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Tornado touches down in Menominee, Oconto counties

Storm stretches from Keshena to Berry Lake with wind speeds approaching 100 mph

BY KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

A tornado touched down near Keshena and stayed on the ground for nearly 9 miles when severe thunderstorms swept across much of northeast Wisconsin late June 24 into the early morning hours of June 25.

The National Weather Service (NWS) Green Bay office determined the EF1 tornado was on the ground for five minutes starting at 2:27 a.m. June 25. Estimated peak winds were 98 miles per hour.

Officials said the tornado was on the ground for 8.9 miles from Keshena in Menominee County to Berry Lake in Oconto County. The maximum width of the tornado was 90 yards.

"A tornado developed along Highway 55 northwest of Keshena, then tracked east-southeast crossing the Legend Lake area and Berry Lake before lifting," according to the NWS. "Multiple trees were snapped and uprooted along the path with several campers flipped at a campground on the east shore of Berry Lake. There was also damage to a residence along the north shore of Berry Lake."

Moshawquit Lake resident Isaac Follett was among those who lost power and had property damage.

"I went to the room above our garage and through the flashes of lighting saw what looked to be the large pine tree that was by the lake nearly pressed up to the window. I used by phone to try and take a picture to get a better look, and the lighting was so intense that I could see clearly in the photo a mile across Moshawquit Lake at 3:20 a.m.," he said. "I then went outside with a flashlight to take a look at the rest of what had happened.

"Our neighbors were also all emerging from their homes, and we were together greeted with an abundance of destruction. Trees were uprooted and thrown all over the place. Every house except mine had trees on them. My metal roof was peeled back, leaving only exposed plywood."

It was quickly confirmed that everyone along Emile Court was OK, and there were no injuries.

Follett and his fatter, Scott, left the scene at 4 a.m. for Apple Creek Whitetails.



Storms developed across western Wisconsin the night of June 24, consolidated and then raced southeast across the area between midnight and 5 a.m. June 25, National Weather Service officials said. A tornado touched down near Keshena and ripped across the areas of Legend Lake and Berry Lake, leaving a trail of damaged homes in its path. **MORE PHOTOS ON PAGE 8.**
ISAAC FOLLETT

"We found two points in our preserve that looked like a tornado may have gone through, one area over on (County Road) HH and the other by County Road R," Follett said. "There was a tractor shed and a grain silo that sustained some damage both from trees and wind, and in another area, there is a path about 60 yards wide currently at a unknown length that is a path of destruction leaving many of the trees snapped or uprooted."

Other than a few snapped branches, the restaurant and production facility, Primal Eats, was not severely affected by the storm.

Krueger's Campground owner David Krueger was busy the next morning cleaning up after the storm.

"We were fortunate. The campers that tipped, nobody was in them," Krueger told WBAY-TV. "So, nobody got hurt or anything; that was good. And then it's just a process of cleaning up. Pretty much straight-forward. Fix the damage and then go on."

Storms developed across western Wisconsin the night of June 24, consolidated and then raced southeast across the area between midnight and 5 a.m. June 25, NWS officials said. A few storms developed ahead of the line, producing some large hail and brief gusty winds as well.

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Kocken sentenced for officer shooting

Incident 'took away my career,' Blaskowski testifies

BY WARREN BLUHM
News editor

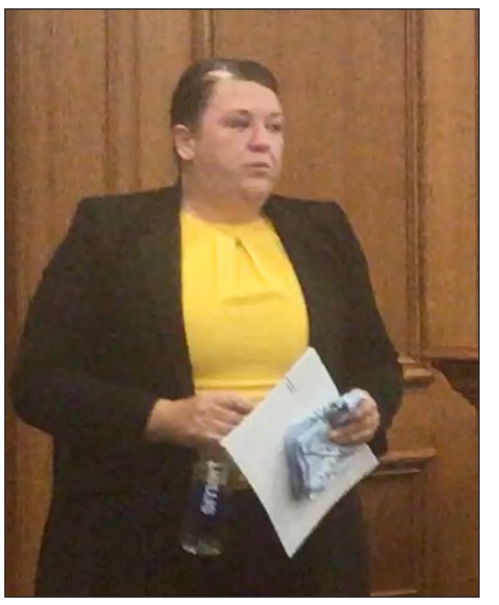
Everything changed the morning of Aug. 6, 2021.

On the afternoon of June 25, 2024, Oconto County Judge Michael Judge sentenced Alisha Kocken to 16 years in prison for shooting Oconto Falls police officer Nicole Blaskowski in the chest and head with the service revolver she had wrestled away. Kocken received credit for the 1,054 days she has already received in custody, so the net sentence essentially meets the recommendation of a 13-year prison term in a plea agreement Kocken signed in March.

The proceedings ended the court process, but the impact of that Saturday morning lingers for both perpetrator and victim.

"There is no such thing in my mind as closure. There isn't," Judge said. "Each of them will have flashbacks for the rest of their life as to what occurred on Aug. 6,

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Nicole Blaskowski leaves the stand June 25 after sharing with an overflow courtroom the lasting effects of being shot in the head and chest by Alisha Kocken.
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Van Arks have served Gillett area for decades

They'll be grand marshals in the 2024 Fourth of July parade

By WARREN BLUHM
News editor



Sue and Richard Van Ark were selected as grand marshals of the 2024 Gillett Fourth of July Parade.
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Richard and Sue Van Ark are scheduled to ride in style as grand marshals of the 2024 Independence Day parade through Gillett.

The longtime Gillett area residents were nominated by Dick Jewell, who has volunteered with Richard Van Ark on the Gillett Civic Club for more than 40 years. They arrived in town when Richard Van Ark became vice president of what was then the Gillett State Bank, which later became part of Wells Fargo. They have called Gillett home ever since.

A graduate of St. Anthony Catholic School, Richard Van Ark was a star wrestler at Oconto Falls High School, graduating with the class of 1963. He was inducted into the OFHS Wrestling Alumni Hall of Fame last year.

Married for 57 years — they met while students at Oconto Falls High School in the 1960s — the Van Arks have four children: Michelle Corlett, Yvonne Van Ark, Rhonda Van Ark and Tress Van Ark (deceased), and five grandchildren.

His banking career took the couple to several communities over the years before he retired toward the end of 2001 as senior vice president of Wells Fargo Oconto County. At each stop, they were active volunteers in various organizations.

In addition to the civic club, Richard Van Ark's list of community service in Gillett includes various duties at St. John's Catholic Church, incorporating Dairy Promotions Inc. and helping to organize the first Oconto County Breakfast on the Farm, president and secretary of Gillett Business Association, Gillett Youth Wrestling, and the Rural-Urban Recognition Committee.

He has also been part of the Oconto Falls Lions and Rotary clubs and served three terms as president of the Oconto Falls Area Chamber of Commerce.

Sue Van Ark said she prefers to let her husband have the spotlight, but she has a record of volunteer service, as well, including 15 years with Options for Independent Living in Green Bay, a number of years on the board of the Oconto County Commission on Aging, and 26 years as a volunteer at the St. Clare Memorial Hospital gift shop.

A sports lover, Sue Van Ark said she attended school a little too early to take part in girls sports and is proud to have played a role in creation of a girls intramural program at Oconto Falls High School. Among her proudest moments was watching two of her granddaughters ascend the podium as state champions in girls track and field.

As grand marshals, they will ride in a horse-drawn carriage near the head of the July 4 parade.

The parade is the main event of Gillett's day-and-a-half Independence Day celebration, with a schedule filled with grandstand events at Zippel Park, live music and an antique and classic car show, topped off with fireworks at dusk on July 4.

The festivities begin with a lawn chair concert from 4-7 p.m. July 3 featuring Back Wehn and Wunderstate.

A truck pull is scheduled at 7 p.m., while Country Rewind performs at the music stage from 7-11 p.m.

The Fourth of July begins with a horse pull at 8:30 a.m., and the annual antique and classic car, truck and motorcycle show takes over the green space at Zippel Park starting at 9 a.m. A mini and modified tractor pull is planned at noon, and an antique tractor pull is set for 5 p.m.

The parade starts at the school at 2 p.m., with the route heading down South Elm Avenue to West Main Street (state Highway 22), then east to First Street to Richmond Street, north a block to Main Street, and then west on Main, curving around back onto the highway and ending at Zippel Park.

This year's parade theme is "Courtesy of the Red, White and Blue."

Musical features on July 4 include the Fun Time Polka Band from 9 a.m. to noon, Back When and Reminis from 3-6 p.m. and Rapid Transit from 7-11 p.m.

The fireworks over the park begin after sunset for the celebration's grand finale.

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The color guard leads the way down Main Street in Gillett at the head of the 2023 July 4 parade.
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Pulaski area man dies following motorcycle crash

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

A 50-year-old Pulaski area man died from a motorcycle crash June 26, according to statement from the Shawano County Sheriff's Department.

Lt. Chris Madle said that at about 8:15 p.m., the dispatch center received a 911 call from a person who found a motorcycle in a ditch and an unresponsive man in the field in the area of County Road E and Lodge Road in the Town of Washington.

Deputies and EMS responded as well.

Upon arrival, CPR was in progress, but due to his injuries, the driver was pronounced dead on the scene.

The crash victim was not wearing a helmet at the time of the crash and was the only occupant of the motorcycle, Madle said.

The initial investigation showed the motorcycle to be traveling westbound on County Road E, approaching the curve at Lodge Road. The driver apparently did not slow down in time for the curve and entered the ditch where he lost control and flipped numerous times, according to Madle.

The crash is still under investigation, but it is believed alcohol was a factor in this crash. At this time, neither the name of the deceased nor any other information about the crash is being released.

The sheriff's department was assisted by Shawano Ambulance, Bonduel EMS, Cecil-Washington Fire Department and the Shawano County Coroner's Office.

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Several residents north of Shawano Lake reported hail.

The main line of storms had a forward speed of 40-70 mph. The most concentrated wind damage was reported from Lincoln County to Manitowoc County.

The storms uprooted and knocked down trees and power lines, causing thousands of customers to lose power.

Thousands of people in Shawano, Menominee and Oconto counties suffered power outages, with many waiting until the next day for their power to be reconnected.

For Follett and his neighbors, power was finally restored 36 hours after the storm ravaged the area.

The houses on Emile Court that were previously nestled into a very wooded area were now fully exposed. Most of the trees are now gone.

"We have been making quick work of removal of the tornado's mess," Follett said the afternoon of June 28. "Many of the downed trees have been hauled away, sod has been laid where trees used to live, and my roof is being actively repaired."

Minor flooding was also reported across the area.

The NWS reported that tornadoes are ranked from EF0 to EF6.

EF0 tornadoes are weak with wind speeds of 65-85 mph. The local tornado was a moderate EF1 with wind speeds of 86-110 mph.

Other levels of activity are EF2, significant, 111-135 mph winds; EF3, severe, 136-165 mph; EF4, extreme, 166-200; and EF6, catastrophic, with winds of 200 mph or more.

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Gillett, Suring in talks to expand sports co-ops

A decision to combine more teams is at least 2-3 years away

BY WARREN BLUHM
News editor

Gillett and Suring school officials are having conversations about expanding their sports team co-ops, the Gillett School Board was told June 27.

Athletic director Michael Kaczmarek emphasized that any talks are very preliminary, but the two school districts are coping with declining numbers.

"Right now we co-op three sports — baseball, softball, wrestling — and that's been successful for us, so now we want to expand that and look at all of our sports," Kaczmarek said. "We just want to compile that information, Suring's doing the same thing, and see if it would be feasible to do that."

One item on the agenda is to look at a thriving cooperative between two districts just to the north, he said.

"We want to reach out to Laona/Wabeno because their co-op has been very successful for probably the last 15 years," Kaczmarek said. "We want to reach out to them and see how they have made that merger of the two athletic programs."

Suring has some classes that have as few as 15 or 16 students, and while Gillett's classes are larger than that, participation on sports teams has been dropping, he said.

Kaczmarek emphasized that the talks are very preliminary, and he recognized the matter will be a hard sell with some people.

"Small schools — your school is your town's identity, so we know that will be a big issue, but we just want to start the research now," he said. "We're looking down the road maybe three years out, two or three years."

At least one sport might continue to have separate Suring and Gillett teams: Kaczmarek said the WIAA rules governing volleyball would move a combined Gillett/Suring team from Division 5 all the way to Division 3 in tournament play, putting the co-op at the same level as larger schools like Oconto Falls and Luxemburg-Casco.

"I don't think that's fair to our kids," Kaczmarek said.

He emphasized that the process is in its very early stages with a decision years away.

"I just want to make you aware of it, so if you hear anything in the community, that's what we're doing, we're just trying to compile information," Kaczmarek said.

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D-Day veteran receives honorary HS diploma

The Pulaski Board of Education approved the presentation of an honorary Pulaski High School diploma June 26 to Jack Kraszewski, who, once he turned 18, was drafted into World War II military service. As a result, he was unable to complete his senior year at PHS.

Kraszewski was drafted March 1, 1943, into the 553 Anti-aircraft Battalion, Ninth Division. He landed on Utah Beach on D-Day and later fought in the Battle of the Bulge, a key battle in WWII.

Now 100 years old, Kraszewski was honored in a parade in Pulaski in May and earlier this month was among WWII veterans who attended ceremonies commemorating the 80th anniversary of D-Day in Normandy, France.

At the meeting, Pulaski Area Community Education director Mark Heck read a proclamation that former 8th District U.S. Rep. Mike Gallagher read on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives paying tribute to Kraszewski for his World War II service.

The Board of Education previously approved an honorary high school diploma for Maj. Stephen Kaster on Dec. 19, 2018.

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Pamela Staude

Pamela (Pam) Aroline Staude, 64, of Las Vegas, Nevada, unexpectedly passed away on Thursday, June 20, 2024, at Mountain View Hospital in Las Vegas.

Pam was born on June 21, 1959, to the late Maynard and Lucille Schuettpelz in Oconto Falls, and grew up in Suring. It was in Suring that she met her future husband and love of her life. On Feb. 24, 1979, Pam married Dennis Staude of Watertown.

The couple eventually settled in Fort Atkinson with their two children, Jennifer and Jessica. While raising her family, Pam



worked various jobs. She was an avid baker throughout her life, creating her own wedding and groom's cakes, and passing down recipes to her children.

Jennifer still requests German chocolate cake for her birthday, while Jessica favors butterhorns. Even today, Jennifer and Jessica get together and decorate the family's traditional sugar and molasses cookies passed on by Pam and her mother, Lucille.

Pam had a bright and bubbly personality, always ready to toast with a glass of champagne. She loved to sing and dance, boasting an incredible vocal range that led her children to joke she could be a one-woman choir. Her passion for music and dancing continued until her passing.

Pam and Dennis were dedicated Wisconsin Badger sports fans, regularly attending events since the 1990s. Badger football games and tailgates became a cherished family tradition, with the entire family even traveling to California for two Rose Bowls.

Pam fulfilled one of her dreams when she and Dennis retired to Las Vegas in 2020, where Pam enjoyed the sun, the heat and having a beer by the backyard pool. They enjoyed hosting family and friends visiting them in the desert.

In keeping with Pam's loving and generous spirit, she chose to be an organ donor, providing the gift of life to others in need. The family extends their gratitude to Mountain View Hospital and the MICU staff for their kind and compassionate care.

Pam is survived by her husband, Dennis; children, Jennifer (Kyle) Mook and Jessica (Jim) Braun; brother, Randy (Mary) Schuettpelz; and sister-in-law, Barb Schuettpelz.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Daryl Schuettpelz.

A small funeral service was held on June 21, 2024 – what would have been her 65th birthday – at Foundation Lutheran Church in Las Vegas. The family wishes to thank Pastor Matthew Frey and the many volunteers from Foundation Lutheran and Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church for their compassion and support during this difficult time.

A celebration of life will be held in Wisconsin on July 27 at Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, W4095 County Road B, Johnson Creek, Wisconsin, 53038.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Foundation Lutheran Church in memory of Pam. She and Dennis worshiped there after moving to Las Vegas.

Pam will be truly missed by everyone whose life she touched.

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Denise L. Anderson

Denise L. Anderson, 60, of Suring, passed away on Sunday, June 23, 2024.

Denise was born on May 29, 1964, to Dennis and Sandra (Fuller) Lederer in Milwaukee. She graduated from Arrowhead High School in Hartland. Denise worked at Flynn's Convenience Store for 17 years. Denise loved children and worked as a child care provider for 25 years. On Sept. 6, 1997, Denise married Steven Anderson at Maple Valley Campground. She greatly



enjoyed crafting, gardening and traveling.

Denise is survived by her parents, Dennis and Sandra Lederer; son, Dustin; stepchildren, Steven and Ammie Anderson; granddaughter, Loral; step-grandchildren, Jaxson and Cohen; siblings, Michael (Harriet) Lederer and Sheri (Thomas) Konitzer; niece, Sierra Konitzer; nephew, Trevor Konitzer; mother-in-law, Joyce Anderson. She is further survived by other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Steven; father-in-law, Vernon.

Per Denise's wishes, no services will be held.

Gruetzmacher Funeral Home in Suring is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences can be expressed at www.gruetzmacherfuneralhome.com.

The family would like to thank the staff of Rennes Health and Rehab Center-Peshtigo East for the excellent care and compassion offered to Denise and her family during their time of need.

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Decision on SRO nears

By WARREN BLUHM
News editor

The Gillett School Board is close to a decision on hiring a school resource officer.

School officials have been talking for several months with city and county law enforcement about the idea of having a police officer whose main job would be to interact with students and school staff on a daily basis. The Gillett City Council also heard a presentation in April.

The cost of the program would be split between the school district and the law enforcement agency. Both the Gillett Police Department and Oconto County Sheriff's Department have expressed an interest. The sheriff's office has a school resource officer at Suring, while the Oconto Falls Police Department staffs an SRO in that district's schools.

Gillett School Board member Jamie Heroux told the board June 27 that the ad hoc committee studying the issue worked on a job description at its last meeting in May, based on a reference packet developed by board Vice President Robin Banaszynski.

"We also discussed the possible process of going to bids for an SRO with our local law enforcement, but at the committee level, we decided we wanted to bring that to the full board to get their opinions," Heroux said.

The board was scheduled to meet in closed session after the June 27 meeting to discuss whether to seek bids from the city and council for the operation of the SRO program.

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2021."

After several trial delays, Kocken pleaded no contest Aug. 25 to attempted first-degree intentional homicide, resisting and causing a soft tissue injury to an officer, battery to a law enforcement officer and disarming a police officer — but she also pleaded not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect.

A jury trial was scheduled to begin April 1 to determine her state of mind at the time of the shooting, but at the final pre-trial conference March 28, Kocken withdrew the insanity plea.

The June 25 sentencing hearing began with Blaskowski taking the stand to deliver a victim impact statement, in which she told Kocken she always wanted to serve her community as a police officer.

"My kids didn't ask for this. My kids were born into a life where both of their parents were cops, they were so proud of us. They still and forever will be proud of us," Blaskowski said. "You didn't care that even though you get to still talk on the phone to (your son) once a week, that mine would have to go a lifetime with only talking to me through their prayers."

She said Kocken owes "unending thanks" to Blaskowski's three children that she survived the attack.

"It was because of them I chose to fight for my life after you screamed at me, 'I'm going to f—ing kill you' and shot me execution style in the back of the head," Blaskowski said. "I went toe-to-toe with Satan in the pits of hell to survive, so I would return home to my children because it was only their faces I could see, and it's because of them you aren't spending the rest of your life in prison for ending mine."

She encouraged Kocken to use the time in prison "to become a better version of yourself."

Turning her remarks to the judge, Blaskowski reviewed her career in law enforcement since age 18, including stints as a Shawano County sheriff's deputy and as an officer in the Bonduel and Oconto Falls police departments. She has also served as a 4-H leader and spent time earlier this year on a mission trip to the Philippines.

She told Judge that the incident left her with permanent mental and physical injuries, and she spent a long time thinking she missed something and blaming herself for Kocken grabbing her service weapon.

"I remember a DCI (Division of Criminal Investigation) agent telling me in my second interview that I did everything right, textbook even, and I didn't believe him," Blaskowski said. "It wasn't until recently during trial prep this last March that I had the opportunity to and was mentally prepared to listen to the audio recording. I went through the audio over and over with a copy of Wisconsin DAAT (Defensive and Arrest Tactics) manual in hand, and the agent was right — I did everything by the book, step by step. There was nothing I could have done to prevent her from disarming and shooting me."

That realization finally gave her some peace that none of this was her fault after two and a half years, she said.

"That's a long time to carry such a heavy burden," Blaskowski said. "That's a long time to punish myself and carry the blame for the decisions the defendant made. That's a prison sentence of its own."

Kocken "took away my career," she said. "She robbed me of a profession that I loved and was so passionate about. She decided for me that I will never be a cop again."

While volunteering this spring at a camp for children who lost a police officer parent in the line of duty, she said, she realized how lucky she is to still be there for her children.

"The defendant had every intention to kill me," Blaskowski said. "It was a matter of millimeters, my will to survive and by God's grace that I am able to be here today to deliver a victim impact speech and not my husband doing it on my behalf."

After the former officer spoke, special prosecutor Mark Williams began his remarks by playing a 13-minute audio recording of the incident. Kocken had called 911 to report her son was being kidnapped. It turned out she had asked a male friend to take the boy to a nearby park. On the recording Blaskowski can be heard calmly trying to diffuse the situation as Kocken screams, leading to a struggle and the sounds of three shots and the officer reporting the incident to dispatch.

"That recording shows the calmness and professionalism that Officer Blaskowski showed that day, the patience that she exhibited toward the defendant during this incident," Williams said. "And above all. it's just the most professional handling of an incident like this that I've ever seen. And she did nothing wrong to deserve what happened to her."

The state agreed to recommend a 13-year sentence in part because, if she had convinced a jury that she was not guilty by reason of insanity, she would have been able to petition for release as early as six months after being confined, Williams said.

Defense attorney John Miller Carroll, who joined in the sentence recommendation, said for the record that he favored taking the case to trial but it was his client's decision to take the plea deal.

Everyone who interacted with her or examined her agreed that she was mentally ill at the time, Carroll. Although Kocken apparently told a jail officer she had taken methamphetamine that morning, no blood test was taken for 72 hours, and that test showed no meth in her system, he argued.

"What was found in this apartment? There was no drug paraphernalia anywhere," Carroll said. "There was absolutely no evidence and no indication that she was using methamphetamine."

For her part, Kocken said she deeply regrets her actions that day and apologized to Blaskowski.

"I can't imagine the effect my actions have had on you and will continue to affect your life," Kocken said. "I've dealt with my illness most of my life, I've been misdiagnosed, overmedicated, undereducated and have had many mental breaks throughout my life. I honestly don't recall all the events that got me here today, I'm sorry. I'm accepting responsibility for my actions. If I could go back and change them, I would."

Before passing sentence, Judge noted that Kocken admitted abusing prescription drugs and smoking marijuana daily to the investigator who prepared a pre-sentence report.

"It isn't just the general public that needs to be protected from crazed individuals who abuse illegal substances and then can't be responsible for their actions, but it also must be that we as a community do what we can to protect and serve our officers," Judge said. "Our officers and law enforcement officials are there to serve and protect, and I'm damn proud of the job that is being down in Oconto County by all of our agencies."

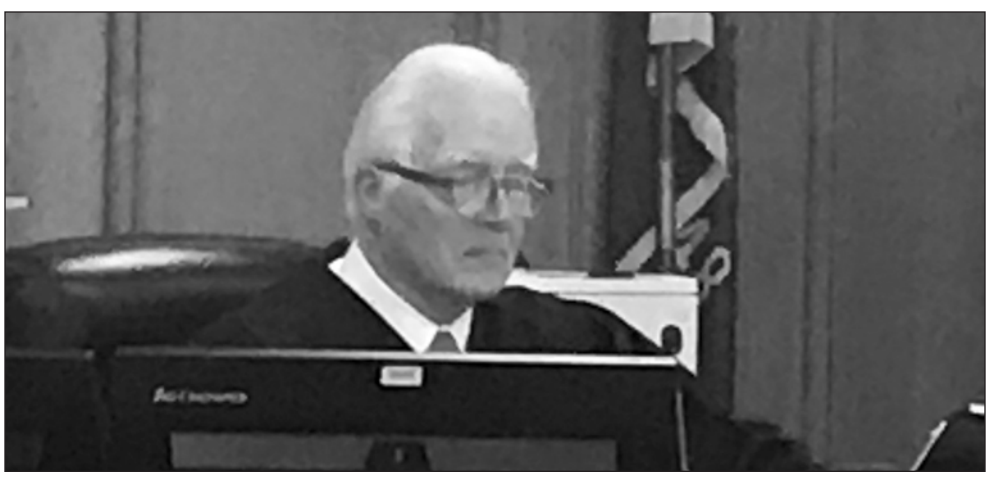
All Kocken had to do was pay attention and listen to Blaskowski when she tried to calm her down, the judge said.

Once Kocken is released from prison, Judge ordered she spend 12 years on extended supervision. Conditions of parole include that she maintain absolute sobriety and enter into, participate in and successfully complete any assessments, evaluations and/or treatment programs as directed by the Department of Corrections including alcohol and other drug abuse evaluations and programs.

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Sheriff's deputies escort Alisha Kocken into an Oconto County courtroom June 25 to be sentenced for the August 2021 shooting and wounding of an Oconto Falls police officer. WARREN BLUHM | NEW MEDIA



Oconto County Michael Judge sentences Alisha Kocken to 16 years in prison, followed by 12 years of extended supervision, for the August 2021 attempted homicide of an Oconto Falls police officer. WARREN BLUHM | NEW MEDIA

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BBB warns about Publishers Clearing House scam

Those who enter sweepstakes and lotteries always await that special phone call notifying them that they've won big.

Unfortunately, scammers know just how to play into people's emotions and are tricking people into paying for prizes they haven't actually won. BBB has received several reports of phone calls that impersonate Publishers Clearing House to BBB Scam Tracker.

Victims receive a phone call from someone claiming to be a Publishers Clearing House employee. They tell them they've won millions of dollars and a brand-new car. The person sends a photo of the new car and all the money they will receive. Even better, they say that real celebrities will come to the house in the coming days to award prizes.

However, there's a catch. Before people can receive their prizes, scammers say they must first pay a fee for an "IRS requirement" or a "broker's fee."

To pay these fees, the individual on the phone may instruct victims to purchase a gift card and provide them with the numbers on the back of the card. They may also tell them to send money to a specific bank account or mail it to an address in another state. These fees can be hefty, ranging from a few hundred to thousands of dollars.

The person on the phone may also ask for more personal information from victims, like bank name, bank account and routing numbers. They may also ask victims about their current financial situation or the savings accounts they currently hold.

If people catch on to the scam and hang up the phone, the scammer may call back multiple times and leave several messages asking for the money, making it difficult to end communication with them.

"If you are told you have won a prize but have to pay any money, hang up the phone, rip up the letter, delete the social media contact, and report the contact to your local law enforcement agency," said Christopher L. Irving of Publishers Clearing House, a BBB Accredited Business. "(Publishers Clearing House) will never call or private message a consumer on social media to let them know they have won and will never ask for payment."

For more information, contact the Wisconsin BBB at www.bbb.org/wisconsin, 414-847-6000 or 800-273-1002.

Consumers also can find more information about how to protect themselves from scams by following the Wisconsin BBB on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube.

30 years of service



Detective Chris Gamm recently marked 30 years of service to the Shawano County Sheriff's Department. Gamm has worked nearly every position within the department. In his current role, Gamm has proven to be an asset when it comes to forensic analysis of electronics and computer-related crimes.He has been a lead investigator on several large cases, including many internet crimes against children cases. CONTRIBUTED

DOT plans Highway 141 project for 2028

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation Northeast Region has announced a new U.S. Highway 141 design project website is now available to view proposed improvements on the highway between the state Highway 22 interchange in Oconto County and the state Highway 64 interchange in Marinette County.

DOT is seeking public comment on the proposed improvement project's scope, schedule, and traffic impacts and provide comments before the final design. There is a comment form on the website, https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/ne/us141kv22to64/default.aspx, with a prepaid mailer to reply to the project team.

The website includes maps of the project limits and location, scope and schedule, traffic impacts, displays and exhibits, and resources for business in work zones.

The project aims to improve the safety of Highway 141 and eliminate the severity of pavement heaving during the winter months. The heaving is caused when ice forms under the pavement.

Proposed improvements include removing sections of the existing concrete pavement on Highway 141 at 15 locations between highways 22 and 64 for frost heave mitigation. Crews will excavate four feet below the pavement surface to remove frost-susceptible soils and prevent reoccurrence. Work also includes resurfacing of two railroad crossings in the project limits.

Construction is currently scheduled for 2028. Highway 141 will remain open for construction using flagging and lane closures. County Road A and County Road B will be closed and detoured during work on intersection ramps.

Cows produce 2,205 pounds of milk a month

Milk production in Wisconsin during May 2024 totaled 2.81 billion pounds, up 1% from the previous Ma, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service Milk Production report.

The average number of milk cows during May, at 1.27 million head, was unchanged from last month but up 2,000 from May 2023. Monthly production per cow averaged 2,205 pounds, up 20 pounds from last May.

Milk production in the 24 major states during May totaled 18.9 billion pounds, down 0.7% from May 2023.

April revised production, at 18.3 billion pounds, was down 0.4% from April 2023. The April revision represented a decrease of 27 million pounds or 0.1% from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 24 major states averaged 2,122 pounds for May, three pounds below May 2023.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 24 major states was 8.89 million head, 52,000 head less than May 2023 but 5,000 head more than April 2024.

Milk production in the United States during May totaled 19.7 billion pounds, down 0.9% from May 2023.

Production per cow in the United States averaged 2,105 pounds for May, three pounds below May 2023.

The number of milk cows on farms in the United States was 9.35 million head, 68,000 head less than May 2023 but 5,000 head more than April 2024.

The complete report can be found on the USDA NASS website at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications.

Peshtigo bank offering fair project scholarships

Peshtigo National Bank has announced the launch of its new fair project scholarship, a program designed to support and recognize the hard work and dedication of county fair participants.

This scholarship aims to provide financial assistance to young farmers and fair participants who are actively working with fair animals.

"At Peshtigo National Bank, we understand the vital role that agriculture plays in our communities and the importance of fostering the next generation of agricultural leaders," said Kelly Heroux, president and chief executive officer at Peshtigo National Bank. "We are proud to offer this scholarship as a way to support and encourage the educational pursuits and fair projects of local youth."

The $100 scholarship is open to all Shawano, Marinette, Oconto, and Langlade county fair participants. Applications are due on or before Aug. 15.

Scholarship recipients will be selected based on their application materials, with special consideration given to the dedication and effort demonstrated in their fair projects. Recipients will be notified in August, and their achievements will be showcased by Peshtigo National Bank to highlight their contributions to the local agricultural community.

"We believe that by investing in the education and development of young farmers, we are investing in the future of our communities," Heroux said. "We are excited to see the innovative projects and accomplishments that will come from this new scholarship program."

The Gathering closes its doors in June

There will be no more gathering at The Gathering in Shawano.

The banquet hall and restaurant closed for good after serving one last Fathers' Day brunch in June.

The Gathering, 2600 E. Richmond St., has been sold to Charter Aarrowcast, which is directly east of the restaurant.

Keith and Kelly Baumann continue to own and operate Farm Inn On Main Restaurant and Bakery, 123 N. Main St., Shawano.

Charter is comprised of four companies — Charter Steel, Charter Wire, Charter Dura-Bar and Charter Aarrowcast.

According to its website, Charter Aarrowcast produces ductile and gray iron castings for customers in various industries. From government and defense customers to agricultural and heavy truck equipment manufacturers, and an array of companies who need pumps, valves and compressors, Charter Aarrowcast creates custom castings.

Papa Murphy's owners looking to retire, sell

Bart and Sue Mattson, owners of Papa Murphy's Take 'N' Bake Pizza stores in Shawano and Antigo, announced their plans to retire and sell both stores.

The Shawano store is located at 1063 E. Green Bay St.

The couple has owned the stores for more than 10 years.

"We have been blessed with an amazing staff and with meeting so many awesome customers that have grown into friends," Sue Mattson wrote on social media. "So, if you know anyone looking for a great opportunity, this is a profitable, simple, fun business with a proven business model."

Both stores have an experienced staff. New owners will get six weeks of corporate owners training, and in-store corporate staff would help at the opening.

Mattson wrote new owners do not need any business experience.

Serious inquiries can be directed to Bart Mattson at bartmattson@att.net.

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Homes, businesses struck by tornado



The houses on Emile Court that were previously nestled into a very wooded area are now fully exposed. Most of the trees are now gone. The National Weather Service (NWS) Green Bay office determined the EF1 tornado was on the ground for five minutes starting at 2:27 a.m. June 25.
ISAAC FOLLETT



An EF1 tornado touched down near Keshena and only lifted after it reached Berry Lake almost 9 miles to the east the morning of June 25. Trees were snapped, power lines were down and campers at a campground were damaged.
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE



Trees were snapped in half and power outages were common in the area when severe storms struck the night of June 24-25.
NWS STORM SURVEY



Krueger's Campground in the Town of Underhill suffered extensive damage from a June 25 tornado. Luckily, no one was injured, and cleanup began the next morning. Storms developed across western Wisconsin the night of June 24, consolidated and then raced southeast across the area between midnight and 5 a.m. June 25, NWS officials said. A few storms developed ahead of the line, producing some large hail and brief gusty winds as well.
OCONTO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT



Bill Hurley, standing, and Mike Daley perform at Primal Eats. The duo play once a month there and once a month at Stubborn Brothers Brewery. They will also perform July 9 at the Art Park in Wittenberg. CONTRIBUTED

Hurley, Daley to perform at Art Park on July 9

Two men perform at shows at two area restaurants

BY KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

Bill Hurley and Mike Daley grew up together in the 1960s and 1970s, so it's only natural that 50-some years later, their music would reflect that era.

"We sing along with our two acoustic guitars and a drum machine," Daley said. "People can dance to us. We play a lot of Everly Brothers, Beatles, Eagles, Elvis, Simon and Garfunkel, Neil Diamond."

Hurley and Daley will perform from 6-8 p.m. July 9 at the Art Park in Wittenberg. They are part of the summer concert series.

The Wittenberg show will include free ice cream with other food for sale by Redeemer Church. Concert goers are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs. In case of rain, the show will be moved inside the adjacent WOWSPACE, 114 Vinal St.

Hurley and Daley really started to play together on a regular basis around 2010.

"In 2021, we started to take it more seriously," Daley said. "Now, we have monthly gigs at Stubborn Brothers Brewery and Primal Eats. We pick up another show here or there; in the summer, we'll play three shows a month."

In 2021, both men worked at Seagrave Fire Apparatus in Clintonville. Daley said he received a call from Caroline Implement (now Riesterer and Schnell) asking if he could play for a 75th customer appreciation party. He said he wasn't in a band, but he knew someone (Hurley), and the two could certainly put together a show.

The two men were eating at Stubborn Brothers Brewery one evening when they were approached about performing on a regular basis at the restaurant. They started in July of that year.

"The guys at Primal Eats heard about it and asked us to do the same thing there," Daley said. "We started there in October."

Both members of the duo sing and play.

"We're very harmony-based," Daley said. "Our vocals are strong."

Before joining as a duo, Hurley and Daley played separately with a variety of bands over the years, while each held other full-time jobs.

Daley eventually played music full time. A band he was in opened for groups like the Grass Roots, Tommy James and The Shondells, and the Monkees.

"I got to know the guys in the Grass Roots and became their drummer in 1981-82," Daley said. "I guess that's my five minutes of fame."

Both men are now retired.

They get together once a week to practice and continue to add songs to their sets.

"When we play, we play for three hours straight with no breaks," Daley said. "There are a lot of favorites in those sets. We move songs around, add new ones, all without a break."

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Pulaski police remind about use of vehicles on streets

BY KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

The Pulaski Police Department is reminding residents of the local ordinances regarding the use of mini dirt bikes, electric bikes, electric skateboards, mopeds and other modes of transportation.

"Your cooperation helps keep our community safe and enjoyable for everyone," the department said in a statement. "Let's make this summer safe and fun for all."

Mopeds, electric scooters and electric bicycles are allowed on roadways, while mini bikes, mini ATVs and electric skateboards are not. Riders of mopeds and electric scooters must be at least 16, while electric bike riders must be 16 only if the throttle power reaches speeds up to 28 miles per hour.

Mopeds are the only type of these vehicles that require a driver's license to operate on roadways, but all can be used on private property.

Mopeds are also the only vehicles that need at Department of Motor Vehicles title and must be registered with the DMV. Safety equipment (headlights for night driving, lights, brakes and turn signals) is also required on mopeds.

Passengers are not permitted on any of these vehicles.

Street reconstruction projects underway

Shawano using $1 million grant for work on South Franklin, Lutz and Andrews streets

BY KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

Summer road construction projects are underway in Shawano.

East Fifth Street from North Main Street to Hamlin Street is undergoing utility work and street reconstruction. East Fifth Street is now fully closed from Union Street to Hamlin Street.

Throughout June and until July 12, single blocks within the work zone will be fully closed for utility reconstruction progressing westerly. The entire work zone will be partially pulverized and on gravel until July 15 when full closure to through-traffic will begin until completion of the project in September.

The corridor will always remain open to all businesses in the work zone.

Also underway are full reconstructions of South Franklin Street from West Stevens Avenue to West Lieg Avenue, South Lutz Street from East Zingler Avenue to East Lieg Avenue, and South Andrews Street from East Zingler Avenue to East Lieg Avenue.



Crews work on Fifth Street between Hamlin and Union streets the afternoon of June 26. East Fifth Street from North Main Street to Hamlin Street is undergoing utility work and street reconstruction. KEVIN PASSON | NEW MEDIA

The city received $1 million in a Community Development Block Grant Public Facilities grant to help pay for these three road projects.

Work include sanitary sewer, water mains, storm sewer, curb and gutter, sidewalks and pavement replacement.

Matt Pleshek, city engineer, last year estimated the projects to cost $1.65 million, with the city paying everything above the $1 million grant. Bids for the work came in at $1.62 million, about $30,000 less than the estimate.

Pleshek said these three streets represent some of the oldest parts of the city, and the South Lutz Street blocks are the most densely populated of all blocks in the city.

Finally, as part of the regular street maintenance plans, South Lafayette Street from Sunset Avenue to West Lieg Avenue is also being reconstructed.

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NEW Media is looking for correspondents to help with every aspect of our information efforts. We're looking for the following:

• ***NEWS CORRESPONDENTS:*** **With limited staff to cover government meetings, community events and other things taking place in Shawano, Oconto and Menominee counties, we're looking for people who like to track down news, write stories and take photos to keep locals informed. If you have the interest but not necessarily the skills to write stories, we can provide you with training through the Wisconsin Newspapers Association to help you learn how to be a top news hound.**

• ***FEATURE CORRESPONDENTS:*** **While hard news tends to dominate the papers, we occasionally get to showcase the brighter side of northeast Wisconsin, especially Shawano, Menominee and Oconto Counties. From incredible volunteers to brilliant authors and artists to theatrical productions and so much more, we want to show it all. Feature writers who are good at photography grab a lot of attention online and in print, and the area has plenty of talented people in the shadows that we hope to bring into the light.**

• ***SPORTS CORRESPONDENTS:*** **We're looking for sports writers interested in covering games in Shawano, Menominee and Oconto counties. These correspondents might also be asked to cover things like college signings and player features. We cover more than a dozen high schools in the area, and writers who can report a game fairly and accurately while producing jaw-dropping action photos can go far with us.**

Send a cover letter describing your interest and writing/photography samples, if available, to city editor Lee Pulaski at lpulaski@newmedia-wi.com.

Sunday July 14th 10 AM

Large Auction for Jesse Kasper Estate

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Antiques & Household

Collection of Wildlife Art, Beer lights, Red Ribbon crate, Wild Turkeys weather vane, Irish crystal baskets, Cedar bench, Ant. Sleds, Old washtub, Kraut Cutter, Log lawn chair, Wooden barrel, Ant. Log carrier, Nesco roaster, New air fryer, Turkey cooker, dehydrator, New Nouveau pans, Log cabin birdhouse, Tonka toys, Fenton glass baskets, Green Bay Packers diecast pickup, Terry Redlin diecast truck, CarQuest bank, Milwaukee Tools poker set

Saturday July 20th 10 AM

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"Coming thru the Rye" Remington bronze on marble base, "End of the Trail" by Fraser, Wild Turkey bronzes, Bronze Elk, Grizzly & Bison, Bronze Mare & Foal, Spaniel bookends on onyx bases, 1920's slag glass table lamp, Jennings, Bouillet, Malin & Porter Handcarved wood Duck Decoys, "Whistle" soda sign, "Cheer Up" lighted thermometer, "Hygrade Line" auto parts cabinet, Red Wing 8gal crock, Tub of Old Traps w/ tags, Jack Daniels Old No. 7 decanter in box from 1984, Carved meerschaum pipe, Ant. Post cards, Arrow heads & spear points, Victorian photo albums & original photos, Incredible hair wreaths, WW 2 ration book, Civil War photos & letters, Minie bullets, Will from 1772, Stereo viewers & Cards, Primitive Tools, Trunks, Old Stamps, Political buttons, "Wisconsin for Nixon" bracelet, Coca-Cola coolers, Coke radio & collectibles, Gumball & Prize vendors,



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Sunday July 28th 10 AM

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Fresh Face Company oasis for the soul

Brady makes sure that her customers get specialized, focused care

BY KAY REMINGER
Correspondent

Megan Brady, owner of Fresh Face Company, is all about individualized treatment — not only her client's facial and scalp needs, but as well offers an oasis for the soul.

"I am committed to giving every single person that comes in here specialized, focused care," Brady said.

Everything Brady does at her exclusive shop is customized to each person.

"Many of my clients literally come in with no expectation, and based on my conversation with them, I determine what their skin needs are," Brady said. "Sometimes an acne treatment is needed with lights bright; sometimes people come in just to receive, to rest. We may talk about things from gut health to deep meditation facial experiences. I adjust to their needs, giving them undivided attention with meditation music playing. It's all very individualized and provides a safe place for people to relax."

Offered at Fresh Face is head spa, a distinctive service and one of very few in the state. The idea came to Brady on a trip.

"My creativity opens up when I get away and am able to relax," she said.

During her eight days away after pondering this new service, she had ordered a bed and got construction lined up to build the room. Everything just fell into place. With the treatment table established and her business launched, she started practicing.

Brady's unique head spa treatment is a facial for the scalp and can be a healing experience for people.

"A client gets their head rubbed for an hour," Brady said. "I use vibroacoustic therapy, which is vibration-music healing for the body."

Provided as well is a sensory-pleasing rain-water encounter, which is gently experienced across the client's forehead.

"I desire to create a respite for my clients, a custom-made experience tailored just for them," Brady said. "Whatever feels comfortable for each individual is my main focus and goal. I've discovered that people hold so much emotion in their faces; it's literally the billboard to a person's inner feelings."



Megan Brady, owner of Fresh Face Company, started doing facials in 2020 after losing her job to the pandemic, and now she has a booming business in downtown Shawano. KAY REMINGER

Brady offers a variety of products at her shop which include natural makeup, hair, skin, and body care. Everything on her shelves is pre-approved by her.

"If it's not right for my skin, it's not going out," she said.

Brady's mentor offered a prophetic message for her back in 2018. At that time, Brady was employed at Nueske's as a traveling salesman. Her friend and mentor told her she was not meant to be working for someone else, that she was going to own her own business. At one point in Brady's life, she realized getting back into wellness is what she should be doing.

Losing her traveling sales job at Nueske's in 2020 due to COVID-19, she decided the timing was perfect, so she began doing facials, slowly dappling back into the wellness service and establishing herself as a new businessperson.

Falling in love with the Shawano community, the people and the other young entrepreneurs in town, everything felt right. Settling herself in a brick and mortar building, Brady explains her current working situation as, "I've got a hobby and I'm getting paid for it."

This has been her mindset with Fresh Face from day one. The income is just a blessing, which made her realize she's in the right spot.

Recently hiring two head spa girls to provide the head service, Brady said she exclusively provides the skin care and wellness aspect of her "sanctuary of beauty."

"I attended esthetician school, which is a branch of beauty school," she said. "There I completed a six-month certificate program. Branching knowledge off of that, I worked for a doctor for a time, at which point, I advanced to master esthetician."

Brady acknowledged she is learning as she goes and continues gaining knowledge to better individually serve her clients.

Asking about her long-range plans, she feels because she is growing rapidly, she may need to hire another esthetician to handle head spas and facials, which would free her to hold more retreats.

"In 2025, I'd like to create and host more wellness events outside of the beauty amenities such as head spas and facial services," Brady said. "I'd like to offer mind-body-soul healing, which includes strong emotional health and positive self-growth, for people to have a safe place to fall."

Last year, Brady held a retreat in the Woodruff area, which for three days focused on resetting the mindset and

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Jon and Kathleen Marsh will briefly reprise Red Light Saloon characters in "Cate and Jack and the River Rats" on July 13 at the Holt and Balcom Logging Camp Museum in Lakewood. CONTRIBUTED

River rats subject of Holt and Balcom program

Holt and Balcom Logging Camp Museum will present a new program, "Cate and Jack and the River Rats" at 1 p.m. July 13.

The presentation will feature Pat Lowery, who just returned from touring in Ireland, and Kathleen and Jon Marsh, who will reprise their iconic roles as Cate, Madame of the Red Light Saloon, and her wayward husband, Jack.

The program includes a slide presentation that tells the story of thousands of unsung heroes, fearless lumberjacks who extended their seasonal employment during the Big Pine Era. Signing on as log drivers, these legendary supermen were also known as river pigs and river rats. They skillfully navigated a series of dams, streams and rivers to deliver millions of saw logs that would be turned into lumber to build America.

Holt and Balcom's river rats utilized McCauslin Brook and branches of the Oconto River to guide the floating logs to the company's mill in Oconto. Facing unimaginable dangers and hardships almost beyond human endurance, these hardy souls were at the mercy of the weather, swarms of biting insects, perilous rapids and logjams of epic proportion. Injury or death was always close by, just one miscalculation or careless step away.

Part of the presentation is a Learning and Laughter program inspired by "Breakfast in Hell," a song recorded by Slaid Cleves. Written by Robin Frederick as "The Ballad of Sandy Gray," the song immortalized a valiant log driver who lost his life clearing a logjam on Ontario's Musquash River in the early 20th century.

Holt and Balcom, the oldest logging camp in America sitting where in was built in 1881, is located off County Road F within McCauslin Brook Golf Course, 17067 Club House Lane, Lakewood. Patrons can park in the golf course lot; the museum is behind the clubhouse and open for visitors prior to the show.

Admission is $5 per person. The show is not suitable for those under age 10. Seating is limited.

FARM LIFE FROM A FARM WIFE

Lies fine when planning jaw dropping surprise



It had been six years since our three adult children have been home, all at the same time. Knowing our sons had planned on attending a relative wedding with us, which happened to fall on the Saturday before Father's Day, wistfully I mentioned to our daughter a couple of weeks ago, wouldn't it be nice if she could fly up from Texas?

Earlier this month, she had thought her schedule wouldn't allow it. A mere few days before Father's Day weekend, I tried again. Considering it, she blew me away with a sudden plan.

"I have an idea. What if I fly up and surprise Dad, just walk in on him?"

It started the ball rolling on what would eventually bless her dad with a jaw-dropping surprise.

Arranging a flight from Dallas to Chicago to Wausau, a friend from college offered to pick her up from the airport, driving her home late Friday evening when we would be asleep.

Back and forth text questions flew like startled birds in flight. When would she surprise him? How? Should she wait for the morning? If so, how would she get past her dad in the night?

Securing the exact scenario took a few days. Like Barney on "The Andy Griffith Show," when there was to be a truck carrying gold coming through Mayberry and it needed to be kept quiet, so did I. Barney, busting with the news, spilled the beans to his secret love, Juanita, and before the gold truck came in the whole entire town knew. I vowed that would not happen.

One day my husband asked, as occasionally is his custom, "What's new?"

I had to turn my head so he wouldn't see the smile threatening to go ear-to-ear. We were in our side-by-side going for a spin around the county. Facing the window I whispered quietly (because not to at least tell the window, I'd bust right there), what's new? Only that your daughter is flying home from Texas, will be pulling in tonight while you're sleeping and walk down the stairs saying "Hey, Dad" tomorrow morning. That's what's new.

I started perfecting the art of lying.

Blanking out my face before I turned to him I replied, "Nothin'."

Texting my daughter, I instead conjured up texts with friends.

"Who're you texting?"

Oh, just my friend. She's asking a lot of questions.

That early evening, what we thought was a fool-proof plan, we discovered, ah, not so fast. A text came in around supper time; her flight was delayed. I have a love/hate relationship with flights. This trip had me on my knees in prayer and God, in His generous grace, came through again.

"Mom. We've been delayed quite a bit so please pray I make my connection."

Pork roast stuck halfway down my throat. Keeping my face bland, inside I was frantically praying.

Another text: "Oh no Mom there are no other flights out of Chicago tonight to Wausau. I'm going to miss it. We land at 8pm and my next one takes off at 8:19pm. Prayyyy."

5:15 p.m.: "Father, we cannot have come this far, without Your hand in this. Delay the connecting plane, God, so Your precious daughter can make it." His rock-solid peace settled me.

6:19 p.m.: Connecting flight unexplainably delayed. Yes. He did it again, delaying the plane so there was enough time for my daughter to make it. As soon as she walked up to the gate the attendant said, "Okay, we might as well board now." It was simply astounding with not one indicator of anything less than a divine miracle.

Later, relaxing in the living room after supper (which I could finally digest) my husband started coughing. This had been an annoyance for the previous couple of nights, and he was longing for a good night's rest.

"Would you want a couple of Tylenol PM's just so you could settle?" I asked with a hidden agenda.

So not only did I withhold information from my husband, lied about who I was texting, I was now pumping him with drugs to make him sleepy. This was a full-blown Forensic Files in the making.

We went to bed. I actually fell asleep. So did he. At precisely 11 p.m. I awoke with a start and quietly slipping out of bed, started texting my daughter. Just then, I glanced out the window to see a car silently coast in, lights cut.

Meeting her at the door (we need to get some WD-40 on that door) we silently squealed and hugged each other tight. Creeping up the stairs, she made it past her drug-induced, snoring dad and unbeknownst to him, slept the night in her bed.

Texting back and forth next morning, "Is he awake yet?"

"Yes! Come downstairs, he's in his chair!"

"Tootsie! How-how-what-what? How'd you get here? You're ... home?"



It took some work and a few prayers for Kay Reminger, second from left, to get her daughter, Jessica, left, home to surprise her husband, John, but everything worked out in time for the whole family, including sons Judd, second from right, and Jay, to attend a wedding. CONTRIBUTED

Watching his face as he caught sight of his precious girl definitely made all the clandestine planning worthwhile.

("But I'll keep coming closer and closer to You, Lord Yahweh, for Your name is good to me. I'll keep telling the world of Your awesome works, my faithful and glorious God!" Psalm 73:28, The Passion Translation)

Kay Reminger was born and raised on a dairy farm, and she married her high school sweetheart, who happened to farm for a living in Leopolis. Writing for quite a few years, she remains focused on the blessings of living the ups and downs of rural life from a farm wife's perspective.

Dwarf bearded irises smaller but still lovely



Throughout our area, the dainty beauty of dwarf bearded irises now adorn garden beds and borders. Of shorter stature than the tall bearded iris that come later in May and June, the dwarf bearded iris are a joy unto themselves.

For those who may not have the space for the mass of tall bearded iris, or those who are looking for iris varieties for the front of garden beds and borders and walkways, dwarf bearded iris are ideal.

They come in colors and patterns as varied as their tall bearded iris cousins, only much smaller. Many dwarf bearded iris may only reach 6-10 inches in height. Clumps may reach just a foot or two across at full size.

This is quite a comparison to tall bearded iris that may be 3-4 feet tall and wide.

Dwarf bearded iris are also just as fragrant as their wonderfully scented tall bearded iris cousins. There are a variety of scents and fragrances to choose from. Some are sweet and sugary. Some are spicy. Some are fruity or grape-like.

Dwarf bearded iris are easy to grow and multiply rapidly from potato-like rhizomes that sprout sword-like foliage. The foliage remains attractive all year long, even when the plant is finished blooming.

Dividing dwarf bearded iris is as simple as tall bearded iris. Simply lift the clump and cut or break off sections that contain a bit of the rhizome and at least one fan of leaves. Replant at the soil surface. Do not plant too deeply or flower production will be limited. The top part of the rhizome should be just above the soil surface, with just the roots and half of the rhizome beneath the soil.

Once they have finished blooming in spring, it's a great time to divide, or wait for the cooler weather of fall.

Visit your local garden center to see the selection of dwarf bearded iris in stock, or order online from reputable iris nurseries such as Schreiner's Iris Gardens.

Enjoy exploring the world of dwarf bearded irises.

Rob Zimmer is a nature and garden author, public speaker and radio show host on WHBY. Readers can find him on Facebook at www.facebook.com/RobZimmerOutdoors.



Dwarf bearded iris are perfect for low borders and beds where shorter perennials are desired. ROB ZIMMER

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nutrition — giving her clients time to be quiet, to find peace alone and also to meet in groups. They focused on yoga, meditation, cooking, singing; everything together. Her group at that time consisted of eight women.

"Small groups are intimate and more personal," Brady said. I can spend extra time with each individual in this manner and find mind/body/spirit enhancement opportunities.

Asking Brady what would she want people to know about her, she said, "I am fully present for them. As they enter, I put all my own interests and distractions aside. Every single person I am with has my 100 percent, undivided attention. I do all I can so they feel safe. With the negativity and gloom and doom in this world, I want people to come to a safe, quiet, peaceful place to feel pampered and to re-energize."

To be notified concerning retreats or updates about Fresh Face Co, contact Brady at freshfaceco.meg@gmail.com.

Fresh Face Company is located at 217 N. Main St., inside Revived Salon, in Shawano. Bookings are taken at freshfaceco.glossgenious.com or by calling/texting 715-581-9986.

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Marshfield Clinic continues to seek ticks

As summer begins, scientists at Marshfield Clinic Research Institute are asking the public to submit ticks for the Tick Inventory via Citizen Science (TICS).

TICS was launched in April to survey the distribution of tick species in Wisconsin, including any new, invasive ticks that may be moving into the state. People scooped up ticks they found in nature or crawling on themselves or their pets and sent them to the research institute in pre-paid collection kits.

So far, scientists have identified more than 3,200 ticks, most prominently the American dog (wood) tick and the deer (black-legged) tick.

Researchers also have identified nine brown dog ticks, which are most frequently found in the southern U.S. and five lone star ticks, mainly found in the southern and eastern U.S.

"The presence of brown dog and lone star ticks is intriguing as it may indicate spread from their typical habitats to Wisconsin," said Alexandra Linz, Marshfield Clinic Research Institute associate research scientist. "We are trying to determine the extent and significance of this spread and the potential health effects."

Ticks carry pathogens that may cause diseases such as Lyme disease, anaplasmosis and babesiosis. With new tick species becoming more prevalent in Wisconsin, the risk for potential newly introduced diseases increases. Brown dog ticks spread Rocky Mountain spotted fever and lone star ticks spread ehrlichiosis, primarily in warmer U.S settings. Possibly because of climate change, the incidence of both conditions has increased three-fold in the last two decades.

"Residents who enjoy the outdoors and physicians need to be aware of these diseases and their symptoms," said Jennifer Meece, Marshfield Clinic Research Institute executive director. "As researchers, the information from this study and future studies can help us improve disease prevention efforts and early detection as well as develop better diagnostic tools and treatments."

For more information, or to request a pre-paid collection kit be sent to you, contact tics@marshfieldclinic.org or 715-389-7796, ext. 16462. Parks and nature centers interested in having kits available for their visitors also are encouraged to contact Marshfield Clinic Research Institute.

Once the tick, dead or alive, has been placed in the collection kit, just drop it in the mail to submit. Each kit will come with a unique identification number that people can use to look up, via an online dashboard, the species of ticks they submitted.

The mild winter resulted in a bountiful tick population this spring, which means a greater chance of contracting a tick-borne illness. Symptoms of illnesses resulting from a tick bite can include rash, fever, joint pain and fatigue.

To reduce the risk of tick bites, spray insecticide such as permethrin on clothing, sleeping bags, and tent fabric. Wear clothing that covers your skin. Finally, have someone help you check for ticks after time spent outdoors.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

GILLETT: Independence Day Celebration, 4 p.m. to 11 p.m., Zippel Park. Lawn chair concert 4-7 p.m., truck pull 7 p.m., music by Country Rewind 7-11 p.m.

OCONTO: Waterfest, 4-11 p.m., Breakwater Park and Harbor, 1301 Harbor Road. Live music, kids' activities, food, and refreshments, fireworks at 10 p.m.

SHAWANO: Shawano Ski Sharks Waterski Show, 6 p.m., Smalley Park, 211 Riverside Drive. Junior show 5:30 p.m. Free admission, donations accepted.

NEOPIT: Recovery talking circle, 6-8 p.m. The Circle House, W6715 Shawpokasic St. Information: Mindy Thunder at 715-799-3835 or mthunder@mitw.org.

SHAWANO: Fireworks, dusk, Shawano Airport, 248 Airport Road.

THURSDAY, JULY 4

LEOPOLIS: Triathlon and Cornhole Tournament, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., A.N. Brunner Field, 11930 Third St. Registration 8-9:30 a.m. 9:30 at Leopolis Pond. Parade at noon, float line up 11 a.m. in the Corral parking lot. Cornhole tournament registration 12:30 p.m., start 1:30 p.m. $20 per team, 100% payout, 24-team maximum.

GILLETT: Independence Day Celebration, 9 a.m. to midnight, Zippel Park. Horse pull 8:30 a.m., car and truck show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Fun Time Polka Band 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., tractor pull noon, parade 2 p.m., Back When/Reminis 3-6 p.m., antique tractor pull 5 p.m., Rapid Transit 7-11 p.m., fireworks at dusk.

BONDUEL: Fourth of July Celebration, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Village Park, 214 E. Park St. Parade 11 a.m., Legion baseball 2 p.m., bike giveaway 3 p.m., family and kids' games 7 p.m. fireworks at dusk.

TOWNSEND: Fourth of July Celebration, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Fire Station, 17937 Front St. Crafters, food, beer, soda, raffles, and music from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Parade at noon, fireworks at dusk at Townsend Ball Park, Grove and Wheeler streets.

GILLETT: Community Market, 5-7 p.m., Gillett Public Library, 200-204 E. Main St.

SHAWANO: Thursdayz at Franklin, 6-8:30 p.m., Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St. Music with Spark, Spark, Bang!

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

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

SATURDAY, JULY 6

SHAWANO: Zurko Promotions Flea Market special holiday market, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Fairgrounds, 990 E. Green Bay St. $2 admission.

TOWNSEND: Kids Fishing Tournament, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wendt's Sandbar Resort, 16688 Nicolet Road. Registration starts 7 a.m., open to kids 15 and under.

SHAWANO: FRESH Project Farmers Market, 8 a.m. to noon, Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St. First Presbyterian Church will have bake sale at the market this week.

SHAWANO: Fourth annual Craft and Antique Sale, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Bottle House Antiques, 701 S. Main St.

MOUNTAIN: Independence Day Celebration, 10 a.m. to dusk. Craft fair, kids' activities, raffles, food, fireworks at dusk.

TOWNSEND: Watermelon Eating Contest, 11 a.m., Oughton Park on Pickerel Lake.

SHAWANO: Naberhood Block Party, 5:30-8 p.m., 214 S. Main St. Music by Zakk Abbitz.

SHAWANO: Stock car racing, 6-10 p.m., Shawano Speedway, 990 E. Green Bay St. Admission $12 17 and up, $6 12-16, free 11 and younger with paid adult.

BELLE PLAINE: Cloverleaf Lakes Fireworks Show, dusk, Pine Lake.

SUNDAY, JULY 7

SHAWANO: Zurko Promotions Flea Market, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Fairgrounds, 990 E. Green Bay St. $2 admission.

SHAWANO: Music at Arlington Park, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Arlington Park, 300 Humphrey Circle. Sarah Koening and Hus Band.

MONDAY, JULY 8

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

TUESDAY, JULY 9

OCONTO FALLS: Oconto County Farmers Market, 4-8 p.m., Highland Square.

SHAWANO: Naberhood Block Party, 5:30-7 p.m., 214 S. Main St. Family Yoga and Art Expression.

WITTENBERG: Free concert with Bill Hurley and Mike Daley, 6-8 p.m., WOW Art Park, 114 Vinal St. Rain or shine, free Ice cream, food for sale by Redeemer Church. Bring a lawn chair.

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

GRESHAM: American Red Cross blood drive, noon to 5 p.m., St. Francis Solanus Catholic Church, 1050 Main St.

NEOPIT: Recovery talking circle, 6-8 p.m. The Circle House, W6715 Shawpokasic St. Information: Mindy Thunder at 715-799-3835 or mthunder@mitw.org.

THURSDAY, JULY 11

SHAWANO: Community Chat with Superintendent Kurt Krizan, 8-9 a.m., Glas Coffee Conference Room, 511 N. Main St.

NAVARINO: Senior Safari Lunch and Learn, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. Porcupines and Fishers. $4.50 suggested donation. Registration required by calling Heidi at 715-526-4686.

GILLETT: Garden Walk and Home Tours, 4-8 p.m., various locations. Passes $15, available for purchase at Gillett Public Library and City Hall.

GILLETT: Community Market, 5-7 p.m., Gillett Public Library, 200-204 E. Main St.

SHAWANO: Thursdayz at Franklin, 6-8:30 p.m., Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St. Music with Copper Box.

SHAWANO: Kids from Wisconsin, 7 p.m., Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B.

SHAWANO: "The Wizard of Oz," 7 p.m., Mielke Arts Center, N5649 Airport Road. Presented by Box in the Wood Theatre Guild. Tickets $15 adults, $10 18 and under.

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

FRIDAY, JULY 12

BOWLER: American Red Cross blood drive, 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Bowler High School, 500 S. Almon St.

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

SHAWANO: "The Wizard of Oz," 7 p.m., Mielke Arts Center, N5649 Airport Road. Presented by Box in the Wood Theatre Guild. Tickets $15 adults, $10 18 and under.

SATURDAY, JULY 13

SHAWANO: Zurko Promotions Flea Market special holiday market, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Fairgrounds, 990 E. Green Bay St. $2 admission.

SHAWANO: FRESH Project Farmers Market, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St. First Presbyterian Church will have bake sale at the market this week.

SHAWANO: Shawanofest, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., downtown. Free live entertainment, food trucks, over 150 craft vendors located on the Main Street, kids' games and car show.

SHAWANO: Stock car racing, 6-10 p.m., Shawano Speedway, 990 E. Green Bay St. Admission $12 17 and up, $6 12-16, free 11 and younger with paid adult.

SHAWANO: "The Wizard of Oz," 7 p.m., Mielke Arts Center, N5649 Airport Road. Presented by Box in the Wood Theatre Guild. Tickets $15 adults, $10 18 and under.

SUNDAY, JULY 14

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Lead contamination impacts children especially

Lead has been in the news often with reports about contaminated food products and concerns about popular drinkware.

Children who are exposed often do not look sick, but even small amounts of lead can harm the brain and cause learning and behavior difficulties.

"It's important for parents to know the risks and take steps to protect kids from lead exposure," said Dr. Michelle Gerow, a ThedaCare pediatrician. "Protecting children, from exposure to lead is important to lifelong good health. It is also critical to understand that no safe blood lead level in children has been identified."

Gerow has been monitoring recent lead concerns that have gained national attention.



MICHELLE GEROW

In late 2023, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration recalled certain brands of cinnamon applesauce and apple puree that were found to contain high levels of lead and chromium. The products were sold under the brand names WanaBana, Schnucks and Weis.

The FDA traced the contamination to cinnamon that was included in the pouches. To date, more than 400 children spanning 44 states, including Wisconsin, have been poisoned in the outbreak.

Chromium is made up of several compounds and is a naturally occurring element with trace levels normally found in the diet, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The exact form of chromium in the recalled applesauce products is unclear. However, lead chromate previously has been reported as a contaminant in spices and foods.

The CDC has advised that people should not eat cinnamon-containing apple purée or applesauce products included in the FDA recall announcements. Anyone who may have eaten the affected products should talk with their health care provider.

In early March, the FDA also recalled several brands of ground cinnamon, mainly sold at discount stores including Family Dollar and Dollar Tree. Consumers should dispose of any of the recalled products that they may have in their homes.

Lead can make it into spices in several ways. These include natural sources such as soil and water, leaded gasoline and through the manufacturing, storage or shipping process.

According to the FDA, lead chromate has been illegally added to certain spices to increase their weight and enhance their color, which increases the monetary value of the adulterated spices. The FDA suspects the cinnamon's manufacturer likely altered the product for economically motivated reasons.

In recent months, concerns have arisen about lead used in the manufacture of popular water bottles, most notably Stanley cups. Stanley released a statement saying that while it uses lead in manufacturing its products, no lead comes into contact with consumers.

Though the company is facing a lawsuit about the use of lead, experts have widely agreed with the company's assertion that consumers are highly unlikely to come into contact with lead through the products. At the same time, some experts question the decision to use lead when many other water bottle brands do not.

Dust from lead house paint remains the biggest lead hazard in the United States, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics. The use of lead paint stopped in 1978, so older homes pose a risk. Lead also may exist in service lines carrying water to homes and lead solder used in plumbing.

The United States tries to monitor for lead in food and toys. However, lead also can appear in certain imported products, including spices, candies, cosmetics and nutritional supplements.

The CDC stated that the health effects of lead exposure are more harmful to children younger than six years of age because their bodies are still developing and growing rapidly. Young children also tend to put their hands or other objects, which may be contaminated with lead dust, into their mouths, so they are more likely to be exposed to lead than older children.

"Children with lead exposure may have no apparent acute symptoms," said Gerow. "Even low levels of lead have been associated with learning and behavior problems, hearing and speech problems, and slowed growth and development."

Wisconsin's egg production down 7% from last year

Wisconsin egg production during May was 204 million eggs, down 7% from the previous May, according to the latest Chickens and Eggs report from the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

The average number of all layers on hand during May was 7.83 million, down 6% from last year. Eggs per 100 layers for May was 2,609, down 1% from a year ago.

United States egg production totaled 9.10 billion during May, down 2% from last year. Production included 7.81 billion table eggs, and 1.30 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.20 billion were broiler-type and 99.7 million were egg-type. The average number of layers during May totaled 372 million, down 3% from last year. May egg production per 100 layers was 2,450 eggs, up 1% from May 2023.

Total layers in the United States on June 1 totaled 371 million, down 3% from last year. The 371 million layers consisted of 306 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 61.7 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs and 3.83 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on June 1 averaged 78.9 eggs per 100 layers, up 1% from June 1, 2023.

Egg-type chicks hatched during May totaled 58.2 million, down 1% from May 2023. Eggs in incubators totaled 56.6 million on June 1, up 2% from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 257,000 during May, down 1% from May 2023.

Broiler-type chicks hatched during May totaled 860 million, up 1% from May 2023. Eggs in incubators totaled 736 million on June 1, up 1% from a year ago.

The complete report can be found on the USDA NASS website at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications.

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GUEST COLUMN

Quick pivot back to partisan talking points



I joined millions in watching televised coverage of D-Day's 80th anniversary ceremonies earlier this month.

I wept.

Who didn't?

The dwindling number of centenarian heroes on stage. The historic footage of that landing, a daring dash that literally saved the world. Rows of silent white crosses. The artillery salute. The flyover. The soaring words of inspiration, and not just — or even foremost — by the political leaders. I was most touched when the young uniformed woman read the adapted version of "The Watch."

"Eighty years ago, these sailors stood the watch. While some of us were in our bunks at night, these soldiers stood the watch. While some of us were in school learning our trade, marines, airmen and coasties stood the watch. Yes, even before some of us were born into this world, the men behind me stood the watch. ..."

Perhaps most importantly, this: "You stand relieved. We have the watch."

Do we?

I decided to spend a few hours paying attention to how various media covered the day, mostly switching back and forth from CNN and Fox and MSNBC, but also occasionally monitoring the Associated Press, the Washington Post and other papers. Call it my bias, if you will, but as I fully expected the men and women of the printed word did the best job sticking to the story of the day as it unfolded.

The television talking heads, not so much. In the blink of an eye, the anchors and guests pivoted to their usual talking points.

For liberals — MSNBC is the place to be — the message of the day seemed to be that the democracy the heroes of June 6, 1944, fought and died for is being tested again by Donald Trump and his autocratic allies.

For conservatives — Fox is their den — it was Joe Biden's weak America on display, and the nation is not respected by allies or feared by foes.

Conversations — for that's what television is, talking and more talking — centered around how it all relates to the election this November.

In no time at all, way too much focus was on Biden and Trump. Not on the old men on stage. Not on the young men whose remains lie beneath those white crosses.

These so-called television news channels have been weaponized. All politics, all the time. They do not have audiences. They have converts.

By the way, CNN played it straighter than either of the two primary partisan channels. That's not to say CNN is centrist; it leans left. A viewer can still see the center from there, which is more than can be said of Fox or MSNBC.

Here's a thought, from an old gray-headed journalist. In today's fragmented media world these channels are riding the crest of a wave they created. In the age of information by avalanche, it's all but impossible to put out a profitable product that tries to be what newspapers once were — a product intended for broad appeal.

That's one big reason print media, which still largely embraces facts and not spin, faces so many challenges. Cable, talk radio, online sites, podcasts and so forth picked sides, narrowed their focus, and carved out niche audiences that are told what they want to hear. Social media throws gas on the fire.

I call it outrage as a business plan. If a viewer or listener is not fuming with anger by the end of a program, the host has failed.

With whom are they angry? People who used to be their friends and neighbors. American against American.

We were led here by profit-seeking ideologues who realized hate and anger can be monetized.

After the D-Day coverage, that almost immediate pivot back to politics-as-war was impossible to miss. It is disgusting. I hope that offends the left and the right. You do not have a monopoly on good ideas, morality or patriotism. In what is clearly a 50-50 country, you do not have a right to impose your way.

The old men on stage, the boys in those graves, did not fight for that.

I'm old enough, at the 80th anniversary of D-Day, to remember the 40th. In 1984, it was President Ronald Reagan delivering the message. I am still inspired by Reagan, and by his successor George H.W. Bush, both of whom led with strength and compassion for all, punctuated with a sunny outlook and faith in the future guided by past and principle.

Here's what Reagan said: "We are bound today by what bound us 40 years ago, the same loyalties, traditions and beliefs. We're bound by reality. Here in this place where the West held together, let us make a vow to our dead. Let us show them by our actions that we understand what they died for. ... Strengthened by their courage, heartened by their valor and borne by their memory, let us continue to stand for the ideals for which they lived and died."

Today's partisan bickering and hatefulness is unworthy of their sacrifice.

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Ski Sharks spending summer at Camp Onawahs

Waterskiers entertain crowds with jumps, pyramids, flips, barefoot stunts and more

BY KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief



The Shawano Ski Sharks kick off their weekly show with a pyramid stunt. Shows are held at 6 p.m. Wednesday through Aug. 14 at Smalley Park. KEVIN PASSON | NEW MEDIA

A slight breeze, lots of sunshine and the aroma of grilled food welcome the throngs of people to Smalley Park for the weekly Shawano Ski Sharks waterski show.

"This year, we are simply working on getting bigger," said Dave Passehl, Ski Sharks president. "Our pyramids are big like last year, and our prebuilt pyramid is the largest we've ever done with intentions of going bigger.

"We also have a large amount of skiers that jump, including those the flip and spin, and even our adaptive skier pulls a jumper over the ramp. Our jump act has been solid all year long."

The group performs at 6 p.m. Wednesdays now through Aug. 14.

The theme for this year is Camp Onawahs (Shawano spelled backwards), a show about what happens at summer camp.

Show directors are Carsten McHugh, Dana McHugh (Carsten's mother) and Taya Conrad (Dana's niece) are the 2024 show directors.

"I have been skiing since I was very little but joined the Ski Sharks three years ago," Conrad said in a social media post. "You can find me in the opening pyramid, ballet, jump, prebuilt and end pyramid. My favorite act is either prebuilt or jump; I can't choose."

As in years past, show directors for the upcoming years are chosen at the end of the season in August.

"They typically have a theme in mind when they run for the position but then take the winter to develop it along with the announcing crew," Passehl said.

Writing the script is a team effort. The show directors have the idea, and the announcing crew works with them to make it come alive, Passehl said.

"It takes many meetings over winter to get it ready, and then still needs adjusting early on in the season when we find things that do and don't work," he said. "Our show order doesn't typically change much in an effort to keep our flow consistent. We try to tie the acts into a relevant part of the theme where they are within the show."

The show directors design the costumes. Dana McHugh, one of the show directors, and her family spend the entire winter sewing the costumes.

"The costumes tie into the theme sometimes but typically are designed to be flashy and really show up on the water," Passehl said.



The Shawano Ski Sharks are bringing waterskiing to those with disabilities, who may have thought it was not possible before, through adaptive skiing. Special gear called "sit skis" along with the use of side skiers are used to give people the opportunity to waterski. KEVIN PASSON | NEW MEDIA

The Ski Sharks are made up of about 100 members ages 3-63. About 40 are skiers with the remaining 60 or so acting as support staff.

"We were able to pick up about 10 new skiing members this off season, all that can ski and have made it into our main show already," Passehl said. "Mick Siolka is our longest serving member. He's been with the team around 40 years."

The Ski Sharks officially organized in 1977.

While it's easy to applaud the skiers, Passehl also acknowledges the support staff each week.

"We have an amazing and committed boat crew," he said. "We have a core group of show drivers and some additional practice drivers as well. Many of them have family on the team, but some of them simply do it for the love of it."

The Ski Sharks have

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Single skiers, pairs, lines and pyramids are mixed throughout the Shawano Ski Sharks' weekly performances. This year's show directors are Carsten McHugh, Dana McHugh and Taya Conrad. KEVIN PASSON | NEW MEDIA

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four towboats, one pick-up boat and a floating barge. That makes for a drive/spotting team of 11-12 people.

"As you can imagine, it takes an army on and off the water to make what we do a success," he said.

All shows are free, but donations are appreciated. Sponsors are also regularly sought to help cover the cost to put on the shows.

"We spend a lot of time building awareness of our team and its needs and have been blessed to secure some significant partners along the way," Passehl said. "We sell adverting in our annual program, sell a cash raffle, partner with major corporations, etc."

About $60,000 is needed annually, which includes an insurance bill of $20,000 and fuel bills of about $8,000.

Remaining funds are used to fix and update equipment, create costumes, fix the docks and more. There is also a reserve fund used to purchase new boats and engines.

"This past year was particularly expensive with the purchase of a new boat, and (we) had to invest $8,134 to move our boat lifts to a new location in an effort to be a good neighbor," Passehl said. "These expenses are unexpected, but fortunately, we are fiscally responsible and plan for these things."

The Ski Sharks have invested $240,000 of its money into Smalley Park to help make it what it is today.

"We have a great partnership with the city of Shawano and the Park and Rec, but each of us have worked very hard to create this beautiful space," he said.

All the docks at Smalley Park are owned and maintained by the waterski team. While the public is welcome to use them, they are asked to respect them as well.

"Like many parks, Smalley Park has seen its share of vandalism this summer, and we really hope we can get hold of that and help people understand that using a city park is a privilege, not a right," Passehl said.

At Smalley Park, bleacher seating is available, but many people bring lawn chairs or blankets.

Cash-only concessions are offered onsite at each show and include bottled water, soda, sports drinks, burgers, brats and popcorn.

Raffle tickets are also available at each show.

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Hundreds of residents and visitors show up each week to watch the Shawano Ski Sharks perform jumps, flips (above), pyramids and other stunts on the Wolf River at Smalley Park. The group includes about 40 skiers and 60 support staff. Below, the Shawano Ski Sharks show directors design the costumes each year. Dana McHugh, one of the show directors, and her family spend the entire winter sewing the costumes. KEVIN PASSON | NEW MEDIA

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Four pairs of performers entertain the crowd at Smalley Park on June 26. The Shawano Ski Sharks will be at the park each week through Aug. 14. Jumps, flips, barefoot lines, pyramids and more are part of the show. All shows are free, but donations are appreciated. Sponsors are also regularly sought to help cover the cost to put on the shows. The group has to raise about $60,000 annually, which includes an insurance bill of $20,000 and fuel bills of about $8,000. Remaining funds are used to fix and update equipment, create costumes, fix the docks and more. There is also a reserve fund used to purchase new boats and engines. KEVIN PASOSN | NEW MEDIA



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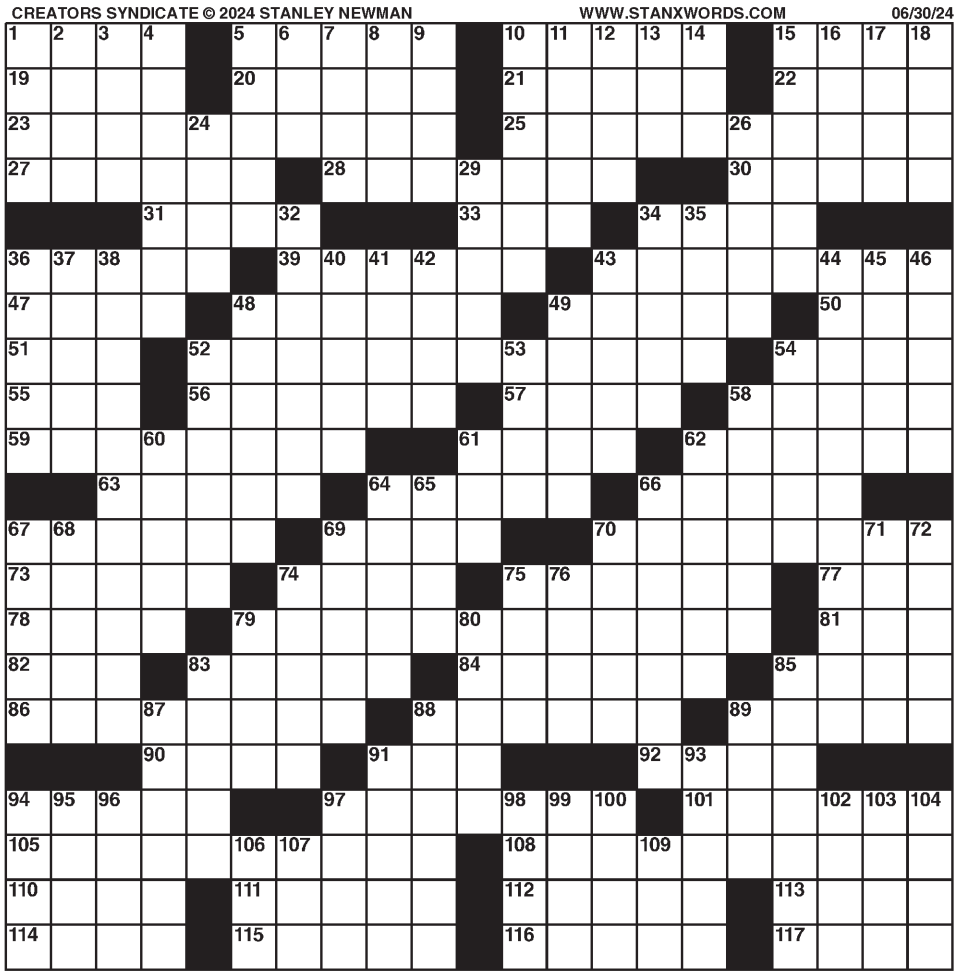
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OCONTO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Proceedings of June 27

Bond was set at $1,000 cash for Ashley L. Lulloff, 40, Abrams, after she was charged with possession of THC (second or subsequent offense) and misdemeanor counts of disorderly conduct and bail jumping, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred June 25. Judge Michael Judge adjourned her initial appearance until July 18.

Proceedings of June 26

Phleecee K. Young, 23, Oconto, whose probation was revoked April 23, was sentenced to four years in prison, followed by three years of extended supervision, for possession with intent to deliver amphetamine and misdemeanor counts of battery, disorderly conduct and possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that occurred June 16, 2021; possession of methamphetamine, felony bail jumping and misdemeanor possession of THC, in connection with an incident that occurred March 18, 2023; and manufacture with intent to deliver amphetamine, in connection with an incident that occurred March 29, and possession of THC (second or subsequent offense) and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an alleged April 3 incident. Judge gave her credit for 363 days already served in the Oconto County Jail.

Steven M. Ducat, 37, Oconto, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fourth offense), first-degree recklessly endangering safety, fleeing an officer in a vehicle, two counts of misdemeanor disorderly conduct and a misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer, in connection with an incident that occurred March 17. Judge scheduled sentencing for Aug. 30 and ordered a presentence investigation.

Proceedings of June 25

Robert R. Fredenburgh, 36, Mountain, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to sending a computer message that threatens injury or harm and disorderly conduct, both as a domestic abuse repeater, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred April 15. Judge scheduled a pre-trial conference for July 18.

Proceedings of June 24

Andrew E Golla, 32, Green Bay, was placed on three years probation with conditions after Judge imposed and stayed a prison sentence for strangulation and suffocation and misdemeanor battery and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that occurred July 27, 2023.

Bond was set at $30,000 cash for Tyler Adam Ralph, 29, Manitowoc, after he was charged with two counts of battery or threat to a law officer, attempted escape from criminal arrest, and misdemeanor counts of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (second offense), resisting or obstructing an officer, criminal damage to property and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred June 20. Judge Jay Conley adjourned his initial appearance until July 18.

Bond was set at $15,000 cash for Jamar Rupert Daniels, 52, Calumet, Michigan, after he was charged with possession with intent to deliver cocaine, possession of cocaine, possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred June 21. Conley adjourned his initial appearance until July 18.

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EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER FUNDS AVAILABLE IN OCONTO COUNTY

Tri-County United Way has announced that Oconto County has been chosen to receive $9,679.00 from the Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency to supplement emergency food and shelter programs.

The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by the U. S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency and consists of representatives from American Red Cross; Catholic Charities, USA; National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA; The Jewish Federations of North America, The Salvation Army; and, United Way Worldwide.

A Local Board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and will determine how the funds awarded are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service agencies in the area.

Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local agencies chosen to receive funds must:

1) be private voluntary nonprofits or units of government,
2) be eligible to receive Federal funds,
3) have an accounting system,
4) practice nondiscrimination,
5) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and
6) if they are a private voluntary organization, have a voluntary board.

Qualifying agencies are urged to apply.

Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds should contact Tri-County United Way for an application by calling 715-735-7785 or emailing (preferred) office@tcunitedway.org. Please put EFSP Funding in the subject line. The deadline for applications to be received is Saturday, July 13, 2024.

Contact Person: Kevin Malnor Executive Director
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Public Notice,
Invasive Plant Control Project.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources plans to treat 176.1 acres of non-native common reed (Phragmites australis var. australis) and non-native cattail (Typha x glauca & Typha angustifolia) in wetlands on public lands and waters throughout the State. Applications will occur at the following locations: Mullet Creek Wildlife Area (50.4 acres), Sheboygan Marsh Wildlife Area (34 acres), Mack Wildlife Area (28.2 acres), Green Bay West Shores Wildlife Area (9.7 acres), Navarino Wildlife Area (1.3 acres), Horicon Marsh Wildlife Area (26.1 acres), Theresa Wildlife Area (16.6 acres), Allenton Wildlife Area (0.2 acres), Jackson Marsh Wildlife Area (9.6 acres).

Treatment would be conducted on public lands and waters only.

Non-native common reed (Phragmites australis var. australis) and cattail (Typha x glauca & Typha angustifolia) are invasive plants that overtake native vegetation while providing little value as wildlife habitat in wetlands. This project is an attempt to control invasive species, improve wildlife habitat and improve public access. Treatment would be done chemically with a commercial herbicide containing the active ingredient Imazapyr in an aquatic formula, along with an aquatic-approved surfactant. Application would be done from the air and the treatment would occur between August 1st to September 13th . The Department will not conduct any spraying during the early teal hunting season between September 1st and the 9th .

This project is an equivalent analysis action under chapter NR105.20 Wis. Adm. Code. The Department also prepared an environmental assessment (EA) that analyzes Phragmites treatment. The EA is available upon request by contacting Adrian Coppage using the means listed below.

A public information meeting on the proposed herbicide application and this project can be requested by local landowners or others with an interest in this project. The request must be made in writing within five days of this notice. Send request to: Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Land & Habitat Section (WM/6), PO Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707-7921.

Comments, questions, and requests for documentation may be directed towards Adrian Coppage, Assistant Wetland Habitat Specialist, at 608-228-7470 or adrian.coppage@wisconsin.gov.
Mailing address: Department of Natural Resources, WM/6, PO Box 7921, Madison, WI 53706.

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The Sale area is 21.5 acres. Information about bidding, as well as the entire timber sale prospectus containing bid forms and detailed information, is available at the Suring School District Office or by contacting
Steve Kaufman at 920-360- 1290 or Stephen.kaufman@wisconsin.gov.
Suring School District Contact: Paul Orlich, Superintendent 920-842-2178 or orlipa@suringk12.org.

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Defendants.

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DATED at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on June 14, 2024 .

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Counties agree to settle opioid lawsuit with Kroger Co.

Company agrees to pay up to $1.4B to state, local governments, tribes

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

Members of the Shawano County Executive Committee agreed June 19 to participate in an opioid lawsuit settlement with the Kroger Co., which operates Pick 'n Save stores among others.

The full Shawano County Board of Supervisors then adopted a resolution to the same at its June 26 meeting.

County Board Chairman Tom Kautza said the funds the county gets from the settlement will be used for counseling and anti-drug programs sponsored by the Department of Human Services.

Carrie Buntjer, finance director, said the funds will be added to those secured from previous settlements at the same percentage.

The agreement was reported in the fall of 2023.

The Kroger Co. agreed to pay up to $1.4 billion over 11 years. This includes up to $1.2 billion for state and local governments and nearly $173 million to cover lawyers' fees and costs.

Thirty-three states would be eligible for money in the deal.

Shawano joined 66 other Wisconsin counties (including Menominee and Oconto counties) in the lawsuit, with Milwaukee, Dane, Waukesha and Walworth counties hiring separate counsel and then joining the litigation.

According to the Associated Press, over the past eight years, prescription drug manufacturers, wholesalers, consultants and pharmacies have proposed or finalized opioid settlements totaling more than $50 billion, including at least 12 others worth more than $1 billion.

Most of the settlement money is to be used to address an overdose epidemic linked to more than 80,000 deaths a year in the U.S. in recent years, with most of the latest deaths connected to illicit synthetic drugs such as fentanyl rather than prescription painkillers.

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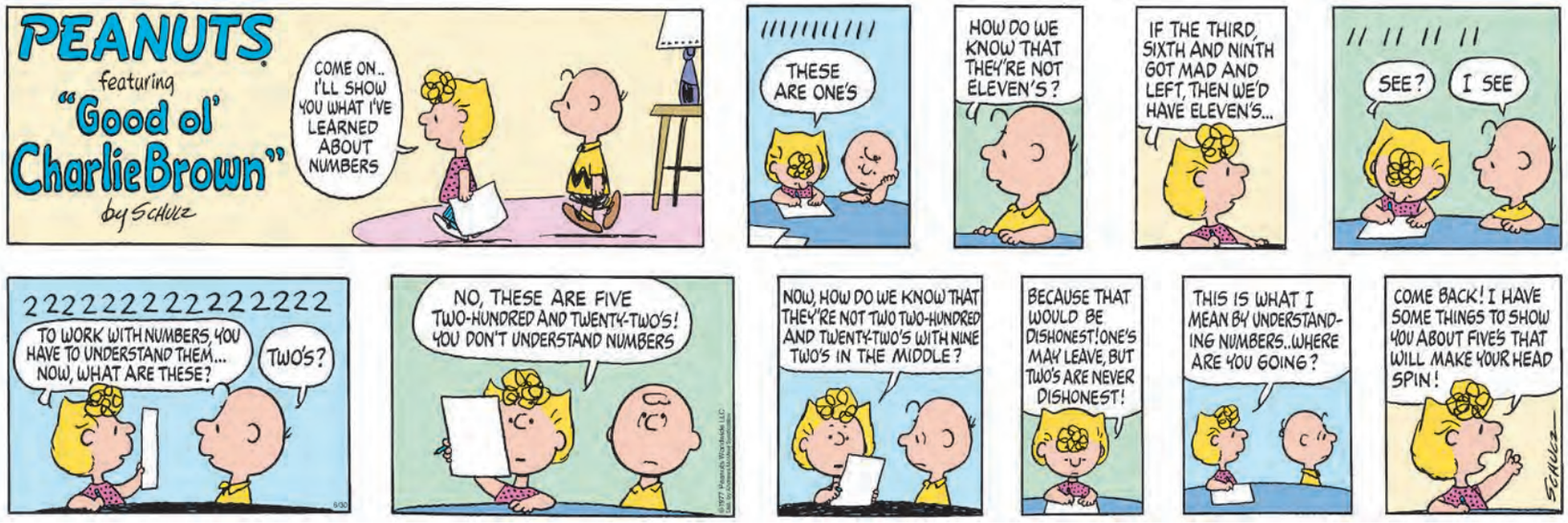


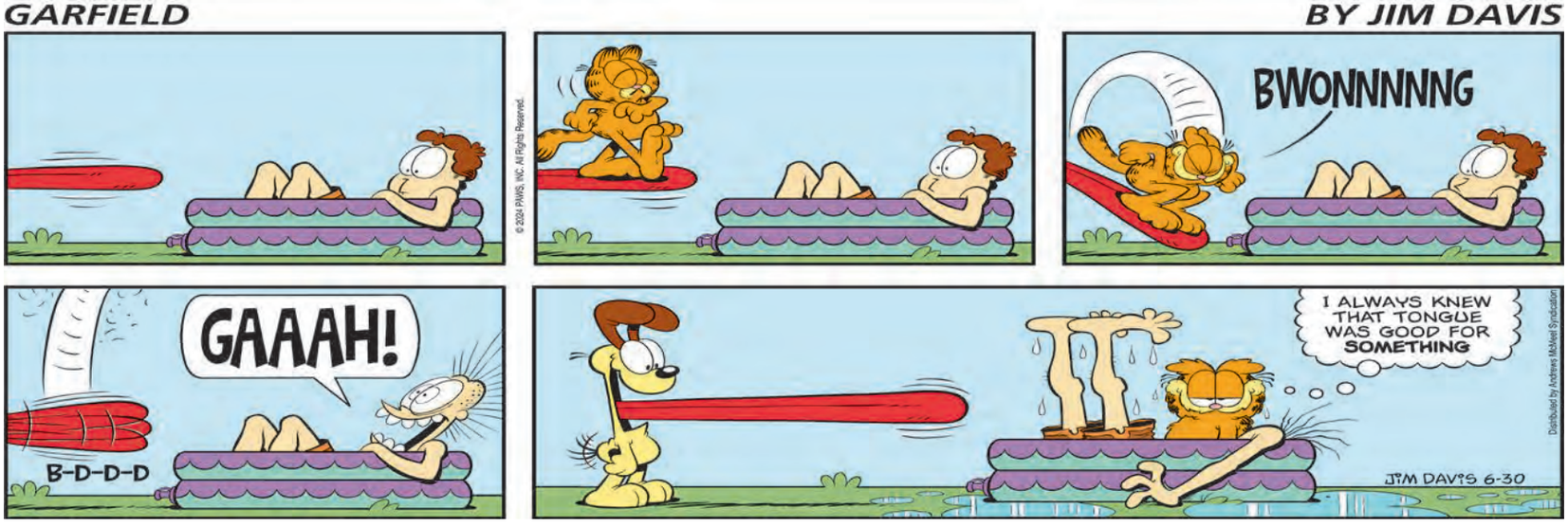
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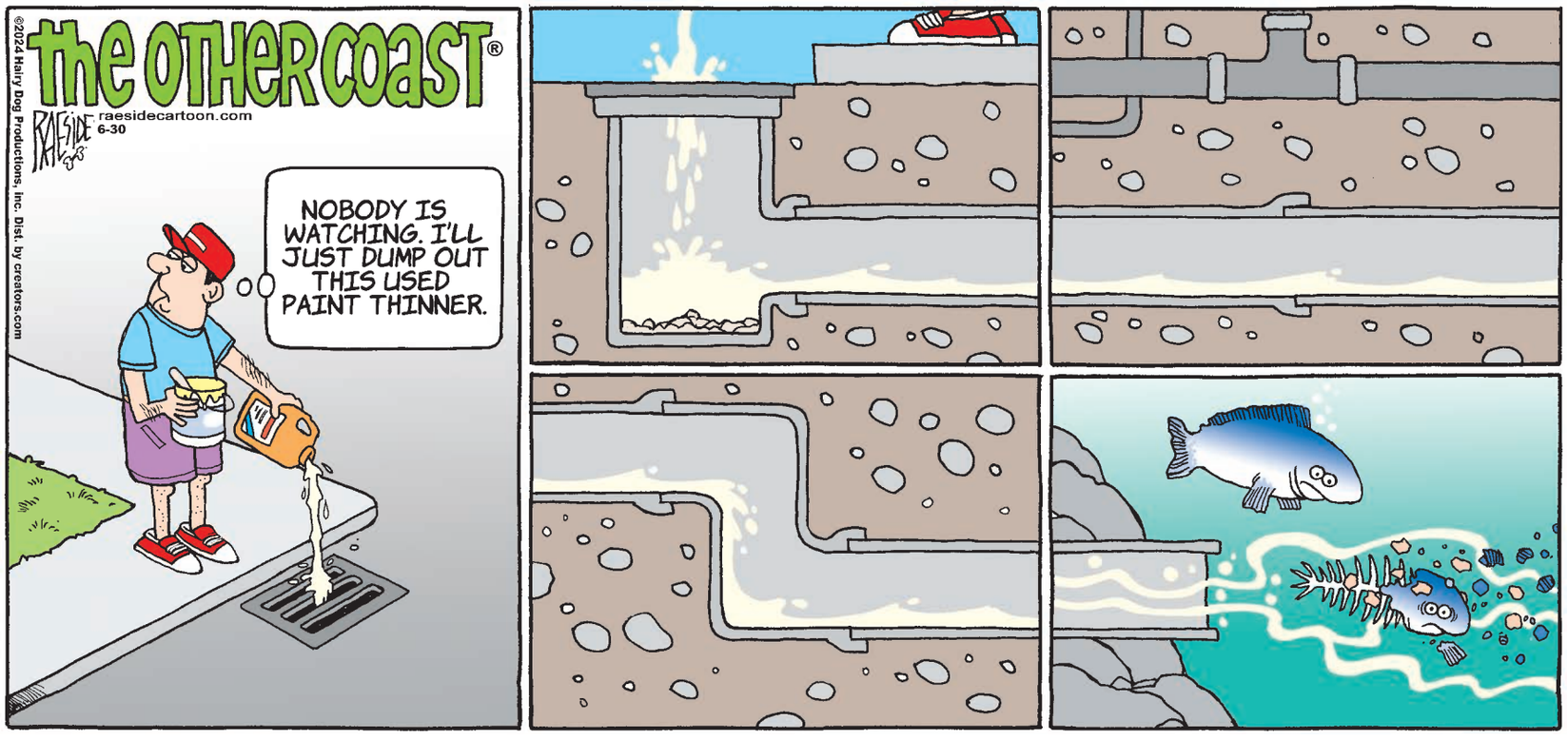
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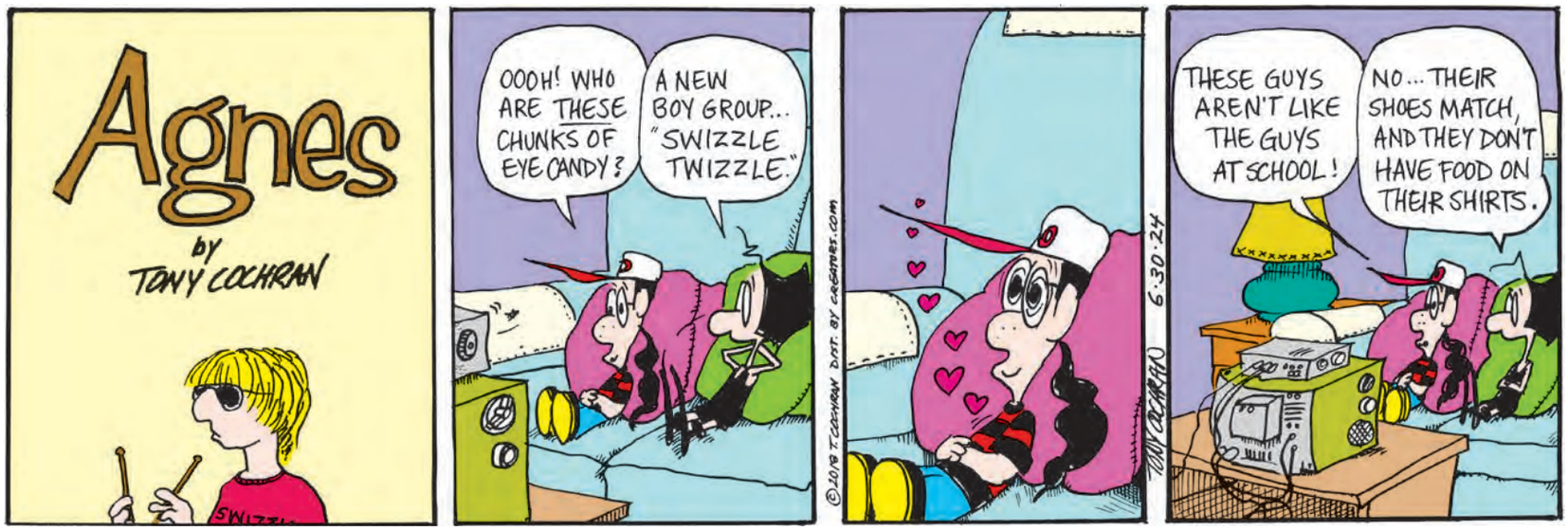


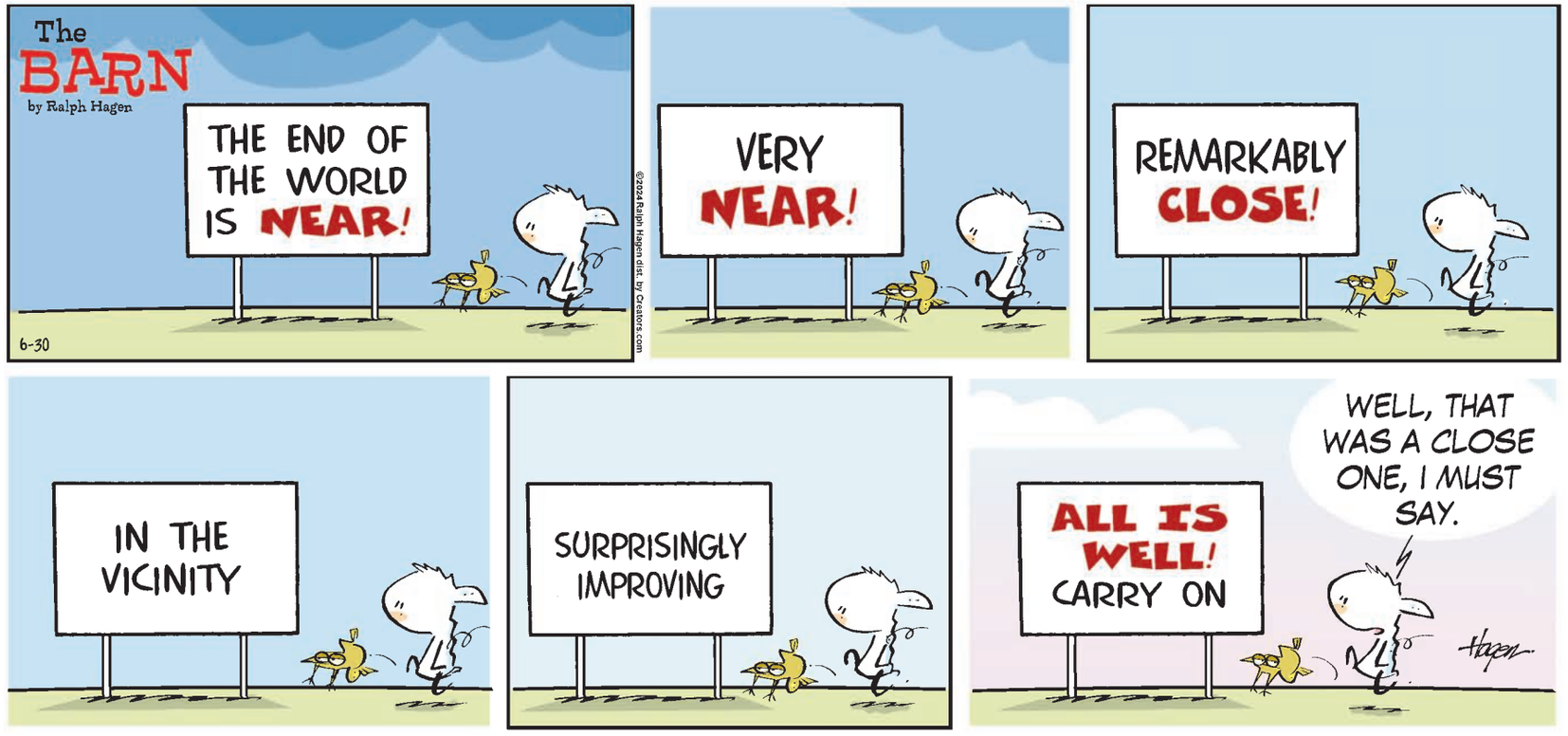
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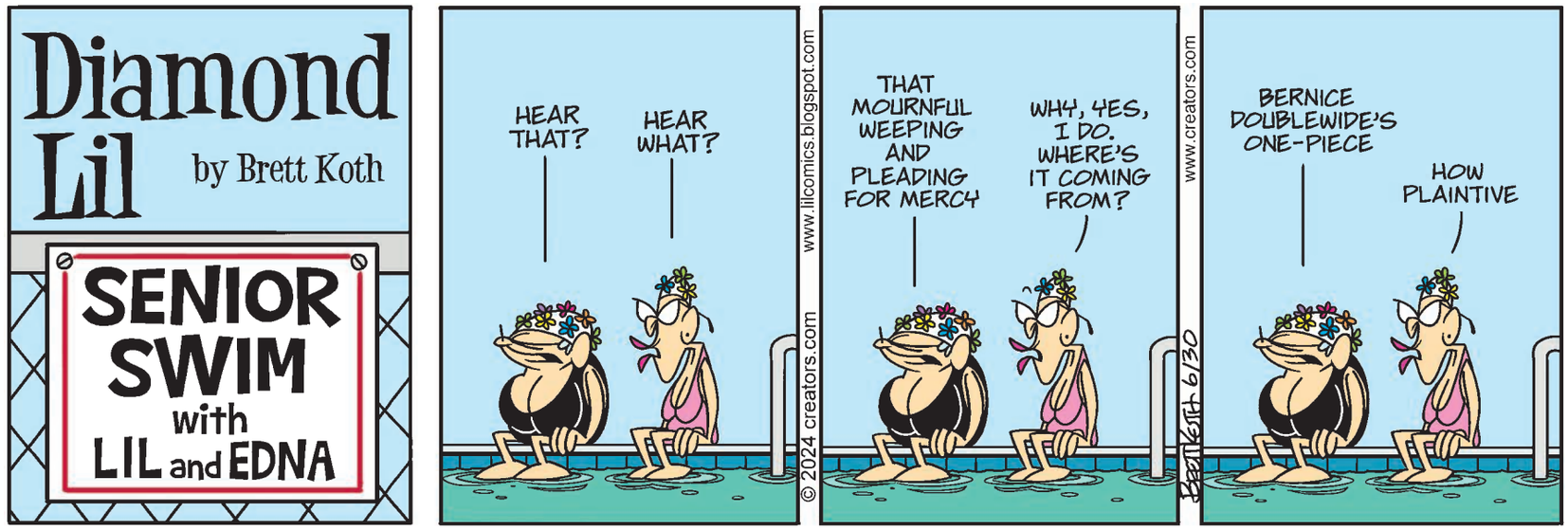

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TWO'S?
NO, THESE ARE FIVE TWO-HUNDRED AND TWENTY-TWO'S! YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND NUMBERS
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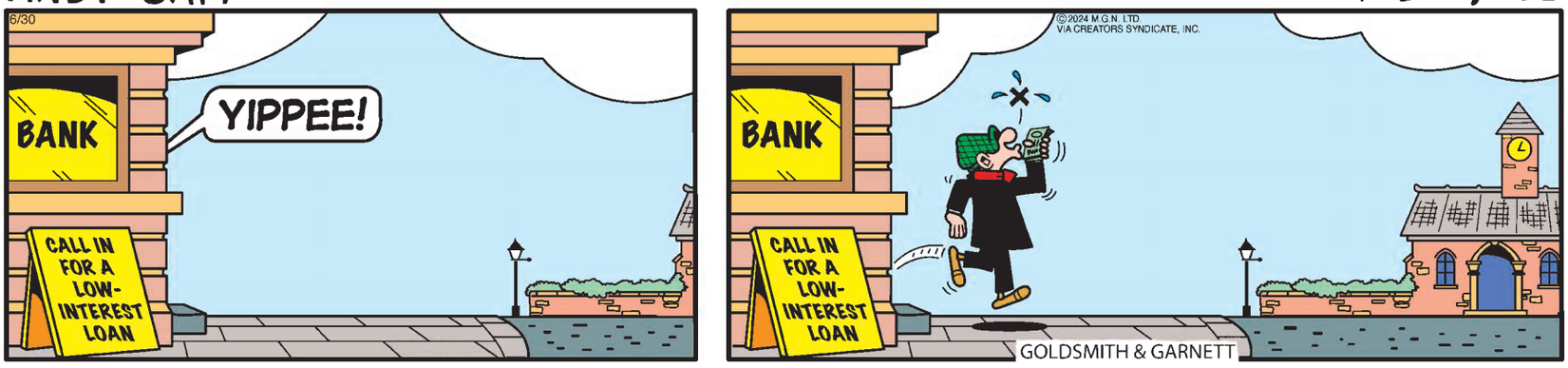

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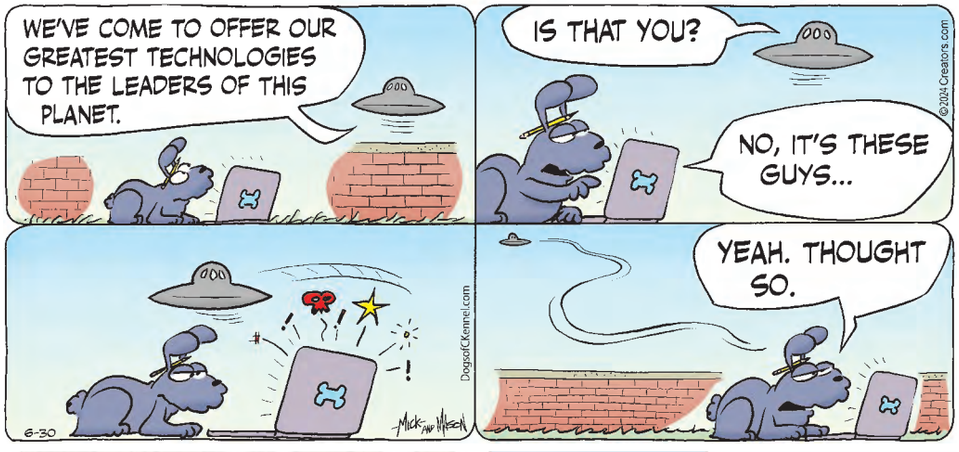
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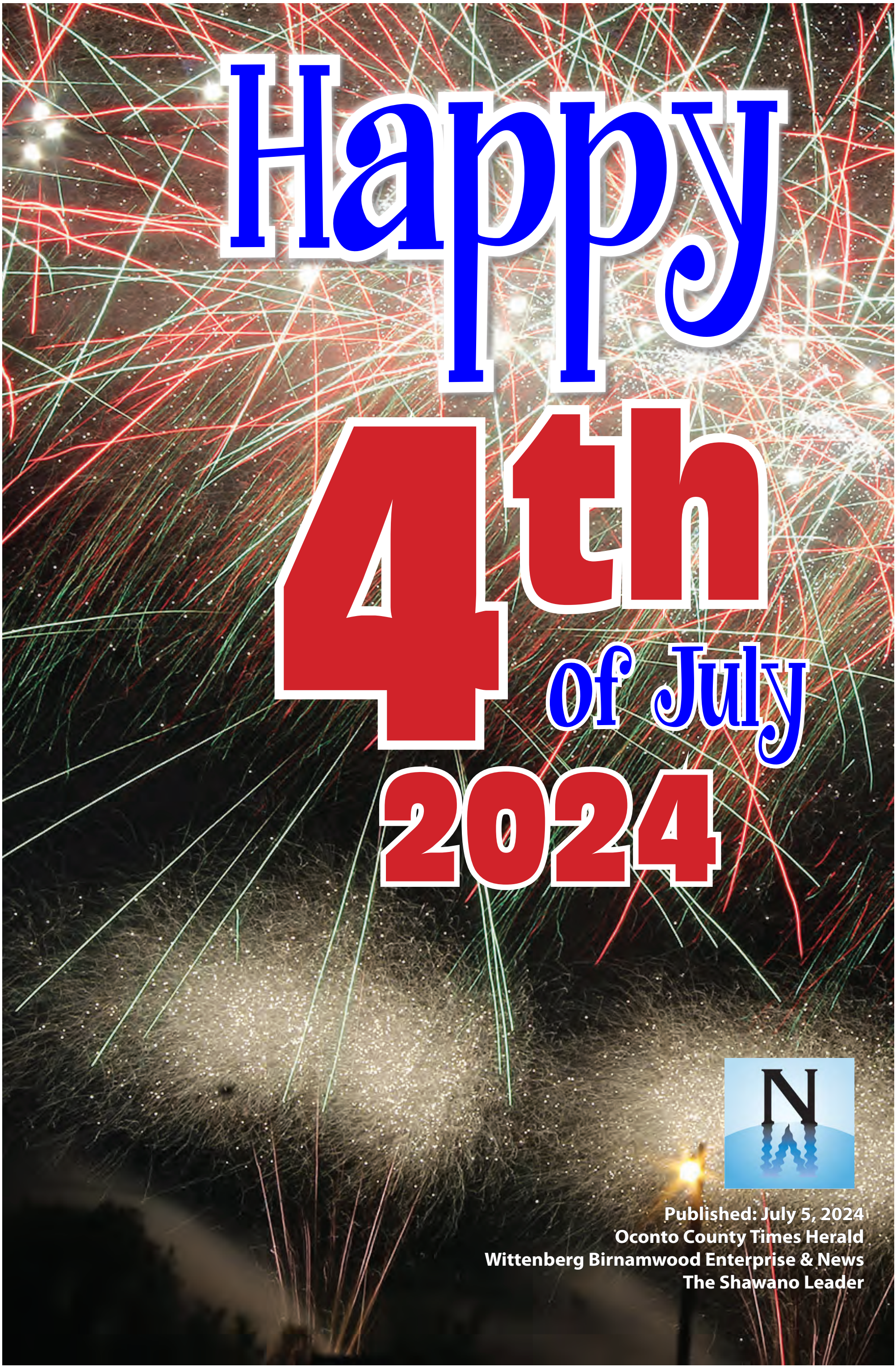
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Local 4th of July Events

JULY 3 & 4

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Food and beverages at the Civic Club Stand and the Beer Stand July 3, 4pm-11pm and July 4 9am-11pm.,
JULY 3 4pm-7pm Lawn Chair Concert with music by Back When and Wunderstate; 4pm-5:30pm $2 hamburgers, hot dogs and beer. 7pm Truck pull, 7pm-11pm music by Country Rewind.
JULY 4 8am House Pull; 9am Antique & Classic Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show; 10am-1pm Polka Music by Fun Time Polka Band; 12pm Mini and Modified Tractor Pulls (LAMMTPA); 2pm 4th of July Parade (theme Courtesy of the Red, White, & Blue); 3-6pm Music by Back When/Reminis; 5pm Antique Tractor Pull; 7-11pm Music by Rapid Transit; Fireworks Show at Dusk.

JULY 3

CLINTONVILLE

Clintonville A's fireworks will begin at dusk July 3 at W.A. Olen Park, 10 Memorial Circle. Food and refreshments will be available for purchase and there will be music.

OCONTO WATERFEST

Time: 4:00 pm - 11:00 pm Celebrate the 4th of July in Oconto with a bang! The Oconto Elks are hosting the annual "Waterfest" with live music, kid's activities, food, and refreshments starting at 4 pm. At 10:00 pm, the fireworks display will light up the sky at the Oconto Breakwater Park & Harbor. Boaters can anchor on the Oconto River or by the mouth of the Bay for the perfect view! Location: Breakwater Park and Harbor

JULY 4

BONDUEL

Parade 11 a.m. - Mardi Gras theme. Legion Baseball with Bonduel Grizzlies vs Shawano 2pm. The Mix Polka Band after the parade at Village Park followed by Doozey 5:30-9:30pm. Bike Giveaway 3:pm. Food, refreshments, kid's activities. Fireworks at dusk.

JULY 4

BREED

Parade 10am, watch from seating under the canopies at Emmanuel Lutheran Church Hwy 32 North to AA of Suring, Breed, WI. Bucket Raffles, Homemade Pies, Ice Cream, Burgers, Hot Dogs, Soda, Water. Tickets for Bike Giveaway drawing available after the parade.

LEOPOLIS

Triathlon, Registration 8-9:30 a.m., Races 10am (Jocks, under 16 and Beer Belly divisions). **Cornhole tournament**, Registration 12:30pm Start 1:30 p.m., A.N. Brunner Field, 11930 3rd St. Competitive and casual divisions available (bring your own bags, some available).

TIGERTON

Tigerton's 4th of July Block Party. There will be chalk drawings, a 5K fun run, Adelle's Bluebird Cafe pie and ice cream, a brat & hamburger fry and also our fabulous fireworks at dusk.

TOWNSEND

Annual 4th of July Celebration. Time: 11:00 am - 6:00 pm. The 4th of July Celebration at the Fire Station on Front Street has crafters, food, beer, soda, raffles, and music from 11 am-6:00 pm. The parade starts at noon, going from Front Street south to School Street to Pickerel Lake Road north, then west on Timberedge. Townsend Fireworks starting at dusk. The fireworks will be shot off by the Townsend Ball Park (Grove Street & Wheeler Street) Location: Corner of Grove Street & Wheeler Street

JULY 6

CLOVERLEAF LAKES

Boat Parade 6:30 pm, Kiddie Parade 10am, Fireworks at dusk

MOUNTAIN

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Fourth of July-Independence Day

History of Independence Day

The Fourth of July—also known as Independence Day or July 4th—has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the American Revolution. On July 2nd, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson. From 1776 to the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with festivities ranging from fireworks, parades and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues.
The Fourth of July 2023 is on Tuesday, July 4.
When the initial battles in the Revolutionary War broke out in April 1775, few colonists desired complete independence from Great Britain, and those who did were considered radical.
By the middle of the following year, however, many more colonists had come to favor independence, thanks to growing hostility against Britain and the spread of revolutionary sentiments such as those expressed in the bestselling pamphlet "Common Sense," published by Thomas Paine in early 1776.
On June 7, when the Continental Congress met at the Pennsylvania State House (later Independence Hall) in Philadelphia, the Virginia delegate Richard Henry Lee introduced a motion calling for the colonies' independence. Amid heated debate, Congress postponed the vote on Lee's resolution, but appointed a five-man committee—including Thomas Jefferson of Virginia, John Adams of Massachusetts, Roger Sherman of Connecticut, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania and Robert R. Livingston of New York—to draft a formal statement justifying the break with Great Britain.

On July 2nd, the Continental Congress voted in favor of Lee's resolution for independence in a near-unanimous vote (the New York delegation abstained, but later voted affirmatively). On that day, John Adams wrote to his wife Abigail that July 2 "will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival" and that the celebration should include "Pomp and Parade…Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other."
On July 4th, the Continental Congress formally adopted the Declaration of Independence, which had been written largely by Jefferson. Though the vote for actual independence took place on July 2nd, from then on the 4th became the day that was celebrated as the birth of American independence.

Early Fourth of July Celebrations and Traditions

In the pre-Revolutionary years, colonists had held annual celebrations of the king's birthday, which traditionally included the ringing of bells, bonfires, processions and speechmaking. By contrast, during the summer of 1776 some colonists celebrated the birth of independence by holding mock funerals for King George III as a way of symbolizing the end of the monarchy's hold on America and the triumph of liberty. Festivities including concerts, bonfires, parades and the firing of cannons and muskets usually accompanied the first public readings of the Declaration of Independence, beginning immediately after its adoption. Philadelphia held the first annual commemoration of independence on July 4, 1777, while Congress was still occupied with the ongoing war. George Washington issued double rations of rum to all his soldiers to mark the anniversary of independence in 1778, and in 1781, several months before the key American victory at the Battle of Yorktown, Massachusetts became the first state to make July 4th an official state holiday.
After the Revolutionary War, Americans continued to commemorate Independence Day every year, in celebrations that allowed the new nation's emerging political leaders to address citizens and create a feeling of unity. By the last decade of the 18th century, the two major political parties—the Federalist Party and Democratic-Republicans—that had arisen began holding separate Fourth of July celebrations in many large cities.

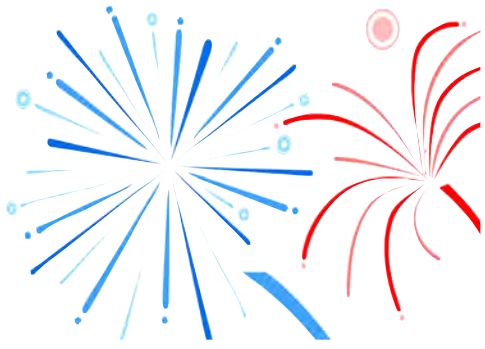
Fourth of July Fireworks

The first fireworks were used as early as 200 BC. The tradition of setting off fireworks on the 4 of July began in Philadelphia on July 4, 1777, during the first organized celebration of Independence Day. Ship's cannon fired a 13-gun salute in honor of the 13 colonies. The Pennsylvania Evening Post reported: "at night there was a grand exhibition of fireworks (which began and concluded with thirteen rockets) on the Commons, and the city was beautifully illuminated." That same night, the Sons of Liberty set off fireworks over Boston Common.

Fourth of July Becomes a Federal Holiday

The tradition of patriotic celebration became even more widespread after the War of 1812, in which the United States again faced Great Britain. In 1870, the U.S. Congress made July 4th a federal holiday; in 1941, the provision was expanded to grant a paid holiday to all federal employees.
Over the years, the political importance of the holiday would decline, but Independence Day remained an important national holiday and a symbol of patriotism. Falling in mid-summer, the Fourth of July has since the late 19th century become a major focus of leisure activities and a common occasion for family get-togethers, often involving fireworks and outdoor barbecues. The most common symbol of the holiday is the American flag, and a common musical accompaniment is "The Star-Spangled Banner," the national anthem of the United States.

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Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security. — Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world. — He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good. — He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them. — He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only. — He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures. — He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people. — He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within. — He has endeavoured to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands. — He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary powers. — He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries. — He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harass our people, and eat out their substance. — He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies without the Consent of our legislatures. — He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil power. — He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended legislation: — For Quartering large bodies of armed troops among us: — For protecting them, by a mock Trial, from punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States: — For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world: — For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent: — For depriving us in many cases, of the benefits of Trial by Jury: — For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offences: — For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies: — For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments: — For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever. — He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us. — He has plundered our seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people. — He is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to compleat the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of cruelty & perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation. — He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands. — He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions. In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A Prince, whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people. Nor have We been wanting in attentions to our British brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which, would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. — And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.

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John Trumball painting: Signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Nine surprising facts about the Declaration of Independence

1. The Declaration of Independence wasn't signed on July 4, 1776.
On July 1, 1776, the Second Continental Congress met in Philadelphia, and on the following day 12 of the 13 colonies voted in favor of Richard Henry Lee's motion for independence. The delegates then spent the next two days debating and revising the language of a statement drafted by Thomas Jefferson. On July 4, Congress officially adopted the Declaration of Independence, and as a result the date is celebrated as Independence Day. Nearly a month would go by, however, before the actual signing of the document took place. First, New York's delegates didn't officially give their support until July 9 because their home assembly hadn't yet authorized them to vote in favor of independence. Next, it took two weeks for the Declaration to be "engrossed"—written on parchment in a clear hand. Most of the delegates signed on August 2, but several—Elbridge Gerry, Oliver Wolcott, Lewis Morris, Thomas McKean and Matthew Thornton—signed on a later date. (Two others, John Dickinson and Robert R. Livingston, never signed at all.) The signed parchment copy now resides at the National Archives in the Rotunda for the Charters of Freedom, alongside the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

2. More than one copy of the Declaration of Independence exists.
After the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, the "Committee of Five"—Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Roger Sherman and Robert R. Livingston—was charged with overseeing the reproduction of the approved text. This was completed at the shop of Philadelphia printer John Dunlap. On July 5, Dunlap's copies were dispatched across the 13 colonies to newspapers, local officials and the commanders of the Continental troops. These rare documents, known as "Dunlap broadsides," predate the engrossed version signed by the delegates. Of the hundreds thought to have been printed on the night of July 4, only 26 copies survive. Most are held in museum and library collections, but three are privately owned.

3. When news of the Declaration of Independence reached New York City, it started a riot.
By July 9, 1776, a copy of the Declaration of Independence had reached New York City. With hundreds of British naval ships occupying New York Harbor, revolutionary spirit and military tensions were running high. George Washington, commander of the Continental forces in New York, read the document aloud in front of City Hall. A raucous crowd cheered the inspiring words, and later that day tore down a nearby statue of George III. The statue was subsequently melted down and shaped into more than 42,000 musket balls for the fledgling American army.

4. Eight of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence were born in the U.K.
While the majority of the members of the Second Continental Congress were native-born Americans, eight of the men voting for independence from Britain were born in the United Kingdom. Button Gwinnett and Robert Morris were born in England, Francis Lewis was born in Wales, James Wilson and John Witherspoon were born in Scotland, George Taylor and Matthew Thornton were born in Ireland and James Smith hailed from Northern Ireland.

5. One signer of the Declaration of Independence later recanted.
Richard Stockton, a lawyer from Princeton, New Jersey, became the only signer of the Declaration of Independence to recant his support of the revolution. On November 30, 1776, the hapless delegate was captured by the British and thrown in jail. After months of harsh treatment and meager rations, Stockton repudiated his signature on the Declaration of Independence and swore his allegiance to King George III. A broken man when he regained his freedom, he took a new oath of loyalty to the state of New Jersey in December 1777.

6. There was a 44-year age difference between the youngest and oldest signers.
The oldest signer was Benjamin Franklin, 70 years old when he scrawled his name on the parchment. The youngest was Edward Rutledge, a lawyer from South Carolina who was only 26 at the time. Rutledge narrowly beat out fellow South Carolinian Thomas Lynch Jr., just four months his senior, for the title.

7. Two additional copies of the Declaration of Independence have been found in the last 25 years.
In 1989, a Philadelphia man found an original Dunlap Broadside hidden in the back of a picture frame he bought at a flea market for $4. One of the few surviving copies from the official first printing of the Declaration, it was in excellent condition and sold for $8.1 million in 2000. A 26th known Dunlap broadside emerged at the British National Archives in 2009, hidden for centuries in a box of papers captured from American colonists during the Revolutionary War. One of three Dunlap broadsides at the National Archives, the copy remains there to this day.

8. The Declaration of Independence spent World War II in Fort Knox.
On December 23, 1941, just over two weeks after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, the signed Declaration, together with the Constitution, was removed from public display and prepared for evacuation out of Washington, D.C. Under the supervision of armed guards, the founding document was packed in a specially designed container, latched with padlocks, sealed with lead and placed in a larger box. All told, 150 pounds of protective gear surrounded the parchment. On December 26 and 27, accompanied by Secret Service agents, it traveled by train to Louisville, Kentucky, where a cavalry troop of the 13th Armored Division escorted it to Fort Knox. The Declaration was returned to Washington, D.C., in 1944.

9. There is something written on the back of the Declaration of Independence.
In the movie *National Treasure*, Nicholas Cage's character claims that the back of the Declaration contains a treasure map with encrypted instructions from the founding fathers, written in invisible ink. Unfortunately, this is not the case. There is, however, a simpler message, written upside-down across the bottom of the signed document: "Original Declaration of Independence dated 4th July 1776." No one knows who exactly wrote this or when, but during the Revolutionary War years the parchment was frequently rolled up for transport. It's thought that the text was added as a label.

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July 1. Maj. Gen. Henry Heth marches toward Gettysburg to seize supplies. In an unplanned engagement, they confront Union calvary. Brig. Gen. John Buford slows the Confederate advance until the infantry of the Union I and XI Corps under Maj. Gen. John F. Reynolds arrives. Reynolds is killed in action. Soon Confederate reinforcements under generals A.P. Hill and Richard Ewell reach the scene. By late afternoon, the wool-clad troops are battling ferociously in the sweltering heat. Thirty thousand Confederates overwhelm 20,000 Federals, who fall back through Gettysburg and fortify Cemetery Hill south of town.

July 2. On the second day of battle, the Union defends a fishhook-shaped range of hills and ridges south of Gettysburg. The Confederates wrap around the Union position in a longer line. That afternoon Lee launches a heavy assault commanded by Lieut. Gen. James Longstreet on the Union left flank. Fierce fighting rages at Devil's Den, Little Round Top, the Wheatfield, the Peach Orchard, and Cemetery Ridge as Longstreet's men close in on the Union position. Using their shorter interior lines, Union II Corps commander Maj. Gen. Winfield S. Hancock and others move reinforcements quickly to blunt Confederate advances. On the Federal right, Confederate demonstrations escalate into full-scale assaults on East Cemetery Hill and Culp's Hill. Although the Confederates gain ground on both ends of their line, the Union defenders hold strong positions as darkness falls.

July 3. Believing his enemy to be weakened, Lee seeks to capitalize on the previous day's gains with renewed attacks on the Union line. Heavy fighting resumes on Culp's Hill as Union troops attempt to recapture ground lost the previous day. Cavalry battles flare to the east and south, but the main event is a dramatic infantry assault by 12,500 Confederates commanded by Longstreet against the center of the Union position on Cemetery Ridge. Though undermanned, the Virginia infantry division of Brig. Gen. George E. Pickett constitutes about half of the attacking force. Pickett, ordered by Lee to advance his division toward the enemy through a mile of unprotected farmland, replies, "General, I have no division," but the order stands. During Pickett's Charge, as it is famously known, only one Confederate brigade temporarily reaches the top of the ridge—afterwards referred to as the High Watermark of the Confederacy. This daring strategy ultimately proves a disastrous sacrifice for the Confederates, with casualties approaching 60 percent. Repulsed by close-range Union rifle and artillery fire, the Confederates retreat. Lee withdraws his army from Gettysburg late on the rainy afternoon of July 4 and trudges back to Virginia with severely reduced ranks of wasted and battle-scarred men.

As many as 51,000 soldiers from both armies are killed, wounded, captured or missing in the three-day battle. The carnage is overwhelming, but the Union victory buoys Lincoln's hopes of ending the war. With Lee running South, Lincoln expects that Meade will intercept the Confederate troops and force their surrender. Meade has no such plan. Even as Lee's escape is hampered by flooding on the Potomac, Meade does not pursue them. When Lincoln learns of this missed opportunity on July 12, he laments, "We had only to stretch forth our hands & they were ours." Months later, in November 1863, a portion of the Gettysburg battlefield becomes a final resting place for the Union dead. President Lincoln uses the dedication ceremony at the Gettysburg's Soldiers' National Cemetery to honor the fallen and reassert the purpose of the war in his historic Gettysburg Address: "Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth, upon this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation, so conceived, and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met here on a great battle field of that war. We are now have come to dedicate a portion of it as the a final resting place of for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But in a larger sense we can not dedicate—we can not consecrate—we can not hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember, what we say here, but can never forget what they did here. It is for us, the living, rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they have, thus far, so nobly carried on. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to the that cause for which they here gave gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation shall have a new birth of freedom; and that this government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

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