

THE SKI SHARKS HIT THE WATER

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The Shawano Ski Sharks staged their first performance of the season June 9 on the Shawano River off Smalley Park. They'll be performing at 6 p.m. every Wednesday for the rest of the summer.

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Ski Sharks welcomed back

Audience endures heat to watch first performance

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

Shawano water sports have kicked off their 2021 summer.

The Ski Sharks made their anticipated return to the water on June 9. Dozens of visitors came out to relax, have dinner, and show their support for the athletes at Smalley Park.

The 2021 season immediately saw a difference as they started in early June this year, rather than early July last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Another change was the "Shawano's Got Talent" theme with three "judges" at a table on shore reminiscent of America's Got Talent.

With the changes and the return of the event, visitors came from the Shawano community, as well as outside the community to witness the event.

Lucas Schulze, an Appleton resident, said he was impressed by how talented the skiers were.

"This is my first time ever coming," said Schulze. "I did not know what to expect, but I loved the show."

During the season, each show will have a raffle with one winner taking home \$100. The winners of the \$100 are automatically put into the next week's drawing. The raffle on the final day of the season will include a grand prize of a UTV, ATV, Snowmobile or Sea-Doo from American Marina and Prime Powersports.

The raffle on the final day of the season will include someone winning \$1,000, two people winning \$500, two people winning \$250 and five



Ali Spaeth, Katie Weiland and Jessica Jochman look out into the Wolf River as they wait their turns to complete their runs on June 9.

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\$100 winners. There will also be one person who will win either \$5,000 or their choice of one of the vehicles.

The Ski Sharks are scheduled to

perform every Wednesday through Aug. 18. Pre-show 5:30 p.m., show at 6 p.m. One Sunday show is also on the calendar, July 11.

CALENDAR



GRAND UNION performs 6-8:30 p.m. at this week's Thursdayz at Franklin in Shawano. GRAND UNION

GILLET: Third annual Roy Hubbard Memorial Truck Show, 10 a.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday, June 18-19, Zippel Park. See Page 3.

WITTENBERG: 20th annual Fireworks Country Fireworks Extravaganza, 1-11:30 p.m. Saturday, June 19, W18862 State Highway 29. Mini-rod/mini-truck pulls, classic car show, cornhole tournament, kiddie tractor pulls 5 p.m., live music by Rebel Grace 7 p.m., fireworks show 9 p.m.

SHAWANO: Shawano Farmers Market, 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 19, Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St.

SHAWANO: Club FR Drift Day, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, June 19-20, USAir Motorsports, W5901 County Road BE.

SHAWANO: 13th annual Rhubarb Fest, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 19, Heritage Park, 524 N. Franklin St. Museums, music,

pie contest, rhubarb bake sale, exhibits, demonstrations. Sponsored by Shawano County Historical Society.

LEOPOLIS: Leopold Booster Club Kids Free Fishing Day, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, June 20, Leopold Pond. Free prizes for winners, refreshments available.

OCONTO FALLS: Oconto County Farmers Market, 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, June 22, Highland Plaza, 323 E. Highland Drive.

OCONTO: Tunes on Tuesday featuring, 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, June 22, Beyer Home Gazebo, 917 Park Ave.

SHAWANO: Thursdayz at Franklin featuring Grand Union, 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 24, Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St. Food and beverage vendors.

OCONTO FALLS: Summer Sunset Concert Series featuring Cat 5, 6-9 p.m. Friday, June 25, East Side Beach.

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Dozens of trucks of all shapes and sizes will be on display in the park from 10 a.m. to midnight each day. Highlights include fireworks at 9 p.m. Friday, presented by the Boom Boom Boys, and a Saturday Night Light Parade through downtown Gillett.

Live music is scheduled featuring Homegrown starting at 4 p.m. Friday, Crossing Paths at 8 p.m. Friday, Outlaw Junkies at 4 p.m. Saturday, and The Rejects at 8 p.m. Saturday.

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