



U.S. Rep. Tony Wied, left, watches a Powerpoint presentation March 7 at the Genex main headquarters in Shawano as Genex CEO Huub te Plate explains what his company does and its importance to the agriculture industry.

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Genex sits with Wied to discuss new farm bill, tariffs

Representative hopeful to have new bill passed this year

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

Concerns about the future of agriculture dominated the discussion March 7 as U.S. Rep. Tony Wied met with top officials from Genex, one of the world's great suppliers of bovine semen.

Huub te Plate, Genex's chief executive officer, presented Wied with information on the Shawano-based company and how it plays a part in growing not only the country's dairy and beef industries, but also the world's. He said there are about 4,500 member farms in the Genex cooperative, with about 100 delegates who manage the company as a whole.

With President Donald Trump's announcements about tariffs for many countries, including China, te Plate told Wied that such talk has his company concerned about future operations and distribution.

"China is a challenge," te Plate said. "They just shut down the market. We can't deliver there anymore, because the USDA (Department of Agriculture) APHIS (Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service) has some problems declaring some disease-free and low-disease statuses."

Te Plate said that APHIS has not done a recent survey of Genex's operations to confirm that the company has low instances of bluetongue, an insect-borne disease that can impact cattle, sheep and other meat animals, and that is the main cause for the issues in China. However, he clarified that even once that issue's resolved, having a tariff war with China will not help the company's bottom line.

Genex uses a lot of USDA programs in its work at home and abroad, including the Foreign Agriculture Service, according to te Plate. He noted that Genex also has a USAID program in Africa that was impacted by Trump's sudden changes to USAID's operation.

"The tariffs, they really scare us, to say it directly," te Plate said. "We have production in Canada, for biosecurity and risk mitigation reasons, so that's going to be really tough. We don't even know if

genetics are going to be part of the tariffs. They weren't four years ago, but the list of products that is long."

Wied sits on the House Agriculture Committee and said a new farm bill is on the top of the list to get through Congress this year. The farm bill is usually updated every five or six years, but the last bill passed in 2018 and has simply been extended since.

"I'm very hopeful. I'm confident that is the No. 1 priority of the chairman, G.T. Thompson, and he talked about it the first time we met," Wied said.

He noted that his office is "getting information fast" from the Trump Administration but was hopeful that genetics would be insulated from the tariffs in the meantime as Congress tries to push through priorities like the farm bill. However, Wied did not guarantee that the farm bill would be safe from the massive cuts in spending for which Trump is pushing.

"What I first realized right off the bat was that a lot of what's in the farm bill has to do with SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) and things that

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White Pines Lodge back with another proposal

New plan is to use site for behavioral treatment services

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

There's a new plan in the works for the former White Pines Lodge on Big Lake Road in the Town of Red Springs.

A proposal is moving forward to convert the former resort into a residential treatment facility for CORE Treatment Services, which provides outpatient behavioral health services, residential treatment services, recovery services and consulting to those with substance use and mental health challenges.

Kari Hopfensperger, Shawano County planner, told the Planning, Development and Zoning Committee on March 5 of the company's intent to purchase the site from Badgerland Travel International Inc., owned by Jeff and Kathy White.

"The current business plan would have to go through the conditional use permit process," she said. "CORE Treatment Services is also looking at trying to change their business plan, because currently it would be a major indoor institutional use, and they're trying to make it fit into the minor indoor institutional use."

The determining factor between the major and minor distinctions is the number of people served. For the minor indoor institutional use, there must be fewer than 15 people receiving treatment.

"That no longer goes through the conditional use permit process," Hopfensperger said of the minor use. "Then it would be a permitted use."

In the spring and summer of 2024, officials with Newcap Inc., the nonprofit organization that provides a myriad of services and programs for those in need, proposed using the site for apartments for low- to moderate-income residents. The request was denied by the Red Springs Town Board and the county PDZ committee.

In addition to the conditional use permit needed for Newcap, a zoning change was also required. That is not the case with the CORE Treatment Ser-

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Chicken issue has come home to roost

County won't be cooped in by zoning rules

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

Shawano County is getting out of the chicken banning business. That was the consensus of the Planning, Development and Zoning Committee when it gathered March 5.

Supervisor Kathy Lubke said the banning of poultry in residential areas would be officially lifted at the May meeting, after town officials present the information to their residents at annual meetings slated for April.

“Our department has too many other items and short staff,” she said. “My personal feeling is to remove it (poultry) from the ordinance, and if the local municipality wants to enforce it more, that’s up to them.”

The chicken issue raised its head again at the request of Angelica Town Chairman Jim Przybylski, also a county supervisor.



Chickens are technically still illegal in residential areas in Shawano County, even though county officials aren't enforcing the ban. However, county officials expect the repeal the ordinance banning residential chickens later this spring, leaving any permitting, inspections, enforcement or bans to local municipalities.

“We’ve been having conversations recently pertaining to the chickens specifically in hamlets for their township, but it also applies to all residential areas,” said Kari Hopfensperger, county planner. “Your direction in

November was for us not to enforce the chickens in residential areas any longer, and we were planning on amending the zoning ordinance to probably remove poultry from the definition of farm animals. We just haven’t had the opportunity to amend the ordinance yet.”

Raising chickens in residential areas was discussed at last month’s town board meeting, so Przybylski sent letters to all residents in Angelica, Krakow and Zachow about the chicken rules.

He explained the county’s hands-off approach taken last fall and prepared a local ordinance in case the county wiped its hands clean of the chicken ban.

“I think the Town of Angelica just wants to keep the peace with the people,” he said. “We wouldn’t present (in a proposed ordinance) a yearly permit or something in that nature (including inspections).”

Zachow resident Jacob Van Schyndel made his case in favor of allowing chickens. Formerly a resident of Ashwaubenon, he said there is a big home-steading movement under-

way with people moving away from the larger cities to smaller rural areas.

“For us, having these chickens is being self-sustaining a bit (regardless of the price of eggs),” he said. “It’s a self-sustaining movement for us. We’re OK even if there was a permitted thing. We’d be willing to pay permits and fees.”

“In Ashwaubenon ... we could have up to three hens permitted. Here we can’t, and we have even more room and more space.”

He said he does not support free-range chickens as that can lead to traffic issues and property damage.

Personally, he also made the case for his son, who has an intellectual disability.

“One thing that he responds heavily to is animal husbandry,” Van Schyndel said. “For him having chickens — we’ve joined the 4-H to try to get him some experience there.”

All discussions focused on hens. Roosters would presumably still be banned in residential areas.

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Egg price shock could lead to alternatives

Aurora dietitian looks at Greek yogurt, other items as substitutes

By LEE PULASKI
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Skyrocketing egg prices have consumers worried about whether they’ll be able to afford the breakfast staple and key ingredient in many recipes.

Also of concern is how to replenish the health benefits that eggs provide. Aurora Health Care dietitian Lindsay Fencel is offering some suggestions on what alternatives people can consider for their diet. She noted that eggs are rich in Vitamin D, and it can be challenging to get that from other food sources.



Eggs from Aldi are currently around \$6 per dozen, with prices higher at other grocery locations. Aurora Health Care dietitian Lindsay Fencel says there are alternatives for those having difficulty buying eggs.

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“It also comes with a variety of micronutrients,” Fencel said. “Then there’s anti-inflammatory fats; Omega-3s are really helpful with brain health, joint health, trying to get rid of the inflammation from your body, etc.”

When it comes to the protein in eggs, there are alternatives available, according to Fencel. She recommends fatty fish like salmon, sardines or tuna as a substitute when it comes to the body’s protein requirements.

“Greek yogurt and

cottage cheese would also have that Vitamin D in addition to protein, but then you can go outside of those protein sources that have Vitamin D with animal sources like poultry, beef, etc., but they wouldn’t have the Vitamin D,” Fencel said.

She prefers the Greek yogurt instead of standard yogurt cups, because the standard yogurt has more sugar added in, she said.

“Greek yogurt has way more protein in it than the Yoplait regular yogurt,” Fencel said. “They just don’t provide as much protein,

which is the filling part of it. Even though there’s going to be sugar in lactose — that’s just going to happen — the Greek yogurt options will have less sugar in addition to significantly more protein, and that’s due to the processing they go through.”

Healthy fats from eggs can be found in nuts and avocados, as well as olive oil. Fencel suggested mixing flax seed with water to develop what she called a “vegan egg.”

“That’s what vegans do, because they can’t consume eggs,” Fencel said, suggesting adding the word “vegan” to online searches for recipes that show what can be added in lieu of eggs.

Fencel recommends, in lieu of eggs for breakfast, Greek yogurt bowls or oatmeal with some protein powder and a spoonful of peanut butter on top.

“We talk about smoothies, too,” she said. “Those are things that we can use to replace as a breakfast meal.”

Fencel suggested, in lieu of boiled eggs as a

snack, going with individual Greek yogurt cups, a couple of pieces of venison sausage or some string cheese.

“For snacks, it’s really helpful to have a high protein source, because it helps you stay full throughout the day,” Fencel said. “A lot of people will pack two boiled eggs for a snack.”

In terms of pricing, many of Fencel’s recommendations are similar in price to a dozen eggs currently, but she recommends going with the cheapest options, which are usually available at Aldi stores. Currently, the Shawano Aldi offers eggs for \$5.97 a dozen with a limit of two due to the avian flu that has led to the killing of egg-laying hens in mass quantities.

“Right now, everything’s comparable, but normally (eggs) would be a lot cheaper,” Fencel said. “A Greek yogurt alternative would be equal to two boiled eggs, and they’re usually \$1.25. At Aldi, they can be 60 cents.”

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Behnke addresses budget, other issues

Pulaski listening session sparsely attended

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State Rep. Elijah Behnke's efforts to meet with his new constituents has drawn mixed results, with local listening sessions attracting as many as a dozen or more in Shawano and Cecil to just two visitors March 8 at the Pulaski library.

Behnke, now in his third two-year term in the state Assembly, moved about 2 miles to the west last year after district lines were redrawn and his home became part of the mostly urban 4th Assembly District. He won a Republican primary against former state Rep. Peter Schmidt and now serves the more rural 6th District.

The first order of business in a new term is to pass a biennial budget, he noted in a conversation with Kathy Luebke, Maple Grove town clerk and Shawano County supervisor, and her husband, Gary.

"This is the time when we reach out and listen to people and say we want to serve our communities, how can we serve our communities — obviously roads is always a big thing in rural Wisconsin," Behnke said. "Listening to people who pay my salary is kind of how I get elected."

Luebke brought a summary of Gov. Tony Evers' budget proposal provided by Wisconsin Towns Association, and she said she was concerned about a provision that would require local and state



Kathy Luebke, Maple Grove town clerk and a Shawano County supervisor, and her husband, Gary, were the only residents who took advantage of state Rep. Elijah Behnke's listening session March 8 at the Brown County Library in Pulaski.

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public works projects to hire contractors who pay "prevailing wage," which Evers defined as the hourly wage and benefits paid to most workers in the project's area.

"Way back, I don't know how many years ago we had to do that, and we paid dearly for roads. We usually have the local contractors do our jobs, and even for them they had to do extra paperwork," Luebke said. "Basically, prevailing wage is what the unions require, and locally we don't have union contractors."

Behnke said he expects

the legislature to make significant changes in Evers' budget before passing a final bill. The omnibus tax-and-spending bill must be in place by July 1, the start of the state's fiscal year. Wisconsin currently has about a \$4 billion surplus, in part because of federal dollars allocated to offset losses created by the response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"They say if you run the numbers, if you actually were to pass this budget as it is, we'd not only run through the \$4 billion left over from the COVID money but we'd be \$2 bil-

lion in the hole," Behnke said.

Luebke also asked about election reform, noting that the state had a primary election last month where the only race on the ballot for most municipalities was narrowing the field of superintendent of public instruction from three candidates down to two.

"The money that it costs municipalities to hold an election for one race like that — is there some way we can condense it or just hold off until the next election?" she asked.

Behnke agreed that an overhaul of the election system is in order. He noted that someone was able to obtain an absentee ballot in his name because the requirements are so lax.

"If you know my full legal name and my date of birth, you can request my ballot," he said. "That is way too loosey-goosey."

Behnke said he likes the idea of the U.S. Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), which was created to find ways to streamline federal government spending and eliminate waste and fraud. Wis-

consin has its own version, the GOAT, or Government Oversight, Accountability and Transparency Committee, he said.

"They are starting to do open records requests for like the DOT (Department of Transportation) and Department of Corrections to see where this money goes," Behnke said.

Wisconsin government has safeguards to avoid the issues faced by the U.S. government, which has accumulated a \$37 trillion debt, he said.

"If the dollar starts to become worthless because we're just printing it, and that's kind of the trajectory of what we were doing, so we have to stop the federal spending," Behnke said. "Thankfully Wisconsin I think in our constitution has — you can't go into debt like that. We can borrow some loans but not go like that."

As might be expected, Behnke said his relationship with Schmidt was "rough" after he decided to relocate and run in the 6th District, but a mutual friend arranged a meeting to work out their differences.

"We met in Shawano, had dinner together, kind of talked it all out," Behnke said. "He's keeping his campaign account open, so he will possibly run again, but I just said, 'Hey, I'm not looking to be enemies, we can work together on some things,' and he's a great resource. He does know more local people than I do."

Behnke said he and Schmidt are both younger, both farm kids and with reputations as hard workers.

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Teachers spend less time in education profession

Superintendents talk about difficulties keeping teachers in schools

By LEE PULASKI
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The time that teachers spend at a school or in the education profession is shrinking.

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction released a report that shows schools deal with ongoing challenges of keeping and fairly compensating teachers. The 2023 Educator Preparation Program and Workforce Analysis Report tracked first-time teachers and showed that only 55.6% remained in the state or in the profession

after seven years, while 26.1% indicated they stayed in the same school for that period.

The numbers were lower when tracking special education teachers. About 46% of those teachers stayed in the state, and only 18.6% were at the same school.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District Superintendent Garrett Rogowski said it's important to create a work environment that respects teachers' training, experience and expertise. According to Rogowski, recruitment and retention efforts should be a priority to have the most qualified staff to teach the country's future workforce.

"All it takes is one visit to a classroom to see the responsibility and challenges placed upon classroom

teachers," Rogowski said. "They are faced with the enormous task of positively impacting student achievement, while also supporting our students' many other needs through their unique individual challenges."

School districts' ability to pay teachers has been restricted by revenue limits, according to Nathan Hanson, Gillett School District superintendent, with many schools having to ask voters for operational referenda to compensate teachers. Hanson also recommends flexibility regarding how and what they teach.

"After Common Core first came about, we saw many districts basically handing a script to teachers and telling them exactly how they needed to do their job," Hanson said. "This limited great teachers from being able to adapt to

the kids in their classrooms and created a lot of frustration with many. When we can give that flexibility back, teachers feel valued and important. Obviously there are laws that dictate some of what we have to do, but I think when we can give what we can, teachers are more likely to stay."

There is no "one size fits all" solution when it comes to retaining teachers, said Glenda Butterfield-Bolding, Bowler School District superintendent. She said she works closely with other superintendents, and they all express the desire not to steal staff from each other.

"What I've seen more recently is a desire for staff to feel connected to their districts, communities and co-workers," Butterfield-Bolding said. "Close personal relationships at work have a high correlation to staff

retention, in schools and all workplaces. In Bowler, we adopted district-wide commitments to support students, families and staff in feeling connected to our school."

Those commitments, according to Butterfield-Bolding, include providing a safe and inclusive environment where expressing creativity and individuality is encouraged while respecting different of unique perspectives; cultivating a sense of belonging in the schools; being culturally inclusive; and building positive relationships.

Teachers are a school district's heartbeat, said Lena School District Superintendent Ben Pytleski, and one of the secondary effects of Act 10, which ended most public unions' collective bargaining, was giving teachers free agency.

That's a benefit for teachers in niche departments, he said, but it hinders school districts in times when there are teacher shortages.

"Supply and demand sets the market. It makes it very difficult for school districts, especially smaller ones, to get into any bidding wars as teacher salaries are open to public record," Pytleski said. "It makes it that much more important for school districts to remain competitive in the area of salaries and benefits, and it makes it that much more important to establish a great culture and working environment where teachers will enjoy working and feel supported by administrators, school boards and the community."

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Uncovered Indigenous remains repatriated

Oshkosh park site of Oneota, Woodland artifacts

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Road work at Oshkosh's Menominee Park uncovered a wealth of artifacts from the ancestors of two Indigenous tribes, including human bones that have since been repatriated back into the ground, Native American representatives and archaeologists recently revealed.

The discoveries in 2023 led to a two-year archaeology effort that unearthed earthenware and ceramic pots, stone tools including arrowheads, plates, animal bones and human remains dating back to about 870-1650 A.D., according to Jennifer Haas, director of the Archaeological Laboratory Research Center at University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

"That was the route of the Christmas lights, so I take the blame," said Haas, referring to the annual Celebration of Lights placed along Pratt Trail, a popular walking trail on the shore of Lake Winnebago, where the artifacts were found.

Although the discoveries ultimately altered the design of the road work in spring 2024 to avert the burial site, the park never closed during the scientific dig, said Oshkosh Parks Director Ray Maurer.

"The construction area encompassed Pratt Trail, and a good section of that roadway was closed down during this time," he said in an e-mail.



Oneota is the name given to Native people who lived between about 900 and 1650. No one knows for sure where they came from. They are likely the ancestors of Wisconsin Native tribes. Oneota communities mostly developed along rivers, lakes and streams. They are best known for their pottery, which uses crushed clamshell in the clay. Pots from the Late Oneota were decorated with geometric designs.

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Menominee Park is located at an important site for Late Woodland and Oneota tribes dating back 12,000 years as part of a middle Fox River passageway or portage site, Haas told about 500 people Feb. 23 at the Oshkosh Convention Center "Bridging Past and Present: Exploring Native American Cultural Heritage" program. The event was sponsored by the Wisconsin Arts Board, National Endowment for the Arts, Oshkosh Seniors Center, Oshkosh Public Museum and Discover Oshkosh.

Artifacts were first found in the park area near a bath house in 1927 during sewer line work, Haas noted. Two Native American villages were uncovered. In 1993, the UW-Oshkosh Field

School excavated more Late Woodland and Oneota artifacts.

The Oneota, ancestors of modern tribes who lived in villages along major lakes and rivers between 900 and 1650, used crushed clamshells in their pottery, Haas said. Their pots also had a band on top. Remnants of such pottery were found in the park.

The Woodland Indians were the first to make pottery and also domesticated plants and used earthen burial mounds, according to the Wisconsin Historical Society website. They are best known for creating effigy burial mounds in the shape of birds, mammals and people. It is likely the burial site found at the park was an effigy mound, Haas said.

attention there, Maurer noted.

"It is the preference of the tribes to not draw attention to the burial site, so no marker or fence will be installed," he said.

State law also protects any burial site or cemetery, regardless of whom is buried there.

The law also requires a 10-foot buffer between any structures or roads and a burial site, according to William Quackenbush, a tribal historic preservation officer who represented the Ho-Chunk Nation at the event.

"You're missing a beautiful story of what we have to share here," Quackenbush told the crowd. "We welcome people to come to it. We (just) don't want it to be disturbed."

"Our main purpose is to preserve the site," said David J. Grignon, historic preservation director for the Menominee Tribe.

Any burial site is considered sacred, because it is the last place his ancestors lived, and the human

remains were reburied in a quiet event.

"We are the caretakers of what they have left," he said.

He related the unintentional unearthing of the bones to digging up graves at a known cemetery.

Quackenbush noted that Indians believe a person's journey continues after death, and disturbing those remains interrupts that journey. He said the repatriation was not a ceremony but simply asking Mother Earth to take the bones back.

Grignon and Quackenbush offered an extensive history of the Indigenous tribes in Wisconsin and other states. There are currently 11 federally recognized tribes living in Wisconsin, and more to be recognized soon.

"These indigenous tribes — they still exist," Quackenbush said, encouraging the crowd to just ask about Indian culture.

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From left, are William Quackenbush, tribal historic preservation officer for the Ho-Chunk Nation, David Grignon, tribal historic preservation director for the Menominee Tribe, Jennifer Haas, director of the Archaeological Laboratory Research Center at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and Pascale Manning, associate professor of English and indigenous studies researcher at UW-Oshkosh. The seminar in Oshkosh discussed the artifacts and human remains of indigenous people unearthed at Oshkosh's Menominee Park.

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Court strikes down minority scholarship program

Some CMN students have received funding

By KEVIN MURPHY
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A state appeals court last week struck down as unconstitutional a state statute establishing a college scholarship program for minority students attending private and technical colleges.

The District II Court of Appeals opinion overturned a decision by Jefferson County Circuit Judge William Hue who had upheld the state statute challenged by the Wisconsin Institute for Law and Liberty (WILL), a conservative advocacy law firm.

The District II Court

unanimously found that the statute and the Minority Undergraduate Retention Grant program violates the Equal Protection Clause of the U.S. and state constitutions.

In 1985, the Wisconsin Legislature enacted a statute establishing the program, which financially supported needy Black American, Native American and Hispanic undergraduate students enrolled in Wisconsin private colleges. The program was later broadened to include needy private and technical college undergraduates who were former citizens of Laos, Vietnam or Cambodia or whose ancestors were citizens of those countries.

The grant program is administered by the state Higher Educational Aids Board, which, with its executive secretary, are

the only defendants in the suit.

The yearly grants ranged from \$250 to \$2,500 per eligible sophomore, junior and senior technical or private college students. In the 2021-22 school year, \$819,000 was allocated for the program.

WILL filed suit in 2021 contending that the grant's racial qualification bars many otherwise deserving students and does not comply with the U.S. Supreme Court requirements imposed on other programs that give public benefits based on race.

A similar scholarship grant for Universities of Wisconsin system students was not challenged in the case.

In its appeal brief, WILL acknowledged the disparities in graduation

rates among different racial groups but the list of eligible students doesn't include former residents of India or Thailand. One of the five plaintiffs is a Thailand native and whose son is ineligible for the grant.

The state contended in its appeals brief that program is constitutional as it furthers diversity in higher education, a compelling public interest that the Supreme Court has recognized.

In ruling for the plaintiffs, Judge Mark Gundrum wrote: "(The statute) and the related grant program are unconstitutional on their face. In so holding, we adhere to the refocusing of the Equal Protection Clause by the (2023 U.S. Supreme Court 2023 decision in Students for Fair Admissions v. Harvard College) for the

realization of the promise, ideal and hope of equal protection."

In a news release WILL attorney Dan Lenington said, "The appellate judges agreed with WILL that the state of Wisconsin can offer aid based on need, income level or personal hardships — but not race. Their comprehensive decision marks a turning point in the fight for true equality for both our state and country."

Austin Retzlaff, financial aid manager at the College of Menominee Nation, said the some of the school's approximately 300 students have received the state grant. However, losing that funding source doesn't represent a "big hurt."

"It (aid) all helps but in the scheme of things, it doesn't amount to a big

hurt," Retzlaff said March 7.

The HEAB tells the college how much aid it will receive from the Minority Undergraduate Retention Grant program. Retzlaff submits names of students to the board, which determines who is eligible for the grant. The grant is then divided up between the eligible students, which Retzlaff said typically ranges between \$300 and \$500.

Tuition for full-time undergraduate schools at the college is \$3,000 per semester, said Retzlaff.

More CMN students are assisted by the federal Pell Grant program, said Retzlaff, which can total \$7,395 for the school year.

A spokesperson for the HEAB said that the board was studying the opinion and would have no further comment on it.

Celebrating Casimir Pulaski



There was plenty of food to be served up at the St. Casimir Catholic Church brunch March 9. Menu items included eggs, sausages, kielbasa, chicken booyah, potatoes, fruit and a variety of desserts. St. Casimir is known for his piety, generosity and devotion to God. He is the patron saint of Poland and Lithuania.



ABOVE: A brunch at St. Casimir Catholic Church in Krakow was the final event of the Casimir Pulaski Days celebration. St. Casimir is the patron saint of Poland and Lithuania. Casimir Pulaski (1745-79) was a Polish nobleman and cavalry commander in the American Revolutionary War. He is known as "The Father of American Cavalry." RIGHT: A brunch featuring Polish favorites was enjoyed by several hundred people at St. Casimir Catholic Church in Krakow on March 9. It was the final event of Casimir Pulaski Days.



Gary Palubicki led tours of Pulaski's Assumption BVM Catholic Church on March 8 as part of the Casimir Pulaski Days celebration. As a special treat, the first 10 people who showed up for each tour were given coupons for a free paczki at Smurawa's Country Bakery.



Paczki are Polish donuts that are deep-fried and filled with fruit or cream.

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GUEST COLUMN

Congress must preserve Medicaid

Attention across the nation is rightly focused on potential massive and drastic Medicaid cuts under consideration by Congress that would imperil health care for nearly 80 million of our most vulnerable neighbors — low-income families, expectant moms, children and senior citizens, as well as individuals with disabilities.

Rural hospitals caring for communities in America's heartland — which are already struggling — will be further devastated by these cuts, making access to quality health care another unobtainable element of the American Dream.

The 13 hospitals that make up Hospital Sisters Health System serve small communities throughout Central and Southern Illinois and Northeastern Wisconsin. The populations in these towns often reflect higher reliance on Medicaid, especially among children. According to the McCourt School of Public Policy at Georgetown University, 25% of children in Macon County, Illinois, home to HSHS St. Mary's Hospital, rely on Medicaid. In Brown County, Wisconsin, home to HSHS St. Mary's Hospital Medical Center and St. Vincent Hospital in Green Bay, nearly 32% of children rely on Medicaid.

As representatives of nonprofit, Catholic health care, HSHS views health care as a basic right.

For us, health care service is more than an occupation — it is a vocation. We treat every patient with the same love and compassion St. Francis showed to lepers banished to live outside medieval city walls.

Medicaid — along with Medicare — was created in that same spirit in 1965, with President Lyndon Johnson noting the new health insurance program jointly funded by the federal and state governments reflected an American tradition, directing us: "never to ignore or to spurn those who suffer untended in a land that is bursting with abundance."

Who among us has not been vulnerable at some point in their life, or knows a relative, friend or neighbor who has? Public opinion polls bear out this sentiment, with the nonprofit health policy research group Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF) reporting two-thirds of U.S. adults have some connection to Medicaid. Additionally, more than three-fourths hold a favorable view of the program.

The human toll of these cuts would be unconscionable, and the economic



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impact devastating. KFF estimates state governments could shoulder additional Medicaid costs of \$1 trillion over the next decade if the federal government caps its contribution per enrollee and withdraws its 90% match to states that expanded Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act.

We support the dignity of work, yet potential work requirements for Medicaid participants appear counterproductive, since KFF research shows nearly two-thirds of Medicaid adults are already working, usually at low-paying jobs that either don't offer insurance or do so at unaffordable rates.

The overall result of these proposed changes: States would be forced to dramatically scale back their Medicaid programs, hurting enrollees and impacting practically every hospital across the country — including those HSHS operates. Medicaid accounts for 24% of inpatient admissions in Illinois hospitals, according to the Illinois Health and Hospital Association, while the program makes up 14.5% of total gross patient revenue in Wisconsin hospitals, according to the Wisconsin Hospital Association.

Hospitals across the U.S. are still grappling with COVID-19 fallout, facing workforce shortages and shrunken margins. As a nonprofit system, HSHS is not profit driven. Yet we must operate on some measure of solid financial footing to carry out the legacy of our founding and current Hospital Sisters.

Our sisters founded four of our Illinois hospitals 150 years ago this year, and within days of their arrival from Germany were knocking on doors, seeking donations. We keep that drumbeat alive today, but we cannot continue our mission on contributions alone.

We urge Congress to maintain federal funding commitments for the Medicaid program to prevent structural changes that would rob coverage from those in need. Our federal lawmakers must remember their mission in representing all constituents for the common good.

Damond Boatwright is president and chief executive officer for the Hospital Sisters Health System, which operates hospitals like St. Clare Memorial Hospital in Oconto Falls.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Birthright citizenship a constitutional precedent

To the editor:

We are writing to express our strong opposition to President Donald Trump's executive order seeking to end birthright citizenship. This unilateral action is not only unconstitutional but also fundamentally un-American, violating the principles of equality and justice enshrined in the 14th Amendment.

We are thankful for the

four federal judges who have currently blocked this order citing the 14th Amendment and a long-standing Supreme Court precedent. It is our understanding that the Trump Administration intends to appeal these rulings. We presume that this matter, along with other current overreaching executive actions, will one day arrive at our nation's Supreme Court.

The constitution's citizenship clause clearly states that "all persons

born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States." This principle has been upheld for over a century, ensuring that children born on American soil — regardless of their parents' immigration status — are full citizens. Efforts to overturn this right through executive order directly contradicts established constitutional law.

If changes to citizenship policy are to be considered, they must be addressed

through the democratic process and not dictated by executive order. This proposed order is a dangerous overreach of executive power and must be rejected by both lawmakers and the American people.

We hope citizens will stand against this unconstitutional attack on birthright citizenship and support policies that uphold our nation's core values of fairness, inclusion and justice.

Faith and Tom Webster, Shawano

GUEST COLUMN

Hollywood films impact mental health

A suicide devastates more than one life.

I learned that lesson shortly after my doorbell rang at 2:30 a.m. Sept. 10, 2016. My 20-year-old son, Austin, had died by suicide. After decades reciprocating his infectious smile and admiring his achievements on the football field and in the classroom, I had to digest in an instant that I would never see him again.

Every single day, I wish I could go back and talk with him one more time. Would it have helped? I'll never know. I do know, seven years into my journey as a suicide prevention advocate, that severe mental illness doesn't manifest in a vacuum, especially for young adults.

Whether we're aware of it or not, the media we consume strongly influences how we process mental health crises.

The folks who shape our culture have never been more aware of the mental health challenges Americans face. But they largely haven't responded



Leslie Weirich
Guest columnist

to that awareness by depicting mental health more responsibly.

Over the last two decades, the suicide rate among those aged 10 to 24 has risen nearly 60%. The factors behind this crisis are complex and multifaceted, but researchers are coming to understand that Hollywood plays a role. Many shows have inadvertently contributed to the increase in the youth suicide rate by glorifying suicide and the mental health conditions that cause it.

Consider "13 Reasons Why," a show developed for Netflix that depicts the story of a teenage girl who takes her own life and leaves behind a series of audiotapes that implicate the people she holds responsible for her death. Just one month after

the show aired, the suicide rate among 10- to 17-year-olds increased nearly 30%. The series was intended to start a meaningful dialogue about bullying, sexual assault and suicide. It instead portrayed the main character's choice as a means of exacting emotional revenge on those who wronged her.

Some teens with existing mental health issues are more susceptible to emulate suicides that are glamorized — a well-documented phenomenon called "suicide contagion."

While "13 Reasons Why" has exacerbated some awful mental health trends in America, it's hardly the only one. Fortunately, other shows and movies do just the opposite.

The critically acclaimed film "Silver Linings Playbook" has been praised for its realistic depiction of people living with bipolar disorder. Consider "Adieu," a movie currently in production that centers on a prodigal violinist struggling

with depression after her sister's suicide. Several leading mental health professionals have commended "Adieu" for depicting grief, depression and the value of human connection in an authentic way — allowing viewers to see the possibility for recovery and growth even after a tragic loss.

Stories like these are crucial because they tap into what some experts call the "neuroscience of hope." These scientists hypothesize that optimism stems from distinct neurological processes that are subject to outside influence. As a result, certain forms of art could literally rewire the brain to generate feelings of hope that combat mental illness.

By creating powerful art that more appropriately considers and depicts mental health challenges, Hollywood could use its great power more responsibly.

Leslie Weirich is a nationally renowned suicide prevention speaker and author who advocates for youth mental health.

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The first climate comic created by the College of Menominee Nation's Sustainable Development Institute focuses on the emerald ash borer, an invasive species that is laying waste to ash trees across northern Wisconsin. Ash trees are essential for the Menominee basket weavers to make their creations.

SDI using art form to drive home environmental science

College's new comic series will take a look at climate change

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

Comics have entertained and informed for decades, but the College of Menominee Nation's Sustainable Development Institute hopes that its foray into the artistic side of things will help to not only educate people on the sustainability of the environment but also serve as a tool to help revive the Menominee language.

"We're really happy to bring this idea and have it in print," said Jennifer Gauthier, SDI director and one of four people involved with developing the climate comic series. "You can touch it and feel it and read it. What we wanted to do is take some of the science that we're doing and start sharing with the community."

The comics are being created on a monthly basis and will be in print in the tribal newspaper Menominee Nation News, as well as on the Indigenous Climate Resilience Network's website, www.icrn.us.

The first comic, which debuted at a kickoff event March 3 at the college, features two birds common to the Menominee forests, the woodpecker and the sapsucker, and they both talk about a new visitor — the emerald ash borer. Over the course of the six panels, it is learned that, without the ash trees that are being destroyed by the invasive insect, it impacts the Menominee people's abilities to make kahkopenakanan, translated as baskets, as well as limits where the birds can live. With winters becoming warmer in the Midwest, the borer has more time to spread to ash trees in the area and kill them.

"We're starting to see changes, and



Sara Smith, one of the tribal resilience liaisons with the College of Menominee Nation's Sustainable Development Institute, talks about the science aspect of the new climate comics that the SDI is developing.

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that's what we wanted to share and focus and make sure that everyone is aware," Gauthier said. "This was our first time creating something like this, so we kind of went back and forth — 'Let's do this,' 'Let's try that.' We have a good process going now where we want to get out one of these to you every month."

Besides Gauthier, the climate comics came into being with the help of Nicholas Schwitzer, SDI's media expert, along with tribal resilience liaisons Sara Smith and Allison Scott.

"What I brought to the team was the Menominee language, the cultural aspects," Gauthier said.

Smith and Scott noted they bring a lot of the scientific information to the project, while Schwitzer's contribution was the drawing and coloring itself. Scott pointed out that a lot of scientists were consulted

in developing the comics.

"We really were hoping that maybe this could be an opportunity for more place-based and culturally grounded communications to talk about climate change and impacts of the Native experience in the Menominee community," Scott said. "This could be a model that other tribes throughout our region and the country could look to talk about climate change in their communities."

Included with each comic will be a language box, which shows what the Menominee words mean. Gauthier noted the first comic's final panel was interesting in that it showcased the intergenerational information passed down from the grandmother to the grandchild.

"This was intentional, because we

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Billie Frechette completes John Dillinger's story

The story ran just inches below the Shawano Evening Leader masthead. On Jan. 31, 1936, the paper's faithful learned that Evelyn "Billie" Frechette, the "erst-while sweetheart" of slain gangster John Dillinger, "stepped from the train at the depot at Shawano last night at 12:40 and was met with friends who took her immediately to the reservation."

Frechette was newly paroled and heading home to her Menominee community after spending two years in the federal prison in Milan, Michigan. Described



by the reporter as being "smartly dressed and wearing smoked glasses," Frechette stated, "It's good to be free ... And I'm going to be good. The federal men said they'd send me back to prison if I don't act like a lady."

Immortalized as the lover of the very first "Public Enemy Number 1," Frechette's story helps everyone better understand the choices made during this tumultuous period in American history. The fact that she is a member of the Menominee Nation further reveals a rich local connection to national history.

Acclaimed crime historian John Oller's latest book endeavors to humanize the effort to thwart crime sprees in 1930s America. "Gangster Hunters: How Hoover's G-Men Vanquished America's Deadliest Public Enemies" shares the stories of the men who brought law and order to national criminals. By illuminating the machinations of their lives and livelihoods, Oller enriches narratives about bullets and bank robbers with details of love, loss, sacrifice and persistence.

Specifics about kidnappings, robberies, jailbreaks and car thefts help paint a more complete picture of some of the decade's most nefarious undertakings, but where Oller's work most resonates is in the passages discussing lovers, spouses and descendants of those involved in the melee.

Oller describes Frechette as "the five-foot-two raven-haired beauty of the bunch" who met Dillinger "in a Chicago nightclub where Billie worked as a hat-check girl" in November 1933.

Frechette, then an estranged wife of

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Billie Frechette found herself in the alluring world of crime when she first met John Dillinger in November 1933 in Chicago.

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Falling in love with logs leads to commitment

If it's March, Holt and Balcom Logging Camp Museum in Lakewood is preparing for another year. As director, I'll be meeting with curator Bob Brown and camp manager Dave Zuleger to plan our 2025 season, which includes field trips where hundreds of area fourth graders come for a hands-on experience in Wisconsin logging history. Many return with their families for our Summer Saturday tours which are open to the public.

Holt and Balcom is a historic treasure. Unfortunately, it seems to also be one of the area's best kept secrets. While people from almost every state and several foreign countries have visited, lots of folks who've lived in the area their entire lives have never been inside. Too bad. They're missing something really special.

Truth be told, when Jon and I moved to



Kathleen Marsh
Columnist

Townsend, we were among the uninformed. Then our neighbor, Lee Stehula, was elected chairman of the McCaslin Lions Club Logging Camp Committee. At the time, the Lions owned and operated the camp. When Lee asked Jon to help with the school tours, he agreed but was concerned that he had limited experience in logging camp history and even less in working with kids.

I was glad that I encouraged Jon to go, because when he got home, he said it was way more fun than he expected. He kept volunteering and became a popular guide with a wealth of acquired knowledge. One day when they were short on staff,

he suggested I tag along. I was immediately smitten and fell head over heels in love with the camp. That surprised me; I'm from Dairy Cow Country, not White Pine Land.

That turned out to be the first day of a rest-of-my-life adventure. I started checking out books on the history of logging, which led to imagining what life was like in northern Oconto County back then. I did extensive in-depth research, personal interviews and spent a decade documenting the history of Townsend.

I began having recurrent dreams in which I starred as a lumberjack's sassy saloon lady. A totally unexpected outcome of that was writing and producing role-plays in which I impersonated Lucy Holt, plus five Red Light Saloon Musical Comedies where those saloon girl dreams came to life on stage.

I clearly remember the evening Jon ran into the then-logging camp manager, Norb Langer, at Sunset Resort. He said Norb wanted me to call him. When I did, Norb asked if I could send an article to local newspapers explaining that the camp's very existence was in danger. The Lions had lost interest and sold it back to the Oconto County Historical Society for \$1. He was horrified that there was talk it would be dismantled, transported and reassembled in Laona.

Amazing what one simple little, "Sure, I can do that," can lead to, isn't it? Yet here I am, beginning my third decade as Holt and Balcom Logging Camp director.

Now if you've spent any time in the Northwoods, you know there are still a few logging camps around, though the vast majority were demolished, burned down or rotted away. If you've

never visited Camp Five in Laona, the Logging Museum in Wabeno or the Homesteader's Cabin in Mountain, put them on your to-do list and just go already. But please start at Holt and Balcom.

Why? People seem to put special value on whatever ends in est — youngest, smartest, finest, highest, strongest, prettiest — you get the picture. The overarching importance of Holt and Balcom is that it is the oldest logging camp in America sitting on the exact spot where it was built in 1881. As is fitting, it is an unsurpassed representation of lumberjack life in a late 19th to early 20th century logging camp.

In 2005, I stepped up to lead an effort to raise money to save the camp, which was basically disintegrating. Then the recession hit, and fundraising got incredibly tough. There were times I wanted to give up. Jon

would say, "I wonder what camp will now claim to be the oldest?" My response was to get back to work.

If I'd known then what I know now, there's a good chance I would not have raised my hand to help. Once I commit, I'm all in. Jon says I'm too stubborn to quit. He's right again, and I'm sick of it. All kidding aside, it's my exasperatingly competitive streak that does me in, overruling all latent defeatist tendencies. Sure, I volunteered in blissful ignorance, thinking it wouldn't take much time. Wrong. It's been decades, and I'm still deeply committed. As long as the museum's still there, and I'm still here, I'll keep working to get the job done.

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.

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a man serving prison time, is quoted as saying about her new beau, "There was something in those eyes that I will never forget. They were piecing and electric; yet there was an amused carefree twinkle in them, too."

The couple were enamored with each other, traveling the country and spending stolen dollars despite lawmen's fruitless pursuits. Incredibly, "a hick town police force" in Tucson, Arizona, managed to arrest Frechette alongside of her murderous paramour in January 1934. She gave a false

name and was released to travel back to Chicago.

Dillinger was extradited to Indiana to face murder charges, but on March 3, he escaped using what he claimed was "a wooden pistol that he used to bluff his jailers." While Oller recounts details of unproven theories about bribes and accomplices, what's known for sure is "a woman visitor ... might have fed Dillinger details about the breakout plan, since they communicated in code."

Led to believe that the woman's name was "Ann Martin," the FBI later

"ascertained that her real name was something like 'Fancette' or 'Fraschetti' and, finally, Frechette." Oller notes Frechette "practically leaped into his arms" when she and the escaped Dillinger were reunited.

Later that month, Dillinger was wounded in a shootout with law enforcement in St. Paul, and it was Frechette who transported him to a moonlighting doctor in Minneapolis.

On April 9, the life of lawlessness ended for Frechette. She was arrested in Chicago while

serving in "the moll's customary role of advance woman." Dillinger escaped "reportedly weeping, knowing the loyal lover he was planning to marry" was apprehended by the FBI.

In June, Frechette was convicted in St. Paul for harboring Dillinger. The following month, Dillinger was killed by federal law enforcement in Chicago.

After leaving prison, Frechette shared the story of her rendezvous with criminals to reporters. Later, she toured with members of Dillinger's

family in a theatrical show titled "Crime Doesn't Pay," dutifully upholding her promise to "act like a lady" while perpetuating the allure surrounding Dillinger's life.

From a humble birth in Neopit, to attending a mission school in South Dakota, to participating in some of the most flummoxing days in FBI history, Frechette lived quite the life before retiring to Shawano. She remarried twice before eventually succumbing to cancer in 1969. Interred in the Woodland Cemetery un-

der a headstone reading "Evelyn Tic," Frechette will forever be linked to the notorious outlaw who had a "carefree twinkle" in his eyes.

Newspapers of yesteryear carry some of the details of Dillinger's illicit crimes, but texts like Oller's prove that the man's infamy cannot be understood without recognizing the role Billie Frechette played in maintaining it.

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wanted to give people some language to the imagery that we're seeing," Gauthier said. "This is something that we will include in every single one of our comic strips, and we're hoping that, by the end of the year, we have a little glossary of seasonal terms."

Smith noted that there

are signs that the emerald ash borer has taken hold in the area, and showing how it's impacting the Menominee and their cultural aspects is a way to explain why climate change and invasive species are such important issues.

"A lot of times, cold weather can hold off invasive species spread-

ing in the region like the emerald ash borer," Smith said. "Temperatures are warming everywhere, but here, the Midwest winters are warming up the fastest. There are a lot of times that we get rain in the wintertime; we didn't used to have that back in the day. These changes that we're seeing is going to impact

the emerald ash borer, and it's making it easier to come into our region."

Gauthier noted that the first comic went through a lot of drafting sessions, but the team enjoyed having the sapsucker and woodpecker talk so much about the environment that the pair are already being worked into the sec-

ond comic, which should come out around the end of March or the beginning of April.

"We realized that we liked the wisdom of sapsucker and woodpecker, so they will likely be making appearances in all the comics," Gauthier said.

Storytelling is important to the Menominee

people, Gauthier said, and using modern techniques like comics can help that cultural knowledge to be spread and preserved. Topics for upcoming comics include snowshoe hares, sugar maple, lake sturgeon, moose and wild rice.

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No matter your age, it's important to protect your joints when gardening. Use a kneeler pad or knee pads to protect your knees. Knee pads secured to your legs allow you to conveniently and comfortably protect your knees as you move from one garden bed to another.

If you need help kneeling, consider a garden kneeler with handles. The handles provide needed support when kneeling and standing up. The ones that can be flipped over and used as a garden bench provide double the benefit. The seating position reduces bending and helps minimize the need to kneel.

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mercially available anti-skid foot plate.

Don't overlook the importance of protecting your hands as well when gardening. Quality gardening gloves provide support and protection when digging, planting, pruning and more.

Start with some pre-season training. Every

gardener knows gardening is a workout and often involves different motions and muscles than other exercises. Always warm up your muscles and do a bit of stretching before getting out in the garden.

Enlist the help of wheeled carts and wagons to move plants, mulch, soil and other heavy loads. Don't be afraid to break heavy loads into smaller batches or ask for help. You'll spare your muscles and probably save time in the long run.

Wear a pair of safety glasses to protect your eyes, and don't forget the sunscreen. Take frequent breaks and drink plenty of water.

Preseason planning and preparation can help reduce muscle strain as the garden season begins. You'll boost your enjoyment and be able to garden longer.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

KESHENA: Winter Farmers Market, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., College of Menominee Nation Cultural Learning Center, N172 State Highway 47-55. Free corn meal and beans bags. Local vendors, artisan native crafts, baking, food, honey, woodcraft, maple syrup, cans, crochet, tea, more.

KESHENA: Lenten Fish Dinner, 4:30-7 p.m., St. Michael Catholic Church, N816 State Highway 47-55. \$13, kids meal \$6, dine in or carry out.

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

ABRAMS: "Godspell," 7 p.m., Nancy Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple St., presented by Abrams Spotlight Productions Inc. Adults \$19, senior citizens, youths and veterans \$17. abramstheater.com

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

SHAWANO: St. Patrick's Day Parade and Festivities at the Mooseyard. Parade lineup 10 a.m. Shawano

Lake Golf Course at 10 a.m. Parade 11 a.m. ending at South North Bay Circle. Award ceremony 3 p.m. at Brothers Pub, N5867 County Road HHH. Party bus runs 1-10 p.m., brings patrons to the Mooseyard bars. "Hurry Up Wait Band" 1-5 p.m. at Shawano Lake Golf Course, W5714 Lake Drive.

OCONTO FALLS: Spaghetti Dinner, 4:30-7:30 p.m., Fire Station, 431 Union Ave. Hosted by Friends of the Oconto Falls Fire Department. \$10, seniors (60-plus) \$8, children (5-12) \$5, 4 and under free. Bucket raffles.

GILLETT: "Frank's Tribute to Las Vegas" fundraiser, 4:30 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. show, Gillett Secondary School, 208 W. Main St. Fundraiser for Gillett FFA trip to Ireland. Tickets \$50 or two for \$90. Only 300 tickets available, advance sales only at 920-373-3799.

ABRAMS: "Godspell," 7 p.m., Nancy Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple St., presented by Abrams Spotlight Productions Inc. Adults \$19, senior citizens, youths and veterans \$17. abramstheater.com.

BOWLER: Scotty McCreery in Concert, 8 p.m., North Star Casino and Resort, W12180 County Road A. \$75. northstarcasinoresort.com.

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

ABRAMS: "Godspell," 1 p.m., Nancy Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple St., presented by Abrams Spotlight Productions Inc. Adults \$19, senior citizens, youths and veterans \$17. abramstheater.com.

MONDAY, MARCH 17

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

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

POUND: North Country Kickers line dance lessons, 6:30-9 p.m., Equity Hall, W7403 State Highway 64. \$5 admission. Playing a variety of music. Everyone welcome. For information, call Nancy 920-829-6316 or Charles 920-606-4370.

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

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

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

ABRAMS: "Godspell," 7 p.m., Nancy Byng Community Theater,

5852 Maple St., presented by Abrams Spotlight Productions Inc. Adults \$19, senior citizens, youths and veterans \$17. abramstheater.com

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

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

ABRAMS: "Godspell," 7 p.m., Nancy Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple St., presented by Abrams Spotlight Productions Inc. Adults \$19, senior citizens, youths and veterans \$17. abramstheater.com

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

MOUNTAIN: Maple Syrup Days and Wisconsin's First Tap, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Bear Paw Scout Camp, 14000 Bear Paw Camp Lane. Learn how maple syrup is made and take part in more than a dozen activities geared toward children 5-11 years old.



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ThedaCare encourages protection against measles

Area counties have vaccination rate between 70-80%

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently issued a health advisory in response to rising measles cases in the U.S. As of Feb. 27, a total of 164 measles cases were reported by nine jurisdictions.

The U.S. recently recorded its first measles death in a decade. The pediatric death occurred in Texas and marks the state's largest measles outbreak in 30 years. Measles is one of the most contagious airborne diseases, despite the existence of a highly effective vaccine. The infection was declared eliminated in the United States in 2000, meaning for a year there was no continuous transmission of the disease. Measles infection rates have since climbed as, among other factors, vaccination rates among

children have dropped below the CDC's 95% target, a threshold for herd immunity. Health care experts in northeast and central Wisconsin are watching for signs of the infection in patients. Nathan Nobbe, ThedaCare's director of infection prevention-north region, is concerned about the outbreak, as well as declining measles immunization rates among children. "As an organization dedicated to improving community health, ThedaCare continues to encourage vaccination against measles and other

similarly communicable diseases," he said. "Immunization is the simplest course of action we can take to prevent or at least significantly slow the spread of infections like measles." Measles is an extremely infectious and potentially severe rash illness. The virus lives in the nose and throat mucus of an infected person. It can spread to others through coughing and sneezing. The virus can live for up to two hours in the air. According to the CDC, measles is so contagious that if one person has it, up to 90% of the people close to that person will also become infected if not already immune. Measles can cause serious health issues, especially in children younger than 5. "An estimated, one in five children diagnosed with measles will end up hospitalized," Nobbe said. "In the most severe cases, a measles infection can lead to pneumonia, brain swelling, blindness and death. This is a virulent infection to be taken seriously." Symptoms usually begin seven to 14 days after becoming infected. Most common symptoms include a high fever that may spike to more than

104 degrees; cough; runny nose; red rash that breaks out, head to toe; small raised white spots on top of the red rash; red, watery eyes (conjunctivitis); and white spots that may appear inside the mouth. "Measles is caused by a virus, so there's no antibiotic or specific medical treatment for it. The virus simply has to run its course," Nobbe said. "An infected child should stay hydrated, get lots of rest and stay home. It's also strongly advised that a child or an adult with measles should avoid groups or gatherings to help curb the spread." Protection from measles infection begins with immunization, health organizations nationwide have said. For most children, measles protection is part of the measles-mumps-rubella vaccine or measles-mumps-rubella-varicella vaccine given when they're 12-15 months old and again when they're 4-6 years old. The first vaccine can be given to babies as young as six months old if they will be traveling internationally. "About 95% of people achieve immunity with their first vaccine, and the rest develop immunity the second time they're

vaccinated," Nobbe said. "Immunity usually lasts a lifetime." Nobbe echoed the CDC's stance that declining measles vaccination rates among children are allowing the disease a new foothold. The CDC targets a 95% MMR vaccination rate among kindergarten children, an amount the nation reached during the 2019-20 school year. The following year the rate slipped to 94%. During the 2022-23 school year, it was 93%. In some Wisconsin counties, the numbers are even lower, according to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. In Oconto County, the vaccination rate is 79%, while Menominee County sits at 75% and Shawano County 71%. "The current measles outbreak is another reminder for area parents and families to make sure they and their children are up to date on recommended immunizations," Nobbe said. "We cannot stress this enough – vaccination is the most effective preventative strategy in avoiding the measles. As always, connect with your health care provider if you have questions or concerns about measles or other infectious illnesses."

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Ice Bears win state title with 8-0 shutout

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

**March 8
Bay Area 8
Central Wisconsin Storm 0**

The Bay Area Ice Bears got revenge on the Central Wisconsin Storm, shutting them out 8-0 for the state championship after the Storm topped them 4-3 in 2024.

Pulaski's Faye Brunke scored four goals, including both in the first period. First, she scored at 3:48 with assists from Mya Sheppard and Julianne Bradford. Then, she scored at 11:39 with help from Tiana Stindt and Emily Bill.

In the second period, Bill scored at 2:37 with Bradford and Brunke assisting. Bradford found the back of the net at 10:25 with Brunke and Bill assisting.

Central Wisconsin Storm had no answer for the Ice Bears.

Midway through the third period, at 8:36, Brunke registered a hat trick. Lily Lyons scored at 9:38 with help from Hannah Von Haden as Bay Area went up 6-0. Rachael Beeck scored at 13:01 with an Addison Gady assist. Finally, Brunke scored her fourth goal at 14:33, again with assists from Bill and Bradford.

Bay Area collected 31 shots

on goal. Central Wisconsin only managed 16, with Reese Spiering getting all 16 saves.

The Ice Bears were personalized three times for six minutes. The Storm had one penalty for two minutes.

It was the third state appearance in a row for the Ice Bears and fifth overall, albeit with a different host school.

In addition to the Bay Area Ice Bears' state titles in 2014 and 2023, they finished as runner-up in 2017.

Another configuration of the co-op, without Pulaski, also placed runner-up in 2010.

**March 6
Bay Area 4
Cap City Cougars 0**

The Bay Area Ice Bears return to the girls hockey state championship game with a 4-0 shutout of the Cap City Cougars. And, they will face off against Central Wisconsin Storm, the team that beat them last year for the state title.

The Ice Bears first got on the board at 5:22 in the first period with a goal from Aisling Buchan with assists from Lily Lyons and Elizabeth Zunker. Ava McDonald scored at 9:25 to put Bay Area up 2-0.

A scoring drought lasted throughout the second period and ended with Lyons scoring at 7:58 in the third period; Buchan assisted. The final goal came at 11:31 by Faye Brunke with assists from Julianne Bradford and Emily Bill.

Bay Area had 37 shots on goal compared to only nine for Cap City. Reese Spiering had all nine saves.

Each team was penalized three times for six minutes.

Central Wisconsin Storm advanced to the championship game with a 4-3 overtime win over Eau Claire Area.

Shawano youth hockey teams compete at state tournament

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

Shawano's PeeWee A and B teams competed at the state tournament this past weekend, with one team placing sixth and the other eighth.

The PeeWee A team lost its first game 8-0, then won 6-1 before losing its third game 12-6 to finish in sixth place.

The PeeWee B team placed eighth after losing 14-0, losing 5-4 in double overtime and falling in the third game 10-5.

On the first weekend in March, one of the Squirt teams made it to that division's state tournament.

The team went into the tournament ranked eighth out of eight teams. They were competitive in every game despite losing 3-0, 3-1, 2-1.

The Shawano Hockey League (Youth League) is comprised of players ages 4-14. Divisions are Mites (Ages 4-8), Squirts (Ages 9-10), PeeWees (Ages 11-12) and Bantams (Ages 13-14). After that, players continue to play for the Shawano/Bonduel Hawks high school team until they graduate.

"Between our youth program and high school players, our program serves 130 players approximately," said Adam

Gafner, head coach and league president.

This season, the league featured five Mite teams, two Squirt teams, two PeeWee teams and the high school squad.

Of the four teams eligible to make the state tournament this season (the Squirt and PeeWee teams), three made it for the second time in the program's history, which began Jan. 7, 1997.

To win the title would put the team in rare company.

"I believe there may have been a state champion a long time ago; it's been over 20 years for sure," Gafner said. "But it's only happened once."

Gafner said the message to the players was simple.

"We've already had a good season, one when we look back at it to be proud of," he said. "But do you want to be good or great?"

All teams received a police and fire escort out of the city on their way to the state tournaments.

"My final message for the kids last night was to be 'all in' this week with everything they have. Truly committed. This league has been supported by this community for almost 30 years," Gafner said.

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Coach Adam Gafner ties the laces of youth hockey player London Anker prior to a practice session at the Crawford Center.

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Loki Behreandt relaxes for a moment during a practice session. The Shawano PeeWee A and B teams competed at the state tournament March 7-9.

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Carter Huntington prepares to attempt a goal during practice at the Crawford Center.

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Owen Schroeder moves the puck up the ice during practice at the Crawford Center.

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Girls seasons end for Hawks, Chargers

BY NEW MEDIA STAFF

March 8 Rice Lake 54, Shawano 46

The Hawks played an even first half, but Rice Lake pulled away after the break to win the Division 2 sectional title game 54-46.

The teams were tied at 29-29 at the break, with Rice Lake pulling ahead with a 25-17 second half score.

Shawano, which ended the season with a 10-2 second-place finish in the Bay Conference, was 21-6 overall.

Leah Nordin led the Hawks with 25.2 points per game, followed by Ella Stuber with 9.2 and Anna Dreier with 5.3.

Nordin also averaged 9.7 rebounds per game, and Dreier had 4.6.

Trinity Popelka led the team with 2.7 assists per game. Marissa Tomashek averaged 1.9.

Xavier 63, Wittenberg-Birnamwood 45

The Chargers' only loss of the 2024-25 season came in the Division 3 sectional title game, a 63-45 loss to Xavier.

Witt-Birn won the Central Wisconsin East Conference crown with a perfect 14-0 record. The team was 27-1 overall.

Leading the team in scoring was Melaina Granquist with 20.0 points per game. Rory Salvesen averaged 17.8, and Harper Rogowski had 10.5.

Granquist also led with 10.0 rebounds per game, and Faith Resch was next at 3.8.

Salvesen averaged 4.8 assists per game, and Rogowski averaged 3.3.

March 6 Shawano 49, Marinette 39

Shawano moved one game closer to the state tournament with a 49-39 win over Marinette in the Division 2 semifinal game. After a rugged and

low-scoring first half, the Marines took a 16-13 lead into halftime.

After the break, the Hawks relaxed and hit some shots to take the lead and never look back.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood 55, Freedom 39

The Chargers kept their perfect record intact with a 55-39 win over Freedom in the Division 3 semifinals.

Rory Salvesen led Wittenberg-Birnamwood with 18 points, followed by Faith Resch and Melaina Granquist with 13 each. Salvesen connected on a trio of 3-pointers.

"We played a heck of a game start to finish tonight. So proud of this group," coach Nick Mechelke said. "We shot 50% from the floor tonight, and that's awesome. Freedom plays great defense; we just shot really well from the floor. Defensively, we played very hard and smart. We didn't let Freedom get a lot of easy buckets tonight."

Granquist pulled down 12 rebounds. Harper Rogowski and Resch each notched one assist. Resch recorded three steals.

St. Mary Catholic 57, Bonduel 35

St. Mary Catholic jumped all over Bonduel in the first half as they cruised to a 57-35 win in the WIAA Division 4 Sectional 2 semifinal game.

St. Mary Catholic held a 35-14 lead at halftime and edged the Bears 22-21 after the break.

Bonduel was 12-2 and in second place in the Central Wisconsin Each Conference and was 21-6 overall.

Audrey Weier led the Bears with an average of 10.7 points per game, followed by Julianna Jacobs with 8.6 and Tatum Sporisky with 6.0.

Jacobs and Weier each averaged 5.8 rebounds per game. Weier dished out 4.0 assists per game, while Sporisky averaged 3.4 per game.

BY NEW MEDIA STAFF

March 8 Bonduel 70, Oconto 49

Bonduel reigns as regional champions after defeating Oconto 70-49.

Quinn Wesenberg led the Bears with 20 points. He was joined by Carter Moesch and Cade Johnson with 15 points each, and Ryan Westrich with 14.

The sectional semifinal game was set for March 13 against Southern Door at Green Bay Southwest.

Pulaski 92, Ashwaubenon 68

The Red Raiders found their groove in the second half, cruising past Ashwaubenon 92-68 for the regional title.

Leading 28-25 at halftime, Pulaski dominated the second half 64-43.

They are scheduled to play in the sectional semifinals March 13 against Notre Dame at Ashwaubenon High School.

Pacelli 69, Tigerton 36

A dominating second half by Pacelli earned them a 69-36 win over Tigerton for the regional title.

Pacelli led Tigerton 26-20 at halftime but poured it on in the second half with a 43-16 performance.

The Tigers, who were 10-0 and in first place in the Central Wisconsin North Conference, finished 24-2 overall.

James Brady led the team with 20.4 points per game, followed by Sam Anheuser with 9.4 and Joey Zimdars with 9.0.

Brady led with 11.0 rebounds per game, and Gavin Kielblock had 4.0.

Anheuser averaged 6.2 assists per game, while Brody Miller averaged 3.0.

March 7 Bonduel 87, Shiocton 50

Bonduel easily advanced to the regional finals with an 87-50 thumping of Shiocton.

The Bears outscored their opponents by 19



History was made in Sparta as Logan Sipple became Shawano High School's all-time leading scorer in boys basketball. He finished his high school career with 1,351 points, surpassing the previous record of 1,329 points set by John Cantwell (1955-58).

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points in the first half and another 18 in the second half.

Bonduel was led by Quinn Wesenberg with 23 points. He was joined by Ryan Westrich with 22, Race Anvelink with 13 and Carter Moesch with 11.

Westrich had a double-double as he pulled down 15 rebounds. Cade Johnson had nine assists, and Anvelink grabbed four steals.

Tigerton 58, Northland Lutheran 42

James Brady dropped in 36 points as Tigerton ran over Northland Lutheran 58-42 to advance to the regional finals.

Joey Zimdars also scored 12 points for the Tigers.

Brady pulled down 19 rebounds, Caleb Dahlstrom led with six assists, and Zimdars and Sam Anheuser each had three steals.

Lourdes Academy 56, Suring 39

Lourdes Academy, seeded No. 15, played No. 7 Suring after a big upset win over No. 2 Niagara. In the second round, they continued with another upset, beating the Eagles 56-39.

Suring was led by Michael Bailey with 17 points and Taylor Booth Stoffregen with 10.

Bailey had a double-double with 11 rebounds. Kroix Kempka led with two assists, and Kempka and Booth Stoffregen each recorded two steals.

Suring finished 4-12 in the Marinette & Oconto Conference and 8-17 overall.

They were led by Bailey with 17.8 points per game, followed by Booth Stoffregen with 13.2 and Parker Haak with 7.1.

Bailey also led with 12.0 rebounds per game; Haak averaged 7.5.

Kempka and Booth Stoffregen each averaged 1.9

assists per game.

Northland Pines 66, Oconto Falls 60

Oconto Falls held a 10-point lead at halftime but couldn't keep the momentum as Northland Pines fought back to earn a 66-60 win in regional action.

The Panthers were led by Jameson Beaman with 19 points, JJ Pytleski with 17 and Brady Bursa with 14. Evan Yuma pulled down 10 rebounds, and Chase Cariveau led with five assists and three steals. Oconto Falls, 10-8 in the North Eastern Conference, finished 15-11 overall.

During the season, they were led by Beaman with an 18.8 points-per-game average, followed by Pytleski with 14.5 and Bursa with 8.6.

Beaman also led with 5.7 rebounds per game, and Yuma averaged 5.5.

Yuma recorded an average of 2.4 assists per game, and Pytleski had 2.3.

Seymour 68, Menominee Nation 52

A strong second half lifted the Thunder past the Eagles 68-52 in regional action.

Menominee Nation, 5-9 in the Central Wisconsin East Conference, was 14-12 overall.

They were led by Kenew Awonohopay with 14.5 points per game, 9.3 rebounds per game and 2.6 assists per game.

Mike Chapman averaged 13.4 points per game, and Barron Waupoose had 10.4.

Anikohsah Corn averaged 4.4 rebounds per game, and Ryan Corn averaged 2.1 assists.

Wrightstown 59, Wittenberg-Birnamwood 51

Wittenberg-Birnamwood's postseason run ended in the second round of regional action with a 59-51 loss to Wrightstown.

The Chargers were led by Zandyr Barke's

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21 points. Jett Rogowski scored 13, and Oliver Fraaza added 12.

At 11-3 in the Central Wisconsin East Conference, the Chargers tied for second place. They finished 17-8 overall. Rogowski led the team with 24.6 points per game, followed by Barke with 11.7 and Fraaza with 9.0.

Fraaza averaged 6.4 rebounds per game, and Jaden Clark averaged 4.8.

Rogowski had 3.3 assists per game, and Clark averaged 2.3.

Pulaski 58, West De Pere 52
March 4
Tigerton 65, Wild Rose 43

Tigerton advanced to the regional finals with a 65-43 win over Wild Rose.

Suring 76, Florence 54
The No. 7 Suring Eagles will host No. 15 seed Lourdes Academy on March 7 after defeating Florence 76-54.

Lourdes Academy pulled an upset and beat No. 2 seed Niagara 53-44.

Oconto Falls 71, Clintonville 37

The Panthers kept the Truckers to a single digit in the first half as they walked away with a 71-37 victory.

Up 30-9 at the break, Oconto Falls added 13 points to its margin of victory in the second half. They will play March 7 at Northland Pines.

The Panthers were led by JJ Pytleski with 22 points and nine rebounds. Jameson Beaman scored another 21 points, and Beaman and Emerich Skarban each pulled down five boards.

Evan Yuma, Carson McDermid, Beaman and Pytleski each had three assists. Chase Cariveau, Beaman and Pytleski each grabbed a pair of steals.

Pulaski 79, Green Bay East 40

Colin Schultz poured in 31 points, and Bryce Wotruba added another 20 as Pulaski defeated Green Bay East 79-40 to advance in the WIAA regional playoffs.

Joseph Mijal also scored 15 points in the regional victory.

Wotruba, Calan Bock and Mijal each had four rebounds. Michael Molthen led with five assists, and Wotruba had seven steals.

Menominee Nation 71, Tomahawk 30

Menominee Nation crushed Tomahawk 71-30 to advance to the second round of regional action.

Wittenberg-Birnwood 75, Manawa 55

Wittenberg-Birnwood orchestrated a 75-55 win over Manawa and moved on the second round of regional basketball action.

The Chargers were led by Zandyr Barke with 21 points. Jett Rogowski and Jaden Clark each scored another 16.

Hayden Miller led Witt-Birn with seven rebounds. Rogowski had nine assists

and six steals.

Sparta 72, Shawano 67
Shawano's season came to an end with a 72-67 loss to Sparta.

The Hawks were led by Logan Sipple, who scored 32 points and finished with the individual career scoring record for boys with 1,341 points.

Shawano was down by 16 at halftime and fought back to get within six points with a minute left. Sparta was able to make their free throws at the end and end the season for the Hawks.

Shawano, 7-18 overall, was 4-10 in the Bay Conference.

Sipple averaged 21.4 points per game, and Will Verkuilen had 12.3 and Crew Weisnicht had 7.6.

Sipple also led with an average of 5.7 rebounds per game; Parker Beyer had 4.1.

Verkuilen led with 2.54 assists per game, and Sipple averaged 2.0.

Hilbert 64, Gillett 52
Gillett's season ended with an overall record of 13-12 after the Tigers lost 64-52 to Hilbert in the opening round of WIAA regional playoff action.

As he has done so often this season, Jesse DeBauch led the Tigers with 33 points.

Gillett, which finished at 10-6 in the Marinette & Oconto Conference, was led this season by DeBauch, who averaged 34.1 points per game. He was followed by Ryan Pensis

with 9.1 and Jed Herzog with 8.4.

DeBauch averaged 10.9 rebounds per game, and Herzog had 5.7.

In assists, it was DeBauch with 4.4 per game and Brody Halla with 3.7.

Green Bay NEW Lutheran 74, Lena 51

Lena's season ended with a 74-51 loss to Green Bay NEW Lutheran.

The Eagles were 4-12 in the Marinette & Oconto Conference and 9-15 overall.

Mason Spice led the Eagles with the highest average of points per game, rebounds per game and assists per game.

For points, he was at 21.4, followed by Mason Belongia at 6.1 and Caleb Schlosser at 4.9.

Spice had 6.7 rebounds per game, and Zander Thomson had 6.0.

It was 3.2 assists per game for Spice and 3.0 for Belongia.

Northland Lutheran 73, Gresham 58

Gresham, 7-18 overall, lost 76-58 to Northland Lutheran in the opening round of regional action.

With a 2-7 record in the Central Wisconsin North Conference, the Wildcats were led by Wanbli Spotted War Bonnett's 11.2 points per game average. He was also second in assists per game with 2.2.

Thomas Kaquatosh averaged 10.1 points per game and led the team with 11.0 rebounds per game.

Kevin Miller averaged 8.5 points per game, and Kobe Miller averaged 6.1 rebounds per game. Colby Belongia led the team with an average of 2.6 assists per game.

Rosholt 65, Bowler 52
Bowler finished its season with an overall mark of 6-16 after losing 65-52 to Rosholt in regional action.

The Panthers were 3-6 in the Central Wisconsin North Conference.

Derek Schreiber led the team with an average of 18.4 points per game, 10.2 rebounds per game and 2.1 assists per game.

Chase Stevens averaged 13.8 points per game, and Jameson Paiser had 7.9.

Brandon Slater averaged 7.8 rebounds per game, and Paiser had 2.0 assists.

Pacelli 75, Marion 26
Marion, seeded No. 15, had little chance of topping No. 2 seed Pacelli, and that proved to be correct in the Mustangs' 75-26 loss that ended their season.

Marion finished 0-10 in the Central Wisconsin North Conference and 3-22 overall.

Brayton Mielke led Marion with an average of 9.3 points per game, followed by Nolan Wisnefske at 8.5 and Breckyn DeWhurst at 5.4.

Mielke led the Mustangs with 7.1 rebounds per game, and Wisnefske had 6.6.

Wisnefske led with 2.4 assists per game, followed by Elijah Scheef at 1.8.

WIAA board OKs football qualifying, seeding changes

8-player football tournament bracket expands to 32 teams

The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) board of control approved recommendations by the fall coaches' advisory committees, including a plan that replaces the 11-player and 8-player football playoff qualifying and seeding system.

The board voted at its February meeting to support the plan created by the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association.

Prior to the 2025 season, teams will be divided equally in seven divisions based on enrollment and application of the performance factor for 11-player football programs. Teams will qualify and be seeded for 11-player and 8-player football according to a ranking point system.

Programs earn points for each win based on the division of their opponents (Tier 1) of all games. In addition, teams will be rewarded points for each Tier 1 victory of their defeated opponents for all

games played (Tier 2). The sum of each tier is divided by the total number of games played. The total points calculated for each tier is added to determine a team's total point value for ranking within its own division.

The four teams with the highest total points in each division are designated the top seeds in the four groupings. Subsequent seeded teams will be added to the groupings in each division based on the nearest expected travel to higher-seeded teams. A detailed summary of the playoff qualification and seeding plan is available on the NEW Media website at www.newmedia-wi.com.

Another football coaches' recommendation receiving board approval expands the 8-player football tournament bracket to 32 teams in 2025. The 8-player season will begin the same week as 11-player football to accommodate for the added round of the playoffs.

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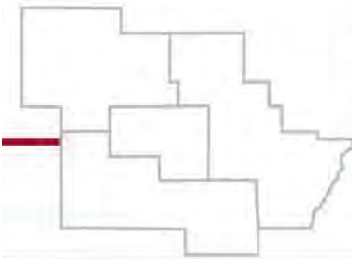
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I’m encouraging students to participate in the Wisconsin Agriculture Youth Council, which provides a great opportunity for young people to be a part of building that future.”

The Wisconsin Agriculture Youth Council meets virtually each month of the school year to listen to presentations, engage in

discussions and connect with professionals across the agriculture industry. Students who will be seniors during the 2025-26 school year are encouraged to apply.

“I am proud the Wisconsin Agriculture Youth Council will begin its sixth year in the fall,” said DATCP Secretary Randy

Romanski. “The council is a great opportunity for young people who are enthusiastic about agriculture to connect with DATCP staff and industry leaders.”

DATCP seeks to have 15 members with at least one

member from each of the nine council districts. The remaining seats will be filled with at-large members. A map and listing of which counties are located in each of the nine districts is available at <https://AgYouthCouncil.wi.gov>.

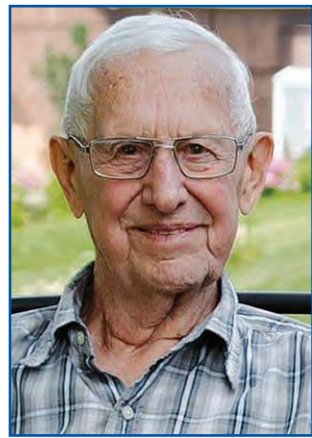
OBITUARIES

Thomas ‘Tommy’ Theis

Thomas Lee “Tommy” “Tom” Theis, 89, of Shawano, passed away peacefully, from natural causes on Saturday, March 1, 2025, at his home, surrounded by his loving family.

Tommy was born on May 15, 1935, in Shawano to the late William and Irene (Krueger) Theis.

Tom was a devoted husband to Nancy and a loving father to Jeff, Julie, Steve, Lisa and Jamie.



Tom married the love of his life, Nancy Ann Tomaszek, on Sept. 20, 1958, at St. James Lutheran Church in Shawano. They shared 66 years of marriage filled with love and happiness.

A hardworking and dedicated man, Tom was committed to his faith and family. Specialist Thomas L. Theis served honorably in the U.S. Army in Darmstadt, Germany, from 1955-57 and continued his service in the reserves until 1961. He worked alongside his father, Bill, and brother, Don, in the cattle business, and gave 29 years to the Shawano County Highway Department, retiring in May 1997.

In his younger years, Tom enjoyed owning and working on his No. 16 stock car. He also loved camping with family and friends. In his later years, he enjoyed gardening, making maple syrup, creating wood crafts, fishing, deer hunting and watching his grandchildren play sports. A devout member of St. Jakobi Lutheran Church, his passion for farming remained a constant throughout his life.

Though Tom preferred not to be the center of attention, his life of hard work, faith and service to others deserves to be honored.

He was a humble man who lived by the principles of faith and believed strongly in the right to life. Always a doer, Tom selflessly served his church and family without seeking recognition.

He left a lasting impact on everyone who knew him.

Tom is survived by his loving wife, Nancy Ann Theis; and their five children, Jeffrey (Mary Adkins), of Shawano, Julie Theis, of Shawano, Steven (Debra Kufahl), of Shawano, Lisa Robertson (Paul), of Kenosha and Jamie Popp (Chris), of Shawano.

He is also survived by 14 grandchildren, Adam (Rachel), Joshua (Kari), Andrew (Abigail), Jacob (fiancée Kelsie), Nicholas, Isaac, Joselyn Torbenson (Andrew), Deann Robertson, Brooklyn Dorius (Daniel), Jedediah Robertson (Savana), Eliza Robertson, Olivia Bown (Michael), Carson Popp and Allyson (fiancée Braiden Mott); and 12 great-grandchildren, Carter, Micah, Christian, Elijah, Henry, Hannah, Kate, Mason, Sophie, Clara, Taysom and Taylor.

He is also survived by his stepbrother, David (Karen), of Shawano, as well as many friends and extended family members who will miss him dearly.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents, Bill and Irene; his stepmother, Izzy (Giese) Theis; his brother, Donald (Gloria); and his stepsister, Linda Radtke (Thomas).

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 15, 2025, at St. Jakobi Lutheran Church, N6386 East Hazel Drive, Shawano. Visitation will be from 9-11 a.m., with the service following at 11 a.m. Military honors will be conducted following the service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be directed to St. Jakobi Vacation Bible School.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff at Heartland Hospice, Pastor Travis Kleinschmidt and all the friends and neighbors who supported them during this time.

We take comfort in knowing that Tom’s legacy lives on through the lessons he taught us, the love he shared and the precious memories we will carry forever.

Nancy L. Schoepke

Nancy L. Schoepke, 77, of the Town of Richmond, passed away March 8, 2025.

Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory, Clintonville.

Tina Anderson

Tina Marie Anderson, 43, of the Town of Dupont, passed away Feb. 25, 2025.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, MENOMINEE COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Louis A. Washinawatok Jr.

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

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.

2. The decedent, with date of birth 10/08/1932 and date of death 12/30/2023, was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of W2092 Keshena Lake Rd. Keshena, WI 54135.

3. All interested persons waived notice.

4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is May 29, 2025.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT SHAWANO COUNTY

Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority PO Box 1728 Madison, WI 53701 Plaintiff, vs. David Brooks W497 County Rd E Green Valley, WI 54127-9425 Angela Brooks W497 County Rd E Green Valley, WI 54127-9425 Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority PO Box 1728 Madison, WI 53701-1728 Defendants.

PUBLICATION SUMMONS Case No. 25-CV-000012 Case Code 30404 (Foreclosure of Mortgage) The amount claimed exceeds \$10,000.00

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

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, OF SHAWANO COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE Taylor Elsie White

NOTICE and ORDER for Name Change Hearing case No.25cv31

By Elisa Ruth Katchenago

NOTICE IS GIVEN:

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

From: Taylor Elsie White To: Taylor Elsie Vaupekenay Birth Certificate: Taylor Elsie White

IT IS ORDERED:

This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Shawano County State of Wisconsin: Judge's name: Judge Sloma 311 N Main St BR1 Shawano WI April 07, 2025 10:45 a.m.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Wayne F. Immel

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration) Case No. 25 PR 05

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

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2. The decedent, with date of birth 08/20/1935 and date of death 03/20/2024, was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of W5043 Hiawatha CT. Shawano, WI 54166.

3. All interested persons waived notice.

4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is May 19, 2025.

5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate Office. Form completed by: Pamela L. Lanza 201 E. Montana ST Milwaukee, WI 53207 USA 414 881 1795

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Janice Ann Willman

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration) Case No. 2025PR10

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2. The decedent, with date of birth 10-28-1956 and date of death 05-24-2024, was domiciled in Shawano County, State of WI, with a mailing address of N3303 Fairview Road, Marion, WI 54950.

3. All interested persons waived notice.

4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is [Date] May 15, 2025.

5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N Main St, Shawano, WI 54166, Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate Office. Form completed by: Atty. Thomas J Martell 117 N Main St, PO Box 237 Shawano, WI 54166 715-201-3364 1003597 Bar Number

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IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE

Amber Lynn Fuller By Amber Lynn Fuller

NOTICE and ORDER for Name Change Hearing case No.2025cv000040

NOTICE IS GIVEN:

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

From: Amber Lynn Fuller To: Amber Lynn Phillips Birth Certificate: Amber Lynn Phillips

IT IS ORDERED:

This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Shawano County State of Wisconsin: Judge's name: Judge Sloma 311 N Main St Shawano WI April16, 2025 BR1 08:30 a.m. If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-526- 9347 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF FRANCES E. VOIGHT

Amended Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration) Case No. 25 PR 13

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.

2. The decedent, with date of birth 11/18/1950 and date of death 11/09/2024, was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 111 S. Smalley St. Shawano, WI 54166.

3. All interested persons waived notice.

4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is [Date] June 14, 2025.

5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main St. Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate office.

Attly. David L. Forsythe PO Box 215 Iola, WI 54945 (715)445-2511 Bar Number 1012182

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT SHAWANO COUNTY

COVANTAGE CREDIT UNION PO BOX 107 ANTIGO, WI 54409 Plaintiff, vs. JAMES A. HEWITT N6005 LAKE DRIVE SHAWANO, WI 54166 Defendant.

PUBLICATION SUMMONSCASE NO. 25-CV-25

HON. KATHERINE SLOMA Money Judgment: 30301 The amount claimed exceeds \$10,000.00 Other Contracts 30303: Wis.Stat. §810 Replevin

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, To each person named above as a defendant:

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

The Complaint, which is attached, states the nature and basis of the legal action. Within 40 days after the date of first publication, you must respond with a written answer, as that term is used in Chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the Complaint. The Court may reject or disregard an answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The answer must be sent or delivered to the Court, whose address is Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. MainStreet, Shawano, WI 54166, and to Galanis, Pollack, Jacobs & Johnson, S.C., plaintiff's attorneys, 413 North 2 nd Street, Suite 150, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53203. You may have an attorney help or represent you.

If you do not provide a proper answer within 40 days, the Court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property. DATED at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on February 27, 2025.

GALANIS, POLLACK, JACOBS & JOHNSON, SC Attorneys for Plaintiff

P. O. Address: 413 N. 2 nd Street, Suite 150 Milwaukee, WI 53203 /S/ Electronically signed Joshua J. Brady (414) 271-5400 WI State Bar No. 1041428

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT, OF SHAWANO COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE Elisa Ruth Katchenago

NOTICE and ORDER for Name Change Hearing case No.25cv30

By Elisa Ruth Katchenago

NOTICE IS GIVEN:

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

From: Elisa Ruth Katchenago To: Elisa Ruth Peters

NOTICE IS GIVEN:

Birth Certificate: Elisa Ruth Katchenago

IT IS ORDERED:

This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Shawano County State of Wisconsin: Judge's name: Judge Sloma 311 N Main St Shawano WI BR1 April 07, 2025 10:45 a.m.

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-526- 9347 prior to the scheduled court date.

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Notice of Public Sale

Lakeland Storage, 722 Waukechon St, Shawano, WI 54166. Bidding will take place on www.StorageTreasures.com starting March 29, 2025, at 10AM - March 31, 2025, at 12PM.

Bidding is on the complete contents of the unit.

Owner- Sherry Long Contents: vacuum, walker, boxes, totes, ladder, sleeping bags, toys, misc.

Owner- Matthew Bamke Contents: TV, tools, boxes, totes, air compressor, misc.

Owner- Tammy Gille Contents: suitcase, boxes, bags, table, lamp, chest, misc.

Owner- David Hernandez Contents: highchair, office chair, boxes, totes, misc.

MyStorageHome.com

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ONEMAIN FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC 601 NW Second Street Evansville IN 47708 Plaintiff, vs. DEREK J ROEHL W8121 COUNTY ROAD MMM LOT 43 SHAWANO WI 54166 Defendant.

Case No.: 2025CV000124 Classification Code: 30301 The amount claimed is over \$10,000.

PUBLICATION SUMMONS

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, To the person named above as a defendant:

You are hereby notified that the plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The complaint, which is attached, states the nature and basis of the legal action.

Within 40 (forty) days after February 27, 2025, you must respond with a written answer, as that term is used in Chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the complaint. The court may reject or disregard an answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The answer must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is 320 S. Walnut Street, Appleton, WI 54911 and to Dobberstein Law Firm, LLC, the plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 225 S. Executive Drive, Brookfield, Wisconsin 53005. You may have an attorney help or represent you.

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

Dated this 2/18/2025 day of 2/18/2025.

DOBBERSTEIN LAW FIRM, LLC Attorneys for the plaintiff

Electronically signed by Jillian E Caggiano Jillian E Caggiano State Bar No. 1101032

MAILING ADDRESS: 225 S. Executive Dr. Brookfield, WI 53005

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Reading buddies foster more than literacy



Sacred Heart Catholic School students Ava Carroll, left, and Bailey Wild read a book together March 4 for its Reading Buddies program where older students read to younger ones. Reading Buddies has a wealth of benefits for both younger and older students. Watching fluency in action and building a positive role model relationship is invaluable for younger readers. The older students get a chance to develop empathy and patience, which are crucial life skills. It also fosters a sense of unity and collaboration across different classes.

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DATCP accepting dairy board nominations

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection is accepting nominations for eight seats on the Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin board of directors. Nominations will be accepted through March 28.

Nominations are being accepted in District 9, which covers Menominee, Shawano and Waupaca counties

DFW directors guide the organization's finances, formulate and set policies, and develop long-range business plans to maintain its mission. DFW aims to be an advocate,

marketer and promoter for Wisconsin dairy farmers and drive demand for Wisconsin's dairy products. Through these initiatives, DFW directors have the opportunity to represent Wisconsin dairy producers and products and be involved in activities that inform consumers about the dairy industry and its economic impact.

To be eligible, a nominee must be an active dairy producer who sells milk into commercial channels and lives in the district in which they are nominated. Nominated producers must sign a completed nomination

form that includes signatures from at least five other eligible producers besides the nominee. Nomination forms must be postmarked no later than March 28.

Nomination materials are available at www.wisconsinmilk.org/board-of-directors/elections. To request a printed copy, email DATCP program staff at DATCPMarketOrders@wisconsin.gov.

DATCP will conduct the election from May 1 through May 23. Elected producers will serve three-year terms beginning July 1 and ending June 30, 2028.

PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

March 9

Deputies responded to 21 incidents, including a vicious animal on Putnam Lane in the Town of Bartelme; found property at Shawano County Jail, 405 N. Main St., Shawano; sick animal on Country Lane in the Town of Washington; scam on County Road C in the Town of Angelica; warrant on Beech Road in the Town of Richmond; abandoned vehicle at 22 Shell, N4543 State Highway 22 in the Town of Belle Plaine; trespassing on Poplar Road in the Town of Richmond; two reckless driving incidents; one welfare check; three crashes.

March 8

Deputies responded to 21 incidents, including fleeing and pursuit on Beech Road in the Town of Richmond; lewd and lascivious behavior on West Green Bay Street in Bonduel; assault on Cole Road in the Town of Navarino; snowmobile problem on Stark Road in the Town

of Wescott; sick animal on County Road C in the Town of Green Valley; sick animal on County Road ZZ in the Town of Aniwa; two 911 calls; one traffic hazard; five crashes, one involving deer.

March 7

Deputies responded to 17 incidents, including a warrant on state Highway 29 in Bonduel; threatening on County Road B in the Town of Waukechon; three 911 calls; one welfare check; one crash.

March 6

Deputies responded to 35 incidents, including a sex offense on River Drive in the Town of Wescott; warrant on South Sawyer Street in Shawano; scam on Cloverleaf Lake Road in the Town of Belle Plaine; harassment on Glenwood Court in the Town of Wescott; drugs on Rustic Circle in the Town of Belle Plaine; trespassing on Sycamore Road in the Town of Richmond; assisting the fire department on Opperman Way in the Town of Richmond; trespassing on Spruce Road in the Town of Angelica; death investiga-

tion on North Park Street in Bowler; property theft on Stony Hill Road in the Town of Pella; juvenile alcohol at Shawano Lake County Park, W5785 Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; one 911 call; one reckless driving incident; two welfare checks; six crashes.

March 5

Deputies responded to 65 incidents, including a death investigation on Morgan Road in the Town of Red Springs; harassment on Sycamore Road in the Town of Richmond; property theft at the Shawano County Jail, 405 N. Main St.; drugs on Prospect Circle in Shawano; two 911 calls; four reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazard; one welfare check; 33 crashes.

March 4

Deputies responded to 21 incidents, including lost property on County Road D in the Town of Almon; three 911 calls; two reckless driving incidents; two traffic hazards; two welfare checks; three crashes involving deer.

March 3

Deputies responded to 23

incidents, including attempted theft at Krakow Citgo, N4795 State Highway 32 in the Town of Angelica; found property at Pond Park, 401 S. Mill St., Wittenberg; noise on West State Street in Bonduel; assisting the fire department on state Highway 29 in the Town of Hartland; assisting the fire department on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; harassment at the Shawano County Jail, 405 N. Main St., Shawano; three 911 calls; two reckless driving incidents; two traffic hazards; two crashes, one involving deer.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

March 9

Report not received by press time.

March 8

Officers responded to 17 incidents, including assisting the fire department on South Smalley Street; three 911 calls; three welfare checks; one crash.

March 7

Officers responded to 20 incidents, including assisting the fire department at Strive

Behavioral Services, 1542 Industrial Drive; drug offenses at an undisclosed location; harassment at an undisclosed location; shoplifting at Dunham's, 1211 E. Green Bay St.; juvenile problem on South Hamlin Street; two 911 calls; three welfare checks; two crashes, one involving a pedestrian.

March 6

Officers responded to 28 incidents, including an abandoned vehicle on East Elizabeth Street; bail jumping on East Richmond Street; two juvenile problem calls at undisclosed locations; warrant arrest on South Sawyer Street; sexual assault at an undisclosed location; one reckless driving incident; one traffic hazard; two welfare checks.

March 5

Officers responded to 20 incidents, including assisting the fire department on South Lafayette Street; harassment at El Tequila, 1240 E. Green Bay St.; scam on Alpine Drive; abandoned vehicle on East Elizabeth Street; one reckless driving incident; three crashes.

March 4

Officers responded to 21 incidents, including a tobacco problem at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; property damage at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; assisting the fire department at Shawano Health Services, 1436 S. Lincoln St.; assisting the fire department twice on Robin Lane; two juvenile problem calls at undisclosed locations; one 911 call; two welfare checks; one crash.

March 3

Officers responded to 24 incidents, including harassment on South Washington Street; drugs on East Fifth Street; tobacco problem at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; drugs at Shawano Community Middle School, 1050 S. Union St.; found property on East Lieg Avenue; scam on Estates Lane; missing person at an undisclosed location; shoplifting at Family Dollar, 413 S. Main St.; child abuse at an undisclosed location; one reckless driving incident; one welfare check; two crashes.

COURT NEWS

David A. Dedolph, 51, Tigerton, pleaded no contest Jan. 7 to operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fifth or sixth offense), first-degree recklessly endangering safety, and misdemeanor counts of operating while revoked and violating an ignition interlock device order. Judge William Kussel Jr. sentenced him March 4 to 30 months in prison, followed by five years of extended supervision with conditions including a 36-month revocation of his driver's license.

Susan A. Mahl, 33, Keshena, pleaded no contest March 5 to possession of narcotic drugs and felony bail jumping. Judge Katherine Sloma withheld sentencing and placed her on two years of probation with conditions.

John A. Coliadis, 25, Wausau, was charged March 3 with strangulation and suffocation, victim intimidation,

false imprisonment, possession of THC (second and subsequent offense), five counts of felony bail jumping, and misdemeanor counts of battery, disorderly conduct, and possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a \$250 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for April 15.

Glory A. Johnson, 37, Denmark, was charged March 3 with five counts of felony bail jumping and one count of misdemeanor bail jumping. Sloma set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for June 2.

Lee A. Holton, 61, Shawano, was charged March 3 with two counts of felony bail jumping and misdemeanor counts of bail jumping, disorderly conduct, and resisting or obstructing an officer. Sloma set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for April 29.

Beverly A. Alexander, 41, Shawano, was charged March 3 with possession with intent to deliver THC, possession of cocaine (second or subsequent offense), and a misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a \$5,000 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for April 28.

James R. Clayton, 34, Bonduel, was charged March 3 with possession of methamphetamine, three counts of felony bail jumping, three counts of misdemeanor bail jumping, and misdemeanor counts of carrying a concealed weapon and possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a \$1,000 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for June 9.

John J. Greer, 45, Shawano, was charged March 3 with 10 counts of felony bail jumping and misdemeanor

counts of operating while revoked and violating an ignition interlock device order. Sloma set a \$1,000 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for April 22.

Jessica J. Kubista, 50, Eau Claire, was charged March 3 with possession of methamphetamine, possession of narcotic drugs, and misdemeanor counts of resisting or obstructing an officer, possession of THC, possession of cocaine and possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a \$5,000 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for April 28.

Justin J. Miller, 32, Shawano, was charged March 4 with possession of methamphetamine, possession of narcotic drugs and a misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a \$1,000 signature bond and scheduled a status con-

ference for May 5.

Teasa R. Wences Flores, 35, Shawano, was charged March 4 with possession of methamphetamine, misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia and six counts of misdemeanor bail jumping. Sloma set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for March 18.

Shaila R. Waupoose, 27, Shawano, was charged March 4 with misappropriating ID information to obtain money and three counts of felony bail jumping. Sloma set a \$1,500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for March 11.

Bryan S. Pomanicutt, 31, Gresham, was charged March 4 with strangulation and suffocation, six counts of felony bail jumping, four counts of misdemeanor bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct.

Sloma set a \$1,500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for March 11.

Rachael L. Popelka, of Shawano, was charged March 7 with the manufacture and delivery of fentanyl. Sloma set a \$10,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for March 11.

Dakota L. Tomow, 36, Shawano, was charged March 7 with battery or threat to a law officer, 13 counts of misdemeanor bail jumping and misdemeanor counts of disorderly conduct and resisting or obstructing an officer. Sloma set a \$1,500 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for April 8.

William L. Sechrist, 27, Keshena, was charged March 7 with possession of THC (second or subsequent offense) and felony bail jumping. Sloma set a \$200 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for May 6.

Spudmobile exhibits inform, entertain

WPVGA seeks a new driver familiar with the industry

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

It's not your father's RV. First, it only seats two. Second, the interior features educational and interactive exhibits for children and adults.

And, oh yeah, the outside is decorated to show off its true purpose – it's the Wisconsin Spudmobile.

"We cover a lot of ground in Wisconsin, but we also cross state lines and go to events in Illinois and Minnesota," said Dana Rady, director of promotions and consumer education with the Spudmobile's owner, the Wisconsin Potato and Vegetable Growers Association (WPVGA). "We average about 50-75 events a year. Schools are a popular destination, but large events like the State Fair are important to us, too. There's never any cost to having the Spudmobile at an event."

The Spudmobile has been cruising the streets and highways of the Midwest since August 2014.

As a new season is about to get underway, the WPVGA is looking inside the industry for the Spudmobile's next driver. Good communication skills are a must, as is a knowledge of the agriculture industry.

"The Spudmobile is used



The 76th Alice in Dairyland Ashley Hagenow poses with a visitor the Wisconsin Spudmobile. Hagenow was selected as Alice in Dairyland in 2023. With grower and industry member volunteers at Spudmobile events, this vehicle allows for a face-to-face conversation with people about how their food is produced and why farmers do what they do.

to connect people to the industry, how important the industry is, our sustainability practices and it helps connect people to food," Rady said. "It's a unique public relations tool."

The RV's interior was gutted and refilled with eight educational and promotional exhibits related to the Wisconsin potato industry.

Topics of the exhibits are environmental stewards, a potato variety and recipe kiosk, field to fork, an interactive grower map, a "TheaTater" exhibit, potato information and fun fact wall, history wall and and

interactive touch table. "Four the of exhibits are digitally interactive," Rady said. "We find that adults learn right along with the kids. It's a fun and learning experience for everyone."

Children also take the information they learn in the Spudmobile back home to their parents.

A QR code at one of the exhibits takes the user to the WPVGA website recipe section. But what if you don't have everything on hand for a particular recipe?

"We're also using an AI recipe generator," Rady said. "The user types in all the ingredients they have

on hand, and it spits out a recipe using just those ingredients."

The RV is 37 1/2 feet long, and with its bump outs extended, takes up a 30-foot by 40-foot space. It is regularly accessible through the passenger side door, but for larger crowds, a set of stairs can be used. The Spudmobile is also ADA compliant with a lift available.

Anyone interested in being a driver or having the Spudmobile at an event can contact Rady at drady@wisconsinpotatoes.com or 715-610-6350.

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Besaw selected to serve on DATCP board

Gov. Tony Evers has announced the appointment of Gary Besaw to the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) Board. Besaw will serve as a consumer representative in a term expiring May 1, 2029.

Besaw, of Keshena, currently serves as the director of the Menominee Tribal Department of Agriculture and Food Systems and the Menominee Tribal Food Distribution Program. Besaw is an enrolled tribal member of the Menominee Nation and has served on the Menominee Tribal Legislature for 15 years — twice holding positions as tribal chairman, and once each as vice chairman and secretary. Besaw currently serves on the Shawano-Menominee Farm Service Agency (FSA) County Committee, serving his second term.

"DATCP has a long tradition of policy engagement from the citizen members of the DATCP Board," said DATCP Secretary Randy Romanski. "I thank the



GARY BESAW

governor's leadership in appointing Mr. Besaw. We look forward to having him join and

continuing our positive and collaborative working relationship with the DATCP board."

Besaw has served on multiple environmental and policy committees for the Menominee Nation, including 15 years as the tribe's representative on the Wisconsin Legislature's State-Tribal Relations Study Committee. He previously worked in Native American education at the College of Menominee Nation as vice president of student services. Besaw holds a Bachelor of Science in art education from the University of Wisconsin-Stout and a Master of Science in education administration from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Besaw's first board meeting will be March 6.

JR Machine wins manufacturer award

JR Machine, a precision manufacturing firm based in Shawano, has been named the winner of the Wisconsin Manufacturer of the Year Award Small Category, awarded by Baker Tilly, Michael Best, and Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce.

"We are incredibly proud to be recognized by the awarding bodies," said Tim Tumanic, founder and owner of JR Machine. "This award is a testament to our team's hard work, innovation and dedication. We remain committed to advancing manufacturing technologies and delivering the highest quality products to our valued customers."

This honor reflects the company's commitment to innovation, quality and operational excellence. JR

Machine was acquired by Schneider Resources Holding (SRH) in 2024. SRH's investment has funded advanced equipment and an infusion of leadership, including appointing Paul Knoll as chief executive officer. The SRH partnership has enhanced JR Machine's capabilities, fueling growth in its core operations and enabling expansion in high-growth sectors such as space and defense.

"From day one, we committed to investing in equipment and people to become the industry leader in machining precision parts," said Paul Schneider, managing partner at SRH. "This award recognizes the value our collaboration with the founding management team has created for our customers."

Attempted homicide case still unresolved

Bowman case rescheduled for pre-trial in May

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

The case against Amanda Bowman, a Bowler woman who stands accused of arson, attempted first-degree intentional homicide and six counts of felony bail jumping, is still unresolved, despite an offer from the Shawano-Menominee County District Attorney's Office in January.

A new pre-trial hearing was set for 10 a.m. May 21 to see whether a deal can be finalized or if the case will end up going to trial.

According to the criminal complaint, crews were called to a home in the Town of Bartelme on the morning of Aug. 17, 2024, and found it fully engulfed in flames. Shawano County Sheriff's Department Detective Craig Rekoske interviewed Bowman, who said the house belonged to her 67-year-old cousin, identified in the complaint as KID, and that she lived there on and off.

Bowman said she had been up all night driving and was running out of gas, so she stopped at her cousin's where a young friend had been repairing her ATV, the complaint said. She went into the house with the gas can when the dog started barking — "I just wanted him to know it was me," she told the detective, adding that she "didn't know why (she) brought it into the house," the complaint said.

Standing in the hallway at the door to KID's room, the gas can "just poofed in my face," and she dropped the can because of the sudden flames, she told Rekoske.

Bowman said she and her cousin ran out of the house together, jumping over the flames, the complaint said.

"I don't know if I had a cigarette; he asked me that, too, and I do not remember," the complaint quotes her as saying.

Rekoske reported that Bowman was showing "outward signs of drug usage, including the failure to maintain a stationary physical position, speaking in phrases and going from one topic to the

next, and excessive hand and arm movement."

When he confronted her about her drug usage, she eventually admitted she had used meth before the fire but offered conflicting timelines about how long before the fire it happened, at first saying it had been a week earlier, the complaint said.

Her cousin offered a different sequence of events, saying he was in bed and did hear Bowman say, "It's me. I'm filling up my car," but when he opened his eyes, he saw flames coming up from the carpet, "a red gas can melted and a trail of flames going down the hallway, and she's down past the hallway running out the door or leaving," according to the complaint.

He denied that he ran out of the house with Bowman and said she was already out of the house when he realized it was on fire.

"I don't know; I was wondering if she was trying to kill me or something," the cousin said, although he couldn't think of a reason Bowman would want to do that, according to the complaint.

"It's just weird that the fire was right at my bedroom door."

She had been acting strange for about three days prior to the fire, the cousin said, and he noticed she had parked her car farther away from the house than she usually did.

Bowman is currently being held in the Shawano County Jail on a \$150,000 cash bond.

Bowman has another open case in the Shawano County system. She was charged Aug. 15, 2023, with possession of methamphetamine and a misdemeanor count of possessing drug paraphernalia. That case currently has no offer, according to defense attorney Matthew Kolell.

Bowman is also facing charges in Langlade County of felony bail jumping and possessing drug paraphernalia, charged about a month before the attempted homicide charges in Shawano County. A plea and sentencing hearing is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. May 6 at the Langlade County Courthouse in Antigo.

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County road weight limits in effect

The Shawano County Highway Department has announced the seasonal posting of spring weight limits on various county roads.

Haulers will need to watch for the signs restricting load limits. A list of the posted roads is available at www.co.shawano.wi.us. The weight restrictions are 6 tons for a single axle, 10 tons for a tandem axle, maximum gross weight is 26 tons.

Seasonal weight restrictions are placed on specific highways during the spring thaw period. The restrictions are placed to prevent damage to the pavement

structure and extend the life of the pavement.

In the Town of Menominee and Menominee County, all posted roads shall be limited to 6 tons per single axle and 10 tons per tandem axle, with a combined gross weight not to exceed 21 tons.

These weight restrictions will remain in place until the frost has dissipated and roadbeds have firmed up. The average length of the weight limit posting over the past six years has been 40.86 days, with the shortest duration being 30 days and the longest being 47 days.

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vices proposal.

Hopfensperger said the department has some concerns with the current proposal.

The septic system is the most significant. Access for emergency services was also cited.

“Based on our ordinance ... it is not an appropriate location, and so, as staff, we are not going to issue a permit (if they come back with the revised plan),” she said.

The intended use falls under the category of clinically manned residential services designed for people with serious psychological or social issues who need 24-hour oversight and are at risk of imminent harm.

“It just feels like a pretty intensive use for that remote of a loca-

tion,” Hopfensperger said.

Supervisor Kathy Luebke said a controversial decision such as this, if the minor use is eventually proposed, should not fall on the shoulders of staff.

“Last time, the town was totally against anything there,” Supervisor Ken Capelle said. “So, now, are they trying to go around the town? The town has to be brought up to date here, and then move forward.”

White Pines Lodge is comprised of just over four acres. The motel includes a large wrap-around driveway with green space to the south and a small wooden area on the northwest corner. Captain’s Cove Resort is immediately west of the site.



CORE Treatment Services wants to purchase the White Pines Lodge, N9117 Big Lake Road in the Town of Red Springs, for use as a residential treatment facility for those with substance use and mental health challenges. Depending on the number of people it plans to serve at any given time, CORE would either need a conditional use permit or planning department staff approval. Currently, staff intend to deny a request based on the inappropriateness of the site for the proposed use.

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aren’t with farmers,” Wied said. “With the budget process right now and going through the budget reconciliation process that Congress is doing, we’re going to be tasked to find some savings in the budget. So we need to look a lot at the SNAP and the food assistance programs.”

Wied said talking with officials at Genex and other agriculture representatives around northeast Wisconsin is giving him a chance to push for things that will benefit farmers and others in his district.

“That’s my job, to be an extension of the farm-

ers here in District 8 and bringing that information with me to make sure we’re advocating for the farmers here,” Wied said, noting that he expects a farm bill to get through Congress by the end of this summer. “That’s why this was an important meeting today.”

Wied also talked about the need to grow the nation’s economy, as well as getting Congress to return to approving budgets instead of passing resolutions to extend the existing budget, a practice that has occurred for decades with threats of government shutdowns popping

up every few months.

“What we continue to do is spend money we don’t have, ultimately printing money that is causing our inflation,” Wied said. “I also believe in just generally peace through strength and getting back to doing business around the world, getting back to countries doing business with each other, allowing for more free and fair trade around the world. That’s really important to me, and I know that’s what President Trump is focused on, too.”

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03/07, 03/14/2025

Bids Requested

Newcap, Inc., 1201 Main St., Oconto, WI

Is requesting bids for Energy Star Refrigerators and Freezers for their contract year:

Contact Julie Mueller for bid specifications

All bids are due by 2:00 p.m. on March 20, 2025

(920) 863-9455.

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03/14/2025

Public Notice

The La Motte Lake Association, Inc. is applying for a permit to apply the aquatic herbicide Procel-laCOR EC, to approximately 3.9 acres of La Motte Lake in Menominee County WI. The treatment is for control of Eurasian watermilfoil, an exotic aquatic plant. There is no swimming, fishing, or other recreational restrictions. Do not use water from the treated area for irrigation purposes for 5 days, although you may irrigate turf immediately following the chemical application. (Postings in the treatment area will specify dates). The treatments will be scheduled for the spring of 2025, or when the WI DNR deems it appropriate. Riparian property owners will receive a copy of the permit application. The applicant will hold a public informational meeting on the proposed treatment if five or more individuals, organizations, special units of government, or local units of government request one. The person or entity requesting the meeting shall state a specific agenda of topics including problems and alternatives to be discussed. The request for the public informational meeting must be sent in writing to: Dean Simon, La Motte Lake Association, tw9ff@yahoo.com, and a copy to - the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources – Northeast Region Headquarters, 2984 Shawano Avenue, Green Bay, WI 54313-6727 within five days after the public notice is made.

For additional information, contact Dean Simon – 920-750-4963

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**BOARD OF APPEALS
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

The Board of Appeals of the City of Shawano will hold a public hearing and meeting at 4:00 PM on March 24, 2025, at Shawano City Hall, 127 S. Sawyer St., Shawano, WI to consider the following appeal:

Appeal of Ardex All American Mineral Company, Inc. for the reversal of the decision of the Building Inspector denying permission to create a non-conforming lot at 120 E. Richmond Street in Shawano, WI for the reason the proposed new lot would violate Section 10-39 of the Shawano Municipal Code. Appellant is requesting a variance to create a 4,950 sq. ft. lot, where a 20,000 sq. ft. is the minimum requirement. Property is located in the Light Industrial (LI) zoning district.

At the above time and place all interested persons will be given the opportunity to be heard.

Lesley Nemetz, City Clerk
City of Shawano
WNAXLP

03/14, 03/21/2025

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Public Hearing will be held before the City of Shawano Plan Commission on Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at 5:00 PM at Shawano City Hall located at 127 S. Sawyer Street, Shawano, WI to consider amending Chapter 10 Zoning Code, Article VI Overlay Zoning Districts, Section 10-94 (AP-0) Airport Overlay District, to add additional verbiage regarding height restrictions and enforcement authority as it relates to trees and airport height restrictions. To read as follows:

(4) Dimensional requirements. Same as for the underlying district, except that no structure shall be constructed, altered or located, or permitted to remain after such construction, alteration or location, and that no trees shall be allowed to grow to a height in excess of the height limit indicated on the current Wisconsin Bureau of Aeronautics Official Height Limitation Zoning Map, Shawano Municipal Airport, Shawano, Wisconsin, which is adopted as part of this chapter.[1]

[1]Editor’s Note: Said map is on file in the City offices.

(a) Authority and Enforcement. Authority and enforcement of this subsection shall be granted to the City Forester as stated within Chapter 9 Public Nuisances, Section 9.06 Trees and Shrubs (8) Dead, diseased, hazardous, or height restricted tree removal on private property.

At the above time and place, all interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard.

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OFFICIAL NOTICE TO BIDDERS

**2025 CITY OF SHAWANO
HOT MIX ASPHALT (HMA) PAVEMENT PROGRAM**

ESTIMATE OF QUANTITIES

Remove Existing Asphalt Pavement 22,000 S.Y.

Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) Pavement 25,700 S.Y.

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Parking Lot Excavation 650 C.Y. & Street Excavation 350 C.Y.

Miscellaneous Storm Sewer & Catch Basins

Bids will be received by the City of Shawano in the office of the Department of Public Works, 2905 E. Richmond St., Shawano, Wisconsin, until 9:00 AM Local Time on March 28, 2025, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Complete sets of Bidding Documents may be obtained in PDF electronic format by calling the Department of Public Works at (715)509-0297 or by email: mpleshek@cityofshawano.com. All bidders shall bid in accordance with and shall bid upon the Proposal Forms provided in the Contract Documents.

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

A Certified Check or Bid Bond payable to the City of Shawano in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid shall accompany each bid as a guarantee, that if the bid is accepted, the Bidder will execute and file the Contract, Performance and Payment Bond, and the Insurance Certificate(s) within ten (10) days after the receipt of the Notice of Award by the City. The City of Shawano Common Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive any informalities in bidding, or to accept the bid or bids which best serves the interest of the City.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days after the scheduled opening of bids without the consent of the City.

The Lieg Avenue project location within this 2025 HMA Pavement Program will use Municipal Street Improvement Discretionary (MSID) grant funding from the Local Roads Improvement Program (LRIP) administered by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

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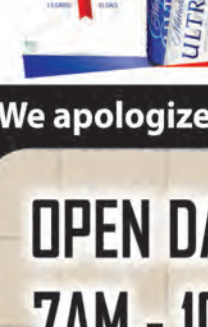
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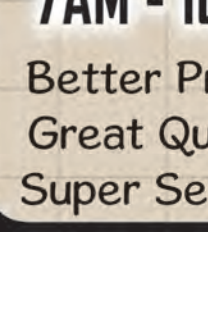
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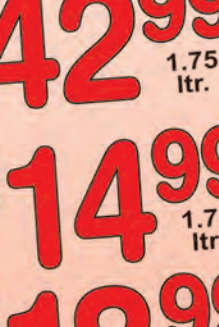
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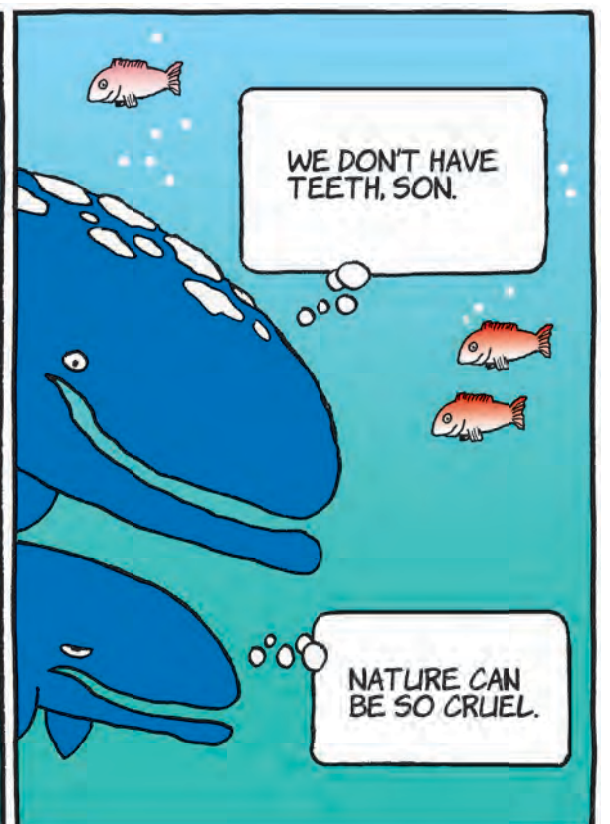
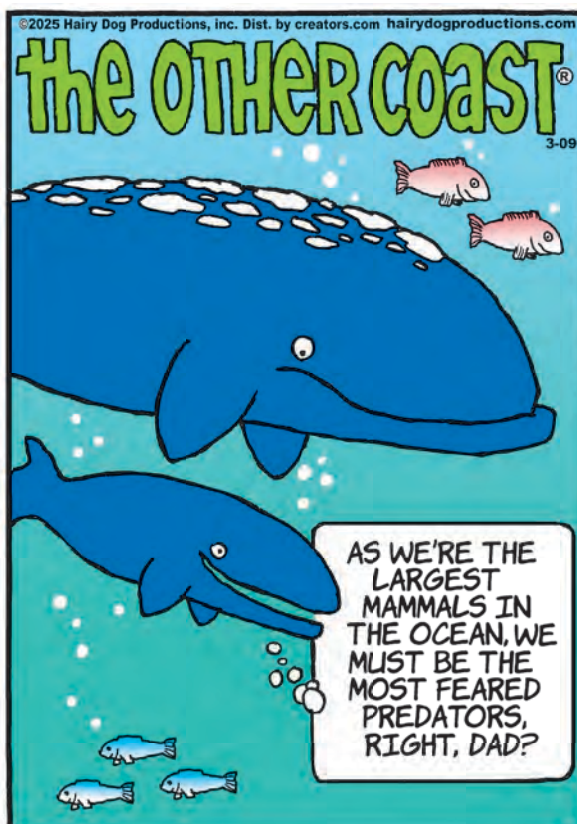
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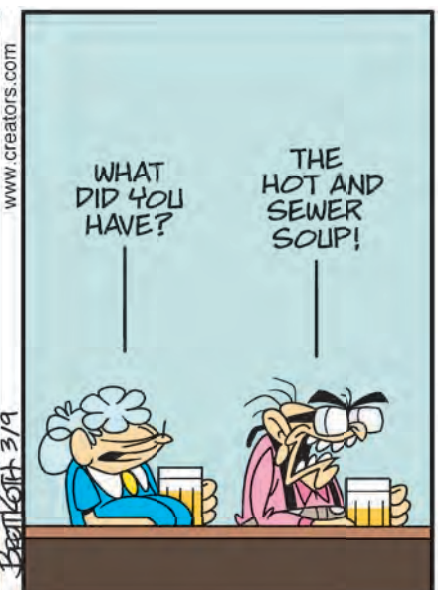
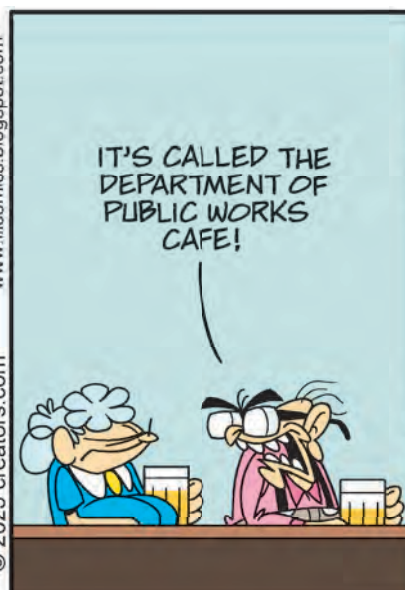
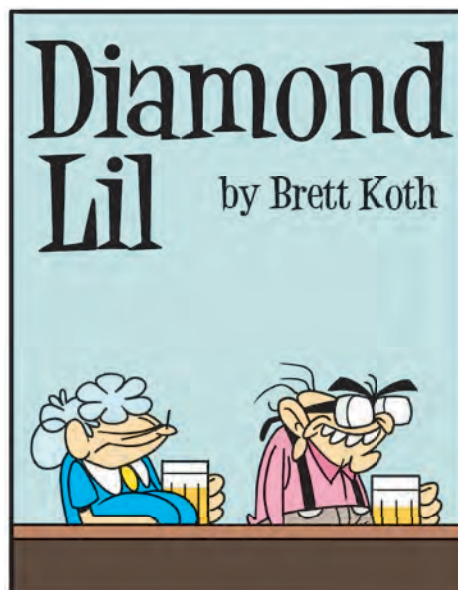
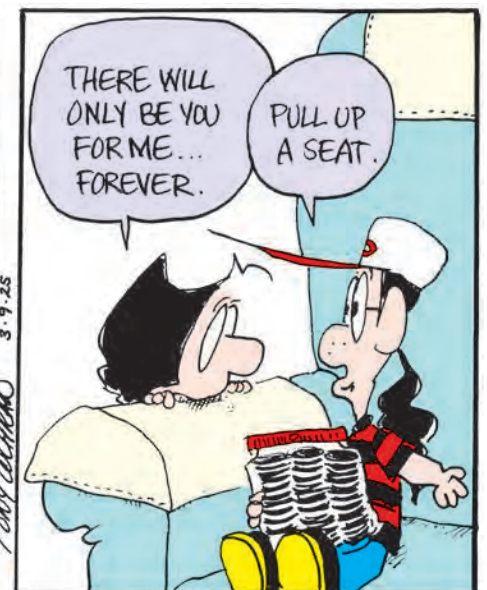
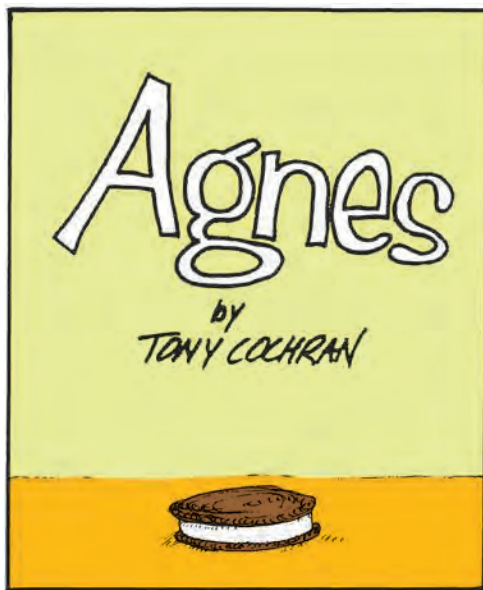
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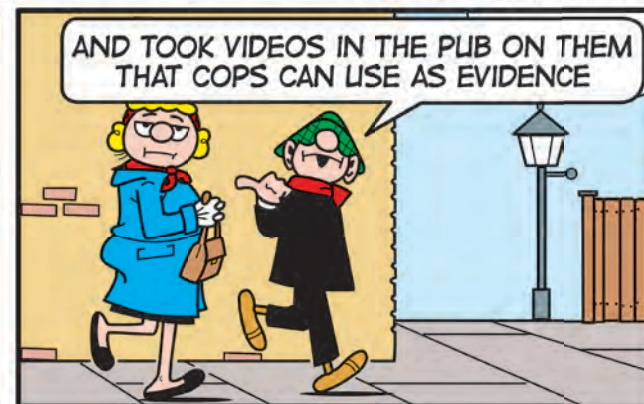
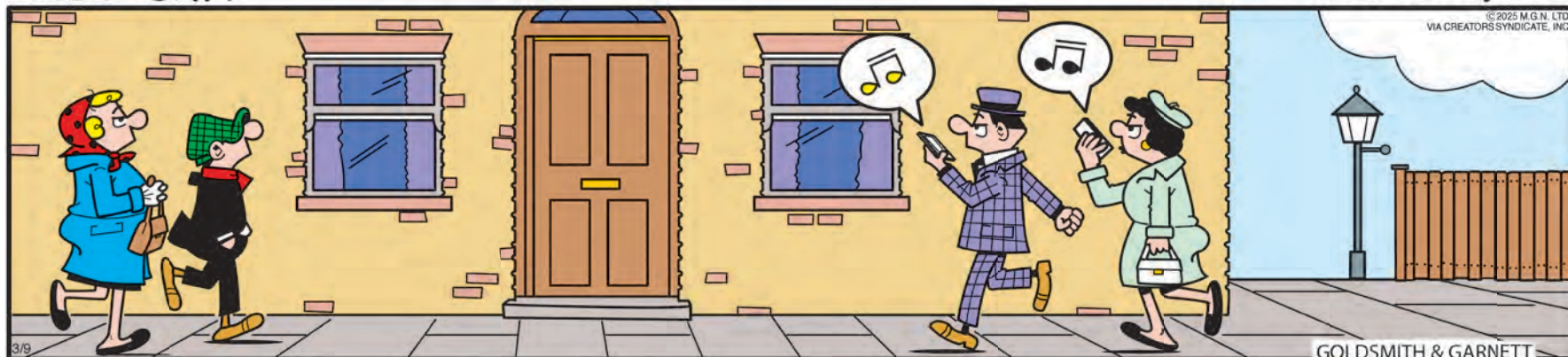
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☐ Cheese Factory - Belle Plaine Cheese

☐ Happy Hour/Night Spot - Classics Restaurant & Lounge

☐ Hotel/Motel/Resort - Shawano Four Seasons Hotel

☐ Live Music - Classics Restaurant & Lounge

☐ Museum- Twig's Beverage Museum & Gift Shop

☐ Golf Course - Golden Sands Golf Club

☐ Campground - Shawano County Park

Best Vehicle Services:

☐ ATV Store - Doc's Harley-Davidson

☐ Auto Body Repair - Shawano Auto Sales

☐ Auto Parts Supply Store - O'Reilly Auto Parts

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

☐ Car Dealer - Buss Automotive, Inc.

☐ Vehicle Service Center - Auto Select

☐ Car Wash - Shell 22

☐ Tire Store - Pomp's Tire

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2024 RESULTS BALLOT #3

Best Food/Dining:

☐ Bakery - Fannita's Bakery

☐ Bar - Red River Tavern

☐ Breakfast - Shawano's Cafe

☐ Burger - Culver's of Shawano

☐ Coffee House - Heather's Beans & Books, LLC

☐ Dessert - Shawano's Cafe

☐ Dinner - Dixon's Torchlight

☐ Family Restaurant - Shawano's Cafe

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☐ Fish Fry - The Lighthouse

☐ Ice Cream - Culver's of Shawano

☐ International - El Tequila Mexican Restaurant

☐ Lunch - Red River Tavern

☐ Pizza - Luigi's Pasta & Pizza

☐ Sandwich - Luigi's Pasta & Pizza

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2024 RESULTS BALLOT #1

Best Goods:

☐ Appliances - Heins Appliance and Refrigeration

☐ Carpet/Flooring - Floors Unlimited/Carpet One

☐ Farm and Feed Store - The South Forty

☐ 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 - The Stock Market

☐ Hardware - Qualheim's True Value

☐ Health Food - Staff of Life

☐ Jewelry - Martin Jewellers

☐ Men's Clothing - The Ultimate Closet Too

☐ Women's Clothing - The Ultimate Closet Too

☐ Paint Store - Dearco Glass, Paint & Decorating

☐ Pet Grooming & Boarding - Complete Canine Care

☐ Plant/Nursery - Shawano Lawn & Stone Company

Best Services:

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

☐ Attorney - James Aschenbrenner, Greenhill Aschenbrenner Law LLC

☐ Bank - Bonduel State Bank

☐ Butcher/Meat Shop - Pingel Processing

☐ Child Care/Daycare - Bullfrogs & Butterflies Childcare Center

☐ Chiropractor - Verkuilen Chiropractic & Wellness Center

☐ Credit Union - CoVantage Credit Union

☐ Dentist - Walsh Dental Group

☐ Electrician - Raddant Electric Service, Inc.

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☐ Gas Station/C-store - Kwik Trip

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☐ Plumber - Moede & Sons

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2024 RESULTS - BALLOT #2

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Best Thing To Do:

- ☐ Bowling Alley - Lena Lanes, Lena
- ☐ Campgrounds - Chute Pond Park & Campground, Mountain
- ☐ Cheese Factory - Springside Cheese, Oconto Falls
- ☐ Happy Hour - Wildfire Trails Inn, Gillett
- ☐ Live Music - Glovers Bar and Grill, Abrams
- ☐ Meat Market - Pat's Market, Gillett
- ☐ Night Spot - Glovers Bar and Grill, Abrams

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 - Oconto Falls Auto Supply, Oconto Falls
- ☐ Car Dealer - S&L Ford Service, Oconto Falls
- ☐ Vehicle Service Center - Lambrecht's Service Garage, Gillett
- ☐ Tire Store - Bergmann's Service Station, Gillett

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2024 RESULTS - BALLOT #3

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Food/Dining:

- ☐ Bar - Salscheider's Antique Bar & Liquor, Oconto Falls
- ☐ Breakfast - Jo-Jo's Diner, Lena
- ☐ Burger - Spirits of Gillett
- ☐ Coffee House - Milk & Honey Cafe, Oconto Falls
- ☐ Dessert - Jo-Jo's Diner, Lena
- ☐ Dinner - Boarding House Supper Club, Suring
- ☐ Family Restaurant - Falls Family Restaurant, Oconto Falls
- ☐ Fish Fry - Club 32, Gillett
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THE COTTAGES ON GOLDEN POND MEMORY CARE FACEBOOK PAGE

Best Dentist



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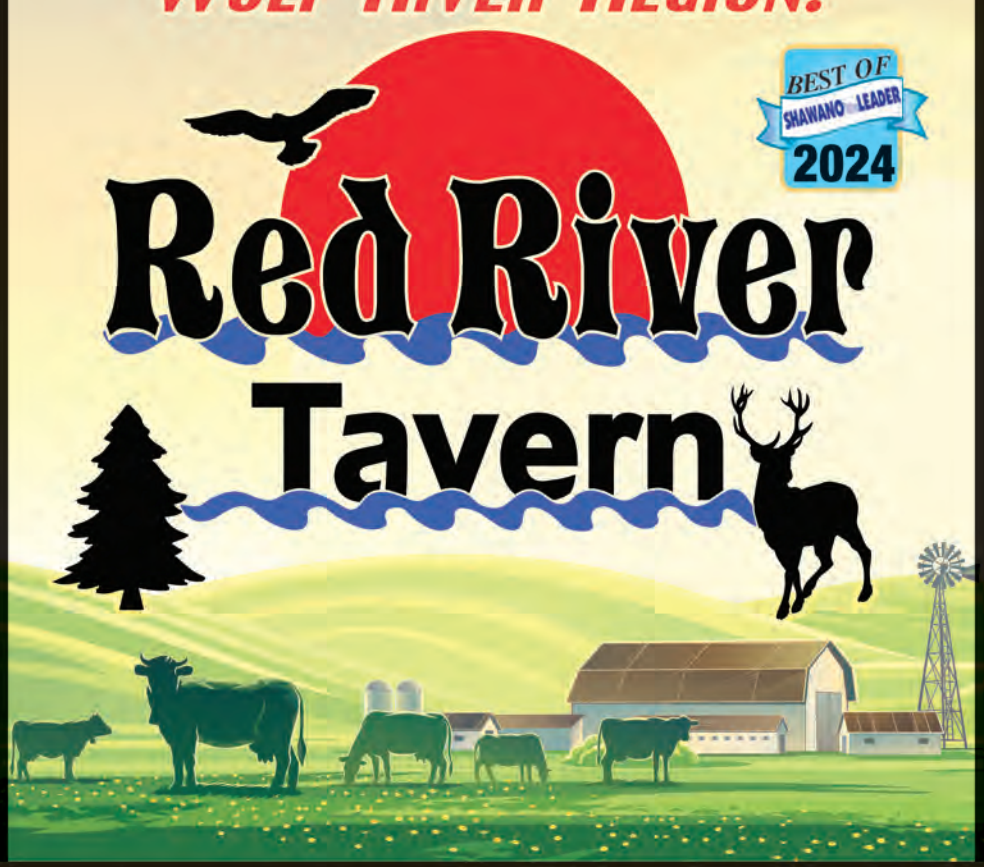
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2024 RESULTS - BALLOT #1

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☐ Grocery Store - Wittenberg Sentry Foods

☐ Hardware Store -Wittenberg True Value

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2024 RESULTS - BALLOT #2

Best Thing To Do:

☐ Bowling Alley - Wittenberg 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

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2024 RESULTS - BALLOT #3

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Best Live Music, Night Spot



Jungles on Main in Gresham was chosen by readers of the Wittenberg Enterprise & Birnamwood News for the Best Live Music and Best Night Spot. Above, another birthday was celebrated at Jungles on Main, this time for Julie Waupoose. JUNGLES ON MAIN FACEBOOK PAGE

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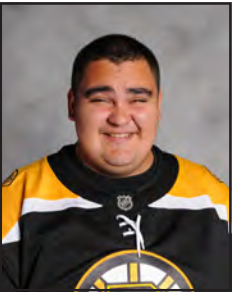
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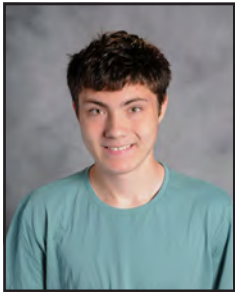
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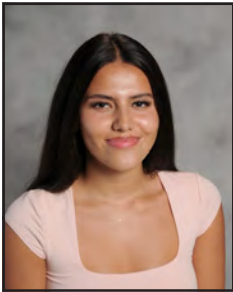
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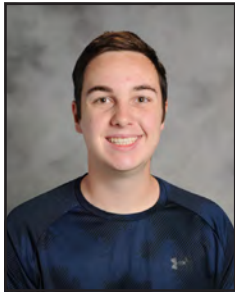
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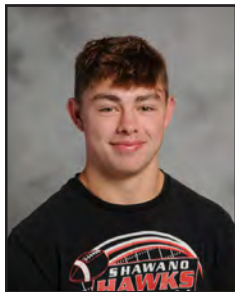
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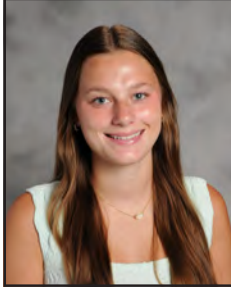
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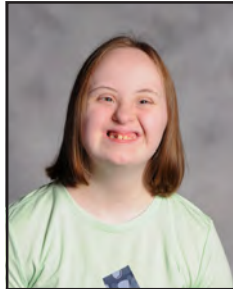
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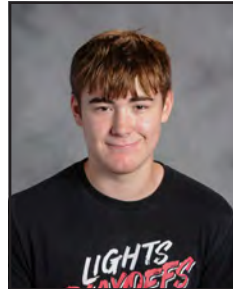
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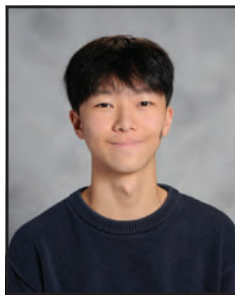
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To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.
To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.
To wear a cheerful expression at all times and give a smile to every living creature you meet.
To give so much time to improving yourself that you have no time to criticize others.
To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.
To think well of yourself and to proclaim this fact to the world, not in loud word, but in great deeds.
To live in the faith that the whole world is on your side, so long as you are true to the best that is in you.

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