

Oconto Falls wrestlers beat Waupaca



Oconto Falls' Isaiah Holtz almost loses his headgear Jan. 15 during his 120-pound match with Waupaca's Pierce Karl. Karl handed Holtz a 12-7 loss, but Oconto Falls won the dual meet 62-15. Holtz is back for his junior season with the Panthers after placing third at state last year at 113 in Division 2. SEE THE FULL STORY ON PAGE 11. GREG SEUBERT

Boy, 15,
dies in
snowmobile
crash

Lena schools close to allow
students, staff to attend
Cook's funeral service

BY KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

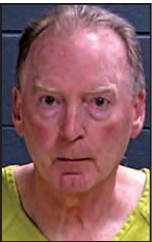
A 15-year-old boy from Lena died as the result of a snowmobile accident Jan. 13, according to a news release from the Oconto County Sheriff's Department. The victim has been identified as Kyler Cook. Sheriff Todd Skarban said law enforcement was notified of the single-vehicle crash at 7:32 p.m. A preliminary investigation revealed the snowmobile was traveling east on Arndt Road in the Town of Lena on private property. It appears the driver lost control, and the snowmobile was found on its side in the ditch. Life-saving measures were attempted, and the teen was transported to an area hospital where he died from injuries sustained in the crash. Lena school officials cancelled school for all students in grades 4K-12 on Jan. 19. Visitation for Cook was the morning of Jan. 19, with the funeral Mass at 11:30 a.m. "To support the large number of our students and staff who will be supporting the family and paying their final respects to Kyler, we will be canceling school on Monday for all grades 4K-12," Superintendent Ben Pytleski wrote in a letter to the community. "We are not only expecting attendance to be very low that day, but logistically, it will be difficult for us to cover all of our classrooms and provide adequate supervision." He asked community members to keep the Cook family in their thoughts and prayers as they grieve this loss. An ongoing investigation is being conducted by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, with the sheriff's department and the Brown County Medical Examiner's Office assisting. The sheriff's department was assisted by the DNR, Coleman Rescue, County Rescue Paramedics and the Brown County Medical Examiner's Office.

Former high school teacher
charged with 11 felonies

Child enticement,
sexual misconduct
among charges

BY KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

A former Oconto Falls High School teacher faces 11 felony counts relating to sexual misconduct, child enticement and exposing intimate parts from his interactions with seven students over several years. Gayle A. Gander, 60, made an initial appearance in Oconto County Circuit



GAYLE GANDER

Court on Jan. 15. A preliminary hearing is set for 1 p.m. Feb. 13. He remains free on a \$75,000 cash bond. His association with the Oconto Falls School District ended when he was first arrested in December 2025. Five of the reported victims said events occurred within the past years, while two victims said the actions happened when they were students from 1998 to 2001 and in 2003. Gander is charged with five counts of sexual misconduct by a school staff or volunteer. Each count carries a maximum penalty of \$10,000 in fines, three years and six months in prison, or both.

The Oconto Falls resident is also charged with three counts of causing a child to expose their intimate parts. Each count carries a maximum penalty of \$10,000 in fines, three years and six months in prison, or both. He faces another three charges of child enticement. Each of those charges has a maximum penalty of \$100,000 in fines, 25 years in prison, or both. According to the criminal complaint, Oconto Falls Police Department Detective Jamie Kuhn was contacted by Oconto Falls High School Principal Steven Linsen regarding an ongoing investigation into Gander, an English language arts teacher with the district since 1998. Gander was also heavily involved with

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Coffee shop owners' new podcast showcases inspirational stories.

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COULD TALK...

Kathleen Marsh tells all
about the Northwoods!

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OBITUARIES

Kyler Allen Cook

God has called his faithful servant Kyler Allen Cook home Jan. 13, 2026, to tend to his heavenly pastures. Kyler was born to Kelby and Maggie Cook on Jan. 1, 2011.

Kyler, our family is forever blessed you were gifted to us. Our favorite times to recall are our many family vacations when we were all packed in our RV. Our entire family loved fishing, and we treasure every moment spent out on the water together. You loved all things outdoors — hunting, four-wheeling, snowmobiling; you would look for any excuse to get out and enjoy life.

You were so gifted with operating machinery, and from early on, you were Dad's working partner. Your faith grounded you; you knew who you were and had your own style. We will forever cherish how good you were to your family,



especially your siblings. You had such a care for your brothers and sisters. You always wanted to defend and protect them no matter what. God gifted you with a strong conscience. You knew his will and how to serve him. You are a good and faithful son. We will miss your spunk, especially when you were in a goofy mood. You were so funny. You found a true happiness to this life. We thank God for

blessing you with so many friends. We are so thankful to all of your friends for all the time spent in the barn with you.

Your true love was farming. You saw and loved the beauty of all God's creation.

LLKC. Live Like Kyler Cook, Long Live Kyler Cook. Until we meet again ... Cha Right.

Love, Dad, Mom, Kaelyn, Kinley, Kase, Kam and Kya.

Kyler is survived by his parents, Kelby and Maggie (Lefevre) Cook; siblings, Kaelyn, Kinley, Kase, Kam and Kya; maternal grandparents, Allen and Karen Lefevre; paternal grandparents, Scott and Janice Cook; Papa Dean and Grandma Sue Portier; additionally, many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his great-grandparents, William and

Shirley Cook, Fred and Bernice Svejda, Robert and Margaret Presl, Robert and Virginia Lefevre; and great family friend, Tom Slatky.

A funeral Mass was held Monday, Jan. 19, 2026, at St. Anne's Catholic Church, 221 E. Main St., Lena.

The family would like to thank Oconto County Sheriff's Office, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Coleman Rescue, County Rescue, St. Vincent's Hospital emergency staff and Brown County Medical Examiner's Office. Special love and thanks to family and friends that cared for Kyler until the ambulance arrived.

Rhodes-Charapata Funeral Home of Lena is serving the Kyler Allen Cook family.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.rhodescharapata.com.

Nancy K. Bursa

Nancy Kathryn Bursa, 81, of Coleman, passed away peacefully at home Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2026, after a courageous two-year battle with cancer.

Nancy was born June 24, 1944, in Park Falls, to Robert and Antoinette (Price) Toney, and was raised in Milwaukee.

She met her husband, Charlie, through a friend on the Fourth of July. They were married Feb. 20, 1965, and began their life together in Chicago, where they started their family. They later moved to Appleton before settling in Coleman. Together, Nancy and Charlie shared 60 wonderful years of marriage.

Throughout her life, Nancy worked at AAL in Appleton, Friday Canning in Coleman and Sharpe Care in Oconto Falls. Above all, she cherished being a homemaker. She especially loved spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Nancy found joy in simple pleasures playing games with family and friends, including Tripoly, cribbage, board games, and card games, with rummy and Stones being her favorites. She also enjoyed fishing and working on puzzles.

Nancy is survived by her children, Kathryn (David Siegmund) Bursa, of Kewaunee, James (Rochelle) Bursa, of Oconto Falls, and John (Laura) Bursa, of Green Bay; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; her brother, Roger (Gwen) Toney, of Delaware, Ohio; her sister-in-law, Agnes (Jerry) Wismer, of Broomfield, Colorado; her brothers-in-law, Robert (Rusty)



Bursa, of Green Bay, and Allen (Kathy) Bursa, of Coleman; along with many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Nancy was preceded in death by her husband, Charlie Bursa (September 2025); her parents; her in-laws, Sybila and James Bursa; her sister and brother-in-law, Bonny (Ruben) Luna, of Milwaukee.

The family extends their sincere gratitude to the dedicated teams at Green Bay Oncology, both the Green Bay and Oconto Falls locations, as well as the compassionate staff at St. Vincent Hospital and the in-home HSHS nurses.

A heartfelt thank you to her brothers-in-law and their wives who were always available to help in any way they could. Your continued support meant the world to the family.

Family will greet relatives and friends Saturday, Jan. 24, 2026, at Rhodes-Charapata Funeral Home, 235 E. Main St., Coleman. Visitation will be held from 9-11 a.m. with a memorial service to follow at the funeral home beginning at 11 a.m. Father Ben Johnson will be officiating.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.rhodescharapata.com.

Elaine J. Birr

Elaine Jane Birr, of Sampson, passed away peacefully Jan. 13, 2026, in the comforting care of HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital, Oconto Falls. The daughter of John and Laura (Nicholas) Boettcher was born Jan. 12, 1932.

Elaine remained a resident of Sampson for 82 years before moving to Pulaski. She is a graduate of Oconto Falls High School. Elaine served as a cook for Oconto Falls School District for 38 years and as a cook at the Highway Restaurant, Abrams, for 15 years.

She enjoyed visiting friends and family, playing bingo and cards, completing puzzles and



attending church. Elaine was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Morgan, and the Pulaski Adult Activity Center.

Elaine leaves behind five nephews, John (Regina) Boettcher, Oconto Falls, Dennis (Judy)

Stebane, Florence, Ed Stebane, Menasha, Keven (Kim) Stebane, Brillion, and Mike (Mary) Witt, Oconomowoc; two nieces, Linda (Gerald) Mroczkowski, Englewood, Florida, and Sandra Grych, Cecil; two surrogate grandsons, Timothy Boettcher, Brillion, and Matthew (Callie DeClue) Boettcher, Austin, Texas; numerous great-nephews and great-nieces and great-great nephews and great-great-nieces.

Elaine was preceded in death by her husband, Glen Birr; parents, John and Laura; sisters, Anita (Walter) Birr, LeMeryl (Ervin) Kozlowski and Veroness (Louis) Grych; niece, Anita (Ervin) Witt;

and nephew, Steve Witt.

Friends are invited to gather with family at St. John Lutheran Church, 3374 County Road C, Oconto Falls, on Friday, Jan. 23, from 9-11 a.m. The funeral service will take place at 11 a.m. with Pastor Katy Tomlanovich officiating. Burial will follow in the Morgan Cemetery, Oconto Falls.

In lieu of flowers, donations to St. John's Lutheran Church, in memory of Elaine Birr, are encouraged.

Online condolences may be offered to Elaine's family at www.marnochafuneralhome.com or on the Marnocha Funeral Home Facebook page.

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Menards stores hosting food drive through March

All Menards home improvement stores are now serving as a drop site for local food pantries through March.

Menards offers a variety

of nonperishable food items that can be donated to the food pantries, from boxes of cereal to cans of soup that can be found in its grocery department for

immediate donation. There is a large collection box near the exit doors to place donations. The drive runs through March 31.

PUBLIC RECORD

OCONTO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Jan. 15

Deputies responded to 53 incidents, including three traffic stops, three traffic offenses, two miscellaneous traffic incidents; four open-line 911 calls; five ambulance calls; seven crashes, four involving deer.

Jan. 14

Deputies responded to 66 incidents, including a death investigation at an undisclosed location; child abuse at an undisclosed location; explosives on McBoyce Drive in the Town of Riverview; property damage on Parkway Road in the Town of Brazeau; suspicious activity at Family Dollar, 15664 State Highway 32, Lakewood; a wrong-way driver on U.S. 41 near Brookside Road in the Town of Pensaukee; three traffic stops, one traffic offense, two citizen assists, two miscellaneous traffic incidents; three 911 hangups and three open lines; seven ambulance calls; four crashes, two involving deer.

Jan. 13

Deputies responded to 49 incidents, including suspicious activity on South White Potato Lake Road in the Town of Brazeau; suspicious activity on County Road S in the Town of Chase; attempted fraud on Pecore Road in the Town of How; a wanted person at the county jail, 220 Arbutus Ave., Oconto; fraud on Morgan River Road in the Town of Morgan; a snowmobile accident on Arndt Road in the Town of Lena; suspicious activity on state Highway 32 in the Town of Chase; two traffic stops, two traffic hazards, four traffic offenses, two citizen assists, two miscellaneous traffic incidents, two welfare checks; two open-line 911 calls; six ambulance calls; eight crashes, four involving deer.

Jan. 12

Deputies responded to 50 incidents, including suspicious activity on Logtown Road in the Town of Oconto; two reports of suspicious activity on County Road S in the Town of Chase; suspi-

cious activity on River Street in Suring; one traffic stop, one traffic hazard; two 911 hangups and two open lines; nine ambulance calls; two crashes, one involving deer.

Jan. 11

Deputies responded to 39 incidents, including an unwanted party on Golf Course Road in the Town of Maple Valley; suspicious activity near County Roads R and M in the Town of How; three traffic stops, one traffic offense, two citizen assists, one miscellaneous traffic incident; one open-line 911 call; five ambulance calls; five crashes, one involving deer.

Jan. 10

Deputies responded to 63 incidents, including a fire control burn on Morgan Road in the Town of Underhill; suspicious activity on McDonald Street in Oconto; a hazmat call on McDougal Circle in Oconto Falls; four traffic stops, two traffic hazards, one traffic offense, one citizen assist; one 911 hangup and two open lines; seven ambulance calls; 17 crashes, two involving deer.

Jan. 9

Deputies responded to 46 incidents, including fire on Tamarack Trail in the Town of Little Suamico; drugs at an undisclosed location; a death investigation at an undisclosed location; two reports of truancy at Suring School, 411 E. Algoma St., Suring; harassment at the Law Enforcement Center, 220 Arbutus Ave., Oconto; fire control burns at Bonita Barns, 5659 Business 41, Town of Oconto, and on West Mott Street in Oconto; a disturbance on West Main Street in Lena; an incident at the county jail, 220 Arbutus Ave., Oconto; four traffic stops, one traffic hazard, one traffic offense, two citizen assists, five miscellaneous traffic incidents; five ambulance calls; four crashes, two involving deer.

Jan. 8

Deputies responded to 62 incidents, including a wrong-way driver near U.S. Highway 41 and County Road A in the Town of Little River; an internet crimes against children report at an undisclosed location; criminal damage on

Vermeiren Road in the Town of Pensaukee; child abuse at an undisclosed location; a disturbance at the Pour Haus, 15797 State Highway 32, Town of Riverview; squad damage near County Road A and North Porcupine Lake Road in the Town of Spruce; a weapon offense on Liegeois Road in the Town of Abrams; suspicious activity at K9 Creations, 4698 Elm Lawn Road, Town of Morgan; an unwanted party on County Road SS in the Town of Pensaukee; threatening on Lower Road in the Town of Chase; three traffic stops, one traffic hazard, one traffic offense, one citizen assist, three miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; one 911 hangup and one open line; five ambulance calls; four crashes.

Jan. 7

Deputies responded to 60 incidents, including property damage near state Highways 22 and 32 in the Town of Gillett; internet fraud on County Road N in the Town of Oconto; two internet crimes against children reports at undisclosed locations; a disturbance at the courthouse, 301 Washington St., Oconto; identity theft on Flobengo Lane in the Town of Little Suamico; one traffic stop, three traffic hazards, one traffic offense, three citizen assists, four miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; one 911 hangup and two open lines; five ambulance calls; six crashes, three involving deer.

Jan. 6

Deputies responded to 66 incidents, including squad damage at the courthouse, 301 Washington St., Oconto; property damage on Cross Road in the Town of Little Suamico; an internet crimes against children report at the courthouse, 301 Washington St., Oconto; criminal damage on Lake John Road in the Town of Lakewood; four traffic stops, two traffic hazards, one traffic offense, two citizen assists, one miscellaneous traffic incident; two 911 hangups and one open line; eight ambulance calls; 24 crashes, three involving deer.

COURT NEWS

• Cory M. Branch, 38, Townsend, was charged Jan. 12 with felony bail jumping. Judge Jay Conley set a \$750 cash bond and adjourned his initial appearance until Jan. 15.

• Kelsey Adelyne Piikila, 31, Oconto Falls, was charged Jan. 13 with battery to certain individuals involved with a court or legal system and misdemeanor counts of fourth-degree sexual assault,

criminal damage to property, resisting or obstructing an officer, and disorderly conduct. Conley set a \$2,000 cash bond and adjourned her initial appearance until Feb. 12.

• Anthony S. Lonzo, 47, Oconto, was charged Jan. 13 with possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), disorderly conduct as a domestic abuse repeater, and a misdemeanor count of

resisting or obstructing an officer. Conley set a \$2,500 cash bond and adjourned his initial appearance until Feb. 12.

• Kyle Lee Bonnett, 25, Mountain, was charged Jan. 16 with repeated sexual assault of the same child. Judge Michael Judge set a \$50,000 cash bond and adjourned his initial appearance until Feb. 12.

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Gabe



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Drivers serving up 30,000 meals a year

Dinners often account for half a senior's food intake

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

More than 30,000 meals were delivered to home-bound Shawano County residents in 2025, with nearly another 4,900 served at congregate sites or as carryouts.

That's according to Ericka Kowalkowski, the Aging and Disability Resource Center's supervisor of aging programs, who oversees the nutrition program.

In 2025, volunteer drivers delivered 30,120 meals. Another 562 meals were served as carryouts, and 4,277 meals were served at congregate sites. The numbers are slightly higher than 2024.

"The difference between the two years' numbers only vary by 0.7% which is a normal annual statistical variance," Kowalkowski said. "Not surprised at all. They can easily fluctuate in one direction or the other."

What may be a surprise to some is how important these meals are to some seniors.

For a majority of people who get their meals delivered, the nutrition program



Enjoying their senior nutrition program meal Jan. 16 at the Shawano Civic Center are Bruce Otto and Beverly Schultz. CONTRIBUTED

supplies more than half of their daily food intake.

Fifteen percent of survey respondents said more than two-thirds of their daily intake comes from the one meal. Another 22% said about two-thirds of their daily food intake is from the meal, and 30% said about half of their daily intake is due to the meal.

"Nutrition programs throughout the state see that participants indicate that their home-delivered meal serves as about half of the food that they consume in a day. That tells a much larger story about the senior population," Kowalkowski said. "Many seniors have restricted incomes, which

makes it challenging in rural areas where grocery options are limited, and transportation is restricted.

The Older Americans Act meal program is a federal program that provides nutritious meals, social connection and nutrition services to adults age 60 and older across the United States. It includes congregate meals and home-delivered meals.

"It plays a crucial role in reducing hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition among older adults," Kowalkowski said. "Programs providing meals aren't just helpful - they're essential infrastructure in rural communities."

For the first 10 months of 2025, donations for home-delivered meals averaged \$2.69 per meal. Carryouts averaged \$3.64, and congregate sites collected an average of \$4.56 per meal.

Home-delivered meals are available to those 60 and older, and are considered homebound.

The hot meal is delivered Monday through Friday. Frozen meals are available for the weekend. The recommended donation is \$6.

"No eligible person will be denied a meal due to inability to give a contribution," Kowalkowski said.

Congregate meals are offered at six sites across

the county. Days and times the meals are served vary by site. The recommended donation for these meals is \$5.

Meals are prepared by JJ's on Main in Bowler.

A survey at congregate meal sites showed favorable marks for the restaurant's food taste, appearance, variety and portion sizes.

Socializing ranked even more important than the meal for those at the congregate sites.

Spending time with others was noted by 84% of the respondents, participating in activities was favored by 59%, and seeing program staff and volunteers was at 38%.

"Social engagement becomes absolutely essential as people age, because it supports nearly every dimension of health and well-being," Kowalkowski said. "When seniors begin to isolate themselves, it affects them emotionally, physically and cognitively. We promote the congregate sites to play an integral part of the social interactions."

Eating a balanced meal was noted by 62% of the respondents, with 68% saying they used the meals as a way to get out of the home, and 54% used it as a way to learn what is happening.

Overall, 62% of respondents rated their dining experience as excellent or

DID YOU KNOW?

Eligibility for home-delivered meals:

- 60 years or older, or the spouse or domestic partner of someone who participates in the program.
 - Must be homebound (does not leave the home under normal circumstances).
 - Be physically or emotionally unable to obtain food or prepare adequate meals.
 - For the Shawano County program, be a resident of Shawano County.
- Eligibility for congregate meals:
- 60 or older, regardless of income, residency or background.
 - Younger than 60 if a spouse of a person age 60 or older.
 - Younger than 60 with disability, living with a person age 60 or older.
 - Younger than 60 with disability, living in the dining facility,
 - Nutrition program volunteer younger than 60.

To sign up for the nutrition program, call the Wolf River ADRC at 855-492-2372.

All participants have an assessment completed on them that evaluates their nutrition, food security, malnutrition and activities of daily living. Once completed, they can choose how many meals they would like during the week.

The meal site needs a 24-hour notice to order or cancel a meal from the caterer.

very good.

A vast majority of respondents who receive home-delivered meals also gave the restaurant high marks on the food's taste and appearance.

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District gets clean audit opinion

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

The Shawano School District's 2025 financial audit came back with a glowing review, it was revealed during a Jan. 12 meeting of the district's operations committee.

Leah Lasecki with Clifton Larson Allen, an auditing firm based in Green Bay, told the committee that no material adjustments needed to be made, and there was only one deficiency in controls, which meant that the school district is doing well in maintaining information on where its money goes.

"I have been auditing the Shawano School District for, I think this is the sixth year," Lasecki said. "At some points, it's been a little bit of a rocky road. I've worked with four finance directors since I started working with Shawano, and so I am very happy to say that this last year ... it went much, much better than what it has in the past."

Having the same people working in the finance office has helped to give the school district its excellent audit, according to Lasecki. There has been an excellent cleanup of past errors, she said.

Lasecki said there was a little challenge in go-

ing through the district's federal funding due to the government shutdown that lasted for nearly two months in October and November 2025, making up about 40% of the time Clifton Larson Allen spent doing the Shawano audit.

"The federal shutdown caused a lot of problems for auditors," Lasecki said.

Getting a clean audit opinion is the best that any government agency can hope for, according to Lasecki.

"That means we don't believe your financial statements are materially misstated," she said. "That is the best opinion an auditor can give you."

An issue that has cleared up in the financial audit includes the segregation of duties, which means making sure the financial responsibilities are not just in the hands of one or two people.

"There's a lot stronger environment than what you had in the past," Lasecki said.

The only deficiency found was that the district did not prepare its own annual financial report, which was instead prepared by Clifton Larson Allen. Lasecki said that has actually become very common for her clients to do.

"It's very common to

have your auditors do your financial statements," she said. "However, in order to be in accordance with internal control requirements, the district should really be preparing their own financial statements, but it's expensive to do that. You have to have somebody trained to do that and keeps up with the standards, so the district made the decision years and years ago to outsource that to CLA."

Lasecki added that she has school districts that are larger than Shawano that have her firm prepare their financial reports, so it has become common practice, even if it's not looked upon as appropriate.

For the federal funding, CLA audited child nutrition and special education funding. Lasecki noted that the district gets more than \$2 million in federal funds annually, which means it's not possible to audit all of the funds, so the firm had to select a few to check.

"Every two or three years, we're auditing those federal programs," she said.

There were no findings on the state funding the district receives, according to Lasecki.

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Invasive species meet their match

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

Japanese barberry and garlic mustard were the primary species treated in Shawano County by the Timberland Invasives Partnership in 2025.

The 14.3 acres treated for the two invasive species made up more than 50% of the 24.68 acres treated across the county, according to Brianna LeFebre, TIP coordinator.

Other invasive species treated in Shawano County were wild parsnip, thistles, spotted knapweed, roundleaf bittersweet, phragmites, knotweed (Japanese, giant, Bohemian and Himalayan), brush honeysuckles, burning bush, buckthorn (glossy and common), black swallowwort, black locust and bishops goutweed.

LeFebre replaced Abby Vogt as coordinator in May.

"We did a lot of phragmites control over there (Lake Sandia near Krakow)," LeFebre said. "There's about 40-some landowners that participated. It was only a little over 2 acres, but it was a lot of juggling around."

A DNR Weed Management Area Grant was used to inventory seven properties and controlling two of them.

"A landowner property in Tigerton was inventoried for autumn olive, Japanese barberry and buckthorn," she said. "The landowner is controlling the autumn olive at this time, which is the biggest issue on his property."

A Great Lakes Restoration Grant was used to control 3.85 Shawano County acres, most on private properties in Gresham, Shawano and Wittenberg areas, as well as select right-of-ways in the county.

A Landscape Scale Restoration Grant was used for controlling invasive on another 10.65 acres, most of that being private property. "TIP relies a lot on these grants," LeFebre said.

TIP is a cooperative invasive species management area that consists of Shawano, Menominee, Oconto and Langlade counties, along with the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin and Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohicans.

It is one of 14 management areas that cover most of the state and is based in the Conservation/Forestry/Zoning Department Office in Keshena.

Across its management area, TIP treated 151.94 acres.

More than half of its total control occurred in Oconto County, where 53.68 acres were treated.

Three Oconto County properties were part of the DNR Weed Management Area Grant.

"One property in Underhill was inventoried, finding common buckthorn, invasive bush honeysuckle and roundleaf bittersweet," LeFebre wrote in her county report. "Two properties are being controlled, one in Gillett for autumn olive, the other in Oconto Falls for roundleaf bittersweet and black locust."

In 2025, TIP received funding through the WMA Rapid Response program to treat a large population of the prohibited species black swallowwort. There are five Oconto County properties in Krakow that have this species present. This control work accounted for nearly 75% of acres treated in Oconto County.

In Menominee County, 12.35 acres were treated.

GLRI funding is used for general control work within public, private, and ROW lands throughout Menominee County and the TIP area. TIP controlled 10.2 acres in Menominee County under GLRI.

The TIP annual meeting will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Feb. 17 at Legend Lake Lodge in Keshena.

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CMN continues work on Neopit Outreach Center

The development of remodeling plans for the College of Menominee Nation Neopit Outreach Center continues with another community meeting in January.

Since 2022, CMN has engaged with the Neopit community to imagine a deeper presence there, grounded in reciprocity. In late December 2024, CMN and architectural design firm EUA first held listening sessions with Neopit community members.

“We are excited to be at

the point we are at now, and to continue looking forward and growing with the Neopit community,” CMN President Chris Caldwell said.

CMN continues to build on the ideas and needs identified during these listening sessions.

“When we look at the assets of the college and the assets of the community, the people and our relationships are our greatest strengths,” said Sharon Waukau, newly hired CMN Neopit Outreach Center coordinator.

The college aims to transform this space into a vibrant hub that fosters education, training, engagement, creativity and well-being. To accomplish this, it will continue to engage citizens, employers, government and other partners with similar hopes in realizing this success.

Moving forward, the college will continue to work within the community to develop programming that benefits all parties.

For more information, call 715-799-6226.

Cold can't cancel family fishing fun



A family heads out onto Shawano Lake near the Bamboo Bar on Jan. 17 for a day of ice fishing. Extreme cold weather is expected to continue over the weekend. The National Weather Service projected Jan. 23 to be mostly sunny and cold with high temperature near -3 degrees. The low at night will be around -18. On Jan. 24, it will be sunny and cold with a high near 0, and the nighttime lows around -14. There is a 20% chance of snow Jan. 25, when temperatures will get near 7 degrees.

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Costs mounting to shorten speedway

Engineering, permitting could run over \$30K

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

Shortening the Shawano Speedway from a half mile to a three-eighths mile track may not be as simple or cheap as once believed.

Grant Bystol, Shawano County highway commissioner, told members of the Shawano Area Agricultural Society, which operates the track, his department could complete the engineering and blueprints for about \$15,000. He estimated a private firm's costs would be more than \$40,000.

Then there is the permitting needed from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. While the county highway department cannot do this work, Bystol estimated those costs at another \$15,000.

Bystol said his department's review of the proposal raised several issues.

“Larger radiuses on the

Shawano track,” he said.

“When I say radius, look at the distance between the two curves, the width of the track. So, when you sketch out a three-eighths mile track, your straightaway length is only 307 feet.”

Cedar Lake Speedway in New Richmond, one of the premier tracks in the state, has a tighter radius and longer straightaways.

Bystol said Shawano currently uses the frontstretch for tractor pulls and a demolition derby that would both end up with a smaller space.

“If you were to actually design-build this with proper banking, you're going to carry some banking down the frontstretch in front of of the grandstands, which I assume might create some problems for tractor pulls or demos,” Bystol said.

About two decades ago, there was some storm sewer work done near Turn 4. Bystol said if Turns 3 and 4 are moved to create the shorter track, officials will need to address the resulting drainage issues. That was not discussed in previous conversations.

“In order to have this disturbance, I guarantee you're going to have to have a DNR permit,” he said.

“You're most likely going to have to have a retention pond.”

The parking surface to the west of the track is flat, which will also cause concerns with a storm sewer plan and DNR guidelines.

“Your disturbance is going to be over an acre,” Bystol said. “You're going to be required to have a storm sewer plan and drainage.”

The DNR won't issue a permit for any work until the design is first completed.

Bystol said sometimes you need to prove a total suspended solids reduction for the DNR permit. That type of environmental engineering would need to be contracted out, probably for \$15,000, he said.

Initial discussions about a shorter track did not include engineering costs or DNR permitting, just an estimate of about \$75,000 to shorten the track by bringing in Turns 3 and 4.

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GARDENING WITH MELINDA MYERS

Certain plants produce flowers for indoor garden

Brighten your home's décor and elevate your mood by adding a few flowering plants to your indoor garden. You may be surprised to find a wide array of flowering plants that will bloom when they are grown indoors. Match the plant to the growing conditions and your maintenance style for ease of care and greatest success.

Add a long-blooming moth orchid (phalaenopsis) to your collection. It



Melinda Myers
Columnist

thrives in most home environments, making it the easiest of all the orchids to

grow. Position your orchid in a brightly lit location that's free of hot or cold drafts. Water thoroughly with tepid water once a week.

Leave the flower stalk intact and wait for a second smaller flush of flowers; prune it back to an inch above the foliage, provide proper care and watch for a fresh set of flowers in about a year; or gift the non-flowering plant to a gardening friend. There's always one who's willing to wait for the next set of flowers. In the meantime, you can invest in a new variety for your home.

Treat yourself to an easy-care anthurium. You can now find white, red, pink, lavender and even yellow anthuriums for sale almost year-round. The colorful heart-shaped "flowers" are modified leaves that hold their color for many weeks. Grow this low maintenance, very forgiving plant in bright, indirect light and water thoroughly whenever the soil begins to dry.

Include bromeliads, another long bloomer with unique tropical flowers. Those with pliable leaves are more tolerant of lower light, while the stiff-leaved bromeliads need bright light to thrive. Water the soil often enough to prevent the roots from drying. After weeks and even months of flowering, the plant eventually dies but forms offsets, known as pups, you can grow to maturity.

The tubular, red-burgundy flowers of lipstick plant (aeschynanthus radicans) reveal the inspiration for its common name. Grow this long-blooming, trailing plant in a warm location with bright, indirect light. Water thoroughly when the top inch of soil begins to dry. Move it to a slightly cooler location and allow the soil to dry a bit more between waterings during the winter.

Have fun by adding a hanging basket

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Bromeliads are long bloomers with unique tropical flowers.
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The Jan. 13 Beans and Banter podcast is in full swing with, from left, guest Jordan Thomson with his husky-shepherd mix dog, Lalou, and hosts Keith Fischer and NiCole Fischer at The Mill in Bonduel. The Fischers recently started podcasts to tell stories about the community, their family and their business.

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Bonduel podcast showcases stories with touch of caffeine

Beans and Banter supplements Facebook stories about uplifting things

By LYNN ZAFFRANN
Correspondent

Beans and Banter, a podcast hosted by NiCole and Keith Fischer, the owners of The Mill in Bonduel, debuted in December 2025.

"Grab your coffee and stay as long as you want" is NiCole Fischer's vision of The Mill, a popular coffee lounge, boutique and bourbon retailer, opened by the Fischers in late 2023, a vision that carries over to the Beans and Banter podcasts.

The podcasts are just as authentic and transparent as the postings on their Facebook page (The Mill, Bonduel).

NiCole Fischer listens to podcasts, so she simply decided that they should do one.

The Fischers designed their podcast to provide interesting tidbits about The Mill, their future plans, their family and the people they connect with on a daily basis. The podcasts that have dropped so far are entertaining, honest and genuine.

By watching, or listening to, one of the podcasts, it is clear that the Fischers love what they do and enjoy telling the stories about their family, The Mill, and the community.

"Initially, the purpose was not that we think that we are super-important people," NiCole Fischer said. "But we have a story to tell, of The Mill, our business and our blended family. We have five kids."

Their children, who will all be seen in individual podcasts are Sawyer Klotzbuecher, 21; Journie Klotzbuecher, 19; Cubby Fischer, 15; Knox Fischer, 8; and Nash Fischer, 7.

"Keith's the police chief in town, and we have a coffee shop, and we renovated the building," NiCole Fischer said.

She said that there are a lot of questions that people have, and they want to answer them and share the story.

The first podcasts were filmed with



Cami Orgel, the podcast manager for Beans and Banter, smiles at a discussion during the Jan. 13 podcast filming at The Mill in Bonduel. Orgel, from Sturgeon Bay, has a background in working on movie sets in Los Angeles and will be the featured guest at an upcoming podcast with the Fischers.

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just the Fischers.

"Now our goal is to have more guests," NiCole Fischer said.

NiCole Fischer said that on The Mill's Facebook page she writes things that she feels are touching, or any story that she thinks should be told. The same will be seen on the podcasts.

"There's a lot of bad news out there all the time," NiCole Fischer said. "We like to highlight the good. We like to hear feel-good stories. We like to hear about the good people in our community and people who stop in to The Mill."

Some of the guests they plan to line up

for future podcasts are other small businesses and people in the community.

"We will have a liver donor, (Mandy Williams) and liver recipient (Andy Drath) on," NiCole Fischer said.

The Fischers also have Lindsey Johnson from Shawano Downtown Business Improvement District scheduled to participate.

"To be honest, we're figuring it out as we go," Keith Fischer said.

Keith Fischer said they expect their podcast audience to be supporters of

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Snowshoe trek reveals nature beneath the snow

After a late December snowstorm, it seemed like we were going to have a much-needed “normal” winter in the Northwoods. Owners and employees of businesses I visit as part of my long-standing commitment to “shop local” had on a happy face as winter sports enthusiasts flocked to northern Oconto County.

Sadly, as I write this, we are back in the exasperating ice-sleet-rain weather pattern of the past two years. Elation has turned to disillusionment as high hopes for a snowy winter evaporated in record time.

Snow. Other than moving it around so we can get around, I love snow. It’s beautiful when it falls, tenderly covering the woods with a pristine white blanket that insulates and protects the landscape.

Plus, when it slowly



melts in spring, it provides the run-off essential to the vitality of our waterways.

Unlike people who flee south in winter, I’ve always enjoyed being outdoors in cold weather. My not science-based theory is that, like the food in my fridge, I keep better in the cold. I do draw the line at 10 degrees above zero though. Anything below that keeps me warm and cozy inside unless I absolutely have to go somewhere. Sunburn or frost burn both produce the same results.

One activity I used to enjoy during winter was snowshoeing. I’d never strapped on a pair of snowshoes until Jon

introduced me to the sport when we bought Otter Run in 1993. Sometimes when we came up on weekends, the half-mile private road to our cottage wasn’t plowed. Then, we would park the pickup, load our gear onto a sled, and snowshoe to the cabin. It was hard work, but lots of fun.

After we retired here in 2002, we would go midnight snowshoeing in our woods when the moonlight lit the way. I miss it, but we don’t venture out anymore. It’s not just because we haven’t had enough snow the past two years to even bother. It’s not due to the fact we are both getting on in years and less able to participate in such a strenuous activity. The key reason we stopped going is the fear of falling.

As I am fond of saying, “fall” is the four-letter F-word for old people. If you do the first, you could

be the second. Since Labor Day, we have attended funerals for folks who were younger than us and in relatively good health. Their downward spiral and subsequent passage to the next life began with a nasty fall.

I mention all this because a text message I got this morning brought to mind an incident from a few years ago. The text said: “This winter when you are hiking, snowshoeing, or cross-country skiing, remember to look for clues that animals are moving around just below your feet.”

Right. The day began with Jon suggesting we go snowshoeing. It was a lovely winter afternoon with 12 inches of fresh snow. We strapped on our shoes and headed out for another Otter Run adventure. As always, we agreed to stay together, just in case. As usual, my erstwhile husband

was lollygagging along while I was working it. He seemed to be enjoying himself and not at all concerned that I was outpacing him. When the distance between us was beyond what I considered safe, I slowed down. Suddenly, I felt something move beneath my right shoe.

In the split second it took for that to register in my brain, whatever it was flew out of the snow with a loud whoosh. I saw it was a ruffed grouse who took my invading its space and ruining its snooze as a personal attack. The bird’s response was an exit so dramatic that a startled me couldn’t keep my balance. I did a clumsy faceplant into a 3-foot snowdrift, getting a free fresh snow facial.

As I was floundering around, my trail mate caught up to me, beating his personal record for moving from one place to

another. We decided only my pride was injured, and he helped me into the proper upright position. I appreciated that because you really can get stuck in a snowbank.

What I didn’t appreciate was his comment that I looked like a walking snow cone. Even worse was his admonition to be careful. Am I the only one who thinks it’s ridiculous for someone to tell you to be careful after the mishap has already occurred?

That said, I’m thankful I wasn’t hurt, and we were able to continue our winter wonderland adventure. I realize every day is a blessing, as is being able to share with you this memory as I sit sipping coffee in front of the fire. Be safe, be well, be happy.

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.

Shawano Knights donate funds to local charities

The Knights of Columbus Council 2836 Shawano recently distributed funds to the Shawano Area Food Pantry and Resource Center, Shawano Area Matthew 25 homeless shelter and Safe Haven domestic abuse shelter.

Deputy Grand Knight John Hoff-

man presented the checks totaling \$1,200.

The funds were raised from pancake and porkie breakfasts and the Charlie’s County Market Red Barn projects.

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic men’s fraternal insurance

organization. The Shawano Council was chartered in 1941.

Joining Hoffman in presenting the checks were Knights David Wilson, Joe Corrao, Robert Sweeney, Paul Mastalir, Roger Anderson, John Whitehouse and Troy Sadler.

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them, in the many different aspects of their lives. Currently, most listeners are friends and family.

“It’s a broad genre, because we have a broad guest list,” NiCole Fisher said. “We’re going to have law enforcement, food service, people who’ve been injured or had a terrible childhood.”

“We’ll have people who’ve overcome some hard things in their lives,” Keith Fischer added. “We’re not really worried about the podcast being labeled just one thing.”

They currently have about 180 subscribers to the podcast.

On Jan. 14, they filmed an interview with Jordan

Thomson, of Shawano. Thomson is recovering from a significant injury. He appears on the podcast with his 7-month-old husky-shepherd mix dog, Lalou, who is blind.

His recovery journey, along with the adoption of Lalou, is the type of story that the Fischers want to highlight in their podcasts.

He is a friend of the Fischers from their church, Bethel Lutheran Church in Oconto Falls.

The Fischers’ lives are really busy and packed with multiple responsibilities. They feel the podcast time is an opportunity to hang out with each other for an hour a week, as a coffee date.

Their podcast manager is Cami Orgel, who Keith Fischer said is “great,” while NiCole Fischer said: “We got lucky with her.”

Orgel, of Sturgeon Bay, had experience working in Los Angeles on movie sets and had a relevant background. Her story is told in an upcoming podcast with the Fischers.

Orgel posts the completed podcasts to Spotify (<https://open.spotify.com/genre/podcasts-page>), Apple Podcasts (<https://podcasts.apple.com>) and YouTube.

In meeting people, and talking with people, NiCole Fischer said she’s the type of person who feels that things are just meant to be.

“There are two ways of looking at things,” she said. “Everything’s a miracle, or nothing is at all. That’s an Albert Einstein quote.”

They don’t use notes in doing the podcasts. They don’t want to jam people up. They want the podcasts to be raw, transparent and real.

“We get so many questions and messages, such as ‘How do you do this?’ or ‘What do you recommend?’” NiCole Fischer said.

She and her husband have seen many positive reactions to their Facebook posts, which makes them feel that people are craving good stories.

“And I think that we have a good story,” she said.

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of goldfish (nematanthus) to your collection. This easy-care plant produces long-lasting, orange-red flowers that resemble goldfish. Place it in bright, indirect light and water when the soil begins to dry.

Keep these and your other houseplants healthy and minimize pest problems by providing proper growing conditions and care. Fertilize actively growing plants with a flowering houseplant fertilizer according to label directions.

Boost the humidity by grouping plants together. As one plant loses moisture, transpires, its neighbors’ benefit. Place pebbles in the saucer or tray to elevate the pot above any water that collects there. As the water evaporates, it increases the humidity around the plant and eliminates the need for you to empty excess water out of the saucer.

Check all your plants for insects each time

you water. It is easier to manage small populations than larger infestations.

Use yellow sticky traps to monitor and trap white flies, fungus gnat adults, thrips and other houseplant pests. Manage fungus gnat larvae residing in the soil with organic Summit Mosquito Bits. It contains a naturally occurring soil bacteria, bacillus thuringiensis israelensis, that’s safe for people, plants and pets. Just follow the label directions for the most effective control.

Look for opportunities to include these and other flowering plants in your home. You’ll enjoy the added color and beauty these plants provide.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the “Midwest Gardener’s Handbook, 2nd Edition” and “Small Space Gardening.” She hosts The Great Courses “How to Grow Anything” streaming courses and the nationally syndicated Melinda’s Garden Moment radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds and Blooms magazine and her website is www.melindamyers.com.

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Watching bird feeders a learning experience

Our winter birds are enjoying the bounty of our feeders and, likewise, we are enjoying watching them on these cold and often gray winter days. We have upped our game this winter and joined Project FeederWatch. Now not only do we identify the species of birds we are seeing, but also record their numbers.

The information collected by project participants like us is used to determine the abundance and distribution of winter bird species and changes in their winter ranges due to factors such as climate change. We are glad to help with this effort.

The program is administered in the U.S. by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and in Canada by Birds Canada. The data is available to scientists and the public.

We watch our backyard feeders weekly for about four hours over the course of two days. We record the species of birds we see and the highest number of that species seen at any one time during those two days. This has given us the chance to hone our identification skills on about 15 species of birds thus far this winter.

What are the most common birds we see? Those would be the northern cardinal, dark-eyed junco, house sparrow, black-capped chickadee, house



A white-breasted nuthatch enjoying tidbits from a suet cake Jan. 10 at a backyard feeder. CATHY CARNES



finch, mourning dove, rock pigeon, blue jay, red-breasted and white-breasted nuthatches, American goldfinch, and both the downy and red-bellied woodpeckers.

Our watching has revealed interesting bird behaviors. We've learned that the northern cardinals

come in greater numbers shortly before dusk. We have seen up to seven at one time as the afternoon light dims, their red coloring still visible as the sun slips away.

The dark-eyed juncos stick together, several appearing at once and prefer to feed on the ground; so we scatter sunflower seeds for them.

The nuthatches and the woodpeckers prefer the suet, so we keep a suet cake handy. Even the chickadees and juncos come for an occasional morsel. Some birds share;

we've seen both the red-breasted nuthatch and downy woodpecker on the suet feeder at the same time.

You have to be sharp of eye to see more than one chickadee at one time. They are quick to pick out a seed and quick to leave, disappearing into our cedar hedge. They cache (store) an amazing number of seeds every year to help them survive the winter. I think they are still in this survival mode! We feel lucky that we have observed three black-capped chickadees at one time.

Blue jays are master peanut snatchers, somehow knowing when we have put the peanuts out. They disappear quickly.

The American tree sparrow, not a frequent visitor, is very aggressive for a small bird, driving off the juncos to gain sole access to their spot on the feeder. Interesting, they do get along with house sparrows; perhaps they recognize a relative.

There is drama. One morning we were disappointed that no birds were at our feeders. It was a cold snowy morning, one when there would normally be a flurry of activity from our winged friends. Then we looked beyond our feeders and knew why. Sitting on the ground in our backyard was a Cooper's hawk making short work of its morning meal, a mourning dove. The only sign of its presence once it left was a scattering of soft grey and cream feathers on the snow.

We have seen the Cooper's hawk three times. It is large hawk with a grey-black back, reddish brown striping on the breast and belly and banded tail. No doubt our feeders are part of its daily foraging rounds. At times we let the feeders go empty to discourage it from our yard. That works for a while.

We feed the birds mostly black oiled sunflower seeds as most birds

like these. We do add some songbird mix (millet, cracked corn, peanuts) to some feeders as some birds such as goldfinches like these. A heated birdbath provides water, important for when temperatures dip below freezing.

It's interesting to observe birds — for fun, to learn more about them, and to contribute to science. You can easily become a project participant, too.

Your survey station can be anywhere birds frequent such as your backyard bird feeder or a favorite park. Observations are made from November through April. The survey schedule is flexible; you put in as much time as suits your schedule. For information on Project FeederWatch, go to <https://feederwatch.org/about/project-overview/#what-is-feederwatch>.

We look forward to our weekly time with the birds. There's always something they can teach us, and there is no charge for all the entertainment, beauty and liveliness they bring to our lives.

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, JAN. 23

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

TOWN OF CHASE: American Red Cross blood drive, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Chase Town Hall, 8481 County Road S. Appointments at RedCrossBlood.org or 800-733-2767.

BONDUEL: Winter Hike Night, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Bonduel School Forest, 400 W. Green Bay St. Hosted by Bonduel Wellness Committee.

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

SATURDAY, JAN. 24

SHAWANO: Bamboo Northern and Bass Ice Fishing Tournament, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Bamboo Bar, W5884 Cedar Court. Details at Bamboo Bar Facebook page. Breakfast pizza available starting at 5:30 a.m.

TOWN OF BRAZEAU: White Potato Lake Sportsman's Club Ice Fishing Derby, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Brad's Wouters Front 2, 13127 S. White Potato Lake Road.

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

SHAWANO: 2026 American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Shawano-Menominee Kick Off Meeting, 10 a.m. to noon,

Shawano County Library, 128 S. Sawyer St., lower level. www.relayforlife.org/shawano-menominee

BREED: Breed Sportsman's Club Ice Fishing Jamboree, 11 a.m. to close, Breed Community Center, 11155 State Highway 32. Prizes by fish length, must be registered by 3 p.m. 50/50, bucket and meat raffles, drawings at 4 p.m., food and refreshments.

WITTENBERG: Art of the Quilter XII, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., WOWSPACE, 114 Vinal St. "A Patchwork of Memories."

NAVARINO: Introduction to Cross-Country Skiing, 9 a.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. Members \$5, non-members \$10, families \$25. Register by Jan. 22 at 715-758-6999.

NAVARINO: Porcupine Snowshoe Hike, 1 p.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. Members \$5, non-members \$10, families \$25. Register by Jan. 22 at 715-758-6999.

SHAWANO: Shawano Pathways Winter Snowshoe Hike, 1:30 p.m., Cotter Creek Trails, W9050 Broadway Road. Watch for updates on Facebook and shawanopathways.org.

SHAWANO: Bonduel Polar Bears Meat Raffle, 1:30-5 p.m., Bamboo Bar, W5884 Cedar Court. Meat, 50/50 and other raffles.

SHAWANO: Meet-and-greet author event, 2 p.m., Shawano County Library, 128 S. Sawyer

St. Dexter Patterson, author of "Birds of the Great Lakes." Part of the 2026 Community Read program.

WITTENBERG: 9-pin Cosmic Bowling and Meat Raffle, 5 p.m., Wittenberg Lanes, 407 S. Howard St. Fundraiser for Wittenberg Area Chamber of Commerce. \$60 for four-person team. Bowling shifts at 5 p.m. and 8 p.m., meat raffle starts at 6 p.m.

ABRAMS: Candlelight Ski/Snowshoe Hike, 5:30-8 p.m., 6625 Timberline Road. Hosted by Machickanee Cross Country Ski Club; check for updates on Facebook page. Fires for warming and cooking

at the trailhead.

SUNDAY, JAN. 25

WITTENBERG: Art of the Quilter XII, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., WOWSPACE, 114 Vinal St. "A Patchwork of Memories."

TUESDAY, JAN. 27

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

KESHENA: Recovery talking circle, 6-8 p.m. Omaeqnome-nawak Wetohkatikamek Center, 2700 Mianaceqtawak Road. Information: Mindy

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

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 28

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Panthers get conference wins in Waupaca

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

It's a streak that fans of Oconto Falls High School's wrestling program might not know about.

The Panthers have had at least one wrestler compete for a state championship in each of the last 16 years.

Whether the Panthers will have more wrestlers participating in Championship Saturday at the WIAA State Individual Wrestling Championships in Madison in February remains to be seen, but coach Matt Morrissey likes what he has seen from his team of boys and girls so far.

That success includes a pair of North Eastern Conference dual meet wins Jan. 15 at Waupaca High School. The Panthers opened the three-team meet with a 62-15 win over the host Comets and followed it up with a 59-24 victory over Wrightstown.

Oconto Falls 62, Waupaca 15

Pierce Karl's 12-7 win over Isaiah Holtz at 120 pounds gave Waupaca an early 9-5 lead and was one of two contested wins for Waupaca.

Noah Crane had the Comets' only pin, as he took care of Brayden Weenig in 2:51 at 165.

By then, the Panthers had built a 38-9 lead. Logan Bozile picked up a 16-0 technical fall of Max Brey (113), Levi Mommaerts pinned Gabe Estrada in 1:44 (132), Ethan Zielinski picked up a 5-4 win over Ryan Frank (144), Sage

Mendolla pinned Brody Pate in 37 seconds (150), and Michael Geurts pinned Matt Schmidt in 2:24.

Oconto Falls' other wins came on Trevor Fisher's pin of Ian Johnson in 3:01 (175), Caleb Dryja's pin of Zane Tice in 1:18 (190), and Jagger Reed's pin of Ian Russ in 41 seconds (285).

Oconto Falls 59, Wrightstown 24

Six pins – including three in a row at one point – helped the Panthers take a 41-6 lead over the Tigers.

Those wins included Bozile's pin of Mathias Brick in 1:03 (113), Taylor Derouin's pin of Wyatt Heim in 1:04 (126), Mommaerts' pin of Braeden Butcher in 4:49 (132), Jack Falkowski's 18-0 technical fall of Ian Jack (138), Zielinski's pin of Jordan Enderby in 3:18 (144), Mendolla's pin of Dallas Ehnerd in 49 seconds (150) and Geurts' pin of Lucas Hansen in 52 seconds (157).

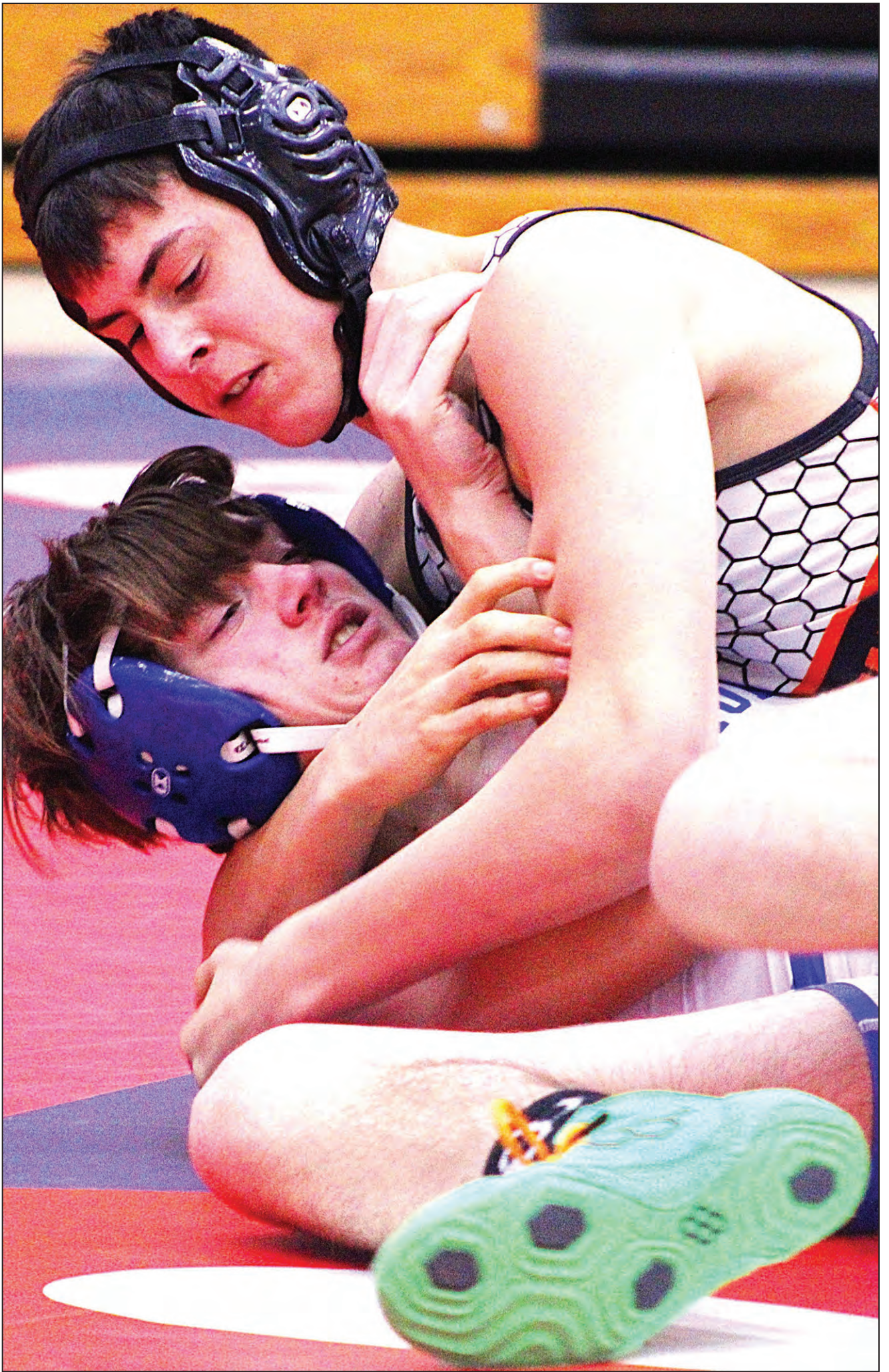
Dryja had Oconto Falls' final win of the match by pinning Alejandro Gonzalez in 2:43 (190).

Wrightstown's wins came on Easton Felchin's pin of Holtz in 48 seconds (120), Dawson Smet's pin of Weenig in 1:37 (165) and Miguel Francisco Monzon's pin of Jack Ermis in 43 seconds (215).

"It felt good, and the guys had a good week of practice," Morrissey said. "Everyone wrestled really well tonight as a team."

The Panthers compete with several quality pro-

WRESTLE, CONTINUED ON PAGE 12



Michael Geurts faces Wrightstown's Lucas Hansen in a 157-pound match at Waupaca High School. Geurts needed only 52 seconds to pin Hansen, and Oconto Falls defeated the Tigers 59-24.

GREG SEUBERT

Moede collects 100th win for Shawano girls

Wrestlers face touch competition in Wausau

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Shawano's female wrestlers competed in one of the toughest tournaments in the state Jan. 17 at Wausau West.

Zannah Bosetski, Amiyah O'Kimosh, Lauren

Seehafer and Ella Korth all won some matches but were knocked out of the tournament before the placing rounds.

"They all improved during the day and had some bright spots along the way," coach Stacey Homan said.

During Jenna Moede's second match of the day, she won by fall in 58 seconds. Moede became the first girl in Shawano wrestling history to earn 100 wins.

"Jenna has done a great job over the last four years

to hit this great milestone," Homan said.

Moede finished the day with a sixth-place finish.

Jan. 15

A back-and-forth battle with Winneconne ended up with Shawano on top 41-34 on their home mats.

"We were fortunate to come out on top in the final matches of the evening," coach Mike Homan said.

Shawano was in some tight matches at the start of the night. They had a lead in the 113-pound match and were battling in the 120-pound match

but ended up losing both matches by pin.

The Hawks got back on track at 126 when Dane Hodkiewicz earned a technical fall.

At 138, Dylan Gartner bumped up to take on Tyler Engelke, Gartner earned a takedown and some nearfall and rode it to a 7-4 win.

"Collin Piper did a good job staying out of tech fall tonight," Homan said. "He battled hard to give up a major decision at 144."

Kian Morstad wrestled the best match of the night.

It was a back-and-forth match with both wrestlers taking leads and earning nearfall at different times. Morstad earned an escape and takedown in the final seconds of the match to win 18-14.

"It was a match that we really needed, and it swung the momentum back in our favor," Homan said. "Kian is never daunted by being down. He just picks up his mood and goes back to work. His attitude is second to none. He just looks to the next position and how he can gain it and

begin battling back. He is never out of a match and just flat out wrestles hard."

Shawano had some forfeits at the end of the dual and needed to win the last wrestled match of the night to secure a victory. Drew Chelberg pinned Carson Piotraschke in 50 seconds to earn that pin and put Shawano ahead for good.

The girls did not fare as well, losing 42-17 to Tomahawk, 23-17 to Winneconne and 55-0 to Shiocton. Jenna Moede won twice. Zannah Bosetski and Amiyah O'Kimosh each one once.

WRESTLE, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 11

grams in the North Eastern Conference that have produced several individual state champions in recent years, including Wrightstown, Luxemburg-Casco and Freedom.

“It’s a tough conference, but we’re wrestling well,” Morrissey said. “We’ve had some ups and downs. We got beat by Freedom and would have liked to have that one, but we’re wrestling hard.”

It also helps to have several wrestlers to fill most weight classes.

“Our numbers are up, and the interest is good,” Morrissey said. “That makes a big difference.”

The Panthers are scheduled to host Luxemburg-Casco and Marinette on Jan. 22 for a conference dual meet.

Hard work and a strong youth program have helped Oconto Falls stay relevant in the conference, according to Morrissey.

“We have a really good youth program, which leads to our middle school program,” he said. “We just keep at it.”

Current wrestlers are well aware of past Oconto Falls wrestlers, including Clayton Whiting, who won four individual state titles from 2019-22, and the Panthers’ last

state champion, Taylor Whiting, who won the 107-pound girls state championship in 2023.

“Not a lot, but we do remind them of trying to get somebody down to state,” Morrissey said. “We’ve had 16 years in a row with somebody in the finals. We try to not let that die and let them know about the tradition.”

This year’s WIAA State Individual Wrestling Championships are scheduled for Feb. 26-28 at the Kohl Center in Madison. The team championships have a new location this year – the La Crosse Center in La Crosse – and will be held March 6-7.

To qualify for state, individuals and teams must make it through regional and sectional rounds.

Morrissey said there’s reason to believe that the Panthers will qualify wrestlers for state.

“They like to support each other, and it starts when they’re younger,” he said. “They stick together, and they wrestle when they’re older. It’s a love-hate relationship with wrestling. It’s a hard sport, but they work hard and support each other. If somebody’s down in practice, another guy is trying to help his spirit.”



Above, Oconto Falls freshman Logan Bozile tries to break the hold of Waupaca’s Max Brey in a 113-pound match Jan. 15 at Waupaca High School. At left, Oconto Falls’ Emmalynn Stankevitz wrestles Wrightstown’s Evelyn Barker in a junior varsity match at Waupaca High School. GREG SEUBERT

Ice Bears improve to 8-0 in conference

Jan. 17
Bay Area 3, Lakeshore Lightning 1

A 3-1 win over Lakeshore Lightning pushed the Bay Area Ice Bears to a perfect 8-0 in the Eastern Shores Conference and 15-1 overall.

The Ice Bears notched 47 shots on goal, while Lakeshore only had 16.

Madeline Engles scored at 6:04 in the first period with assists from Malin Jewitt and Ava McDonald.

At 12:48 in the second period, McDonald scored with help from Jewitt and Addison Dahl.

Lakeshore made it a 2-1 game when they scored in the third period, but Faye Brunke pushed the score to 3-1 with a goal at 13:51. McDonald and Hannah Von Haden assisted.

Reese Spiering had 15 saves for Bay Area, and Elizabeth Bowers had 44 for Lakeshore.

Thursday, Jan. 15
Bay Area 5, USM 0

The Ice Bears returned to their old ways, shutting out the USM Wildcats 5-0.

Hawks come up short against Waupun

By NEW Media Staff
Saturday, Jan. 17
Waupun 5, Shawano/Bonduel 1

The Hawks scored first at Waupun but then gave up five unanswered goals in the next two periods to fall 5-1 to the Warriors.

Shawano/Bonduel’s goal came from Blake Swedberg with an assist from Gavin Hundt at 3:12 in the first period.

Hawks goalie Tyson Lyons collected 29 saves, and Warriors goalie Benton Nagle had 27.

Both teams were penalized six times for 12 minutes.

At 9-6 overall, Shawano/Bonduel will play Jan.

23 at Viroqua.
Thursday, Jan. 15
Shawano 4, Mosinee 3 (OT)

Shawano and Mosinee played into a double overtime period before the Hawks pulled out a 4-3 victory.

Shawano Community High School sophomore Quinten Harkey scored the winning goal at 1:15 in the second overtime period with Michael Dillenberg assisting.

The game started with Mosinee talking a 1-0 lead in the first period.

Shawano/Bonduel tied the game at 1:02 in the second period when Kielian Armbruster scored with Blake Swedberg

assisting. The go-ahead goal came at 7:09 when Swedberg scored with help from Gavin Hundt and Armbruster.

The Indians tied the game at 2-2 early in the third. The Hawks regained the lead at 5:03 with a second goal by Swedberg with assistance from Hundt.

Mosinee tied the game 8:23, and the game eventually entered overtime.

Mosinee had five shots on goal and Shawano/Bonduel had four in the first overtime, but none found the back of the net.

Hawks goalie Tyson Lyons ended the night with 37 saves against 40 shots on goal. Indians goalie Charlie Michalski had 18

saves against 22 shots on goal.

Each team was penalized twice for four minutes.

Northland Pines 7, Antigo 1

The Red Robins dropped to 3-4 in the Great Northern Conference after its 7-1 loss the Northland Pines in Eagle River.

Tuesday, Jan. 13
Sheboygan 6, Bay Area 3

Bay Area skaters had a flurry of 46 shots on goal against Sheboygan but ended up on the short end of a 6-3 final score.

Already down 4-0 late in the second period, the Storm finally connected on a goal from Cash Ebel-

ing with Brody Hronek assisting.

The Red Raiders scored again in the second period and then in the third to take a 6-1 lead.

Bay Area’s Henry Laurent scored at 2:09 with Conner Viau and Jack Froelich assisting. Ebeling scored again at 6:28.

Monday, Jan. 12
Sheboygan 3, Shawano 1

The Hawks dropped their third game in a row and fourth of their last five in a 3-1 loss to Sheboygan.

Shawano/Bonduel got off to a quick start with Gavin Hundt scoring just 17 seconds into the game with Blake Swedberg assisting. From there, the

sticks went quiet.

The Red Raiders tied the game in the second period and added two goals in the third to earn the win.

Shawano/Bonduel’s Tyson Lyons earned 37 saves against 40 shots on goal. For Sheboygan, Cooper Parisien had 14 saves against 15 shots on goal.

The Hawks were penalized four times for eight minutes. The Red Raiders spent six minutes in the penalty box for three infractions.

Tomahawk 8, Antigo 0

Tomahawk skaters outshot Antigo 71-14, which resulted in an 8-0 shutout win for the Hatchets.



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Defense helps keep Chargers undefeated

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

Two state-ranked teams, a combined a record of 23-1 and first place in the conference on the line added up to an intriguing girls basketball matchup Jan. 13 in Bonduel.

The intrigue didn't last very long, however, as Wittenberg-Birnamwood held Bonduel to 12 points in the first half and cruised to a 58-35 win over the Bears.

The win was the 12th in 12 games for the Chargers, while Bonduel fell to 12-2 after the Bears' first loss in almost two months. Both teams headed into the game with a 6-0 mark in Central Wisconsin Conference-East games.

Melaina Granquist scored 12 of her game-high 26 points to help the Chargers build a 29-6 lead in the first half.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood led 38-12 at halftime with two of its players - Granquist and Rory Salvesen - already in double figures with 17 and 10 points, respectively.

It didn't get any better for the Bears in the second half, as the Chargers out-scored the home team 12-4 to take a 50-16 lead. Bonduel trailed by 35 points at one point before ending the game with a 15-3 run.

Salvesen added 18 points to go along with Granquist's 26 for the Chargers, while Emery Thompson came in off of the bench to lead Bonduel with 10.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood coach Nick Mechelke said his defense helped set the tone early.

"That's our game," he said. "We work on this press. It's hard to plan against. Teams can't practice against it, because they don't have the people to represent it in practice."

The win marked the halfway point in the CWC-East schedule. The Bears and Chargers will play again Feb. 13 in Wittenberg.

The Chargers came into the game as the sixth-ranked team in the state in Division 3, while the Bears were seventh in Division 4.

"I know (Bonduel coach) Jerry (Reinke) very well," Mechelke said.



Allison Zernicke puts up a shot in the paint for Bonduel during the Bears' Central Wisconsin Conference-East game with Wittenberg-Birnamwood.

GREG SEUBERT



Harper Rogowski and the Wittenberg-Birnamwood girls basketball team stayed unbeaten on the season Jan. 13 with a 58-35 win over Bonduel on the Bears' home court.

GREG SEUBERT

"We can be best friends, but we want to beat each

other. This is our rival game, whether it's foot-

ball, basketball, volleyball, anything.

"This is always a big game for us. It's Bonduel. Each team is undefeated in conference. Bonduel had one loss to a very good St. Mary Catholic team. We've always been back and forth, first or second, and that's how it's been for the last couple years. We talked about it in practice, and I'm sure he did the same thing. This is a big game to see who's going to be at the top. Whoever wins has the bull's eye on their back for the second half of the season."

The Chargers' success - which already includes wins over Mosinee, Green Bay Preble, Wausau West and Medford - isn't a shock to Mechelke.

"Am I surprised?" he asked. "No. I had the same



Cierra Schnell scored seven points for Bonduel on Jan. 13 in a 58-35 loss to Wittenberg-Birnamwood.

GREG SEUBERT

group of kids that have played in two sectional final games. They have a lot of big games under their belt now. This group is ready for whatever comes."

Wittenberg-Birnamwood, Lena girls cruise to victories

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Friday, Jan. 16
Wittenberg-Birnamwood 78, Manawa 22

Rory Salvesen scored 27 points to pace the Chargers in a 78-22 win over Manawa.

Also scoring in double digits for Wittenberg-Birnamwood were Melaina Granquist with 16, Ava Brei with 13 and Harper

Rogowski with 12.

"We worked up a nice first half lead," coach Nick Mechelke said. "Our pressure defense was a big factor tonight."

Lena 42, St. Thomas Aquinas Academy 12

Seven players scored with Abby Kostreva leading with 15 points as Lena topped St. Thomas Aquinas Academy 42-12.

Other scores: Bonduel

62, Weyauwega-Fremont 42; Gillett 44, Wausaukee 12; Marion/Tigerton 54, Gresham 45; Menominee Nation 65, Shiocton 43; De Pere 66, Pulaski 19; Crivitz 60, Suring 51.

Thursday, Jan. 15
Shawano 54, Ke-waunee 49

It was back and forth in a tough and physical game, but Shawano pulled away with a couple min-

utes remaining to seal the victory.

Leah Nordin was unstoppable with 35 points.

The Hawks improved to 8-6.

Other scores: Luxemburg-Casco 44, Oconto Falls 31

Tuesday, Jan. 13
Marion/Tigerton 53, Rosholt 24

Marion/Tigerton improved to 7-4 overall with

a with a 53-24 win over Rosholt in a nonconference game in Rosholt.

Menominee Nation 58, Manawa 32

The Eagles rolled over the Wolves 58-32 and improved to 3-3 in the CWC-East and 10-4 overall.

New London 58, Shawano 50

Shawano lost 58-50 to New London, its third consecutive loss. The

Hawks dropped to 3-5 in the Bay Conference and 7-6 overall.

Other scores: Pulaski 54, Manitowoc Lincoln 44; Crivitz 53, Gillett 32; Suring 56, Oneida Nation 18; Lena 77, Wausaukee 30.

Monday, Jan. 12

Other scores: Manawa 49, Marion/Tigerton 33; Menominee Nation 69, Port Edwards 18; Bonduel 50, Oconto Falls 36.

Bonduel, Shawano boys notch big wins

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

**Saturday, Jan. 17
Bonduel 75, Valders 49**

Ryan Westrich had a double-double with 19 points and 15 rebounds as Bonduel improved to 12-0 overall with a 75-49 win over Valders.

Quinn Wesenberg scored 21 points, and Carter Moesch added 16.

Suring 65, Lena 53
Karl Hischke scored 18 points to lead the Eagles over the Wildcats 65-53.

Dayne Ermis and Parker Haak each scored another 12, and Taylor Booth-Stofregen added 10 for Suring.

Leading Lena was Lucas Mongiat with 29 points.

**Friday, Jan. 16
Shawano 75, Green Bay West 60**

The Shawano Hawks picked up an impressive 75-60 win on the road at Green Bay West, using a strong offensive performance and consistent defensive pressure to pull away for the victory. Shawano set the tone early and maintained control throughout the game, answering every Green Bay West run with timely baskets and solid execution on both ends of the floor.

Will Verkuilen led the Hawks with a game-high 28 points, attacking the basket and knocking down key shots to pace the Shawano offense. Jack Nordin was also instrumental in the win, contributing 24 points and providing a steady scoring presence that kept the pressure on the home team. Together, the duo accounted for more than two-thirds of Shawano's scoring and were especially effective during key stretches of the game.

The Hawks' balanced effort and disciplined play allowed them to build and protect their lead, ultimately securing the 15-point victory. The win continues Shawano's momentum as they move forward in their schedule.

Next up is a home game against Rhinelander on Jan. 22.

Other scores: Luxemburg-Casco 60, Oconto Falls 46; De Pere 68, Pulaski 55.

**Thursday, Jan. 15
Bonduel 86, Weyauwega-Fremont 57**

Quinn Wesenberg scored 29 points, and Ryan Westrich added 27 as Bonduel defeated Weyauwega-Fremont 86-57.

Jack Weier also scored 12 points.

The Bears improved to 11-0 overall and 7-0 in conference play.

Tigerton 67, Northland Lutheran 35

The Tigers made it an even dozen (12-0 overall) with a 67-35 triumph over Northland Lutheran.

James Brady had a double-double with 24 points and 13 rebounds. He also recorded two blocks and two steals.

Sam Anheuser scored 15 points, and Carmen Carlson added 10. Anheuser notched four assists, while Carlson pulled down eight rebounds and had two steals.

Brody Miller led the team with eight assists. He also had seven rebounds and a steal.

Izaiah Lederhaus recorded four assists.

Other scores: White Lake 54, Bowler 49; Oneida Nation 76, Gillett 37; Marion 72, Gresham 58; Crivitz 74, Lena 22; Menominee Nation 63, Shiocton 50; Suring 76, Coleman 58; Wittenberg-Birnamwood 62, Manawa 49.

**Tuesday, Jan. 13
Bonduel 79, Wausau East 49**

Bonduel improved to

10-0 on the season with its 79-49 rout over Wausau East.

Senior Ryan Westrich scored 22 points and became the all-time scoring leader for Bonduel's boys basketball program. He now has 1,339 points.

Quinn Wesenberg led the Bears against Wausau East with 27 points. Carter Moesch contributed 11 points in the win.

New London 85, Shawano 47

The Shawano Hawks dropped their matchup against New London, falling 85-47.

Jackson Nordin led the Hawks in scoring with 12 points.

Little Chute 64, Oconto Falls 50

Junior J.J. Pytleski led the Panthers with 16 points and five assists, while also contributing five rebounds and one steal, but Oconto Falls lost 64-55 to Little Chute.

Jameson Beaman scored 11 points and led with eight rebounds. Carson McDermid also scored 10 points.

Brady Bursa pulled down five rebounds; he also had one steal and four assists. Teagan Tate had two assists.

Tigerton 75, Crandon

55
Tigerton made it to 11-0 with a dominating 75-55 win over Crandon.

The Tigers held a comfortable 31-16 lead at halftime and outscored the Cardinals 44-39 after the break.

James Brady recorded a double-double with 25 points and 15 rebounds, leading the Tigers in both categories. He also had four blocks, a pair of steals and five assists.

Sam Anheuser scored 19 points and led his teammates with seven assists. Brody Miller scored 11 points and had three assists.

Tanner Dent pulled down eight rebounds and recorded two steals. Isaiah Lederhaus had five rebounds and two steals. Brody Miller had three assists.

Other scores: Green Bay East 74, Menominee Nation 73; Pulaski 55, Manitowoc Lincoln 44.

**Monday, Jan. 12
Gresham 51, Almond-Bancroft 43**

Nolan Pecore and Thomas Kaquatosh each scored 11 points in Gresham's 51-43 win over Almond-Bancroft.

Pecore also had three

assists, while Kaquatosh led the team with 11 rebounds.

Kobe Miller scored 10 points, had eight rebounds and led the Wildcats with six assists.

Kevin Miller also contribute three assists.

Coleman 70, Gillett 40
Jed Herzog scored 10 points in Gillett's 70-40 loss to Coleman.

Brody Halla contributed nine points, and Chase Roselund added four.

Oneida Naton 84, Lena 40

Lena remained winless in the Marinette & Oconto Conference with an 84-40 loss to Oneida Nation. The Wildcats are 0-5 in league play and 2-7 overall.

P.J. Finger recorded a double-double with 11 points and 10 rebounds.

Cooper Demmth added nine points, and Luke Koslowsky had eight.

Koslowsky also notched four rebounds, a steal and three assists.

Dash Comins had four rebounds, two steals and six assists.

Other scores: Menominee Nation 86, Port Edwards 19; Manawa 68, Marion 24; Suring 68, St. Thomas Aquinas Academy 56.

Shawano Speedway 2026 racing schedule announced

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Opening night for the 2026 racing season at the Shawano Speedway is

tentatively set for April 11, race officials announced.

Dirt King late models will be featured April 18 and Aug. 29.

Other special events include spectators eliminators June 27, salute to veterans July 4, Hall of Fame on July 11, Racing 4

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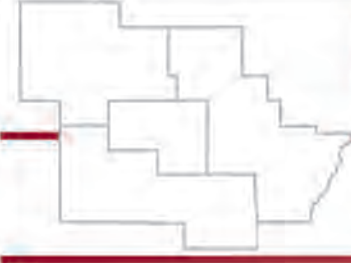
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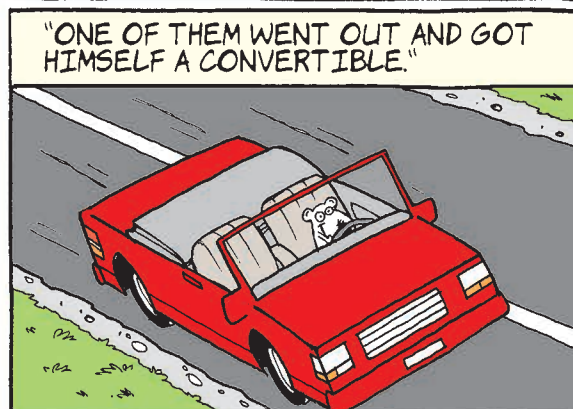
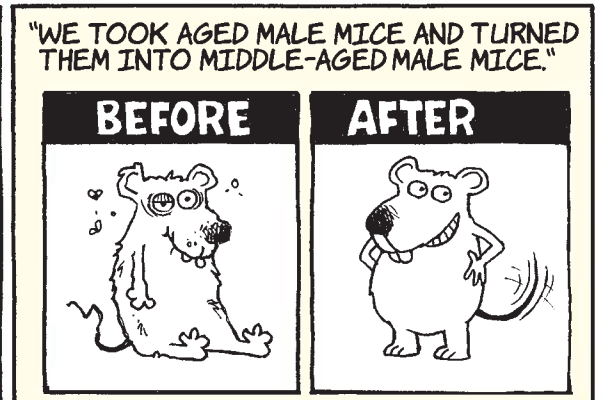
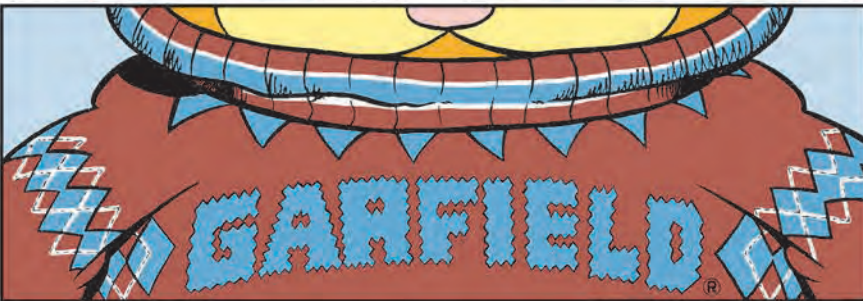
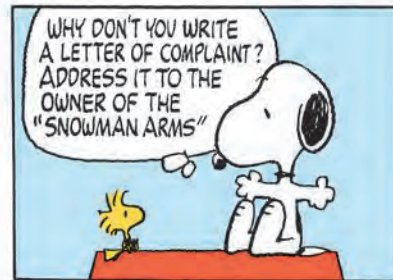
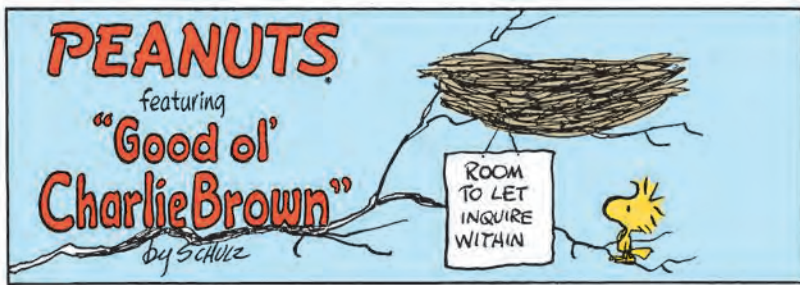
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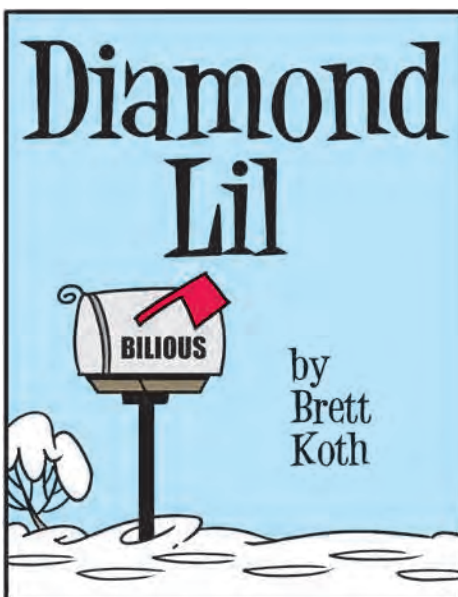
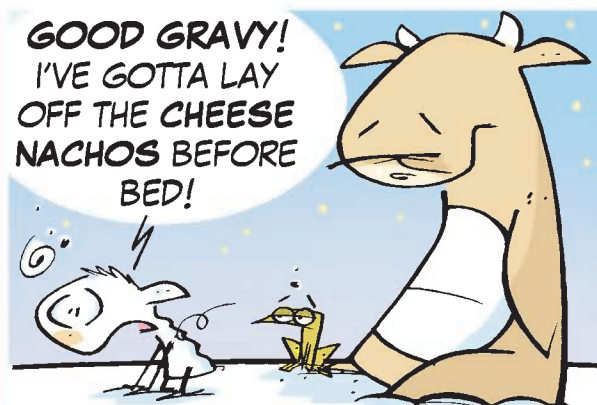
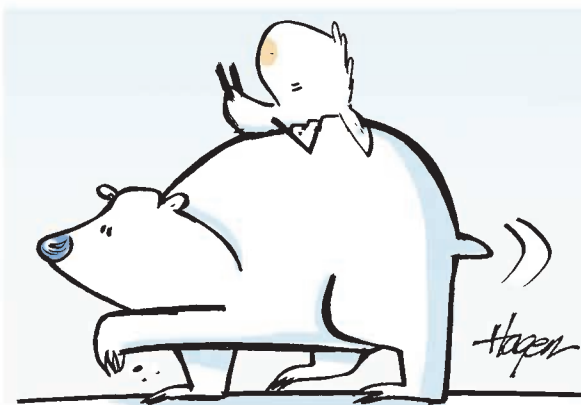
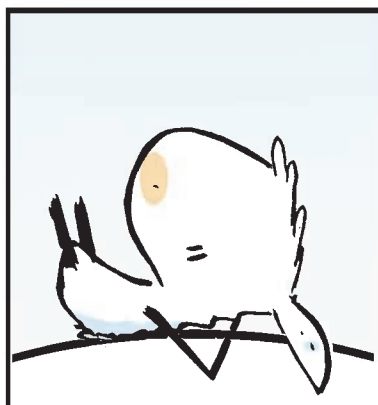
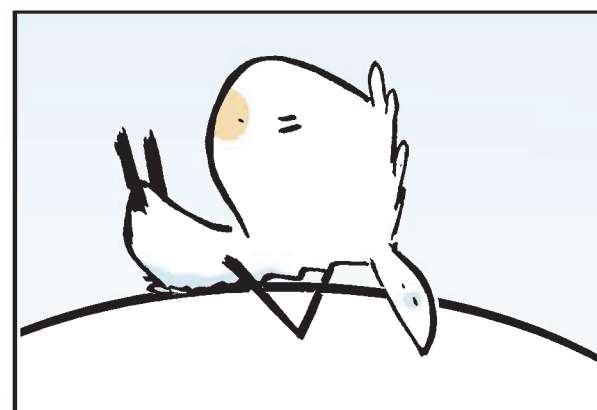
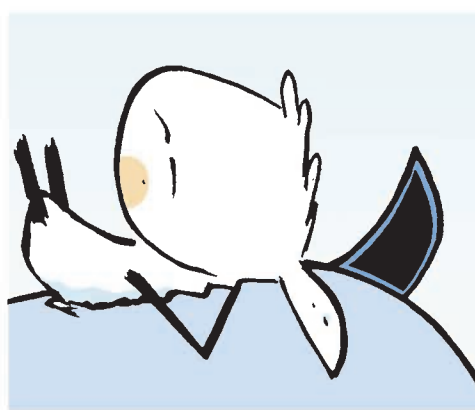
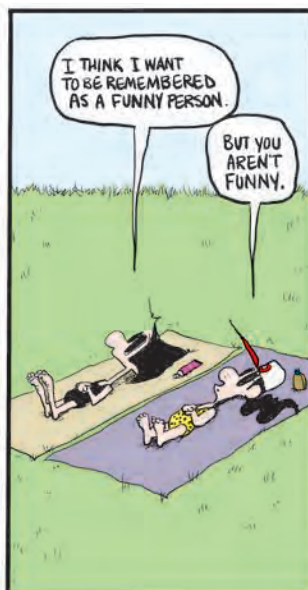
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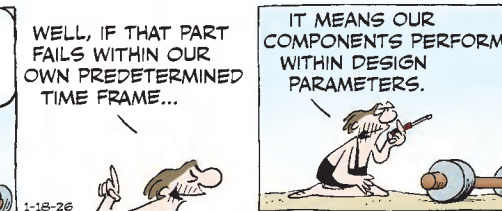
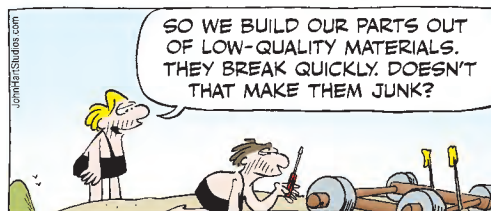
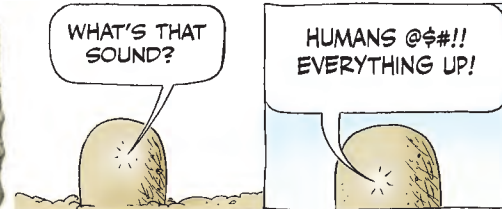
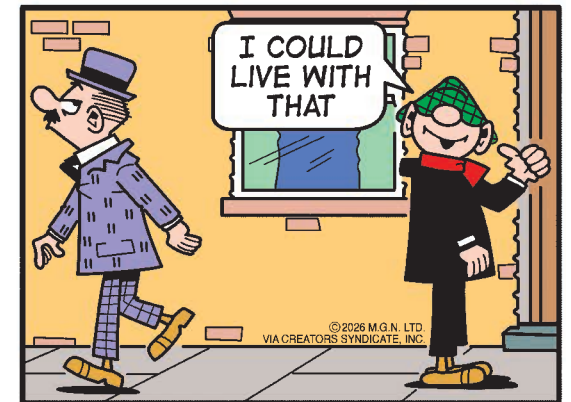
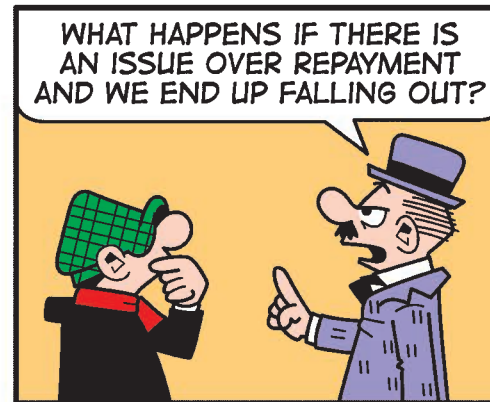
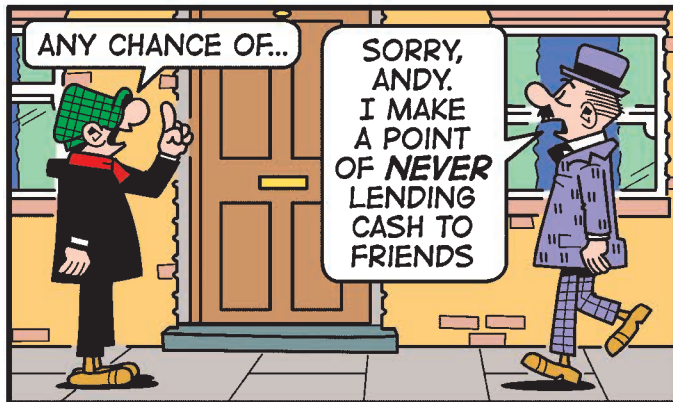
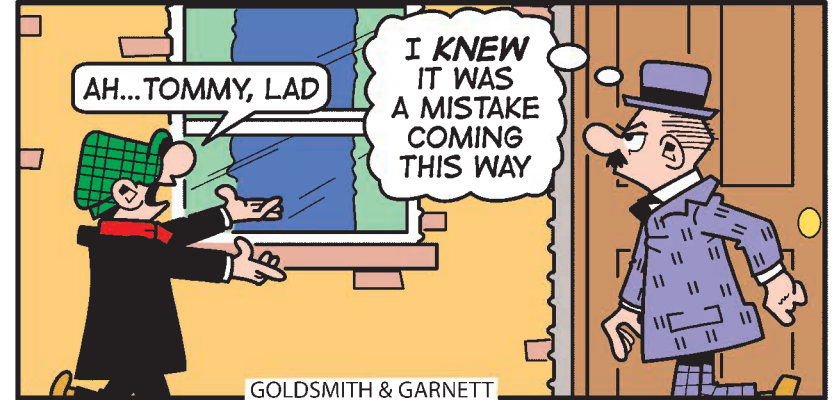






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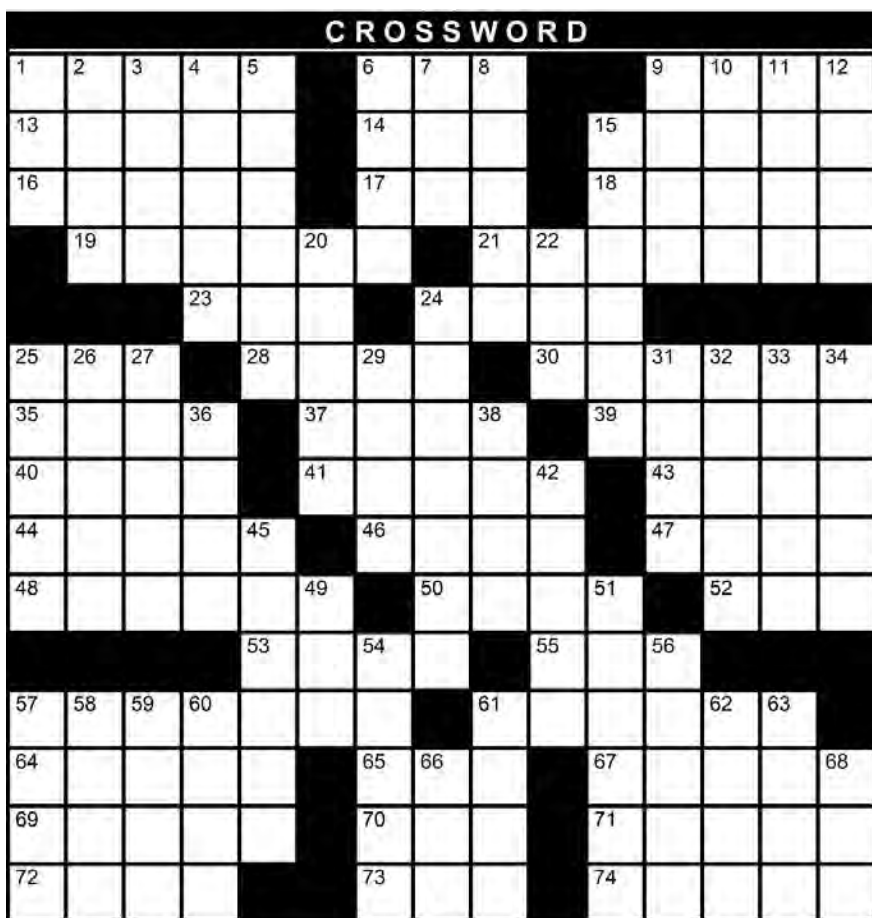
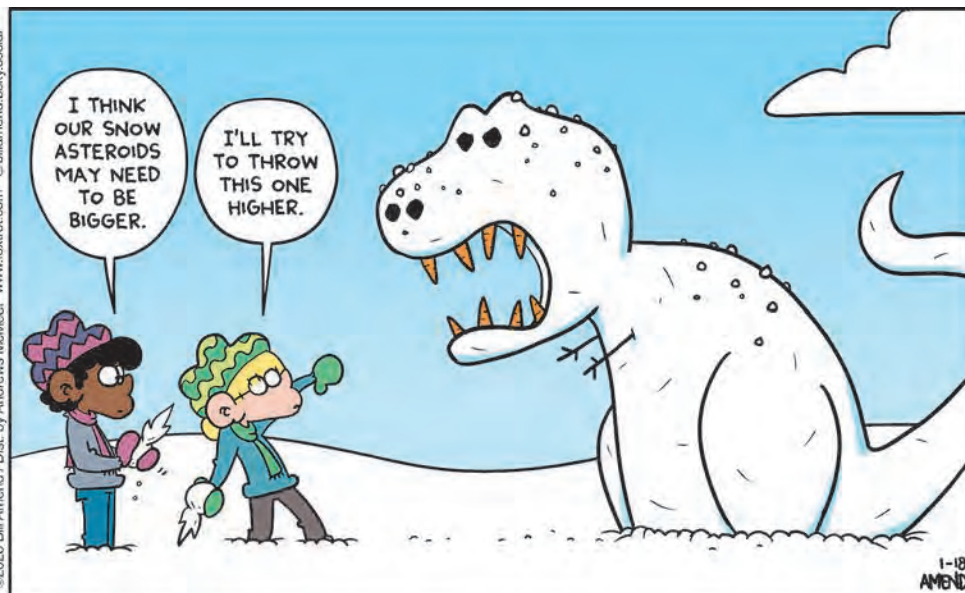
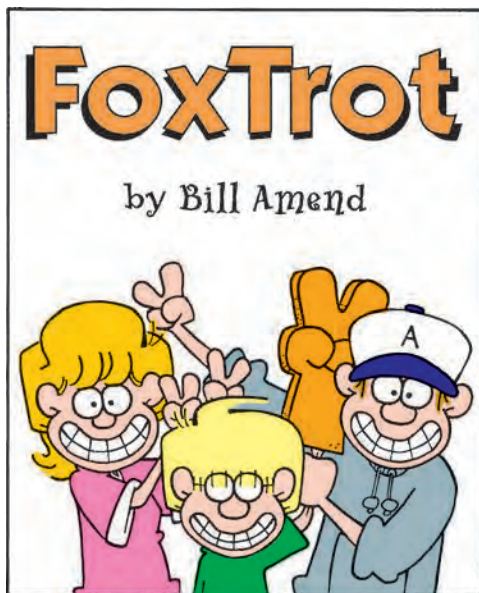


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16. Coffee shop order
17. *Before 1998 only they played Olympic hockey
18. Spring to mind" or "Spring into action," e.g.
19. *Most decorated country in Winter Olympics
21. *____ of Hamill Camel fame
23. *How Olympic Athletes from Russia were designated in 2018, acr.
24. Assistant
25. ____ of war
28. Sushi wrapped in nori
30. Oblong cream puff
35. Singles
37. Manure, e.g.
39. Soil for cultivation
40. Bon Jovi hit "Have a ____ day"
41. "Encore!"
43. Don't go
44. Bumpkin
46. Poet Pound's first name
47. Rodeo Drive tree
48. Sense of alienation and isolation
50. Similar
52. Toast option
53. *Misha, 1980 Russian Olympics Mascot was one
55. Samuel Butler: "Spare the ____ and spoil the child"
57. *____ Shiffrin, most decorated U.S. alpine skier
61. *Overall Olympic curling medal leader
64. Bikini ____ in the Marshall Islands
65. Zodiac sign
67. Pasture
69. Boundary lines
70. Government Printing Office
71. Rocky ridge
72. Singer Tori
73. Farm layer
74. *1964 and 1976 mountainous Olympic location

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1. Honda CR-X del ____
2. *Michelle ____, most decorated U.S. figure skater

3. Enthusiastic about
4. Part of MGM
5. From the 1930s, e.g.
6. Abounding with certain trees
7. Bruce ____ of karate fame
8. Fundus, pl.
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11. Lye formula
12. A in "M*A*S*H"
15. Do like Tarantino
20. Pleasant smell
22. Schiller's "____ to Joy"
24. Real ____ of Seville
25. *Margot Robbie's "olympic" role (2017)
26. "For better or worse?"
27. GEICO's mascot
29. *Olympic toboggan
31. Speech defect
32. Place for worship
33. *2026 Winter Olympics location
34. Mother Goose creation
36. Give an impression
38. Michael Douglas' dad
42. Nigerian money
45. Slandorous statements
49. Snake-like fish
51. Dairy choice
54. Frustration, in a comic book
56. Grocery store section
57. Cass Elliot, a.k.a. ____ Cass
58. Big-ticket ____
59. Japanese zither
60. Saloon selections
61. Colloquial "Follow me!"
62. Widely hunted ruminant
63. Kind of sax
66. King Kong or Donkey Kong, e.g.
68. Penn.'s neighbor

