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Dave Owens, who plays the role of Artemus Ward, lays face down in a pile of mashed potatoes after a stab wound to the back proved fatal in the opening scene of Crossroads Community Theatre's "Murder on the Menu" at the WOWSPACE in Wittenberg on March 4. The plot of the play revolved around the killing of Ward and a group of suspects who all had reasons to commit the murder. Dinner theater performances are also scheduled March 10-11.

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Village Board to use remaining ARPA funds

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

The Wittenberg Village Board voted in favor of using its remaining American Rescue Plan funds during its meeting on March 6.

The village currently has \$1,177.91 left of the \$103,412.54 that it received from the state in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The remaining money will be used as a fee to the Wittenberg Fire Department, falling

in line with the village's commitment to getting a new water tender for the department.

The other \$102,234.63 went to improving various functions and operations around the village.

"\$96,184.63 was used to buy special enzymes to treat the sludge in our wastewater pond, \$6,050 was used to purchase the new voting machine offered by Shawano County and the remaining \$1,177.91 will be used to pay a fee to the fire department," said Wit-

tenberg Village Clerk Traci Matsche.

The board has previously used the ARPA funds for the enzymes, but cannot use the remaining funds for that, as each unit costs approximately \$4,000, leading the board to use the money for the fire department.

The decision came unanimously, with Wittenberg Village Board Trustee Paul Yaeger being absent from the meeting.

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Wittenberg woman charged with meth, bail jumping

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

A Wittenberg woman was charged Feb. 28 with possession of methamphetamine with intent to deliver after a Feb. 26 arrest in Wittenberg.

Sharon J. Rockman, 36, Wittenberg, was charged with one count of possession of methamphetamine with intent, five counts of bail jumping, nine misdemeanor counts of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of operating while revoked.

If convicted, Rockman faces fines of up to \$50,000 and 15 years in prison for possession of meth with intent, \$10,000 in fines and six years in prison for each bail jump-

ing charge, \$10,000 in fines and nine months in prison for each misdemeanor count of bail jumping and \$2,500 in fines and one year in jail for the misdemeanor count of operating while revoked.

According to the criminal complaint, a Shawano County sheriff's deputy was on patrol in Wittenberg, when they saw Rockman enter a car at the Shell Gas Station on North Genesee Street. From there, the deputy ran the license plates and it allegedly came back expired.

After performing a routine traffic stop, the deputy arrested Rockman for operating after revocation. According to the complaint, Rockman's license was revoked after a 2013 operating while intoxicated charge.

The deputy then searched Rockman's vehicle, as Rockman was on probation for a previous felony.

In the vehicle, the deputy allegedly found a large crystal substance. A large amount of smaller gem bags was also allegedly found in the glove box. When testing the evidence, the Scott Reagent Nark II test allegedly came back as positive for methamphetamine. The total weight of the methamphetamine was 9.5 grams.

During Rockman's initial appearance in court, Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Court Judge Katherine Sloma set a cash bond of \$10,000 and scheduled a resumed initial appearance for March 21.

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Meeting to look at Highway 29/County MMM intersection

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation is holding a public involvement meeting to discuss proposed options at the intersection for state Highway 29 and County Road MMM in the Town of Richmond.

The meeting begins at 5 p.m.

March 14 at Richmond Town Hall, N5170 County Road MM. A brief presentation is scheduled to begin at 5:15 p.m., followed by an open house where residents can ask questions.

The public may also go to the project website, <https://wisconsin->

dot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nc/wis29countymmm/default.aspx, to review map of the work area and see alternatives currently being proposed.

Construction is scheduled to begin in 2024.

CORRECTIONS

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DTE Vantage gas plan a real moneymaker

New facility in Birnamwood turning waste into money, and that's no bull

By **EVAN J. PRETZER**
Correspondent

They say you cannot polish a turd. However, you can refine those dropped by cattle into essential fuel for the broader economy, and two businesses in Birnamwood began doing it late last month.

Since Feb. 16, Detroit-based DTE Energy's DTE Vantage subsidiary and Matsche Farms, Inc. have been processing waste from Matsche cattle into renewable natural gas. The road to the initiative began before the COVID-19 pandemic, cost millions to see through and can only work with large-scale dairy farms to be economically feasible. Five thousand head is the floor and for Heather Matsche, it was a natural fit for an industry and the world looking at the next horizons.

"How are we saving the planet? We're trying to be green and go green," she said. "We feel better when we can improve and be sustainable in our industry. We're looking at the environmental side of it as well; we're just as concerned as everybody else ... you have to do the small steps."

The scientific process at the site with three employees and 75 contractors over the course of a year relies on what is known as anaerobic digestion to work. This places manure in a sealed reactor which

then breaks down the non-essential components to produce the final fuel. The gas is then sent to California for use in vehicles, and the process does end up being carbon-neutral.

Because methane is more potent than carbon dioxide at trapping warmth in the atmosphere, it is essential refining like this happens to address cattle impact, according to Douglas Ayers, DTE Vantage operations director, if mankind hopes to deal with climate change.

Outlets like the Pew Research Center have found that even what to do with the environment is hotly debated, but those with DTE Vantage like Ayers said this difficulty has not been one they have had to deal with. Overall, he said people are pleased to see a common problem being addressed for the good of many groups.

"These projects are very beneficial from the standpoint of taking manure and capturing methane for beneficial use," Ayers said. "You don't want methane going into the environment, whether it is in a lagoon or not. We want milk; everybody wants milk."

In the future, the DTE Vantage site could expand if they receive a higher volume of waste and there has been discussion about incorporating neighboring farmers, though transportation logistics may mean



Tanks and snow sit on the DTE Vantage facility near Matsche Farms, Inc. in Birnamwood. The biomass processing plant opened last month, taking waste from Matsche cattle and turning it into natural gas for use in vehicles in California.

EVAN J. PRETZER

this is not doable.

Whatever the case, the Matsches, DTE Vantage and their peers throughout the United States do have believers in the federal government. For years, the United States Department of Agriculture

has offered assistance to farmers to get involved in the practice, and those who are interested can view the Environmental Quality Incentives Program.

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An observation window at Matsche Farms, Inc. in the Birnamwood area looks in at the cattle belonging to the business. The Matsches have been taking waste from their herd and transforming it into fuel in partnership with DTE Vantage and say they are always looking at how to be green.

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• Timothy L. Teetzen, 55, Shawano, was charged Feb. 27 with one count of operating while intoxicated (fourth offense). Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Court Judge William Kussel Jr. set a cash bond of \$1,000 and scheduled a resumed initial appearance for March 20.

• Matthew J. King, 46, Kaukauna, pleaded no contest Feb. 27 to three counts of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer. Two counts of bail jumping were dismissed, but read into the record. Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Court Judge Katherine Sloma sentenced King to nine months in jail.

• Desiree A. Webster, 25, Clintonville, was charged Feb. 28 with one count of possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), one count of disorderly conduct and two counts of bail jumping. Sloma set a cash bond of \$2,500 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for March 7.

• Andrew R. Piotrowski, 34, Bowler, was charged Feb. 28 with one count of disarming a peace officer, one count of battery or threat to a judge, prosecutor, or law enforcement officer,

one misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer, one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct and six misdemeanor counts of bail jumping. Sloma set a cash bond of \$1,000 and scheduled a resumed initial appearance for May 15.

• Samantha J. Johnson, 35, Green Bay, pleaded no contest March 1 to one count of possession of amphetamine/methamphetamine/etc., with intent (greater than 10-50 grams). One count of possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), one count of possession of narcotic drugs and one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia was dismissed, but read into the record. Sloma sentenced Johnson to five months in jail and seven years of probation.

• Lindsay R. Holstrom, 26, Fond du Lac, pleaded no contest March 1 to one count of battery by prisoners and one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. Sloma sentenced Holstrom to 10 months in jail.

• Rogelio Cuenca, 42, Shawano, was charged March 1 with three counts of possession of narcotic drugs, one count

of possession of methamphetamine and two misdemeanor counts of possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a cash bond of \$5,000 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for March 6.

• James D. Thunder, 29, Shawano, was charged March 1 with 15 counts of bail jumping, one misdemeanor count of criminal damage to property, one misdemeanor count of carrying a concealed weapon and two misdemeanor counts of disorderly conduct. Sloma set a cash bond of \$50 and a signature bond of \$1,000. She also scheduled an arraignment for March 3.

• Jeremy L. Jackson, 39, Shawano, pleaded no contest March 1 to one count of battery or threat to a judge, prosecutor, or law enforcement officer and one misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer. One misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct was dismissed, but read into the record. Sloma sentenced Jackson to 210 days in jail and three years of probation.

• Tyson A. Peters, 29, Shawano, was charged March 2 with one count of possession of narcotic drugs, five counts of bail jumping and three misdemeanor

counts of bail jumping. Sloma set a cash bond of \$2,500 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for March 6.

• Christopher S.A. Her, 27, Abbotsford, was charged March 2 with one count of possession of narcotic drugs, four counts of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a cash bond of \$1,000 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for March 7.

• Brandon M. Havens, 31, Oshkosh, pleaded guilty March 2 to one count of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of operating while revoked. Sloma sentenced Havens to seven months in jail.

• Brandi L. Shawanokasic, 27, Neopit, was charged March 3 with one count of possession of methamphetamine and one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a signature bond of \$1,000 and scheduled a status conference for March 11.

• Johnny L. Kinney, 29, Shawano, pleaded no contest March 3 to one count of escaping criminal arrest and one misdemeanor count of bail jumping. Sloma sentenced Kinney to five months in jail and two years of probation.

PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

March 6
Deputies responded to 41 calls, including a cow problem on County Road D in the Town of Pella; a civil matter on Hillview Road in the Town of Hutchins; a domestic disturbance on Bartelt Street in Gresham; 23 crashes.

March 5
Deputies responded to 32 calls, including probation violation on Trieglaff Road in the Town of Grant; a snowmobile problem on Old Lake Road in the Town of Wescott; a snowmobile problem on Mill Creek Road in the Town of Pella; trespassing on Cloverleaf Lake Road in the Town of Belle Plaine; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Morris; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Seneca;

two crashes.

March 4
Deputies responded to 38 calls, including operating while intoxicated on state Highway 22 in the Town of Washington; a probation violation on Oak Avenue in the Town of Richmond; reckless driving on state Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; reckless driving on state Highway 47 in Bonduel; reckless driving on state Highway 47 in the Town of Lessor; a domestic disturbance on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Hartland; a drug problem on state Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; three crashes, one involving deer.

March 3
Deputies responded to 28 calls, including disorderly conduct on County Road E in the Town of Washington;

operating while intoxicated on Circle Drive in the Town of Belle Plaine; a threat on Main Street in Birnamwood; operating while intoxicated on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; three crashes.

March 2
Deputies responded to 31 calls, including a threat on East Westgor Avenue in Wittenberg; reckless driving on U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Wittenberg; a disturbance on Blue Goose Road in the Town of Germania; operating while intoxicated on state Highway 29 in the Town of Maple Grove; seven crashes.

March 1
Deputies responded to 27 calls, including property theft on Spruce Road in the Town of Wittenberg; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Angelica; a threat on Northwestern Avenue in the Town of Angelica; a domestic disturbance on West Express Way in Bonduel; five crashes.

Feb. 28
Deputies responded to 46 calls, including reckless driving on state Highway 47 in the Town of Lessor; reckless driving on state Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; a threat on South Sawyer Street in Shawano; a drug problem on North Main Street in Shawano; seven crashes, one involving deer.

property damage on Eberlein Park Drive; a threat at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; operating while intoxicated on East Lieg Avenue.

March 5
Officers responded to 23 calls, including reckless driving on East Green Bay Street; a disturbance on South Lincoln Street; a suspicious vehicle on West Green Bay Street.

March 4
Officers responded to 10 calls, including a disturbance on South Andrews Street; a disturbance on West Third Street.

March 3
Officers responded to 19 calls, including operating while intoxicated on East Lieg Avenue; car personal injury on North Main Street.

March 2
Officers responded to 27 calls, including car property damage on South Franklin Street; car property damage at Family Video, 606 E. Green Bay St.; a drug offense at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; a drug offense on South Sawyer Street.

March 1
Officers responded to 20 calls, including bail jumping on North Lafayette Street; probation or parole violation on East Green Bay Street.

Feb. 28
Officers responded to 28 calls, including a disturbance on East Center Street; a threat on East Richmond Street; trespassing at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; property theft on Lakeland Road; a treat on South Sawyer Street; reckless driving on East Green Bay Street; a disturbance on North Franklin Street.

**SHAWANO POLICE
DEPARTMENT**

March 6
Officers responded to 29 calls, including reckless driving on South Union Street; a drug offense at ThedaCare Medical Center, 100 County Road B; car property damage at the Stock Market, 103 S. Main St.; car

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Bowler gets \$1,000 for two STEAM projects

The Bowler School District recently received two STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Art and Mathematics) grants, totaling \$1,000, from Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative to purchase materials needed to build STEAM Morning Tubs and to help cover the costs associated with its super-mileage vehicle project.

The first-grade class taught by Amy Firnstahl at Bowler Elementary School received \$448.16 to purchase materials needed to build STEAM morning tubs. According to Firnstahl, the morning tubs will provide her students the opportunity to explore while practicing STEAM principles.

"It's giving students an opportunity to explore and create with different materials, so building things, creating and using their imagination," Firnstahl said. "Just giving them something extra to do besides an ordinary morning worksheet."

Firnstahl added that receiving the STEAM grant was important for the project to move forward.

"With technology today, a lot of times imagination falls to the wayside. So using their imagination, their building skills, teamwork — it will have a lot of skills built into it," she said.

The morning tubs would be introduced slowly to the students, Firnstahl said.

"Maybe by March we can have all of them out and they can independently grab what they like," Firnstahl added.

The district also received \$551.84 for a super-mileage vehicle project. The project is a student activity that provides various educational venues in and outside the classroom, said Timothy Ploeger, project supervisor and technology education teacher at Bowler High School. The project has students designing, fabricating and testing a small, one-person vehicle with a focus on high mileage during various challenge events around Wisconsin.

The challenge events are part of Challenge USA, which began in the early 2000s. Ploeger estimated that 25-30 schools currently participate in the events, and that number is growing.

Ploeger said the project is funded by soliciting sponsorships from area businesses, so receiving the STEAM grant is appreciated.

"It will really help us out a lot. We can maybe get some new engines or batteries that need to be replaced, so that will go a long ways towards that," Ploeger said.

There are currently 18 students



Bowler High School students, from left, Braydon Pukall, Tristan Thiex, Brady Strassburg and Beau Brunner, along with their adviser Timothy Ploeger, pose with a chassis they built for the Super-Mileage Vehicle competitions they compete in for Challenge USA. CONTRIBUTED



Amy Firnstahl, back row, far right, first-grade teacher at Bowler Elementary School, and Brandi Dove, back row, far left, principal of Bowler Elementary School, stand with Firnstahl's first-grade class after receiving STEAM grant funds of \$448. CONTRIBUTED

involved in the project this year. They are building four vehicles.

"We started as a club back when we first started it," Ploeger said. "It was

an after-school thing. Some of those nights, we'd be here pretty close to midnight. Now it's a class we're trying to develop as we go. We design, we

do the engineer's design which is the process where we develop a prototype and build a car out of PVC so we can see any errors before we get to metal."

Ploeger said the most useful skill students will learn from the project is problem-solving.

"No matter what career a person goes into, they will have to problem-solve," Ploeger said. "In the course of this project, there will be loads of problem-solving and with that the frustration of things not working out as planned. The students will learn to plan, learn from their mistakes and make improvements to the vehicle. After the last event, students will learn to reflect and determine what went well and where improvements could be made."

The STEAM grant program was introduced by CWEC in 2022 because the co-op values education and training and understands that classrooms may have limited funding to pursue the projects needed to educate students in local communities. For information, visit www.cwecoop.com.

OBITUARIES

James R. Folkman, 76, Hobart, passed away Monday, Feb. 27, 2023. Born Nov. 21, 1946, to Elmer and Elma (Specht) Folkman, Jim graduated from Pulaski High School in 1965. Following high school, he enlisted in the Marine Corps and served in Vietnam until 1967. After his time in the Marines, he attended school in Rice Lake, and then returned home to work on the family farm in 1970, buying it in 1972.

On Nov. 8, 1975, he married Kathryn Hovie. Together they farmed in the Town of Angelica, where they raised their family. During this time, Jim was active in local politics, serving on the Shawano County Board of Supervisors for 10 years and was also chairman for the Angelica Town Board.



James R. Folkman

Jim loved the outdoors; he was always ready to share a story about his time spent fishing or his numerous trips to Colorado for elk hunting. He shared his love of nature

and spirit for adventure with his family during many family camping trips across the country. Later in life, as health issues made it more difficult to continue those activities, Jim was not to be deterred.

His family will always remember his many (sometimes complicated and far-fetched) ideas of how he could continue to participate in his favorite activities. Memories of him riding his bike around town

or spending time on the boat with his family will serve as a source of strength and a reminder that when life gets tough, sometimes you just need to think outside the box a little in order to still find joy.

Jim will be deeply missed by his children, Matt (Jenny) Folkman, Britton, South Dakota, Tarra (Mike) Gallagher, Green Bay, Eric (Joanna) Folkman, Green Bay, and Ryan (Jennifer) Folkman, Pulaski; grandchildren, Abby, Emily, Kaitlyn, Benjamin, Nathan, Jacob, Grace, Mark, Zachary, Delaney, Cassidy, Asher, Joshua, Logan, Brielle and another grandson he was looking forward to meeting this spring; brother, Bill (Florence) Folkman, Krakow; sisters-in-law, Debbie (Joe Oskey) Mueller, Pulaski, and Pam (Cliff) Landwerlen, Jamestown, Indiana; many cousins, nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Kathryn; parents, Elmer and Elma Folkman; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Gloria and Mel Hovie; sisters, Elaine (Ruben) Buchholz, Arly (Bob) Buntrock, Bev (John) Anderson; and brother, Dewey (Shirley) Folkman.

Services were held at Marnocha Funeral Home, 186 E. Pulaski St., Pulaski, on Saturday, March 4, with Pastor Stuart Dornfeld officiating. Burial will be in spring in Our Savior Lutheran Cemetery, Lessor.

The family would like to thank the staff at Aurora Hospital and Rennes Rehab for the compassionate care provided to Jim.

Online condolences may be expressed to the Folkman family at www.marnochafuneralhome.com or the Marnocha Funeral Home Facebook page.

Ruth Arlene Mertz, 94, went to be with Jesus in heaven on Friday, March 3, 2023, believing she was saved by the grace of God through faith in the perfect work of redemption done by Jesus on the cross.

Ruth was born Feb. 1, 1929, in Shawano to the late Dewey and Lydia Krueger. She grew up on a farm with her parents and two brothers in the Bonduel area. Her growing up years were filled with hard work, helping to run the family farm and taking care of her grandmother, all without the modern conveniences we enjoy today.

In 1952, while working at the Bilmay Hotel in Shawano she met Ervin Mertz, who was working as a mason on the nearby Menominee Indian Reservation. They were married on May 22, 1954, at



Ruth A. Mertz

St. James Lutheran Church in Shawano. They then moved to West Bend, where they lived for the next 66 years, building a Christian home together for their three sons. They

were charter members of Pilgrim Lutheran Church, helping to start the church in 1954, and were active there until old age made it difficult to attend.

Ruth was a dedicated wife, mother, homemaker, and church member. Her adult life was focused on taking care of the family's needs, and her elderly mother's needs for many years. Dinner was on the

table every night at 5 p.m., and was followed by family devotions. She was active in her church, teaching Sunday School, singing in the choir with her sons, and participating in altar guild and ladies aid.

She is survived by her three sons, Lester (Laura), Dan (Dawn) and Robert (Jane); five grandchildren, Paul, Erik (Xin), John, Jenna and Grace; a sister-in-law, Vida Stueber; and many nieces and nephews.

Ruth was preceded in death by her husband, Ervin (in 2020); parents; and brothers Roy (Margie) and Harry (Mary).

Ruth was residing at Cedar Bay Nursing and Rehab at the time of her death.

A funeral service in remembrance of Ruth will be held on

Saturday, March 11, 2023 at noon at Pilgrim Lutheran Church, 462 Meadowbrook Drive, West Bend. Burial will be at 2:45 p.m. at Washington County Memorial Park.

The family will greet relatives and friends at the church on Saturday from 10-11:45 a.m.

Memorials to Pilgrim Lutheran Church or the Lutheran Hour in Ruth's name are appreciated by the family.

The family would like to thank all of the nurses and staff at Cedar Community for all their help and loving care.

The Myrhum-Patten Funeral Home of West Bend has been entrusted with Ruth's arrangements. Additional information and guest book may be found at www.myrhum-patten.com.

Shirley A. Reiter, 84, died Wednesday, March 1, 2023, under the care of Aspirus Comfort Care and Hospice Services at Rennes Health and Rehab Center, Weston.

She was born June 23, 1938, in Eland, daughter of the late Reinhardt and Eleanor (Kunst) Mevarden. In 1975, she married Anton "Tony" Reiter and he preceded her in death in 1999.

Shirley worked as a waitress at The Diner and also for K-Mart. She



Shirley A. Reiter

loved shopping, sewing, crafting and baking. For several years she lived in both Arizona and Colorado.

Survivors include her children, Susan (Darryl Oelke)

Sell, Randy (Kathleen) Gorski, Jay (Rhonda) Gorski and Cheryl

"Cheri" White; grandchildren, Aimee (Brian) Anderson and Tyler (Mimi) Gorski; great-grandchildren, Fallon and Hunter Brown and Bailey Anderson; great-great-grandson, Wesley; sister, Jeanette Pesavento; and Shirley's special friend, Richard Hansen.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers and one sister.

Memorial services were held Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at Pe-

tersson/Kraemer Funeral Home in Wausau.

The family wishes to express their sincere appreciation to the staffs of Rennes, Aspirus Palliative Care and Comfort Care and Hospice Services for the kind, compassionate care given to Shirley.

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Schmidt gets input through listening sessions

Attendance sparse, but legislator explains his views as he learns what constituents want

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Sparse attendance marked the first two listening sessions held March 6 by Rep. Peter Schmidt in Bonduel and Shawano, but he plans to continue the practice to further find out from constituents what they want him to do in the Wisconsin Legislature.

Although the wintry weather is what Schmidt suspects kept more people from attending the daytime sessions, he was able to hear in-depth from the few who attended about what concerns them about their government. Although much of the discussion addressed state issues, there were some federal issues discussed, and Schmidt said that whatever decisions he made would be ones that kept freedoms, not ones that take them away.

"In today's world, we don't have much freedom," Schmidt said at the Bonduel listening session. "Government has way too much power, which we saw in 2020. It's just human nature to acquire power at any cost."

There is discussion in the legislature to make COVID-19 vaccines a requirement for school, the same as for measles, rubella and other ailments. Schmidt is against it, saying "That's no good."

"I don't support mandating that," Schmidt said. "You've always got the religious exemptions but you want a bill where it would be optional."

Schmidt also pointed out that schools are required to be a lot of things already in society, including parents at some times. He blamed the diminishment of the family unit and recommended reform take place so that teachers only have to worry about teaching.

"It's important to have our family structures," Schmidt said. "We don't have a family unit. Mom and dad both work. The kids are home with the technology. They go to school, and teachers are responsible for them now like they're parents."

Schmidt said he is in favor of marijuana being legalized for medical purposes but not for recreational use. Currently, 37 states have legalized medical marijuana, and 21 of those have marijuana legalized for recreational use, as well, but it is still illegal at the federal level on both counts.



Rep. Peter Schmidt listens as a constituent expresses her concerns March 6 at the Shawano County Library during one of four listening sessions for the day. He has more planned for next week.

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AT A GLANCE

Future listening sessions with Rep. Peter Schmidt in Shawano County:

- 1-2 p.m. March 13, Tigerton Community Center, 221 Birch St., Tigerton
- 2:45-3:45 p.m. March 13, Gresham Village Hall, 801 Main St., Gresham

"My district won't support full legalization," Schmidt said during the Shawano listening session. "The reason why law enforcement is against legalizing marijuana is it's being laced with other drugs, including fentanyl."

A couple of women in attendance in Shawano asked Schmidt for his side of the story in regards to the rift between him and the Shawano County Republican Party. The GOP denounced him in the general election, claiming he lied to them about his criminal conviction for assaulting one of his farm workers.

Schmidt noted he is still censured by the county conservatives, even though he won the election, and he said he's fine with that, because he believes partisan politics is what's keeping things from being done at

the state and federal levels.

"It doesn't bother me one bit, because I stand for free speech," Schmidt said. "When you apply for a job, do you tell your HR everything about yourself for that job? It's the same thing running for office. What right do these people have that they should know every day of my life? Do I know everything they did?"

Schmidt noted the knowledge of what happened can be used to slander someone's character, and he believes that his efforts going door-to-door earned him more respect because he was able to face someone individually.

"I volunteered with the Shawano County GOP for years and went to their events," Schmidt said. "The people up here, they want people to do what they want. They use people to get what they want. If you look at the biblical standpoint, that's not Christian."

Schmidt expects he'll go against the grain on a lot of things in office. He pointed out that he turned down the legislature's health insurance, preferring to keep what he has

through his farm in the Town of Hartland.

Schmidt brought up some points regarding election integrity, a hot button issue on both sides of the aisle. He noted in the Bonduel session that Gov. Tony Evers is only interested in reform if it expands voting rights, but he thinks some things should be tightened up, including going back to one-day voting with limited exceptions, something he admitted may not be realistic.

Schmidt said he's against automatic voter registration when someone turns 18, but thinks that felons should have their rights restored once they've left prison.

"If you have more people vote, that makes it harder to cheat, harder to steal an election, and harder to corrupt things because you have more votes when you expand the base," Schmidt said.

Schmidt held two other listening sessions in Pulaski and Seymour. He plans to hold three more on March 13.

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Virtual learning plan for snow days halted

School board approves extra days in calendar to make up for closures but stops online education

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

The suggestion of virtual learning on days when Shawano's public schools have to close due to inclement weather prompted the Shawano School Board to suggest administrators revisit the idea.

Superintendent Kurt Krizan presented a revision to the school district's yearly calendar. The original calendar had room for four days off in the event of winter storms. So far in the 2022-23 school year, Shawano has had to close for five days and also release students early an additional day, which currently puts the district almost 10 hours short of the 1,137 hours the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction requires for students in grades 6-12.

"These weather days have resulted in a loss of 37.5 instructional hours, which puts us below the 1,137 hours of instruction needed," Krizan said.

The revision is requiring the district to make April 10, the day after Easter, a full school day instead of a professional development day that students would have been out of school. The last day of school, June 7, will now be a full day instead of a half day to allow the school to make up the hours.

Winter is not over, however, and there is concern the district might need to close school again in March and possibly April if nasty weather impacts the Shawano area on weekdays. Krizan proposed having any additional closure days become virtual learning days for middle and high school students in lieu of

adding days to the end of the school year. Elementary school students would not be required to engage in virtual learning because DPI requires fewer hours for those grades.

Krizan acknowledged that the area's poor access to broadband would require teachers to develop lesson plans that could be emailed to students and did not require live teaching or videos through the internet. He noted that Bonduel and Wittenberg-Birnamwood school districts are already doing this.

That was not enough to assure some board members who recalled the lengthy school closures during the coronavirus pandemic and how poorly virtual learning was executed during those times.

"What if we do nothing?" said board member Mart Grams, who has previously denounced virtual learning and blames it for students being so far behind educationally. "What if we say, 'Screw it'? The state is not going to punish us because they'd be harming children."

Krizan responded by saying he does not see shrugging off the needed hours as what's best for the students, but Grams said he saw it as preferable as trying to bring back the virtual learning as an alternative.

"Digital learning is the worst thing we can do for these kids. I watched it for a year and a half, and it was horrendous," Grams said. "I took my own son out of school because of that digital learning."

Krizan noted several other options were looked at before deciding on virtual learning. Extending school days did not sit well with Kobussen Buses, which provides

bus service to Shawano, Bonduel and other school districts, because the area's three parochial schools would need to be on board, as those students ride the same buses as their public school counterparts. There was concern about adding days to the end of the school year because summer school is scheduled to start June 12, a few days after the last regular school day.

"I know it's not ideal," Krizan said. "We've looked at a lot of options. One of the suggestions was our Wednesday early releases that we looked at. We may need that, as well (in the future)."

Board member Jeana Winslow, who sits on the district's executive committee and first heard of the plan at its Feb. 28 meeting, said she saw the virtual learning as the best alternative and believed Krizan was doing what was best for teachers and students. Winslow was the lone vote against the measure once the virtual learning proposal was taken out.

"Hearing Kurt talk about that his number one concern was that teachers were impacted the least by implementing this told me that he has your back," Winslow said to the teachers in the audience. "I felt for

the first time that it was genuine, that he took that into consideration."

Several board members asked teachers for their thoughts, but most declined, saying they feared administrative reprisal. Only one teacher, Chris Kent, commented and said that, in his 31 years of teaching, the district had never added teacher days to the end of the school year, referring to plans to make the planned April 10 professional development take place on June 9. Kent said teachers weren't asked about the proposal.

Board president Mike Musolf recommended that Krizan approach school teacher leadership teams with ideas to address future weather closures.

Winslow grew frustrated during the meeting as suggestions of class-action lawsuits for more pay and other things popped up during the discussion.

"I think we're going way off the road here. This is major," Winslow said about having so many weather days. "This isn't a plan that Kurt came up with to screw all the teachers. The weather just sucks here in Wisconsin."

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Krizan is a finalist for Menasha superintendent

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

The Shawano School Board voted in January to make Kurt Krizan the permanent superintendent for the Shawano School District, but word has come out that Krizan is a finalist for superintendent in Menasha.

Krizan sent out an email notification on March 6 about the status. He noted that the selection is far from over and that he is one of three finalists, but he preferred to be transparent on the issue.

Krizan lives in the Menasha area, and he wrote the possibility of working closer to home enticed him to apply.

Krizan wrote he would remain committed to Shawano schools in the meantime.



KURT KRIZAN

"Regardless of the outcome of the selection process, I remain dedicated to doing my best for Shawano schools," Krizan wrote. "I believe we have established a sound foundation for

continuous improvement. We share a vision for student and staff success. I remain committed to keeping that as our focus for the future of our Shawano School District."

Krizan's current contract ends in June, and the board has not voted publicly on a new contract for the superintendent.

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NBC		ⓐ NBC26 News at 6pm (N) ⓑ		ⓐ Family Feud ⓐ Wheel of Fortune		The Voice “The Blind Auditions, Part 3” The coaches seek America’s best voice. (N) ⓐ ⓑ				Quantum Leap “Ben Song for the Defense” Ben leaps into a public defender. (N) ⓐ ⓑ (DVS)				ⓐ NBC26 News at 10pm (N) ⓐ Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)		ⓐ (Ⓐ34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon (N) ⓐ ⓑ		ⓐ (Ⓐ34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon ⓐ ⓑ				(Ⓐ37) Late Night With Seth Meyers ⓐ ⓑ			
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Shawano welcomes new furniture store

Owner of Box Drops hopes to build meaningful relationships with community

By **LUKE REIMER**

Reporter

For those in need of beds and couches, look no further than Box Drop, which recently opened its doors in Shawano.

Box Drop, located at 325 S. Main St., opened in early February and is set to provide mattresses and sofas at a reasonable price, according to store owner Matt LaFave. The Shawano store is the newest of close to 400 stores nationwide.

“Because we have all of this buying power, we can get any manufacturer,” said LaFave. “Really, it is just keeping our overhead low and buying direct from the manufacturer — (the customers) get all of the warranties and we can save them 50-80%.”

LaFave, who also owns the Box Drop store in Green Bay, said he and his family opened the store in Shawano to help fill the furniture need in the city.

“There is only one furniture store here,” said LaFave. “We obviously saw the need for it. Every week at the Green Bay store, we had people from Shawano saying that we need to get one of the stores there. It wasn’t a hard decision for sure.”

In his first month running the store in Shawano, LaFave said that the reception from the Shawano community has been all positive.

“Everyone has been really nice, and honestly this has turned into my favorite store,” said LaFave. “We have sold a lot of beds in the first month. We beat Green Bay (last month) and I have been there for six years, so that is saying something.”

LaFave said that one thing that has opened challenges for him and his staff is having customers understand that these items are the same that you can find in other stores.

“These are the same products and they aren’t used,” said LaFave. “We are getting you the same warranties and getting you the same products.”

He added that the store is open by appointment and that customers have the opportunity to take home their purchase on the same day, or have it delivered to their house.

LaFave went on to say that an important part of the store to him is that it is family-run. LaFave runs both the Shawano and Green Bay stores with his wife, Courtney. With the store being family and communi-



The LaFave family lead the ceremony of cutting the ribbon on the new Box Drop store in Shawano, 325 S. Main St., on March 1. Owner Matt LaFave, fourth from right, said that the store was introduced in order to help fill a furniture void in the city.

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From left, Courtney, Birklee, Crew and Matt LaFave have big smiles as Box Drop in Shawano celebrates its grand opening on March 1. Matt LaFave said that the Shawano store is a family run business, with an emphasis on building strong relationships with customers.

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ty-oriented, LaFave said that his top priority is to help residents in the Shawano community.

“We are all about giving back — we are not going to bring people in from Green Bay, or anything like

that,” said LaFave. “We honestly do care. It is not all about the money for us; we are here to help people.”

As the store continues to grow, LaFave said that he teaches his employees to put a strong emphasis on creating relationships and not pushing sales on people who aren’t ready to buy.

“We gladly will let you leave and come back, because we want you to price check,” said LaFave. “Relationships are the only way that we are going thrive. We have people who have purchased mattresses and told their friends, who told their friends. They are telling them that they sat here for 30 minutes just talking and not even about the mattresses — just kind of hanging out.”

LaFave wrapped up by saying that he hopes the store can act as a place where customers feel comfortable shopping and socializing with staff and others.

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OPINION

Sanitize your countertop, not literature

Sometimes I think I made the right decision by self-publishing my novels, and two recent incidents in the publishing world seem to back that up.

A couple of weeks ago, I read online about the plans to change some of the text and situations in the books of Roald Dahl, including the classic “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.” It’s one of my favorite books, and when I heard that Penguin Random House planned to sanitize the sweet tale along with Dahl’s other tales, it was like I wasn’t living in the United States, where freedom of speech is supposed to mean something.

In “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory,” for example, they’re not going to refer to Augustus Gloop as “enormously fat” and are going to refer to the Oompa Loompas as “small people” instead of “small men.” Another Dahl tale, “Matilda,” is also being altered so that Miss Trunchbull is now a “most formidable woman” instead of “most formidable female,” like “female” is supposed to be a dirty word.

What’s really disturbing is that Dahl’s literature is not in the public domain. Dahl’s estate still has control



LEE PULASKI

at everyone who had the audacity to change his work after he died because it wasn’t deemed inclusive enough by the politically correct.

Fortunately, I’m not the only one who finds the attempts to change a dead man’s work offensive. There was enough backlash by others capable of independent thought, and now Penguin is planning to “bring back” the original stories but to also keep the “sanitized” tales for the snowflake generation that deems many random words to be offensive or in poor taste.

I wish I could be happy that the publisher is going to continue to crank out copies of Dahl’s original stories, but I sense it’s an attempt to appease the masses for now, and once

and sold the rights, which made me think at the time I was reading about this travesty that good old Roald should claw his way out of the grave and unleash hellfire and brimstone

everyone has forgotten what Penguin tried to do here today, the publisher will quietly push out Dahl’s version of the stories and let the “sanitized” versions remain. If Dahl’s descendants had any scruples, they’d demand the Penguin put a stop to the newer, compromised books, but that’s like wishing it wouldn’t snow in Wisconsin.

Roald Dahl is not the only one facing politically correct republication, however. Lovers of James Bond — and I mean fans, not all the women he’s bedded — recently learned that all of the books written by Ian Fleming are also undergoing a rewrite, once again with the blessing of the late author’s estate.

While I’ve never really been too interested in James Bond, and by that, I mean the movies, the story of the secret agent has captivated millions of people for decades. Now, an insignificant minority has determined that some of the language that was part of society at the time the books were written should not reach virgin ears for fear it will traumatize them to know that our past was rather brutal and unkind.

Where does it stop? This movement by the extreme left to censor

and white-out unpleasant language and situations in books is an affront to freedom of speech. It starts with certain words, and then it eventually spreads to include ideas. Instead of trusting people to utilize their own freewill, liberal publishers think they need to save us from naughty language. Well, guess what? We can figure out what’s offensive and disgusting without the thought police from “1984” coming to life.

Authors all over should feel threatened in this day and age. If it’s not leftist publishers trying to rewrite original literature from decades ago, it’s the righteous right trying to ban books from libraries and even bookstores, with a couple of people who subscribe to Neanderthal Today suggesting that books be burned. Meanwhile, those of us stuck in the middle have to hunker down and hope that the siege on literature ends that we’ll still have something interesting to read.

If people want to sanitize something, I suggest starting with their own countertops. Leave books alone.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Preventing excessive force best police practice

To the editor:

As a county resident, I am deeply grateful for the strong leadership of our new sheriff, George Lenzner. In a time where the use of excessive force by law enforcement has become a national issue, it is refreshing to see our sheriff taking proactive steps to ensure his officers are well equipped to handle high-pressure situations.

It’s reassuring that he is addressing the county’s mental health needs through critical incident response training for his officers and by hiring only the most qualified candidates to serve the community. The sheriff’s transparency and open communication is a breath of fresh air and a shining example of what law enforcement can and should be.

Carney Garcia, Shawano

Murder mystery intrigues guests at WOWSPACE



Reginald Ward and Jeannie Dell, played by Robby Johnson and Dawn Meverden, hold hands and get close together as they continue to search for who killed Artemus Ward during “Murder on the Menu,” presented by Crossroads Community Theatre at the WOWSPACE in Wittenberg on March 4. Dinner theater performances are also scheduled March 10-11.

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Reginald Ward and Bernie Jones, played by Robby Johnson and Miriam Nelson, carry Artemus Ward, played by Dave Owens, out of the restaurant during the opening scene of “Murder on the Menu.”

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Alexis Ward, played by Lois Anderson, talks through who she thinks killed her husband, Artemus Ward.

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Bernie Jones and Jeannie Dell, played by Miriam Nelson and Nancy Pehlke, huddle together.

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Crossroads Community Theatre Director Miriam Nelson, who plays the role of Bernie Jones, lifts Artemus Ward's (played by Dave Owens) head out of the plate of mashed potatoes to see if the character is dead during “Murder on the Menu” at the WOWSPACE in Wittenberg on March 4. Nelson, who usually directs the play was forced to step into the acting role, as Dan Young missed the play, due to a family emergency.

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Making application to receive an absentee ballot by mail

The deadline for making application to receive an absentee ballot by mail is:
5 pm on the fifth day before the election, Thursday, March 30, 2023.

Note: Special absentee voting application provisions apply to electors who are indefinitely confined to home or a care facility, in the military, hospitalized, or serving as a sequestered juror. If this applies to you, contact the municipal clerk regarding deadlines for requesting and submitting an absentee ballot.

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No in-person absentee voting may occur on the day before the election.

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Any ballots received after the polls close will not be counted.

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BOOKS AND STUFF

Family tragedy leads into tale of vengeance

Little can compare to the pain of losing a child — unless it is the loss of your husband, 4-year-old daughter and unborn baby. That pain surrounds Prince William County Detective Amanda Steele as Carolyn Arnold opens the story of “The Little Grave.”

Five and a half years ago, Chad Palmer plowed his car into theirs, taking everything Amanda held dear. The ensuing years haven’t dulled Amanda’s pain or curbed her penchant for one-night stands. As she is leaving her latest hookup, Dumfries County Officer and friend Becky Tulson calls to tell her that Chad Palmer has been found dead.

Palmer had only been out of prison a few days and now he was dead. Amanda knows she shouldn’t but feels compelled to go to the dumpy motel where Palmer was found. Somehow, she manages to convince Sgt. Malone to let her work the case. He agrees on the condition that their newest detective, Trent Stenson, act as lead on the case.

Amanda has never had a partner, but she realizes that she must follow Malone’s rules or stay away



JAN JONES

They quickly learn that Palmer arrived with \$25,000 in a now-missing duffel bag. He met with local dealer/lowlife Freddy and died from alcohol poisoning. He also has signs of being restrained and forced whisky.

Through cold cases, they learn that Palmer and his partner owned a pawn shop that fenced stolen goods and that partner was murdered soon after Palmer’s arrest. Next, they learn that Casey-Anne Ritter was killed with the same gun. Could the three cases be related?

Things take a terrible turn when Amanda finds a tiny microchip hidden in a bracelet owned by Chad. The tech team quickly open it and find details of a prostitution ring

from the case. To her surprise, Trent doesn’t react when she is abrupt and rude. Instead, he is quiet and quickly completes assigned tasks or anticipates their needs.

AT A GLANCE

BOOK: “The Little Grave” (Detective Amanda Steele, Book 1)

AUTHOR: Carolyn Arnold

PUBLISHER: Bookouture

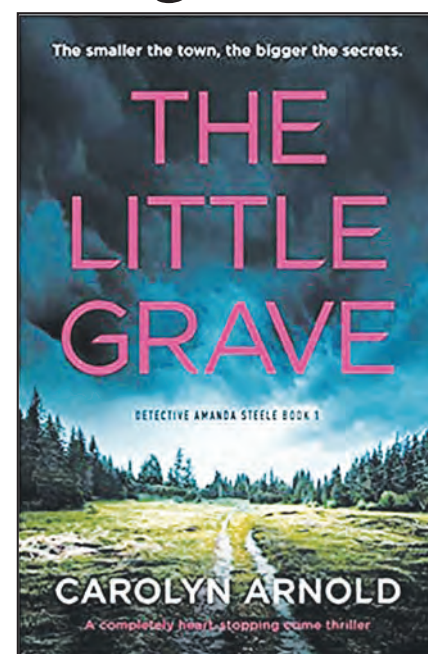
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that steals and sells children as sex slaves. The fury of that exceeds Amanda’s rage about losing her family.

Before she can do more, Commander Hill hears about Amanda’s involvement and demands that she recuse herself. After the interchange, Amanda leaves her gun and badge and heads home, planning to investigate on her own. There she is surprised by Palmer’s cousin Rick Jensen. He feels that Chad’s death isn’t being given serious attention by the police. He slaps her around and threatens to kill her father if she doesn’t find Chad’s killer. He lets her live because she tells him that she gave her word to find the truth, and the Steeles always keep their word.

Thanks to Trent’s tenacious digging, they get two leads to follow and eventually get to the bottom



of the appalling sex ring and the two murders, with vengeance at the heart of it all. Amanda has been true to her word.

Revenge doesn’t replace loss. It only compounds it, yet the shelves of your public library hold many books that include vengeance. Stop by soon and check it out.

WASP group swims at state

Peyton Crick, Halley Innes, Aubrey Wierzba and Kaydence Crick represented the Wittenberg Area Swim Program (WASP) at the Wisconsin 10-and-Under State Championship Swim Meet at the Ashwaubenon Community Pool on Feb. 25-26. Brenna Behreandt served as the quartet’s head coach.

Innes and Peyton Crick qualified for state after posting qualifying times at the Wisconsin Regional Championships on Feb. 17-20 in Fond du Lac. Innes qualified by winning the 50-yard butterfly, while Crick won the 50 breaststroke.

Rylee Crick was scheduled to swim for WASP last weekend at the WI Swim 11-14 State Championships in Pleasant Prairie.

10-and-under state

Peyton Crick: 52nd, 100 IM (1:36); 68th, 50 breaststroke (47.29); 71st, 50 butterfly (43.07); 85th, 50 backstroke (44.56).

Halley Innes: 22nd, 200 IM (3:29.72); 28th, 100 butterfly (1:43.18); 65th, 50 butterfly (41.82); 54th, 100 IM (1:36.18).

Aubrey Wierzba: 10th, 100 breaststroke (1:32.23); 22nd, 50 breaststroke (42.55); 35th, 100 IM (1:29.29); 59th 50 backstroke (40.58).

200 medley relay — Kaydence Crick, Aubrey Wierzba, Halley Innes, Peyton Crick: 25th (2:43.65).

200 freestyle relay — Aubrey Wierzba, Halley Innes, Kaydence Crick, Peyton Crick: 25th (2:31.94).

Regional championships

Halley Innes: first, 50 butterfly (40.46); fourth, 100 butterfly (1:46.36); 10th 50 breaststroke (50.3); 11th, 100 breaststroke (1:53.99); 13th, 100 IM (1:36.26); 17th, 50 backstroke (46.94).

Peyton Crick: first, 50 breaststroke (46.37); 11th, 100 freestyle (1:26.92); 15th, 100 IM (1:37.44).

Kaydence Crick: ninth, 50 breaststroke (50.01); 13th, 100 freestyle (1:28.94); 16th, 100 IM (1:38.48).

Aubrey Wierzba: 11th, 100 IM (1:33.98); 12th, 100 freestyle (1:27.51).

200 freestyle relay — Kaydence Crick, Aubrey Wierzba, Halley Innes, Peyton Crick: third (2:30.42).



The WASP quartet of Kaydence Crick, Halley Innes, Peyton Crick and Aubrey Wierzba competed at the Wisconsin 10-and-Under State Championship Swim Meet at the Ashwaubenon Community Pool on Feb. 25-26.

KRISTEANNA CRICK

Kussel orders after-the-fact variance null and void

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Court Judge William Kussel Jr. ruled March 6 that the Shawano County Board of Adjustment's decision to grant an after-the-fact variance for a deck addition null and void.

The ruling comes after Shawano resident Carney Garcia had reported violations to Shawano County regarding a shared property lot on Washington Lake in July 2021. Garcia reported that two homeowners had built an extension on a deck four feet into the shared lot without pulling permits and using 2-foot setbacks, instead of 25-foot setbacks.

During a Board of Adjustment meeting in April 2022, the board voted 3-2 to grant an after-the-fact variance to the homeowners. Garcia then filed a writ of certiorari for the Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Court to review the ruling.

During Kussel's oral ruling, he opened the meeting introducing attorney Josiah Stein, who was representing Garcia, and attorney Andrew Smith representing the Shawano County Board of Adjustment.

"This matter involves the after-the-fact variance request regarding the expansion of the deck with compliments to the Shawano County zoning ordinance, which the board, by a 3-2 decision, granted the request," said Kussel.

Kussel said that Garcia is one of the neighbors who was impacted by the variance and said the the actions of the board of adjustment were deficient to grant the variance. When reviewing the information, Kussel said that the board of adjustment is to detail why they made a decision, something that Stein argued that the board did not do during the oral arguments court hearing on Jan. 24.

Even though the board of adjustment passed an after-the-fact variance based on "neighborly kindness," allowing the homeowner to maximize their property, Kussel said that does not fall in line with the standard set by Shawano County.

"That ordinance defines what is a necessary hardship or property limi-

tations for protection of public interest," said Kussel. "The board failed to consider the standards required by the ordinance or at least failed to detail their decision regarding those standards."

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March 10, 2023

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY LIQUOR LICENSE

Notice is hereby given that the following application for a Temporary License to deal in Fermented Malt Beverages has been filed with the Wittenberg Town Clerk.

Trade name: Wittenberg Pilots Baseball (BABA)

Kind of license applied for: **Class B Temporary License (6 months)**

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Wittenberg-Biramwood School District Official Minutes of the Board of Education January 23, 2023

Meeting called to order by President Chuck Wendler, pursuant to WI. STATS. 1984 (1). Superintendent Rogowski verified that this meeting was posted and published as required by law.

Roll Call of the Board: All 9 Board Members were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approve the Minutes: (Olson-Schmidt) moved to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2022 regular meeting with 1 correction being Olson did not attend the WASB Regional Meeting. Roll Call: 9 yes. Motion carried.

Communications & Delegations: In attendance along with Board Members were: Garrett Rogowski, Jill Resch, Cole Irish, Stuart Russ, Nick Firari, Megan Marcks, Jill Meverden, Trevor Szutkoski and Luke Reimer.

Public Comments: None

Board Concerns or Reports: None

Student Representative: None

Financial Report: (Magee-Schmidt) made a motion to pay the following as of January 23, 2023: Budgetary checks numbering 107801-107979 in the amount of \$233,531.48, payroll checks numbering 142551-142568 in the amount of \$26,180.48, direct deposit advices in the amount of \$443,357.34 ACH payments in the amount of \$469,402.91 and credit card payments in the amount of \$40,247.57. Superintendent Rogowski reported a cash on deposit as of December 31, 2022 of \$3,009,654.87 and LGIP Account balance as of December 31, 2022 of \$146,566.81. Roll call vote: 9 yes. Motion carried.

Approve Agenda: (Stewart-Pietz) moved to approve the agenda including closed sessions plan for negotiating health insurance renewal and Staffing Scenarios. Motion passes.

Administrative Reports:

-Cole Irish, Biramwood Elementary and Middle School Principal, talked about Birds of Prey visiting their building and also about the upcoming Father/Daughter dance and Mother/Son Bowling activities that are planned. The students enjoyed a Random Rewards Day. Mr. Irish also said that Alex Exworthy took 3 students to All Star Band.

-Nick Firari, Wittenberg Elementary and Middle School Principal, said the 8th graders will be scheduling next year's classes and taking tours of the High School. There will be a social media safety presentation by officer Thornborrow for middle schoolers. He was happy to report that he has received a lot of compliments on the new Art Teacher, Mrs. Wilde. Mr. Firari also stated that Chris Nier is establishing Perfect Attendance Recognition.

-Stuart Russ, Wittenberg-Biramwood High School Principal, said the Snowball will take place February 11, 2023 at Lisa's Lakeside. He also said TAD week will return to the High School. Mr. Russ gave an update on athletic and other extracurricular activities going on. Staff are already planning for this year's graduation and Sylvia the pig had 12 piglets in the ag barn.

-Megan Marcks, Director of Pupil Services, said the 8th grade transition day will happen

tomorrow with the 8th Grade Parent Night tomorrow night. Stephanie Gruber, high school counselor, has been presenting at both middle schools to assist in planning and scheduling for the 23-24 school year

-Superintendent Rogowski thanked the Buildings and Grounds Committee for helping with decision making on softball and baseball fields. He also discussed some parent concerns with the Board.

Old Business:
None

New Business:

A. (Magee-Olson) moved to approve the 2023-2024 Course Description Handbook as presented. Motion carried.

B. (Meredith-Schmidt) moved to approve the Open Enrollment Seats for special education and regular education for 2023-2024 based on space and availability of service/personnel as follows:

Speech and Language: 0

Early Childhood (3 and 4 year olds): 0

Grades K-5 Cross Categorical Special Education: 2

Grades 6-8 Cross Categorical Special Education: 0

Grades 9-12 Cross Categorical Special Education: 4

The WB School District will not accept open enrollment applications for grades/classrooms that exceed the following seats:

4K-5th grade: 25

6th-12th grade: 30

Motion carried.

C. (Schmidt-Stewart) moved to approve the hiring of Brenna Behreandt as Wittenberg Middle School Science Teacher starting with the 23-24 school year, compensation being \$43,600 annually, and the hiring of Tanya Gehrig as Biramwood Middle School Literacy/Language Arts Teacher with a start date of February 1, 2023, compensation being \$19,718.16 for the remainder of this school year. Motion carried.

D. (Stewart-Olson) Moved to approve the resignation of Waylon Resch as JV2 Baseball Coach and the resignation of Rebecca Salvesen as JV Softball Coach. The Board would like to thank them for their service. Motion carried.

E. (Magee-Meridith) moved to approve the hiring of Shannon Inderdahl as Middle School Softball Coach and to hire Joe Ladika as Varsity Softball Coach. Motion carried.

F. (Olson-Schmidt) moved to approve the intent to retire of Cathy Patridge, High School Special Education Teacher at the end of the 2022-2023 school year, last day being June 5, 2023. The Board would like to thank her for her 18 years of service. Motion carried.

G. (Stewart-Hanson) moved to approve the WB softball team traveling to Northern Michigan for a softball tournament on March 24 and 25, 2023. Motion carried.

H. 1st Reading of the Volume 31, No 2 Policy revisions. This will be back in February for approval.

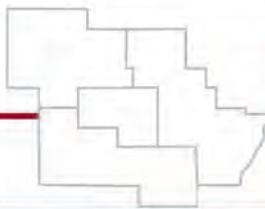
I. The Board thanked the Charger Booster Club for their donation of \$3,000 for the low ropes course at the school forest. They also thanked the Darlene Gunderson Legion Post for donating \$600 toward negative lunch balances at Biramwood Elementary School and for donating \$600 for the helmets at the low ropes course.

Adjournment: (Stewart-Magee) moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Resch
School Board Secretary

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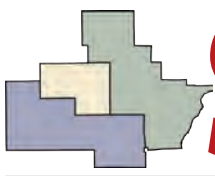
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HAWKS CAN'T COMPLETE COMEBACK

Shawano eliminated after
regional final loss to Mosinee

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Shawano's Brandon Reed, left, takes a shot during a regional title game against Mosinee on March 4 in Shawano.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Hawks' season ends after regional final loss

Hawks topped Wausau East in previous round

By MORGAN RODE
Sports Editor

The Shawano Community High School boys basketball team wasn't able to finish off a second-half comeback effort in a 77-65 Division 2 regional final loss to Mosinee on March 4 in Shawano.

After trailing by double digits at halftime and for a good chunk of the second half, the second-seeded Hawks got back within two after a 9-0 run. A Luke Guenther 3-pointer, Michael Metcalf-Grassman three-point play and Jacob Landon triple provided the points on the run.

Third-seeded Mosinee answered back with the next five points, but Shawano wasn't done yet. Metcalf-Grassman converted a shot and Julian Perez hit a triple to get the Hawks within four with still over six minutes to play.

The visitors responded with a 3-pointer of their own, but buckets from Landon and Logan Sipple brought Shawano within three, 58-55, with over four minutes to play.

"Every time we'd get close, they'd come down and hit another tough shot and answer back," said Shawano's Brandon Reed. "They just kept answering."

The back-and-forth theme continued for the next couple minutes. Mosinee went back up seven before a Guenther basket. Mosinee scored about 20 seconds later before Sipple scored a quick basket on the other end. Mosinee scored on its end before Sipple scored again for the Hawks.

With just 1:40 left in the contest, Shawano decided to put the pressure on Mosinee at the free-throw line, where the visitors had struggled most of the second half. When the shots counted the most, Mosinee came through, making 11 of its 18 attempts in the final 100 seconds of the contest. While the seven misses left the door open for Shawano, the hosts were only able to convert one field goal in that span.

Mosinee made one free throw on the first chance at the charity stripe,



Shawano's Jacob Landon, left, drives to the rim during a regional title game against Mosinee on March 4 in Shawano.

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and Landon made two on the other end to get Shawano within four. The next time the Hawks scored, Mosinee had built a nine-point advantage, and Metcalf-Grassman's bucket with under 50 seconds to play proved to be the team's final points of the contest and season.

"I mean, I give credit to our team. We had a heck of a comeback, we were battling, we battled to the end," said Metcalf-Grassman. "They just made plays. I mean, we got it within two a couple times and they

just hit 3s and made plays. They are good."

The true turning point in the contest came about halfway through the opening half.

Shawano trailed for much of the early going, but was able to stick within a couple points. Mosinee led 17-16 before an 8-2 spurt created some separation.

The Hawks appeared to settle back in, but a 7-0 run briefly pushed the Mosinee lead to 13 before Shawano scored late in the half to make



Shawano's Logan Sipple follows through on a shot during the team's regional title game against Mosinee on March 4 in Shawano.

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it an 11-point game.

Mosinee hit six 3-pointers in the first half. When the visitors weren't hitting a triple, they always seemed to be grabbing offensive rebounds and getting second-chance points.

"I think as a team, we were playing good on-ball defense. I think where we started to sleep a little bit was that off-ball (defense) — I think we helped off the ball a little too much. They heated up fast and it allowed them to stretch that lead going into the second half," said Perez.

"I would say switching into that zone, that was a good move," said Landon on what gave the team some trouble offensively. "We struggled with that even last night too. We weren't as confident and as witty as we are against that 2-3 zone that we

normally were. We weren't moving very fast, the ball wasn't moving very well. We didn't finish shots, a lot of missed layups, so that's the result that's going to come of that."

While the regional title loss meant the team finished a bit short of some of its goals, the Hawks' entire season was nothing to their heads about.

Shawano capped the season with a 19-7 overall record, including a 9-5 mark that placed the team third in a loaded Bay Conference.

The season was a fun way for a team dominated by seniors to cap their playing careers together. All five starters from the team were seniors.

"It was a blast for sure," said Guenther. "Grew up together, played together since we were in first grade, it's been fun for sure."

"There's not a group I'd rather do it with, not a coaching staff I'd rather do it with," said Metcalf-Grassman. "These were some of the best moments of my life. Obviously we wanted to make it farther, but we have a season we can look back on and everyone can be proud of. Hopefully these juniors, sophomores and freshmen can keep it going for us."

Shawano picked up win No.



Shawano's Julian Perez defends during the team's regional title game against Mosinee on March 4 in Shawano.

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19 with a thrilling 75-70 regional semifinal win over seventh-seeded

Wausau East on March 3 in Shawano.

Metcalf-Grassman powered Shawano with 28 points. Landon added 20 points, while Reed had 17.

The Hawks made 18 of their 25 free throws to prevail.

"We've played all our lives together and this is really what it leads to for all of us, so that means so much to us," said Perez while recapping the season. "Coming out here, I think we really affected Shawano basketball as a whole and that's really nice to see, and I hope Shawano basketball continues to grow. It sucks that we have to end here, but it was one good ride with all my teammates."

"Just playing with my teammates, bus rides home — just spending time and growing up with all these guys and the coaches," said Reed. "It's been a blast and I loved every moment of it."

Mosinee 37 40 — 77

Shawano 26 39 — 65

Mosinee (77): Aidan Shaughnessy 0-0 11, Keagen Jirschele 7-11 19, Blake Nichols 4-6 13, Garrett Shupe 0-0 9, Landon Thomer 2-5 13, Davin Stoffel 2-9 12.

Shawano (65): Logan Sipple 0-0 12, Luke Guenther 0-1 8, Julian Perez 0-0 3, Michael Metcalf-Grassman 3-5 14, Jacob Landon 5-6 19, Brandon Reed 1-2 7, Deacon Carroll 0-0 2.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Bears fall short in sectional semifinal

Bonduel ousted by Mishicot

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Bonduel High School girls basketball team had its state dreams dashed by Mishicot in a Division 4 sectional semifinal playoff game on March 2 in Oconto Falls.

Bonduel fouls and Mishicot free throws were a big theme in the second half and proved to be the deciding factor in the final seconds. Bonduel was whistled for a foul with 1.9 seconds left, allowing Mishicot to make two free throws and come away with a 42-40 win.

It was another heartbreaking finish to a season for Bonduel, which was ousted from the playoffs on a last-second 3-pointer against Westfield in a sectional title game last winter.

Much like that contest, Bonduel needed a comeback effort just to potentially send the game into overtime. This time around, Bonduel led for a good portion of the game.

Bonduel was up 34-30 with over six minutes to play, but Mishicot cut into the deficit with a field goal with roughly five minutes to go. Mishicot only hit one more field goal in the contest, but got to the free-throw line several times to surge ahead.

By the end of the game, Mishicot attempted 18 more free throws than Bonduel. The Bears were whistled for 18 fouls, while Mishicot had just six.

A free throw with 4:05 to play and another with 3:16 to play tied the game at 34. Mishicot grabbed the lead with another free throw with 2:09 to play and then were awarded two more free throws after an offensive rebound and foul after a missed free throw that appeared to not make contact with the rim.

After Mishicot made those two free throws, Bonduel turned the ball over, leading to a breakaway layup and a five-point deficit.

The Bears continued to fight and got back within a point after a bucket from Audrey Weier and two free throws from Ella Hischke. Mishicot made a free throw to go back up two with 31.6 seconds to play, but Weier made another shot with about 15 seconds left to tie it.

Mishicot moved the ball into the



Bonduel's Audrey Weier converts a layup during a sectional semifinal playoff game against Mishicot on March 2 in Oconto Falls.

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frontcourt before calling timeout with 6.8 seconds left to set up the final sequence. Mishicot missed its initial shot attempt, but got an offensive rebound and was fouled on the follow-up attempt.

Bonduel wasn't able to get a shot off in the final 1.9 seconds after a timeout of its own.

The Bears overcame a slow start to the game by working the ball into the post and getting some good looks around the basket. Bonduel led by as many as seven before taking a five-point break into halftime.

Bonduel continued to attack the paint in the second half, but the shots weren't falling nearly as frequently. The Bears had several great looks roll off the rim, sometimes two or three in

a single possession.

"Obviously, we really wanted to make those shots, especially because they were so close, but whatever happens, happens," said Kendra Troxel, one of three seniors on Bonduel's roster.

"Yeah, it was frustrating. I mean, we could have done a little better on the boards too, me included," said Hailey Zernicke. "But it is what it is, shots didn't fall."

Mishicot started the second half by scoring five of the first seven points before Bonduel's Ella Hischke hit a 3-pointer. Mishicot responded with the next five points to tie it up.

Hischke hit a couple jumpshots before Zernicke and Troxel scored to make it 34-30.

In the first half, it was Weier who led the Bears, scoring 12 of the team's 21 points. She finished with 16 points and three steals.

Bonduel struggled to get going offensively at the start of the game, with Josie Anvelink coming off the bench and getting the team's first points about 3½ minutes into play.

Weier had the next four points before a Zernicke triple and basket from Weier tied it at 11. Another Weier basket with about five minutes to play in the half gave the Bears their first lead.

More strong defense led to a fastbreak layup from Bonduel's Hailee Thompson. After a Mishicot 3-pointer, Weier hit two more shots before Anvelink capped the team's scoring in the opening half with a basket.

The loss left Bonduel with a 22-5 record on the season, which included a 13-1 mark to win the Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division by a game. The Bears last loss before the sectional semifinal was back on Dec. 29.

Coach Jerry Reinke thanked his three seniors — Troxel, Macy Niles and Bella Delzer — for their contributions and leadership over the year and their careers.

He then laid some of the groundwork on what the team needs to focus on in order to help the program take the next step and reach state.

"We gotta get out and work in the offseason. I think we gotta be able to shoot a little bit more from the perimeter, obviously we can get in the paint and play through that but it's going to take work in the offseason to get to that next level," Reinke said.

The Bears will return their top four scorers and hope to use the feeling of the sectional semifinal loss to fuel them.

"We'll all use it as motivation," said Hischke. "It ended the same way last year, just one game farther. We're all in the gym in the summer, we all go to summer league games. Our team works hard in the summer, so I think it'll pay off."

Bonduel 21 19 — 40

Mishicot 16 26 — 42

Mishicot (42): Kailey Tulachka 6-10 16, Julie Koeppel 8-8 12, Cora Stodola 1-2 5, Grace Willems 0-0 6, Christina Moyle 1-2 3.

Bonduel (40): Kendra Troxel 0-0 2, Ella Hischke 2-2 9, Audrey Weier 2-2 16, Hailee Thompson 0-0 2, Josie Anvelink 0-0 4, Hailey Zernicke 0-0 7.



Pulaski's Lincoln Simons defends the net for the Ashwaubenon co-op during a Fox River Classic Conference matchup to Notre Dame on Jan. 7 at Cornerstone Community Center in Ashwaubenon. Simons landed on the FRCC second team this winter.

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HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY

Pulaski pair honored for play on ice

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

A pair of Pulaski High School boys hockey players earned spots on Fox River Classic Conference teams for their play on the Ashwaubenon co-op this winter.

Senior Lincoln Simons landed on the second team for his play as a goaltender. Senior Anthony Steffen made the honorable mention list for his efforts as a forward.

"Pretty disappointed as my goal was to be first team all-conference again, but still was an honor to be all-conference all four years of high school hockey," said Simons of the honor.

"Being named honorable mention on my final high school season makes me feel accomplished of what I've done this season," said Steffen. "Being recognized for all the hard work and

determination I put in this season feels great to be part of the honorable mention team with many others who worked hard this season."

Simons spent nearly 1,200 minutes defending the goal this winter across 23 total games. He stopped 525 of the 564 shots on goal for a save percentage of .931, one of the top marks in the entire state. He posted eight shutouts.

In seven conference games, Simons had 173 saves across 193 chances, with a pair of shutouts to his name.

Steffen finished the season with 12 points, scoring eight goals and assisting on four scores.

In FRCC action, Steffen had one goal and two assists.

The Ashwaubenon co-op finished the season 14-8-1 overall and 3-4 in conference action.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Gillett boys fall in regional title game

Pulaski, Bonduel, Marion lose in regional semifinals

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The Gillett Secondary School boys basketball won a pair of playoff games to advance to a Division 5 regional title game last week, but saw its season end there after a loss to Three Lakes.

Pulaski, Bonduel and Marion all won regional quarterfinal games before being ousted in regional semifinal action. The rest of the area teams were eliminated after regional quarterfinal losses.

Division 5

Third-seeded Gillett opened the postseason with a 70-23 rout of 14th-seeded White Lake in a regional quarterfinal on Feb. 28 in Gillett.

Jesse DeBauch hit four 3-pointers and led Gillett with 26 points. Austin VandeCorput made 10 field goals to add in 20 points. Tyler Frank posted eight points for the Tigers.

The Tigers then pulled away in the second half for a 56-42 win over sixth-seeded Wabeno/Laona in a regional semifinal on March 3 in Gillett.

Aydin Franti led a balanced Gillett offensive attack with 15 points. VandeCorput added 14 points, while DeBauch had 13.

Ben Matczak chipped in nine points for Gillett, which led 17-15 at halftime.

In the regional final against second-seeded Three Lakes, Gillett lost 62-54, leaving the Tigers with a 17-10 overall record on the season.

Gillett will only graduate four seniors from the roster. VandeCorput was the only senior in the starting lineup.

Tenth-seeded Marion pulled off a 69-51 upset of seventh-seeded Northland Lutheran on Feb. 28 in Kronenwetter before falling 68-29 to second-seeded Pacelli in a regional semifinal on March 3 in Stevens Point.

The playoff win was the first in 11 years for Marion. The Mustangs capped the year with a 14-12 record.

Parker Miller led Marion against Northland Lutheran with 17 points, while Jaden Stuhr had 16. Izan Bueno added 14 points for the Mustangs. Ryan Malueg chipped in 12 points.



Gillett's Austin VandeCorput, right, defends during the team's regional semifinal win over Wabeno/Laona on March 3 in Gillett.

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Stuhr tallied nine points for Marion against Pacelli. Miller chipped in eight points.

Tigerton, a No. 11 seed, lost 76-43 in a regional quarterfinal against sixth-seeded Port Edwards on Feb. 28 in Port Edwards. Tigerton went 16-9 this winter season.

Ryder Graham scored 10 points to lead Tigerton offensively. Colby Wanta tallied nine points, five assists and three steals, while Loghan Wanta had nine points and seven boards.

Sam Anhueser contributed seven points for the Tigers. Asher Michaelis grabbed nine rebounds and dished out three assists.

Gresham, a No. 15 seed, fell 83-35 to No. 2 Pacelli in a regional quarterfinal on Feb. 28 in Stevens Point. Gresham finished the season with a 1-24 record.

Bryson Nelson scored 14 points to pace Gresham. Blade Hoffman contributed 10 points.

Bowler, a No. 12 seed, lost 89-35 against fifth-seeded Almond-Bancroft

in a regional quarterfinal on Feb. 28 in Almond. The Panthers finished the year with a 10-15 overall record.

Tenth-seeded Suring dropped its regional quarterfinal playoff game by a final score of 68-46 against seventh-seeded Elcho on Feb. 28 in Elcho. Suring finished the season with a 7-18 overall record.

Lena, a No. 15 seed, lost 82-24 against No. 2 Three Lakes in a regional quarterfinal on Feb. 28 in Three Lakes. Lena posted a 1-24 mark this winter.

Division 4

Sixth-seeded Bonduel rolled to an 87-56 regional quarterfinal win over 11th-seeded Crandon on Feb. 28 in Bonduel before being eliminated after a 62-43 setback to third-seeded Kewaunee on March 3 in Kewaunee.

Bonduel hit 19 3-pointers to roll past Crandon. Noah Weier powered Bonduel with 17 points, 13 rebounds and five assists. He hit four 3-pointers.

Race Anvelink and Cade Johnson

each hit four triples on their way to scoring 12 points for the Bears. Charlie Tauchen made three triples to tally nine points.

Colin Margelofsky tallied 14 points for Bonduel, while Ryan Westrich had 12. Brodie Hartmann contributed eight points in the well-rounded effort.

Against Kewaunee, Bonduel was outscored 39-23 in the second half.

Westrich tallied 12 points to lead Bonduel, while Weier had 11. Johnson recorded nine points for the Bears. Tauchen contributed seven points.

Bonduel ended the season with a 19-7 mark.

Ninth-seeded Menominee Indian fell just short in a 65-62 regional quarterfinal loss against Manawa on Feb. 28 in Manawa. The Eagles capped the year with a 14-11 record.

Division 2

Eighth-seeded Pulaski was a 79-62 winner over eighth-seeded Luxemburg-Casco in a regional quarterfinal on Feb. 28 in Pulaski before falling 77-67 to top-seeded West De Pere in a regional semifinal on March 3 in De Pere.

Derek Shaw hit three 3-pointers and eight total field goals on his way to a 23-point showing for Pulaski against Lux-Casco.

Colin Schultz added 17 points for the Red Raiders, while Brady Wotruba had 12. Gatlin Robaidek and Ethan Schmidt scored 11 points each.

Pulaski caps the winter season with a 10-16 overall record.

Division 3

Wittenberg-Birnamwood, a No. 11 seed, lost 74-53 to sixth-seeded Wrightstown in a regional quarterfinal on Feb. 28 in Wrightstown.

Mason Meverden scored 14 points to lead Witt-Birn in the losing effort. Jett Rogowski and Michael Miller tallied 12 points each.

Witt-Birn went 8-17 this winter.

Oconto Falls, a No. 13 seed, had its season come to a close after a 78-58 regional quarterfinal loss to fourth-seeded Peshtigo on Feb. 28 in Peshtigo.

Carter Hill tallied 13 points for Oconto Falls, while Caden Birr had 12 and Braden Vandermoss 11. Jameson Beaman chipped in eight points, while Alex Haines had six.

Oconto Falls finished the season with a 3-22 mark.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL



Pulaski's Ella Wiese takes a jumpshot during a Nov. 21 nonconference game against New London in Pulaski. Wiese made the FRCC honorable mention team for a second straight season. MORGAN RODE | NEW MEDIA

2 Pulaski girls make FRCC honorable mention team

By MORGAN RODE
Sports Editor

Pulaski High School's Ella Wiese and Madeline Christenson each earned spots on the Fox River Classic Conference honorable mention team in their senior basketball seasons.

It marks the second straight honorable mention nod for Wiese, while Christenson earned a conference honor for the first time.

"It means a lot to be named all-conference in my final season, especially because my high school basketball journey has not been easy from start to finish — with having one knee surgery when I was a freshman to having another one this past February and missing the last half of my senior season," said Wiese. "So for me this really means a lot to be all-conference

again this year."

"It means a lot to receive honorable mention for all-conference — as a senior and as my last year ever playing basketball it is such a fulfilling accomplishment," said Christenson.

Wiese and Christenson led the Red Raiders in scoring this winter.

Wiese also finished in the top 15 in the conference with 2 steals per conference game. She also was in the top 15 in 3-point percentage, finishing at 29.6%.

Christenson was inside the FRCC top 15 in free throw and 3-point percentage. She shot 72.7% from the free-throw line and 29.9% from behind the 3-point line.

Pulaski finished 5-13 in conference play this winter.

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HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY

Bay Area girls win state title

Pulaski trio lends hand in Ice Bears' triumph

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Pulaski High School's Briana Anundsen, Olympia Simons and Faye Brunke helped the Bay Area Ice Bears girls hockey team win the state title on March 4 at Bob Suter's Capitol Ice Arena in Middleton.

Bay Area capped a special winter season with a 3-0 win over Superior/Northwestern in the championship game. The Ice Bears topped the Middleton co-op 4-1 on March 2 in the state semifinal.

"Being a part of this team means a lot to me," said Brunke. "It really is a special thing, and it's an amazing feeling knowing we as a team won the state title. This team has put so much effort and hard work into practices, games and the offseason, and truly every single player got us to this point."

"Being part of this year's team has been so special to me," said Simons. "This team is a co-op high school sport, which means we don't typically get a lot of recognition and some of our achievements can go unnoticed. This year, after we qualified for state, we finally started to get a lot of recognition through our schools and got to feel the true high school sport experience."

"We were posted on our school's social media, more students came to watch our game, teachers congratulated us. This state title has been so memorable, and I wouldn't want to share this success with anybody else but these teammates. We all worked so hard to get to this point and to finally see all of our hard work pay off has been so amazing."

Bay Area scored a goal in each period against Superior/Northwestern to prevail.

The Ice Bears were outshot 32-23, but they got strong play from their defense, which includes Anundsen and Simons. Anna Byczek, the team's goalie from Bay Port, posted the shut-out between the pipes.

After a fairly evenly matched first two periods, Bay Area's defense



The Bay Area Ice Bears girls hockey team celebrates after winning a state title on March 4 in Middleton.

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shined in the third period when the team was outshot 14-2.

When the Ice Bears were on the attack, Brunke was leading the charge on several occasions. She finished tied for second on the team with three shot attempts. Simons was credited with a shot in the second period.

Bay Port's Kristina Kruse, Notre Dame's Addison Dahl and De Pere's Claire Bradford scored Bay Area's goals. De Pere's Rachael Beeck and Julianne Bradford were credited with assists.

The win pushed Bay Area to a 25-3 overall record for the season.

It was the second time a co-op team including Pulaski won a state title, with the other coming in 2014. A co-op including Pulaski lost in the state title in 2017.

In the team's state semifinal win over the Middleton co-op, Brunke got Bay Area going with the contest's first goal.

"Getting the puck in the back of the net is an amazing feeling itself, but at a state tournament makes it so much more special," said Brunke.

"Our team has grown so much since the start of this season, and we have really bonded and boosted our teamwork. We really all do work together so well, and that's one of the biggest things a team can have."

Brunke ended up attempting four shots in the game. Kruse and Julianne Bradford assisted on her goal.

Bay Area added a goal in the second period to go up 2-0 before Middleton scored to tighten things up. The Ice Bears scored twice in the final period to pull away.

Beeck, Julianne Bradford and Ashwaubenon's Emily Bill scored the team's final three goals. Kruse, Claire Bradford, Julianne Bradford, Seymour's Addy Gady and Green Bay Preble's Hannah Von Haden were all credited with assists.

Despite it taking until the third period to pull away, Bay Area dominated most of the way, holding a 36-11 advantage in shots.

This winter's state title could be the start of big things to come for the Ice Bears, as only a handful of players from the team will be graduating in

the spring. There are more sophomores and freshmen on the team than juniors and seniors. Simons and Anundsen are both sophomores, while Brunke is a freshman.

"Knowing this feeling of such a huge success will forever be a core memory for all of us," said Simons. "After last year's loss to Fox Cities, all of the returning players, including myself, knew how it felt to just fall short of our goals. The loss pushed us all to get better and work harder so it didn't happen again. Now that we have succeeded and felt this experience, we will want it again for ourselves and for the upcoming players."

"We now know that this state title isn't just a fantasy that we can dream about, but a real life thing that is achievable if we work together and try our hardest. This was truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience and will always be a core memory, and hopefully our team will be able to relive this moment again in the upcoming seasons."

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

3 named to WFCA All-Star Game rosters

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Wittenberg-Birnamwood’s David Gauderman and Lena’s Josh Kristof and Sam Marquardt were all named to Wisconsin Football Coaches Association All-Star Game rosters. Gauderman is on the North Small roster, which will take on the South Small all-stars at noon on July 15 at Titan Stadium in Oshkosh. Kristof and Marquardt are part of the South 8-player roster, which will battle the North 8-player team at 6 p.m. July 14 on the same field. Each of the three area players named to all-star rosters enjoyed

big high school careers on the football field. In his senior season, Gauderman made the Central Wisconsin Conference-Large Division first team as a running back and linebacker. He was also the Co-Offensive Player of the Year. Gauderman rushed for 1,539 yards and 16 touchdowns during the season. He also caught three touchdown passes and had 157 receiving yards on 12 receptions. Gauderman racked up 96 total tackles during the nine-game regular season, with 22 stops going

for losses. He also had 7½ sacks, two forced fumbles and one fumble recovery. Marquardt, the quarterback for the Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy co-op, made the Peninsula Conference first team as a running back and second team as a defensive back. He was also tabbed the conference’s Offensive Player of the Year. Kristof landed on the first team for his play as a linebacker. He was named the conference’s Defensive Player of the Year. Marquardt rushed for 1,563 yards

and 25 touchdowns while throwing for an additional 491 yards and nine scores. On defense, Marquardt totaled 54 total tackles, two fumble recoveries and two interceptions — one of which he returned for a touchdown. Kristof racked up 124 total tackles, 22 of which went for losses. He also forced two fumbles. On offense, Kristof tallied 129 total yards and had a rushing touchdown. Gauderman, Marquardt and Kristof also landed on WFCA All-State teams after their performances this past fall.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Several area boys and girls earn academic honors

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

High school basketball players from Bonduel, Oconto Falls, Shawano and Wittenberg-Birnamwood earned Academic All-State nods from the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association. To qualify for a spot on the Academic All-State list, athletes

must be varsity players and hold a grade-point average of at least 3.5. The recipients will receive a WBCA certificate from their school. Nomination information was provided to all coaches, and recognition on the list is dependent on coach nomination and possible verification with schools. Bonduel’s Josie Anvelink, Bella

Delzer, Ella Hischke, Ashlyn Kurey, Macy Niles, Tatum Sporisky, Hailee Thompson, Kendra Troxel, Audrey Weier and Hailey Zernicke all were honored, as was Witt-Birn’s Reese Rogowski. On the boys side, Shawano’s Deacon Carroll, Jacob Landon, Michael Metcalf-Grassman and Brandon Reed and Oconto Falls’ Grayson Cahak,

Easton Engel, Alex Haines, Emerich Skarban, Braden Vandermoss and Evan Yuma were all recognized. The WBCA will also release the Elite Academic All-State list at a later date. The recognition will be for seniors only and be judged on an athlete’s work in the classroom and play on the court. Only 15 boys and 15 girls will earn recognition across the state.

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Team	W	L
Golfside	60	20
Farmall Fanatics	53	27
Launching Pad	50 1/2	29 1/2
Bamboo	50	30
Northern Advantage	48	32
Brother’s	44	36
Lakeshore Lanes	41	39
Rosie’s Railway	33	47
Full Service Tents	32 1/2	47 1/2
Dearco Distributors	26	54
Pin Pricks	25 1/2	54 1/2
Shawano Auto Sales	16 1/2	63 1/2

High individual scratch games: Mark Cornish 300, Dan Poels 276, Bill Grosskreutz 268, Don Pedersen 266, Jeff Arndt 266, Brian Schultz 265, Zack Ruehle 256,

Brad Weisnicht 256, Mark Schachtschneide 255, Tom Hoffman 249.

High individual scratch series: Jeff Arndt 751, Don Pedersen 749, Bill Grosskreutz 727, Dan Poels 725, Mark Schachtschneide 715, Mark Cornish 698, Blake Schuebel 688, Brian Schultz 683, Dave Hackbarth 662, Todd Schertz 660.

Chet and Emil’s Thursday Early Birds

Team	W	L
Rightway Propane	46 1/2	29 1/2
Schairer Farms	41	35
M and J Harvesting	35	41
Stadler Farms	29 1/2	46 1/2

High individual scratch games: Susan Zeinert 215, Kristine Beran 187, Kim Zeller 176, Darcy Hille 165.

High individual scratch series: Susan Zeinert 534, Kristine Beran 506, Kim Zeller 496, Darcy Hille 461.

Chet and Emil’s Tuesday Commercial

Team	W	L
Kautza Excavating	21	9
Chet and Emil’s	21	9
Clark Construction	19	11
White Insurance	16	14
Schmidt Schulta	12	18

High individual scratch games: Tim Lemke 267, Dave Schultz 257, Jared Szews 245.

High individual scratch series: Tim Lemke 782, Dave Schultz 696, Jared Szews 651.

Chet and Emil’s Wednesday Business

Team	W	L
CWAA	19	11
Kessen Auto Body	17	13
Kropf’s Meat	16	14
Karcz Lending	15	15
S and M Tool	13 1/2	16 1/2
Chet and Emil’s	13 1/2	16 1/2

Rew Motors	12	18
TLC Auto Body	11	19

High individual scratch games: Rhett Matz 255, Doug Kunst 246, Paul Hanke 237.

High individual scratch series: Adam Karcz 714, Jeremy Praslowicz 680, Tyler Krull 669.

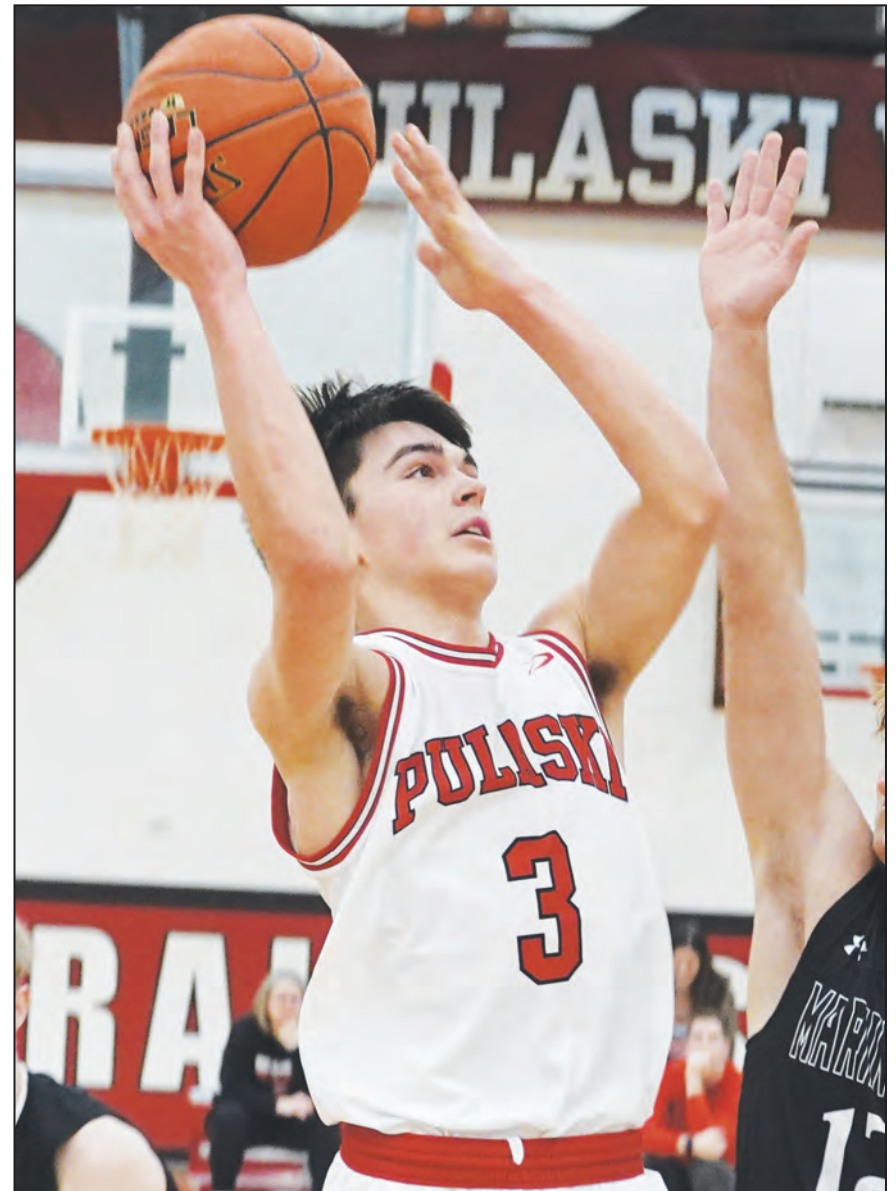
Chet and Emil’s Monday Women’s League

Team	W	L
Cady Home	24	16
Star Campsite	21	19
Chet and Emil’s	18	22
Banner Banks	17	23

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL



Pulaski's Derek Shaw takes a shot during a team's nonconference game against Marinette on Feb. 10 in Pulaski. Shaw made the FRCC second team in his senior season.

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Pulaski's Shaw makes FRCC 2nd team

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Pulaski High School senior Derek Shaw earned a spot on the Fox River Classic Conference second team after a big winter season on the basketball court.

It was the second all-conference honor of Shaw's career after making the honorable mention list as a junior.

"I feel like I made a step up this year in terms of an overall player. Got some recognition from coaches and made a jump from last year's honorable mention," said Shaw. "It means a lot to me to be all-confer-

ence considering all the great players in the FRCC."

Shaw was one of the best scorers in the conference, averaging 18.8 points per game across 17 games.

The senior was efficient too, shooting at just under 50% from the field overall. He also posted an 81.4 percentage from the free-throw line.

Shaw wasn't just a great scorer though, averaging 3.4 rebounds, 3.5 assists and about a steal per FRCC game.

Pulaski finished 5-13 in FRCC action this winter.

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COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

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St. Norbert College

Oconto Falls High School graduate Emily Gonnering competed in two events while representing the St. Norbert women's track and field team at the Ripon Final Qualifier and Multi on March 3-4.

Gonnering placed sixth in the weight throw with a top toss of 14.03 meters. She took 15th in the shot put with a mark of 8.59 meters.

UW-Parkside

Pulaski grad Sheridan Flauger played 36 minutes in the UW-Parkside women's basketball team's conference tournament loss to Ferris State on March 1.

Flauger posted seven points, six rebounds, one assist and one steal during her time on the court.

UW-Platteville

Pulaski graduate Kayla Lipsey turned in two strong finishes while representing the UW-Platteville women's track and field team at the UW-Platteville Final Qualifying Meet on March 3.

Lipsey placed sixth in the 60-meter dash with a time of 8.26 seconds. She was fourth in the 60 hurdles with a mark of 9.62 seconds.

Saginaw Valley State University

Shawano grad Tori DePerry contributed two big games for the Saginaw Valley State women's basketball team last week during the conference tournament and then capped the week by earning a big award.



TORI DEPERRY

DePerry totaled 14 points, seven rebounds and three steals across 39 minutes in a win over Northern Michigan on March 1. She then provided 19 points, six boards, one steal and one assist across 35 minutes in a setback to Grand Valley State on March 4.

DePerry was named to the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference first team on March 3.

For the season, DePerry averaged 17 points, 8 rebounds and 1.6 assists per game. She shot 46.3% from the field overall, 32.5% from behind the 3-point line and 70.9% from the free-throw line. Her 8 rebounds a game led SVSU, while finishing fifth overall in the confer-

ence for points scored (460) and rebounds (225).

UW-Stevens Point

Menominee Indian graduate Guadalupe Corn represented the UW-Stevens Point women's track and field team at the Ripon NCAA Final Qualifier and Multi on March 3-4.

Corn placed fifth in the shot put with a top throw of 12.3 meters.



GABRIELLE DECLEENE

Pulaski grad Gabrielle DeCleene played in three games for the UWSP softball team last week.

DeCleene doubled in a win over Edgewood on March 2. She walked, stole

a base, reached on an error and scored a run against Mount Mary on March 3. DeCleene also had one at-bat during a win over Augustana on March 3.

Northern Michigan University

Wittenberg-Birnamwood grad Abi Fraaza played eight minutes during the Northern Michigan women's basketball team's conference tournament loss to Saginaw Valley State on March 1.

Fraaza recorded one steal, one assist and one rebound during her time on the court.

St. Mary's University of Minnesota

Shawano graduate Peyton Buerman had a busy week of competition for the St. Mary's University women's tennis team during the program's spring trip.

Buerman and No. 3 doubles partner Ella Boomgaarden fell 8-2, while Buerman lost 6-4, 6-4 at No. 5 singles action in a dual loss to Calvin on Feb. 27.

Buerman and Kara Hand teamed up for an 8-4 win in No. 3 doubles play in a dual win over Adrian on March 28. Buerman was also a 6-4, 6-4 winner in No. 5 singles play.

Buerman and Hand claimed an 8-3 win at No. 3 doubles in a dual win over Albion on March 2. Buerman also won 6-0, 6-0 at No. 5 singles play.

Pulaski graduate Brinton Anderson appeared in two games for the St. Mary's baseball team last week.

Anderson reached on a fielder's choice across three at-bats in a loss against Grove City on March

3. He walked twice, drove in a run, scored twice and stole a base in a win over Russell Sage on March 4.

St. Martin's University

Gresham grad Christian Haffner played double digit minutes in both of the St. Martin's men's basketball team's conference tournament games last week.

Haffner totaled three points and a rebound across 11 minutes in a win over Central Washington on March 3. He then had 10 points, three rebounds and an assist across 21 minutes in a loss to Northwest Nazarene on March 4.

Wisconsin Lutheran College

Pulaski graduate Connor Heezen competed in a pair of matches for the Wisconsin Lutheran College men's tennis team during a dual loss to UW-Superior on March 5.

Heezen and No. 3 doubles partner Matt Bass lost 8-0. At No. 6 singles action, Heezen fell 6-2, 6-1.

College of Lake County

Pulaski grad Logan Hochevar and Menominee Indian grad Jamison Besaw each played for the College of Lake County baseball team in a loss to Chesapeake College on March 4.

Hochevar recorded hits in both of his at-bats. He doubled once and drove in a run.

Besaw was dealt the loss on the mound after pitching one inning. He allowed four runs while striking out a batter.

Bryant and Stratton College

Menominee Indian graduate Wendell Waukau Jr. has played in three games for the Bryant and Stratton College baseball team so far this season.

Waukau served as the designated

hitter and drew two walks during the team's win over Frederick Community College on Feb. 25. He had one at-bat in a loss to Kalamazoo Valley Community College on Feb. 28.

Waukau delivered a hit across three at-bats during a win over Minnesota North College-Mesabi Range on March 2.

Bay College

Oconto Falls grad Jake Sager played in four games for the Bay College baseball team last week.

Sager had a hit and run scored in the team's loss to The Apprentice School on March 3. Sager pitched

two innings, allowing one run on two hits and striking out one, during another loss to The Apprentice School on March 3.

Sager had one at-bat in a loss to Northampton Community College on March 4. He recorded a hit, stole a base and scored once in a win over Penn State Hazleton on March 5.

UW-River Falls

Shawano graduate Jewel Waupekenay and the UW-River Falls softball team got the spring season started with four wins last week.

Waupekenay totaled two hits and a run scored in a victory over Minnesota-Morris on March 3. In another game against Minnesota-Morris that day, Waupekenay had three hits, including a double, three RBIs and a run scored.

Waupekenay doubled and scored a run in a lopsided win over Crown on March 4. She added another single in a second win over Crown that day.



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PULLING HIS OWN PROFIT

Lena High School teen makes
toy tractors in successful biz

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Lena High School senior Sidney Sylvester is already quite the business entrepreneur, creating dozens of different tractors and other items with the help of 3-D printers.

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Teen's tractor business a real moneymaker

Sidney Sylvester's gift of 3-D printer turns into successful plan to pay for college

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Many high school seniors are trying to figure out how to pay for college, whether with the help of family, scholarships or even loans.

Sidney Sylvester, a senior at Lena High School, isn't too worried about that, as he's already got a plan to pay four years of tuition in the bag, and it's all through making toy tractors.



SIDNEY SYLVESTER

Making the tractors has been a way of life all through high school for Sylvester, who received a 3-D resin printer as a gift when he was in seventh grade.

"For years, I would use

that printer to create whatever I wanted, whether it be a phone case, a phone stand or any little models," Sylvester said. "That gave me a lot of experience in computer-aided design, which then gave me the skills I needed when my brother asked me to 3-D print him a pulling tractor, because he'd always been interested in toy tractors since he was little."

Sylvester estimated it took him about 15 hours to design and print that first tractor. He decided to design five more and try to sell them on Facebook. Right away, he received orders for 30 tractors among those initial designs.

"From there, we made more and more, and now we sell 74 different products today," Sylvester said, noting that includes kits for people to build the tractors themselves and individual parts for people to design their own tractors, like engines, steering wheels and chassis.

In addition to becoming wildly popular through the internet, Sylvester's company, J&S Customs, has helped him earn plenty of money and given him a chance to compete recently at a Wisconsin Junior Achievement competition comparable to the ABC series "Shark Tank."

The prize was a \$10,000 scholarship, but even though Sylvester didn't win, it appears he didn't even need it as he prepares to embark on the next four years at University of Wisconsin-Platteville, where



Many of the pieces Sidney Sylvester creates for customers are standard tractor designs, but there are some custom items he can make as long as customers provide something visual for him to work off of.

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he plans to pursue a degree in electrical engineering and eventually hopes to work in aerospace at NASA. Sylvester doesn't plan on putting his successful business on hold, however, as he said he's going to spend the whole summer printing plenty of stock to be sold while he's in school, recruiting his brother to ship out the orders.

"I never expected to have a business, especially a business like this, in high school," Sylvester said.

Engineering was something he'd be interested in from an early age. He noted that the 3-D printer he received in seventh grade was the only Christmas gift he asked for that year.

"That tool was what honestly enabled me to further my skills, and then those skills allowed me to upgrade my machines and then start my business," said Sylvester, who noted he had as many as seven 3-D printers at one point creating the

toys but currently has three large ones in operation. "It's all a big snowball effect. Once you get something started, you can keep working off of what you have."

Sylvester noted that it's easy for him to make custom 1/64-scale models. Customers send photos of their personal pulling tractors, and he can make the model from there.

Paying for tuition doesn't appear to be a problem for Sylvester, if his business plan holds. In 2022, he made \$26,000 off of creating and selling his custom tractors and other items, with only \$10,000 in expenses. This year, he projected he would make \$56,000, more than double the previous year, but he expects that could go up as the projection was made prior to his decision to build surplus stock to be sold while he's in Platteville.

"Popularity and range of products is what I think is driving the sales up," Sylvester said. "More people are seeing my business, and my returning customers have more products to buy now. I used to offer only 10 or 15 tractors, and they could

only buy a certain amount, but now they have a wide range of products to choose from that they can get more and more and more."

Sylvester has already received several requests to sell his items at retail, and he even had an offer to buy out his business, which he declined.

The business hasn't been a hindrance to Sylvester's high school education, as he boasted a 3.85 grade-point average.

"I've been able to do most of my homework at school," Sylvester said. "There are very few projects I've had to take home, so that frees up time in the evening to get more work done and make more profits."

If Sylvester does get his dream job at NASA, he might retire from building custom tractors and other items. He anticipates the business could go to his brother and inspire more creative customs.

"Things change so quickly, so I honestly don't know right now," Sylvester said.



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CMN's 30th year of restoring Native nations

When President Christopher Caldwell thinks about College of Menominee Nation's 30th anniversary, he thinks about netaenawemakanak. The Menominee word translates to English as "all my relations," which he sees as a component of the "generational" nature of the college.

Caldwell explained: "This anniversary reminds us of the continual handing down to the next in line to lead. It reminds us to take time to pause, reflect, and learn from our stories."



RYAN WINN

CMN's story began when Virginia Nuske called founding President Dr. Verna Fowler. On behalf of the Menominee Tribal Legislature, Nuske asked Fowler to return to the reservation to establish the college. At the time, Fowler had aspirations of becoming a college professor, but she agreed to shelve those plans in order to serve her people.

Fowler is quoted in the March 12, 1993, edition of the Shawano Leader, explaining: "I began to think of the Menominee people, and what this would mean to all of us." The article's reporter, David Niles, captured that, in the speech at the college's launch, Fowler "recalled the past struggles of the tribe, and how she believes education would help the tribe deal with those struggles and crisis."

In that same story, Tribal Chairman Glen Miller stated that the creation of CMN would allow "the Menominee to strengthen themselves and contribute to the strengthening of American society."

Thirty years later, CMN has graduated over 1,200 students while boasting an average class size of one faculty member for every four students. CMN students past and present represent 83 Native nations and 93% of the school's alumni matriculated without incurring any debt. Its graduates serve in a variety of roles, contributing to the success of private businesses, public entities, and tribal nations.

Similarities to CMN's founding are evident in its leadership today. Like Fowler, Caldwell imagined a different future prior to being called to lead the school. Caldwell said: "I grew up in the shadow of the saw-



Founding College of Menominee Nation President Dr. Verna Fowler shares some advice, as CMN board member Justin Lepscier and founding board members Virginia Nuske and Myrna Warrington look on.

RYAN WINN

mill. My intent was to be a forester, but you have to be prepared for leadership."

Caldwell took the helm at CMN in February 2020. He reflected: "What I found when I came into this role was that the lessons of forest management applied to education. It's a story of relationships. How we care for the forest and the people."

"Our elders said that if you take care of the forest, it will take care of you. At CMN, we say, if the college takes care of the students, the students will take care of the college."

Applying the wisdom inherent in the mantra of Menominee sustainable forestry practices to education has proven essential to CMN's success. The school's top three leadership positions are all currently held by its alumni — President Caldwell, Chief Academic Officer Geraldine Sanapaw, and Chief Financial Officer George Otradovec.

Caldwell noted that this leadership team often thinks about their successors. He said: "We think it's

more than likely that the future leaders at CMN are walking our hallways today."

Evidence of the leadership team's premonition can be found in the CMN students who traveled to Washington, D.C. last month. They spoke to lawmakers on behalf of the 35 tribal colleges, sharing what CMN has meant to them and their future.

Oneida tribal member Rita Reiter is one such student. The business administration major stated that the experience was profound. She said: "CMN has provided me with more than I anticipated. I am empowered as a Native American, and the staff truly put me in a position to give back. Someday I hope to teach at College of Menominee Nation so that I too can be an example to our Indigenous people."

Still, CMN is not resting on its laurels. Caldwell pointed out that the school's charter called for it to "serve Menominee people — it doesn't say to only educate those living on the reservation."

"Relocation led to Menominee diaspora," Caldwell explained about the 1950s federal policy. "We now have the ability for online classes and remote learning. We are reaching out to Menominee people. We are inviting other Indigenous people to 'come learn with us,' both physically and virtually. We want to create a physical pathway for those who want a long-term connection."

Caldwell summarized: "When we focus on the 30th anniversary, we focus on the past while thinking about the future. It comes back to generational. We're thinking about the sustainability of the institution and how we reflect Menominee values."

To put it another way, CMN's president sees the school's most recent milestone as another opportunity to take stock on how it can best serve the people whom he calls netaenawemakanak.

Ryan Winn teaches courses in communication, English, and theater at College of Menominee Nation. For more information about the school visit www.menominee.edu.

Radio personality prefers teaching over trophies

Marc Drewek, a weekly outdoors radio show host for more than a dozen years, has an enviable number of big bucks under his belt and still enjoys chasing them with bow, muzzleloader and rifle.

Today, he'd rather teach newcomers about hunting through the state's Learn to Hunt program or on his own.

"I was deer hunting when stands were little wooden planks in the trees," said Drewek, 63, as he spoke to members of the Clintonville Bow Hunters Club on Feb. 25 at Northwinds Banquet Hall in Marion during its annual banquet. "I love to go out and hunt, but it's time now to give more than I take. That's what's going to continue and maintain stewardship of the outdoors."

Since 2010, the Neenah resident had hosted "Living the Outdoors" on The Score, 95.3 FM, at 5 p.m. Wednesdays. The show's recorded podcasts are available on demand at www.TheScorewi.com.

If you live in the Fox Valley and enjoy hunting and archery, you've probably crossed paths with him either at the former Gander Mountain store in Grand Chute (where he worked as guns and archery manager for 10 years) or The Real Shot in Appleton, where he was store manager for 12 years. Drewek has set up and tuned hundreds of compound bows in his career.

Drewek's love for hunting started with grouse hunts with his dad, and duck hunts with high school pals around Glendale, where he grew up and graduated high school in 1978. He did lots of grouse and woodcock hunting in Langlade County and near Spread Eagle in Florence County.

He's since pursued deer and waterfowl in at least a dozen states, with frequent trips to Iowa, Minnesota and Colorado. He owned and hunted on property in Iola for 17 years. He's run out of room for big racks on his walls, with some in storage. He estimates he's tagged 15 ranging from 125 to 180 points (if scored by Pope and Young or Boone and Crockett record book scorers), including 10 with the bow and others with muzzleloader, shot-

gun and rifle. Ironically, he's never had one officially scored for the books — he's just not interested. "It's not that I needed to kill more deer," he said. He's switched over to focusing on waterfowl in recent years.

His real passion today and for the past 20 years or so is introducing others to outdoors adventures. He does it both on his own — he recently introduced his taxidermist to grouse hunting, helping him bag his first bird — and through the



Marc Drewek, an avid deer and duck hunter, hosts an hour-long outdoors radio show at 5 p.m. Wednesday on The Score, 95.3 FM. He shared his outdoor experiences Feb. 25 with members of the Clintonville Bow Hunters at their annual banquet in Marion.

ROSS BIELEMA

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Learn to Hunt program, focusing on turkey hunting.

DNR wardens on his radio show's "Ask the Game Warden" monthly segment asked him if he wanted to help with the Learn to Hunt program, and he began helping at the Outagamie Conservation Club in Hortonville.

Learn to Hunt uses four hours of classroom and field instruction before the newcomer hunts with a qualified mentor, according to the DNR website. The program is open to most ages and in some cases, license requirements are waived. You can learn more or sign up at <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/Education/OutdoorSkills/lth>.

The DNR also offers webinars for more information. All hunters must first obtain a DNR customer ID number online (this number is linked to your licenses and permits as long as you hunt and fish in Wisconsin).

Drewek also introduced about 75 women to archery during a women's archery event at The Real Shot. He's watched the progress of some of them as they became avid bowhunters or target archers.

He called his recent work on the Learn to Hunt program "life-changing."

"We all started at the bottom somewhere along the line," he said, explaining that he tells rookies everything not to do. "The outdoor life is a pretty special thing. It's my happy place. It will put you in a better place. If you have the opportunity to impact another person's life in the outdoors, take advantage of it."

He compared hunting and other outdoor pursuits (he also enjoys fly fishing for trout and tying his own flies) as therapy, a welcome respite to life's everyday duties.

The reward comes when those novice hunters approach him later and say, "Now I understand why you turkey hunt."

Those of us who have hunted and otherwise enjoyed the beauty and soul-cleansing powers of the outdoors (in archery legend Fred Bear's words) may underestimate these effects on newbies, Drewek said.

"The impact on their lives — it's stronger than we think it is."

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Fractions in cookie dough



McLane Miller and other fourth grade students at Sacred Heart Catholic School recently made some delicious cookie dough dip as they learned why they need to simplify fractions and how they're used in the real world.

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March, not April, is the cruelest month

An old proverb says March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. Really? In my lifetime, I've seen more lion than lamb at both ends. We had the usual lion beginning this year, but I am not foolish enough to anticipate a lamb ending because it rarely happens.

I love living in Wisconsin all year-round, but March would be my least favorite time. It's quite appropriate that the third month of the year is named after Mars, the Roman god of war. I am betting Julius Caesar named March after a god the Romans deeply despised for one good reason: the weather. To think that was 2,000 or so years before Mother Nature began her revenge tour to punish our earth-unfriendly human behaviors.

Here in the Northwoods, March climate conditions are the pits. It's gray and dull and dirty; most days are damp and cold. I don't mind being wet, and I can handle being cold, but I cannot abide being wet and cold at the same time. Just writing about it makes me shiver and break out in goosebumps.

Sure, I have a nice home which makes staying inside quite comfortable. Then why is weather so important to me? Because I need to exercise almost every day or my husband would have to haul me around on a forklift. After four months of being forced to use my boring treadmill, I am oh so ready to get outside for my daily walk. Of course, there's the occasional nice day in March when I can actually do that, but it's just a big tease.

The uglies come roaring back, and it's too chilly, too icy, too muddy or too rainy to walk outside. Back to my reality show: "Torture on the Treadmill." Trust me, you don't want to tune in.

As if that's not bad enough, what's so much worse are late season snowstorms. That old expression "mad as a March hare" refers to the wild and crazy behavior of large male rabbits during the spring mating season. That saying almost perfectly describes my attitude toward March snowstorms. Instead of welcoming the snow as I would November through February, I stand at my patio door and grit my teeth as I watch the white stuff pile up, using words that would have sent my mother



KATHLEEN MARSH

scurrying to the bathroom for a bar of soap.

I'm sure I'm not the only one who thinks that by the end of February, snow has completely lost its charm.

To add insult to injury, these

March "weather events" are usually doozies, dumping several inches of densely concentrated frozen precipitation. Needless to say, putting that snow in its proper place can be a very heavy lift. Lucky for me, my husband Jon is the designated lifter. He's never been one to work out, but I have cleverly convinced him that shoveling snow is good physical exercise.

Here's another thing. What the heck do you wear in March? I am so-o-o tired of my bulky winter clothes, but putting on something more summery is quite out of the question. Why? I must hide the damning evidence that I still have not learned proper portion control.

I am referring to those after-church-on-Sunday Old Town Hall breakfasts currently enhancing my waistline, or it could be one too many delectable Hillcrest Walleye Pike Friday night fish fry dinners that have taken up temporary (I hope) residence on my hips. Whatever. The cold harsh truth is that it's still three weeks until April.

Ah, April, erroneously named the cruelest month by William Shakespeare, Sorry, Willie. You whiffed on this one. For heartless brutality, there's no god like Mars, and no month like the one that bears his name. All a body can do is look for diversions to make the time pass quickly. Hey, anyone want to go out for lunch? Sunset has amazing steak sandwiches. Every Little Topsy's pizza is a masterpiece. Olive Pit's special olive burger is a culinary (if coronary counter) delight. Sigh. On second thought, I better head downstairs and get on the treadmill.

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.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Quilt show in Pulaski to feature 100-plus pieces

The Town 'n Country Quilt Guild is hosting its biennial quilt show from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 18 at Pulaski Community Middle School, 911 S. St. Augustine St., Pulaski. Admission is \$5.

On display will be more than 100 handmade quilts of all sizes, as well as other quilted items — including table runners, wall hangings and miscellaneous pieces. Special exhibits this year include challenge quilts, a nationally award-winning quilt and displays of the guild's charitable quilts.

This year's challenge quilts were created by members and must include only two colors of fabrics. The Patriot's Torchbearer, a nationally award-winning quilt, was created by the Jean Nicolet Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. The guild's charitable quilts, pillowcases and other items include those created for veterans and people in need.

There will be multiple vendors from area quilt and craft shops. Each will have many items available for purchase. Raffle items include four beautiful handmade quilts, as well as many themed baskets.

In addition, coffee, sweet treats, beverages and lunch will be available for purchase, including Roger's Famous Chicken Booyah.

The guild also performs many service projects, such as making lap quilts and pillowcases for veterans homes and senior centers, collecting food and donation items for local pantries and providing quilts to other organizations serving those in need. It also sponsors sew-ins and workshops. Meetings are on the third Monday of the month at Premier Bank in Pulaski.

For information, contact Valerie Plasky at valerieplas@new.rr.com or 920-606-3090.

Vaudeville invades the stage at Abrams theater

Abrams Spotlight Productions Inc. invites the community on a journey back to the days of vaudeville to the performance of "Gypsy."

The show, directed by Ali Carlson, will be presented March 16-19 and March 23-26 at the Nancy Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple St., Abrams. Evening performances are at 7 p.m. with Sunday matinees at 1 p.m.



These are some of the quilts that will be raffled off March 18 at Pulaski Community Middle School for the Town 'N Country Quilt Guild show. CONTRIBUTED

An opening night gala exclusively for spotlight sponsors and 2023 season ticket holders will be held at 5 p.m. March 16.

"Gypsy" is the tale of an ambitious stage mother fighting for her daughters' success, while secretly yearning for her own. Set all across America in the 1920s and 1930s, when vaudeville was dying and burlesque was born, Arthur Laurents' landmark show explores the world of two-bit show business with brass, humor, heart and sophistication.

"What makes the show stand out is the fact that we have really two casts," Carlson said. "One cast is the kids — and then those kids grow up. So, to see the cast really take on these characters at different ages is amazing."

Portraying the lead role, Mama Rose, is Teresa Aportela-Sergott, a veteran actress who's performed in shows at Evergreen Theater, Play-by-Play Theatre, and Theatre Z. This is her first show with ASPI.

"What really makes this character stand out is how powerful she is. People will be blown away with Teresa's portrayal of this iconic character on stage," Carlson said.

Tickets are on sale now at

abramstheater.com or by calling 920-826-5852. Prices are \$17 for adults, \$15 for seniors and children ages 5 and up, and \$8 for ages 4 and under.

Birnamwood workshop to look at field pests

Properly and effectively managing the insects, diseases and weeds that negatively impact field crops is a huge challenge for farms.

With 2023 crop production costs already expected to be the most expensive ever, proper pest management has become extremely important. Crop producers have an opportunity on March 14 to see up-to-date pest management research and recommendations, as well as learn how they can optimize yields with proper soil health management.

The extension Offices of Shawano, Oconto, Marinette and Langlade counties are sponsoring this workshop, which will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Matsche Community Center, 362 Railroad Ave., Birnamwood.

The morning portion will feature pest management, including waterhemp and other weeds, tar spot and gibberella diseases of corn, white

mold in soybean, western bean cutworm, and other emerging/standby pests of concern.

In the afternoon, the focus will turn toward soil health management and how soil health impacts pest management. Specific topics will include proper nutrient management, soil health building practices and how cover crops interact both positively and negatively with pests and their management. Farmer questions and experiences will drive the day's discussion, as well.

There is a \$20 registration fee per person, with lunch and materials included. Pre-registration can be made with Scott Reuss, regional crops/soils educator, at 715-732-7510, 715-701-0966 or scott.reuss@wisc.edu.

Syrup production part of next society meeting

The Suring Area Historical Society will hold its next meeting at 6:30 p.m. March 21 at the meeting room at Suring Village Hall, 604 Main St., Suring.

A business meeting will precede car pooling at 7 p.m. to the Buhrandt Syrup Shack in Hayes to learn how syrup is produced from maple tree sap.

CLUB NOTES

Wannabe Quilt Group

The Wannabe Quilt Group had a busy 2022 making and donating quilts. The group has donated over 108 quilts to the five school districts in Oconto County, Lena, Oconto, Oconto Falls, Gillett and Suring for the needy families during the holidays. Donations also were given to veterans, Disabled American Veterans, and other charities.

The group is always looking for donations of fabric. If you would like to donate, please contact Lynn Konshak at 920-406-0052.

Shawano Area Writers

Due to a communication error, two sessions of Shawano Area Writers were held on Feb. 16.

In the first session, Twilla Beyer had heard from two schools that she contacted about the George Putz Student Writing Contest. She also made up a poster which can be used to be sent to the schools as a good reminder. Barb King heard back from four schools and Trudy Bosman from three.

Trudy Bosman announced that there are several current contests in poetry and prose on Writer's Digest that aren't very expensive to enter, including a poetry contest.

Wendy Goerl announced gutsygreatnovels.com has a contest for \$20 to send in the first chapter of your novel.

Tom Thorstenson explained that some members from the Green Bay Writers' group are selling their books at the Market on Military, which used to be the old Sears building. It meets the first, third, and fifth Saturdays of the month. In the summer they move outdoors.

Trudy Bosman started the readings with a poem about the different ways to have a taco and a misguided poem titled "Bad Advice."

Tom Thorstenson read his story "The Vile Inn." In his younger years, Tom would travel on his bike and sleep anywhere. One night he was caught in a rainstorm, so he decided to sleep in his goose down sleeping bag under a picnic table in a park. He was soaking wet by the time he crawled into the sleeping bag.

Lee Pulaski read a blog that will lead to the story he reads next month titled "When Unbridled Inspiration Strikes, Chicken Soup Follows."

Barb King read a chapter from the book "The Children in the Garden." Jillian is now living on the



The dedicated women of the Wannabe Quilt Group who have given of their time and talents to help include, from left, back row, Diane Pecho, Lynn Konshak, Sandy Leisch, Carol Arcilla, Laura Davister and Kathy Delvaux; front row, Judy Kozloski, Virginia Draeger, Arlene Hanrahan and Kathy Landenberg.

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main floor of her house. She hears a sound upstairs and starts checking the upstairs bedrooms which are filled from floor to ceiling with boxes and bags, except for two rooms that appear to have been a child's bedroom and a playroom. At first glance everything looks normal, but looking closer the heads, legs and arms of stuffed animals and dolls have been cut or ripped off. Screwdrivers and scissors have been driven into plastic and cloth bodies. Pictures and doll faces are smashed.

Wendy Goerl read "Heartstone's Gathering from Like Minds." Kinta and Alex are trying to straighten out the cover story for why Alex is covered with scratches and bruises.

At the second meeting, John Mutter gave the treasurer's report.

Michael Oberle from the Shawano County Historical Society talked to the group. He is looking for anyone who has writing skills. The Leadership Shawano County Team will be putting bronze plaques on historical buildings and sites in Shawano County. They hope to have 20 completed by Octoberfest.

They will be starting with Main Street. The plaques will be 20 by 24 inches and will hold a picture, an 860-character story and a Quick Bar Code which will take the reader back to the historical society where they will find more pictures and information.

This is a great opportunity for anyone who is interested in history, likes to research and write short stories. You can contact Michael Oberle at obe99@yahoo.com or 715-628-6216.

John Mutter will have a story in Wisconsin Writer's Association online magazine Creative Wisconsin. It is titled "The Great Deception" about when John was born with a finger in his ear.

Shawano Area Writers will meet March 16 at the library from 10 a.m. to noon.

Northwoods Quilters

Northwoods Quilters Club of the tri-county area will have its monthly meeting on March 13 at Pioneer Presbyterian Church, 1947 Riverside Ave., Marinette. It is an all-day quilting retreat from 9:30 a.m. to

2:30 p.m. Bring your own projects or plan to work on charity quilts or just socialize. There will also be a quilt show meeting right after the business meeting. Bring your own bag lunch.

Remember to bring any sewing-related items you no longer want for the free table. Members can help themselves with all leftovers going to Attic Treasures at our 2024 quilt show. After March 13, our bus trip to the Appleton area on May 10 will be open to the public. Anyone club members wishing to sign up should pay their \$15 at this meeting. Non-members are \$30.

Northwoods Quilters is open to new members. We welcome all levels of experience. The club alternates morning and evening meetings to accommodate those with daytime jobs. Come join us, even if you don't quilt but want to learn, and make some new friends.

Club Notes are a service provided by NEW Media to keep the community informed on what local organizations are doing. Organizations interested in sending news about what they're involved with can contact NEW Media at news@newmedia-wi.com.

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18 Food for birds
24 Standard practice
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40 Action film scenes
41 *Ten Commandments* pharaoh
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49 Frozen waffle brand
50 For a second time
51 Juan Ponce de ___
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54 "What's the harm ___?"
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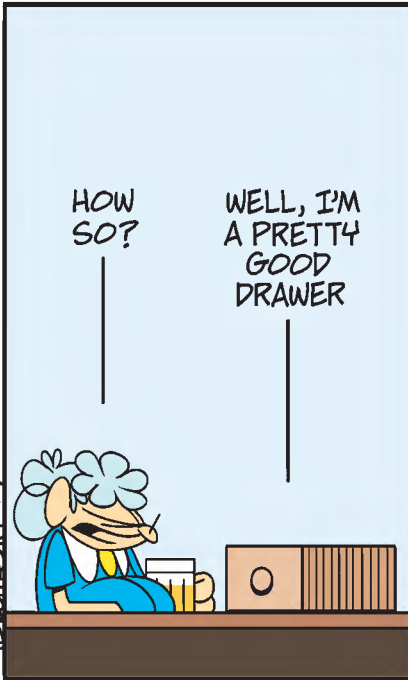
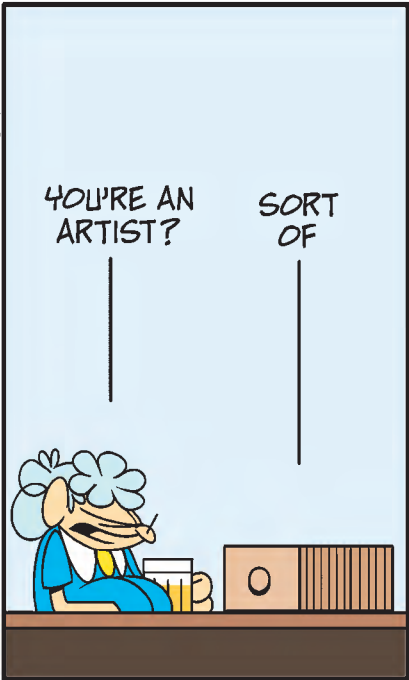
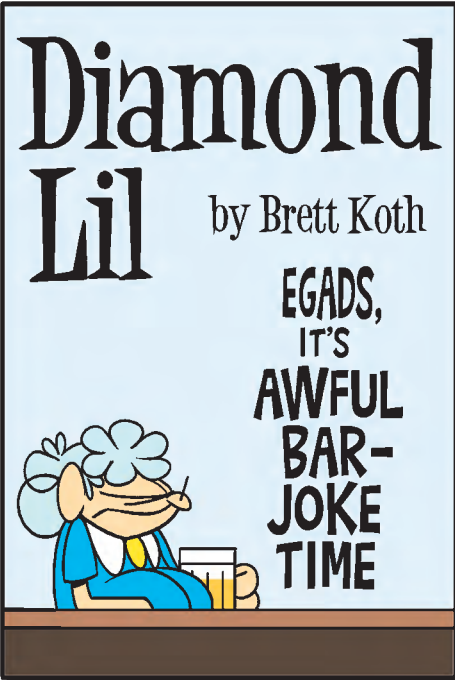
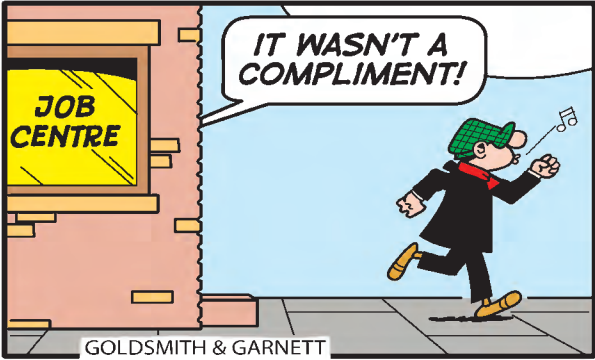
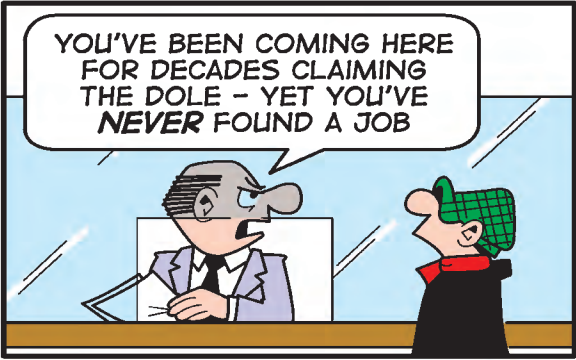
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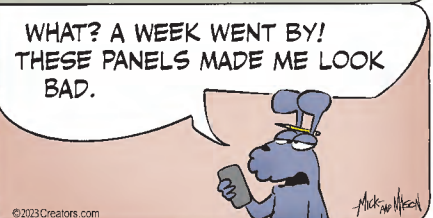
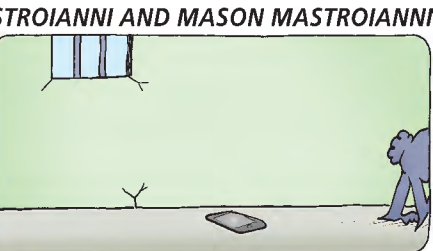
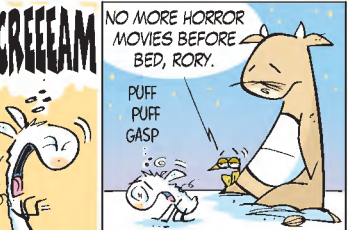
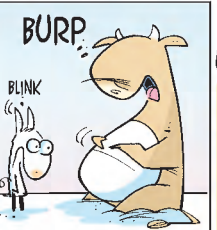
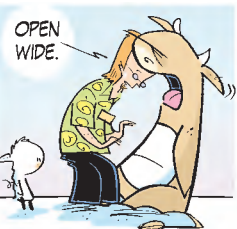
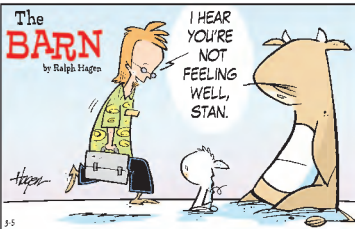
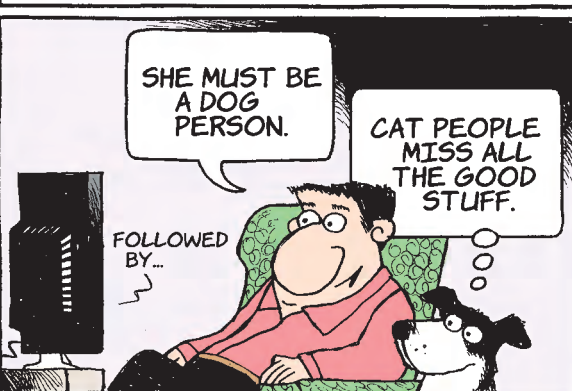
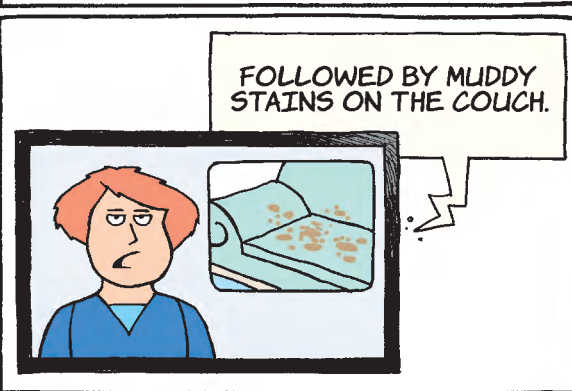
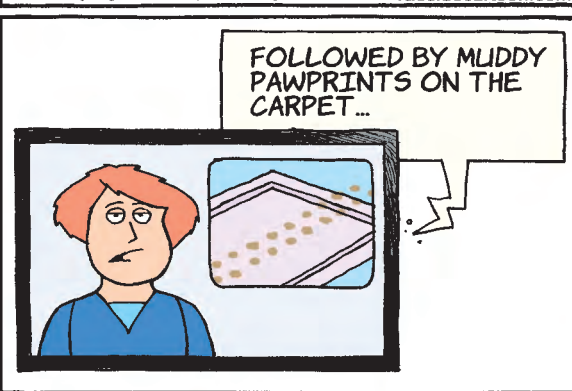
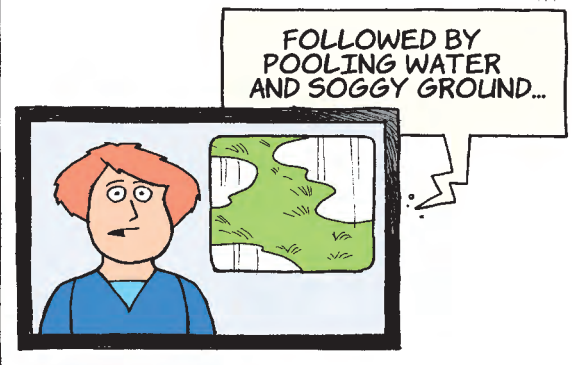
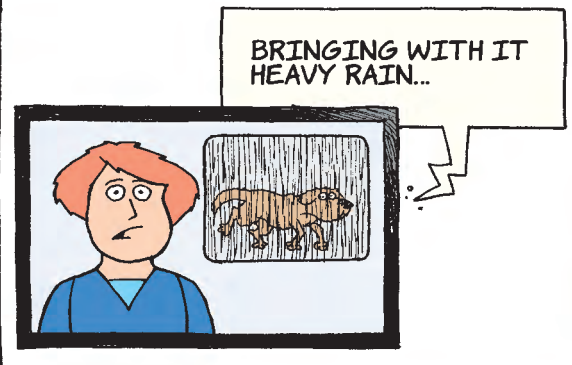
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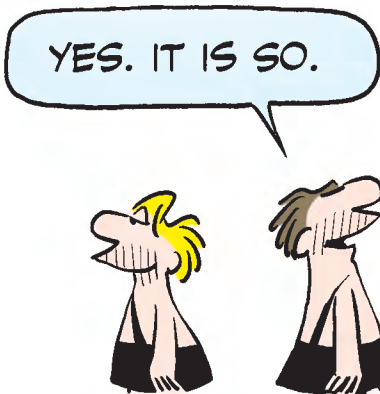
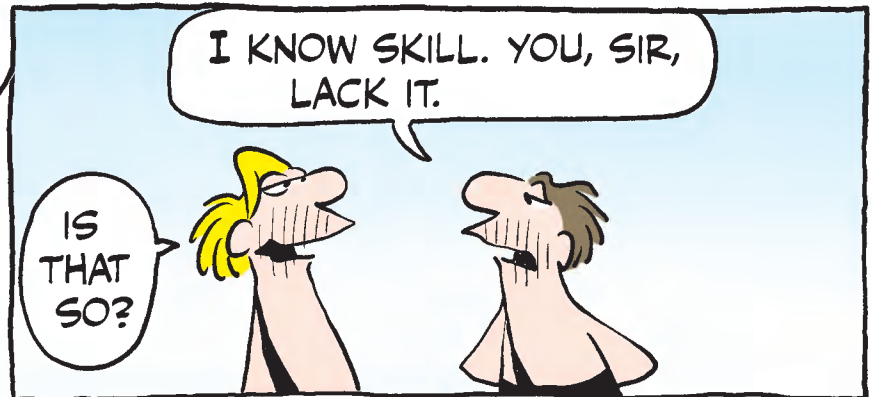
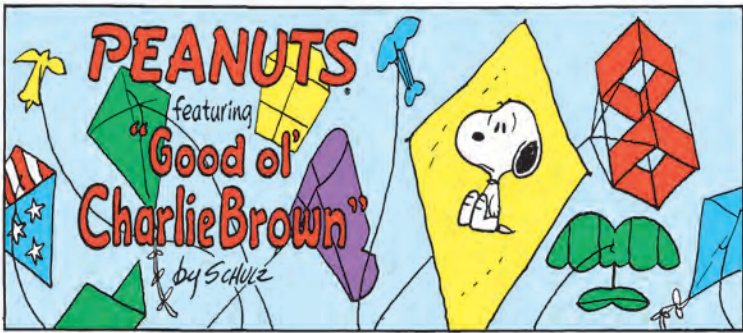


Puzzle Answers

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XRAY	MACHINE	CHAMPAGNE	
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SMELLS	RISEN	MESA	OWN
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