



Lena girls basketball players celebrate their 48-43 sectional semifinal victory over Wabeno/Laona just after the buzzer sounded Feb. 29 at Green Bay Southwest. Two nights later the Wildcats traveled to Antigo, where they secured a trip to the state tournament with a 66-57 win over Pittsville. The WIAA awarded Lena (27-2) the #2 seed in the Division 5 Final Four at the Resch Center in Ashwaubenon, where the Wildcats will play #3 Clear Lake (26-3) the morning of March 8. The game starts approximately 15 minutes after the semifinal matchup between #1 Argyle/Pecatonica (26-1) and #4 Albany/Monticello (25-3), which is scheduled to begin at 9:05 a.m. All four teams were the top seeds in their respective sectionals. Find more details on Page 15 and more photos from the sectional semifinal at newmedia-wi.com.

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Legislative maps shuffle lawmakers

Incumbents affected in much of Shawano, Oconto counties, all of Menominee County

BY WARREN BLUHM
News Editor

Area voters are likely to find different names on their ballots when they vote for their state Assembly and Senate representatives this fall.

When Gov. Tony Evers signed what he described as Fair Maps for Wisconsin on Feb. 19, he altered the political landscape in Oconto, Shawano and Menominee counties.

The newly drawn districts do not include two of Oconto County's three incumbent state senators and one of its Assembly representatives, and another representative is faced with the prospect of running for reelection against an incumbent Brown County representative and fellow Republican.

Oconto County is now part of four Assembly districts — the 4th, 6th, 35th and 36th — and two Senate districts — the 2nd and 12th.

Most of Shawano County is now in the 2nd District, and seven southwestern towns and the villages of Wittenberg, Tigerton and Birnamwood have been moved into the 29th Senate District, currently represented by Sen. Cory Tomczyk, R-Mosinee.

Menominee County, which was formerly part of the 12th Senate District, was moved into the 2nd Senate District, currently represented by Sen. Robert Cowles, R-Green Bay.

Two state senators whose districts included parts of Oconto County were moved into one district along with a third senator from De Pere. The 30th Senate District, which formerly reached from

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Voters turn out at the Red Springs Town Hall in 2018. Many area voters will find themselves in different legislative districts after new maps were ordered last month.

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Riverview, county OK lease for new community center

Building will include northern offices for county departments

BY WARREN BLUHM
News Editor

With construction underway on the new Town of Riverview community center, which will include northern offices for some Oconto County departments, the town and county have agreed on a 30-year lease for the property.

The town and county boards approved the lease at their respective February meetings.

The county set aside \$550,000 to cover

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An artist's rendition by Martenson and Eisele Inc. shows a proposed new Riverview Town Hall along Island Lake Road.

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Tourism director recognized for community service

Samantha Routheau, tourism director for the Tourism and Economic Development Corporation of the Oconto Region (TEDCOR), is the the 2024 recipient of the Harold P. Heckendorf Community Service Award presented by NEW Credit Union.

TEDCOR is the new name of the former Oconto County Economic Development Corp.

Routheau accepted the award from NEW Credit Union's President Lisa Gilligan at the financial institution's 62nd annual membership meeting. She also received a \$250 check, and the charity of her choice, the Winter Wonderland in

Oconto, will also receive a check of \$250.

As Oconto County's tourism director, Samantha Routheau promotes the beauty, recreational opportunities, and commercial possibilities of Wisconsin's Northwoods. She has worked in the tourism and hospitality sector for over 10 years.

"Equipped with comprehensive knowledge of the region and well-developed communication skills, Samantha is a strong voice for Oconto County and an effective leader in Wisconsin's tourism industry," according to a statement the credit union published in its announcement

of the award. "Her creative ideas and ability to think outside-the-box contribute to the growth of tourism and business development in the Oconto area."

Routheau also is a devoted volunteer who actively participates in a variety of events and activities, including Winter Wonderland, Harvest Fest, Main Street Trick or Treat, Santa's Visit, and more.

She currently serves on the Oconto Unified School Board, Bellin's Northern Advisory Board, Lakewood Chamber of Commerce Board, North Central Wisconsin Marketing Board, Wisconsin Harbor Towns Committee, Bellin Young

Professionals, and as president of the Oconto Area Chamber of Commerce.

Routheau grew up in the in the Town of Pensaukee — her parents are Clark and Julie Routheau — went to school in the Oconto Unified School District and at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. She and her son, Bodhi, 4, currently live near Oconto.

She said she hopes to continue working to create a welcoming environment for families to enjoy the area.

"I am constantly brainstorming new ideas and projects to engage the community. Staying idle is not my style," Routheau said.

The award named for Heckendorf, a longtime member of the credit union's board of directors, is open to anyone who has displayed exemplary community service and volunteerism.



Samantha Routheau, left, tourism director for the Tourism and Economic Development Corporation of the Oconto Region, is presented with the Harold P. Heckendorf Community Service Award by Lisa Gilligan, president of NEW Credit Union.

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Green Bay north to Marinette, is now entirely within Brown County and includes the residences of Cowles; Eric Wimberger, R-Green Bay; and Andres Jacque, R-De Pere.

Senate District 2

The 2nd Senate District, which has no incumbent under the new maps, was redrawn to include most of Oconto County south and east of Suring, along with all of Menominee County and parts of Shawano, as well as the villages of Bonduel, Bowler, Cecil and Gresham and 16 of Shawano County's 25 towns.

The district also includes parts of Waupaca and Outagamie counties, including Little Chute, Seymour and neighborhoods in Appleton and Kaukauna.

Cowles has indicated an interest in moving so that he can run for reelection to the 2nd District, which contains much of the territory he has represented in the Senate since 1987.

The 4th Assembly District, which is part of the 2nd Senate District, includes the Oconto County towns of Abrams, Lena, Little River, Little Suamico, Maple Valley, Oconto, Oconto Falls, Pensaukee, Spruce and Stiles; the cities of Oconto and Oconto Falls; and the village of Lena. Current incumbents are state Reps. Elijah Behnke, R-Oconto, and David Steffen, R-Howard.

The 6th Assembly District, still represented by state Rep. Peter Schmidt, R-Bonduel, now includes Menominee County; the Shawano County portions of the 2nd Senate District; the Oconto County towns of Breed, Chase, Gillett, How, Morgan and Underhill; the city of Gillett; and the villages of Pulaski and Suring, as well as a portion of Waupaca County.

Senate District 12

The lines of the 12th Senate District, represented by Sen. Mary Felzkowski, R-Tomahawk, now include only seven northern Oconto County towns. Her district includes the 35th Assembly District, now represented by state Rep. Calvin Callahan, R-Tomahawk, and the 36th Assembly District, where state Rep. Jeffrey Mursau, R-Crivitz, is the incumbent.

"Although I still strongly disagree with the intent behind the Governor's map to draw numerous sitting legislators out of their district — leaving thousands of Wisconsinites without proper representation — this map contained the least amount of change out of the four liberal-drawn maps that were recommended to the Supreme Court," Felzkowski said in a statement. "As the maps change yet again, it is with a heavy heart that I say farewell to Menominee County and the Menominee Tribe, southern portions of Oconto County, townships in northern Shawano and the Stockbridge-Munsee Band."

Only the Shawano County towns of Aniwa and Hutchins, and the villages of Mattoon and Aniwa and Mattoon, along with the Oconto County town of Townsend, remain a part of the 35th Assembly District.

District 36, also part of the 12th Senate District, now includes only the towns of Bagley, Brazeau, Doty, Lakewood, Mountaint and Riverview in Oconto County. Mursau and Felzkowski previously represented all but the easternmost part of Oconto County.

Senate District 29

Tomczyk's district was altered to include the Shawano County villages of

Wittenberg, Birnamwood, Tigerton and Eland as well as the towns of Almon, Birnamwood, Fairbanks, Germania, Grant, Morris and Wittenberg. That region is also part of the new 87th Assembly District, represented by Rep. James Edming, R-Glen Flora.

The Senate district encompasses areas of Marathon, Portage, Waupaca and Wood counties. The maps moved 85th Assembly District Rep. Pat Snyder, R-Schofield, into the 87th by a block and a half, but he has indicated he still plans to run for the 85th and move if he wins reelection.

Senate District 30

Wimberger was elected to represent the 30th Senate District and Behnke the 89th Assembly District; under the old maps, those districts extended north through eastern Oconto and Marinette counties to the city of Marinette.

Wimberger still lives in the new 30th, but the new 89th is entirely within Brown County.

Wimberger voted against the maps, which were developed after the new liberal majority of the state Supreme Court overturned the maps that were in effect for the 2022 elections.

"The court's ruling is without foundation in the Wisconsin Constitution or state statute, and they simply declare new rules without referencing any state authority to do so," Wimberger said. "In doing so, they effectively make the legislature an extension of the court. This is a judicial takeover of the Legislature that violates the principles of divided government, and I am simply not willing to give up without a fight. That's why I voted no on adopting a court-induced map."

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Jacque announces candidacy for Congress

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

State Sen. Andre Jacque announced his campaign for Congress on March 4 during a Green Bay radio show.

Jacque, R-De Pere, joins former state Sen. Roger Roth, R-Appleton, as the only announced candidates for the seat now held by U.S. Rep. Mike Gallagher, R-Green Bay. Gallagher announced Feb. 10 that he won't run for a fifth two-year term in Congress. Jacque's announcement potentially sets up an Aug. 13 Republican primary.

"Living in and representing the northeast portion of the state has afforded me the opportunity to meet



ANDRE JACQUE

many neighbors who have become friends," Jacque said. "I'm proud of my record delivering conserva-

tive wins and fighting back against liberal policies that would harm our state." Jacque served four two-year terms in the state Assembly before being elected to the state Senate in 2018. A married father of six, he is currently serving his second four-year term as a state senator representing the 1st Senate

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the construction of its portion of the building in February 2023. About \$342,000 comes from the county's allotment under the federal Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund, a general revenue enhancement program that provides additional assistance to eligible revenue-sharing counties and eligible tribal governments. The balance of about \$208,000 is from the county's American Rescue Plan Act fund allocation.

Interim County Administrator Lisa Sherman told the county board Feb. 22 that former administrator Erik Pritzl negotiated the 32-page lease agreement with the town.

"Groundbreaking has already begun, and since that time Erik has been

working with the Town of Riverview to construct a lease regarding our usage and occupancy, because the building will be owned by the town and you will be leasing it back," Sherman said. "Erik went back and forth to make sure the county's interests were represented."

The rent is fixed at \$0 because the county paid for the construction of its portion of the building, which amounts to about 44% of the square footage or 2,815 square feet, Sherman said. The county will be charged 44% of the shared operating expenses, such as utilities, maintenance, lawn care and parking lot snow removal.

Either side can choose to terminate the 30-year lease with a two-year

notice. The rent is subject to review by both parties after five years, she said.

"We do have the right of first offer to purchase in the unlikely event that the Town of Riverview would want to sell that building," Sherman said. "We would have that first option to purchase it."

County Board Chairman Al Sleeter said having a northern location for county offices such as the sheriff, health and human services and veterans services would be more convenient for the residents of northern towns. The county courthouse, where most offices are located, is about 55 miles or an hour's drive from the existing Riverview Town Hall.

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Little Suamico chairman: No more town votes on library

Private solution may be under consideration

BY WARREN BLUHM
News Editor

The Little Suamico town chairman said Feb. 29 that the town board has no further plans to take any action or pursue an electors vote regarding the purchase of a former bank building for use as a library.

"I said at the Jan. 30 electors meeting, 'The people have spoken, we're not pursuing another vote,' and that is still the case," said Town Chairman Dale Mohr.

Mohr was responding to a query about social media comments to the effect that the board was working with library supporters to bring the issue to a vote at the annual town meeting on April 16.

"Don't get me wrong, it would be great to have as many people as possible to come to the annual meeting — it's the democratic process at its best, and we usually have only 13-25 people show up," Mohr said. "I just don't want people to come for the wrong reason, because they're afraid something is being snuck through."

Close to 350 people turned out for the special town meeting on Jan. 30 and voted 192-148 to reject a proposal for the town to buy the former BMO Harris Bank at 1288 E. Frontage Road for use as a town library and county offices.

The 56.4% no vote was by a greater percentage than the 37-31 vote at an earlier town meeting held Nov. 7. The town board worked harder to generate a turnout for the January meeting.

Mohr did say he is aware of conversations to have private enterprise handle the project.

"When Oconto County allocated its dollars, they were for use by any 501(c)(3) nonprofit agency or municipality," Mohr said. "If a nonprofit were to come in to take over that building, a library fits our land-use plan for that area and the town would not stand in its way."

The rejected proposal was for the town to buy the vacant building for an estimated \$499,900 and remodel it for about \$370,000, for a total cost of \$869,900. Oconto County would contribute



A standing-room-only crowd of nearly 350 packed the Little Suamico Fire Station in Sobieski on Jan. 30 and turned down a plan to have the town buy a former bank building for a library.

\$494,597 toward the project, including \$154,431 in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

Oconto County would lease a portion of the building for offices to serve the populous southern corner of the county, including a sheriff's

substation and health and human services offices.

Grants and donations — including a \$100,000 grant pledged by the Leon H. And Clymene M. Bond Foundation — would have reduced the town's share to \$15,673 for the building purchase and about

\$159,630 for the remodeling. Any interested nonprofit presumably would have to raise the funds that the town voters chose not to pay.

As set by state statutes, the annual town meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. April 16 at the Little

Suamico Town Hall, 5964-A County Road S. Mohr said any town resident can make a motion on any issue, but he repeated that the town board does not plan to introduce any motions and would have to publish a 15-day notice if it did.

New truck finally hits assembly line

BY WARREN BLUHM
News Editor

It took two years of waiting, thanks to supply chain issues, but the Oconto County Forestry and Parks Department is finally getting its new tandem rear-axle dump truck.

Forestry and Parks Director Monty Brink reminded the Oconto County Board of Supervisors on Feb. 22 that it approved the purchase of the truck and dump body in February 2022 for \$149,077. Packer City International Trucks of Ashwaubenon was

awarded the truck chassis contract, and Olson Trailer and Body is providing the dump body. The original idea was to sell the old truck for about \$19,000 to offset some of the cost.

The contract said that if the unit was not in dealer inventory — and it wasn't — the purchase order pricing could not be confirmed until the truck was slotted with a firm build date, Brink said. Due to market and economic conditions, assembly of the International truck did not begin until January of this year.

In the meantime, the

price of the truck has increased by \$9,324. Also, county officials determined that the truck the new unit is going to replace is still in better condition than a couple of aging highway department dump trucks, so the plan to sell the old truck was scrapped.

"The good news is I'm going to get a 2024 truck, not a 2022," Brink said.

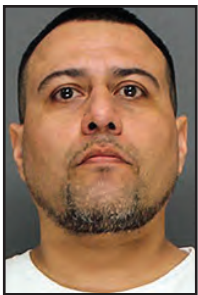
The board voted unanimously to approve making up the \$26,000 difference incurred by the increased price tag and moving the old truck into the highway department's care.

Arrest made for 3 recent drug overdoses

BY KEVIN MURPHY
Correspondent

Three recent drug overdoses on the Menominee Reservation, one being fatal, were tied to a Keshena man who was indicted this week for fentanyl distribution.

According to the indictment, Warren J. Grignon, 41, allegedly sold fentanyl to three individuals on Dec. 23. One person, identified in the three-count indictment, died from using the fentanyl provided Grignon. The other two people also overdosed, were revived but sustained serious



WARREN GRIGNON

minimum sentence of 60 years in prison and maximum penalty of life in prison.

Grignon was arraigned in federal court Feb. 29 on one count of distribution of controlled substance resulting in death and two counts

bodily injury as a result.

If convicted on all three counts, Grignon faces a mandatory

of distribution of controlled substance resulting in serious bodily injury.

No new court dates for the case were set.

Grignon is currently detained in the Brown County Jail, according to online records.

In January 2009, Grignon was charged by complaint in federal court with assault and robbery in connection with a plan to take drug sales proceeds from Chelesa Brown.

Although Grignon made an initial court appearance on Jan. 23, 2009, no other court proceedings were docketed in the case.

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Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Suring is marking its 100th anniversary. Special monthly coffee hours, photo displays from the past and a directory of members are some of the celebratory activities. KEVIN PASSON | NEW MEDIA

Suring church marking 100th anniversary

Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Suring is in the midst of its 100th anniversary.

Despite declining church membership and attendance in all churches, 100 years of existence is something to be celebrated to honor those who came before with the foresight to establish this congregation and build this church.

A potluck dinner was held in October.

A coffee hour at 9 a.m.

the second Sunday of each month through June is scheduled. In July, the time of worship changes to 8:30 a.m.

Pictures of those who were baptized at Mount Olive Lutheran Church are being displayed in the church. Formal photos of baptisms are rare. Residents are asked to bring in family photo remembrances for all to enjoy. At a later date, pictures of confirmations and weddings will be displayed.

It is also planned to print a directory including the name, address, phone number and email of all the active and inactive members. A form requesting that information was put in the mailboxes at church, or members can call Adelaide at 920-842-2041.

Mount Olive Lutheran Church is affiliated with the Lutheran Church of Missouri Synod.

Michael Paholke is the pastor.

LLPOA's challenge to land put into trust is dismissed

Judge rules association's covenants don't supersede Restoration Act

By KEVIN MURPHY
Correspondent

A federal judge has dismissed the Legend Lake Property Owners Association's legal challenge to a U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs decision to take 40 association properties, bought by a Menominee tribal member, into tribal trust.

According to the decision District Judge William Griesbach issued Feb. 6, in 2009, the LLPOA adopted restrictive covenants for the lots in and around the lake, which were intended to maintain property values and preserve the tax base of Menominee County.

The restrictive covenants were made binding upon all parties and their heirs. The covenants prohibited property in the association from being removed from the county tax rolls. Also, the properties are to remain subject to laws, regulations of the municipality and state of Wisconsin even if the property was transferred to a person not otherwise subject to those laws and regulations.

In 2017, Guy F. Keshena acquired 40 parcels, totaling 21.35 acres, within the Legend Lake development.

Keshena knew about the covenants when he purchased the properties, and he acquired them to convey the properties to the United States of America in trust for the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin.

In 2018, the BIA's midwest regional director authorized the transfer of the properties into tribal trust status. The LLPOA appealed that decision,

which was subsequently upheld by the U.S. Department of Interior Board of Indian Appeals.

In its decision, the board concluded the trust acquisition criteria do not recognize the LLPOA's covenants, also the covenants are preempted by federal law and cannot render the regional director's decision "null and void."

Importantly, the Menominee Restoration Act made it mandatory to approve the tribe's petitions to take the properties into trust status.

Taking the properties into tribal trust exempts them from local and state taxes and zoning authority.

The Interior Board explained that the Menominee Restoration Act requires that property taken into tribal trust must be located in or adjacent to Menominee County and must be transferred by a tribal member.

The association appealed that decision to federal district court. It contended that it was harmed by the Interior Board's decision that removed significant amounts of land and resulted in the loss of dues and assessments it would have collected.

The association also argued that the Interior Board exceeded its authority in deciding whether the restrictive covenants were preempted by federal law because a federal agency doesn't have the authority to decide such constitutional questions.

The Department of Interior asked Griesbach to dismiss the suit.

Griesbach concluded that the board has the authority to review any

legal issues raised in trust acquisition cases, "except those challenging the constitutionality of laws or regulations." In this case, the judge found that the board didn't decide the constitutionality of a law or regulation.

Instead, he concluded that the board properly resolved the conflict between the association's restrictive covenants and the Restoration Act's mandate to take the properties into tribal trust.

Griesbach granted the government's motion to dismiss the association's lawsuit and denied the tribe's request to file a brief supporting the BIA's decision.

Steve Kastning, LLPOA president, wasn't ready to say if Griesbach's decision would be appealed but said the association will fully engage in protecting the lands owned by association members.

Kastning also said that he was concerned as the decision "sets a precedent" for further acquisition of association properties transferred into tribal trust status.

There remains between 1,650 and 1,750 properties in the association, but there have been more properties taken into tribal trust since the Guy Keshena acquisitions, Kastning said.

Kastning didn't know what financial impact the withdrawal of 40 properties has had on the association but there's an impact to the county, too.

"It's important to the county, because the Legend Lake Association is about 96% of Menominee County's tax base," he said Feb. 27.

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Penny Nicholas Food Drive gets underway

NEW Credit Union has launched the fourth annual Penny Nicholas Food Drive during the month of March.

Leland "Penny" Nicholas was a firm believer in the credit union philosophy of people helping people and this food drive was instituted as a tribute to him.

Nicholas served on the

credit union's board of directors for 34 years. He volunteered thousands of hours for the credit union and helped with numerous events in the community.

Nonperishable food items can be dropped off at any one of NEW Credit Union's four locations: 301 Jackson St., Oconto Falls; 405 Pecor St.,

Oconto; 717 E. Main St., Suring; and 870 Frontage Road, Peshtigo.

For more information about NEW Credit Union, just visit newcu.org or call 800-924-1250. The food gathered will be distributed among several local food pantries. Deadline to drop off items is March 29.

OBITUARIES

Marie Alice Renel, 86, of Shawano, left us Thursday, Feb. 29, 2024.

She was born March 6, 1937, in Oconto Falls to Raymond Sr. and Alice (Nass) Young. Growing up on the family farm, Marie learned how to work hard alongside her mother. At the age of 14, she moved with her sister, Shirley, to live above the Falls Family Restaurant, where they worked as waitresses and attended school. At the age of 17, Marie married Fred A. Renel on Aug. 21, 1954, at St. Anthony's Catholic



Church. They had five children together and enjoyed 54 years of marriage before his death in 2008.

Marie became a nurse's aide, completing her education at Eagle River Hospital. She then worked at the Oconto Falls Hospital and nursing home for over 20 years. She truly enjoyed serving others and giving her time

and energy to help those in need. She sponsored a Colombian girl, Nubia, for several years, and she supported Boys Town, Paralyzed Veterans of America and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Her caring nature and generosity have greatly influenced her family.

In her free time, Marie enjoyed tending to her many house plants and crocheting beautiful afghans, rugs, and table mats. More than anything, she valued her independence. Even as a young girl, she made decisions

for herself. When she could no longer live completely independently, Marie chose to live at Shawano Place, which she considered her home. She was grateful for time spent with her family at holiday celebrations, cookouts and especially Easter and Christmas.

Marie was preceded in death by her parents; husband Fred; daughter, Kathleen Marie Mattila; sister, Shirley Younger; and brother, Norbert Young.

She is survived by her children, Marjorie (Da-

vid) Rutledge, Kevin Renel (Jody), Laurie Renel-Faledas (Tim) and Daniel (JoAnn) Renel; son-in-law Wayne Mattila; grandchildren, Nichole, Angelique, Christopher, Aaron, Jeremy, Genia, Tyler, Valorie, Julian, Bram, Zachary, Amber, Josh, Valorie, Bailey, and Lydia; 15 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; sisters, Bernice, Mary and RoseAnn; and brothers, Bernard and Raymond Jr.

Visitation will be held after 11 a.m. Friday, March 8, 2024, at Jones Funeral

Service in Oconto Falls.

The service will follow at 1 p.m. with the urn present and the Rev. Walter Stumpf officiating. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery. In lieu of other expressions of sympathy, a memorial fund will be established.

Special thanks to Lakeland Care and Compassus for helping Marie and her family over the last few years.

Also, an expression of appreciation and encouragement to those caring for anyone dealing with dementia.

Frank Waschbisch, 85, Oconto Falls, died suddenly Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 27, 2024, of natural causes at home with family present.

He was born Feb. 12, 1939, on the family farm in the Town of Oconto Falls to Peter and Margaret (Gallagher) Waschbisch. Frank grew up on the family farm where he learned to work hard and to care for animals. He found great enjoyment in the field work that came with farming 500-plus acres.

On June 30, 1962, he



married Jeanne Guelig in Lena. Following their marriage the couple settled in rural Oconto Falls and together had five children. Frank farmed for many years while developing an interest in wildlife and exotic animals. What began as a hobby expanded to include pheasants, white-tailed deer, elk,

donkeys, fox and raccoon and became a business, Oconto River Elk.

Frank will be fondly remembered for the fun he had interacting with kids, fishing with family and friends and telling a "dad" joke or three. "What did one snowman say to the other snowman?" - "Do you smell carrots?"

He loved taking gator rides all over the country and fishing on his boats, one of which he named "Too Fat Frank." He and his best buddy, George Yatso, had many secret

fishing holes, the locations of which will now never be known. Frank told many stories of his annual Canada fishing trips that he shared with his son Ron, brother-in-law Ken, nephews Bryan and Joe, and great-nephews Garrett, Trevor and Brody, along with many other family members and friends throughout the years.

Survivors are his four children, Connie (Jeff Zeitler) Waschbisch, Pound, Ron Waschbisch, Oconto Falls, Marilyn (Scott Anderson) Was-

chbisch, Pulaski, and Bob (Lisa) Waschbisch, Coleman; his honorary grandchildren, Scarlett, Hannah and Ella Olson, Charlee and Lucy Haws, Dirk and Millie Zeitler; two sisters, Mary (Ken) Kohls, Gillett, and Norma Adams, Oconto Falls; nieces, nephews and numerous friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Jeanne, on Feb. 20, 2021; an infant son, Jeffrey John Waschbisch; three brothers, Jim, Kenny and Norbert Waschbisch; and one sister, Dorothy Stoll.

Visitation will be held

after 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at Jones Funeral Service in Oconto Falls until the time of service. A prayer service will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home with Deacon Peter Gard presiding. Burial will follow in St. Anthony Cemetery.

In lieu of other expressions of sympathy, memorials may be made to Oconto River Kids, P.O. Box 288, Mountain, WI 54149, or Oconto River Trout Unlimited, P.O. Box 252, Gillett, WI 54124, Memo: Waschbisch Kids Fishing Memorial.

Harold Dean Tester, 80, of Watauga County, North Carolina, passed away peacefully on Feb. 17, 2024, in Oconto Falls.

He was born on Feb. 13, 1944, to the late Henry Clay and Vertie Alice Tester.

Pa or Tennessee, as he was also known, served in the U.S. Army for one year and 10 months, demonstrating his commitment to his country. Following his military service, he dedicated himself to a 35-year career as a truck driver, showcasing his strong work ethic. In his free time, Pa enjoyed fishing, camping, being outside, driving around and spend-



ing quality time with his family. He was described as kind, carefree and someone who would go above and beyond to help others. His family meant everything to him, and he cherished his role as a grandfather and great-grandfather.

Harold is survived by his 11 children, 26 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his son Timothy Tester and daughter Kristina Tester.

Visitation will be held

at Gruetzmacher Funeral Home in Suring on Saturday, March 16, 2024, from 11 a.m. until the memorial service at 1 p.m. Food and a celebration will be held at S&S in Oconto Falls at 2:30 p.m. to honor and remember (Pa) Harold Dean Tester.

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Menominee Clans

website returns to CMN

The Menominee Clans website is coming home. Since the early 2000s, the original iteration of the site has resided on the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's servers. On March 22, the public is invited to College of Menominee Nation to witness the relaunching celebration of the up-dated site under the care of CMN.

The Menominee Clans website is created based upon the research of the late Menominee culture keepers James F. Frechette Jr. and Mike Hoffman. Frechette is perhaps best known for his 11-foot-tall carving of the Ancestral Bear housed in the Menominee Cultural Museum. The carver, who passed in 2006, contributed all of the artwork for the site, including the images of his hand-carved wooden figures of many of the 34 Menominee clans, known as the Mamaceqtahsak.

Together with their UW-Stevens Point allies, Frechette and Hoffman created the site to share the teachings of both the Menominee clans and the Menominee names for places in Wisconsin. Both academic and accessible, the site was popular with scholars, community members and hobbyists.

Yet, in the words of Hoffman's widow, Karen Ann Hoffman, "The site's engine needed to be replaced" as technology has advanced considerably, making the once interactive features non-responsive.

In April 2022, Hoffman and UW-Stevens Point emeritus professor Ray Reser approached CMN to inquire about moving the site to the college's servers. While the files would not be difficult to transfer, the interactive maps and audio files needed to be updated along with both the resolution and presentation of the files the site housed.

CMN began transferring in earnest in the fall of 2022, with plans to add a second site to house K-12 curriculum for educators to use to share the site with the students in their classrooms. Frechette's son, Richard, and his niece, Dawn Wilber, joined Hoffman and CMN Chief of Staff Melinda Cook, website content manager Dylan Sabin and myself in drafting the curriculum and updating the work as part of the



This interactive map housed on the Menominee Clans website lists the Menominee place names, which are spoken aloud when one clicks upon them.



new Site Caretakers.

Richard Frechette explained, "I have been a site caretaker since the beginning, and I am honored to help maintain my dad's legacy at CMN."

Wilber added, "Reading through the teachings on the site with fresh eyes has reminded me of the wisdom of my uncle's teachings. I have used his site in my own classrooms, and you can hear his voice whenever you visit it."

Hoffman has been the steady voice for the transfer, connecting CMN to UW-Stevens Point and reminding the committee of the disciplined work James Frechette, Hoffman and their allies put into the site.

"Jim used to say, 'Everything you want to know (about the Menominee) is right there in the carvings. You just got to look,'" Hoffman said.

The new site caretakers at CMN will debut their work alongside the launch. Titled "Teaching the Clans Story," the new section will include interactive lesson plans for educators that house links, vocabulary and questions that can be used in K-12 classrooms. Intended to either build upon one another or stand alone, the lessons are intended to help students learn from the wisdom of the site.

The new section will also feature a short documentary about Frechette titled "Natamowekow," which was Frechette's Menominee name, meaning, "He Helps Someone, People." Billed as "a collaborative project" between James Frechette Jr. and Robert Kanyusik, the film "reflects James Frechette's deep commitment to his Menominee heritage ... (and) his determination to carry on Menominee practices in working with wood both in technique and in tribal tradition."

The film was selected for the 2023 Native Spirit Film Festival in the United Kingdom.

On March 22, CMN will officially welcome the Menominee Clans website home and debut it to the public. The web address will be <https://www.menominee.edu/tmcs>.

The community is invited to the ceremony in the Campus Commons building to hear speeches, witness a tour of the site, enjoy an honor song played by Junior Dowd and partake in refreshments. The ceremony will be held from 9:30-11 a.m., with the reception to follow.

It will be a homecoming fitting of the Menominee Clans website, and we hope the public will join us in honoring this momentous occasion.

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

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Tungsten shot loads make turkey hunting new again

When it comes to bow-hunting, I'm old-school. I carry a vintage recurve bow (usually a Bear) with no sights and a feather-fletched carbon arrow tipped with some sort of fixed-blade broadhead. I may have a stabilizer, but that's it for tech.

When it comes to turkey hunting, I put the bow down and pick up a 3 1/2-inch chambered 12-gauge pump shotgun with some serious copper-coated loads, usually either No. 4 or No. 5 shot.

I've not had many birds in gun range the past few years (I did take a jake about two years ago), and did misjudge the yardage on a nice tom last year. Carrying around my mini-tank known as a Remington 870 Super Magnum just isn't fun, although that heavy gun certainly soaks up some of the recoil from those teeth-rattling loads.

I always say when it's no longer fun, it's time to go home and think of something else, so that's my plan this year.

If you read the outdoors magazines (you know, those things made of paper with staples down the spine), you've probably read of "sub-gauge" turkey hunting with tungsten shot. Sub-gauge is anything smaller than a 12 gauge. Grown men are dropping turkeys at 40 yards and



beyond with 20 and 28 gauge shotguns and even tiny .410s, thanks to this miracle shot that costs more than filling your gas tank.

I first became familiar with these sub-gauge turkey guns a few years ago as a volunteer for the Winnebago Strutters chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation in Neenah-Menasha.

I had the fun task of selecting the guns for our banquet at Scheels, and we were introduced to the single-shot Stevens 301, a little import than can be purchased in black or camouflage, and with or without a red dot sight. We chose the camo ones with dot sights for our dinner, but last year, I bought a black one in 20 gauge with a plain bead sight. It cost about \$200 and weighs under 6 pounds.

Then came buying the ammo.

As much as I was pleased with the gun's modest cost, I was dumbfounded by the tungsten costs. I bought one box each of Federal 3rd Degree (3-inch 20 gauge with 1 1/2



Columnist Ross Bielema tried three tungsten shot loads — from Federal, Browning and Hevi-Shot — in a new single-shot Stevens 301 shotgun that he bought to make turkey hunting a bit easier. The Browning 3-inch 20 gauge TSS load with a mix of No. 7 and 9 shot patterned the best at 35 yards.

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ounce of 5, 6 and 7 shot), Browning TSS 3-inch 1 1/2 ounce of 7 and 9 shot and Hevi-Shot Magnum Blend 3-inch 1 1/4 ounce of 5, 6 and 7 shot). One was around \$44 for five shells and the other two were \$28-\$35. Ouch.

Tungsten is up to 60% denser than lead, the gold standard, and even with small shot sizes, it can kill a turkey at amazing distances. Most hunters use

No. 4, 5 or 6 shot in lead (the smaller the number, the larger the pellet diameter), but with tungsten, smaller sizes from 5 to 9 are common (often a "matrix" or mix of shot sizes for a combination of wide patterns and more retained energy at a longer distance).

After years of hunting coyotes, bobcats, geese and turkeys with nothing smaller than No. 4 shot, and even as large as BB

on the predators, I can't yet wrap my brain around shooting 20-pound turkeys at 40 yards or more with No. 7 or 9 shot. I guess when I finally kill a gobbler with this new-fangled ammo, I'll believe it.

Where do you aim at a turkey? With a shotgun, I prefer to go with what the experts say: where the feathered neck meets the bare neck. This centers the pattern on the head and neck. If you aim only for the head, about half your pattern will shoot over the head (assuming your shotgun hits point-of-aim, which many do not).

One advantage of using a red dot sight is that you can adjust it so you can hit wherever your actual point-of-aim is. I suspect my bead sight is higher than where my gun is patterning. I'm seriously considering a red dot now, something I've never used on a shotgun before.

An Outdoor Life article talks about a scientific study on which vertebra in a turkey's neck is the best spot to aim at (no, you can't actually see it unless you have X-ray vision). I happened to be using the Winchester targets mentioned in the article and agree with the author that it's better to aim a bit lower. Read it at www.outdoorlife.com/hunting/where-to-shoot-a-turkey. There are lots of num-

bers on these boxes of TSS (Tungsten Super Shot). I noticed "18 G/CC" on the box of Federal 3rd Degree. This means 18 grams per cubic centimeter, a density about 60% greater than lead (meaning it is heavier and will in theory hold its energy at longer ranges). Read another article about tungsten shot at www.outdoorlife.com/guns/tungsten-super-shot-deadliest-bird-shot.

I tested one round of each brand I bought from 35 yards, using a plastic shooting rest. I counted the pellets in the head and neck of each turkey target, extending down into the imaginary bodies. The Browning load did the best, putting 77 pellets in the kill zone. Federal was next with 41, and Hevi-Shot came in third with 26.

I didn't flinch, but it was difficult to precisely aim with the large bead. The gun appeared to have all three patterns below point-of-aim, so a red dot might be worth it on this particular gun.

Be sure you pattern your shotgun before hunting, especially if you are shooting \$6-\$10 tungsten rounds. You just can't afford to miss too many times.

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Skipping party prompts Chinese zodiac research

The Republic of China has lost favor in America these days, and rightfully so. What is unfortunate is that it precludes appreciation of the rich culture developed by the Chinese people over thousands of years. One of my favorite books is “The Good Earth” by Pearl Buck. Pearl was an incredible storyteller who wrote many books recounting her experiences in mid-20th Century China. Her parents were missionaries there, and thanks to some extended trips back home to America, she grew up with a dual-culture background.

I wasn’t that lucky. We Sherwood dairy farm kids never got to travel to exotic locations, unless you count Hollandtown, my mother’s birthplace a few miles away. As Uncle Romy used to say, “Dem cows don’t milk demselves, ya know.” Nevertheless, I was able to travel wherever I wanted to go by reading, and China was



a popular destination on my see-the-world-through-books tour of enchanting places to visit.

I still enjoy following certain Chinese traditions, like celebrating the Chinese New Year, which was observed this year from Feb. 10-24. Unfortunately, during that time I was dealing with family health issues, including a killer head cold, and unable to make the party. During my confinement, I found solace by indulging in one of my other favorite aspects of Chinese culture: the Chinese zodiac.

Unlike the horoscope-based Roman zodiac, the Chinese zodiac doesn’t rely on heavenly constellations. Instead, it’s animal-based:

monkey, donkey, dog, horse, snake, etc. As I was doing my research, I was initially alarmed to discover that 2024 is the Year of the Wood Dragon. Dragon? As if things aren’t bad enough here on Planet Earth already.

Wait a minute. It’s not any old dragon; it’s the wood dragon, one of the good guys. This figure is formed by combining a generic dragon with the nourishing wood element. The wood dragon represents strength, authority, prosperity and good fortune, a character who brings forth evolution, improvement and abundance. Other dragon-born individuals are considered proud and arrogant, but the wood dragon is a humble soul. Even though wood dragons lead from a powerful position, they are savvy enough to know their limits and always consult trusted experts for advice on important matters.

It was encouraging to read that 2024 is the perfect time for revitalized beginnings that will form the foundations for long-term success. Wow. Let’s hope people everywhere are taking notice, or am I the only one who thinks a complete do-over is needed all around the world right now?

Case in point: If your family is welcoming a new baby this year, prepare for life with a wood dragon. You will find your child a highly intelligent, talented problem-solver who is self-assured, sociable and innovative. Get ready to raise a thinker and planner who can get stuff done, one who is creative with an insatiable desire for knowledge. Any brothers and sisters involved? Take heed. Sibling rivalry is a given where wood dragons are concerned. Grandparent alert: Be ready to attend lots of athletic events because

your wood dragons will be participating in all manner of sporting contests.

Sigh. Nothing is perfect, and neither is the wood dragon. Too often they follow their instincts instead of reasoning, which is when disaster will strike. Often unable to control their emotions, they have a tendency to be hot-headed and quick-tempered over trifles. They can also be quite pushy in an attempt to prove what they said is right. Without meaning to, they can hurt people close to them.

Thinking through all of this led me to check my zodiac status to see what 2024 has in store for me. I was born in the Year of the Dog; my sign is the horse. I am independent (agreed) and happiest when communing with nature (definitely). I’m destined to come into my fortune in advanced age. Except exactly how old “advanced” is was not defined. Come on — I am running

out of time here. The only other item of interest was that my first career choice should be writer, and I would be happiest married to a tiger, goat or dog.

Oh, dear. My husband, Jon, was born in 1940, another Year of the Wood Dragon. Like all wood dragon types, Jon is an honorable and lively character known for his captivating demeanor and distinct personality. Our Chinese zodiac signs are not at all compatible. This might explain why I have often thought I’ve got a dragon by the tail. Well, it’s too late to fix that now. We’re at almost 37 years of being happily married. Speaking of happy, I know I’m a bit late, but Happy Chinese New Year.

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

Cardiologist touts diet, exercise to combat heart disease

Prevea Health interventional cardiologist Dr. Simil Gala is pushing the importance of a balanced diet, regular exercise and implementing lifestyle changes to help prevent heart disease.

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every four deaths are from heart disease and stroke, contributing to conditions which are among the leading causes of disabilities in the country.

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- **Exercise:** Regular exercise, especially aerobic exercise, is beneficial for heart health. Aerobic exercise (walking, running, biking and swimming) increases your heart rate and breathing and in turn enhances the efficiency of your heart and lungs.
- **Eat heart healthy food:** Eating a balanced diet of nutrient-rich foods including fruits and vegetables, whole grains, lean proteins and healthy fats can help maintain a healthy heart. Try to limit unhealthy fat, excess sodium and cholesterol. Heart healthy fats to consider eating include

avocados, walnuts, olive oil, dark chocolate, eggs, salmon and tuna. Avoid unhealthy trans and saturated fats like bacon, whole milk, fried and highly processed foods.

- **Quit smoking:** Tobacco use is harmful to your health in multiple ways, including increasing heart rate and blood pressure. Quitting smoking and tobacco use has immediate and long-term benefits for cardiovascular health.
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KESHENA: Winter Farmers Market, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., College of Menominee Nation Cultural Learning Center, N188 State Highway 47-55. Artisan Native crafts, hot food, baked goods and more. Sponsored by the college's Sustainable Development Institute.

PULASKI: Casimir Pulaski Days Polka Jam, 2-6 p.m., Jen's Knaughty Pine, W1539 County Road S.

OCONTO: Knights of Columbus Fish Fry, 4-7 p.m., Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 716 Madison St. Raffle.

WITTENBERG: "The Case of the Motor-coach Murders," doors open 5:30 p.m., WOWSPACE, 114 Vinal St. Crossroads Community Theatre dinner theater. \$40. Advance tickets only, available at Wittenberg Sentry or by calling 715-253-3525.

PULASKI: Casimir Pulaski Days Polka Dance with TNT, 7-11 p.m., Mountain Bay Bar and Grill, 104 S. Wisconsin St.

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

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

NAVARINO: Winter Fungus Seminar, 9-11 a.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. Tickets \$10. Register at 715-758-6999 or www.navarino.org.

SHAWANO: Cabin Fever Craft Fair, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Shawano Civic Center, 225 S. Main St.

PULASKI: Casimir Pulaski Days, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Pulaski Historical Museum, 129 W. Pulaski St.

SHAWANO: Pulaski Fire Department Nine-pin Bowling Tournament, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Lakeshore Lanes, 210 Airport Drive.

PULASKI: Concertina/Accordian Swap Meet, 2-5 p.m., Scolly's Hometown, 149 W. Pulaski St. Live instrument auction 3:30 p.m.

GILLET: "The Wizard of Oz," 5 p.m., Gillett High School Auditorium, 208 W. Main St. Performed by students from Gillett Elementary School. Adults \$5, children \$2.

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PULASKI: Big Casimir Dance, 6-11 p.m., Scolly's Hometown, 149 W. Pulaski St. Zander's Music Raymakers 6 p.m., Polka Mojo 7-11 p.m. \$20 admission, children under 10 free.

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

KRAKOW: Mass and Polish Hearty Brunch and Desserts, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., St. Casimir Church, 146 Park St. Mass celebration 9 a.m., serving brunch from 10 a.m. \$15, children 6-11 \$7, under 5 free. Concertina music. Closing event of Casimir Pulaski Days.

GILLET: "The Wizard of Oz," 2 p.m., Gillett High School Auditorium, 208 W. Main St. Performed by students from Gillett Elementary School. Adults \$5, children \$2.

MONDAY, MARCH 11

KESHENA: Running and walking program, 4:40-6:30 p.m., Omaeqnomenewak Wetohkatikamek Center, 2700 Mianaceqtawak Road, Keshena. Infused water provided during the week, and a family snack-making station is provided on Saturdays. Information: Chelsey Latender, 715-799-5431 or chelseyl@mtclinic.net.

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

SHAWANO: Memory Cafe, 1-4 p.m., Aging and Disability Resource Center, W7327 Anderson Ave. RSVP required by or on March 8; call Johanna at 715-526-4708.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

SHAWANO: Chili to Go, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Peace United Church of Christ, 208 E. Maurer St. Quart of chili with crackers \$9. Raffle baskets and bake sale.

SHAWANO: Shawano Area Waterways Management (SAWM) board meeting, 6:30 p.m., Shawano County Park, W5785 Lake Drive. Environmental consultant

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ABRAMS: Abrams Spotlight Productions presents "Oklahoma!" 7 p.m., Nancy Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple St. Adults \$17, senior citizens and children 5-17 \$15. abramsspotlightproductions.com or 920-826-5852.

OCONTO FALLS: "The Addams Family Musical," 7 p.m., High School Performing Arts Center, 210 N. Farm Road. Adults \$12, students \$8, <https://trst.in/wgkDsN>

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

KRAKOW: Lenten fish fry, 4:30-6:30 p.m., St. Casimir Catholic Church, W146 Park St. Dine in, carry out or delivery (within a short distance). \$22 per meal, kids grilled cheese option \$5. RSVP by texting or calling Julie at 920-676-3320.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 16

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

NAVARINO: Raised Garden Bed Workshop, 9-11 a.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. All parts come as a kit to put together or take with you. Single half-barrel garden \$75, double half-barrel garden \$125. Register at 715-758-6999 or www.navarino.org.

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Among the top five finishers in the WIHSBC state championships for girls individuals was Holly Orgeman (DCE/Wittenberg).

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Birnamwood's Orgeman takes second at state bowling meet

Birnamwood freshman Holly Orgeman, a bowler with the D.C. Everest/Wittenberg varsity girls bowling team, grabbed second place in the Wisconsin High School Bowling Club (WIHSBC) state meet at the Ashwaubenon Bowling Alley this past weekend.

Orgeman bowls in District 9 (Wausau area). The freshman earned the first seed after semifinal rounds and automatically advanced to the championship ground during match play.

In the championship match, Orgeman fell to Maggie Porter from Cambridge 246-191 to take second. Hartford Union's Natalie Hirsch took third, while Oostburg's Addison Kohl was fourth and Merrill's Marley Krueger was fifth.

In the qualifying round March 1, Orgeman rolled games of 216, 206 and 158 for a 580 series to finish fifth and earn a spot in the semifinals. Oconto Falls' Marissa Miller was 33rd out of 57 with games of 168, 176 and 165 for a 509. The top 14 girls moved onto semifinals.

In semifinals, Orgeman took first by bowling games of 216, 206, 158, 201, 193 and 231 for 1,205 pins.

On the boys' side, Stevens Point Area Senior High's Dayden Koback took first, while Neenah's Zachary Olson was second, Sheboygan Lutheran's Dalton Zeman was third, Antigo's Grant Praslowicz was fourth and Portage's Aiden Scoot took fifth.

For teams, Sheboygan Area Co-Op won the Division 1 girls state title, while Merrill/Tomahawk took first in Division 2 girls. Sheboygan South won the Division 1 boys state title and Baraboo took the title in Division 2.

Orgeman will now complete March 9 in the WIHSBC All-Star Challenge at Riviera Lanes in Green Bay with four other bowlers from D9.

Lena girls advance to state tourney

Wittenberg-Birnamwood loses to Xavier in sectional finals

BY KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

Lena's girls basketball team advanced to the state tournament with a 66-57 win over Pittsville in Antigo on March 2.

Madilyn Thomson scored 23 points, and Eva Brooks dropped in another 20 to lead the Wildcats. Also scoring were Kali Fischer with 11, Whitney Potter with six, and Hannah Thomson and Maddy Kushner, each with three.

Brooks had a stunning 20 rebounds, with Hannah Thomson and Madilyn Thomson each pulling down eight. Madilyn Thomson led her teammates with five assists and four steals.

Lena held a 27-22 half-time lead and pulled ahead a bit more with a 39-35 second half performance.

The state tournament will be held March 7-9 at the Resch Center in Green Bay.

On March 8, No. 1 Argyle/Pecatonica (26-1) will face off against No. 4 Albany/Monticello (25-3) at 9:05 a.m. About 15 minutes after that game, No. 3 Clear Lake (26-3) will take on No. 2 Lena (27-2).

The winners of the two games will face off in the championship final at 11:05 a.m. March 9.

Lena will make its fourth appearance at state and the first since 1991 when the Wildcats finished runner-up in Division 4. Their most notable result at state was being crowned the Class C champion in 1980. The Wildcats return to state for the first time in 33 seasons.

Semifinals



Madilyn Thomson of Lena eyes a shot against Wabeno/Laona's Rylee Yaeger early in the first half of their sectional semifinal game Feb. 29 at Green Bay Southwest. Thomson drew a foul on the play.

WARREN BLUHM | NEW MEDIA

The Lena Wildcats girls basketball team held off a scrappy Wabeno/Laona squad that forced 33 turnovers, 21 in the first half, to advance in a WIAA Division 5 sectional semifinal game played at Green Bay Southwest High School on Feb. 29.

The Rebels, second-place team in the Northern Lakes Conference, used tenacious defense to build

a 24-16 lead late in the first half and continued to hold off the Marinette & Oconto Conference champions, hanging on to a 31-24 advantage with 10 minutes left in the game.

Lena chipped away over the next six minutes and tied the score at 38 on Kali Fischer's layup as the clock ticked inside five minutes to go. Moments later, season scoring leader Eva

Brooks gave the Wildcats the lead for good with a clutch 3-pointer.

Madilyn Thomson led the Wildcats with 20 points, and Brooks scored 14. Also adding to the total were Kali Fischer with six, Karli Fischer with four, Whitney Potter with three and Alabama Lambert with one.

Thomson led her teammates with eight rebounds,

while Brooks pulled down seven. Kali Fischer recorded four assists, and Thomson had four steals.

The Wildcats (26-2) play Pittsville March 2 at Antigo for the right to advance to the state tournament. The Panthers (24-4), the second-place team in the Central Wisconsin Conference South Division, made it to the sectional final with a 45-38 victory over Athens on Feb. 29 in Merrill.

Witt-Birn

Wittenberg-Birnamwood's season came to an end with a 55-39 defeat at the hands of Xavier.

The sectional final was played at Brillion on March 2.

The Chargers ended the season with a 25-3 record.

In the WIAA Division 3 semifinal game Feb. 29 in Oconto Falls, Rory Salvesen scored 15 points, including a pair of 3-pointers, and Melaina Granquist dropped in another 12 as Wittenberg-Birnamwood won a 43-41 nail-biter against Freedom.

Also scoring for the Chargers were Nora Bushman and Harper Rogowski with five points each, Faith Resch with four and Brie Ladika with two.

Granquist pulled down 13 of the team's 26 rebounds, Resch had three of the team's seven assists, and Salvesen recorded three of the Chargers' seven steals.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood (25-2) moved on to play Xavier on Saturday at Brillion for a chance to compete in the state tournament.

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Ice Bears fall in state championship game

Several players earn all-conference honors

BY KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

The Bay Area Ice Bears had a dozen more shots on goal than the Central Wisconsin Storm but still came up one goal short in the WIAA state title game March 2.

The 4-3 loss started with a scoreless first period before the Ice Bears took a 1-0 lead at 4:04 in the second period on a goal by Addison Dahl and an assist from Julianne Bradford.

The Storm tied the game at 1-1 a minute later.

As the third period started, the Storm scored two more goals for a 3-1 lead. Pulaski sophomore Faye Brunke scored at 7:47 to make it 3-2.

However, Central Wisconsin took a 4-2 lead

at the 15-minute mark, with the Ice Bears' Hannah Von Haden scoring at 16:00 to end the scoring and Bay Area still trailing by a goal.

The Ice Bears were penalized six times for 23 minutes, while the Storm was called for eight infractions for 14 minutes.

The Bay Area Ice Bears were trying to repeat as state champions, after defeating Superior/Northern 3-0 in 2023.

Bay Area 5 St. Croix Valley 4

Pulaski sophomore Faye Brunke scored the winning goal as the Bay Area Ice Bears girls hockey team defeated St. Croix Valley Fusion 5-4 to advance to the state title game.

Trailing 4-2 midway through the second period, the No. 3 seed Ice Bears

scored once in the second and twice in the third to beat the No. 2 seed Fusion on Feb. 29.

The game, played in Middleton, opened with the Fusion taking a 1-0 lead at 4:02 in the first period, only to have the Ice Bears tie it a 1-1 just 12 seconds later on a goal by Hannah Von Haden with assists from Tiana Stindt and Addison Dahl. An Emily Bill goal with assists from Kristina Kruse and Claire Gerarden put the Ice Bears up 2-1, only to have it tied 2-2 before the period ended.

The Fusion scored twice in the first seven minutes of the second period to go up 4-2. Ava McDonald scored with assists from Pulaski junior Briana Anundsen and Stindt to

make it 4-3 in favor of St. Croix Valley at the end of the second period.

Von Haden scored with help from Julianne Bradford at 2:52 in the third to tie the game. Bradford assisted Brunke at 4:22 for the go-ahead and winning goal.

St. Croix Valley was penalized three times for six minutes, while Bay Area was called for five infractions for 11 minutes.

The Ice Bears recorded 33 shots on goal compared to 10 by Fusion players.

The victory advanced the Ice Bears to the state championship game against Central Wisconsin Storm, which defeated the Cap City Cougars 4-1 to make it to the title game.

All-conference honors

Also on Feb. 29, it was announced Bill and Bradford were named to the Eastern Shores first team

all-conference. Earning honorable mention were Brunke, Dahl, McDonald and Parker Bartholomaeus.

The Bay Area Ice Bears won the regular season conference championship with a record of 7-0.

Three Ice Bears were the recipients of the Eastern Shores Conference scholar athlete award. Winners of this award must meet the following criteria:

- Must be a senior.
- Must earn a varsity letter for two seasons in hockey during their career.
- Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher through seven semesters.
- Must have zero athletic code violations during their high school career.

Honorees were Bartholomaeus, Sophie Gemiani and Brynn Osbahr.

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Bonduel boys capture regional crown

Saturday, March 2 Bonduel

Three players scored in double digits and six others also scored as Bonduel pounded Crivitz 82-40 in the regional finals.

Noah Weier led the Bears with 26 points, with Race Anvelink adding 14 and Ryan Westrich getting another dozen. For Weier, 24 of his points came in the first half.

Bonduel held a comfortable 52-20 lead at the half and went on to win the second half 30-20 for the lopsided win.

After losing its first game of the season, Bonduel has won 25 straight.

Gillett

A close game and a second-half comeback fell short for Gillett in its 62-59 loss to Lourdes Academy in the regional finals.

Jesse DeBacuh led the Tigers with 20 points, and Thomas Carmody scored 13.

Gillett (19-8) was led in 2023-24 by DeBauch with 22.1 points per game, followed by Franti with 17.1 and Ben Matczak with 14. DeBauch also led with 8.8 rebounds per game, while Matczak averaged 3.8. Franti averaged 5.3 assists per game, and DeBauch averaged 3.5.

Pulaski

Pulaski (15-12) saw its season end with a 77-59 loss in the regional finals

to Ashwaubenon.

This year, the Red Raiders were led by Colin Schultz with 18.5 points per game, Dylan Dorn with 11.1 and Joseph Mijal with 9.6.

Mijal led with an average of 4.8 rebounds per game, and Schultz had 4.6. Bryce Wotruba averaged 3.9 assists per game, and Ethan Schmidt had 2.4.

Tigerton

A 75-30 loss to Almond-Bancroft in the regional finals ended the season for Tigerton (22-5).

Almond-Bancroft controlled the game from the start with a commanding 39-16 first half and 36-14 second half.

Sam Anheuser led the Tigers with 11 points, including a trio of 3-pointers.

Loghan Wanta and James Brady each had five rebounds, Brady had three assists, and Wanta and Anheuser each had two steals.

Throughout the 2023-24 season, Brady led his teammates with an average of 12.6 points per game, followed by Maverick Maas with 10.4 and Joey Zimdars with 9.9.

Wanta led with 7.6 rebounds per game, and Brady collected 7.2. Anheuser had 2.1 assists per game, while Maas averaged 1.9.

Friday, March 1 Bonduel

After getting a bye

earlier in the week, No. 1 seed Bonduel pulled out a one-point win over No. 8 Valders, 65-64, in the WIAA Division 4 regional semifinals.

Ryan Westrich scored 22 points, with Noah Weier contributing another 12.

The Bears led 31-29 at halftime, but Valders hung in there, outscoring Bonduel 35-34 after the break.

Gillett

Jesse DeBauch scored 21 points and Aydin Franti added 20 as No. 3 Gillett downed No. 6 Oneida Nation 56-41 in the Division 5 sectional semifinals.

Gillett led 27-19 at the half and extended its lead with a 29-22 second half.

Marion

Marion's season ended in the regional semifinals with a 63-48 loss to Three Lakes. The Mustangs were seeded No. 7 while their opponents were No. 2.

Three Lakes led 30-28 at the half but had a much better second half, 33-20.

Marion (16-10) was led this season by Ryan Malueg with 17.1 points per game, Parker Miller with 15.6 and Enea Turrini with 11.3.

Parker Miller led the team with 10.8 rebounds per game, and Malueg had 9.3. Miller also led with 2.9 assists per game, and Turrini had 2.5.

Pulaski

Pulaski (No. 5) defeated

West Bend West (No. 4) 49-46 in the Division 2 regional semifinals.

The Red Raiders led 24-17 at the half, while West Bend West's 29-25 second half comeback fell short.

Tigerton

James Brady scored 15 points to lead No. 4 Tigerton over No. 5 Wabeno/Laona 49-39 in the Division 5 regional semifinals.

Six other Tigers scored, including Sam Anheuser with nine and Cameron Carlson with seven.

Brady led the team with 10 rebounds, while Loghan Wanta pulled down eight and Carlson had seven. Anheuser had four assists, while Ethan Carlson and Anheuser each had a pair of steals.

Witt-Birn

Wittenberg-Birnhamwood couldn't catch enough breaks as the team lost 75-57 to Waupaca in the regional semifinals.

The No. 5 seed Chargers (13-13) trailed No. 4 seed Waupaca 38-27 at the half and were outscored by another seven points in the second half.

For the season, Jett Rogowski led Wittenberg-Birnhamwood with 18.6 points per game, nearly three times more than Oliver Fraaza's 6.7. Marshall Fraaza averaged 4.7.

Oliver Fraaza pulled down an average of 5.2 rebounds per game, while Boone Schairer had 4.2. Rogowski also led with an average of two assists per game, while Oliver Fraaza recorded 1.3.

Tuesday, Feb. 27 Bowler

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Gresham

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Lena

The season ended for No. 13 seed Lena (5-20) with a 59-39 regional loss to No. 4 seed Niagara.

The Wildcats were led by Mason Spice's 17 points.

Spice also led the team with an average 12.9 points per game, followed by Caleb Schlosser with 7.4 and Tyler Shallow with 7.3.

Anthony Seefeldt averaged 7.7 rebounds per game, and Logan Graef had 6.9. Spice led Lena with 3.3 assists per game, while Shallow averaged 2.3.

Marion

The Mustangs advanced to the second game in its Division 5 regional bracket after defeating Elcho 55-50.

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Menominee Indian

Menominee Indian's season ended with a 79-61 loss to Sturgeon Bay in the Division 2 opening regional game.

The Eagles, 3-21, were seeded No. 11, and Sturgeon Bay was No. 6.

With 11.1 points per game, Barron Waupoose led the Eagles in scoring. Kenew Awonohopay averaged 9, and Anikohsah Corn had 7.6.

Awonohopay led with 6.5 rebounds per game, and Corn had 5.6. As for assists, Awonohopay again led the way with 2.9, while Waupoose averaged 1.5.

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Beaman pulled down seven rebounds, and Alex Haines had six. Haines led with six assists, while Brady Bursa, Haines and Emerich Skarban each had two steals.

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Verkuilen connected on three 3-pointers, while Sipple and Weisnicht each had two. Getting one each were Beyer, Schmidt and Shanty.

Sipple also led Shawano with 10 rebounds. Shanty notched four assists, and Sipple, Broucker, Beyer and Weisnicht each had a steal.

Sipple led Shawano with an average of 20 points per game in the 2023-24 season, which was also the most among all Bay Conference players. Verkuilen averaged 11.2, while Weisnicht averaged 7.7.

Sipple also led the team with an average 5.1 rebounds per game, just a bit more than Weisnicht's 4.9. Verkuilen and Sipple each averaged 2.7 assists per game.

Suring

The 85-27 loss to No. 2 seed Lourdes Academy in regional action ended the season for No. 15 seed Suring (4-20).

For the 2023-24 season, Suring was led by Trent VanDenElzen's 8.6 points per game, Michael Bailey's 7.1 and Taylor Booth Stofregen's 5.6.

Tigerton

Tigerton's season continued after a 70-51 win over Tri-County in its Division 5 regional.

The No. 4 seed Tigerton controlled the game from the beginning with a 34-24 halftime lead over No. 13 Tri-County. They added to their margin of victory with a 36-27 second half.

Joey Zimdars led Tigerton with 24 points, including the team's only 3-pointer. Loghan Wanta and James Brady each scored 14 points.

Wanta had a huge night on the boards, pulling down 16 rebounds. Brady grabbed seven, Sam Anheuser had five, and Zimdars had four.

Cameron Carlson led the team with four assists. Cameron Carlson, Ethan Carlson, Zimdars, Anheuser and Gavin Kielblock each had two steals.

Witt-Birn

Wittenberg-Birnhamwood manhandled Tomahawk 75-33 in the first round of Division 3 regional action.

"Boys played well tonight," coach Garrett Rogowski said. "We got a lot of deflections defensively that led to easy baskets early in the offense."

Jett Rogowski set a blistering pace with 31 points, including five 3-point baskets. Zander Barke added 10 as the only other Witt-Birn player to hit double digits.

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Politicians can actually keep their promises

When Mike Gallagher first ran for Congress in 2016, one of his promises was that he would not be making his time as a representative forever. Gallagher touted his support for term limits, believing that serving the people should be a privilege and not a career, a welcome point of view for those who are tired of the same old folks populating the U.S. Capitol and running like a rickety barge.

Gallagher's not the first one who has promised this, as countless others who tout the need for constant political transfusions in Washington, D.C., claim they're going to only serve for a few years and then make way for some new people and new ideas. Then, lo and behold, those people are still walking the halls of Congress a few decades later.

The difference between those folks and Gallagher is that the latter kept his promise, a virtue sorely lacking in most levels of government. He recently announced he would not be seeking a fifth term in the 8th Congressional District, and in a statement he pointed out that "the Framers intended citizens to serve in Congress for a season and then return to their private lives. Electoral politics was never supposed to be a career and, trust me, Congress is no place to grow old."

When you think about it, we have term limits in place for the president of the United States, the top elected position in the land. They only get to serve in the office for two terms or a maximum of 10 years if a vice president or someone else in the succession line becomes president in the middle of someone else's term. The 22nd Amendment was crafted after Franklin Roosevelt was elected four times as president at a time when people felt having one person in power for too long was detrimental to the country.

We do this for the executive branch, but yet we let the representatives of the legislative branch continue to serve for decades. Many serve until they feel they're too old to keep up the same pace that they've done for 30 or 40 years, or in the case of Dianne Feinstein, she actually died while in office at age 90, being the oldest member of the U.S. Senate at that time.

Gallagher did a good job serving in Congress, but I personally wish he'd



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pushed more for term limits for all. He proved himself to be a man of integrity by keeping his promise not to make Washington a lifetime commitment, but apparently rules need to be laid down for the other 434 members of the U.S. House of Representatives and 100 members of the U.S. Senate to get in line.

It's easy to see why folks would want to remain in the federal government indefinitely. The salary for the rank-and-file members is \$174,000. To be a leader in the majority or minority party gets your pay bumped up to \$193,400, and if you become Speaker of the House, you get paid \$223,500. Getting that kind of pay makes it easy to consider staying in office forever.

It also explains why the politicians haven't come forward with any efforts to limit themselves. A Pew Research Center survey from last summer found 87% of respondents support congressional term limits. Some states have implemented term limits for elected state officials.

Folks might say that the way to limit politicians is for the people to vote them out of office. If the electorate took the time to research the candidates and their records instead of being spoon-fed through campaign commercials, that would be a good argument. However, the numbers show that over 90% of elections are often uncompetitive, and in the 2022 midterms, 100% of U.S. Senate incumbents got reelected.

Gallagher decided to choose integrity above all, which has caused many in the Republican Party to express disappointment because of what he's accomplished in eight years. The powers-that-be in the GOP want him to keep on trucking. However, he made a promise, and he's keeping it. Hopefully, he'll be replaced by someone with just as much integrity, and that person will carry the banner of term limits for all. Gallagher's time is up, and for others in Congress, it's past time.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Learn at Shawano schools open house

To the editor:

Two of the greatest and most important social institutions in America are the public schools and the church.

Most communities in America have a school and a church, usually more than one of each. These institutions have shaped a significant amount of our culture, as our right to worship and our right to an education are cornerstones of the American experience. Both schools and churches are deeply interested in helping people learn and work toward wholeness and better character. It makes sense for these two great institutions to work together to improve communities.

Churches can provide schools with the opportunity to deepen community involvement.

Churches can become advocates for schools. The church is a gathering of people that can have real and tangible impacts. And there is power in numbers, collective interest in solving problems, and communities that can enable and enlighten a widening circle of people.

Churches, by getting involved in schools, can show that communities can have meaningful and mutually beneficial relationships even in the brokenness of today's society. In our world of

brokenness and fractured community, these partnerships can be a glimpse into the kingdom of God.

It is with this in mind that I would like for you to consider participating in one of Shawano School District's "Impacting the Future, Shawano Referendum Community Open Houses." These open houses are designed to provide a clear message regarding SSD's future and information on the upcoming referendum out to our faith communities.

As a community faith leader, I want to encourage our community churches and people of faith to be salt and light, influencing change and once again becoming a voice in our community and a strong partner with our public schools. We can accomplish this by being informed of the facts versus being misled by the rumors. Let's lead our community in this long-term partnership with our public school system.

What to expect? Shawano School District leaders will be available to answer your questions pertaining to all aspects of the upcoming referendum from 5:30-7 p.m. March 18 at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B, Shawano. Attendees can stop at different information tables and ask questions or go directly to the table they are seeking more information on.

For more information, please visit www.shawanoschools.com/page/referendum-2024.

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Together, we can make a difference and ensure a positive future for our public school students.

Pastor Michael McKinnies,
Shawano

District Attorney's office slows down justice

To the editor:

I write you with regards to your article about how "Justice could come faster in Shawano County." You are right, justice could come faster, but it will not under the current district attorney, Greg Parker.

I used to be an assistant district attorney under Parker from 2018 to 2021. We all remember articles in the last few years pointing out how justice was delayed for victims in very significant cases. I hold my breath when I see articles like that because I fear the victims may never get justice. The DA takes too long to charge out cases. As a case proceeds from charging to ultimately a trial, victims and witnesses may lose interest in participating, witnesses may become incapacitated or, worst-case scenario, deceased.

It is hard enough getting the stars to align in a significant case so that you have a jury trial with all the witnesses the prosecution needs to prove its case. The Shawano County District Attorney's Office has a problem in making charging decisions, and the delays in these decisions affects the

evidence available in those cases.

When the state gets put in situations like this, the DA's office is forced to make plea deals they otherwise would not make. I watched as a 2017 arson case from Tigerton got pled out to a misdemeanor and a \$150 fine in May 2023.

As your article mentions, our two judges are the most overburdened in the state. Our DA's office is failing our judges. Cases are not getting settled in Shawano and Menominee counties.

I can tell you from my experience in multiple different offices that Shawano County and Menominee County are not places where crime happens any more or less than any other place in Wisconsin. The problem is that the DA's office is not using its discretion properly, charges out more cases than it needs to, and focuses its efforts on sending people to jail when that is not all prosecutors do to keep our community safe.

Not only is your money being spent on the wrong people, it is being spent on pointless hearings with no progress being made on cases.

We need to prosecute cases the right way, using everything available to us. My mission, should the people elect me, is simple: Bring the office into the 21st century, using all technology available to us and using proper discretion to resolve cases.

Alec Ballo, Hammond

GUEST COLUMN

Immigrant influx does not rise to 'crisis'

Headlines scream "crisis," but is Whitewater, Wisconsin, drowning in an immigration flood? Not quite. While a recent influx of new residents, primarily from Nicaragua and Venezuela, has drawn local attention, labeling it a "crisis" ignores the bigger picture and risks wasting precious resources.

Firstly, let's address the elephant in the room: Wisconsin's overall immigration picture is actually shrinking. Since 2010, the state's foreign-born population has grown by a mere 3%, lagging behind the national average of 23%. Whitewater itself saw a similar trend, with immigrant growth hovering around 5% in the same time frame.

So why the sudden fuss? While the numbers remain modest, the rapid arrival of a concentrated group in a small town like Whitewater can feel jarring. However, framing this as a crisis paints a misleading picture. The reality is far more nuanced.

Many newcomers are asylum seekers fleeing brutal conditions in their



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Guest columnist

home countries. They arrive exhausted, traumatized and desperate for a safe haven. They often speak little English and lack social networks, leaving them vulnerable and in need of support. Labeling them a "problem" not only dehumanizes them but also ignores the moral imperative to offer refuge. It's also impossible to ignore the ongoing and historic actions of the United States that have significantly contributed to the instability of Nicaragua and Venezuela.

U.S. involvement in Nicaragua dates back to the early 20th century, marked by interventions and support for dictatorships perceived as favorable to American interests. In the 1980s, the Reagan administration openly funded and armed the Contra rebels, a right-wing insurgency

aimed at overthrowing the democratically elected Sandinista government.

In Venezuela, the U.S. government accused Maduro of authoritarianism and corruption, imposing multiple rounds of economic sanctions that have crippled the Venezuelan economy and contributed to hyperinflation and widespread shortages. These sanctions, while ostensibly targeting state officials, have disproportionately impacted ordinary Venezuelans, forcing them to come to the belly of the beast for a better life.

The vast majority of immigrants simply seek a chance to work and build a better life. In fact, many fill crucial low-wage jobs ignored by American citizens, contributing to the local economy.

The proposed solution — a hefty federal grant requested by the police department — raises further questions. Throwing money at the issue without a comprehensive understanding of the needs and realities

of the immigrant community risks creating more problems than it solves. Instead, resources should be directed toward integration and support services, helping newcomers navigate the legal system, learn English and access critical health care.

Instead of painting a picture of fear and crisis, Whitewater should embrace this "issue" as an opportunity. Newcomers bring fresh perspectives, cultural diversity and a much-needed workforce. Integrating them successfully requires empathy, understanding and proactive measures — not panic-stricken pronouncements and wasteful resource allocation.

Remember, fear-mongering headlines don't tell the whole story. Look beyond the hype, embrace the opportunity and let's build a Whitewater and a state where everyone, regardless of origin, has the chance to thrive.

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Feb. 29
Deputies responded to 46 incidents, including harassment on Allen Road in the Town of Little Suamico, sexual assault in the Town of Lakewood, suspicious activity near Brehmer and Timberline roads in the Town of Abrams, fraud on South Chase Road in the Town of Chase, suspicious activity on Hardwood Lane in the Town of Oconto Falls, suspicious activity on Dudzik Road in the Town of Chase, two traffic stops, three traffic offenses, two miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; one 911 hangup and four open lines; one ambulance call; two crashes, one involving deer.

Feb. 28
Deputies responded to 50 incidents, including sexual assault in the Town of Gillett, a disturbance on Wilson Road in the Town of Abrams, two wanted persons on Arbutus Avenue in Oconto, identity theft on Trillium Court in the Town of Lakewood, fire on County Road I in the Town of Oconto Falls, 11 traffic stops, two traffic hazards, one miscellaneous traffic incident, one welfare check; two 911 hangups and two open lines; one ambulance call; four crashes.

Feb. 27
Deputies responded to 43 incidents, including a jail incident on Arbutus Avenue in Oconto, an animal bite on Nikodem Lane in the Town of Abrams, a death investigation in the Town of Oconto Falls, fraud on Krause Road

in the Town of Little Suamico, five traffic stops, two citizen assists, one miscellaneous traffic incident; one 911 hangup and three open lines; one ambulance call; three crashes.

Feb. 26
Deputies responded to 38 incidents, including squad damage near County Roads A and J in the Town of Little River, fraud on County Road E in the Town of Abrams, child abuse in the Town of Little Suamico, drugs in Oconto Falls, a wanted person on Arbutus Avenue in Oconto, suspicious activity on Spring Lake Drive in the Town of Little Suamico, theft on Ridge Road in the Town of Spruce, eight traffic stops, one citizen assist, five miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; one 911 hangup and two open lines; three ambulance calls; one deer-related crash.

Feb. 25
Deputies responded to 51 incidents, including a noise disturbance on North Elm Avenue in Gillett, fire on Chase Town Hall Lane in the Town of Chase, property damage on Wescott Lake Road in the Town of Bagley, theft on Downtown Lane in the Town of Underhill, attempted fraud on Jaworski Road in the Town of Chase, suspicious activity near County Road J and Hazels Lane in the Town of Pensaukee, drugs in Oconto, a wanted person near U.S. Highway 41 and County Road W in the Town of Little River, fire near County Road B and Lee Lake Road in the Town of Brazeau, seven traffic stops,

five traffic offenses, two citizen assists, two miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; one 911 hangup; three ambulance calls; three crashes, one involving deer.

Feb. 24
Deputies responded to 42 incidents, including property damage on East Fourth Street in Gillett, drugs in Gillett, suspicious activity on Wild Rose Lane in the Town of Chase, an animal bite on County Road A in the Town of Lena, eight traffic stops, one traffic hazard, four traffic offenses, one citizen assist, two miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; one 911 hangup and five open lines; two ambulance calls; four crashes, one involving deer.

Feb. 23
Deputies responded to 60 incidents, including a wanted person on Sleeter Road in the Town of Bagley, a wanted person on Cross Street in Oconto, harassment on Arbutus Avenue in Oconto, a wanted person on Washington Street in Oconto, fire on Kollen Lane in the Town of Lakewood, 13 traffic stops, one traffic hazard, six traffic offenses, two citizen assists, two miscellaneous traffic incidents, three welfare checks; one open-line 911 call; one ambulance call; three deer-related crashes.

Feb. 22
Deputies responded to 40 incidents, including fire on Red Tail Lane in the Town of Little Suamico, illegal burning near Frog Pond Road and County Road S in the Town of

Oconto, 10 traffic stops, two traffic offenses, two citizen assists, one miscellaneous traffic incident, two 911 hangups and two open lines, one ambulance call.

Feb. 21
Deputies responded to 34 incidents, including suspicious activity near County Road J and Geano Beach Road in the Town of Pensaukee, child abuse in the Town of Maple Valley, internet fraud on West Main Street in Lena, internet fraud on William Lane in the Town of Riverview, eight traffic stops, one traffic hazard, three citizen assists, one welfare check, one 911 hangup, one crash involving deer.

Feb. 20
Deputies responded to 50 incidents, including drugs in Oconto, child abuse in the Town of Riverview, sexual assault in the Town of Breed, suspicious activity near Deer Hill and Harrys roads in the Town of Underhill, identity theft on North Brown County Line Road in the Town of Chase, suspicious activity on North Center Street in Suring, 11 traffic stops, two traffic hazards, one traffic offense, two miscellaneous traffic incidents, three welfare checks, one 911 hangup and four open lines, one ambulance call, two crashes involving deer.

Feb. 19
Deputies responded

to 51 incidents, including sexual assault in the Town of Stiles, suspicious activity on Fernwood Drive in the Town of Townsend, fire on Henne Lane in the Town of Gillett, an unwanted party on White Lake Road in the Town of Bagley, theft on Arbutus Avenue in Oconto, suspicious activity near state Highway 32 and Village View Drive in the Town of Townsend, a disturbance on Vermeiren Road in the Town of Pensaukee, 11 traffic stops, five traffic offenses, one citizen assist, three miscellaneous traffic incidents, three 911 hangups and two open lines, one crash.

Feb. 18
Deputies responded to 42 incidents, including a missing person on Pipgrass Road in the Town of Oconto Falls, harassment on East Frontage Road in the Town of Little Suamico, a disturbance on Circle Drive in the Town of Lakewood, suspicious activity on Crawford Road in the Town of Stiles, a disturbance on East Main Street in Suring, a fire control burn on Falk Road in the Town of Abrams, six traffic stops, two traffic offenses, two citizen assists, one miscellaneous traffic incident, three welfare checks, three 911 hangups and seven open lines, two ambulance calls.

Feb. 17
Deputies responded

to 48 incidents, including suspicious activity on West Riverside Road in the Town of Lakewood, fraud on West Main Street in Lena, a disturbance on North Center Street in Suring, suspicious activity on Szczepanski Lane in the Town of Chase, drugs at an undisclosed location, a disturbance on Rocky Ledge Road in the Town of Pensaukee, suspicious activity on Sunny Slope Road in the Town of Oconto Falls, eight traffic stops, one traffic hazard, three traffic offenses, two citizen assists, one miscellaneous traffic incident, three welfare checks, one 911 hangup and one open line, one ambulance call, two crashes, one involving deer.

Feb. 16
Deputies responded to 46 incidents, including property damage on Madeline Lane in the Town of Little Suamico, a drug investigation in the Town of Abrams, internet fraud on Maple Grove School Road in the Town of Oconto, sexual assault in the Town of Breed, suspicious activity on Golf Course Road in the Town of Maple Valley, a disturbance on Barkman Street in Suring, four traffic stops, two traffic hazards, four traffic offenses, two citizen assists, four welfare checks, two 911 hangups and two open lines, one ambulance call, five crashes, one involving deer.

NOTICE OF BUDGET CHANGE			
The following budget adjustments/transfers have been approved by the Oconto County Board of Supervisors on February 22, 2024:			
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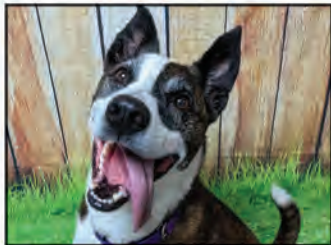


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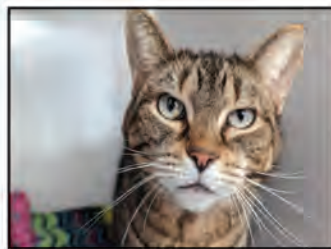
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OCONTO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Proceedings of March 1

▪ Christopher A. Baier, 40, Oconto, pleaded no contest to misdemeanor charges of possession of THC and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that occurred Nov. 4. The drug charge was amended from a felony. Judge Michael Judge assessed court costs and sentenced Baier to the 119 days he has already served in county jail.

▪ Jason C. Smith, 38, White Lake, pleaded guilty to possession of narcotic drugs and misdemeanor counts of criminal damage to property and attempted theft, in connection with an incident that occurred Jan. 4, 2023. Judge Jay Conley scheduled sentencing for May 20 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

▪ After a preliminary hearing, Adam J. Martens, 31, Oconto, was bound over on a charge of felony bail jumping in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Dec. 14. Conley scheduled arraignment for March 14.

Proceedings of Feb. 29

▪ Miranda Ann Wheeler, 26, Iron Mountain, Michigan, waived extradition to Michigan, where an arrest warrant had been issued because she allegedly violated conditions of her probation.

Proceedings of Feb. 26

▪ Bond was set at \$1,000 cash for Dean Charles Trepanier, 64, Suring, after he was charged with operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (seventh, eighth or ninth offense) and misdemeanor counts of bail jumping and operating while revoked, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Jan. 6. Conley scheduled a preliminary hearing for April 2.

▪ Bond was set at \$1,500 cash for Brady L. Boucher, 29, Oconto, after he was charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), and misdemeanor counts of possession of amphetamine, possession of illegally obtained prescription drugs and possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Feb. 25. Conley adjourned his initial appearance to March 14.

▪ Bond was set at \$1,000 cash for Katlyn C. Fish, 20, Oconto, after she was charged with child neglect in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Feb. 25. Conley adjourned her initial appearance to March 14.

Proceedings of Feb. 23

▪ Sean Michael Schulz, 32, Suring, pleaded no contest to possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor possession of THC, in connection with an incident that occurred May 31, 2023. Judge Michael Judge scheduled sentencing for April 25 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

▪ Megan Ann Neldner, 40, an Oconto Falls woman serving time at Taycheedah Correctional Institution in Fond du Lac, pleaded no contest

to three counts of felony bail jumping from three separate cases. Judge withheld sentencing and placed Neidner on four years of probation with conditions.

▪ Andrew A. Cherry, 25, Pulaski, pleaded no contest to misdemeanor counts of operating a motor vehicle while his license was revoked and violating an ignition interlock order, in connection with an incident that occurred Aug. 13. A felony bail jumping charge was dismissed in a plea agreement. Judge levied fines and court costs.

▪ Maurice Allen Olson Sr., 33, Suring, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to fleeing an officer in his vehicle, second-degree recklessly endangering safety, possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), and misdemeanor counts of operating while revoked, resisting or obstructing an officer, and possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Feb. 6. Judge scheduled a plea hearing for March 5.

Proceedings of Feb. 22

▪ Bond was set at \$7,500 cash for Michael D. Wood, 36, Oconto Falls, after he was charged with felony bail jumping and misdemeanor disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Dec. 25. He was already awaiting trial on charges of first-degree reckless endangerment, strangulation-suffocation,

false imprisonment, substantial battery, and misdemeanor counts of disorderly conduct and criminal damage to property, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Jan. 1, 2022. Judge scheduled a preliminary hearing on the new charges for March 20.

Proceedings of Feb. 20

▪ Judge sentenced Jonathan D. Collar, 38, an Oconto Falls man now serving time at Stanley Correctional Institution, to an additional four years in prison, followed by four years of extended supervision, for aggravated battery and felony bail jumping, in connection with an incident that occurred Nov. 17, 2021.

▪ Cannon Edward Verkui- len, 29, Kaukauna, was sentenced to three years in prison, followed by three years of extended supervision, for possession with intent to deliver amphetamine or methamphetamine, in connection with an incident that occurred Aug. 7. Judge gave Verkuilen credit for 199 days already served in the county jail and ruled he is eligible for the Substance Abuse Program, which can lead to early release upon successful completion.

▪ Brandon Sean Ertel, 30, Oconto, pleaded no contest to strangulation and suffocation in connection with an incident that occurred April 16, 2023. Judge scheduled sentencing for April 15 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

▪ A final pre-trial confer-

ence was held for Michael James Kriescher, 44, Abrams, who is scheduled to stand trial March 6-8 before Judge Jay Conley for the repeated alleged sexual assault of the same child, first-degree child sexual assault and one other related charge.

▪ A March 6-7 jury trial was rescheduled to Aug. 13-14 for Bruce J. Carr, 70, Gresham, on charges of possession with intent to deliver THC and maintaining a drug trafficking place, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Feb. 8, 2019, as well as misdemeanor or charges of bail jumping, operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (third offense), in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Dec. 17, 2021. Conley set a final pre-trial conference for July 29.

▪ A March 26-28 jury trial was rescheduled to Aug. 27-29 for Cody John Krueger, 36, an Oconto man currently serving time at Green Bay Correctional Institution, on charges of attempted first-degree intentional homicide, armed robbery, first-degree recklessly endangering safety, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred in Oconto on Sept. 3, 2021. Krueger is also awaiting trial on two counts second-degree recklessly endangering safety, fleeing an officer and misdemeanor driving while his license was

revoked, in connection with his arrest a week later on Sept. 10, 2021. Judge scheduled a final pre-trial conference for Aug. 12.

▪ Frank M. Calvert, 61, Oconto, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to two counts of recklessly endangering safety, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Nov. 23. Judge Jeffrey Wisnicky scheduled a status conference for April 15.

Proceedings of Feb. 19

▪ A final pretrial conference was held for the Feb. 27-28 jury trial of Joseph A. Reignier, 22, Oconto Falls, on a charge of strangulation and

suffocation, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred April 22, 2022. The trial was later canceled and a plea/sentencing hearing scheduled for March 19.

▪ Bond was set at \$15,000 cash for Robert S. Presl, 44, Oconto, after he was charged with three counts of battery or threat to a law officer, one count of throwing or discharging bodily fluids at an officer, three counts of misdemeanor disorderly conduct and a misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Feb. 16. Conley adjourned his initial appearance until March 14.

Keshena man accused of assault on domestic partner

BY KEVIN MURPHY
Correspondent

A Keshena man was indicted this week in federal court on two counts of assaulting his domestic partner.

Arrelío R. Escalante, 36, allegedly punched and strangled, to the point of being unconscious, a woman with whom he had a domestic relationship with.

The woman suffered serious bodily injuries including a broken nose and severe bruising.

On Feb. 27, Escalante was indicted with one count of assault resulting in serious bodily injury and one count of domestic assault by strangulation.

Both offenses allegedly occurred on Feb. 8 on the Menominee Indian Reservation.

If convicted on both counts, Escalante faces a maximum of 20 years in prison followed by a term of supervised release.

The Menominee Tribal Police Department and FBI investigated the case.

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T-Bagley 920-842-4619	T-Little Suamico 920-826-7655	T-Townsend 715-850-1216
T-Brazeau 920-897-3855	T-Maple Valley 920-373-2077	T-Underhill 920-590-2991
T-Breed 920-842-2991	T-Morgan 920-846-0699	V-Lena 920-829-5226
T-Chase 920-373-8308	T-Mountain 715-276-6474	V-Suring 920-842-2333
T-Doty 715-276-7554	T-Oconto 920-373-6270	C-Gillett 920-855-2255
T-Gillett 920-676-2844	T-Oconto Falls 920-373-3071	C-Oconto 920-834-7711
T-How 920-660-5483	T-Pensaukee 920-826-2010	C-Oconto Falls 920-846-4505
T-Lakewood 715-276-3579	T-Riverview 715-276-9478	
T-Lena 920-829-5467	T-Spruce 920-246-0974	

BY: Kim Pytleski, County Clerk
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Please return form and money to your local Municipal Treasurer:

Neutered Male	Un-Neutered Male	Spayed Female	Un-spayed Female	Kennel	Municipality Fees 2024
\$3.00	\$8.00	\$3.00	\$8.00	\$35.00 + \$3.00 per dog in excess of 12 dogs	Fees for all municipalities in Oconto County except the municipalities listed below
\$3.00	\$25.00	\$3.00	\$25.00		Town of Chase
\$5.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$10.00		Town of Towns
\$7.00	\$12.00	\$7.00	\$12.00		City of Oconto Falls

DOG LICENSE APPLICATION-Complete all fields

Name of Owner _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Phone # _____
Include a Business-size Self Addressed Stamped Envelope for tag return by mail.

Name of Dog _____ Female _____ Male _____
Breed _____ Spayed _____ Neutered _____
Color _____
Rabies vaccination-Date Given (MM/DD/YYYY) _____
Rabies vaccination-Date Expired (MM/DD/YYYY) _____
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USDA Choice Boneless Ruben Corned Beef Brisket



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USDA Choice Boneless Sirloin Tip Steaks



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each

Peeled Baby Carrots



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1lb Bag

Green Cabbage



69¢
lb

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3lb Bag

Cheez-its, Club, Town House or Toasteds Crackers



2/\$6

Asst Variety
8-13.8oz

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\$5.99

26-32oz

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\$1.99

16oz

Daisy Cottage Cheese



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24oz
2% or 4%

Food Club Sliced Cheese



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Asst Variety

Cravn Frozen Potatoes, Tater Tots, or Onion Rings



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Asst Variety
16-32oz

Pillsbury Flour



\$3.49

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Asst Variety
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Food Club Peanuts



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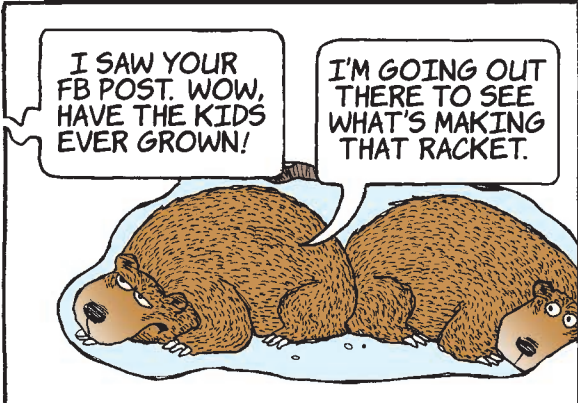
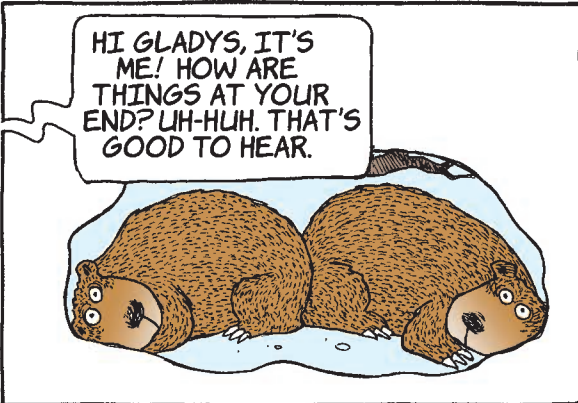
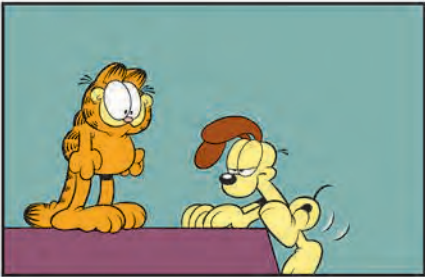
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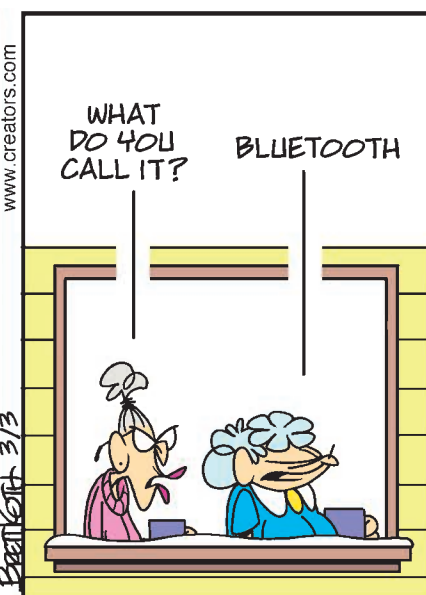
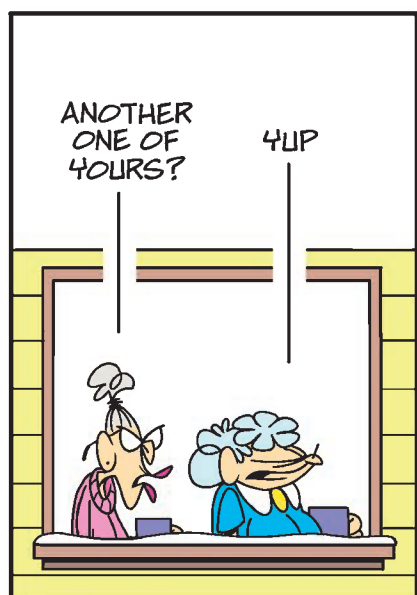
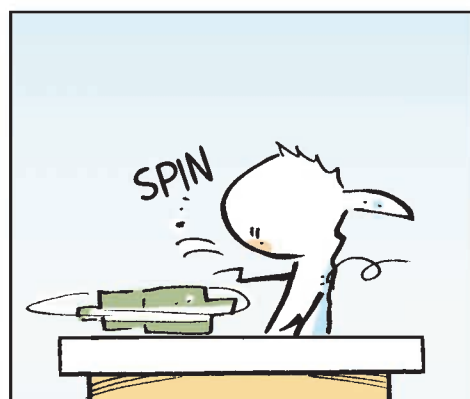
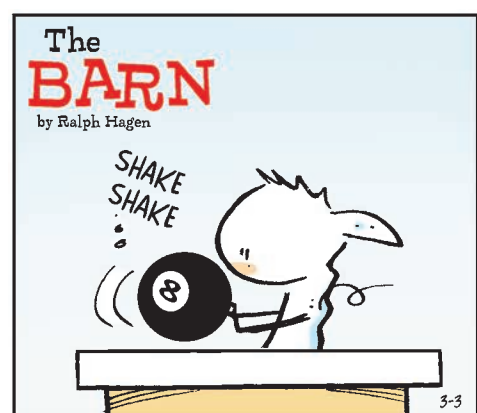
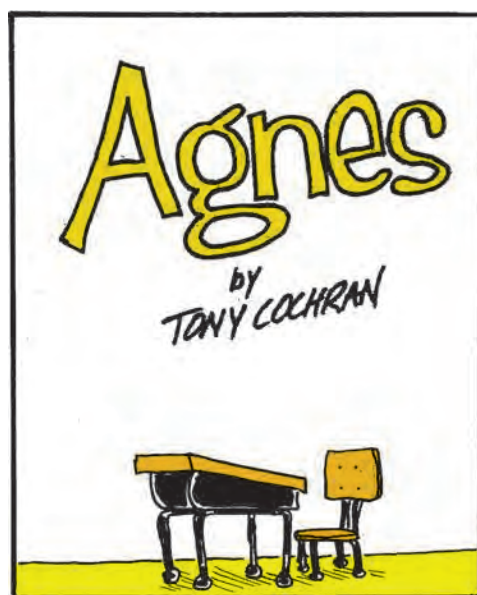
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2023 RESULTS BALLOT #1

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Best Goods:

☐ Appliances - Heins Appliance

☐ Carpet/Flooring - Floors Unlimited/Carpet One

☐ Farm and Feed Store- Tractor Supply Company

☐ Flower Shop - Lisa's Flowers From the Heart

☐ Furniture/Home Accessories - Senzig's Fine Home Furnishings

☐ Grocery Store- Charlie's County Market

☐ Gift Store/Antiques - Bottle House Antiques

☐ Hardware - Qualheim's True Value

☐ Health Food - Staff of Life

☐ Jewelry - Martin's Jewellers

☐ Women's Clothing - Dreier Pharmacy & Gift Shoppe

☐ Paint Store - Dearco Glass, Paint & Decorating

☐ Pet Grooming & Boarding - Pink Shears Pet Grooming

☐ Plant/Nursery - Shawano Lawn & Stone Company

Best Services:

☐ A/C & Heating - Knope Heating & Air Conditioning

☐ Attorney - James E. Aschenbrenner, Greenhill Aschenbrenner Law LLC

☐ Bank - Bonduel State Bank

☐ Butcher/Meat Shop - Pingel Processing

☐ Child Care/Daycare - Bullfrogs and Butterflies Childcare Center

☐ Chiropractor - Verkuilen Chiropractic & Wellness Center

☐ Credit Union - CoVantage Credit Union

☐ Dentist - Walsh Dental Group

☐ Electrician - Raddant Electrical Service, Inc.

☐ Fitness Center - Total Fitness

☐ Gas Station/C-store - Kwik Trip-Shawano

☐ Hair Salon/Barber - Fusion Salon

☐ Insurance Agency - Hometown Insurance Agency

☐ Massage - Verkuilen Chiropractic & Wellness Center

☐ Pharmacy - Dreier Pharmacy & Gift Shoppe

☐ Plumber - Moede & Sons, Inc.

☐ Real Estate Company - Coldwell Banker Real Estate Group

☐ Retirement Community - The Cottages Senior Living and Memory Care

☐ Travel Agency - First Class Travel

☐ Veterinarian - Specialized Veterinary Care of Shawano

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2023 RESULTS BALLOT #2

BEST OF

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2023

Best Thing To Do:

☐ Casino - North Star Mohican Casino Resort

☐ Cheese Factory - Belle Plaine Cheese

☐ Happy Hour/Night Spot - Classics Restaurant & Lounge

☐ Hotel/Motel/Resort - Shawano Four Seasons Hotel

☐ Live Music - Classics Restaurant & Lounge

☐ Museum- Shawano Historical Society Heritage House, Heritage Park

☐ Golf Course - Shawano Lake Golf Course

☐ Campground - Shawano County Park

Best Vehicle Services:

☐ ATV Store - Caroline Motorsports

☐ Auto Body Repair - Shawano Auto Sales

☐ Auto Parts Supply Store - NAPA Hometown Auto Parts

☐ Boat Dealer/Maintenance - American Marine & Motorsports Super Center

☐ Car Dealer - Buss Automotive, Inc.

☐ Vehicle Service Center - Auto Select, Shawano

☐ Tire Store - Pomp's Tire

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You've chosen

the Best!

This special edition is a compilation of the Best Businesses of the region as voted by our readers. The section includes best food and dining best goods, best things to do, best outdoor activities, best services, and best vehicle services.

Many of the businesses listed have been part of the community for many years, and some are new to the area. Regardless, we're proud of their commitment to the community, and their continued support of the Wolf River/Shawano County, Wittenberg-Birnamwood, and Oconto County regions.

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Best of Wolf River Region

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2023 RESULTS BALLOT #3

BEST OF

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Best Food/Dining:

☐ Bakery - Fannita's Bakery

☐ Bar - Stubborn Brothers Brewery

☐ Breakfast - Farm Inn' on Main

☐ Burger - The Pad

☐ Coffee House - Beans & Books Coffeehouse, LLC

☐ Dessert - Luigi's Pasta & Pizza

☐ Dinner - Classics Restaurant & Lounge

☐ Family Restaurant - Shawano's Cafe

☐ Fast Food - Culver's of Shawano

☐ Fish Fry - Dixon's Torchlight

☐ Ice Cream - Dairy Queen Grill & Chill

☐ International - El Tequila Mexican Restaurant

☐ Lunch - Shawano's Cafe

☐ Pizza - Luigi's Pasta & Pizza

☐ Sandwich - The Lighthouse Bar & Grill

BEST FOOD AND DINING

— Bakery

Fannita's Bakery

128 S. Main St.
Shawano, WI 54166
715-526-6600
Owners: Fannita Badalamenti and Alfonso Bommarito
Fannita's Bakery is open Tuesday through Friday 5:15 am to 4:00 pm and Saturdays 5:15 am to 2:00 pm. We serve donuts and breads made fresh daily and never frozen. We also have cookies, cupcakes, coffeecakes, kringsles, bars, and much more. We also sell cakes and cheesecakes by the slice. Specialty orders can be accommodated with a few days notice. Our mission is to make sure our customers are happy and satisfied with our products and that they keep coming back for more.

— Bar

Stubborn Brothers Brewery

220 South Main Street,
Shawano WI, 54166
(715) 201-0859
Owner(s): Aaron and

Erik Gilling
Stubborn Brothers Brewery is a full service bar and restaurant located at 220 S Main St in Shawano WI. This bar offers an extensive farm to fork lunch and dinner menu, 24 craft beers made on site, a wide range of liquor options, live music, outdoor beer garden in the summertime and so much more! It's always a good time over here. Open Wednesday through Sunday 11 a.m. - 10 p.m. Locally focused, family-oriented, and the freedom to explore; because great beer has no rules. We came together to make the community stronger, to support Wisconsin farmers, and to follow our passion. It just happened to be beer. Dedicated to preserving the earth, using sustainable practices and helping improve the world of beer from harvest to bottle.

— Breakfast

Farm Inn on Main

123 N Main St,

Shawano, WI 54166
(715) 524-4916
We're glad you're here! We hope you will enjoy your visit to our Farm Inn' on Main Restaurant and Bakery when you come to experience our friendly staff, delicious meals, and farm-style atmosphere! From our homemade farm style dishes and fresh baked goods, to the large portions that we are known for there is much to love about Farm Inn' On Main!! See you soon!

— Burger

The Pad DBA (West Shore Partners LLC)

221 North Airport Rd
Shawano, WI 54166
715-524-4098
Owners: Dan and Nancy Hanyzewski
The Pad prides itself on having the very best burgers in Wisconsin. It also works hard to provide its loyal patrons with homemade daily specials Monday through Saturday, 11 am to close. We specialize in

serving large parties, celebrations of life, and special party gatherings. The Pad's mission is to ensure that every customer feels appreciated, valued and important. The Pad offers a very clean and welcoming environment and pays attention to the customers needs and requests. **The Pad, a great place to land.**

— Coffee House Beans & Books Coffeehouse LLC

1235 E. Green Bay St.,
Shawano
715-524-2233
Beans & Books Coffeehouse LLC has been locally owned and operated since 2004 at 1235 East Greet Bay Street. Karen and Jim Benishek purchased the business in 2016 from Sheri and Mark Schultz. In 2019 the square footage doubled to allow for more seating, a meeting room and expanded book store. In April 2022 Beans & Books expanded again, adding a second location in the

Shawano Business Improvement District at 215 N. Main Street. The second location, Beans & Books Espresso, has a condensed menu, seating, a meeting room, new books and gifts in a renovated downtown building. Both locations offer a full espresso bar and made-from-scratch bakery.

— Dessert

Luigi's Pasta and Pizza

607 S. Main St.
Shawano
715-524-4791
Owners: Domonic and Sal Badalamenti
Luigi's Pasta and Pizza, now in our 28th year of business, strive to prepare the food served with our customers' well-being in mind. Luigi's is always aware of preserving the environment and working efficiently, and wish to conduct all relations built truthfully and courteously. We work hard, with humility and thankfulness, and wish to share our

success with God, our employees, and community. We serve traditional pizza, pasta dishes, Sicilian dishes along with popular American entrees, appetizers and Italian salads. The menu includes prime rib on Friday and Saturday, fresh fish specials and 2 daily lunch and dinner specials. Beverages include a plethora of alcoholic and non-alcoholic options, including dozens of wines, and traditional cocktails. We feature 24 continuously rotating tap lines. We offer pick-up and delivery.

Dinner/Happy Hour/ Night Spot Classics Restaurant & Lounge

W6026 Lake Dr.,
Shawano WI
715-524-8711

— Fast Food

Culver's of Shawano

1220 E. Green Bay St.,
Shawano WI 54166
(715)526-2002
Owner: Brian Lovelien
Fast-food chain
(Cont'd. on page 5)



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**--Fish Fry
Dixon’s Torch Lite**
1276 E Green Bay St.
Shawano, WI
715-526-5680

**-- Sandwich
The Lighthouse Bar & Grill**
W6440 Gumaer Rd.,
Shawano
715-526-5600
Owners: Jeff and Tammy Stachowiak
Open Mon thru Sat-
11am-9pm.
The Lighthouse serves food daily, specializing in hamburgers and, of course, fish fries. Food is always cooked fresh and made to order. The Lighthouse will host parties, meetings, and receptions of all sorts. All food can be made for carry out or called ahead. *(Closed Thursdays October through May)*

**--Ice Cream
Dairy Queen Grill & Chill**
1005 E. Green Bay St.,
Shawano, WI
715-526-5730

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Restaurant**
Shawano’s Cafe
W7389 River Bend Rd,
Shawano WI
715-201-1122

BEST GOODS

**— Appliances
Heins Appliance**
707 S. Washington St.,
Shawano
715-526-5120
www.heinsappliance.com
Owners: Brian Heins, Chris Matson
Heins Appliance is a full service retail appliance store providing both new sales to replace current household appliances or repair existing appliances. Their team does in-home deliveries and installation of new appliances as well as in-home repair of existing appliances. For the past 47 years, it has been Heins Appliance’s mission to provide a place where people can solve their home appliance needs fairly, accurately, and honestly.

**—Carpet and
Flooring
Floors Unlimited/
Carpet One**
1350 E. Green Bay St.
Shawano
715-524-2381
www.carpetone.com
Owners: Tim and Deborah Coffey
Open to the Shawano community for 40 years, Floors Unlimited and Carpet One offers carpet, vinyl, tile, wood, laminate, cork, and bamboo flooring with expert installation, as well as many remnants in our fully stocked outlet store. Hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily and Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed Sunday. Being a part of Carpet One (with 1,000 store buying power) saves their customers on every type of flooring they desire. The seven employees and six subcontractors really care about the customer. They strive every day for exceptional customer service. With Floors Unlimited and Carpet One, the customer can expect fair dealing, fair prices, and a staff that really cares.

**— Flower Shop
Lisa’s Flowers From the Heart**
126 E Green Bay St.,
Bonduel 715-758-6758

**—Farm and Feed
Store
Tractor Supply Co.**
1313 E. Green Bay St.,
Shawano
715-526-2938
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**Furniture/Home
Accessories
Senzigs Fine Home
Furnishings**
1482 E. Green Bay St.
Shawano
715-526-6196
www.senzigs.com
Owners: Todd and Wendy Senzig
Senzig’s is a full service retail furniture, bedding, and accessory store displaying electronics and appliances for every room in your home. It is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, closed Sundays. Professional delivery and set-up as well as room lay-out and design available. Financing is available to qualified buyers. Senzig’s wants to provide each of their customers with the best selection of up-to-date furnishings and accessories for their home at the most affordable prices. They strive to provide a friendly atmosphere and listen to learn their customer’s wants and needs.

**— Grocery Store
Charlie’s County
Market**
521 S. Main Street,
Shawano
715-524-2523
Charlie’s County Market offers the finest and largest selection of fresh meats in Shawano, complimented by a large selection of specialty cheeses, ready to eat foods, fresh dairy, discount liquor and exclusive

signature products under the labels of Mum’s Best, Uncle Elmer’s, Cook Shack and Charlie’s Pride. Charlie’s County Market is open daily 7 am to 10 pm. Charlie’s County Market strives to provide their customers with a clean, friendly and safe atmosphere to grocery shop, while providing them with honest values and the best quality available.

**— Gift Store/Antiques
Bottle House
Antiques**
701 S. Main St,
Shawano WI 54166
(715) 853-8722
Owners: Dan & Diane Hartwig
Bottle House Antiques is a shopping venue where individual vendors, presently 40 plus, sell their antiques, collectibles, vintage, and repurposed items. New pieces are added weekly so our visitors have something new to see every time they stop by! We are open Tuesday thru Sunday 10-5 and Monday 1-5. Bottle House Antiques hopes that all customers: **Love the Hunt, Enjoy the Find!!**

**— Hardware
Qualheims True
Value**
1345 E. Green Bay St.
2023 hours:
Monday – Saturday
7AM – 8PM
Sunday 8AM – 5PM
As iconic as a specific local beverage or the Wolf River itself, Qualheims True Value has been a fixture in the Shawano community since 1979. Currently with 2nd generation owner, Willis Qualheim, the future of Qualheims has never been brighter. Set on the current 7.3 acre, cross functional, lot, we offer a wide variety of products and services. Year round you can find our Rental center to help with your do-it- yourself needs or professional contracting equipment. Our full-service shop provides warranty work on any of your home power equipment. Live animals? You bet: Fish, reptiles, and small mammals plus all you need to keep them

living. Besides these services, we offer a full selection of retail products, ranging from the common household tools, to the unique farm equipment. From Mid-April until the end of summer we are known for our landscape center. With 3, 100’ greenhouses, a children’s garden, shade garden, and Koi pond, we know that you will find everything you need for your home’s beautification needs. Check out our new selection of annuals, perennials, hanging baskets, trees, shrubs and vegetables. Our staff is excited for the opportunity to assist you in your endeavors to create your perfect summer oasis or the right herb garden for unbeatable freshness: garden to kitchen!

**— Health Food Store
Staff of Life**
212 E. Green Bay St.
Suite G, Shawano
715-524-2226
Owner: Holly Montoure and Miranda Hoyer
Staff of Life is open Monday through Friday from 9 am to 5 pm and Saturday from 9 am to 1 pm. We stock a large range of whole foods, natural supplements, Christian items, bulk spices, teas and more.

**— Jewelry
Martin Jewellers**
148 S Main St,
Shawano, WI 54166
Phone: (715) 526-2030
Martin Jewellers was established in 1960 and is a family-owned independent jewelry store. We pride ourselves on outstanding customer service in our sales and our repair services. Our staff is well trained, has decades of experience and we do not sell on commission, so you are assured the best value on every piece you purchase. In house repairs are completed by our talented team of goldsmiths utilizing our state-of-the-art lasers and old fashioned artistic torch skills. We offer custom designs, repairs,

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**— Paint Store
Dearco Glass, Paint &
Decorating**
1495 E. Green Bay St.,
Shawano, WI 54166
715-526-2126
Owners: Jeff & Down Knope
Dearco Paint, Glass & Decorating is the paint store with so much more. Dearco offers high quality paints and stains but also carries a full line of glass, mirrors, Graber window treatments and custom picture framing. Dearco also specialize in automotive glass replacements as well as screen and window repairs. Dearco is open Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., closed on Sundays. Dearco strives to be Shawano’s destination store for knowledge and advice for your painting, staining and glass projects. We try to offer specialty products that you won’t find in the big box and home center stores while still offering competitive prices.

**— Plant/Nursery
Shawano Lawn &
Stone Co.**
950 S. Waukechon St
Shawano, WI 54166
715-524-2550
Owner: Pat Bohm
Shawano Lawn and Stone has muptiple products and service divisions. The garden center supplies a wide variety of shrubs, perennials and trees, as well as bulk supplies such as topsoil, mulches, gravel and decorative stone. We have landscape supplies for do-it-yourselfers, fertilizers, grass seed,

and soil amendments, pots and cement statuary. The gift shop sells seasonal indoor and outdoor gifts such as gazing balls, spinners, memorial benches/plaques and flags. The landscape service side of the business includes projects such as patios, retaining walls, new lawns, planting beds, maintenance and tree plantings, resolution of drainage issues, and shorelines, among many other services. We also do irrigation installation and modifications to existing systems. In the winter we offer snow plowing services. Shawano Lawn and Stone endeavors to have the highest quality plant and tree stock available. We offer unique types of indoor and outdoor décor that is hard to find in larger big box stores. We are able to extend the kind of knowledge, creativity, out-of-the box thinking and expertise for, not only our landscape projects, but also horticulture knowledge and assistance at the garden center that is difficult to receive at a big box store. Whatever your experience is with Shawano Lawn and Stone, whether it be a purchase at the garden center or a landscape project, we want it to be a happy and positive experience.

BEST SERVICES

— **A/C & Heating Knope Heating and Air Conditioning**
1473 E. Green Bay St., Shawano
715-524-4215
Owner: Kort Knope
Knope Heating and Air Conditioning provides residential and commercial service of HVAC, residential and commercial new construction, and add-on and replacement of existing equipment. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. with 24 hour emergency service, closed Saturday and Sunday. Celebrating over 73 years in 2021! Knope Heating and Air

Conditioning strives to help families and businesses maintain and purchase quality and efficient products at an affordable price with outstanding service.

— **Attorney James E. Aschenbrener Greenhill Aschenbrener Law LLC**
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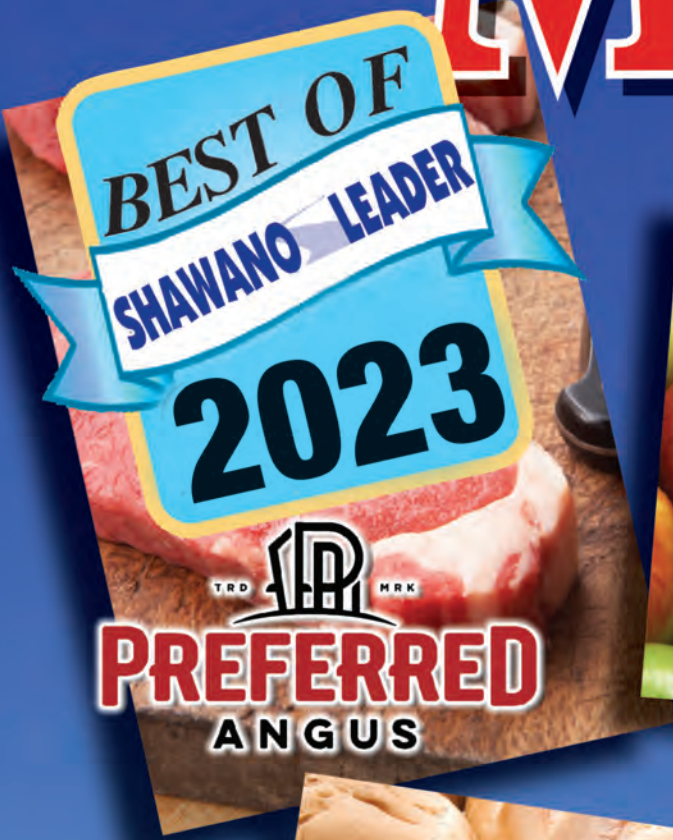
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We would like to than all of our readers and subscribers for your participation on our "Best of the Region 2023" promotion. You filed out the ballots and chose your favorite businesses. It is always exciting for us to be able to contact our customers and inform them that they have been chosen "Best Of" by you. It is a reward well deserved.

Our local businesses rely heavily on your support throughout the year and strive to give you the great products and the professional service you expect, with their own personal touch.

We urge you to continue to patronize these and all of the other local businesses in the Wolf River/Shawano Region, the Wittenberg-Birnamwood Region, and the Oconto County Region.



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2023 RESULTS - BALLOT #1



Best Goods:

- ☐ Flower Shop - The Flower Shoppe, Oconto Falls
- ☐ Grocery Store - Iverson's Piggly Wiggly, Oconto Falls
- ☐ Hardware Store- United True Value, Oconto Falls

Best Services:

- ☐ A/C & Heating -Stewart's Heating & Cooling, Oconto
- ☐ Child Care - Sunshine Child Center, Gillett
- ☐ Chiropractor - Bayshore Chiropractic, Oconto
- ☐ Credit Union - N.E.W. Credit Union, Oconto Falls
- ☐ Dentist - Ronald W. Ristow DDS LLC, Oconto Falls
- ☐ Electrician - Hillberg Electric, Oconto Falls
- ☐ Insurance Agency - Oconto Falls Insurance
- ☐ Gas Station/C Store - Gillett Shell
- ☐ Hair Salon/Barber - Firehouse Hair Salon, Gillett
- ☐ Pharmacy - Oconto Falls Pharmacy
- ☐ Plumber - United Plumbing & Heating, Oconto Falls
- ☐ Real Estate Company - Gina Cramer Realty, LLC, Suring
- ☐ Retirement Community - The Cottages At Meadowlands, Oconto Falls
- ☐ Tax Service - Vorphal Business Services, Oconto Falls
- ☐ Veterinarian - Hometown Veterinarian Clinic, Oconto Falls

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2023 RESULTS - BALLOT #2



Best Thing To Do:

- ☐ Bowling Alley - Lena Lanes, Lena
- ☐ Cheese Factory - Springside Cheese, Oconto Falls
- ☐ Happy Hour - Club 32, Gillett
- ☐ Live Music - The Garage, Oconto
- ☐ Meat Market - Pat's Market, Gillett
- ☐ Night Spot - The Garage, Oconto

Best Outdoor Activities:

- ☐ Bait/Tackle Shop - North Shore Bait Company, Oconto
- ☐ Golf Course - River Island Golf Club, Oconto Falls
- ☐ Lawn/Garden - United True Value, Oconto Falls

Best Vehicle Services:

- ☐ Auto Body Repair - Lambrecht's Service Garage, Gillett
- ☐ Auto Parts Supply Store - Kozak's Car Quest, Oconto Falls
- ☐ Car Dealer - Lot of Deals, Oconto Falls
- ☐ Vehicle Service Center - Lambrecht's Service Garage, Gillett
- ☐ Tire Store - Bergmann's Service Station, Gillett

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2023 RESULTS - BALLOT #3



Food/Dining:

- ☐ Bar - The Garage, Oconto
- ☐ Breakfast - Jo-Jo's Diner, Lena
- ☐ Burger - Sandy Corners Bar & Grill, Gillett
- ☐ Coffee House - Milk & Honey Cafe, Oconto Falls
- ☐ Dessert - OJ's Midtown Restaurant, Gillett
- ☐ Dinner - Bavarian Inn, Lena
- ☐ Family Restaurant - Em's Restaurant, Gillett
- ☐ Fish Fry - Club 32, Gillett
- ☐ Lunch - Em's Restaurant, Gillett
- ☐ Pizza - Spirits of Gillett
- ☐ Sandwich - Wooden Shoe Bar & Grill, Lena

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2023 RESULTS - BALLOT #1

Best Goods:

❑ Flower Shop - Billy's Wittenberg Floral

❑ Grocery Store - Wittenberg Sentry Foods

❑ Hardware Store -Wittenberg True Value

❑ Tile/Flooring - Woodstock Flooring & Design Center

Best Services:

❑ A/C & Heating - A. Groshek Heating & Cooling

❑ Chiropractor - Long Chiropractic Center

❑ Credit Union - CoVantage Credit Union

❑ Dentist - Szmanda Dental Center

❑ Insurance Agency - American Family Insurance, David Cooper

❑ Optometrist - Family Vision Center, Wittenberg

❑ Pharmacy - Gwidt Pharmacy

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2023 RESULTS - BALLOT #2

Best Thing To Do:

❑ Bowling Alley - T & C Lanes, Wittenberg

❑ Casino - Ho-Chunk Gaming

❑ Happy Hour - Straight Home Bar & Grill

❑ Live Music - Jungle's on Main, Gresham

❑ Meat Market - Nueske's Applewood Meats

❑ Night Spot - Jungle's on Main, Gresham

Best Outdoor Activities:

❑ Bait/Tackle Shop - Wittenberg Shell Station

❑ Golf Course - Maple Hills Golf Course

❑ Lawn/Garden - Jim's Lawn Care LLC

Best Vehicle Services:

❑ Auto Body Repair - Kessen Auto Body & Sales, Birnamwood

❑ Auto Parts Supply Store - NAPA Auto Parts, Wittenberg

❑ Car Dealer - Kessen Auto Body & Sales, Birnamwood

❑ Vehicle Service Center - Beversdorf's Garage

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2023 RESULTS - BALLOT #3

Food/Dining:

❑ Bar - Straight Home Bar & Grill

❑ Burger -Straight Home Bar & Grill

❑ Dessert - Lisa's Smart Shop Bakery

❑ Dinner - Taco John's

❑ Fish Fry - Rachel's Roadside Bar & Grill

❑ Lunch -Taco John's

❑ Pizza - T&C Lanes

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