano.

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MATTY MATHISON, AARP Wisconsin Andrus Award recipient

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CITY OF SHAWANO

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The City of Shawano is seeking a qualified vendor to provide 12,000 square yards of Chip Sealing on various streets throughout the City as specified by the Department of Public Works. Bids will be received by the City of Shawano in the office of the Department of Public Works, 2905 E. Richmond Street, Shawano, WI until 10:00 AM Local Time on March 27th, 2026, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Owner requires bid security in the form of a bid bond or cashier's check in the amount of 5% of the bid amount

Complete sets of Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Department of Public Works by email mpleshek@cityofshawano.com. All bidders shall bid in accordance with and shall bid upon the Proposal Forms provided in the Contract Documents.

Owner requires Bidders to be pre-qualified for this project in accordance with the Wisconsin Statutes 66.29(2). Qualifications shall be delivered to the Engineer, not less than 5 days prior to the bid deadline. The Owner's decision as to the prequalifications shall be final.

The City of Shawano Common Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive any informalities in bidding, or to accept the bid or bids which best serves the interest of the City. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days after the scheduled opening of bids without the consent of the City.

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NOTICE OF ROAD POSTING - 2026 SEASONAL WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS

KESHENA, Wis. – Temporary weight limits on all county trunk highways and town roads in the County and Town of Menominee will be effective as of Wednesday, March 11, 2026, as authorized by Wis. Stats. 349.16. All posted roads shall be limited to six (6) tons per single axle and ten (10) tons per tandem axle, with a combined gross weight not to exceed 21 tons. Appropriate signage will be posted on Wednesday, March 11, with active enforcement beginning at 12:00 p.m. that same day. Shawano and Langlade County will also be posting seasonal weight limits on March 11, 2026.

Thawing frost under the roadbeds during this time of the year result in weakening of the roadbeds, which can lead to heavy truck traffic greatly damaging road surfaces. These weight restrictions intend to prevent or minimize that damage. Accordingly, these weight restrictions will remain in place until the frost has dissipated and roadbeds have firmed up. The average length of the weight limit posting over the past six years has been 40.86 days, with the shortest duration being 30 days and the longest being 47 days. We thank everyone in advance for their observation of the weight limits during this time.

If you would like more information about the seasonal weight restrictions, please contact Jim Horton at 715-799-3369, —/s/ Jim Horton, Highway Commissioner.

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Proposed Kenosha casino project moves forward

BIA publishes environmental assessment

The U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs has released the draft environmental assessment for the proposed Hard Rock Casino in Kenosha.

The EA analyzes the potential effects of acquiring land in Kenosha for the Menominee Indian Tribe and its proposed development of the property as a casino-hotel, offering class III gaming pursuant to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, consistent with other tribal casinos in the state.

The BIA's comprehensive review – which took more than a year and covered numerous studies – analyzed the environmental impacts of the project. Both the city of Kenosha and Kenosha County have approved agreements supporting the project.

“This is a long-awaited opportunity, and we are excited to have arrived at the next phase in this process,” Menominee Tribal Chairman Joey Awonohopay said. “This project will deliver significant, local

economic impact, create more than 1,000 permanent jobs in the final phase of the project, and support families and businesses across the region. The project’s benefits will directly benefit the members of our tribe, as we address urgent needs in health care, infrastructure and education.”

The EA evaluated a broad range of environmental considerations, including air quality, water resources, traffic, public services and biological resources.

With respect to air quality, the EA concludes that construction and operation of the proposed project would result in insignificant impacts and would comply with applicable federal and state air quality standards, including requirements related to vehicle emissions and operational controls.

The EA also finds that the project has been designed to avoid impacts to jurisdictional wetlands and other protected aquatic resources, with no filling or alteration of wetlands anticipated, and that implementation of best management practices and mitigation measures would ensure continued protection of

water resources and floodplain conditions.

In addition to environmental effects, the EA examined socioeconomic and economic considerations associated with the proposed project.

The analysis concludes that the Kenosha project would generate substantial economic benefits, including significant employment during construction and permanent jobs during operations, and that these effects would be beneficial to Kenosha County and the surrounding region.

The EA further determined that the proposed development is not expected to result in significant adverse economic impacts and that overall economic effects associated with the project would be positive when considering employment, income generation, and related economic activity.

“We thank the BIA for thoroughly reviewing the plans for the proposed Kenosha project and ensuring that all applicable regulations have been met,” Awonohopay said. “The EA provides the Department of the Interior with the detailed information needed to determine

that this project strengthens both the tribe and the broader Kenosha community. We are confident the record demonstrates the benefit without any significant impact to the environment.”

The Kenosha casino approval process has moved to the next phase with the BIA officially publishing the EA for public comment, offering an opportunity for input and transparency.

“This approval process is decades in the making, and the people of Kenosha have consistently supported the project,” Kenosha County Executive Samantha Kerkman said. “I’ve followed and supported the project for years. I encourage citizens to continue to make their voices heard throughout the comment period.”

Upon completion of the proposed Kenosha project, the facility will provide hundreds of millions of dollars to the state of Wisconsin and the city and county of Kenosha and will provide the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin revenue to help address the significant unmet needs and persistent economic hardship affecting the tribe and its more than 9,000 members.

Luck of the Irish



Tim Lohmiller, of Shawano, was in full St. Patrick’s garb at the St. Patrick’s Day parade March 14. Hundreds of people lined Lake Drive for the annual event.

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Lt. Dan Conradt, left, shakes hands with Sgt. Michael Pecore, right, as Officer Dillon Frechette looks on March 11 at Shawano City Hall. Conradt presented letters of commendation to Pecore and Frechette for saving the life of a 15-year-old. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

Officers recognized for saving teen’s life

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

Two Shawano police officers were recognized March 11 during the Shawano Common Council meeting for saving a teen’s life just after Christmas at Sturgeon Park.

Sgt. Michael Pecore and Officer Dillon Frechette had gone to Sturgeon Park on Dec. 27 to talk to some people when they saw a 15-year-old standing on the edge of the bridge connecting the Wolf River with the Mountain-Bay Trail ready to jump into the river, a situation that Police Chief Mike Musolff described as “very scary.”

“Their actions reflect the very best of the Shawano Police Department,” Musolff said. “If they

hadn’t stopped out (to the park), we don’t know what would have happened in this situation.”

Musolff described Pecore and Frechette’s actions as calm and decisive, getting the teen away from harm without violence.

“They were able to prevent what could have been a very tragic outcome,” Musolff said. “Their professionalism, their compassion and commitment exemplify the core mission of our department and the trust the community puts in us.”

Lt. Dan Conradt presented Frechette and Pecore with their commendations and said that saving a life is the highest action that law enforcement officers can take on.

“On this occasion, your

identifying of and quick response to a citizen in distress prevented harm,” Conradt said. “Through your calm demeanor and empathy, you were able to de-escalate a critical situation and provide the individual with safety and the help that they needed.”

Conradt said the happy outcome came as a result of the officers utilizing their training and choosing to help someone at the risk of their own lives.

“Your conduct has brought great credit to yourself, your co-workers and the Shawano Police Department,” he said. “It serves to show the positive law enforcement officers have with our community.”

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Counties sought to host Alice in Dairyland finals

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection is accepting bids from counties to host the Alice in Dairyland Finals in 2028, 2029 and 2030.

The request for proposals is available on the Alice in Dairyland website, www.aliceindairyland.com, and proposals are due by June 1.

Each year, a different county hosts a series of Alice in Dairyland Finals events leading up to the selection of the next Alice in Dairyland. Local economic development organizations and promotional agriculture organizations are encouraged to consider this opportunity to welcome visitors and media professionals from around the state to their county. Crawford County, the most recent host county for the 78th Alice in Dairyland Finals in 2025, recorded a boost of more than \$2 million in economic activity in their county over the three-day finals.

The planning process for hosting finals begins at least a year in advance, including scheduling the current Alice in Dairyland to attend monthly events in the county to promote the finals and learn more about the impact of agriculture on that county. In

mid-March, the host county holds a press conference to officially announce the top candidates for the next Alice in Dairyland.

The event includes agribusiness tours, media interviews, individual interviews, candidate presentations, a public commodity showcase and impromptu question-answer session, an Alice in Dairyland finale banquet and program. These are both open to the public as ticketed events and include opportunities to showcase local businesses, agritourism and other county highlights.

“Hosting the Alice in Dairyland Finals has been an incredible experience for Crawford County,” said Carol Roth, chairwoman of the 78th Alice in Dairyland steering committee. “Our committee not only helped others learn more about the Alice in Dairyland position and its legacy, but they also brought attention to the diversity and importance of agriculture throughout the county and state.”

Although Crawford County can boast three former Alices, 2025 was the first time the county hosted the event.

Marathon County will host the 79th Alice Finals on May 14-16.

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Cash bond lowered in stalking case

Behling's attorney asks to reduce bond from \$50K to \$5K

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

A \$50,000 cash bond for Aaron Behling was reduced during a hearing March 10, but it may not be enough for the suspect in a stalking case to get out of jail.

John Swimmer, representing Behling in Joe Furnstahl's place, reminded the court Behling has been in jail since Oct. 12. Swimmer said Behling could be able to produce \$5,000 in cash and recommended that the bond be reduced to that, claiming the defendant did not have any priors or any failures to appear in court.

"We don't really believe we need that high bond," Swimmer said. "Five thousand should suffice."

That was disputed by Shawano-Menominee County Assistant District Attorney Edward Burke, who noted the \$50,000 bond was determined because Behling has committed previous crimes, including a couple in Shawano County. One was resolved with a no-contest plea in 2024 for disorderly conduct with a domestic abuse repeater. The other case, resolved in 2018, resulted in a three-year prison sentence with three years probation for amphetamine possession, burglary, felon in possession of a firearm and taking and driving a vehicle without consent.

Behling also has criminal convictions from other counties.

"The victim was consulted in this case," Burke said. "She is very frightened of Mr. Behling."

Behling has been charged with stalking by intercepting an electronic communication, misuse of a GPS device, possession of THC with a repeat offense and possession of methamphetamine with a repeat offense.

According to the criminal complaint, the victim told police she found a tracking device, later identified as a Logistimatics

Mobile 200 4g GPS tracker, on her vehicle after having an oil change completed. The mechanic doing the oil change had discovered something unusual near one of the tires and asked to do a tire rotation.

The victim told police she and Behling, 36, had broken up recently and that he had accused her multiple times of cheating on him. Behling allegedly said that was not the case when he was initially interviewed by police.

An Act 79 search, which allows law enforcement to conduct searches without a warrant for people on probation for felony crimes, was executed. Police reportedly found in his basement another Logistimatics GPS tracker, along with five empty syringes, a vape cartridge that tested positive for marijuana and a syringe with white residue that tested positive for meth.

"I don't know what (Behling) had in mind," Burke said. "I'm certain that he's very possessive of this individual."

According to the complaint, the victim said she and Behling had been in a relationship since September 2022. The pair had a son together, and the victim alleged that the accusations of infidelity began when she was pregnant. Behling was arrested for domestic violence and served one year in prison.

The victim also detailed instances when Behling allegedly parked down the road and watched her workplace. One such incident included when she started a training session in Antigo. Behling allegedly called her and accused her of going to Antigo to meet someone.

Another incident took place in Shawano at a local gas station where Behling allegedly arrived and caused a scene. The victim told officers she had not told Behling she was going to the gas station.

Another incident took place at a Shawano fast-food restaurant where Behling allegedly grabbed the victim's cell phone and started looking through it, later driving her back to work but not returning the phone.

Other erratic behavior

the victim alleged includes when the victim met with her boss to express her concerns about Behling's controlling tendencies, and he called and demanded she send a photo of her in her office to prove she was at work. Behling also allegedly purchased semen tests to test her underwear.

Behling was initially taken by police to ThedaCare Medical Center-Shawano, according to the complaint, because he claimed he'd taken a lot of suboxone and was then transferred to another hospital in Neenah. While at the Neenah hospital, according to the criminal complaint, Behling allegedly called the victim and begged her to drop the charges.

A ThedaCare employee requested Behling be placed in the hospital's psychiatric unit, according to the complaint, but because of the severity of the charges, police opted to arrest him and bring him back to the jail in Shawano.

Swimmer, in his argument to reduce the bond, said he understood the safety concern, but he feels that 4 1/2 months in the Shawano County Jail has changed him.

Judge William Kussel Jr. agreed to drop the bond to \$35,000 cash, but he said dropping it to \$5,000 was not wise due to the existing charges.

"The allegations are significant with the stalking," Kussel said.

During the hearing, Behling also waived the right to a preliminary hearing and asked to proceed to an arraignment.

If convicted, Behling faces up to six years in prison on the stalking charge. However, he was convicted on felony drug charges in Fond du Lac County, so his sentence could get an additional four years.

For the misuse of a GPS device, it could get him another nine months imprisonment. He also faces another 3 1/2 years on each of the drug counts. The drug charges could also add four years to his sentence because of the Fond du Lac County case.

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Weight limits begin on county roads

Seasonal weight limits on select county roads in Shawano County went into effect March 11.

Haulers will need to watch for the signs restricting load limits. A list of the posted roads

is available at www.co.shawano.wi.us/.

The weight restrictions are 6 tons for a single axle and 10 tons for a tandem axle, with a maximum gross weight of 26 tons.

Seasonal weight

restrictions are placed on specific highways during the spring thaw period. The restrictions are placed to prevent damage to the pavement structure and extend the life of the pavement.

Board to set max borrowing amount for building

Supervisors' decision will be made March 25

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

It's not the actual green light needed to build a new courthouse in Shawano County, but it's close as you can get until then.

Supervisors will meet at 3 p.m. March 25 to vote on a maximum amount to borrow to build a new courthouse — a decision that will guide them when any future borrowing votes are taken.

Last month, consultants unveiled a base plan of \$88.5 million for a two-story courthouse west of the current building at 311 N. Main St.; this also included some auxiliary areas for the jail and a secure connection between the jail and the courthouse.

Also unveiled was a \$32.5 million alternate for a 150-bed housing pod at the jail; this would allow the county to close the work release center on Engel Drive and increase operational efficiencies within the jail.

County Board Chairman Tom Kautza stressed the



Shawano County supervisors will vote March 25 to set a maximum borrowing amount to guide them if they later decide to approve building plans for a new courthouse and jail housing unit.

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importance of the meeting to supervisors last month.

"Next meeting is very important," he said. "That vote, it's an awful big vote, and hopefully everybody can attend. If you can't attend and you still want to vote, there is the option to call in and do it remotely."

Three times in the past week, supervisors and other officials had the chance

to share information about the projects with the community and collect feedback. Informational meetings were held in Shawano, Bonduel and Wittenberg.

If supervisors approve of a borrowing limit and later approve the actual borrowing to build, a few other pieces will likely fall into place.

First, a new courthouse

will have space for three circuit court judges: courtrooms, judges' chambers, rooms for judicial assistants and jury rooms. The Wisconsin Senate is expected to pass a bill later this month to add a third judgeship to Shawano County, effective in August 2028.

"The Assembly voted and, in the vote, passed a

third judge," Kautza said to supervisors in February. "It passed by a pretty good margin. So the only steps left with that would be it goes to the Senate next, possibly in March for their vote, and then it gets to the governor's office. That'll tell us, too, what we'll have to get ready for space needs in the future."

Second, a new jail pod, according to the plans, will require the county to purchase the home at 217 W. Third St.

The purchase has already been approved by the public property and executive committees. The full board needs to give approval for it to move forward.

"There's no use in buying a house over there if everybody decides not to borrow and not to do any project," Kautza said. "We'll decide that all next month."

The county would pay \$300,000 for the house, and the owners would have to move out by fall.

According to Shawano County online tax records, Amber Hetzer owns the Third Street property, which has an assessed value of \$82,400 and an estimated fair market value of \$96,700.

Third, after a new courthouse and jail pod are built, there are long-range plans to build a new sheriff's department and another housing pod, which would lead to the razing of the current sheriff's department and jail.

Kurt Berner, of The Samuels Group, suggested the county consider those building plans in 2036.

The current county tax rate is \$3.76 per \$1,000 of equalized value. Building the new courthouse alone would result in a decrease in the rate due to increases in valuation of properties across the county.

For the \$121 million project, the \$3.76 would increase to \$3.81 in 2027 and peak at \$3.87 in 2028. After that, it would decrease.

Berner said that in 2036, the rate would be down to \$2.97, which would be a good time to take on the additional debt.

The new sheriff's department and jail pod are estimated to cost \$50 million to \$60 million in today's dollars.

For information on the county's building plans, visit www.shawanocounty-masterplanning.com.

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Sheriff's deputy on leave after shooting man

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

A Shawano County deputy is on administrative leave following the shooting of a man in the Town of Green Valley on March 10.

About 1:41 a.m., deputies with the Shawano County Sheriff's Department were dispatched to a disturbance at a residence in the 2300 block of state Highway 22. Upon entry, deputies located a man locked inside a bathroom.

The man refused to exit the bathroom, and

the subject announced that he had a gun, according to a press release. Initial attempts to resolve the issue were not successful.

The man then advanced toward the deputies with what they reported was a firearm. One deputy discharged a firearm, striking the subject. The incident was captured on body cameras.

EMS was contacted, and life-saving measures were attempted. The subject was transported to a local hospital where he was later pronounced

dead.

No one else was injured during this incident.

The Wisconsin Department of Justice Division of Criminal Investigation is conducting the investigation.

All involved law enforcement are fully cooperating with DCI during this investigation. DCI is continuing to review evidence and determine the facts of this incident and will turn over the investigative reports to the Shawano-Menominee County District Attorney's Office when the investigation concludes.

County officials eye purchase of 4th St. home

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

Shawano County officials said they have finally resumed contact with the owner of a Fourth Street home the county is interested in purchasing.

Nick Hesse, Shawano County's facilities management director, told the public property committee March 12 he recently talked with Meshan Latender, owner of 211 W. Fourth St.

"We got the deed straightened out," Hesse said. "It's just her name on the deed now."

The late Pedro Guerrero

Jr.'s name had been on the deed, and Latender signed appropriate documents to remove his name from the deed.

Now, the two sides are haggling over the price of the house and 0.0185 acres of land.

If the county purchases the house, it would be razed to make way for a new courthouse and jail, assuming the county board gives the OK to that construction project.

Hesse said Latender has no money to put toward closing costs.

"She says \$120,000 is what she wants for it, but

she's \$31,000 in the hole for taxes (and other assessments)," he said. "I told her \$110,000. You look it up — it's \$95,000-\$110,000 is what it would go for."

Attorney fees and closing costs would run about \$5,000, Hesse said.

He also noted Latender is two years behind on paying her taxes on the property.

According to online tax records, the property has an assessed value of \$67,300 and an estimated fair market value of \$79,000.

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Stetson Sperberg, a 4-year-old kindergarten student at Sacred Heart Catholic School, gets comfortable with some books in his classroom during Read Across America Week. CONTRIBUTED

Pair of events encourage reading

Sacred Heart Catholic School had two key events during Read Across America Week that encouraged reading and promoted literacy.

Sacred Heart's 4-year-old kindergarten class wrapped up Read Across America Week on March 6 with a celebration that transformed reading into a full-room adventure. Students arrived in their pajamas, flashlights in hand, ready for a day of stories and creativity.

To mark the final day of the weeklong literacy celebration, teacher Jessica Cumberland and her students turned their entire classroom into a giant reading fort. Blankets draped over tables, soft corners tucked into every space and bins of books

created an inviting environment where young readers could curl up and explore stories in a new and exciting way.

The flashlight reading experience encouraged students to slow down, get comfortable and enjoy books in a unique setting. The combination of pajamas, forts and flashlights made reading feel like an adventure – one that sparked imagination and deepened their love for books.

Sacred Heart students also took part in the Read Across the Rooms Buddy Reading adventure March 5. Throughout the afternoon, classes paired up and rotated through themed classrooms filled with books and cozy reading spaces designed to

spark imagination and a love of reading.

The Buddy Reading experience remains a highlight for students and staff, because it brings together learners of all ages in a meaningful way, according to Autumnne Gee, Sacred Heart's director of admissions and development.

Older students step into leadership, reading aloud with confidence and helping younger students discover new stories. Younger students light up as they read alongside their "big kid" buddies, feeling supported, encouraged, and excited about books.

Read Across America Week is designed to cultivate a lifelong passion for reading.

SCHS bands get top ratings at jazz festival

Shawano Community High School's award-winning jazz bands came home after taking top honors Feb. 27 from the University of Louisville's annual jazz festival – an invitation only event that features outstanding high school ensembles from across the country.

Shawano was the only school representing Wisconsin at the festival.

Shawano Jazz II performed at midday, earning a rating of Excellent. For many members of Jazz II, this marked their first time performing at a major jazz festival, making the recognition even more meaningful.

Later in the afternoon, Shawano Jazz I took the stage and also received an Excellent rating, scoring 97 out of 100. The festival clinician praised the group's performance, noting that they played so exceptionally well he had no critique to offer.

Individual musicians were recognized for their talent and artistry. Ireland Setterman on alto saxophone and Drew Hagedorn on tenor saxophone each received Outstanding Soloist Awards for their performances. Also honored as outstanding musicians were Jill Guenther, Derrick LiVigni, Sawyer Keuschel, Jericho Moses, Evie Kuehl and Payton Skalitski.

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JDoggs in Shawano serves up more than hot dogs, burgers

Food truck biz opens in former bowling alley

By KAY REMINGER
Correspondent

Serving up more than just hot dogs and burgers, JDoggs has tucked within the restaurant a fun, family-oriented environment geared toward kids of all ages.

Offered at 136 S. Main St. in Shawano — along with various menu items — are simulated golf courses, cornhole games, Frisbee and much more.

On the menu, patrons will find Chicago-style hot dogs, burgers, homemade pizza, fresh-squeezed lemonade and chili, all offered in a casual, family-friendly place, serving beer and wine, no liquor. Takeouts and DoorDash are provided.

Owner Amber Arneson and boyfriend Jeremy Weed (aka JDogg) gave the former Rades Bowling Alley a facelift but kept the ambience of the past intact as much as possible.

“It was important for us to honor the history of the place,” Arneson said. “We kept the old bowling alley floor and old bar as well as the exposed ceiling — it is all part of its rich history and adds character. We worked with the building and then added a little Chicago flair.”

Running a business in Chicago for 20 years, Arneson was friends with the owner of Vienna Beef and realized she had the desire to bring Chicago north — basically focusing on the Chicago dogs.

“Training in restaurants in Chicago to learn how to do everything just right, we brought that knowledge up to Shawano,” Arneson said. “We knew what we wanted to do.”

Years ago, after sitting down at the kitchen table and forming a plan, the pair literally drew a picture of how they wanted their food truck trailer to look. After serving food out of the truck for seven years, they purchased the building about five years ago.

Arneson and Weed together remodeled the storefront location while still running their business out of their food truck. In March 2024, they opened their doors on South Main and discontinued the trailer.

The original food trailer is recreated in the front of their storefront kitchen. The trailer, then, appears as if it's been relocated into the stationary business.

Arneson and Weed have worked as a team for the past 11 years.

Arneson handles ordering, works in the kitchen and manages the restaurant's bookkeeping and inventory.

Devoting his time and energy into keeping the restaurant's maintenance needs met, Weed is also JDoggs' main cook and prepares much of the food, including his chili. His own recipe won several trophies and cook-offs and has become a big part of the business.

“We offer a simple menu with different lemonades, a variety of burgers and of course, Jeremy's famous chili,” Arneson said.

The restaurant has room to hold birthday parties and family celebrations. With virtual golf, disc golf, cornhole, bowling, football and baseball simulators, the restaurant is unique and offers more than simply a place to dine.

With thousands of golf courses to choose from, JDoggs just finished its first golf league this year and its new



Wanting to honor the history of the Rades Bowling Alley, owner Amber Arneson and boyfriend Jeremy Weed left much of the old bar intact. JDoggs, located at 136 S. Main St. in Shawano, offers various menu items including Weed's award-winning chili. KAY REMINGER



JDoggs storefront is a restaurant complete with room to hold birthday parties and family celebrations. With virtual golf, disc golf, cornhole, bowling, football and baseball simulators, the restaurant is unique and offers much more than simply a place to dine. KAY REMINGER

league started the first week of March, going through the end of April.

“We are thinking about having a junior golf league during the summer,” Arneson said.

Partnering with Shawano Lake Golf Course, participants may sign up at the course or contact JDoggs.

“Our golf league is different than

most,” Arneson said. “We have a flexible schedule. If a team can't make it a certain day, any time we're open between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., you can put in your time with your league.”

Stressing a family-friendly atmosphere, those with children are more than welcome.

“The kids can be loud, can roll on the floor and just have fun, we're OK with it,” Arneson said. “Being a family-friendly place, it's like the parents don't have to be afraid the kids will be disruptive. We encourage them to hang out, have fun and just be kids.”

“The community here is very supportive. Plus there are people from Kenosha, Fond du Lac, and Green Bay that heard about us, found out about our uniqueness and wanted to try it. They just come out for a drive. Saturdays here are amazing, full of out-of-towners.”

Long-range plans are to focus on more Chicago food items. By adding a new deep fryer, they can keep their french fries gluten-free and will soon be able to offer other gluten-free item choices.

“Also partnering alongside of us is my 28-year-old daughter, Morgan, who is deeply involved in the business and does an amazing job. She handles all of our social media, and I'm very proud of her. Along with our great staff, we all work together to make our small business go,” Arneson said.

For information, call 715-701-8000, go to www.jdoggs.com, or find them on Facebook.

License fee hikes, deer, wolf issues on the ballot

As sure as the arrival of robins, rain and green grass, the statewide combined Wisconsin DNR and Conservation Congress hearings are another sign of spring.

Some of the 44 conservation questions may touch most of us, including the topics of deer hunting and possible license fee increases, while others may be specific to a distant lake or river, and not interest us at all.

You have a chance to vote in person for any or all questions that interest you at the public hearing in your county, or the county you most often hunt or fish in, if you choose.

Many will take the easiest way and vote online from 6 p.m. April 13 through 6 p.m. April 15.

All results serve only as an advisory tool to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Advisory Board but frequently are used to help them make lasting decisions regarding hunting, fishing, trapping and other activities. A few of the questions would require legislative action to fulfill.

Questions 12-18 could potentially affect everyone who hunts, fishes and traps. The questions seem to be a feeler for how much sportsmen are willing to bear for license increases.

These include proposals to increase hunting, fishing and trapping licenses by 25%-75%, a one-time license fee increase with smaller increases later, based on inflation, or a \$6 increase in the inland trout stamp fee from \$10 to \$16.

Questions 19-22 propose a 0.125% sales tax increase to fund conservation programs, spending about \$20 million in general fund taxes to cover reduced or free licenses, charging a user fee (similar to that charged at state parks) for using all public lands, and requiring registration fees for all non-motorized watercraft, such as kayaks and canoes.

One question that most bow and crossbow deer hunters in this area will likely appreciate is the suggestion to allow the archery (bow and crossbow) deer season to be extended to Jan. 31 in all Farmland Deer Management Zones.

In the past, this extension was left up to the individual County Deer Advisory Councils, although former DNR senior deer biologist Jeff Pritzl said the state never intended for CDACs to make season decisions. Many hunters prefer to avoid the bitter cold of late season, but this would give archers and crossbow hunters nearly an additional month to harvest a buck or doe.

Another question recommends allowing tree stands and ground blinds

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ROSS BIELEMA
COLUMNIST

AT A GLANCE

Spring Wisconsin DNR and Conservation Congress hearings will be held at 6 p.m. April 13 statewide. Meeting locations of area counties are:

- Shawano: Shawano Community Middle School LGI Room, 1050 S. Union St., Shawano.
- Oconto: Suring High School Cafeteria, 411 E. Algoma St., Suring.



Five generations celebrate Betty Geiger's 94th birthday

Dozens of family members and friends gathered March 7 in Oconto Falls to celebrate the 94th birthday of Betty Geiger, a beloved mother, grandmother and friend whose life has been filled with family, music and community.

Geiger was born in 1932 in Little Chute to John and Anna Jansen. She later raised her own family in Little Chute, where she was known not only as a devoted mother of four children but also as the owner and operator of the local establishment Jacks or Better.

Those who know Geiger often remember her warm spirit and joyful personality. She has always loved music and dancing and

was known to hum a tune while working during the busiest times in the kitchen. Her love of dancing is well known in the family – she even taught her son Jim how to do the Twist.

Betty also has a creative side. She enjoyed crocheting and spent many hours making beautiful blankets that have been treasured gifts for family members and dear friends over the years. Her daughter, Margo, fondly recalls helping Geiger reupholster barroom chairs during the family's restaurant days.

In August 1987, she married Kenneth Geiger after the two met while she was working weekends as a hostess at the Lilac

Plantation in Gillett. During that time, Geiger worked weekdays at a meat market in Darboy and spent weekends at the Lilac. When she married 36 years ago, she welcomed six more children into her life, embracing them as her own.

Geiger's kindness has always been one of her defining traits. Family members say she always greets people with a warm smile, whether she has known them a lifetime or has just met them.

Her recent birthday celebration was especially meaningful as it brought together five generations of family, a testament to the strong and loving family she has built.

Betty Geiger sits next to her birthday cake during a celebration March 7 at Oconto Falls. CONTRIBUTED

Wildlife lies in wait out in those wintry woods

Dangling my feet off the end-gate of our old white farm truck parked along our ridge, I was waiting for the wand pump to inhale the sap stored in the

FARM LIFE FROM A FARM WIFE



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COLUMNIST

tote. The totes, placed at the bottom of a south-facing ridge, is the perfect set up for sap collecting and convenient to unload. It's a hobby my husband and I enjoy. Early spring, as soon as the weather

cooperates, we're up in the woods as often as the trees release their ambrosia. So as I was daydreaming that one mild spring day – the sky cloudless, the wind speechless – I noticed an industrious ant making its way through dry leaves and twigs. It hadn't warmed up very much, we were only in the mid-40s, so I was surprised to see insects. This ant was on a mission, intent on going somewhere and doing something.

Totally engrossed in the little bugger, I asked my husband, "Where do ants go in the winter?"

"They burrow

underground. Remember we see them in the wood we cut sometimes?" says he.

As we split wood in the winter, at times I'd see a bunch of ants looking dead as a doornail. They're not in every hunk, just some of the ones that are hollow. (We call them dozy and those quickly burn.) The ants looked like they burrowed right into the wood, sort of calcified, and had gotten stuck there as the weather abruptly turned cold.

Because I'm naturally curious, I double-checked with Siri and she informed me: "Ants don't hibernate but enter a dormant state called 'diapause,' retreating deep underground below the frost line where temperatures remain stable. The queen stops laying eggs, workers stop foraging, and the colony seals its entrances to conserve heat until spring."

Aren't they the clever little things? They take a winter hiatus.

Along with creepy crawling insects, our



Along with various woodland creatures, the Remingers caught Wisconsin's state animal on a trail cam one night. Badgers sustain the bulk of their diet with earthworms.

KAY REMINGER

woods is alive with motion. Before we'd put up trail cameras, we had little idea of the vibrant, busy night life of our forest.

Now with multiple trail cams in our woods, we capture, not those creeping insects but much larger wildlife. We have discovered to our great amazement that we have a remarkable variety: bear, fisher, bobcat, fox, coyote, woodchuck, raccoon, opossum, squirrel, deer, skunk and turkey – all caught one time or

another on our trail cams. Those seem to be the regulars. We then discovered a very different one on camera that completely floored us – a badger.

Our state animal resides in our Leopolis woods? It's rather flattering.

Our good buddy, Tim, who is a lover of all of God's woodland creatures, laughed when we shared that trail cam picture with him, retorting, "Oh, those things are grizzly bears with short legs!"

We indeed discovered

they are aggressive, or can be, and 80% of their diet is earthworms. No wonder they have those long claws.

From www.woodlandtrust.org.uk, I found that, "Badgers can eat several hundred worms each night, but being omnivorous, they will eat almost anything, from flesh and fruit to bulbs and birds' eggs to slugs and insects. They also have a keen sense of smell."

Along with collecting sap and harvesting wood to keep our farmhouse warm and toasty (there's nothing like wood heat), my husband likes to hunt.

One night as dusk was hunkering down, he was walking the trail from his hunting stand to the four-wheeler, parked a ways down. All of a sudden along Highway 29, about a quarter mile from our woods, an ambulance came screaming down the highway toward Green Bay, sirens blazing.

Just then, my husband heard a sound that made his blood run cold.

Coyotes – provoked by the sound of the siren – started howling. He realized then that he was encircled by a pack. He never even saw them and didn't know they were there, but

after he heard them, and that close, he scrambled to the four-wheeler as fast as his legs could carry him.

Afterwards he told me, "It was pretty spooky."

If I'd have been there, "pretty spooked" was the least I'd have been. I'd have had goosebumps reproducing along with cold chills down my spine.

"Did you feel like the hunted instead of the hunter?" I asked, eyes wide, reliving it as he explained.

"Ya."

While our busy and beautiful woods produces for us in so many ways, I rather prefer to visit during daylight when the wildlife is snoozing.

("Four things on earth are small, yet they are exceedingly wise: the ants are a people not strong, yet they provide their food in the summer; the badgers are a people not mighty, yet they make their home in the cliffs." Proverbs 30:24-25, English Standard Version)

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

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on public lands to be left overnight from September through January. Currently, the state only allows leaving stands and ground blinds overnight on public lands north of state Highway 64, an experiment that started in 2017.

Prior to that, the law required all stands and ground blinds to remain only during daylight hours. That law created two problems: the noise

and hassles of removing stands and blinds at the end of the hunt and then returning them the next morning (almost absurd if you've hunted in a state without such a law) and a very dangerous hazard, as studies show most tree stand accidents occur when a hunter is setting up or taking down a stand. Another deer hunting question recommends extending the registration

deadline from 5 p.m. the day after harvest to 11:59 p.m. This new deadline would align with neighboring states and help eliminate unintentional law violations, according to the questionnaire wording.

One law that is probably long overdue is specifying that only centerfire cartridges larger than .22 caliber be allowed for deer hunting. Currently, any rimfire .22 cartridge could

also be used legally for deer hunting, including a .22 Long Rifle, but virtually anyone knowledgeable about ammunition would agree that rimfire cartridges are not a humane option.

Other topics on the questionnaire include:

- Reauthorizing the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program for funding conservation grants.
- Allowing the use of

trained dogs to chase or "harry" and track specific wolves that are causing livestock or other issues.

- Eliminating the north and south zones for waterfowl hunting.
- Allowing placement of mineral supplement blocks in the woods to help deer fight CWD.

- Allowing underwater spearfishing for catfish.
- Increasing the turkey stamp fee to \$10.

- Creating a youth muskrat and mink trapping season.

For a full list of this year's questions, last year's results and more, visit <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/about/wcc/springhearing>.

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Buttermilk bread boasts a lovely soft crumb and a slightly chewy golden crust. FRANCESCA ULLMER

Buttermilk, cinnamon-raisin bread ideal for blessed feast

March 19 is the Feast of St. Joseph. St. Joseph is the spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the foster father of Jesus. He is also the patron of the Catholic Church.

The tradition of having a St. Joseph's Day table originated in Sicily in medieval times. Loaded with many kinds of breads to share with everyone, this is a tradition that many Catholic churches and private homes still follow to this day.

Buttermilk bread is yet another recipe from "The New Artisan Bread in Five Minutes a Day." As with every recipe in this book, this recipe does not require any kneading and is very simple and quick to throw together.

If you do not have buttermilk, a homemade substitute works great. Simply place a tablespoon of lemon juice or vinegar into

a liquid measuring and add enough milk to make 1 cup. Stir gently and wait at least 5 minutes before using.

While there are many ways to "correctly" use yeast when baking bread, I've found that sprinkling the yeast lightly over the surface of the warm water works best for me. This ensures that the yeast is evenly distributed on the water, and it gets moistened evenly. I don't stir the yeast into the water unless the recipe specifically calls for it.

Becasue this bread uses sugar, which reacts with the yeast, you may notice a slightly sour smell. This is completely normal and will disappear as the bread bakes and cools.

Cinnamon-raisin bread, a simply delicious classic, is also really easy to make. You can use whatever bread dough you wish, even frozen bread dough.

It is very customizable

IN THE KITCHEN WITH FRANCESCA



FRANCESCA ULLMER COLUMNIST



Loaded with juicy raisins and cinnamon, cinnamon-raisin bread is a classic. FRANCESCA ULLMER

as well. You have to adjust the amount of sugar to personal preference or use brown sugar. You can add other spices. You can even add other dried fruits such as dried cranberries.

Soaking your raisins is optional. Ever since I learned about soaking raisins to reconstitute them a little, I try to soak my raisins whenever I have time. Soaking them just ensures the maximum amount of juiciness. Although it sounds a little counterproductive, just make sure to drain the raisins well. If your raisins are dripping water, this will probably make your bread bake

unevenly – it may not bake completely.

Bread pan size is also optional. You can use normal size pans or large pans or mini loaf pans. Just remember that baking times will vary. Remember to let the bread cool completely. Bread continues to bake as it cools and it may not appear done if you slice into it too early.

Happy Feast of St. Joseph.

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

CINNAMON-RAISIN BREAD

2 lbs. buttermilk bread dough, or other plain bread dough

Sugar	Cinnamon	Approx. 1 cup raisins
If desired, soak raisins in water for about 10 minutes or until plump. Drain well on paper towels. Divide dough in half and using enough flour to prevent sticking, roll into a long rectangle. Sprinkle on desired amount of sugar and cinnamon. Sprinkle on drained raisins. Starting at a short end roll dough up jelly-roll style. Pinch edges and ends together, and tuck the ends under to form an oval loaf. Place in greased loaf pans and let rise for 60-90 minutes. Brush with melted butter. Bake in a 375-degree oven for 35-45 minutes or until golden. Brush with melted butter. Let cool in pans for 10 minutes then remove from pans and let cool completely on a wire rack.		

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

OCONTO: Storytime, 10:30 a.m., Farnsworth Public Library, 715 Main St. Story and crafts for preschool children. A caregiver must stay with the child.

WITTENBERG: Murder Mystery Dinner Theater, 6 p.m., WOWSPACE, 114 Vinal St. Crossroads Community Theatre presents "Eat, Drink and Be Murdered (An Irish Family Feud)." Dinner catered by Hidden Valley Supper Club. Doors open 5:30 p.m. Advance tickets only, available at Wittenberg Sentry Foods, Wittenberg or call 715-253-3525.

CLINTONVILLE: "Mary Poppins," 6 p.m., Clintonville High School, 64 W. Green Tree Road. Presented by Wolf River Homeschoolers Performing Arts. Admission free; donations accepted.

OCONTO: Dukes and Darlings, 6-8 p.m., Room 902, 902 Main St. Black-tie event for fathers and daughters. Tickets \$52.81 available through eventbrite.com. Details at Room 902 Facebook page.

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

MOUNTAIN: Maple Sugar Festival, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., 14000 Bear Paw Camp Lane. Details at Bear Paw Maple Syrup page on Facebook.

SHAWANO: Cooking School and Expo, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B. Shawano Flavorfest. Vendor fair and open house 9 a.m. to noon; cooking school 12:30-2:30 p.m., Amish haystack meal 3-5 p.m. Must pre-register, no walk-ins, registration fee \$15. Call 715-526-2192, ext. 3202.

NAVARINO: Willow Trellis Workshop, 9 a.m. to noon, Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. Make your own willow trellis with real willow harvested from the wildlife area. Registration fee \$50, space limited to 10 people, call 715-758-6999.

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

BONDUEL: Meat raffle for Mit Liebe German Shepherd Dog Rescue, noon, Lumbeyard Bar and Grill, 815 North St.

NAVARINO: Piece Out Fundraiser, 2-4 p.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. Teams of four compete to finish a 500-piece puzzle in the shortest amount of time. Light refreshments and snacks, limited to first 16 teams to register for \$50 at 715-758-6999. Prizes donated by Ravensburger and Gnome Games.

OCONTO FALLS: Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser, 4:30-7:30 p.m., Oconto Falls Fire Department, 431 Union Ave. Tickets \$10, seniors 60-plus \$8, children 5-12 \$5, 4 and younger free. Dinner, desserts, refreshments, bucket raffles.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 22

CLINTONVILLE: "Mary Poppins," 2 p.m., Clintonville High School, 64 W. Green Tree Road. Presented by Wolf River Homeschoolers Performing Arts. Admission free; donations accepted.

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

SHAWANO: Youth Leadership Information Session, 9 a.m., Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce, 1263 S. Main St.

OCONTO: Small Group Bible Study, 6-8 p.m., The Good Place Bowling Center, 1128 Main St. For information, call 920-516-7390.

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

NAVARINO: Junior Investigators Homeschool Program: Weather, 1-2:30 p.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. Ages 6-12, \$5 per child. Maximum 30 children, registration required at 715-758-6999 or navarino.org.

SHAWANO: Adult Open Swim, 4-7 p.m., Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B. \$3 at the door. Lap swim lanes and water walking available. Age 16 and older; no registration needed. Entry not permitted after 6:30 p.m.

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

OCONTO: Thursday Play Group, 10:30 a.m. to noon, Farnsworth Public Library, 715 Main St. Meant for children to play and interact with other children at the library. A caregiver must stay with the child.

OCONTO: Faithful Readers Community Bible Study, 2:30 p.m., Farnsworth Public Library, 715 Main St. Multidenominational study of the book of Genesis. For information, call/text Steve at 920-360-0883.

SHAWANO: Youth Leadership Information Session, 4 p.m., Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce, 1263 S. Main St.

CLINTONVILLE: "Mary Poppins," 6 p.m., Clintonville High School, 64 W. Green Tree Road. Presented by Wolf River Homeschoolers Performing Arts. Admission free; donations accepted.

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

SHAWANO: American Red Cross blood drive, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., City Hall, 127 S. Sawyer St. Appointments at RedCrossBlood.org or 800-733-2767.

Small lifestyle changes may help with nutrition

Nutrition experts at ThedaCare are offering advice to help people eat healthier amid a range of dieting options, conflicting social media messages and an updated food pyramid.

Nicole Havlichek and Carlissa Spreeman, registered dietitians with ThedaCare, provide science-backed guidance for people seeking to improve their nutrition.

“It can be a challenge for someone to know what to put in their grocery cart and on their plate,” Havlichek said. “It’s not uncommon for us to hear patients tell us that when it comes to healthier nutrition, they are confused and don’t know where to start.”

A first step in deciphering nutrition fact from fiction is to consider the source, Spreeman said.

“Chances are the person on your social media feed or your favorite celebrity hasn’t completed the necessary credentials to be deemed an expert in nutrition, like a registered dietitian,” she said. “A registered dietitian holds a bachelor’s degree and master’s degree and has completed a post-graduate internship to fully learn the complexities of nutrition.”

Both experts encouraged people to fact-check the nutrition information they may be considering to determine if it is



ThedaCare nutrition experts recommend eating a fair amount of fruits and vegetables like grapes and bell peppers shown on display at Aldi in Shawano.

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evidence-based and has supporting research.

“Nutrition is individualized. No one online knows your personal health needs, especially if you have medical conditions or specific nutrition-related goals,” Spreeman said. “Consider asking your primary care physician or advanced practice provider for a referral to a dietitian so they can help personalize recommendations to your needs.”

There are several considerations that may help inform people about what they should eat or avoid, Havlichek said.

“From food preferences to lifestyle factors and medical conditions, many considerations come into play,” she said. “Multiple factors may influence what people can and should eat. A registered dietitian can provide recommendations specific to your individual needs.”

Common considerations include:

- Medical diagnoses like heart disease, diabetes, eating disorders and gastrointestinal conditions such as irritable bowel syndrome, Celiac disease and Crohn’s disease.

- Budget and food preferences.
- How much time a person has for meal planning, shopping and cooking.
- Cultural foods.
- Religious restrictions.

Improving one’s nutrition should be a lifestyle change, not a diet, Spreeman said.

“The word diet can have a lot of baggage. It may imply we’re making short-term changes, seeking a quick fix and that we may not be enjoying ourselves while doing it,” she said. “Rather than following any one diet, it’s best to consider making lifestyle changes. A lifestyle change may help promote long-term success and satisfaction.”

A good place to start is with people choosing wholesome and nutrient-dense foods to help nourish their bodies and minds, Havlichek said. She shared additional tips including eating regularly throughout the day, along with consuming a variety of foods in balanced proportions (for example: 1/2 plate produce, 1/4 plate grains/starches, 1/4 plate protein).

People should include protein with each meal but include other foods, too. Most Americans get enough protein but not enough fiber.

People are also encouraged to eat whole grains, fruits, vegetables and plant-based proteins such as beans, lentils, legumes, nuts and seeds.

“Eat whole foods when possible,” Havlichek said. “It’s OK to eat some packaged and processed foods as well. We encourage people to avoid extremes.”

Another important step in embracing healthier nutrition is for people to identify their nutrition goals and write them down, Spreeman said.

“However you set goals, you want to ensure they are SMART: specific, measurable, achievable, realistic and time-bound,” she said. “Writing down your SMART goals encourages improved prioritization and higher success rates.”

Both experts recommended making small changes that may be easier to build upon and said nutrition is only one piece of the health picture.

“Look at ways to improve your stress level, sleep, relationships, medication adherence, exercise pattern, and smoking or drinking habits,” Havlichek said. “Your primary care team is a great place to start if you need help with addressing any of these concerns.”

Cross walk in Gillett to coincide with Good Friday

The Gillett-Suring Clergy Association will hold a cross walk April 3. Local pastors will be leading community members as they begin the journey at noon at Gillett High School, 208 W. Main St., Gillett. There will be a brief scripture reading and prayer at each of four stops as the cross walk makes its way through the city. The cross walk is being held as part of Good Friday and will end at St. John’s Lutheran Church, 101 W. Main St., Gillett. Coffee and snacks will be available. For information, call Hillside Assembly Church at 920-855-2962.

2026 Event Schedule

Near Memorial Park, Shawano

Friday June 5th

EVENT TIME • 4:00 PM-10:00 PM
KID ZONE • 4:00 PM-8:00 PM
INFLATABLES AND YARD GAMES

Free Admission

Music

MC Whitehorse 4:30
Wet Possum 7:00

Saturday June 6th

FLEA MARKET & ANTIQUES • 6AM
FARMERS BREWERY
5K RUN / WALK • 9AM
CRAFT FAIR • 10AM - 4PM
KID ZONE • 10AM - 8PM

Music

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Spicy Tie Band	3:00
The Glam Band	6:45

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Right to information remains under attack

Good journalism is usually unpopular, because it drags into the sunshine things those with vested interests prefer to either keep secret or spin into a favorable narrative.

Yet our framers believed news reporting was so important they made it a foundational building block of the republic.

Journalists either learn to live under attack or get out of the business. Those are the only options.

In a career spanning 50-plus years, I've experienced death threats, bomb threats at our building, assaults on our reporters, and had liberals call me a right-wing fascist and conservatives call me a lefty communist. Goes with the territory.

Journalists make mistakes. Plenty of them. Criticism is often deserved. The only time I saw journalism under this kind of relentless attack, though, was at the height of the Watergate crisis. Let's look at some issues facing journalism today.

Start here. What's the difference between news and opinion? The lines have been blurred, and we're all the worse off for it. This piece is opinion, not news, because I am expressing my own views, which are no more or no less important than yours. The purpose of opinion writing is to spark discussion and debate. It should be clearly identified. Real news should be presented without opinion.

That model is turned on its head with how many people consume information. Examples abound. Talk radio slants left or right. FOX News and other outlets on the right always support the conservative narrative. MS Now (formerly MSNBC) and other liberal outlets always take the progressive line. Podcasts look to persuade based on political points. This is not journalism. It is advocacy. If that's where you get your news, well, you are not getting news. Don't get me started on the unreliability — and worse — prevailing on social media.

Challenges in reporting today can be blunt and rough. Consider the arrest of Don Lemon for accompanying demonstrators into a Minneapolis church. I am not a Don Lemon fan. His record is mostly as an advocate, not a journalist. Yet he was recorded telling both protesters and congregants that he was not part of the group invading the church but rather was there

to ask questions and report.

Should he have stayed outside the church? Probably. We always made sure our reporters understood the difference between reporting from a public space and entering private property without invitation,

and the risks involved. Lemon may have exposed himself to a trespassing charge. Being accused of more serious crimes — and the risk of prison — seems not only absurd but intended to

intimidate. Expect a judge to throw out the charges at the earliest opportunity.

Likewise with execution of a search warrant for the home and devices of a Washington Post journalist, accused of obtaining leaked information from government officials. That's how journalism works, whether in Washington or Beloit. Many of our most successful and award-winning investigations relied on leaks from inside local government organizations. Officials never like it, yet the public is usually better off for knowing than not knowing.

The White House press-room removed privileges for a number of legacy media and replaced them with friendly, often obscure, agencies unlikely to ask unwelcome questions. The Pentagon told reporters they had to sign a document promising not to release information without permission or lose their access to the building. All legacy media refused — including FOX News — and their space was reassigned to friendlier reporters. Think about this. Would the Pentagon Papers have been reported under this restriction? The My Lai massacre?

Back to the part about journalists being unpopular. Good journalism steps on toes. Indiscriminately. To the left. To the right. The best journalists do not want or need your love. They do want you to have facts, including the facts you might prefer not to see or read. The framers thought that was how self-governing people could preserve their liberty. They were right then and they're right now.

Be a smarter news consumer. Start by accepting that your own narrative is an opinion, not a fact, and open your mind to the possibility that your side — left or right — can be wrong.

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BILL BARTH
GUEST COLUMNIST

EDITORIAL

State newspapers urge passage of legislation to protect free speech

State Sen. Eric Wimberger (R-Oconto) and Rep. Jim Piwowarczyk (R-Hubertus) have introduced Wisconsin Senate Bill 666/Assembly Bill 701, which would adopt the Uniform Public Expression Protection Act (UPEPA), bringing long-overdue free speech protections for citizens and journalists in Wisconsin.

The Wisconsin Newspaper Association and this newspaper applaud Wimberger and Piwowarczyk for introducing SB 666/AB 701 and enthusiastically urge its passage. Designed to protect free speech and the right to petition the government, SB 666/AB701, will allow the courts to quickly dismiss lawsuits that are filed not to win on the merits, but to intimidate, silence or financially exhaust critics. So-called SLAPPs

— Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation — are often used against individuals who speak out on matters of public concern, such as government accountability, tax and spending decisions, consumer protection, environmental impacts or workplace conditions.

Even when these cases are weak or baseless, the cost and stress of litigation can be enough to deter people from speaking at all. Anti-SLAPP laws are intended to stop this abuse of the court system.

Under UPEPA legislation, which was developed by the nonpartisan Uniform Law Commission, a person who believes they are the target of a SLAPP lawsuit could ask the court to dismiss the case if it arises from their exercise of free speech

or their right to petition on a public issue. If the court agrees, the lawsuit would be dismissed, and the party who filed it could be required to pay the defendant's attorney fees and costs. The fee-shifting provision is critical, as it discourages the use of litigation as a weapon rather than a legitimate means of resolving disputes.

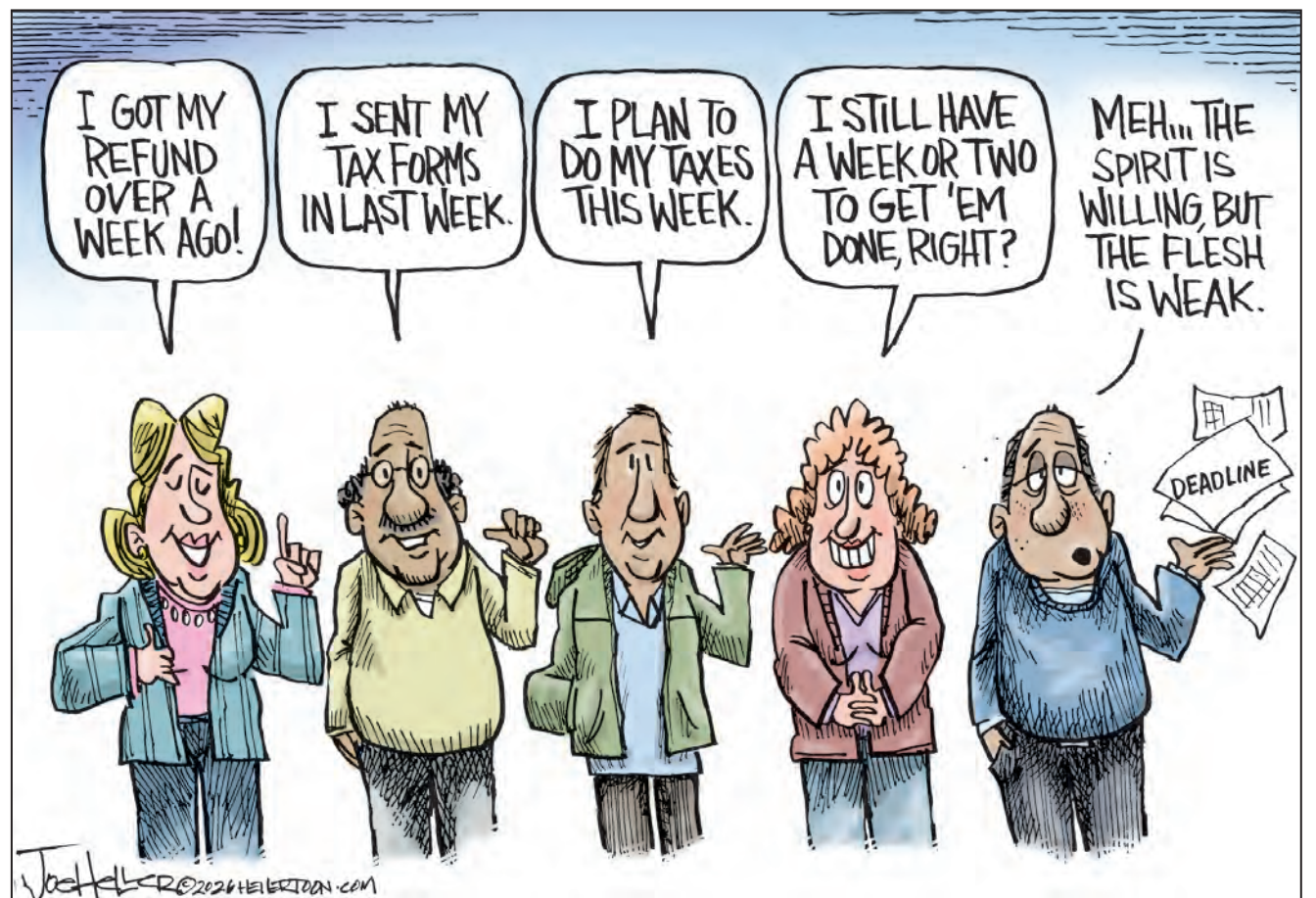
Wisconsin is currently behind much of the country in providing these protections. According to the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, 31 states have anti-SLAPP laws in place. As a result, journalists, activists and ordinary citizens in Wisconsin are more vulnerable to retaliatory lawsuits than their counterparts in other states.

Passage of Senate Bill 666/Assembly Bill 701 will address this disparity.

SLAPP lawsuits are powerful tools for silencing dissent, not because they are likely to succeed in court, but because they impose crushing legal costs and risks. For many people, the mere threat of such a lawsuit is enough to discourage them from speaking out, even when their speech is lawful and important to the public.

The good news — both SB 666 and AB 701 have passed committee with unanimous, bipartisan support. We urge legislative leaders to ensure SB 666/AB 701 receives votes in the full Assembly and Senate so that Wisconsin can feel free to express their opinions on public issues without fear of being subjected to a costly lawsuit.

Contact your legislator and voice your support for passage of Senate Bill 666/Assembly Bill 701.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

US will suffer from poorly planned war

To the editor:

America First started as an isolationist promoting organization in 1939 just prior to World War II opposing the U.S. entering the war against Germany. Its most prominent member was the aviation hero and Nazi sympathizer Charles Lindbergh. After Pearl Harbor, it dissolved in importance as Germany declared war on the U.S..

The historian George Santayana famously stated, "Those who cannot

remember the past are condemned to repeat it." The war in Vietnam started with the now debunked Gulf of Tonkin attack. The war in Iraq was started on the false premise that Iraq possessed weapons of mass destruction.

Now Donald Trump states that he initiated the attack on Iran, because an attack on the U.S. was imminent. Tulsi Gabbard, the director of national security, testified to Congress in March 2025 that Iran was not actively building nuclear weapons. After the June 2025 bombing,

Trump claimed that Iran's nuclear facilities had been "completely obliterated."

Given the number of countries that Trump has ordered bombed in recent months, even his MAGA base aren't happy with this interventionist policy. By any measure, Israel and America's daily intensive bombing constitutes a war, not an excursion, police action or whatever fictional parlance is conjured up.

America First believers could look at it this way though. There is an America First in Trump's

bombing Iran. This is the first war the U.S. has conducted in support of an individual indicted as a war criminal. Benjamin Netanyahu's specialty is relentless bombing of civilian populations, with American weapons to boot. Plus, the rapid rise in oil prices helps the Russian economy.

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Who's ready for another trip to state?

Bonduel boys top Marathon, Kewaunee in D4 sectional

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

Thanks to the Bonduel boys basketball team, two No. 1 seeds for this season's WIAA state tournament aren't in the mix for a state title.

The Bears, however, are heading back to the Kohl Center in Madison for the second time in a row and second time in program history after a 78-68 win over Marathon March 14 in a Division 4 sectional final at D.C. Everest High School in Weston.

The win came two days after Bonduel knocked off previously undefeated Kewaunee 73-62 in a semifinal.

Bonduel improved to 26-3 and is the No. 1 seed among the four remaining Division 4 teams. The Bears will face No. 4 Cambridge at 6:35 p.m. March 19 in one of two Division 4 semifinals, while No. 2 Milwaukee Juneau and No. 3 Regis will meet in the other semifinal. Winners will advance to the championship game, set for about 1:30 p.m. March 21.

Bonduel 78, Marathon 68

Senior Griffin Uelmen, who came into the game with the Red Raiders averaging fewer than eight points a contest, scored 19 of his game-high 26 points



BONDUEL'S JACK ZERNICKE PUTS UP A SHOT IN FRONT OF KEWAUNEE'S DANE HARRELL.

GREG SEUBERT

in the first half that helped the Bears take a 41-25 lead into the locker room.

Marathon cut the lead to 64-60 with just under five minutes remaining, but the Bears answered Marathon's rally with a 10-3 run that pushed the lead back to 11. Bonduel's final eight points came from the free-throw line.

While most teams focus a lot of their attention on Ryan Westrich, the Red Raiders had problems with Uelmen, whose 19 points in the first half included four 3-pointers and a 3-point play.

"Griffin's a really good player," coach Duke Copp said. "He's a senior, he's been to state in cross country and track, he's a great athlete and he hit some huge shots in the first half."

Quinn Wesenberg added 22 points for Bonduel to go along with Westrich's 14.

The Bears advanced to the Division 4 championship game last season before falling to Aquinas in the team's first-ever trip to state.

That experience, as well as making it to a sectional final two seasons ago but falling to Marathon, helped the Bears this season, according to Copp.

"Our kids have been there," he said. "Making this run last year helps a lot. Today, getting a good start was key. We almost gave it away, but we hung on."

Bonduel 73, Kewaunee 62

The Bears spent most of the first half trailing the

Storm at Kaukauna High School, but a 13-2 run to start the second half gave Bonduel a lead it never lost.

Bonduel trailed by as many as six points in the first half before Uelmen's buzzer-beating 3-pointer for the Bears sent the teams into the locker room tied at 30-30.

"That was huge because we were struggling," Copp said. "We weren't playing that well in the first half, and we knew it. To tie it up was awesome."

The Bears took the lead for good by scoring the first seven points of the second half. Kewaunee's Connor Kilgore ended the run with a basket to cut the lead to five points, but the Storm never got any closer the rest of the way.



Quinn Wesenberg scores two of his eight points for Bonduel on March 12 in a 73-62 win over Kewaunee.

GREG SEUBERT

Westrich later scored 12 straight points for the Bears and ended up leading all players with 27 points.

Four 3-pointers helped the Storm cut the Bears' lead to 68-62 with less than a minute remaining. A turnover gave Kewaunee an opportunity to get even closer, but a carrying violation on Kilgore with 35 seconds to go gave the ball back to the Bears.

Bonduel then sealed the win with two free throws from Westrich and Uelmen and one from Carter Moesch.

Moesch and Uelmen finished with 19 and 11 points, respectively, while Wesenberg and Jack Zernicke added eight each.

Diesel Bosdeck led four Kewaunee players in double figures with 15 points, while Kilgore, Mason Kovacs and Dane Harrell added 12, 11 and 10, respectively.

"It came down to gritty, tough basketball plays,"

Copp said. "What a great team they are. There's a lot of talent on that floor. They play so hard and play tough defense, but I thought we did at times, too."

Bonduel's postseason has included wins over a pair of No. 1 seeds — Marathon and Kewaunee — as well as a come-from-behind win over Iola-Scandinavia in a regional final in which the Bears trailed by a point with a minute to go, but ended up winning 70-65. The Bears had opened tournament play with an 82-40 win over Oconto.

"We had a tough run through the tournament and the season," Copp said. "We played a lot of good teams this year, so we felt we were ready for this, but you never know how it's going to go."

"This is exhausting, but this is what it's all for. It's great to see our community out here and Marathon. What a great atmosphere. This is what high school basketball's about."

Tigerton's 'magical' season ends with sectional final loss

Tigers held to 12 points in 2nd half

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

Plans for the Tigerton boys basketball team's first trip to state in program history have been put on hold.

The Tigers headed into their WIAA Division 5 sectional final with Reedsville on March 14 with a 28-0 record, but the Panthers ended Tigerton's season with a 56-45 loss at Oconto

Falls High School.

The loss came two days after the Tigers kept their unbeaten season alive with a 54-41 win over Wabeno/Laona in a sectional semifinal in Antigo.

Reedsville 56, Tigerton 45

Tigerton trailed by as many as six points in the first half, but closed the half with a 16-5 run to take a 33-28 lead at the break.

The lead didn't last long, however, as the Panthers opened the second half with seven straight points in less than two minutes and held the Tigers to 12 points in the half.

"They came out and hit us hard in the mouth right away," coach Dan Hoffa said. "They scored seven unanswered (points). We got a little flustered. That's why I took a time out. We were able to tame ourselves and get back in it. We tied it and took the lead again."

Baskets from James Brady turned a 37-35 deficit into a 29-37 lead, but Reedsville responded with 3-pointers from Jack Schwahn and Connor McDonald, and the Panthers never trailed again.

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James Brady ends up with the ball for Tigerton. The junior scored 28 of the Tigers' points March 14 in a 56-45 loss to Reedsville.

GREG SEUBERT

Shawano hockey team to join GNC in 2027-28 season

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

The Shawano/Bonduel boys hockey team only has one more year of an independent schedule before joining the Great Northern Conference in 2027-28.

The WIAA board of control voted March 10 to approve Shawano's request to join the conference.

"We're excited about it," said Adam Gafner, Shawano/Bonduel head coach and president of the Shawano Hockey League. "There is a lot of value and purpose in joining a conference."

Current teams in the GNC are Tomahawk, Northland Pines, Mosinee, Waupaca, Antigo, Lakeland, Medford and Rhinelander.

Gafner said the Shawano youth hockey teams and the high school team plays most of the GNC teams already.

"This is 15 years in the making," he said. "We are finally in a conference we belong in."

An early vote by the athletic directors of the existing GNC schools was against allowing Shawano to join. Gafner holds no animosity because of the vote.

"They voted based on what they thought was the best interests of their students," he said. "I understand that."

As conference members, the team can now compete for a conference title, and players can compete for conference awards, both of which are lacking when teams play an independent schedule.

The move could also generate some rivalries for the Hawks.

"We sort of have one now against Antigo," Gafner said. "We could develop one with Rhinelander, with even more over time."

Adding Shawano to the mix isn't the end of the realignment, though.

A fast-track application placing Merrill in the Great Northern Conference for boys hockey will be addressed by the WIAA board following the completion of the realignment process in April.

Merrill currently is part of a co-op team called East/Merrill United with Wausau East and Newman Catholic.

Next season, Merrill will have its own independent team.

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Once the Panthers had the lead, they began milking the clock and ran off more than two minutes on one possession.

"I know this has been a debate for a couple of years now, but should we or shouldn't we have a shot clock," Hoffa said. "They started pulling it out with about 13 (minutes) to go when they were only up by 2 or 4. We talked about if we get down, that's exactly what's going to happen. Sure enough, that's what happened."

Another Brady basket cut Reedsville's lead to 45-41, but the Panthers closed the game with an 11-4 run and scored their last five points from the free-throw line after the Tigers needed to foul to get the ball back.

Brady scored 18 of Tigerton's 33 points in the first half and 10 of the team's 12 in the second half to finish with a game-high 28. Brody Miller added 10 points, but no other Tigerton player scored more than three.

Schwahn led the Panthers with 21 points, including five 3-pointers. Arden Strenn and Ben Prochnow also finished in double figures with 15 and 13 points, respectively.

Tigerton 54, Wabeno/Laona 41

Brady's 26 points and 18 rebounds helped the Tigers keep their season alive with a win over the Rebels.



Tigerton's Caleb Dahlstrom guards Reedsville's Zach Prochnow.

GREG SEUBERT

Tigerton took a 29-21 lead into the locker room at halftime and outscored the Rebels 25-20 over the final 18 minutes.

"Our strength is inside, obviously," Hoffa said. "(Brady) did what he had to do and our guards did just enough to get us over that hump. Anytime there was a run, we were able to hold our composure and continue to stay the course and get a bucket. That's always been our motto: get a bucket, get a stop."

Brady was the only Tigerton player to score in double figures, as Miller and Sam Anheuser added eight points each.

"Once we were able to pull away and give ourselves a little bit of breathing room, you could tell (Wabeno/Laona) panicked a little bit," Hoffa said. "Give them credit. They put that pressure on us, and it's something honestly I don't think we really expected. Nobody's really pressured us all year long. We had our turnovers, but we were able to overcome it and get some easy buckets down the stretch."

Besides Brady, the Tigers' defensive effort also led to the win, Hoffa said.

"That defense is so

tough," he said. "(Wabeno/Laona) is guard-oriented, and they live and die by that 3. Kudos to these guys. They played awesome."

Although the season ended with a loss, Hoffa hopes his players will remember the most successful season in program history.

"It was a magical season for our boys, for the school, for the town," he said. "I can't be prouder of what we've done and accomplished. Unfortunately, we fell one short. It hurts, it stings, but like I told the boys, if you give it a week or two and go back and look at the entire season, they're going to be proud of what they've done."

Bay Conference will expand to 10 schools

Beginning in the 2027-28 school year, the Bay Conference will expand to 10 teams in all sports except for football.

The change was approved by the WIAA on March 10.

According to the realignment plan, Appleton

West will exit the Fox Valley Association to enter the Bay Conference.

Teams already in the Bay Conference are Fox Valley Lutheran, Green Bay East, Green Bay West, Menasha, New London, Seymour, Shawano, Winneconne and Xavier.

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Local deer hunting chapters counting on annual banquets

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

A statewide organization based in Shawano that wants to promote deer hunting and other outdoors-related activities is looking for new members and new chapters.

Chuck Dallas, of Shawano, is president of the Wisconsin Deer Hunters Inc. board of directors and is past president of the group's Shawano chapter.

"The old-timers, when they created this thing back in 1988, they were all involved in White-tails Unlimited, wild turkeys and all that," he said. "They were disappointed that they would work really hard as volunteers at these banquets and see the money leave the community."

Wisconsin Deer Hunters Inc. was originally known as Wisconsin Whitetails Inc. until a name change in 1998.

"Most of what our six chapters are doing is helping promote things within our own communities," Dallas said. "A lot of this is youth organizations, trying to get youths involved in shooting sports, hunting, fishing. It's kind of the same with veterans and disabled individuals. We're funding food pantries, homeless shelters, you name it. I think it's very impressive that the six chapters have given out over \$132,000 to their local communities."

Dallas said it's important for organizations like Wisconsin Deer Hunters to get new people interested and involved in the outdoors.

"In this area, we have trap-shooting teams at the high school level," he said. "We have shooting sports through 4-H."

The organization also provides financial support to Raised at Full Draw, a youth camp for hunters and bowhunters that has been held in Shawano



Brynn Hannes, a 2025 graduate of Shawano Community High School and now a student at Iowa State University, received the Clarence Manthei Scholarship from the Wisconsin Deer Hunters Inc.'s Shawano chapter. Chapter President Ron Schmalz presented Hannes with a check last year. Hannes is majoring in agricultural studies with an emphasis in international agriculture. The chapter will hold its annual banquet Sept. 10 at the Crawford Center in Shawano.

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County since 2020.

Dallas said the six chapters include about 1,200 members. Four of those chapters are located in Shawano County.

Each of the six chapters have scheduled a fundraising banquet in 2026.

Upcoming banquets for area chapters are:

- Witt-Birn Chapter: 5 p.m. April 11 at Chet & Emil's, Birnamwood. Contact Denny Brahmer at 715-454-6637 or bucksinbotoms@gmail.com for details.

- Northwinds Chapter: 5 p.m. Aug. 28 at Northwinds Banquet Hall, Marion. Contact Al Beyersdorf at 715-853-6586 or northwindschapter@yahoo.com.

- Shawano Chapter: 5 p.m. Sept. 10 at the Crawford Center, Shawano. Contact Scott Parsons at 715-853-6772, 715-524-1951 or Sparson63@gmail.com for details.

- Woodland Chapter: 5 p.m. Oct. 1 at Woodland Supper Club & Banquet Hall, Gresham. Contact Michael Prey at 715-940-0401 or WoodlandCWDH@gmail.com for details.

Dallas is involved with the Shawano chapter's banquet and estimated about half of the organization's members are deer hunters.

"It's our major fundraiser for the year," he said. "Some (chapters) may have other events, but

this determines how much money we have to support the communities. It can be as high as 300 people and as low as 80."

Two of the chapters – Shawano and Woodland – are fewer than 20 miles apart, and several WDH members attend both banquets.

"Both of them are very successful with about 180 people showing up," Dallas said. "Back in the day, the old-timers had different thoughts on what the banquet should look like. We run things a little differently, and our banquets are about a month apart. We have some members that go to both, which is fine, but some that are just a member of

one (chapter) and not the other."

Raffle and door prizes such as firearms attract many people to each banquet.

"Some of us will bundle raffles so you can be in more at a cheaper cost," Dallas said. "There are youth guns, things for the ladies like apparel or jewelry."

The Shawano chapter has added exhibitors to its banquets.

For the most part, banquet attendees are WDH members.

"We'll have members come and go depending on what happens with family activities," Dallas said. "We have a fun activity where there's a gun (prize) for every table. We have round tables with eight people, so you have a one in eight chance of winning, and people love it."

Many of the raffle and door prizes are purchased at a discount, while others are donated.

"In Shawano, we moved to Scheels, and they supply us with guns all tied to a gift card," he said. "You win a \$500 gun, and you get a gift card that night. You can go get that gun within 10 days if you like, or you can buy anything you like in the store. Some of our chapters are still doing the registration right at the banquet, but the vendors we work with are pretty open. If you don't want this Ruger 10/22 that you just won, but you're shopping for a shotgun, come on down and we can work with you."

WDH is currently open to the idea of adding additional chapters throughout Wisconsin. A chapter in the Appleton area recently folded after running out of volunteers, and Dallas said ideal areas for new chapters include the Fox Valley, Madison, La Crosse and Eau Claire.

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Pulaski, Wisconsin 54162
Dated this day of March, 3, 2026.
Plaintiff's Attorney:
Robert D. Sweeney
Sweeney Law Office S.C.
104 E. State Hwy 54
P.O. Box 206
Seymour, WI 54165
(920) 833-6116
George Lenzner, Shawano County Sheriff PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION ACT (15 U.S.C. SEC. 1692), WE ARE REQUIRED TO STATE THAT WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ON OUR CLIENT'S BEHALF AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
BROWN COUNTY
CIVIL DIVISION

ONEMAIN FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC
SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO
WILMINGTON TRUST, N.A., AS ISSUER
LOAN TRUSTEE FOR ONEMAIN
DIRECT AUTO RECEIVABLES TRUST
2021-1
601 NW Second Street
Evansville IN 47708

Plaintiff,

1. Case No.: 2026CV000194
Classification Code: 30301
The amount claimed is over \$10,000.
CORY J CLEGG
N4241 STONY HILL RD
MARION WI 54950
Defendant.

PUBLICATION SUMMONS

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, To the person named above as a defendant:
You are hereby notified that the plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The complaint, which is attached, states the nature and basis of the legal action.
Within 40 (forty) days after 02/26/26, you must respond with a written answer, as that term is used in Chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the complaint. The court may reject or disregard an answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The answer must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is 100 S Jefferson Street, Green Bay, WI 54305 and to DLF Law Group, LLC (formerly Dobberstein Law Firm, LLC), the plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 225 S. Executive Drive, Brookfield, Wisconsin 53005. You may have an attorney help or represent you.
If you do not provide a proper answer within 40 (forty) days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.
Dated this 24th day of February, 2026.
DLF Law Group, LLC (formerly DOBBERSTEIN LAW FIRM, LLC)
Attorneys for the plaintiff
Electronically signed by Jillian E Caggiano
Jillian E Caggiano
State Bar No. 1101032
MAILING ADDRESS:
225 S. Executive Dr.
Brookfield, WI 53005
(262) 641-3715
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3/13/26, 3/20/26, 3/27/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
SHAWANO COUNTY
Notice and Order for
Name Change Hearing
Case No. 26CV37

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF
Adele Rae Harrison
By Leland V Ruiz-Gouty Jennifer Lynn Ruiz-Gouty
NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: Adele Rae Harrison
To: Adele Rae Ruiz-Gouty
Birth Certificate: Adele Rae Harrison
IT IS ORDERED:
This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Shawano County, State of Wisconsin
Judge Name: Kathrine Sloma
Place: Shawano County Courthouse
311 S. Main ST, Shawano, WI 54166
Date: 04/09/2026
Time: 8:45 a.m.

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3/13/26, 3/20/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

Notice of Public Hearing
Planning, Development and Zoning Committee Meeting
Wednesday, April 1, 2026 @ 9:00 AM
Shawano County Courthouse, Rooms A & B
Members: Ken Capelle, Jeremy Gretzinger, Lowell Hammett, Kathy Luebke, Theresa Serrano

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Shawano County Planning, Development and Zoning Committee under the Shawano County Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 40, in Rooms A/B on April 1, 2026 at 9AM, to consider the following application:
CU-4-26: Donald M Olson request conditional use permit for the purpose of constructing a Nonfarm Residence (Land Use) in the FP, Farmland and Forest Preservation Zoning District on approximately 40.00 total acres. Property is located and described as part of the NW ¼ of the SE ¼, Section 24, T26N R12E, located in the Town of Fairbanks. Tax Parcel #014-24420-0000. Property Address: W14600 US HWY 45.
CU-5-26: Thomas M Maroszek request conditional use permit for the purpose of conducting a Non-Metallic Mining Extraction (Land Use) in the OAR, Open Lands, Agriculture, and Residential Zoning District on approximately 25.00 total acres. Property is located and described as commencing at the NE Corner of Government Lot 9 Thence W 1347.54' Thence S 813.71' Thence E 1349.34' Thence N 813.93' to the point of beginning, Section 3, T26N R18E, located in the Town of Angelica. Tax Parcel #004-03090-0010. Property Address: N4753 Elm Road.
CU-6-26: Jay Bosetski request conditional use permit for the purpose of constructing a Nonfarm Residence (Land Use) in the FP, Farmland and Forest Preservation Zoning District on approximately 2.0090 total acres. Property is located and described as part of the NE ¼ of the fractional NW ¼ commencing at the NE corner thence W 767.75' to the point of beginning thence S 366.01' thence E 248.04' thence N 252.93' thence W 28.03' thence S 86.94' thence W 220' to the point of beginning, Section 6, T25N R18E, located in the Town of Maple Grove. Tax Parcel: #030-06210-0010. Property Address: W2369 CTY Road S.
Z-5-26: Gregory S & Terri J Roesler request zone change from the A-R, Agricultural Residential Zoning District to OAR, Open Lands, Agriculture and Residential Zoning District for the purpose of constructing a Hunting, Fishing, or Recreational Shelter on approximately 27.01 total acres. Property is located and described as Part of the SE ¼ of the SE ¼, Section 22 & Part of the SW ¼ of the SW ¼, Section 23 all in T27N R12E Now known as Lot 4 Certified Survey Map #4777 located in the Town of Morris. Tax Parcel: #032-22440-0000. Currently vacant land.
Z-6-26: Jesse D & Katie M Putnam request zone change from the A-R, Agricultural Residential Zoning District to OAR, Open Lands, Agriculture and Residential Zoning District for the purpose of keeping and maintaining a Hunting, Fishing, or Recreational Shelter on approximately 7.3880 total acres. Property is located and described as NE ¼ of the NE ¼ E of the highway except where E line of the highway intersects S line said 40 thence along S line of said 40 10 rods to the river thence northly 12 rods westerly 8 rods to E line of highway thence southerly along E line of said highway 16 rods to point of beginning, Section 27, T27N R12E, located in the Town of Morris. Tax Parcel:032-27110-0010. Property Address: N5690 CTY RD J.
Z-7-26: Nicholas Pues, agent and Dean L & Julie Pues and Beverley & Rosella Pues, owners request zone change 1) a portion of parcel #034-29330-0010 from FP, Farmland and Forest Preservation to OAR, Open Lands, Agriculture and Residential to be combined with parcel #034-29330-0000 which is zoned OAR. Property is located and described as Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section 29; Thence South 88°54'42" East along the South line of the Southwest ¼, 1310.66 feet to the East line of the Southwest ¼ of the Southwest ¼; Thence North 03°28'30" East along the East line of the Southwest ¼ of the Southwest ¼, 1021.65 feet to the Southeast corner of rezone area 1 and the point of beginning; Thence North 89°21'13" West, 305.30 feet; Thence North 03°28'30" East, 56.43 to the South line of a parcel described in Document Number 569790; Thence South 89°21'13" East along said South line, 305.30 feet to said East line of the Southwest ¼ of the Southwest ¼; Thence South 03°28'30" West along said East line 56.43 feet to the point of beginning. AND 2) a rezone on a portion of parcel #034-29330-0000 from OAR, Open Lands, Agriculture and Residential to FP, Farmland and Forest Preservation to be combined with parcel # 034-29330-0010 which is zoned FP. Property is located and described as Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section 29; Thence South 88°54'42" East along the South line of the Southwest ¼, 1310.66 feet to the East line of the Southwest ¼ he Southwest ¼; Thence North 03°28'30" East along the East line of the Southwest ¼ of the Southwest ¼ 1021.65 feet; Thence North 89°21'13" West, 305.30 feet; Thence North 03°28'30" East, 56.43 to the Southeast corner of Rezone Area 2 and the point of beginning; Thence North 89°21'13" West, 95.19 feet to the West line of a parcel described in Document Number 569790; Thence North 03°28'30" East, 170.67 feet to the North line of a parcel described in Document Number 569790; Thence North 78°29'16" East along said North line, 98.42 feet; Thence South 03°28'30" West, 191.41 feet to said Southeast corner of Rezone Area 2 and the point of beginning. Both in Section 29, T25N R16E in the Town of Navarino. Property Address: W6797 Pues Road, W6805 Pues Road. To be combined via a certified survey map.
Any interested person may address the Planning, Development and Zoning Committee by letter or appear in person, or by agent, and be heard at the public hearing. Written correspondence must bear a legible signature of the author as well as the primary address of the signer.
The Committee will accept and review all previously received pertinent information relative to the above listed item(s) during the open session of the public hearing on April 1, 2026. Notice is further given that printed copies of these proposals are available for public inspection in the Planning and Development office during regular business hours. Please note that upon reasonable notice, effort will be made to accommodate the needs of any person wishing to attend who, because of disability, requires special accommodation through appropriate aids and services. Call 715-526-6766 to leave a message for arrangements.
Dated this March 3, 2026
For: The Shawano County Planning, Development and Zoning Committee
By: Kyle Waelchli, Zoning Administrator
NOTE: Any person may appear at the public hearing and be heard and/or submit comments to be read into the record for Committee consideration. Correspondence must bear a legible signature of the author as well as the primary address of the signer.
Accommodations due to disability can be made by calling: 715-526-6766
Meeting notice emailed/posted: Shawano County Courthouse, Department of Human Services, Shawano County Library, Shawano Leader, WTCH Radio, Shawano County Civic website @ coshawanowi.civicweb.net
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3/20/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

Washington Lake District Treatment Notification
Lake and Pond Solutions, LLC has applied for a permit from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to treat up to 9 acres of Washington Lake in Shawano County for invasive Eurasian Water Milfoil and Curly Leaf Pondweed. Estimated treatment will be in the month of June, 2026. Treatment signs will be posted after the treatment and will state the restrictions associated with the products used.
Lake and Pond Solutions, LLC will conduct a public informational meeting on the proposed treatments if five or more individuals, organizations, special units of government, or local units of government per permit request one. The meeting will give citizens a chance to learn more about the proposed treatments based on information provided to the citizens attending the meeting.
Any request for a public meeting on these proposed treatments must be made within five days after this notice is published. The request must specify the property, topics to be discussed at the meeting, including problems and alternatives, and must be sent in writing to Lake and Pond Solutions, LLC, N1025 Julius Drive, Greenville, WI 54942 and copied to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, c/o Brenda Nordin, 647 Lakeland Road Shawano, WI 54166
This notice is required by Chapter NR 107, Wisconsin Administrative Code.
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STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

BUY IT
SELL IT
RENT IT

Call Today 715-526-6188 NEW MEDIA INC

3/13/26, 3/20/26, 3/27/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
BROWN COUNTY
AMENDED SUMMONS
THE STATE OF WISCONSIN
Our File #W156176
Case No. 25CV001756
AUTOMAX FINANCIAL LLC
DBA CNAC
Plaintiff,
VS.
JEANETTE MARIE CHEVALIER
Defendant.
TO:JEANETTE MARIE CHEVALIER
N3332 STATE HWY 55
KESHENA WI 54135
You are hereby notified that the Plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The Complaint, which is also served on you, states the nature and basis of the legal action.
Within Forty (40) days after March 13, 2026, you must respond with a written answer, as that term is used in Chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the Complaint. The court may reject or disregard an answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The answer must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is: CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT, BROWN COUNTY, 100 S JEFFERSON ST, GREEN BAY WI 54305-3600 and the Kohn Law Firm, Plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 735 N. Water St., Suite 1300, Milwaukee, WI 53202. You may have an attorney help or represent you.
If no Complaint accompanies this Summons you must respond within the said 40 day period with a written demand for a copy of the Complaint by mailing or delivering said written demand to the court and to the Plaintiff's attorneys at their respective addresses listed above. If you do not provide a proper answer to the Complaint or provide a written demand for said complaint within the 40 day period, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property. Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin March 4, 2026.
KOHNN LAW FIRM S.C.
ELECTRONICALLY SIGNED BY: /S/ TRAVIS J. SAWYER
TRAVIS J. SAWYER
State Bar No. 1126943
Attorney for Plaintiff
WNAXLP
SHA-162

3/6/26, 3/13/26, 3/20/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT

SHAWANO COUNTY

Planet Home Lending, LLC
Plaintiff,
vs.
Kaylyn Raether, John Doe Raether a/k/a Eric Raether a/k/a Erik Raether and The United States of America acting by and through the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
Defendants.
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
Case No. 25-CV-000200

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered on December 23, 2025 in the amount of \$330,220.30 the Sheriff will sell the described premises at public auction as follows:
TIME:
April 8, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.
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 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 of the sale or else the 10% down payment is forfeited to the plaintiff. The property is sold 'as is' and subject to all liens and encumbrances.
PLACE:
In the front lobby of the Shawano County Courthouse, City and County of Shawano
DESCRIPTION:
Lot 13 of Smalley Park Place, City of Shawano, Shawano County, Wisconsin, according to the recorded plat thereof.
PROPERTY ADDRESS:
607 W 5th St Shawano, WI 54166-2310
DATED:
January 23, 2026
Gray & Associates, L.L.P.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
16345 West Glendale Drive
New Berlin, WI 53151-2841
(414) 224-8404
George Lenzner
Shawano County Sheriff
Please go to www.gray-law.com to obtain the bid for this sale.
Gray & Associates, L.L.P. is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If you have previously received a discharge in a chapter 7 bankruptcy case, this communication should not be construed as an attempt to hold you personally liable for the debt.
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3/13/26, 3/20/26, 3/27/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT
BMO BANK N.A.,
Plaintiff,
V.
RANDALL J. NELSON a/k/a RANDY NELSON
a/k/a RANDALL NELSON,
JANE DOE SPOUSE, unknown spouse of
RANDALL J. NELSON a/k/a RANDY NELSON
a/k/a RANDALL NELSON,
DISCOVER BANK,
PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES LLC a/k/a
PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, L.L.C.
Assignee of FIA CARD SERVICES AND
FIRST PORTFOLIO VENTURES II, LLC, Defendants.
Case No. 23CV106
Case Code: 30404
Foreclosure of Mortgage
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
By virtue of and pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and other relief made in the above- captioned action, and the order of the Court dated on the 30th day of October, 2023, and entered on the 30th day of October, 2023, in the amount of \$86,442.48, I will sell at public auction in the front lobby of the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 North Main Street, Shawano, Wisconsin 54166, on the 8th day of April, 2026 at 9:00 a.m., all of the following premises, to-wit:
A parcel of land in the Southeast One-quarter (1/4) of the Southeast One-quarter (1/4) of Section Eight (8), Township Twenty-seven (27) North, Range Sixteen (16) East, Town of Wescott, Shawano County, Wisconsin, described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of the Southeast One-quarter (1/4) of the Southeast One-quarter (1/4) of Section Eight (8); thence East on Section Line 150 feet, and there is the place of beginning; thence North 410 feet; thence East 260 feet; thence South 410 feet to Section Line; thence West 260 feet to the place of beginning.
Property Address:
W6580 Old Lake Lane
Shawano, WI 54166
Parcel Identification No.:
4166 048-084400080
TERMS OF SALE: Cash, Cashier's Check or Certified Funds
DOWN PAYMENT: 10% of amount bid by cash, cashier's check or certified funds. Balance of purchase price must be paid within ten (10) days after confirmation of the sale. Dated at Shawano, Wisconsin, this
27 day of February 2026.
George Lenzner
Sheriff of Shawano County
THIS PROPERTY IS SOLD "AS IS" SUBJECT TO ALL LEGAL ENCUMBRANCES, ANY PRE-CONFIRMATION OF SALE OR POST-CONFIRMATION OF SALE REDEMPTION RIGHTS, AND ANY OUTSTANDING AND ACCRUING REAL ESTATE TAXES, SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS, AND PENALTIES AND INTEREST, IF ANY. PURCHASER WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY ALL TRANSFER AND RECORDING FEES AND, IF DESIRED, THE COST OF TITLE EVIDENCE.
Prepared by:
Attorney Matthew J. Krawczyk
State Bar No. 1064349
KRAWCZYK, DUGINSKI & ROHR, S.C.
16535 West Bluemound Road, Suite 310
Brookfield, WI 53005
Telephone: (262) 827-5800
Fax: (262) 827-5809
Email: matt@kdrlawyers.com
KRAWCZYK, DUGINSKI, & ROHR, S.C.
IS A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY OF THE UNDERLYING DEBT, THIS COMMUNICATION SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS AN ATTEMPT TO HOLD YOU PERSONALLY LIABLE FOR THE DEBT.
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3/13/26, 3/20/26, 3/27/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ESTHER F. HOPKINS
Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration) Case No. 26 PR 16
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth September 28, 1951 and date of death January 30, 2026, was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of W5031 Chippewa, Drive, Shawano, WI 54166.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is June 16, 2026.
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate office.
BY THE COURT:
DATE SIGNED: March 3, 2026
Electronically signed by Gwen Hoffman.
Probate Registrar
Form completed by:
Attorney Michael A. Maas
Heritage Law Firm, LLC
2050 Riverside Drive
Green Bay, WI 54301
920-785-8570
Bar Number: 1061377
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COURT NEWS

• Louis E. Ellwart, 54, Shawano, pleaded no contest March 10 to felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. Judge William Kussel Jr. sentenced him to 240 days in county jail with credit for 154 days already served.

• Kraig J. Kolkowski, 35, Pulaski, pleaded no contest March 12 to two counts of felony bail jumping and

misdemeanor charges of resisting or obstructing an officer and knowingly violating a domestic abuse order. Judge Gregory Jerabek levied fines and sentenced him to 120 days in county jail.

• Bradley J. Miller, 43, a Marion man serving a prison sentence at Kettle Moraine Correctional Institution in Plymouth, pleaded no contest March 12 to felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor charge of criminal damage to property. Jerabek sentenced him to one year in county jail.

• Joseph E. Zember, 54, Green Bay, pleaded no contest March 9 to felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor charge of disorderly conduct. Judge Katherine Sloma imposed and stayed a jail sentence and placed him on two years of probation with conditions.

• Ayesha M. Dodge, Keshena, was charged March 9 with possession of methamphetamine, possession of an illegal article, five counts of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of

possession of drug paraphernalia. Kussel set a \$7,500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for March 16.

• Ryan Faborito, 43, Shawano, was charged March 9 with felony bail jumping. Kussel set a \$5,000 signature bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for April 6.

• Samantha L. Beyer, 38, Shawano, was charged March 9 with operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fourth offense) and misdemeanor counts of operating while

revoked and violating an ignition interlock device order. Kussel set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for May 7.

• Kimberly M. Boivin, 31, Shawano, was charged March 9 with child neglect and felony bail jumping. Kussel set a \$5,000 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for May 6.

• Monnee Newese Haack, 27, Neopit, was charged March 9 with felony bail jumping. Kussel set a \$750 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for March 17.

• Alex Dixon Shawano-kasic, 43, Keshena, was charged March 9 with felony bail jumping. Kussel set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for May 11.

• Stuart L. Long, 39, Cecil, was charged March 10 with four counts of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of operating a motor vehicle while his license was revoked. Kussel set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for April 20.

• Joseph A. Andrus, 29, Shawano, was charged March 11 with two counts of felony bail jumping and one count of misdemeanor bail jumping. Kussel set a \$2,500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for April 8.

• Robert W. Andrzejewski, 60, Shawano, was charged March 11 with possession of THC (second or subsequent

offense) and a misdemeanor count of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (third offense). Kussel set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for April 30.

• Maria J. Pecore, 37, Shawano, was charged March 12 with possession of methamphetamine, possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), and misdemeanor counts of possession of drug paraphernalia and resisting or obstructing an officer. Kussel set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for March 23.

• Quentin L. Escalante, 21, Shawano, was charged March 13 with possession of a firearm by a person convicted of a felony and a misdemeanor count of bail jumping. Kussel set a \$4,000 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for May 19.

• Destiny M. Spruce, 45, Bowler, was charged March 13 with battery by a prisoner, substantial battery and a misdemeanor count of bail jumping. Kussel set a \$3,000 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for April 1.

• Austin M. Sperberg, 22, Shawano, was charged March 13 with fleeing an officer in his vehicle and a misdemeanor count of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (third offense). Kussel set a \$1,200 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for April 23.

PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

March 15

Deputies responded to 103 incidents, including automobile theft on Poplar Road in the town of Richmond; a disturbance on Home Street in Wittenberg; one 911 call; two traffic hazards; two welfare checks; 70 crashes.

March 14

Deputies responded to 31 incidents, including suspicious activity near County Road BE and North Hill Road in the Town of Waukechon; operating a motor vehicle while revoked near Lake Drive and Shawano Shores Court in the Town of Wescott; fraud on Stark Road in the Town of Wescott; a disturbance on Mork Road in the Town of Wescott; a disturbance at Big Time Sports Bar and Grill, W6014 Lake Drive, Town of Wescott; disorderly conduct at Brothers Pub, N5867 Lake Drive, Town of Wescott; an animal bite on West Hazel Drive in the Town of Richmond; threatening on Chrissie Circle in the Town of Washington; three 911 calls; one reckless driving incident; four crashes, one involving deer.

March 13

Deputies responded to 37 incidents, including property damage on County Road MMM in the Town of Richmond; bail jumping on North Main Street in Shawano; disorderly conduct on state Highway 156 in the Town of

Lessor; disorderly conduct on Birch Street in Tigerton; three reckless driving incidents; three traffic hazards; one welfare check; nine crashes.

March 12

Deputies responded to 35 incidents, including illegal burning on South Prouty Street in Wittenberg and on Hiawatha Court in the Town of Wescott; trespassing on Elm Road in the Town of Angelica; operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated on state Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; one traffic hazard; three welfare checks; two crashes.

March 11

Deputies responded to 33 incidents, including theft on state Highway 117 in the Town of Washington; fraud on Capitol Drive in the Town of Belle Plaine; suspicious activity near Northwood and West Lake Crest drives in the Town of Wescott; one 911 call; one reckless driving incident; one traffic hazard; one welfare check; four crashes.

March 10

Deputies responded to 23 incidents, including fraud on Amber Lane in the Town of Belle Plaine and on Church Road in the Town of Angelica; disorderly conduct on South Webb Street in Wittenberg and on Hofa Park Road in the Town of Lessor; operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated on East Green Bay Street in Shawano; one 911 call; two traffic hazards; two welfare checks; one crash.

3/13/26, 3/20/26, 3/27/26

STATE OF WISCONSIN

SHAWANO COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT

Wolf River Holdings, Corp.
W5322 Debbie Court
Shawano, WI 54166

Plaintiff

-VS-

Andrew Jung
206 S Lincoln St
Shawano, WI
54166

defendant

Publication Summons and Notice (Small Claims)

Case No. 202650000077

Publications Summons and Notice of Filing

TO THE PERSON(S) NAMED ABOVE AS DEFENDANT(S):

You are being sued by the person(s) named above as Plaintiff(s). A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above.

The lawsuit will be heard in the following small claims court:

Shawano County Courthouse
clerk of court: 715-526-9347
311 N Main ST #109,
Shawano, WI 54166

3/31/26 1:00 p.m.

If you do not attend the hearing, the court may enter a judgment against you in favor of the person(s) suing you. A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate (property) you own now or in the future and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

You may have the option to Answer without appearing in court on the court date by filing a written Answer with the clerk of court before the court date. You must send a copy of your Answer to the Plaintiff(s) named above at their address. You may contact the clerk of court at the telephone number above to determine if there are other methods to answer a Small Claims complaint in that county.

Ashley Engel
2/18/26
715-853-8371

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3/6/26, 3/13/26, 3/20/26

STATE OF WISCONSIN

SHAWANO COUNTY

STATE OF WISCONSIN

CIRCUIT COURT

MENOMINEE COUNTY

Connexus Credit Union
PO Box 8026
Wausau, WI 54402

PUBLICATION SUMMONS

Plaintiff,
vs.

Case No. 25-CV-18

Ryan R. Fish
N3475 Cottage Ave
Neopit, WI 54150

The Honorable
Katherine Sloma
Case Code 30303
(Other Contracts)
The amount claimed exceeds
\$10,000.00

Defendant.

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN

To each person named above as a defendant:

You are hereby notified that the plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you.

Within 40 days after March 6, 2026, you must respond with a written demand for a copy of the complaint. The demand must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is Menominee County Courthouse, W3269 Courthouse Ln, PO Box 279, Keshena, WI, 54315 and to Gray & Associates, L.L.P., plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 16345 West Glendale Drive, New Berlin, WI 53151. You may have an attorney help or represent you.

If you do not demand a copy of the complaint within 40 days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

Dated this 25 th day of February, 2026

Gray & Associates, L.L.P.
Attorneys for Plaintiff

By:
Ian J. Thomson
State Bar No. 1076280
16345 West Glendale Drive
New Berlin, WI 53151-2841
(414) 224-1987

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3/13/26, 3/20/26, 3/27/26

STATE OF WISCONSIN

SHAWANO COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT

BONDUEL STATE BANK

Plaintiff,

VS

KRAIG J. KOLKOWSKI

and

WESTERN EQUIPMENT FINANCE,
A DIVISION OF WESTERN STATE BANK

Defendants.

Case No. 25 CV 156
Code No. 30404
in excess of \$5,000.00

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

TAKE NOTICE, that by virtue of a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on December 1, 2025, a Stipulation and Order to Shorten Redemption Period entered on January 16, 2026, and an Amended Judgment entered on February 26, 2026, the Sheriff will sell the below-described premises to satisfy the judgement amount below at public auction as follows:

DATE AND TIME:
9:00 a.m. on April 8, 2026

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$307,740.72

TERMS OF SALE:

1. Ten percent (10%) of the successful bid must be paid to the Sheriff at the sale in cash or cashier's check, payable to the Clerk of Courts (personal checks cannot and will not be accepted). The balance of the successful bid must be paid to the Clerk of Court in cash, cashier's check, or certified funds no later than ten days after the Court's confirmation of sale or else the 10% down payment is forfeited to Plaintiff.

2. The Property is sold "as is" and subject to all unpaid real estate taxes.

3. Buyer to pay applicable Wisconsin Real Estate Transfer Tax in addition to the purchase price.

PLACE: The first floor of the Shawano County Courthouse located at 311 N. Main Street, Shawano, Wisconsin 54166. Case 2025CV000156 Document 34

DESCRIPTION/PARCEL #:

Part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SE ¼ of the NE ¼), Section Thirty- four (34), Township Twenty-six (26) North, Range Eighteen (18) East, in the Town of Angelica, Shawano County, Wisconsin, bounded and described as follows:

Commencing at the Northeast corner of Section Thirty-four (34); thence South 00 deg. 52 min. 23 sec. East, along the East line of the NE ¼ of said Section Thirty-four (34) a distance of 2,201.30 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 00 deg. 52 min. 23 sec. East along the East line of the SE 4 of NE ¼ of said Section Thirty-four (34) a distance of 422.28 feet to the East quarter corner of Section Thirty-four (34), Township Twenty-six (26) North, Range Eighteen (18) East; thence North 85 deg. 26 min. 15 sec. West along the South line of the SE ¼ of the NE ¼ of said Section Thirty-four (34) a distance of 1,386.44 feet to the Southwest corner of the SE ¼ of NE ¼ of said Section Thirty-four (34); thence North 00 deg. 33 min. 34 sec. East along the West line of the SE ¼ of NE ¼ of Section Thirty-four (34) a distance of 257.66 feet; thence South 89 deg. 38 min. 13 sec. East a distance of 845.73 feet; thence North 53 deg. 43 min. 44 sec. East a distance of 170.15 feet; thence South 89 deg. 38 min. 13 sec. East a distance of 225.58 feet; thence South 00 deg. 29 min. 10 sec. West a distance of 38.53 feet; thence South 89 deg. 38 min. 13 sec. East a distance of 165.79 feet to the point of beginning.

Pin: 004-34140-0000

PROPERTY ADDRESS:
N2727 Elm Road,
Pulaski, Wisconsin 54162
P.O. Box 206
Seymour, WI 54165
(920) 833-6116

George Lenzner, Shawano County Sheriff PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION ACT (15 U.S.C. SEC. 1692), WE ARE REQUIRED TO STATE THAT WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ON OUR CLIENT'S BEHALF AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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SHA-156

3/13/26, 3/20/26, 3/27/26

STATE OF WISCONSIN

SHAWANO COUNTY

STATE OF WISCONSIN

CIRCUIT COURT

SHAWANO COUNTY

Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing

Case No. 25CV35

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF

Cynthia Rae Lanter

By Cynthia Rae Lanter

NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:

From: Cynthia Rae Lanter

To: Cynthia Rae Mehlberg

Birth Certificate: Cynthia Rae Mehlberg

IT IS ORDERED:

This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Shawano County, State of Wisconsin

Judge Name: Katie Sloma

Place: BR1

311 Main ST, Shawano, WI 54166

Date: April 9, 2026

Time: 8:30 a.m.

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SHA-151

3/13/26, 3/20/26, 3/27/26

STATE OF WISCONSIN

SHAWANO COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT:

MICHAEL G. SCHAUER AND NANCY A. SCHAUER, as Trustees of the MICHAEL G. AND NANCY A. SCHAUER LIVING TRUST

DATED OCTOBER 7, 2021,

W6290 Sandy Lane
Shawano, WI 54166

Plaintiffs,

UNKNOWN HEIRS OF HARRY A. ANDERSON and OTHER PARTIES IN INTEREST,

Defendants.

Case No.: 26-CV-43
Case Code: 30405

SUMMONS

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, to each person named above as a Defendant:

You are hereby notified that the plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. Within 40 days after March 13, 2026, you must respond with a written demand for a copy of the complaint. The demand must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is Shawano County Clerk of Court, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano, WI 54166 and to DeWitt LLP, Plaintiffs' attorney, whose address is 2391 Holmgren Way, Green Bay, WI 54304.

You may have an attorney to help or represent you. If you do not demand a copy of the complaint within 40 days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

DEWITT LLP
March 4, 2026

Electronically signed by Nathan J. VerVelde
Nathan J. VerVelde (SBN 1115737)
Terry J. Gerbers (SBN 1021251)
2391 Holmgren Way
Green Bay, WI 54304
Telephone: (920) 499-5700
Facsimile: (920) 499-9790
Email: nvervelde@dewittllp.com
Email: tgerbers@dewittllp.com
History: 1983 a. 323; Sup Ct. Order, 171 Wis. 2d xix (1992); 1997 a. 187, 250; 1999 a. 32, 186; 2001 a. 16; 2005 a. 442.

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SHA-158

3/6/26, 3/13/26, 3/20/26

STATE OF WISCONSIN

SHAWANO COUNTY

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT SHAWANO COUNTY

Village Capital & Investment LLC

Plaintiff,

vs.

Austin James Fleming a/k/a Austin Fleming and Destiny Yessenia Reacco-Davis

Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Case No. 25-CV-000248

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered on December 16, 2025 in the amount of \$177,740.27 the Sheriff will sell the described premises at public auction as follows:

TIME: April 8, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

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 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 of the sale or else the 10% down payment is forfeited to the plaintiff. The property is sold 'as is' and subject to all liens and encumbrances.

PLACE: In the front lobby of the Shawano County Courthouse, City and County of Shawano

DESCRIPTION: Lot Four (4), Block Seven (7), according to the recorded Plat of Hartman and Lutz Addition, in the City of Shawano, Shawano County, Wisconsin.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1018 S Lutz St Shawano, WI 54166-3345

DATED: January 23, 2026

Gray & Associates, L.L.P.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
16345 West Glendale Drive
New Berlin, WI 53151-2841
(414) 224-8404

George Lenzner
Shawano County Sheriff

Please go to www.gray-law.com to obtain the bid for this sale.

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SHA-114

3/13/26, 3/20/26, 3/27/26

STATE OF WISCONSIN

CIRCUIT COURT

SHAWANO COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Sharon Dedolph

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)

Case No. 26. PR 15

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.

2. The decedent, with date of birth February 18, 1945 and date of death December 19, 2025, was domiciled in with a mailing address of Po Box 201 Tigerton, W154486

Shawano County, State of Wisconsin

3. All interested persons waived notice.

4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is June 19, 2026

5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse

311 N. Main St
WI Room 202 Probate Office
Shawano, Wisconsin

Berry Schwalbach
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Wittenberg, WI 54499
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SHA-152

OBITUARIES

John Dahlie

John William Dahlie, 72, of Weston, passed away March 9, 2026, after his courageous battle with cancer.

He was born in Marshfield on Sept. 17, 1953, to the late Norman and Carol (Ohm) Dahlie. He married Katherine Jean Claire Seeger in 1977.

John graduated from Phillips High School and the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, where he earned his bachelor's degree in environmental public health. He continued his education and graduated from Marquette University where he earned his doctor of dental surgery (DDS).

Following graduation, John worked in Milwaukee for a year before moving to Shawano, where he practiced dentistry for more than 40 years. He enjoyed regaling his patients with his wide array of material including tales from his farm, hunting stories, little known facts and dad jokes. He also frequently asked questions while patients' mouths were open, which was likely for his entertainment.

John was a great storyteller, and his favorite topic was his family, proudly sharing updates on his children's and grandchildren's lives and accomplishments. He loved them beyond words and watching their numerous activities was one of his favorite things to do.

John was a dedicated member of Divine Savior Lutheran Church in Shawano for 44 years, before becoming a member of Forgiveness Lutheran Church in Kronenwetter. At Divine Savior, he held various leadership roles in the church council and school board and was a regular usher and greeter.

In his limited free time, he enjoyed managing his "hobby" farm, where he and his family raised a variety of animals. He also spent a significant amount of time fixing fence, chasing the cows that got through the "fixed" fence and eventually selling the cows, because they wouldn't stay inside the fence. John was an avid hunter, who just enjoyed being in the woods. He and Kathy also loved taking

trips and cruises after the kids left the house.

John was an amazing husband, father, and grandfather and emphasized to his family to remain faithful to God. He will be dearly missed, but the sting of death is gone, because he is with God in heaven.

He is survived by Kathy, his wife of 48 years; five children, Andrew (Michelle) Dahlie, David (Melanie) Dahlie, Beth (Luke) Krueger, Emily (Jesse) Stodall and Michael Dahlie; 10 grandchildren, Tyler, Tanner, Mason, Brianna, Johanna, Ethan, Eli, Carson, Adelynn and Charlotte; brother, Dr. Peter (Kathi) Dahlie; sister, Kathy Meyer; mother-in-law, Shirley Seeger; sister-in-law, Trisha Dahlie; brother-in-law, Rick (Roberta) Seeger; and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Norman and Carol; brother Bob; father-in-law, the Rev. Richard Seeger; brother-in-law, Rick Meyer; and sister-in-law, Wendy Dahlie.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 21, 2026, at Divine Savior Lutheran Church in Shawano. The Rev. Fred Berger and the Rev. Joseph Neuberger will officiate. Visitation will be on Friday, March 20, 2026, from 4-7 p.m. at the church. Visitation will continue on Saturday from 9 a.m. until the time of service at the church.

In lieu of flowers, the family request's contributions be made to the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary's Rev. Richard M. Seeger Scholarship memorial fund.

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



Robert D. England

Robert "Bob" Dean England, 80, went to his heavenly home to join his brother, parents and friends on Monday, March 9, 2026, at St. Vincent Hospital, Green Bay.

Bob was born Dec. 31, 1945, in Mattoon, Illinois, the son of Edgar and Phoebe (Jackson) England. He was united in marriage to Mary Lou (Mitchell) Kleinschmidt on Jan. 16, 1988. He was employed at West Bend Company, Northern Aluminum Foundry and Miles Kimball Company until his time of retirement.

Bob was an Army veteran serving in Vietnam with the 9th Infantry Division. He had the privilege of taking the Old Glory Honor Flight on July 28, 2017.

Bob enjoyed watching the Packers, Brewers and Badgers. He also enjoyed camping, motorcycling on his Goldwing and playing a good game of sheepshead. He found immense joy in spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren and great-granddaughter.

He was a longtime member of the men's Ducks Unlimited and enjoyed attending DU events. Bob was also the state director for the Goldwing Road Riders Association and Boy Scout leader for Troop 703. Bob was a proud member of Friedens Lutheran Church of Bonduel, where his faith and fellowship were an important part of his life.

Bob is survived by his loving wife, Mary Lou; children, Rob (Karen) England, Laura (Lisa) England, Sheri (Keith) Raddant, Pam (Cory) Rupert, Amy (Jim) Kleinschmidt and Tommy (Heidi) Kleinschmidt; daughter-in-law, Pam Kleinschmidt; grandchildren, Stephanie England, Brent England, Brekken Kleinschmidt, Niki (Sean) Shively, Will Hoefs, Jake Rupert, Jena Rupert, Brandi (Riley) Acra, Josh Fiskens, Caden Kleinschmidt, Colson Kleinschmidt, Konnor Raddant, Keenan Raddant and

Carly Rad-dant; great-granddaughter, Delaney Shively; two great-grandsons due in August 2026; nephew, Steve (Sue) England; niece, Judy (Ed) Joseph; great-niece and great-nephew, Ashley (Adam) Black and Matt (Jenny) Joseph; great-great-nieces, Mia and Naomi; sisters-in-law, Joan (Terry) Collien, Shirley (Fred) Willis, Teri Mitchell and June Coe; brother-in-law, Richard Mitchell; and many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Don England; son, Kevin Kleinschmidt; son-in-law, Todd Rupert; brothers-in-law, Ronald and Tom Mitchell; and sister-in-law, Lorraine Mitchell.

The visitation will be held Wednesday, March 18, 2026, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Uecker-Witt Funeral Home. The funeral service will follow the visitation at 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will occur in Ledgeview Memorial Park Cemetery after the service.

Special thanks to the ICU and ninth floor nurses and doctors at St. Vincent along with Unity Hospice for the great care they gave Bob.

Rest in peace, Bob. You are very much loved and will be missed.

Services are in the care of Uecker-Witt Funeral Home, 524 N. Park Ave., Fond du Lac.

Additional information and guestbook can be found at ueckerwitt.com.



Kurt Berner, of The Samuels Group, addresses residents March 12 about the proposed Shawano County Courthouse and Jail building plans. Looking on is Nichole Zuehl, county finance director.

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coordinator. "The purpose of this master planning effort is to look carefully at both short-term needs and long-term solutions, so the county can make decisions that are responsible, practical and cost-effective while prioritizing safe, functional facilities and being good stewards of taxpayer dollars."

A few other residents said they liked the plans and realized it was time to build new, with a few suggesting putting the matter in front of the voters through a referendum.

"I really like the plan. I think it's awesome," one man said, adding officials should continue to look for ways to trim the costs.

County Board Chairman Tom Kautza said there are no plans to hold a referendum. State law does not require a referendum, like it does for school districts.

"It is not intended to go to referendum," he said.

A few residents said they favored repair and remodeling instead of building new.

The Samuels Group determined the cost to remodel would be \$5 million

more than building new. Crews would need to gut the entire building while it would remain in use. Once a certain point is crossed in remodeling, all infrastructure must be brought up to current code requirements.

Kautza said building new is more efficient and a better use of taxpayer dollars than continuing to remodel and repair the old existing buildings.

"Everything costs money nowadays; that's reality," Kautza said. "At what point do you stop spending hundreds of thousands of dollars cobbling on old buildings, and at what point do you reach the level where you should just stop and build new? That's what this is all about."

Supervisor Heather Pahl, fan of historic preservation efforts, acknowledged that many old buildings can be successfully remodeled but said that was not realistic in this case.

"The can got kicked down the road a lot. This could have been half the cost had it been addressed at that point in time when

they've already outlived their useful life," she said. "I'm not thrilled about having to spend money on things like that, but I'm also realistic in that everyone wants progress ... but it takes an investment to do that."

Supervisor Randy Mallmann agreed.

"Nobody ever wants to pay more in taxes, but I have news for you: Taxes aren't going down," he said. "The cost of services go up. The cost of our houses go up. Everything you buy everyday goes up. But there comes a time when we have to keep improving what we have."

Kautza said any decision to spend millions of dollars in never popular.

"These are not easy decisions to make. It's about being responsible and taking care of things that need to be done ... and looking to the future," he said. "If you just keep kicking the can down the road, you have nothing. That's not progress."

For more information, visit www.shawanocountymasterplanning.com.

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problem killing someone, according to the complaint.

During a call made April 18, 2025, Ingold allegedly told the person he was calling: "I'd kill (the third victim). I'd kill all of them. I'd beat 'em with a baseball bat, and I'd enjoy every (expletive) second of it."

According to the complaint, Ingold allegedly went on to say he was having dreams about torturing the victims, going so far as to mention a drone and explosives.

When the person on the other end of the line allegedly warned Ingold not to talk like that for fear that it could be taken seriously, Ingold allegedly said "Let 'em take it seriously," according to the complaint, and claimed the victims were "crooked."

Following a court hearing June 20, 2025, Ingold returned to the jail and spoke with the booking officer, and during the course of the conversation, he allegedly said that he'd like to skin one of the prosecutors alive.

A jail inmate allegedly told detectives on Dec. 15, 2025, that Ingold had been making threats against the detective, claiming that Ingold said he used to run drugs for the Magnetos biker gang, serving as a truck driver, and that the gang "owed him favors," according to the complaint.

Detectives looked at jail videos from three days earlier, where Ingold allegedly said he was going to break one of the detective's bones and "give him a lobotomy," according to the complaint. Ingold

allegedly said when all the things were going to happen, he would be in Arizona.

The criminal complaint also shows that Ingold's behavior while incarcerated has been less than civil, with numerous incidents documented where he has allegedly threatened to throw officers over railings or down stairs, damaging property, filing toothbrushes into shanks and making hooch.

On the homicide case, a final pre-trial has been scheduled for 1 p.m. March 23, and Kussel is still listed as the presiding judge in the case.

The trial itself is scheduled to begin April 7 and is expected to last through the end of April.

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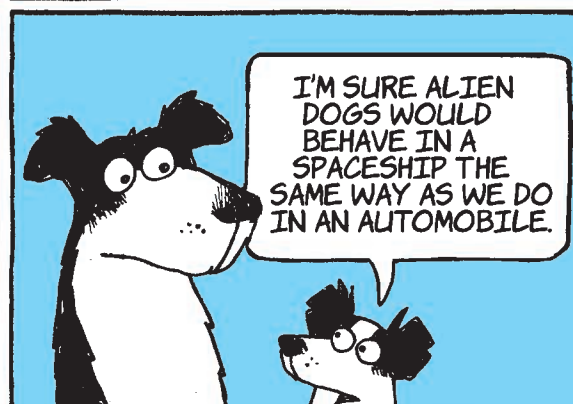
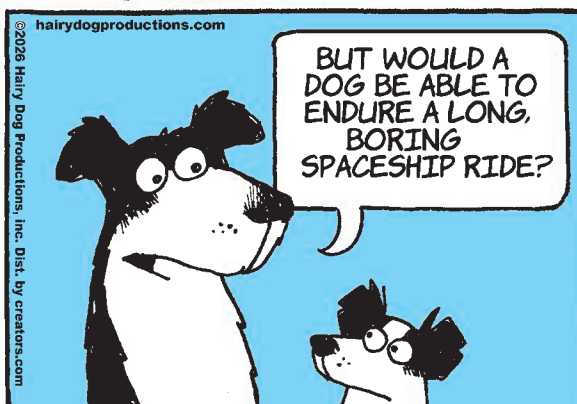
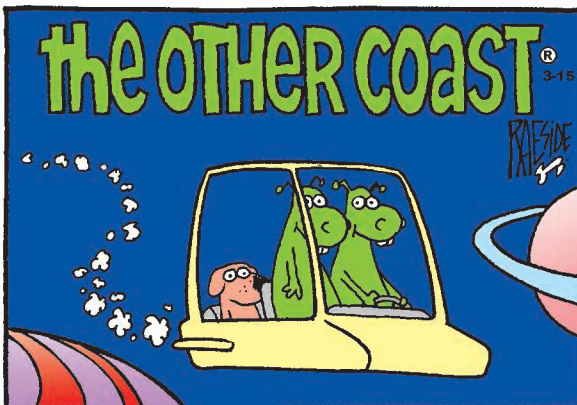
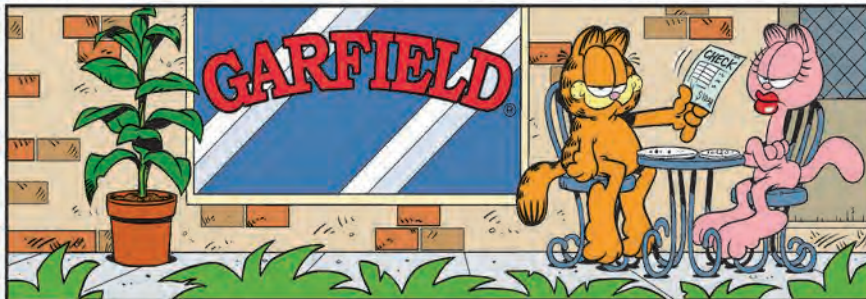
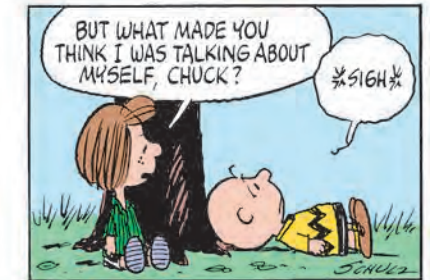
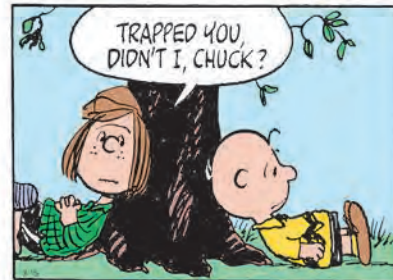
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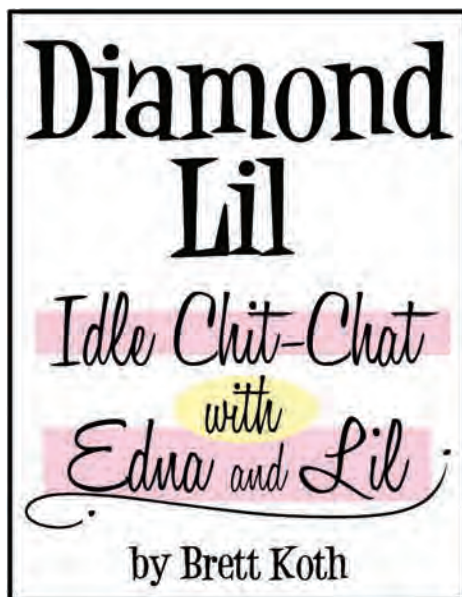
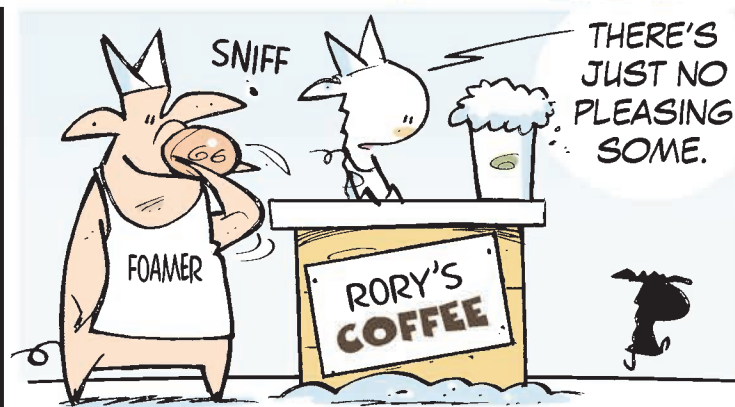
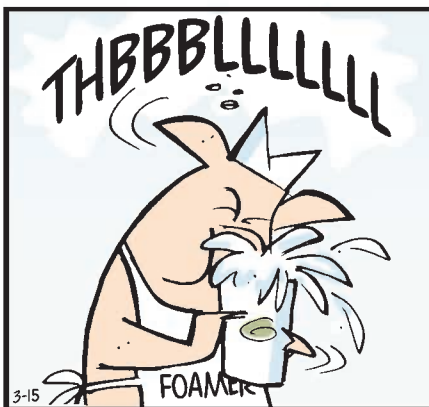
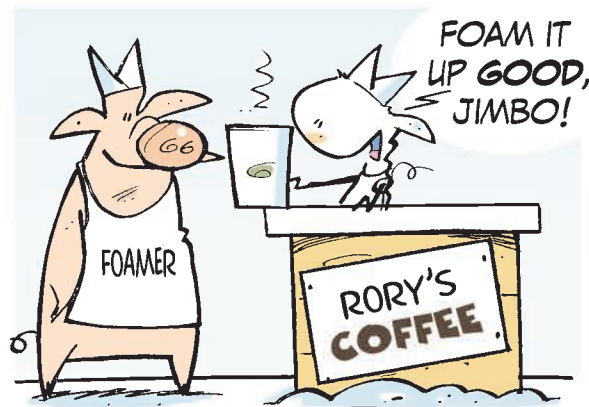
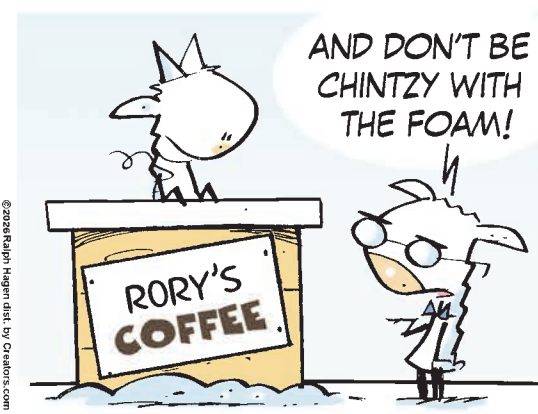
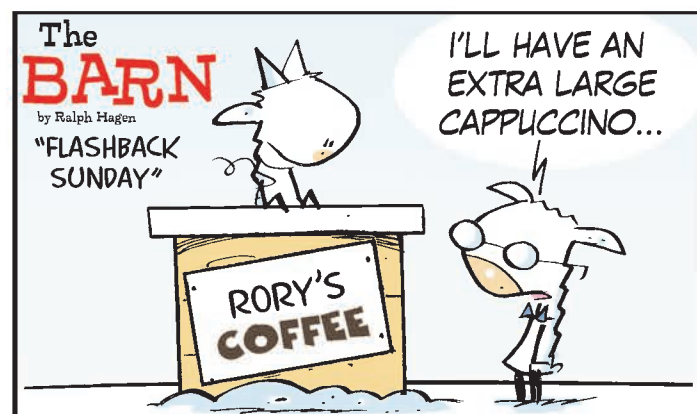
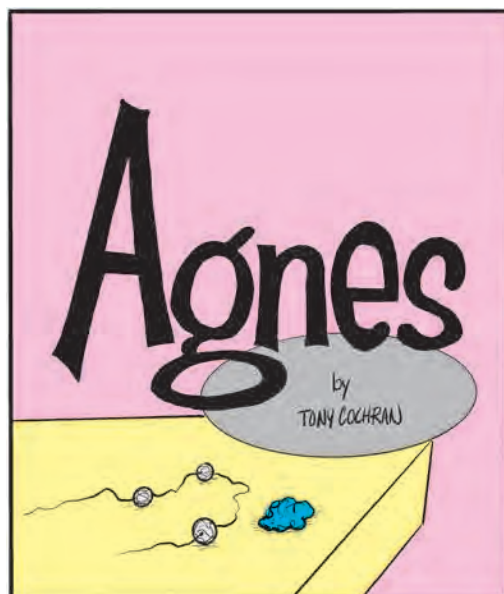


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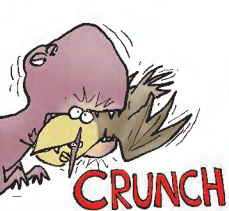
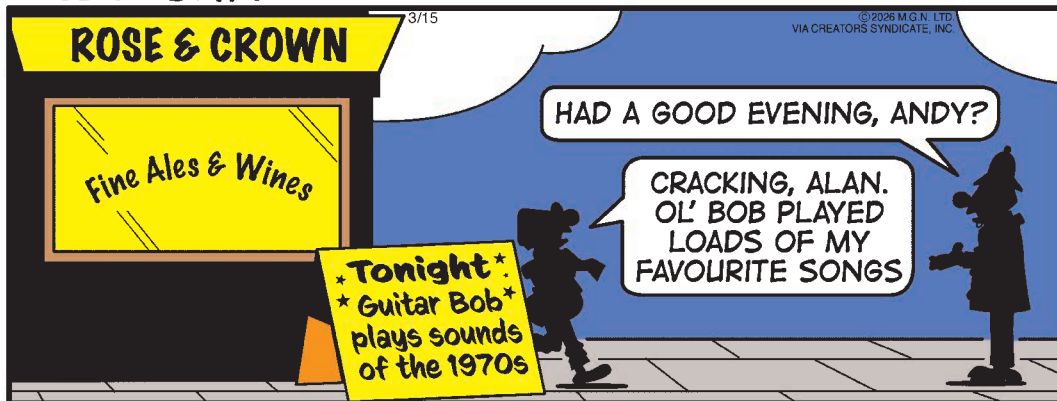






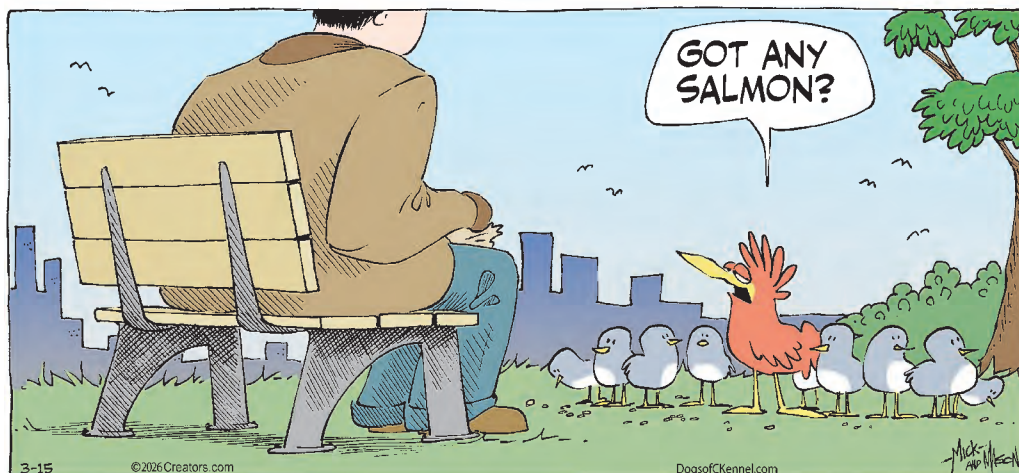
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