Raddant Electric Service, Inc., has received a Façade/Sign Grant totaling $2500 through Shawano Country Vision 2017. The matching grant was awarded to help cover costs to purchase and erect a new sign at their business located at W7850 County Road MMM in Shawano.

Owners Rich and Judi Raddant opened Raddant Electric in 1984. Skilled in all areas of remodeling and wiring services, Raddant Electric is also a dealer for Generac automatic standby generators.

According to the Raddants, the new sign replaces their old sign which was damaged in a storm, but it also draws attention to their generator sales dealership. “Our new sign advertises us as a Generac generator sales and service dealer and this will help us to increase our sales,” said Rich Raddant.

The Raddant’s new sign was made by a local sign manufacturer, so the grant provided by Shawano Country Vision 2017 not only assisted the recipient but also another local business. “Grants like these are very important to small businesses in today's economy to help give financial support that many small businesses need. I believe the programs and incentives that Shawano Country Vision 2017 offers will attract small business development in our area and help with job creation in our small community” added Raddant.

Any employer or entrepreneur operating in Shawano or Menominee Counties can apply for Shawano Country Vision 2017 grant programs. To determine if your project or business development idea is eligible contact Dennis Heling at 715-526-5839, scepi@frontiernet.net or Nancy Smith at 715-524-2139, nsmith@shawano.com.

Shawano Country Vision 2017 is a five-year economic development plan strategically designed to address various needs of area businesses and communities. The plan’s overall goal is to spur capital investment and grow the economy by implementing specific action steps in key areas, including business expansion, attraction and recruitment; tourism/retail development, community development, and workforce development. This plan was initiated two years ago by the board of directors of Shawano County Economic Progress Inc. and the Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce to proactively tackle economic challenges including several plant closures, job losses, and lower than average per capita income. It provides a blueprint for future growth and prosperity and a stronger economic climate for Shawano and Menominee Counties.
Supersize Your Contacts

Make the most of your valuable time by joining Chamber members for Speed Networking. Speed Networking gives you the chance to supersize your contacts and meet twice as many people in half the time by eliminating the mundane chit-chat and cutting right to the chase.

Here’s how it works:

♦ You and each member will have 90 seconds to give your “elevator pitch.”

♦ At the end of 90 seconds, we move along to the next networker and repeat the process.

♦ At the end of the event, you’ve made a ton of great new connections in no time at all!

The next Speed Networking session is Wednesday, March 4, 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. at the Chamber of Commerce, 1263 S. Main Street in Shawano. Make instant contacts, find leads, and grow your referral system by meeting up to 22 business people in one hour. Where else can you do that? Admission is free but registration is required. Space is limited to the first 22 people that sign up. To register, contact the Chamber at 715-524-2139 or chamber@shawano.com. Bring plenty of business cards! Speed Networking is sponsored by Thrivent Financial, Scott Parson.

"Meeting area business leaders at Speed Networking Sessions has helped me grow my customer base and achieve my goals with my employer, as well as learn new things about my business neighbors that I didn’t know before I attended."—Cathy Noack, Bank Mutual

Get your backstage pass to a behind-the-scenes glimpse of economic growth in action at the 10th annual Shawano Economic Summit presented by Shawano County Economic Progress Inc. on Thursday, March 19 at The Gathering, 2600 E Richmond Street in Shawano. Networking starts at 5 p.m., dinner and program to follow at 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Economic development and growth happens every day in Shawano/Menominee County. Much of it happens quietly behind the scenes. This is your opportunity to hear from Dennis Heling, Chief Economic Development Officer and others who will share success stories and spotlight headliner economic development acts including an award-winning manufacturer in northwestern Shawano County. This company has expanded lines, made capital improvements and added employees. Small businesses from Tigerton, Eland, and Shawano have received a total of $60,000 in Vision 2017 Façade and Interior Grants which has stimulated in excess of $500,000 in private investments. Get a sneak peak at an “old beauty” in downtown Shawano that is getting a facelift and new life breathed into her.

To register, please call SCEPI at 715/526-5839 or email llw5839@frontiernet.net.
The Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce will present “Grant Writing at a Glance: An Overview & Beginning Conversation About Grants for Non-Profit Organizations” on Thursday, April 2, 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Chamber, 1263 S. Main Street in Shawano. Registration is $8 per person and includes a box lunch. Seating is limited and reservations are required by noon on Friday, March 27. To RSVP call 715-524-2139 or email chamber@shawano.com.

Are you interested in grants but aren’t sure where to start? Have you heard about grants but don’t know where to find them? Would you like to write your own grant but aren’t sure what is required to apply for funding? If you’ve answered yes to any one of these questions, this session is for you. Lunch and learn participants will be given a basic overview of the grant writing process, will learn about the four phases of a comprehensive grant writing framework, and will leave with resources for finding funding on their own. The lunch session is designed to be interactive balancing key grant writing information with resources, examples, and lively discussion by participants.

Presenter Nicole Bowman is the President of Bowman Performance Consulting (BPC) in Shawano WI. BPC is a national training, technical assistance, and scientific service provider on topics of economic development, education, and evaluation. Since BPC (www.bpcwi.com) opened in 2001, they have assisted clients in winning and/or implementing more than $100 million dollars from grants and contracts to support projects, research studies, and programming. BPC is a state and national award winning organization including most recently receiving the highest award from the Governor’s office via the 2014 Wisconsin Excellence in Small Minority Business award. BPC was also the only Wisconsin business in US history to win the US Small Business Administration’s Young Entrepreneur Award in 2003. Nicole currently resides in Shawano with her husband David and will defend her PhD in April 2015 at the University of WI-Madison where she is a Dissertator and was an Academic Fellow.

Lunch & Learn is presented by the Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce in partnership with sponsor Kersten Accounting & Tax.
One of my pet peeves about business planning is the mystique and marvel we’ve created around the process. As consultants we’ve elevated the task to such an intellectual level that many small businesses are either scared away by the process or can’t see the benefit of their efforts. Many small companies drift rudderless from year-to-year, sometimes into friendly waters and sometimes into turbulent seas, often the result of not having a simple plan. Planning isn’t hard, doesn’t have to take a great deal of time and certainly doesn’t have to be complicated.

Planning is one of the most important processes a business can engage in and yet many operate without one. The same leaders who manage every day without a plan or goals for their business wouldn’t leave home for a vacation without a destination and a map. Perhaps it’s because they can’t see the simplicity of mapping a route to their business future. Many owners have thought about what they want and even a little about how to get it. Unfortunately for most, it’s just in their head and unknown to others who could help complete it.

There’s no question that business plans can be complex for larger organizations. But for the small company it doesn’t have to be intimidating and shouldn’t be avoided. Any planning is better than none at all.

In Lewis Carol’s Alice In Wonderland, a conversation between Alice and the Cheshire Cat illustrates the point: “Would you tell me please, which way I ought to go from here?” asked Alice. “That depends a good deal on where you want to get to,” said the Cat. “I don’t much care where . . . .” said Alice. “Then it doesn’t matter which way you go,” said the Cat.

Unfortunately, this is the way many small businesses run. Here are three simple tips to get your planning started.

1. Start with something you want to accomplish or change. Maybe it’s boosting sales, improving operating efficiency or fending off a potential threat to the business. A plan has to start with the question – “What do you want to change or accomplish?” Write your big ideas down and with the help of others prioritize them. Before a business can build a set of strategies or the “how”, they must first establish some measurable goals or objectives which will be the target, or the “what”. Later, these goals will provide the basis from which to evaluate your performance. Without them, leaders won’t know where the business is going or how well it’s performing.

2. Develop simple ideas to accomplish the goal. You don’t have to be the smartest person in the room. Ask your employees for help. They also want to see the business flourish and often have great ideas. They’re frequently closer to the process or the customer and have great insight that you might not otherwise have considered.

Focus is the key to successful planning and execution. With a little thought you’ll be able to generate a list of ideas for your organization. Pick the top two and focus on them. Ask yourself – “What would it look like if we were accomplishing the goal or didn’t have the problem”?

In order for a plan to be successful it’s important that the people who are going to carry it out understand where the business is going and what it wants to accomplish. Commitment to the process is significantly improved if those working on the action plans are involved in the planning process. Help your employees see the benefit to achieving the goals.

3. Take Action. The plan won’t produce results until it’s put into action. The business manager must translate the big ideas into tasks with a budget so they can be performed. Break down the plan into pieces that can be assigned and completed. Review progress periodically and provide regular feedback on how you’re doing relative to the goal. No battle plan ever survived contact with the enemy and neither will your business plan. It’s important that as you work the plan you remain flexible and adjust it as needed based on new information and feedback. A business plan sitting on a shelf collecting dust makes the planning process an unfortunate waste of time.

Conclusion
Planning for a better future is generally more successful than hoping for it. Wishful thinking is not a strategy. With a little planning you may be able to create your own luck. Planning is not just an annual effort. It can be performed at any time. It’s important to remember that it doesn’t have to be difficult or time consuming. Like so many other tasks a small amount of effort can achieve a great deal of benefit.

It’s up to you what you want to accomplish. Take the opportunity to put some control for success back in your corner with a simple plan designed to fit your specific needs.
Many of our members are taking full advantage of Save Local Now and getting lots of “impressions” or views of their deals/promotions/events and their business profile. One such member is Angie Bistoff, owner of Angie’s Main Café. She regularly posts menu specials and reaches a lot of people…for FREE! As you can see in this screen shot as of February 18th she has received almost 17,000 Impressions or views of her business profile and promotions. Did I mention…for FREE! And when you search for Angie’s Main Café, Shawano WI on Google, her listing on Save Local Now comes up within the top 10 search results.

We encourage all members to activate your Save Local Now account and complete your member profile so your listing will be found on Internet searches. If you want to post deals or promotions, remember, you do not have to offer deep discounts. Post whatever works for you and your business. If you would like assistance with activating your account or posting deals/promotions, please contact the Chamber today!

**Meet Your New Board Member**

Char Larsen has been elected to the Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and will serve as Treasurer. Larsen is a Certified Financial Planner and serves as Financial Consultant and Manager of Investment Services for Premier Investment Services. She has previously served on the Chamber board and jumped at the opportunity to get involved again to help accomplish the goals of the Chamber and Shawano Country Vision 2017. “The Chamber helps me keep in touch with other businesses in the community. It’s a great networking experience,” said Larsen. She lives in Shawano with her husband Ted and enjoys picture framing, scrapbooking, boating, and spending time with her three granddaughters.

**2015 Membership Directory**

The new 2015 Membership Directory is printed and included with this newsletter. This guide provides valuable contact information for all Chamber members. Each member will receive one copy of the directory. Additional copies will be available to the general public for $35 each. We encourage you to keep this directory in a convenient location and to patronize the Shawano Country Chamber members listed within. When you do business with other chamber members you help our local communities and economy. Thank you to the following sponsors who made this directory possible: Gold Sponsors Menominee Casino Resort and North Star Mohican Casino Resort; American Marine and Motorsports Super Center, and Shawano Municipal Utilities.

Chamber staff has worked hard to make sure all information in the directory is current and accurate. If you are aware of anything that needs to be updated, please contact the Chamber office.
Complete Canine Care Center presented a $500 check from their Annual Pet Portraits with Santa to the Shawano County Humane Society.

Shawano Masonic Lodge donated $3,000 toward the Navarino Nature Center Healthy Hearts Challenge to create “An Accessible Trail and Boardwalk for all Visitors” at the nature center. The donation was matched by a $3,000 grant from the Wisconsin Masonic Chari-ties.

Shawano Woman’s Club recently donated $450 to Safe Haven Domestic Abuse Shelter and $500 to Shawano Area Matthew 25 Homeless Task Force.

Coldwell Banker Hilgenberg Realtors has named John Koeller as “Realtor of the Year” for 2014. Koeller had over $12 million in sales with over 80 transactions in 2014. Koeller has been with Coldwell Banker Hilgenberg Realtors for 16 years. John Koeller has also been named associate of the month of December and January.

Twig’s Beverage announced the addition of new gourmet flavors to their line of soft drinks now available at their gift shop on 920 South Franklin Street including Butter-scotch Root Beer, Caramel Apple, Rhu-berry, Black Cherry, Lime, Cream, and Blue Raspberry.

The Northeast Wisconsin and Upper Michigan Regional Financial Office of Thrivent Financial announced the following recognitions: Stacey Eggleston, CLTC, of Shawano has been named 2014 New Member Leader 0-12 months with a total of 25.35 new members. To earn this recognition Eggleston helped people become Thrivent Financial member. David Passehl, FIC, of Shawano, has been named 2014 Volunteer of the Year and has qualified to attend the Summit Circle conference. Scott A. Parson, FIC,CLTC, of Shawano, has qualified to attend the Peak Performers Conference. Parson and Passehl will be recognized by their peers for providing outstanding service at the conference in Boston.

ThedaCare announced the addition of general surgeon, Anna G. Gilbertson, MD, who will provide surgical care for patients at ThedaCare Physicians-Shawano. Dr. Gilbertson earned her bache-lore’s degree at Trinity College and received her medical degree at the Medical College of Wisconsin. She completed her residency training at Michigan State University and is board-certified in general surgery, Advanced Trauma Life Support, and Age Management Medicine. Dr. Gilbertson specializes in surgical procedures ranging from laparo-scopy and endoscopic to colorectal and gynecological. She belongs to the Wisconsin Medical Society.

The Wittenberg Area Chamber of Commerce honored Robert D. Nueske as the Chamber Member of the Year at their annual membership banquet. His widow Darlene and son Justin Nueske accepted the award in his honor. Bob had been an avid promoter of the Wittenberg area and worked hard to preserve the past as well as prepare for the future. Bob passed away unexpectedly earlier this year.

Mountain Bay Outfit-ters has started a new division called Mountain Bay Industrial. They supply businesses with a green and healthy alternative for getting around in larger facilities, with the use of industrial tricycles made in the USA.

The College of Menominee Nation received a $197,128 grant from the National Science Foundation. CMN will introduce renewable energy concepts to children from high-risk schools in Green Bay and to area teachers for use in their classrooms. The youth outreach project will be funded by the college’s grant. The program is a cooperative effort between CMN and the Greater Green Bay YMCA’s after-school program.

Century 21 Country Aire Realty would like to congratulate Terri Peterson as the Listing Agent of the Month of January, and Heidi Werbelow as the Selling Agent of the Month of January.

Members in the News

Next Business Connection
Tuesday, March 17, 2015
5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Hosted By:
Premier Community Bank
Family of Services
Insurance • Banking • Investment
1273 S. Main Street, Shawano
RSVP: (715) 524-2139
Welcome New Members

Ever-Flow Farm and Orchard
Luke A. Cackovic
W3945 Landstad Road
Bonduel, WI 54107-8989
Phone: (715)758-8366

Ever-Flow Farm originated in northeastern Ohio in 1986. After moving to Wisconsin in 1991 to purchase a dairy farm, Luke decided to start an orchard and now operates it with his two sons. The Ever-Flow Farm and Orchard has over 1000 trees and 30 varieties of apples. They also offer fresh sweet corn, tomatoes, peppers, green beans and pumpkins. They also sell local honey produced from bees at Ever-Flow, jellies and cider. Hours: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., 7 days a week.

Bridge the Gap Inc. (for Autism)
Lesley LaLuzerne
1415 E. Green Bay Street
Shawano, WI 54166
Phone: (715)850-14830
Lesley.laluzerne@yahoo.com
www.bridgethegapforautism.com

Bridge the Gap is a community outreach program for people and families affected by Autism Spectrum Disorder. They offer support groups and grants and opened an outreach center on January 1, 2015. The center offers group or individual sessions, daily living skills, job coaching, friendship skills and many more programs.

The Cloud Submitted by Cellcom

Consider the number of internet-connected devices you access on a daily basis—Smartphones, laptops, tablets, desktops, e-readers and more. Americans own an average of four digital devices. Accessing photos, documents, and music across these devices is easier than ever thanks to the cloud. The cloud is an elusive topic for some people, but chances are you’re already using it.

The cloud refers to information being stored on servers accessed via the Internet, rather than solely on a particular device. Consider your email—you may have the option to login to a website, use an app on your phone or have it synced with a desktop application. You can easily access it across many devices because the information is stored on a server, not on your device.

The same concept can be easily applied to documents and photos via services like Dropbox, Google Drive, Box and Microsoft OneDrive. By uploading your files to a cloud service you can access them anywhere and collaborate easier than ever. These apps offer varying amounts of free storage at sign-up and have plans to add more storage as needed. There are also apps designed to sync specific tools across devices. For example, Evernote lets you sync to-do lists and notes and Spotify lets you listen to your favorite music.

Besides convenience, the cloud should be utilized to back up things like photos and contacts on your smartphone. By regularly syncing your device, you won’t need to worry about losing important contacts or priceless photos if your device is lost, stolen or damaged. Apple and Android offer ways to sync your contacts, photos, apps and more. You can also explore some of the apps already mentioned for additional options.

Cellcom is an innovative wireless company that provides nationwide service for its customer base throughout Wisconsin and Michigan, with nearly 70 retail and agent locations. Cellcom is respected for its long-standing reputation of delivering extraordinary customer care, being a strong community partner, and for its renowned network, which is customized to its rural markets. As a subsidiary of Nsight, Cellcom is part of a family of companies offering complete telecommunications services.

BEST WESTERN Wittenberg Inn, W17267 Red Oak Lane, Wittenberg, was recently welcomed as a new Chamber member. Pictured is Sally Jo Topper, General Manager.

Big Brothers Big Sisters was recently welcomed as a new Chamber member. Pictured is Chris Marcks.
Chamber Ambassadors and members of the Shawano Country Tourism Council joined owners Ken and Hansa Patel and manager Cara Kelley as they celebrated their new affiliation with Quality Inn & Suites and renovated facility with a ribbon cutting. The property is located at 104 N. Airport Drive, Shawano.

Crystal Chapman-Chevalier, chairwoman of Menominee Indian Gaming Authority, and Menominee Indian Tribal chairman Gary Besaw cut the ribbon to officially commemorate the completion of the Menominee Casino Resort.
RSVP to the Shawano Chamber of Commerce
715-524-2139

The Premier Family of Services and the Shawano Chamber Invites You to join us to connect March 17th. Enjoy light refreshments and enter to win door prizes.

See You March 17th @ 5 PM
1273 South Main Street
RSVP to the Shawano Chamber of Commerce
715-524-2139

Premier Night
Business Connection

Premier
Recognizing Your Value
premiercommunity.com

Shawano Country
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Member FDIC Equal Housing Lender
Lunch & Learn

Grant Writing at a Glance: An Overview & Beginning Conversation About Grants For Non-Profits

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To RSVP please call the Chamber at 715-524-2139 or Email chamber@shawano.com
Join us at the SAYPRO Spring Event

Be the Architect for Your Life: DREAM IT, PLAN IT, LIVE IT

TUESDAY, MARCH 10
The Gathering, Shawano, WI
5:30 P.M. SOCIAL | 6:30 P.M. DINNER | 7:30 P.M. PROGRAM

Be the Architect for Your Life: In a world that expects so much of us — where we are oftentimes blind to who we are and what we really need — how can we design our lives to feel happy, engaged and fulfilled? Start by believing in yourself and in your passions, understanding how you envision your life. Next, create a plan aligned with your dreams, focusing on accomplishing the goals of greatest value to you. Lastly, choose to live your life to the fullest with moments that are meaningful, extraordinary and memorable. Don’t allow others to sketch your plan or let life happen to you by default. Design your life to fit you.

About the Speaker: Tracy Butz is a highly sought-after speaker, captivating author and successful entrepreneur. Tracy has 18 years of experience delivering engaging, unforgettable presentations to organizations across a wide range of industries. Tracy delivers the tools for today’s world, propelling audiences to live more productive, passionate and purposeful lives.

Cost:
$25 SAYPRO Members
$30 Chamber Members
(includes dinner & program)

Advance Reservations Required!

RSVP by March 3:
Pay online at www.saypro.org or make check payable to SAYPRO and mail to: Shawano Area Chamber of Commerce Attn: SAYPRO P.O. Box 38, Shawano, WI 54166

www.saypro.org
email: saypro13@gmail.com
tel: Karissa Kunschke 715-853-6581
f SayproShawanoAreaYoungProfessionals
Get your backstage pass to a behind-the-scenes glimpse of economic growth in action!

Shawano County Economic Progress, Inc.
Tenth Annual Summit

Celebrating Economic Growth

BACKSTAGE PASS
Thursday, March 19, 2015
The Gathering
2600 E. Richmond Street, Shawano

Networking & Social Hour 5:00 p.m.
Dinner & Program to Follow 6:00-7:30 p.m.

RSVP by March 13
scepi@frontiernet.net
(715)526-5839

Advance registration is $30/Person or $55/Couple. Corporate tables that seat 8 are available for $225.
GET THE INSIDE SCOOP!

FREE WORKSHOP FOR JOB SEEKERS
Wednesday, March 11
Two sessions available!
10:00 - 11:30am or 5:00 - 6:30pm

NWTC - Shawano Regional Learning Center
111 Thomas Avenue, Shawano, WI 54166
Room 125

Free presentation geared to job seekers of all ages including:
- Building a resume and job search tools
- Interview tips and what local employers are looking for
- Presenters are Human Resource Managers from local employers

Other resources available:
- Networking with Job Center and NWTC Career Center Staff

Seating limited. To register for workshop, call 715-524-2418.

Start here. GO ANYWHERE.
nwtc.edu/anywhere
A Taste Of Shawano Food & Culture

www.facebook.com/tasteofshawano

Dance  Music  Food  Culture

100% of Food Show proceeds stay within our community to sponsor financial and entrepreneurial education for our area youth.

Monday
March 23
5:30-7:30 pm
Shawano Community High School Commons

A delightful, family-friendly evening of food, entertainment and Shawano Country Culture’

Junior Achievement

Brought to you by Wolf River District Junior Achievement

Seeking donations from local businesses to support the raffle.

Pre-sale tickets $15 Adults
Tickets available at the door $20 Adults $10 Students (5-18 years)
(Under 5 Free)
Limited Tickets Available
**March 2015**

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<td>Birthday Party Steak Fry: 4 p.m. social, 5:30 p.m. dinner, Elefson-Zueks American Legion Post 117, 850 S. Lincoln St., Shawano, 715-526-2098</td>
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<td>Menominee Casino Resort presents: &quot;King of the Cage – Blood Brothers&quot;, 7 p.m, Ring side $70, VIP $65, General $30, Five Clans Ballroom, must be 18 or older, 715-799-3600, <a href="http://www.menomineecasinoresort.com">www.menomineecasinoresort.com</a></td>
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<td>American Legion Post 117: Lasagna Cook Off with salad, and garlic bread, Bring your pan of homemade lasagna to be judged for prizes. 50/50 raffles &amp; paddle wheel, $8 per plate, open to public, 3 p.m., American Legion Hall, Shawano</td>
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<td>SAYPRO Spring Event: &quot;Be the Architect for Your Life: Dream It, Plan It, Live It&quot;, Tracy Butz, speaker, 5:30 p.m. social, 6:30 p.m. dinner, 7:30 p.m. program, $25 SAYPRO members, $30 Chamber members, The Gathering, 2600 E. Richmond St., Shawano, RSVP, <a href="mailto:saypro13@gmail.com">saypro13@gmail.com</a>, 715-853-6581</td>
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<td>North Star Mohican Casino Resort presents: “Lovin’ Country”, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., free on the gaming floor, 715-787-3110, <a href="http://www.northstarcasinoresort.com">www.northstarcasinoresort.com</a></td>
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<td>Shawano City-County Library presents: Computer Class on using Pinterest, 10 a.m., Free, open to public, 128 S. Sawyer St., Shawano, 715-526-3829</td>
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<td>Peace United Church of Christ Church Chili Dinner: 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., all-u-can-eat, chili, crackers, bread, cheese &amp; beverage, pie extra, tickets at the door, 208 E. Maurer St., Shawano, 715-526-2916</td>
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<td>Qualheim’s True Value presents 2015 Gardening Seminar: “How and Why to create critical pollinator Habitats”, 6 p.m., 1345 E. Green Bay St., Shawano, <a href="http://www.truevalue.com/qualheim">www.truevalue.com/qualheim</a></td>
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<td>Shawano Lions Club 12th Annual Smelt Fry: 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. dine in or carry out, Elefson-Zueks American Legion Post 117, 850 S. Lincoln St., Shawano, 715-526-2098</td>
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<td>Navarino Nature Center presents: Rain Barrel Workshop 9 a.m., rain barrels to water flowers or garden make your own barrel, $35 a barrel, or pre-made barrels $45 each, RSVP, 715-758-6999, <a href="http://www.navarino.org">www.navarino.org</a></td>
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<td>Safe Haven 12th Annual &quot;Spare the Violence&quot; Bowl-a-thon: 9-Pin Event, first shift bowling begins at 10 a.m., second shift bowling begins at 1 p.m., Lake Shore Lanes, 201 Airport Rd., Shawano, RSVP, 715-526-3421</td>
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<td>St. Patrick’s Day Annual Mooseyard Parade: Parade at 11 a.m., starting at Shawano Lake Golf Course, travels West on Lake Drive, numerous events throughout the Mooseyard, park &amp; ride, food &amp; drink specials and lots of fun to be had for all</td>
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24 North Star Mohican Casino Resort presents: "Lovin’ Country", 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., free on the gaming floor, 715-787-3110, www.northstarcasinoresort.com

24 Community Dinner: 5:30 p.m. join us for food & conversation, First Presbyterian Church, 100 Presbyterian Street, Shawano

26 Shawano City-County Library presents: Computer Class on Borrowing eBooks, 10 a.m., Free, open to public, 128 S. Sawyer St., Shawano, 715-526-3829

26 Menominee Casino Resort presents: "Westside", 8 p.m. free, 715-799-3600, www.menomineecasinoresort.com

26 Shawano City-County Library presents: Computer Class on using Facebook, 10 a.m., Free, open to public, 128 S. Sawyer St., Shawano, 715-526-3829

27 North Star Mohican Casino Resort presents: "Copper Box", 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., free, in the Groove Lounge, must be 21, 715-787-3110, www.northstarcasinoresort.com

27 Sacred Heart Home & School Fish Fry: 4 to 7 p.m. Deep fried cod, French fries, coleslaw, dessert and beverage, Sacred Heart School Cafeteria, takeout orders available call 715-526-5329, Sacred Heart, 124 E. Center St., Shawano


28 Navarino Nature Center Sporting Clay Fundraiser at J & H Game Farm Navarino, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Fee: $25 each person, re-entry $15, proceeds benefit NNC educational programs, 715-758-6999, www.navarino.org

28 Shawano/Menominee American Cancer Society Relay for Life: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., food, music, fun, bucket raffles, victory lap for survivors, candlelight ceremony, public welcome, Shawano High School, 220 County Rd. B, Shawano, 920-321-1366

28 Gresham Scholarship Fund 14th Annual Banquet, 4:30 p.m. reception, 6 p.m. dinner, The Many Trails Banquet Hall, Pine Hills Golf Course, Gresham, Gary Olsen, 715-787-3356


31 North Star Mohican Casino Resort presents: "Bob Holl", 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., free on the gaming floor, 715-787-3110, www.northstarcasinoresort.com

4/2 Lunch & Learn – “Grant Writing for Non-Profits,” boxed lunch and beverage provided, $8 Chamber members, $10 non-members, 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce, 1263 S. Main St., Shawano, chamber@shawano.com, 715-524-2139

Ongoing Events~

Now through March Shawano Hockey Association Season: Crawford Center, 225 S. Waukechon Street, Shawano, Open Skating Saturday 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. and Sunday 5 p.m. - 7 p.m., $3 adm., skate rentals, 715-526-5336, www.shawano hockey.org

Now – March 28 Indoor Flea Market: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturdays, free admission, Community Hall, 115 E. Division St., Shawano, 715-526-9769 www.zurkopromotions.com

March through November Free Tea Classes: Every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Call to sign up, space is limited, ANEW Tea Emporium & Antiques, 103 South Main Street, Shawano, 715-201-1111, anewteaantiques.com

Winter Activities at NNC: sledding hill opens once 2” of snow is on the ground, cross country skiing opens once a base is packed on the trails, Snowshoe rentals & Ski rentals, W5646 Lindsten Road, Shiocton, 715-787-3110, www.navarino.org