



A semi and a snowplow collided the morning of Jan. 19 on westbound state Highway 29 at High Line Road east of Bonduel. The driver of the semi was trapped, eventually extricated from the truck and taken to an area hospital by helicopter. The driver of the plow had minor injuries.

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Semi and snowplow crash; truck driver seriously injured

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The driver of a semi tractor-trailer was seriously injured after his truck reportedly rear-ended a snowplow actively clearing snow on state Highway 29 the morning of Jan. 19, according to the Shawano County Sheriff's Department.

The driver was initially trapped inside the truck, extricated by fire crews and then taken to an area hospital by a ThedaCare helicopter.

According to a sheriff's department news release, the two-vehicle crash was reported at about 9:50 a.m. The crash happened in the westbound lane of Highway 29 near High Line Road, just east of

Bonduel.

Initial reports indicated injuries and roadway blockage.

Multiple deputies responded to the scene along with fire and EMS units. Upon arrival, the westbound lanes of Highway 29 were completely blocked due to the crash.

The driver of the semi was injured and trapped inside the cab. The driver of the plow truck sustained minor injuries and exited the vehicle without assistance.

The preliminary investigation indicates the plow truck was operating in the fast lane/median shoulder of the westbound lanes while actively plowing, according to the sheriff's department. The semi was

traveling in the same lane and rear-ended the plow truck. The impact pushed the plow truck into the median, and the semi jackknifed into the ditch area.

Traffic was rerouted while emergency crews worked to clear the scene. Both vehicles sustained severe damage.

The accident site was reopened around 3 p.m.

A witness reported there were no vehicles operating in the slow lane at the time of the crash. It remains unknown why the semi driver did not move over upon approaching the plow truck.

The Wisconsin State Patrol responded to the scene and is conducting a commercial vehicle inspection of the semi.

Tribes caution members about ICE

Native Americans urged to carry their tribal IDs

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

Native American tribal leaders are concerned about members getting caught up in the raids, arrests and detentions by Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials.

Leaders of the Stockbridge-Munsee, Menominee and other tribes are urging members to be aware of ICE raids and to be prepared if they are detained.

"ICE has already detained Native Americans throughout the United States, and we need to be prepared here in Wisconsin," Stockbridge-Munsee leaders posted on social media. "The Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council is working diligently to ensure the safety and security of its citizens, especially those tribal members living off reservation."

Menominee tribal leaders said that while the reservation is not the focus of federal enforcement, the tribe recognizes there are members who live, work and travel in areas where there is ICE activity.

"Being prepared and informed is the best way to respond safely if contacted," officials posted on social media.

Tribal leaders are putting in place a safety net to assist tribal members who may need help. They are urging members to be proactive.

"Be proactive. Carry your tribal, state and/or federal IDs wherever you go," the Stockbridge-Munsee post continued. "A birth certificate is another form of documentation that could help. If you are stopped, cooperate and remain respectful."

Tribal IDs are official documents, but there have been reports these have not always been recognized by ICE, Menominee leaders said.

"Tribal members are encouraged to carry additional identification, such as a state-issued ID, birth certificate or a passport, particularly when traveling through any known areas with reported ICE activity," they said.

Officials cut ribbon for new district office

New meeting room for school board, community among improvements

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

Shawano School District officials cut the ribbon to usher in its new district office Jan. 16 while simultaneously acknowl-

edging the renovations and improvements done to Olga Brenner Intermediate School, where the new office is, along with Shawano Community Middle School and Hillcrest Primary School.

The new district office provides,

among other things, a community room where the Shawano School Board can hold its meetings and community organizations can meet. The office was placed

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No school closures, referenda planned for Shawano

District looking at many options to close \$1.6M deficit

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

A lot of options are on the table to reduce \$1.6 million in operating expenses for the Shawano School District, but closing a school is not one of them, and neither is doing an operational referendum like other school districts in northeast Wisconsin.

Superintendent Kurt Krizan made that vow during a Jan. 15 interview with NEW Media, where he went more in depth on what the district is looking at doing to close the gap before the next budget gets approved in October. The district will seek input through listening sessions scheduled for Jan. 28 and Feb. 2.

One option is looking at reducing the costs of benefits for staff. Krizan said the district wants to provide the best benefits in the area to attract teachers

and other officials, but there might be ways to reduce the amount the district pays to provide the benefits.

The district is also reviewing the services it contracts out for and seeing how to reduce costs there, Krizan said, as well as whether there are redundancies with the administration that could be cut out.

Reducing staff is one option, according to Krizan. He noted that current staffing has teacher-to-student ratios below the range the district tries to hold to and believes there may be ways to trim the fat. The current classroom ratios are 18-22 at Hillcrest Primary School, 20-24 for third grade at Olga Brenner Intermediate School and 25-30 for fourth grade on up.

“We’re looking at what would it look like if we staffed to those ratios,” Krizan said. “We’ve been running under at some grade levels.”

At the middle and high school levels, the district is also looking at scheduling options. Currently, the

THE NEXT STEP

WHAT: Shawano School District listening sessions

WHEN: 5 p.m. Jan. 28 and Feb. 2

WHERE: Shawano School District Office conference room, 1310 S. Union St., Shawano

district has block scheduling where some classes don’t meet every day, but Krizan said he and other administrators are looking at whether other types of scheduling might improve efficiency and reduce costs.

Program changes are also in the toolbox for the district. Krizan said that doesn’t include eliminating programs but seeing instead if some condensing could save money.

“We offer a lot of programs when it comes to elective areas for students,” he said. “Do we have to scale some of that back? At the middle school, are there certain things that students can take at seventh grade but not eighth grade? When we look at course offerings, instead of offering 12 classes in tech ed, do we save more by offering 10?”

Student supports are also on the table, but Krizan noted that is being seen as a last resort, as reducing interventionists, counselors and other staff could negatively impact learning if students are not helped in a timely fashion.

“The operational and administrative things will have a minimal impact,” Krizan said. “We try to get away from programs and supports as much as we can.”

While reductions are likely, Krizan said the district needs to look at options of generating revenue, as well.

“Are there opportunities for us to look at renewable energy or leasing opportunities or things like that,” he said.

The district has been predicting that drastic steps would need to be taken on the budget for some time, according to Krizan. Shawano has seen a drop in its enrollment numbers since 2017, but the state equalization aid received by the district, which is at least \$11,000 per student, has not kept up with inflation, he said.

“As a district, our only option right now, we feel, is to take a look at our expenses and get them more in line with our revenues,” Krizan said.

He noted that four school districts in northeast Wisconsin — Appleton, Menasha, Howard-Suamico and Oshkosh — are going to voters in the spring for an operational referendum that overrides the state-mandated spending caps and allows them to maintain its current funding levels. Krizan said that would not be a responsible thing for Shawano to do until it has looked at all possible cuts.

Although the timeline for approving cuts at the end of February seems short, Krizan said the district has been exploring options since the previous budget was approved in October. He said that looking at what insurance rates would be, along with staff salaries and other shifting expenses, was important to know before starting to cut. Also, taking action in February is necessary because certain things like renewing contracts begin as early as March.

“When we held our annual meeting (in October), we presented a budget with a \$1 million deficit,” Krizan said, with the district’s fund balance covering the shortfall.

The school district previously had a \$2 million deficit projected in 2022 and suggested, among other things, shuttering Shawano

Community Middle School. Then the district discovered that it had a surplus of \$2.7 million.

Krizan said that the projected deficit of \$1.6 million is not a miscalculation.

“I have control over our expenses, and the 1.6 million gets us back to our revenues were about four years ago, and that puts us in line with what our expenses were at that time,” he said.

The option of closing a school is something the district will not look at until 2031, according to Krizan, a timeline set up two years ago when considering the capital referendum and realizing building a new middle school would have cost more than \$55 million.

Krizan said the district is looking into ways to bring back students lost through the open enrollment system, including offering virtual options. He added the district is surveying parents of 4-year-old kindergarten students who enrolled their children in other districts to see what it would take to entice them back. The district is talking with local legislators, he said, as well as working with CESA 8 to lobby the Wisconsin Legislature to change the funding formulas.

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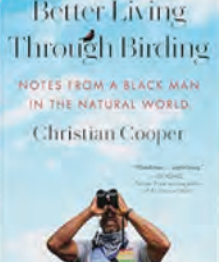


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Council approves 2026 road projects

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

The Shawano Common Council on Jan. 14 approved work on three streets to start in 2026 with new pavement, sewer and water improvements.

The city will work on Center Street from Main to Sawyer streets, Pine Street from Bartlett to Franklin streets, and Washington

Street from Green Bay to Fourth streets. The estimated cost for the three streets is almost \$795,000, with David Tenor Corporation offering the lowest bid out of nine. The city had budgeted more than \$812,000 for the work.

“They’ve worked in the community before, and we’ve had them here for the last several years,” public works director Mike

Mahloch said. “We’ve been very satisfied with them, so I think it will be a good construction project season again this year.”

Mahloch said that water infrastructure improvements are planned for all three streets, while sewer improvements will be made on Center and Washington streets.

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Rocky Balboa passed away on Friday, January 9th of Congestive Heart Failure at the age of 16 years 11 months.

Rocky was born into breeding in New Jersey where he had a wife and sister. He was bred for 10yrs before ending up at a kill shelter in Texas. After being brought to Wisconsin by Fetch Foster Rescue of Wausau, he was adopted into his forever home by his mother, Sarah Bradford.

He was then trained as a Service and Therapy Dog, visiting the elderly and tasking for Seizures and AuDHD disorder.

He was an employee with his Mother at both Church Mutual Insurance Company of Merrill and North Star Casino Resort

Rocky Balboa
Feb 19, 2009 to Jan 9, 2026



in Bowler.

Rocky loved seeing new things and meeting new people. He made friends everywhere he went from Haunted Houses

to Concerts to Hacker Conventions to Packer Games. He loved Italian food, sleeping in the movie theater, going on long car rides, riding in bicycle baskets, and freshly cut grass.

He will be remembered every time there is food left on a plate and in all the quiet moments.

He will be greatly missed by his family and friends as well as all those who’s lives he touched.

Special thanks to Specialized Veterinary Clinic for their care of Rocky during his last year with Heart Failure and for the respect and dignity given to him at the end.

Rocky Balboa, my tiny Captain Needy; you will be forever loved and missed.

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Initial floor plans for courthouse unveiled

Informational website to be created

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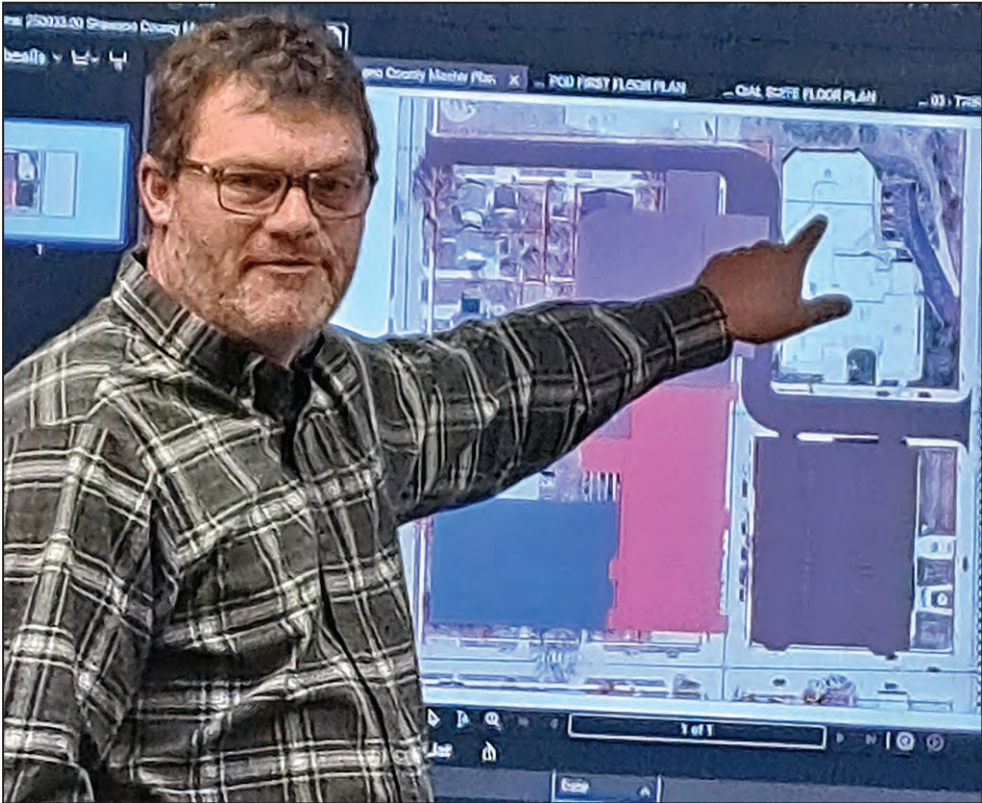
Architects have taken the required square footage numbers for the Shawano County government departments and turned them into a three-story floor plan for a new building.

The first of what is expected to be many versions of the layout was unveiled at the county's public property meeting Jan. 15.

Kurt Berner, of The Samuels Group, said the plans will be used to start developing potential costs.

"We have to be able to give you an idea on what the budgeted costs would be for this building, and we have to figure out how are we going to phase it so the county can afford it," he said. "To take care of all of your needs that you have today, you couldn't afford it, so we have to find a way to get to the end game by steps that are cost-effective for the county."

These preliminary floor plans will be tweaked several times before



Kurt Berner, of The Samuels Group, points to a site rendering of the new and proposed Shawano County government campus on North Main Street. Plans are in motion to build a new courthouse, jail and law enforcement center directly west of the current buildings. The first round of floor plans was released Jan. 15.

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costs and phasing will be determined.

Cory Beyer, of Venture Architects, said in addition to the plans for a three-story building, he is working on an alternate that would have all offices and courts on two floors.

Also, a 150-bed housing pod for jail inmates, a new sally port, booking

area, kitchen and laundry area would be added to the north end of the proposed courthouse that would connect to the current jail. The existing jail, which would then house 108 inmates, would allow the county to close the work release center on Engel Drive and relocate those inmates to the North Main

Street campus.

The first two floors of the new courthouse is projected to house all county offices.

"All staff restrooms would be behind the house," Beyer said. "There's a back corridor to these departments that connect them."

That corridor would

also connect to combined printing rooms, break rooms or restrooms for staff use only. Public restrooms would be available along the main corridors.

The third floor would house the clerk of courts, judges' chambers, courtrooms and jury rooms. It's possible the district attorney's office would also be moved to this floor.

The current layout includes three courtrooms with juries and one non-jury courtroom. Inmates attending a court hearing would enter the building through a secured setup.

"There is no crossing of paths with the public, judge or jury," Beyer said.

Berner also touched on the future of the library, which will not be part of a new courthouse project.

Library board members and staff will meet with a consultant to discuss how fundraising would be used for a new building.

A review of the First Presbyterian Church, which is now for sale, indicated the building and the site was not large enough for the necessary infrastructure, Berner said.

However, the Peace United Church of Christ property has potential. The space on the first and second floors will be evalu-

ated further with discussions on how much money would be needed to invest into renovating that building and site.

Berner added that a website will soon be created and directed toward taxpayers. The site will include a history of the county's buildings plans since the 1980s, identified deficiencies in the current buildings and current plans. Residents may also be able to ask questions through the site.

Town hall meetings are another option to collect taxpayer input.

"More times than not, the people that show up to those meetings are opposed to the project," Berner said. "It is the goal for you to get them so they understand why you're even considering this."

He acknowledged that nobody wants to spend money or increase taxes, but the reality is the county has been in that position for too many years.

"How long do you put that off?" he said. "At the end of the day, nobody wants to see their taxes increase, but the cost of these things are not going down, and the need's not going away."

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Courthouse doors to be locked earlier in evening

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

Security concerns for staff led the county's public property committee to agree Jan. 15 to lock the south doors of the courthouse three hours earlier each evening.

Currently, doors on the east and north sides of the buildings are locked at the end of the business day (4:30 p.m.), and the doors on the south end are locked at 9 p.m. Now,

those southern doors will be locked at 6 p.m.

"With the changes that we've made in our custodial staff, there's often times where we have one female custodian on site after hours," said Julie Hasser, interim administrative coordinator and human resources director.

The outsourced cleaning crew comes and goes at different hours.

Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Court Judge William Kussel Jr. suggested

a new option for the safety of all staff working after normal business hours.

"Knowing that that door is open until 9, it just gives an unsettling feeling for the staff that are here," Hasser said.

In conversations with Ethan Schmidt, clerk of courts, he informed her the courthouse doors must be open if there is a jury trial in progress in the evening.

"The chances that Shawano County has a jury trial where the jurors and

the attorneys are here past 6 o'clock is very few and far between," Hasser said. "If that were to happen, we would know ahead of time that we could allow the doors to be open at that time."

Tami Goers, UW-Extension coordinator, agreed with the early closure but questioned what would happen when meetings are held in the building after hours, specifically 4-H meetings.

Hasser and Nick Hesse,

facilities management director, said they could work through those situations, either with a guest key card for access or other procedure.

"I've been here after hours, and I feel that safety thing, too," Goers said. "I'm not against having the doors locked, because there's times when I'm working late to attend a meeting, and you're like, 'Oh, those doors are open. Who knows who's in the bathroom when I walk

down there?' They could be hiding in the restroom and waiting for the next day."

Matt Hietpas, technology services director, agreed with Goers.

"I think security-wise, now that we only have one person in the building, I feel that is a security issue that we need to address," he said. "We have no clue who would be in here from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m."

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Behling still waiting for attorney in stalking case

Public defender's office has not appointed representation

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

A Shawano man remains in the Shawano County Jail on a \$50,000 cash bond and waits for representation after being charged three months ago with stalking his ex-girlfriend.

A hearing on Jan. 12 was the second time Aaron T. Behling was told he qualified for representation from the public defender's office,

but that one could not be found to take the case. Behling had previously said he did not want to waive his right to an attorney. Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Court Judge William Kussel Jr. scheduled a status conference for 1:30 p.m. March 10 to check on the status of the attorney appointment.

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

According to the criminal complaint, the victim told police she found

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

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

An Act 79 search, which allows law enforcement to conduct searches without a warrant for people

on probation for felony crimes, was executed. Police reportedly found in his basement another Logistimatics GPS tracker, along with five empty syringes, a vape cartridge that tested positive for marijuana and a syringe with white residue that tested positive for meth.

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

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

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

Another incident took place at a Shawano fast-food restaurant where Behling allegedly grabbed the victim's cell phone and started look-

ing through it, later driving her back to work but not returning the phone.

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

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

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Drivers serving up 30,000 meals a year

Dinners often account for half a senior's food intake

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

supplies more than half of their daily food intake.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Congregate meals are offered at six sites across

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Eligibility for home-delivered meals:

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

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

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

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

very good.

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

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District gets clean audit opinion

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

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

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

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

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

Lasecki said there was a little challenge in go-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"It's very common to

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

LeFebre replaced Abby Vogt as coordinator in May.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Across its management area, TIP treated 151.94 acres.

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

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

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

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

In Menominee County, 12.35 acres were treated.

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

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

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CMN continues work on Neopit Outreach Center

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

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

“We are excited to be at

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

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

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

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

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

For more information, call 715-799-6226.

Cold can't cancel family fishing fun



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

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Costs mounting to shorten speedway

Engineering, permitting could run over \$30K

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

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

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

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

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

“Larger radiuses on the

Shawano track,” he said.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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GARDENING WITH MELINDA MYERS

Certain plants produce flowers for indoor garden

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

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



Melinda Myers
Columnist

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

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

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

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

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

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

Have fun by adding a hanging basket

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Bromeliads are long bloomers with unique tropical flowers. MELINDAMYERS.COM



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

Bonduel podcast showcases stories with touch of caffeine

Beans and Banter supplements Facebook stories about uplifting things

By LYNN ZAFFRANN
Correspondent

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The first podcasts were filmed with



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

just the Fischers.

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

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

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

Some of the guests they plan to line up

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

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

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

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

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

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Snowshoe trek reveals nature beneath the snow

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

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

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

Plus, when it slowly



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Shawano Knights donate funds to local charities

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

Deputy Grand Knight John Hoff-

man presented the checks totaling \$1,200.

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

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

organization. The Shawano Council was chartered in 1941.

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

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

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

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

They currently have about 180 subscribers to the podcast.

On Jan. 14, they filmed an interview with Jordan

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Check all your plants for insects each time

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

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

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

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

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Watching bird feeders a learning experience

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

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

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

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

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



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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, JAN. 23

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY, JAN. 24

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

at the trailhead.

SUNDAY, JAN. 25

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

TUESDAY, JAN. 27

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 28

SHAWANO: Community Listening Session on School Budget, 5-8 p.m., District Office Community Room, 1310 S. Union St.

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THURSDAY, JAN. 29

OCONTO: Thursday Play

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

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

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Panthers get conference wins in Waupaca

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

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

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

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

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

Oconto Falls 62, Waupaca 15

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

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

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

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

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

Oconto Falls 59, Wrightstown 24

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

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

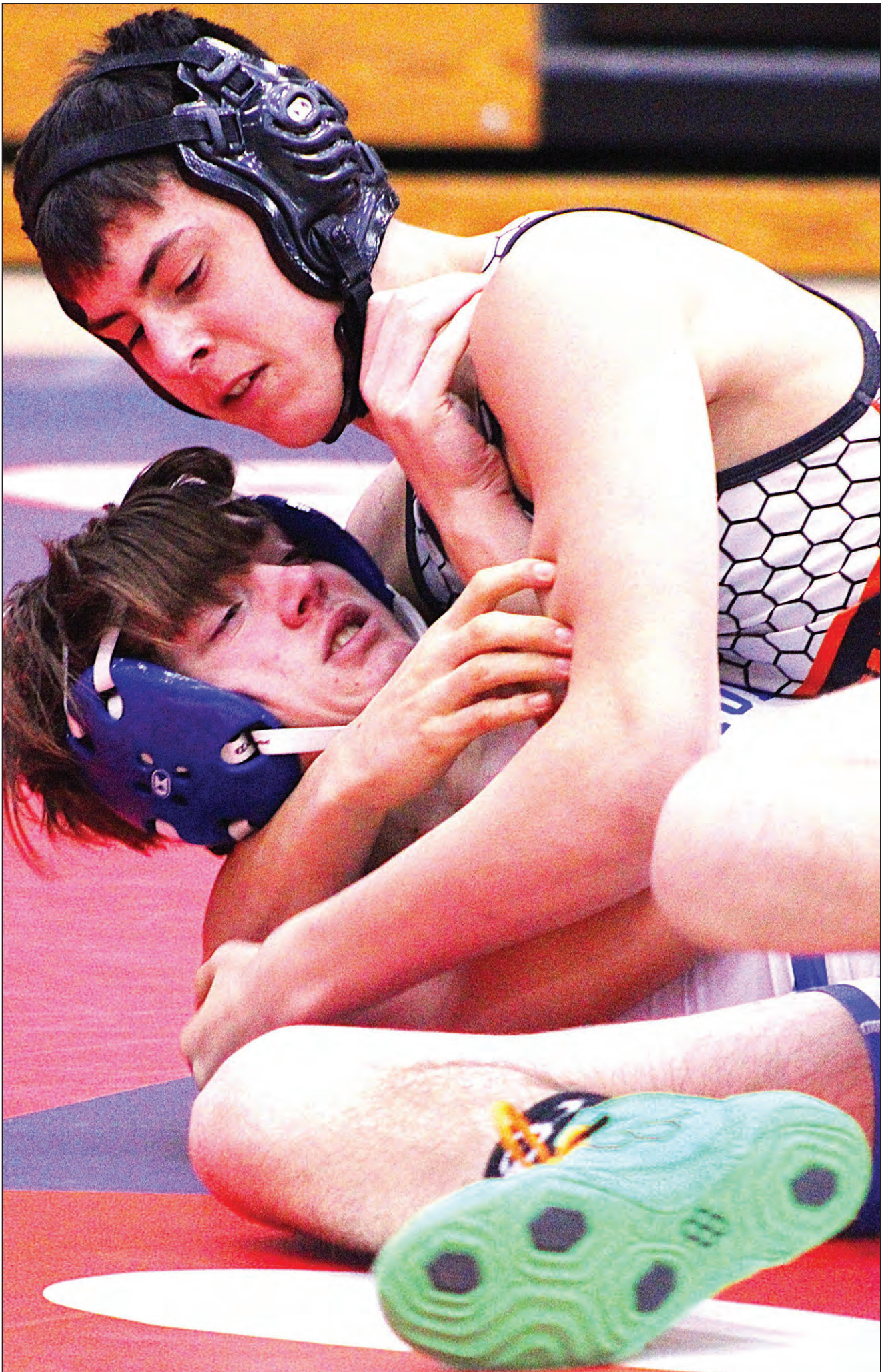
Dryja had Oconto Falls' final win of the match by pinning Alejandro Gonzalez in 2:43 (190).

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

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

The Panthers compete with several quality pro-

WRESTLE, CONTINUED ON PAGE 12



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

GREG SEUBERT

Moede collects 100th win for Shawano girls

Wrestlers face touch competition in Wausau

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

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

Zannah Bosetski, Amiyah O'Kimosh, Lauren

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

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

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

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

to hit this great milestone," Homan said.

Moede finished the day with a sixth-place finish.

Jan. 15

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

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

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

but ended up losing both matches by pin.

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

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

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

Kian Morstad wrestled the best match of the night.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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Ice Bears improve to 8-0 in conference

Jan. 17
Bay Area 3, Lakeshore Lightning 1

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thursday, Jan. 15
Bay Area 5, USM 0

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

Hawks come up short against Waupun

By NEW Media Staff

Saturday, Jan. 17
Waupun 5, Shawano/Bonduel 1

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

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

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

Both teams were penalized six times for 12 minutes.

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

23 at Viroqua.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

saves against 22 shots on goal.

Each team was penalized twice for four minutes.

Northland Pines 7, Antigo 1

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

Tuesday, Jan. 13
Sheboygan 6, Bay Area 3

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

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

ing with Brody Hronek assisting.

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

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

Monday, Jan. 12
Sheboygan 3, Shawano 1

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

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

sticks went quiet.

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

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

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

Tomahawk 8, Antigo 0

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



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Defense helps keep Chargers undefeated

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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"We can be best friends, but we want to beat each other. This is our rival game, whether it's foot-

ball, basketball, volleyball, anything.

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

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

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



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

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

Wittenberg-Birnamwood, Lena girls cruise to victories

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

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

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

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

Rogowski with 12.

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

Lena 42, St. Thomas Aquinas Academy 12

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

Other scores: Bonduel

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

Thursday, Jan. 15
Shawano 54, Kewaunee 49

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

utes remaining to seal the victory.

Leah Nordin was unstoppable with 35 points.

The Hawks improved to 8-6.

Other scores: Luxemburg-Casco 44, Oconto Falls 31

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

Marion/Tigerton improved to 7-4 overall with

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

Menominee Nation 58, Manawa 32

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

New London 58, Shawano 50

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

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

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

Monday, Jan. 12
Other scores: Manawa 49, Marion/Tigerton 33;

Menominee Nation 69, Port Edwards 18; Bonduel 50, Oconto Falls 36.

Bonduel, Shawano boys notch big wins

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

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

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

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

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

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

Leading Lena was Lucas Mongiat with 29 points.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Jack Weier also scored 12 points.

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

Tigerton 67, Northland Lutheran 35

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

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

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

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

Izaiah Lederhaus recorded four assists.

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

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

Bonduel improved to

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

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

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

New London 85, Shawano 47

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

Jackson Nordin led the Hawks in scoring with 12 points.

Little Chute 64, Oconto Falls 50

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

Jameson Beaman scored 11 points and led with eight rebounds. Carson McDer-mid also scored 10 points.

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

Tigerton 75, Crandon

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pecore also had three

assists, while Kaquatosh led the team with 11 rebounds.

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

Kevin Miller also contribute three assists.

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

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

Oneida Naton 84, Lena 40

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

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

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

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

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

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

Shawano Speedway 2026 racing schedule announced

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

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

tentatively set for April 11, race officials announced.

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

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

a Reason on July 25, corn roast Aug. 15 and championship night Sept. 5.

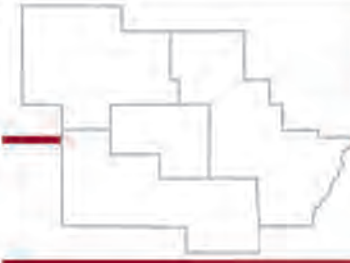
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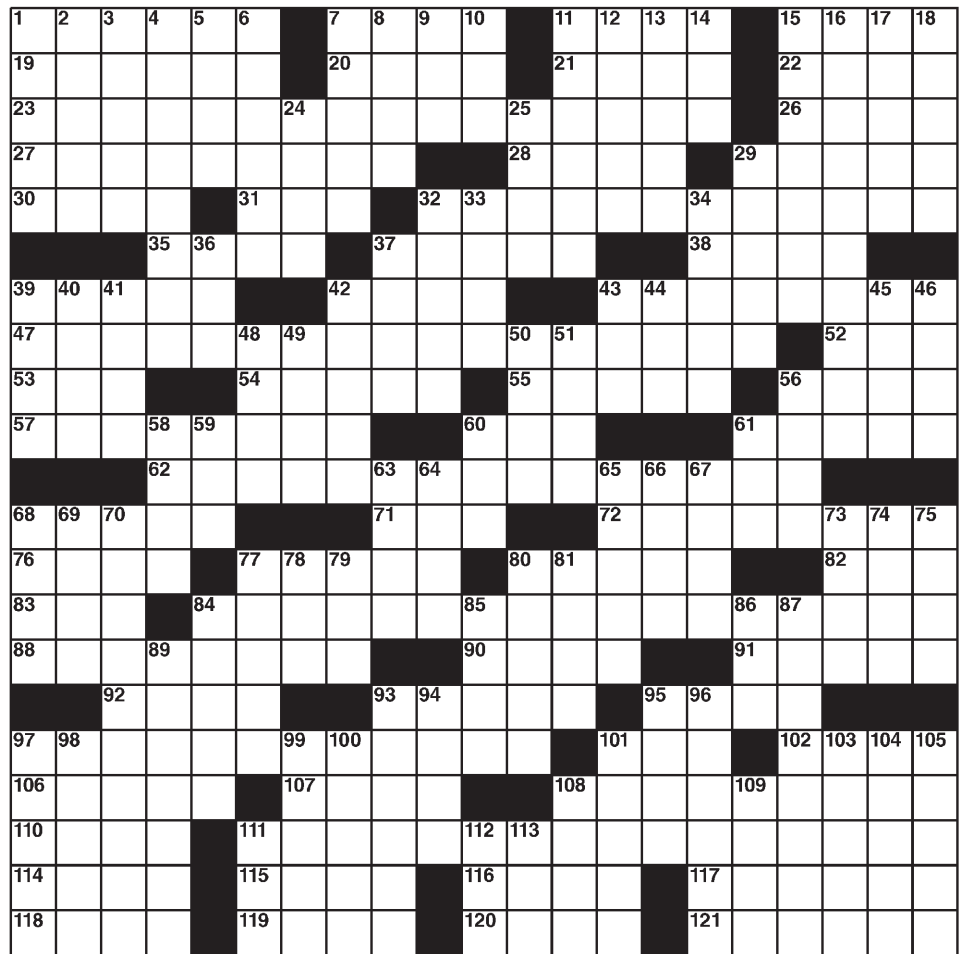
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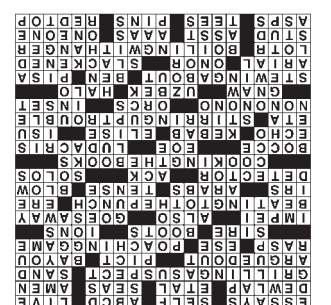
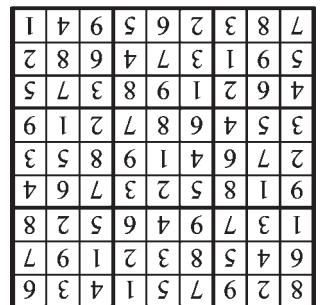
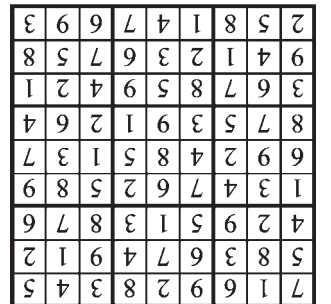
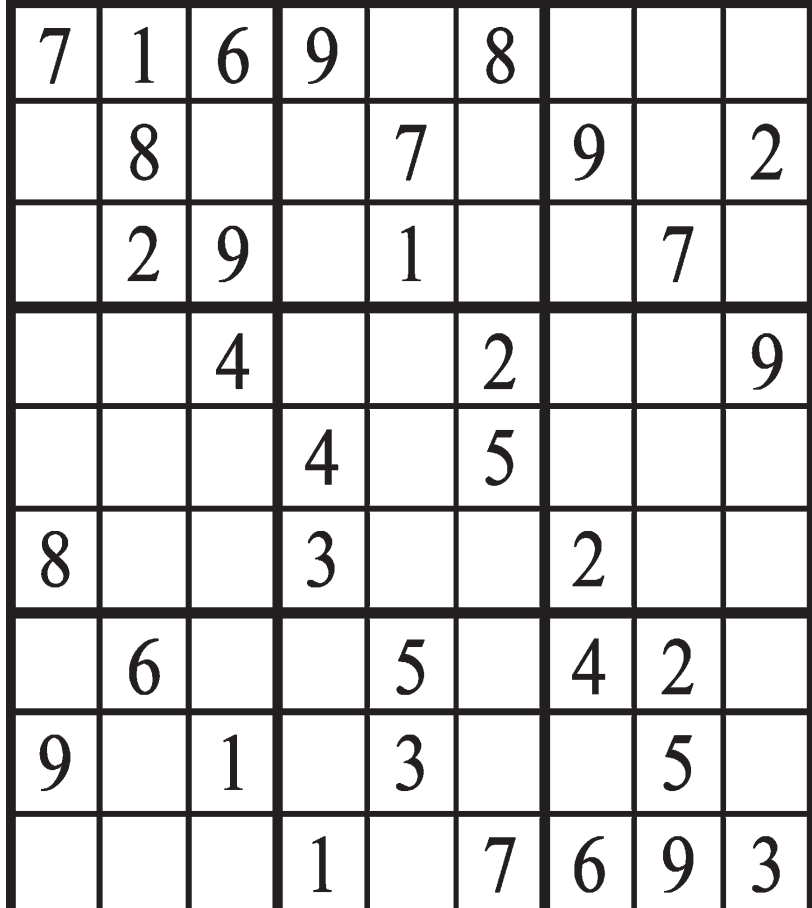
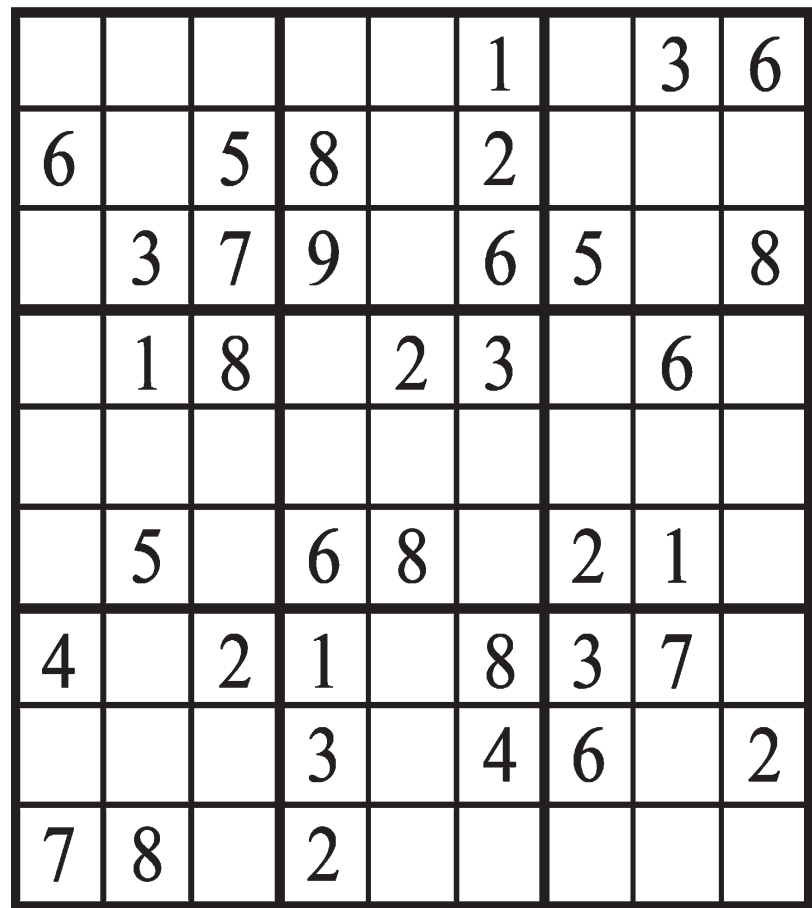
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PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Jan. 18

Deputies responded to 34 incidents, including operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; drugs near County Road Z and Maple Drive in the Town of Hutchins; an animal bite on Leopolis Road in Leopolis; suspicious activity on Larson Road in the Town of Germania; a disturbance on River Drive in the Town of Wescott; bail jumping on Shady Lane in the Town of Washington; three 911 calls; one reckless driving incident; one traffic hazard; one welfare check; eight crashes, one involving deer.

Jan. 17

Deputies responded to 31 incidents, including a disturbance on Webers Point Road in the Town of Wescott; a disturbance on Fourth Street in Mattoon; suspicious activity on Main Laney Drive in the Town of Maple Grove; trespassing on Lake Drive in the Town of Hutchins; suspicious activity near state highways 47 and 156 in the Town of Lessor; one 911 call; two reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazard; two welfare checks; four crashes.

Jan 16

Deputies responded to 41 incidents, including operating after revocation near East Grand Avenue and South Mission Street in Wittenberg; disorderly conduct on South Prouty Street in Wittenberg; harassment on Second Drive in the Town of Washington; a fire control burn on County Road VV in the Town of Red Springs; juvenile alcohol on Olson Road in the Town of Green Valley; one 911 call; three reckless driving incidents; two traffic hazards; two welfare checks; 12 crashes.

Jan. 15

Deputies responded to 26 incidents, including one 911 call; three reckless driving incidents; two welfare checks; two crashes, one involving deer.

Jan. 14

Deputies responded to 49 incidents, including suspicious activity on Gollnow Road in the Town of Germania; one 911

call; four traffic hazards; one welfare check; four crashes, one involving deer.

Jan. 13

Deputies responded to 27 incidents, including operating after revocation near state Highway 156 and Fir Road in the Town of Maple Grove; operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated near County Road B and Industrial Drive in the Town of Waukechon; property damage on Second Drive in the Town of Washington; fraud on Pine Avenue in Mattoon; a scam on County Road MMM in the Town of Richmond; a disturbance on Timber Lane in the Town of Almon; disorderly conduct on East Hofman Street in Cecil; operating after revocation on North Warrington Avenue in Cecil; three 911 calls; one reckless driving incident; two traffic hazards; one welfare check; four crashes.

Jan. 12

Deputies responded to 43 incidents, including suspicious activity on County Road N in the Town of Birnamwood; fraud on Lone Pine Road in the Town of Maple Grove; threatening on Cedar Street in Tigerton; suspicious activity on Hofa Park Drive in the Town of Maple Grove; four 911 calls; six reckless driving incidents; two traffic hazards; two welfare checks; four crashes, two involving deer.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Jan. 18

Officers responded to 12 incidents, including assault at Birch Hill Health Care, 1475 Birch Hill Lane; disorderly conduct on South Lincoln Street; suspicious activity outside Oak Haven Nursing Home, 142 Oak Court; one 911 call; one crash.

Jan. 17

Officers responded to 10 incidents, including bail jumping on East Richmond Street; a disturbance on Acorn Street; a disturbance on East Richmond Street; two welfare checks; one crash.

Jan. 16

Officers responded to 22 incidents, including a drug offense on East Green Bay Street; harassment on South Main Street; operating after revocation near North Main and Mills streets; automobile

theft at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; assault on Teddington Lane; a noise disturbance on South Water Street; a disturbance near state Highway 22 and Madison Way; one welfare check; three crashes.

Jan. 15

Officers responded to 14 incidents, including resisting and interfering with police near East Lieg Avenue and South Cleveland Street; illegal burning on River Pine Drive; a disturbance at Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St.; operating after revocation near East Green Bay Street and Lakeland Road; an internet sex crime at an undisclosed location; trespassing at an undisclosed location; one 911 call; one welfare check.

Jan. 14

Officers responded to 27 incidents, including suspicious activity near East Randall and South Andrews streets; a drug offense outside Family Dollar, 413 S. Main St.; five truancy reports at Shawano Community Middle School 1050 S. Union St.; two incidents of operating after revocation near East Green Bay and Ellis streets; a noise disturbance on South Water Street; a weapon offense at Kwik Trip, 1241 E. Green Bay St.; two 911 calls; two traffic hazards; one welfare check.

Jan. 13

Officers responded to 23 incidents, including a disturbance on East Richmond Street; trespassing at Hardee's, 1120 E. Green Bay St.; trespassing at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 302 S. Main St.; suspicious activity in Olga Brener Woods, 1300 S. Union St.; theft on Humphrey Circle; disorderly conduct on West Fifth Street; harassment on South Main Street; three 911 calls; two reckless driving incidents; two welfare checks; one crash.

Jan. 12

Officers responded to 27 incidents including harassment at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; three truancy reports at Olga Brener Intermediate School, 1300 S. Union St.; theft near West Green Bay and North Bartlett streets; one reckless driving incident; one traffic hazard; two welfare checks; one crash.

Applications being accepted for Shawano Hometown Heroes banners

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Another banner year is expected for the Hometown Heroes group that honors local veterans.

Applications for veterans to be featured on a banner hung along South Main Street are now being accepted.

Each banner will display the veteran's name, branch of service, and a military photo or logo. Banners will be displayed on South Main Street, beginning at the

Elizabeth Street intersection and heading south. The banners will be displayed from Memorial Day to around Veterans Day in alphabetical order. Limited space is available.

Active service members or honorably discharged veterans are eligible to be featured. Anyone with service in the U.S. Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Space Force, National Guard or Reserves can be recognized.

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live or have lived in the 54166 ZIP code.

Each banner costs \$250. Anyone can fund a banner, including the veteran, veteran's family, nominee, business, etc. The cost covers the expenses for the banner and bracket.

All information and payments are due by March 31.

Visit <https://www.shawanoshometownheroes.com> for information or to apply. Questions can also be directed to shawanoshometownheroes@gmail.com.

OBITUARIES

Austin Finlay Newcomb



Austin Newcomb, a kind and gentle man with a deep love for music, family and the outdoors, passed away Dec. 16, 2025, at the age of 92.

Born on Dec. 11, 1933, in Waupaca County, Austin was the son of Clyde and Evelyn (Smithback) Newcomb. He graduated from Shawano High School and later attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison, studying electrical engineering. He proudly served his country in the United States Army, carrying the values of dedication and integrity throughout his life.

Austin worked as an electrical engineer and was the owner and operator of Newcomb Electric and Heating. He also ran his own woodworking business, combining skill, creativity and craftsmanship. Known for his tireless work ethic, he continued working full time until just weeks before his passing.

A lifelong music lover, Austin played in numerous

bands and shared his passion for music with everyone around him. He also enjoyed fly fishing and cherished the peace and beauty of the outdoors.

On May 19, 1984, he married the love of his life, Constance Newcomb, in Antigo. He treasured family gatherings and the time spent with loved ones.

Austin was a devoted member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, serving faithfully in many capacities throughout his life. Known for his warm

John Nischke



John Nischke, 85, of Bonduel, passed away Thursday, Jan. 15, 2026, in Shawano.

John was born in Green Bay on Dec. 31, 1940, son of the late Herbert and Alice (Wilson) Nischke. John graduated from Bonduel High School with the class of 1959.

On Jan. 20, 1962, he was united in marriage to Dixie Lee Grace Finger at Grace Lutheran Church in Sugar Bush. John owned and operated a dairy farm in Angelica until ownership transferred to his son and daughter-in-law in 1992. John went on to drive semi for Bay Industries and then Graf Creamery until retiring.

In his free time, he enjoyed hunting, fishing and the occasional Manhattan, and in his younger years, snowmobiling and bowling, and bowling a 700 series at the state tournament.

Gary D. Jorgensen, 85, formerly of Appleton and Shawano, passed away Jan. 9, 2026, in Oshkosh.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held for Gary on Saturday, Feb. 7, 2026,

sense of humor, gentle nature and kindness, he touched the lives of all who knew him.

He is survived by his children, Thomas Newcomb (Janell), David Newcomb, Robert Newcomb; stepchildren, Susan Glodoski (Timothy), Donald Zeinert (Carla), Sally Zeinert, Joel Zeinert (Amy) and Jeffrey Zeinert; 16 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and his siblings, Mary Simonds, Clyde (Bebe) Newcomb Jr. and Ronald Newcomb.

He was preceded in death by his siblings, Marel (Bud) Newcomb, Morton Newcomb and James Newcomb.

Austin's legacy lives on through the music he played, the craftsmanship he shared, the kindness he showed and the love he gave to all who knew him.

Family and friends may leave words of remembrance at MWCS.WS.

Mid Wisconsin Cremation Society is assisting the family.

(significant other Leah) Malchow, Daniel (David) Malchow-Davis and Nicole (significant other Patrick) Malchow; eight great-grandchildren with another on the way; a brother, Bill Nischke; and sisters-in-law and brother-in-law, Gloria Passehl, and Dale and Mary Finger. He is further survived by numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Lorraine (Gary) Wolf and Carol (Dan) Wilke; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Ken and Viola Finger; brother-in-law, Don Passehl; and sister-in-law, Linda Finger.

A funeral service for John was held at Friedens Lutheran Church in Bonduel on Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2026.

www.swedbergfuneralhome.com

A full obituary will follow.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Fiss and Bills-Poklasny Funeral Homes of Oshkosh, 920-235-1170.

COURT NEWS

• Jose Paredes, 25, pleaded guilty Jan. 14 to two counts of battery and one count of disorderly conduct, all misdemeanors. One of the battery charges was amended from a felony in a plea agreement. Judge Katherine Sloma withheld sentencing and placed him on two years of probation with conditions.

• Crystal M. Malone, 41, Bowler, pleaded no contest Jan. 13 to two counts of felony bail jumping and misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct and resisting or obstructing an officer. Sloma withheld sentencing and placed her on three years of probation with conditions.

• Kenisha K. King, 28, Surging, pleaded no contest Jan. 14 to two counts of felony bail jumping. Sloma levied fines and sentenced her to 120 days in county jail.

• Travis L. Karien, 42,

Green Bay, pleaded no contest Jan. 15 to misdemeanor charges of battery and disorderly conduct. The battery count was amended from a felony in a plea agreement. Judge William Kussel Jr. withheld sentencing and placed him on one year of probation with conditions.

• Leonard A. Traut, 37, Wittenberg, was charged Jan. 12 with four counts of felony bail jumping and two misdemeanor counts of disorderly conduct. Kussel set an \$8,500 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for Jan. 27.

• Antonio J. Mahkimetas-Haack, 27, Neopit, was charged Jan. 12 with first-degree recklessly endangering safety, false imprisonment, and misdemeanor counts of battery and disorderly conduct. Kussel set a \$2,000 cash bond and scheduled a

status conference for March 3.

• Darin C. Zhukkahosee, 37, Bowler, was charged Jan. 12 with false imprisonment and misdemeanor counts of fourth-degree sexual assault and disorderly conduct. Kussel set a \$750 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Jan. 21.

• Woody Nahquaddy, 39, Keshena, was charged Jan. 13 with possession of THC (second or subsequent offense) and five counts of felony bail jumping. Kussel set a \$3,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Jan. 23.

• Jackson Vaughn Zhuckahosee, 17, Clintonville, was charged Jan. 15 with theft of movable property valued between \$2,500 and \$5,000. Sloma set a \$1,000 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for March 31.



Shawano School District Superintendent Kurt Krizan, left, cuts the ribbon Jan. 16 for the new district office, watched by, from left, Brandi Genske, special education director; Tim Renard, school board president; Elisha Wagenson, personalized learning director; Janice Boucher, finance manager; Christine McKinnies, school board member; Janelle Schraufnagel, human resources director; and Kayla Brandenmuehl, athletic director.

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in the northwest corner of Olga Brener, replacing classrooms on that corner due to the student enrollment drops Shawano has experienced for years.

“Today is kind of our first step in our project here, a \$51.23 million referendum project,” said Kurt Krizan, superintendent. “This is the first ribbon cutting we’ve had for our projects that have been completed so far in the first part of this milestone.”

Tim Renard, school board president, noted the district office was moved from its original location at Shawano Community High School to make way for a bigger and more improved weight room facility. The classrooms between the old district office and the high school office will also be renovated for the weight room, and those classrooms will be added to the south portion of SCHS to provide family and consumer science programs.

Renard said utilizing existing space for the district office and weight room was preferable to adding on space to existing buildings.

The community room is a vast improvement for the school board, Renard said, which had been meeting in the SCHS library since 2020.

“It’s a very nice room,” Renard said. “It’s an upgrade from what we’ve

had previously. This room has a lot more capability to stream the meetings and bring more people. If they can’t be here, they can come in electronically.”

The high school library has just undergone a renovation and recently reopened for students, Renard said.

Improved lighting, electrical work and flooring were among the improvements made to the other three schools, according to Renard.

“A lot of the things that were improved, you can’t see (with) the naked eye,” he said. “There’s a lot of behind-the-scenes stuff that needed to be upgraded that makes the buildings safer and more efficient. We updated some of the bathrooms for ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliance, and we put in a new boiler for the heating systems.”

Roof work at the middle school has been done, but there’s another part that will be done this summer.

“There’s still a lot of work to be done yet, but it’s great to see progress and finally put these facility upgrades to some use,” Renard said. “We kicked this off quite a while ago, and we’re glad to finally see the fruits of our labors. I think it’s going to make Shawano School District even better going forward.”

Krizan said the ribbon cutting represents much more than giving district office employees a more improved area in which to work.

“This building is just one piece of a much larger story,” Krizan said. “The investment is already improving learning spaces, enhancing safety and modernizing facilities across our district, all with one goal in mind — creating the best environment for our students and staff.”

Hoffman Planning and Design has taken the lead on the referendum work, and Krizan said the company has done a lot to bring the district’s dreams into the real world.

“Their work helped turn ideas into a space that supports the mission of our district,” he said.

Krizan added that the community’s support was what made the improvements a reality when voters approved the referendum in November 2024.

“When you voted to support the referendum, you sent a powerful message that you believe in our schools, in our educators and in our students,” Krizan said. “We take that responsibility seriously, and we are committed to being good stewards of the resources you have entrusted to us.”

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Resources and general guidance are provided by the Native American Rights Fund at <https://narf.org/ice-resources-2026> and <https://narf.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/know-your-rights-ice-2026.pdf>.

At least five Native Americans were detained by ICE in the Minneapolis area earlier this month — four Oglala Lakota men and one Red Lake Ojibwe man.

“The St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin strongly oppose the actions and presence of (ICE), including the targeting of community members, the detention and separation

of families and the ongoing disregard for human rights,” according to a statement from St. Croix Ojibwe officials who manage a reservation about 80 miles from Minneapolis in northwest Wisconsin.

“The tribe is prepared to confirm your membership or direct descendant status if necessary,” Stockbridge-Munsee officials said. “We are also prepared to provide documentation if requested.”

Stockbridge-Munsee tribal members who do not have documentation regarding their citizenship can call 715-793-4677 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. week-

days. At other times, call 715-216-6593.

Menominee tribal members who have encounters with ICE and need assistance confirming tribal citizenship should call the Menominee Tribal Police Department at 715-799-3881 or the Menominee Enrollment Office at 715-799-5121 (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays).

Leaders with the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council and the Menominee Tribe of Wisconsin did not return messages asking them to elaborate on the issues.

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Quotes will be received by the City of Shawano at City Hall, 127 S. Sawyer Street, Shawano, WI or by email to mmahloch@cityofshawano.com until 11:00 AM Local Time on January 30th, 2026. Quotes will be reviewed and contract will be awarded to the vendor whose quote is most responsive to the solicitation and is most advantageous to the City of Shawano, considering price, quality and other factors. Any contractor desiring to provide a quote must provide insurance on file with the City of Shawano.

Owner reserves the right to reject any and all quotes.

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

The City of Shawano requires Bidders to be pre-qualified for this project in accordance with the Wisconsin Statutes 66.29(2). Qualifications shall be emailed to mpleshek@cityofshawano.com at the DPW office not less than 5 working days prior to the bid deadline. The Owner's decision as to the qualifications shall be final.

A bid bond payable to the City of Shawano in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid shall accompany each bid as a guarantee, that if the bid is accepted, the Bidder will execute and file the Contract, Performance and Payment Bonds, and the Insurance Certificate within ten (10) days after the receipt of the Notice of Award by the City. If the bidder fails to file such a Contract and Bonds within the time set forth above, the Bid Bond shall be forfeited to the City as liquidated damages.

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

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 25-PR-102
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for Informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth of October 17, 1964, and date of death October 28, 2025 was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 413 N. Humphrey Cir., Shawano, WI 54166.
3. All interested parties waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is April 10, 2026.
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Attorney Bridget M. Erwin
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
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Case No.25 PR101

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2. The decedent, with date of birth Shawano 11/19/1941and date of death 12/13/2025 was domiciled in Shawano County State of Wisconsin with a mailing address of. 517 E. Lieg Avenue. Shawano, WI 54166
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is April 13,2006.
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano Couty Court house 311 N Main St, Shawano, WI Wisconsin, Room 202. Probate office

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Plaintiff,
v.
COLBY DALTON WRIGHT
N5614 N. FRANKLIN STREET
SHAWANO, WI 54166
Defendant.

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CASE NO-25-CV271
Money Judgment: The amount claimed exceeds \$10,000.00

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

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DATED at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on January 6, 2026.

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CIRCUIT COURT
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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY
Case No. 26-PR-04

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
John C. Weber
Date of Death: December 24, 2025

Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth October 27, 1953 and date of death December 24, 2025 was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of N6559 River Road, Wittenberg, WI 54499
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is [Date] April 27, 2026
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano, WI 54166, Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate Office

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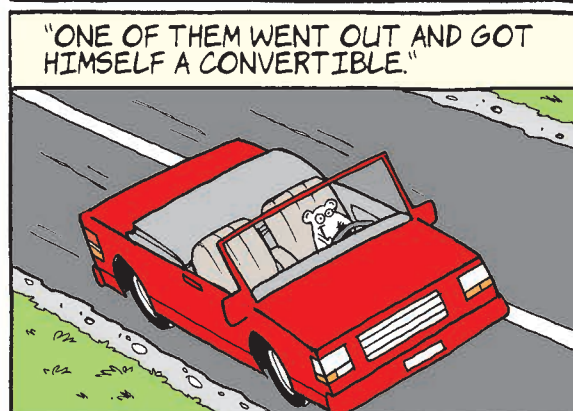
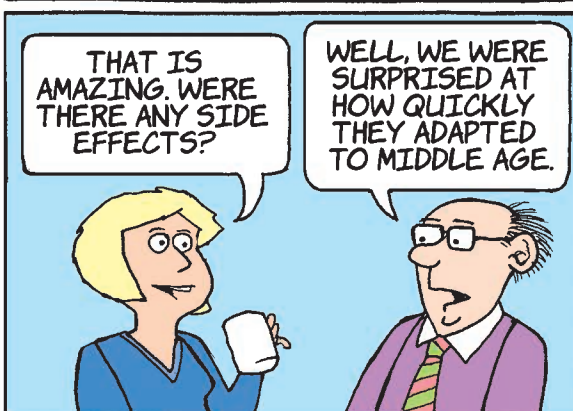
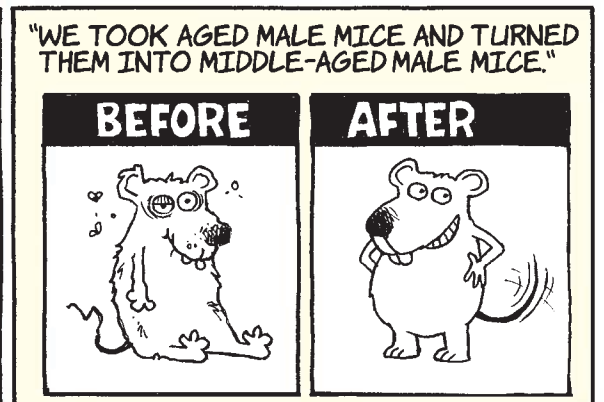
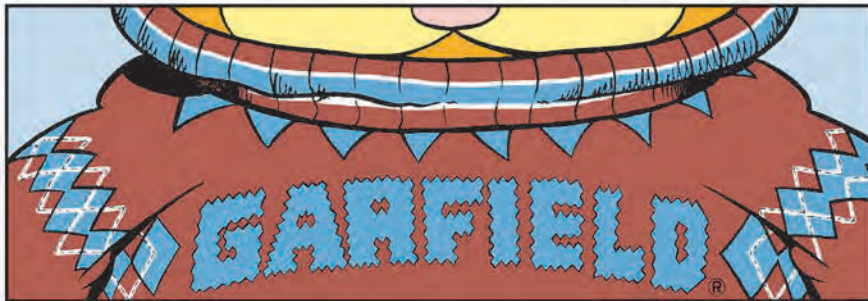
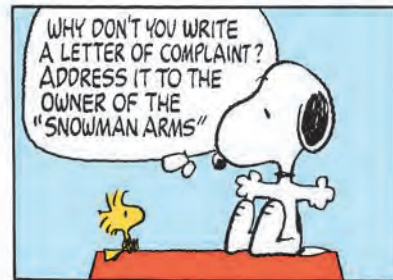
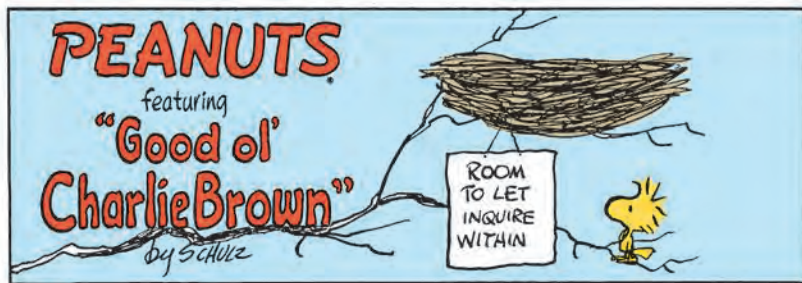
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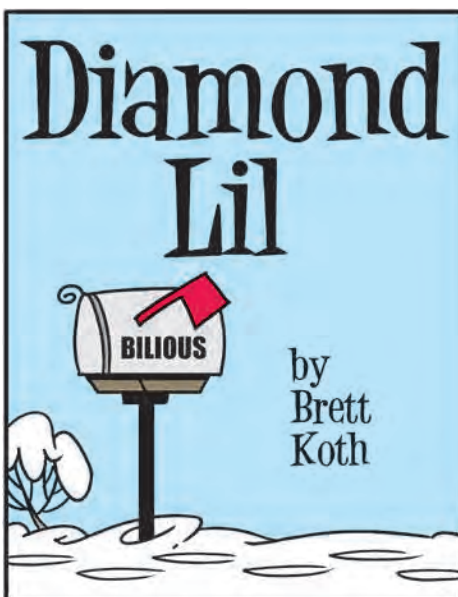
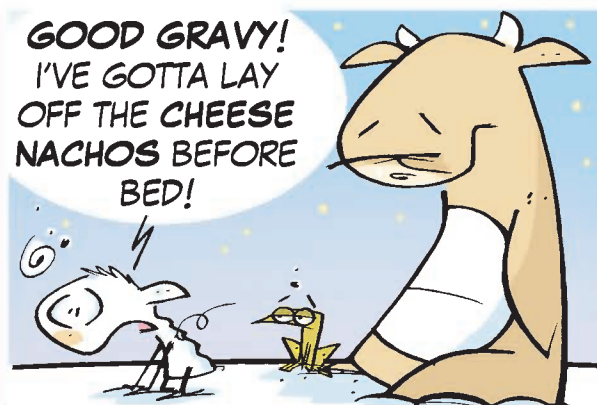
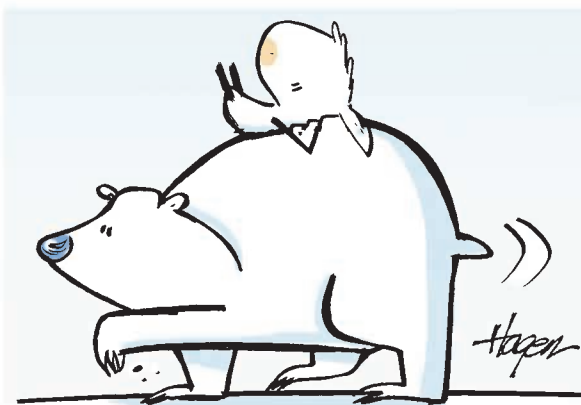
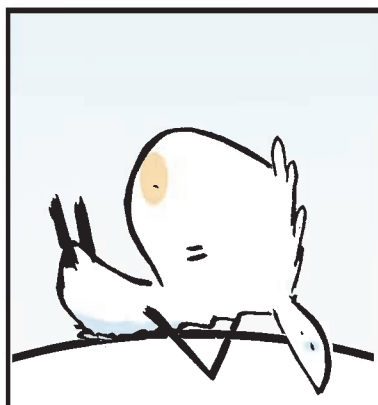
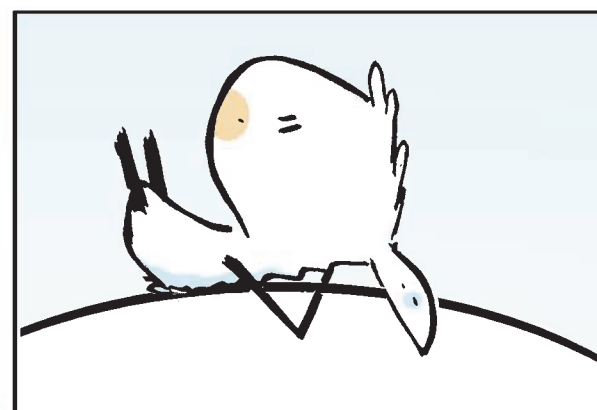
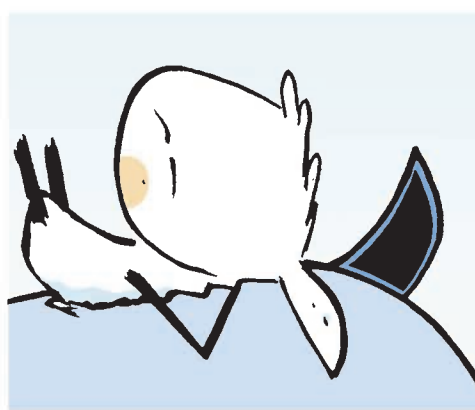
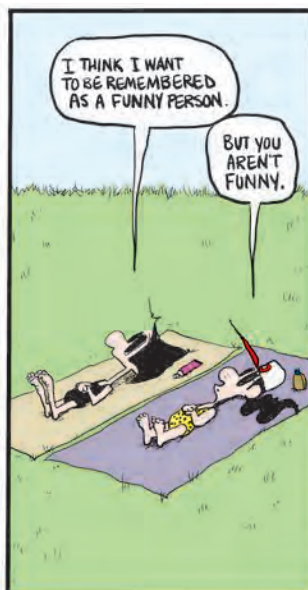
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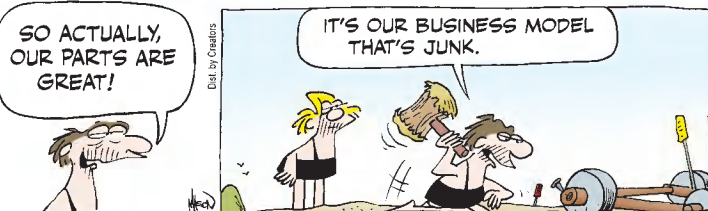
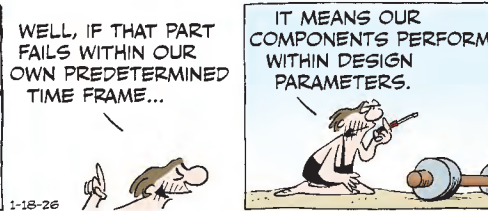
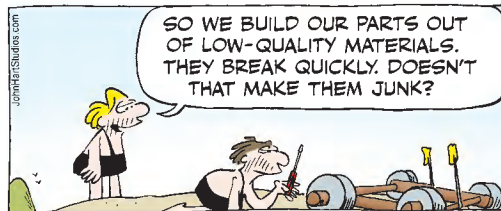
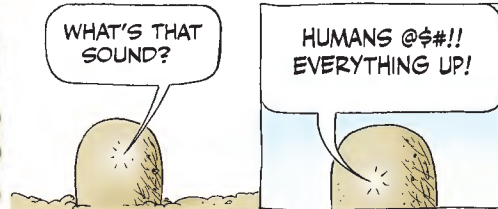
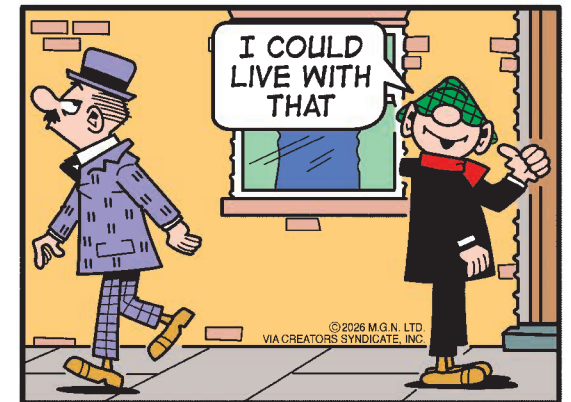
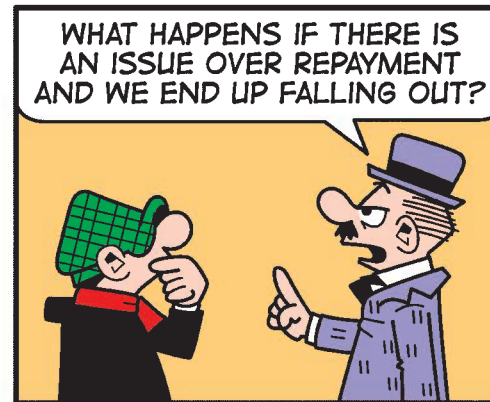
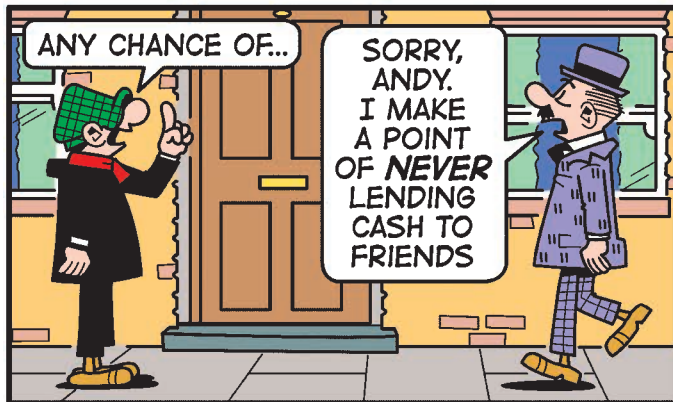
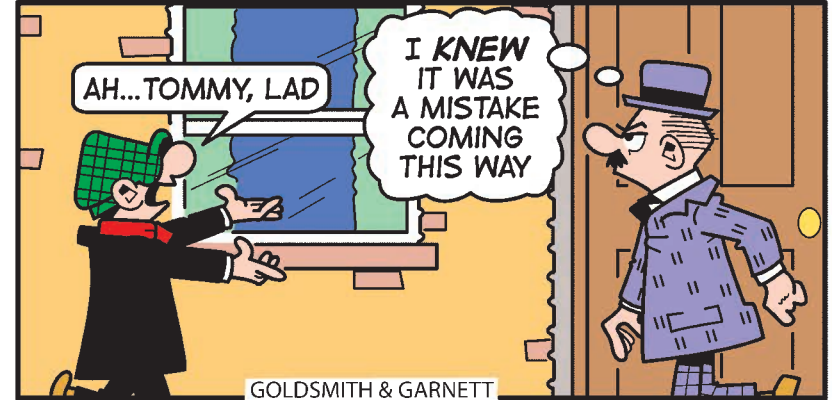






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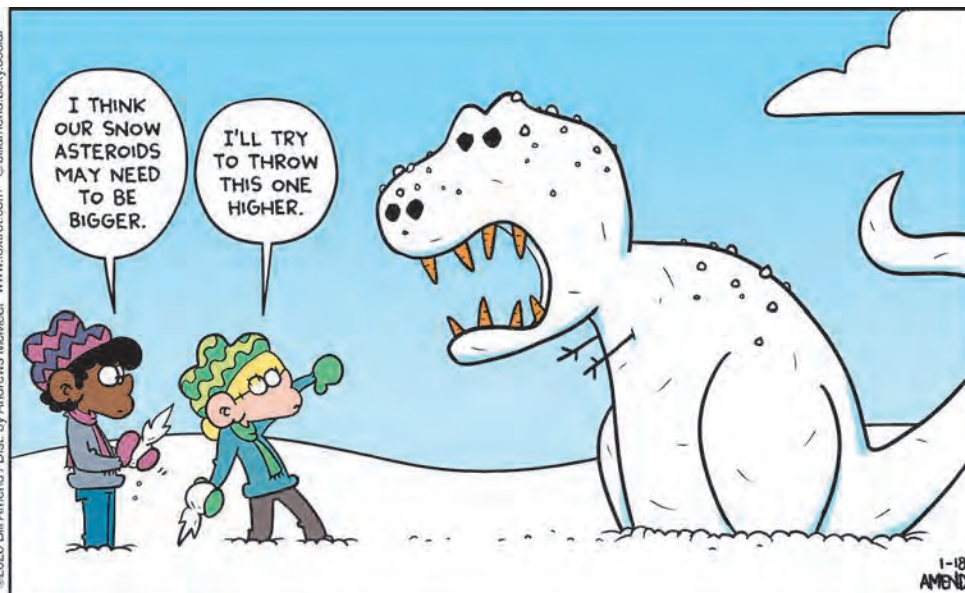


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