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Music, cars, parade shine on Gillett Fourth

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It's not a parade without the scramble for candy tossed from floats.



An Underhill Fire Department mascot rides along.



The stars and stripes were in full evidence during the Gillett Independence Day parade.



The "Clock Church" rises over Main Street as the parade nears the end of its route.



The Fun Time Polka Band provides dancing music in the Zippel Park shelter for July 4.

Authorities seek missing child assault suspect

Bullock apparently slipped off ankle bracelet and fled

Oconto County authorities are searching for a Suring man after he allegedly removed a GPS device he was ordered to wear and disappeared a month before he is scheduled to stand trial for child sex assault.



BULLOCK

A three-day jury trial is scheduled to begin July 31 in the case of Michael James Bullock, 41, who is charged with two counts of the repeated sexual assault of a child, as well as several counts stemming from allegedly stationing a hidden camera in a bathroom and recording intimate video of a young woman showering.

Bullock was free after posting a total of $40,000 cash bond, with a condition of his bail being that he wear a GPS ankle bracelet at all times.

According to a criminal complaint filed in Oconto County Circuit Court, on July 2 the woman who owns the house where he was staying found the bracelet hanging from a hook in the bathroom. She said Bullock had lost weight and apparently was able to slip the bracelet off, the complaint said. Investigators said the inside of the bracelet was coated with a Vaseline-like substance, making it slippery.

Bullock also left his cellphone behind and had run it through a factory reset, according to the complaint.

The Oconto County Sheriff's Department took to social media in an effort to enlist the public's help in finding Bullock, who was last seen on the morning of July 1. He is described as a white male, 5-foot-10 and about 240 pounds, with blond hair and green eyes.

The pending charges against Bullock allege that he sexually assaulted two women, who are now 19 and 26 years old, for several years each beginning when they were as young as about 7 and 10. In the case involving the hidden camera, he is charged with three counts each of inva-

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Nancy Byng Theater in Abrams gets a bold new coat of paint.

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Vintage cars in the spotlight in Gillett

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A 1965 Ford Thunderbird owned by Tommy Carlwaerts of Sobieski is among the scores of vintage vehicles in the spotlight at Zippel Park in Gillett on July 4.



Friends and neighbors gather to chat among the vintage cars and trucks.



Decades of automotive excellence are displayed at Zippel Park during the antique car and truck show, part of the 2024 Gillett Independence Day celebration.



Campers at Marinette County Camp Bird select their favorite flavor of cricket to try on June 16. Flavors ranged from sour cream and onion to barbecue.

CONTRIBUTED

4-H members learn, grow at summer camp

4-H members from Marinette, Oconto, and Shawano counties joined together at Marinette County Camp Bird for a residential camp experience in June.

Ninety campers, 30 counseling staff, and 15 adult staff consisting of University of Wisconsin-Extension professionals, health professionals, lifeguard, and 4-H volunteers were present.

The 4-H counseling staff consisted of teens from across the three counties, with training and team-building activities beginning already in the winter months. The counseling staff learned about ages and stages of child development, health and well-being, basic first aid, neurodiversity, 4-H policy, group builders, preparedness, and more. Together, they planned an engaging schedule for the campers based on the theme "Survivor."

Campers were youth in 4-H and not yet in 4-H who ranged from third through seventh grade. Some of the camp-wide activities included swimming, canoeing, teambuilding, launching eggs, building fires, playing team games, learning about dairy nutrition, meeting animals, and hiking.

Campers had to search for their group's immunity idol, and earned points with clean cabins, manners, and great performances in activities. Some counselors and campers even tried eating flavored crickets.

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sion of privacy using a surveillance device and capturing an intimate representation of a victim younger than 18, in connection with incidents that allegedly occurred when one of the young women was 17 years old.

Online court documents indicate Bullock also has a pending case in Kewaunee County, where he is charged with two counts of first-degree sexual assault of a child younger than 13 and a count of second-degree sexual assault of a child. A pre-trial conference is scheduled in that case on Aug. 16.

The sheriff's department encourages anyone with information about Bullock's whereabouts to call 920-834-6900.

The notice said people should not attempt to apprehend him on their own: "The Oconto County Sheriff's Office does not condone vigilantism. Any threatening, intimidation or harassment of the subject will not be tolerated."

OBITUARIES

Lee A. Johnston



Lee Allan Johnston, 84, passed away at his home in Oconto Falls on July 4, 2024.

Born Dec. 17, 1939, to Allan and Ruth (Erdman) Johnston, Lee grew up in Couillardville next to the Oconto River. He attended the one-room school in Couillardville and graduated from Oconto High School in 1958.

After serving in the Army National Guard, Lee went on to work in forestry most of his life. He started as a seasonal worker in the Bagley and Stiles fire towers for several years. He was then permanently assigned to the Stiles Ranger Station and later to the Oconto Falls Ranger Station. He served a total of 31 years as a forest ranger with Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. He also worked with local game wardens when they needed an extra hand. He held both sheriff's deputy and conservation warden badges. He retired from the DNR in 1997.

Lee married Donna Sadowski from Porterfield in 1982. Together they operated Johnston Forestry, writing forest management plans and overseeing timber sales. Lee and Donna were both very active in the Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association.

Lee was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Donna; and an infant son, Lee Jr.

He is survived by his sister, Lavon (Bruce) Frazier of Forest Grove, Oregon; nieces and nephews, Michelle (Todd) Engel of Red Wing, Minnesota, Megan (David) Lepschat of Forest Grove, Oregon, Mark (Courtney) Frazier of Austin, Texas, and Michael (Samantha) Frazier of Highlands Ranch, Colorado, and their families. He will also be greatly missed by his significant other, Kathryn Lambrecht.

The family will receive relatives and friends at the Gallagher Funeral Home, Oconto, from 9-11 a.m. Friday, July 19, 2024. Burial will be at Brookside Cemetery. Online condolences may be expressed at www.gallagherfuneralhome.net.

Memorial gifts may be directed to Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association, P.O. Box 285, Stevens Point, WI, 54481, or to the charity of your choice.

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OBITUARIES

Barbara J. Engebretsen Buettner

Barbara J. Engebretsen Buettner, age 80, of Gillett, entered into eternal rest on Friday, June 28, 2024, surrounded by her family.

Barb was born on April 22, 1944. in Green Bay to the late Edwin and Gertrude (Wagner) Kallies. She was baptized at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Bonduel and confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church in Pulcifer. Barb was a 1962 graduate of Gillett High School.

On July 27, 1963, Barb married her high school sweetheart, Allen Engebretsen, at Bethel Lutheran Church. Barb and Allen farmed and raised their family on the Engebretsen family farm, which was homesteaded in 1883 and is currently being farmed by their sons, which are



the fifth generation to farm the land. In addition to farming, Barb also worked for a short time as a bookkeeper at the former Farmers Elevator in Green Valley and at the former Mueller's Gifts in Gillett.

Allen preceded Barb in death on June 25, 2014. On Sept. 30, 2017, Barb was united in marriage to Robert "Bob" Buettner at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Bonduel. Barb and Bob enjoyed traveling and spending time with family. Bob preceded her in death on May 19, 2022.

Barb was very involved in her community. In 1980, she joined Gillett Area Ambulance Service and became a nationally registered emergency medical technician. While a member, Barb faithfully served her community, responding to medical emergencies for 40 years. She also served in various leadership roles while a member.

Barb was a member of the Oconto County Dairy Promotions Committee and along with her husband, Allen, co-chaired several of the first Breakfast on the Farm celebrations that were held in Oconto County. Barb was co-chair of the 4th of July celebrations for several years. In 2011, Barb and Allen were honored to be the grand marshals of the Gillett 4th of July Parade where they rode through the parade route in a horse-drawn carriage. She was a member for several years in both the Gillett Homemakers and Gillett Women's Club. Barb was also a member of the Gillett FFA Alumni. In 2014, Barb was honored to be a recipient of the Rural-Urban Award in honor of her many years of community service.

Barb's faith was very important to her. She was a member of Bethel Lutheran Church where she served several terms as church treasurer. She also was a WELCA member and served in various offices.

Barb is survived by her children, Julie (Terry) Yonker, Jeffrey (Cynthia) and Chris (Vicki); grandchildren, Joshua (Marie), Jacob and Taylor Yonker, Brenda, Justin and Riley Engebretsen, and Connor Engebretsen; great-grandchildren, Callen and one on the way; sister, Shirley Wegner; sister-in-law, Helen Kallies; brother-in-law, Donnie Hinkfuss. She is further survived by many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Allen and Bob; brothers, Maynard Kallies and Willis Kallies; sister, Delores (Duane) Horsens; brother-in-law, Melvin Wegner; sister-in-law, Rosalie Hinkfuss; niece, Renee Runge.

Visitation was held on Sunday, July 7, 2024. at Bethel Lutheran Church from 4-7 p.m. Visitation resumed on Monday, July 8, 2024, at Bethel Lutheran Church from 9 a.m. until the funeral service at 11 a.m. with Pastor Keith Sorlie officiating. Barb will be interred at Bethel Lutheran Cemetery.

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

In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established.

Gruetzmacher Funeral Home & Cremation Services

Robert 'Bob' L. Gerndt

Robert "Bob" L. Gerndt, 82, of Suring, passed away July 4, 2024, peacefully at home in the farmhouse where he was born and lived his entire life.

Bob was born June 7, 1942, to the late Mr. and Mrs. Leland and Norma (Nelson) Gerndt of Suring.

Bob attended Suring Public School, graduating with the class of 1960. Bob married Barbara J. Buchert on Dec. 26, 1964, at St. James Lutheran Church in Shawano. Together they farmed the Gerndt homestead in the Town of How until their retirement. Bob had a passion for deer hunting and trout fishing. His children definitely knew not to get married during deer season or opening weekend of trout



season, as he would not be there.

Bob was quite the storyteller, and trout were known to have grown several inches in size during the short walk from the river to the house; as well as the number caught. Bob was also an avid shed hunter and spent many hours walking the woods until physical abilities limited him, amassing over 250 antler sheds. Bob also enjoyed following Wisconsin sports teams, watching classic westerns, lawn mowing and caring for Riverside Cemetery for many years.

During retirement Bob and Barb loved going out to eat in the area, enjoying a brandy old-fashioned with the company of their longtime friends and making many new acquaintances.

Bob was a lifelong member of Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Suring where he served on both the church and cemetery boards.

Bob was baptized on June 28, 1942. and confirmed on May 20, 1956, at Mt. Olive. His confirmation verse was John 8:31-32 "If you continue in my word, you are my disciples indeed."

In his younger years, Bob also served on the Oconto County Fair Board and was a deputy conservation warden, along with being a member of many agricultural and outdoor organizations. He was a wonderful husband, father, farmer and friend.

Bob is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Barb; his four children, Bill (Donna) Gerndt, Brian (Heidi) Gerndt, Brenda Socha (special friend, Brian Korpita) and Becky (Chris) Kafka; six grandchildren, Ally Gerndt, Kaitlyn (fiancé, Bennet Laubenstein) Gerndt, Stormy (Andrew) Poeschel, Scout (Mara) Gerndt, Addy (Mason) DeRusha and Riley Kafka; one great-granddaughter, Darby Poeschel. He is also survived by his siblings, Richard (Carla) Gerndt, Kathy (Richard) Rupiper, Lee (Bev) Gerndt; brothers- and sisters-in-law; and many nieces and nephews.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents; in-laws, Hilbert and Agnes Buchert; sisters-in-law, Beverly Burris and Karen Kuntz; nephew, Mike Burris; niece, Bridget Matarrese; along with many dear friends.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, July 13, 2024, at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Suring, from 9 a.m. until the funeral service at noon with Pastor Michael Paholke officiating. Bob will be laid to rest at Mt. Olive Lutheran Cemetery, Suring.

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

The family would like to thank the entire staff of Unity Hospice, especially Cheryl, Dana, Ashley and Gail for their assistance during this past year. You were all a blessing. Also, a special thank you to Bob and Barb's siblings, the congregation of Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Pastor Paholke and many friends for your continued concern, visits, thoughts, and prayers. Your kindness will not be forgotten. As Bob would say, "Be good."

Gruetzmacher Funeral Home & Cremation Services

Lawrence 'Red' Brenwall

Lawrence "Red" Brenwall, age 84, of Suring, passed away peacefully on Friday, July 5, 2024, at Serenity Gardens Assisted Living Center.

Red was born in Phelps on Aug. 6, 1939, to the late John and Leona (Van Houton) Brenwall, the oldest of four children. He graduated from Phelps High School and married Sandra Firgens on Nov. 3, 1962, at the Evangelical United Brethern Church in Hayes. The couple celebrated 52 years of marriage before



Sandra's passing in 2015.

Red was a loving husband, dad, brother, uncle and grandfather. He loved spending time with family and friends who affectionately referred to him as "Red Dog." During his lifetime, he had many pursuits including trappings, fishing and trap shooting. Red was active in the Breed Trap Club, the Wisconsin Trappers Association, fishing and deer hunting. He also educated youths on resource conservation. For many years, Red was an active member of Suring United Methodist Church.

Red is survived by his two sons, Mike (Sue) Brenwall of Green Bay and Dale (Kathy) Brenwall of Suring; daughter-in-law, Sheila Brenwall of De Pere; grandchildren, Derek (Hannah) of Minneapolis, Brett of Green Bay, Jacob (Demitria) of Milwaukee, Kendall (Zach) Buda of Green Bay, Payton of Appleton, Zach Sheikh of Green Bay and Seth Sheikh of Green Bay; great-grandchildren, Jackson and Abrahm; brother, Ron (Blanche) Brenwall of Suring. He is further survived by many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Sandra; son, Douglas; two brothers, Richard and Kenneth Brenwall.

Visitation will be held on Friday, July 12, 2024, at Gruetzmacher Funeral Home from 3 p.m. until the funeral service at 5 p.m. with Pastor Dominic Petit officiating.

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 offer their sincere gratitude and appreciation to Serenity Gardens Assisted Living for the professional and compassionate care offered to Red. Special thank you is extended to Unity Hospice, and all who provided care, prayers, and thoughts to assist Dad in his move to the next chapter with God.

Gruetzmacher Funeral Home & Cremation Services

Nansi Lee Casper

Nansi Lee Casper (Miller), age 70, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, surrounded by family after a brief battle with cancer.

She was born on May 3, 1954, in Tucson, Arizona, to Herbert and Carole Miller. The oldest of three children, she was an independent woman who paved her own way in the world. As part of a military family, she traveled often, eventually finding herself



on a riverfront property in Oconto with a perfect yard for gardening and for raising her children.

Nansi thoroughly enjoyed her role as the matriarch of her family, and her work ethic was unparalleled. She was a kind-hearted woman and a supportive, nurturing mother and grandmother. Nansi attended college while working and being a mom. Later, she began her own freelance court reporting business, which she successfully continued until her final days.

Well-loved and respected by numerous circles of friends, Nansi cherished each of her relationships. She loved the earth and was a master gardener. She was passionate about wildlife rehabilitation and valued the work of the Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary. Her other hobbies included botany, wild-ricing, aromatherapy, music, reading, and environmental and political activism. Nansi was a trailblazer for her community wherever she went. She had a hand in starting the first co-op, day care and PTO in Oconto, as well as numerous other organizations, including the Blue Rose Inc. nonprofit and Whispering Pines Retreat.

Nansi is preceded in death by her father, Herbert Miller.

She is survived by her mother, Carole Miller; her children, Nathan Casper (Karolin), Nikki Lynch (Evan), David Casper (Kristin), Breanna Taft (Granger) and Jason Heid (Martha); grandchildren, Hailey, Lydia, Ethan, Cadence, Madison, Natalie, Dayton, Holly, Marianna, Victor, Mateo, Lily and Matilda; brothers, Jeff Miller (Kim) and Doug Miller (Shannon); and numerous nieces and nephews.

No public service will be held, but please honor Nansi and her memory by making a donation to the Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary or charity of your choice.

Rhodes-Charapata Funeral Home of Oconto is honored to assist the family.

The Heavens Declare the Glory of God!

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Oconto Youth Football receives Bond grant

The Leon H. and Clymene M. Bond Foundation Inc. has granted Oconto Youth Football a $9,600 grant toward the purchase of new helmets.

"Their support will make a significant impact on our program and help us provide a safer and rewarding experience for all of our young athletes," said Paul Retzlaff of the organization's board of directors. "The $9,600 will go towards new helmets to surely help ensure the safety of the players. With their help, we can better protect our kids as they play the sport."

The Bond Foundation is a family-endowed organization committed to the growth and improvement of Oconto County and surrounding areas, established in 1993 by Leon Bond, founder of the Bond Pickle Co., and Earl DeCloux.

The majority of grants and funding awarded by the Foundation are in the areas of health, education, social services, arts and culture, conservation and historic preservation, and community and recreational development.

New priest to shepherd area churches

The Catholic Parishes of St. John the Evangelist (Gillett) and St. Michael (Suring/Chute Pond) recently welcomed a new priest.

The Rev. Antonio De los Santos is shepherding the parishes effective July 1.

For the last four years, De los Santos has served as administrator of the Quad Parishes in Green Bay (the Blessed Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, St. Jude Parish and St. Joseph Parish).



DE LOS SANTOS

All are invited to welcome De los Santos into the parishes.

Sunday Mass times are 7:30 a.m. (Chute Pond), 8:45 a.m. (Suring) and 10:15 a.m. in Gillett.

There are weekday morning masses on Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. in Gillett and on Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. in Suring.

NEWS EDITOR

NEW Media's news editor is about to retire. We seek talented journalists who can seize someone's attention by being a talented wordsmith and photographer in a fast-paced news environment where digital comes first.

The news editor candidate would spend much of the time covering Oconto County, although occasionally a story could take them to Shawano County or Menominee County. The editor also works with freelancers to help out with additional stories when needed and seek out potential writers to add to the papers' richness.

While the office is a base of operations, we want someone who'll be out in the community gathering the news. All are welcome to apply, including recent or pending college graduates. Photography and copy editing skills are a must. Experience laying out pages is also helpful, but we can train in-house.

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OCONTO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Proceedings of July 3

• Judge Jay Conley ordered Nathan J. Schei, no date of birth listed, of Green Bay, held for 30 days pending extradition to another jurisdiction.

• Bond was set at $7,500 cash for Daniel W. Malchow, 40, Oconto Falls, after he was charged with first-degree recklessly endangering safety and misdemeanor counts of operating a firearm while intoxicated and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred June 30. Conley adjourned his initial appearance until July 18.

• Bond was set at $3,500 cash for Robby J. Lewis, 30, Gillett, after he was charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), and misdemeanor counts of disorderly conduct and possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred June 30. Conley adjourned his initial appearance until July 18.

• Bond was set at $2,500 cash for Paula Jo Hackett, 41, Shawano, after she was charged with fleeing an officer in a vehicle, possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred June 28. Conley adjourned her initial appearance until July 18.

Proceedings of July 2

• William D. Patnode, 49, Green Bay, pleaded no contest to possession of methamphetamine, in connection with an incident that occurred March 28, 2022. Conley scheduled sentencing for July 17 and said he plans to rely on a pre-sentence investigation report from a Brown County case, in which Patnode recently pleaded no contest to manufacture with intent to deliver methamphetamine.

• Nathan Edward Mocco, 39, Coleman, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and was bound over on a charge of strangulation and suffocation, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred May 27. Conley scheduled arraignment for July 18.

• Bond was set at $100,000 cash for Kaz R. Howard, 22, Aniwa, after he was charged with first-degree child sexual assault of a child younger than 13, two counts of repeated sexual assault of the same child and two counts of exposing himself to a child, in connection with incidents that allegedly occurred in 2023 and 2024. Conley adjourned his initial appearance until July 18.

• Bond was set at $2,500 cash for Kameron Michael Dushinske, 34, Barron, after he was charged with misappropriating ID information to avoid penalty and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred June 29. Conley adjourned his initial appearance until July 18.

• Bond was set at $2,500 cash for Brett Matthew Klein, 34, Crivitz, after he was charged with possession of methamphetamine, felony bail jumping, and misdemeanor possession of cocaine and possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred July 2. Conley adjourned his initial appearance until July 18.

• Bond was set at $1,000 cash for Joseph J. Christensen, 37, Green Bay, after he was charged with possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor counts of possession of cocaine and possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred July 2. Conley adjourned his initial appearance until July 18.

Proceedings of July 1

• After a preliminary hearing, Michael Robert Rilling, 45, Lena, was bound over on charges of first-degree sexual assault of a child younger than 13, repeated physical abuse of a child, chronic neglect of a child with the consequence of bodily harm, and misdemeanor child neglect, in connection with incidents that allegedly occurred from 2020 to 2023. Conley scheduled arraignment for July 18

• Bond was set at $1,000 cash for Gary E. Borkovec, 47, Oconto, after he was charged with felony bail jumping and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred June 29. Conley adjourned his initial appearance until July 18.

OCONTO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

July 4

Deputies responded to 63 incidents, including a wanted person on East Frontage Road in the Town of Little Suamico, a death investigation in the Town of Stiles, fireworks on state Highway 32-64 in the Town of Mountain, drugs at an undisclosed location, a disturbance on County Road AA in the Town of Breed, fireworks on Sundew Road in the Town of Little Suamico, property damage on Pickerel Lake Road in the Town of Townsend, suspicious activity on Konitzer Road in the Town of Morgan, a noise disturbance on Lake John Road in the Town of Lakewood, suspicious activity on Whiffen Lane in the Town of Mountain, a noise disturbance on Youngman Lane in the Town of Lakewood, threatening on East Frontage Road in the Town of Little Suamico, threatening on County Road E in the Town of Abrams, fireworks on Moody Lake Circle in the Town of Breed, nine traffic stops, one traffic hazard, four traffic offenses, one citizen assist, five miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; two 911 hangups and four open lines; three ambulance calls; four crashes, one involving deer.

July 3

Deputies responded to 92 incidents, including attempted fraud on Arthur Lane in the Town of Riverview, suspicious activity on Harley Street in the Village of Lena, a weapon offense near Logtown and Gallon roads in the Town of Oconto, a drug investigation in the City of Oconto, a wanted person near U.S. Highway 141 and Benser Lane in the Town of Lena, fireworks near Jaworski Road and County Road S in the Town of Chase, a noise disturbance on Black Walnut Way in the Town of Little Suamico, suspicious activity on East Crooked Lake Lane in the Town of Riverview, suspicious activity near U.S. Highway 141 and Lemere Road in the Town of Stiles, 17 traffic stops, five traffic offenses, five citizen assists, one miscellaneous traffic incident, two welfare checks; five 911 hangups and four open lines; one crash involving deer.

July 2

Deputies responded to 43 incidents, including theft on Maple Grove School Road in the Town of Little River, a jail incident at 220 Arbutus Ave. in the City of Oconto, theft near Sampson Road and County Road S in the Town of Pensaukee, an ATV accident on South Shore Heights Lane in the Town of Mountain, fire on Jenny Lane in the Town of Doty, a missing person on Tower Drive Road in the Town of Stiles, suspicious activity on Sherrie Lane in the Town of Underhill, two traffic hazards, four citizen assists, four miscellaneous traffic incidents, two welfare checks; five 911 hangups and one open line; two crashes.

July 1

Deputies responded to 50 incidents, including early-morning fireworks on Melissa Boulevard in the Town of Little Suamico, attempted fraud on Buds Lane in the Town of Mountain, fire on River Street in the Town of Little Suamico, trespassing on Scotch Pine Circle in the Town of Townsend, threatening on Moody Road in the Town of Pensaukee, a wanted person on North Chestnut Avenue in the City of Oconto Falls, fire near Sundew Road and County Road S in the Town of Little Suamico, threatening on Schwartz Road in the Town of Chase, suspicious activity on Krause Road in the Town of Little Suamico, suspicious activity on Munger Lake Court in the Town of Lakewood, a structure fire on Knollwood Lane in the Town of Mountain, a disturbance on East First Street in the City of Gillett, one traffic stop, one traffic hazard, one traffic offense, two citizen assists, two miscellaneous traffic incidents; three open-line 911 calls; two ambulance calls.

June 30

Deputies responded to 56 incidents, including suspicious activity on Boulder Lake Lane in the Town of Doty, a disturbance on White Tail Lane in the Town of Oconto, an unwanted party on Elm Road in the Town of How, a weapon offense near County Road P and state Highway 22 in the Town of Gillett, an unwanted party on Tom Post Road in the Town of Brazeau, a disturbance on Munger Lake Road in the Town of Lakewood, a disturbance on state Highway 22 in the Town of Oconto Falls, intoxication on Wickman Way in the Town of Abrams, suspicious activity on Cross Road in the Town of Little Suamico, suspicious activity on East Main Street in the Village of Lena, late-night fireworks on Moody Lake Circle in the Town of Breed and near County Road W and Whispering Pines Lane in the Town of Riverview, nine traffic stops, one traffic hazard, two traffic offenses, three miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; one 911 hangup and four open lines; two crashes involving deer.

June 29

Deputies responded to 58 incidents, including a disturbance at the County Road EE Park and Ride in the Town of Abrams, suspicious activity on County Road J in the Town of Oconto, an animal bite on Nicolet Road in the Town of Townsend, theft on state Highway 32 in the Town of Riverview, an ATV accident near Knowles Creek Road and County Road F in the Town of Lakewood, suspicious activity on La Fortune Lane in the Town of Little River, trespassing on Molitor Road in the Town of Little River, a disturbance near County Road I and St. Patricks Road in the Town of Stiles, sexual assault in the Town of Oconto Falls, property damage on North Maiden Lake Road in the Town of Riverview, a noise disturbance on Oak Orchard Road in the Town of Abrams, suspicious activity on South Birch Avenue in the City of Gillett, three traffic stops, one traffic offense, two citizen assists, four miscellaneous traffic incidents, six welfare checks; six 911 hangups and six open lines; two ambulance calls; four crashes, one involving deer.

June 28

Deputies responded to 41 incidents, including suspicious activity on state Highway 32 in the Town of Chase, an internet crimes against children incident in the City of Oconto, automobile theft near state Highway 22 and Young Road in the Town of Oconto, sex offender violations in the towns of Spruce and Stiles, theft on Presel Lane in the Town of Little River, a disturbance on Lindsey Avenue in the City of Oconto, suspicious activity on North Chestnut Avenue in the City of Oconto Falls, two traffic stops, one traffic hazard, two traffic offenses, two citizen assists, four miscellaneous traffic incidents; four 911 hangups and one open line; one ambulance call; two crashes, one involving deer.

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SMU building finished ahead of schedule

Mild winter allows exterior work to continue unabated

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

The new Shawano Municipal Utilities building at the corner of East Green Bay Street and North Sawyer Street has been completed weeks ahead of schedule, thanks to a mild winter, which allowed SMU employees to come back home sooner.

Since August 2023, SMU has been renting office space from its neighbors at GenEx. Work has gone full speed ahead while the 29,000-square-foot building was put together. Talk about a new building started back in 2017 but really moved forward in earnest in 2021.

The building replaces the previous service center that had some portions in existence for over 90 years, and SMU officials claimed renovating the existing building, which was out of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, would cost more than a new building, estimated to be $12.9 million.



The new Shawano Municipal Utilities building at the corner of Green Bay and Sawyer streets opened almost two months ahead of schedule, modernizing how the utility does business. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

The new building had originally been slated for a fall opening, with August being the earliest conceived date for opening. In June, however, SMU employees were back on their side of the street, which SMU manager Bruce Gomm considers to be a good thing.

"It feels really good," Gomm said. "We're not quite two months ahead of schedule."

The plan had been to get as much exterior up as possible prior to the first snow fly and then spend the frigid days doing interior work, according to Gomm. With much of the winter boasting daytime temperatures above the freezing mark, the exterior construction continued through January and February, according to Gomm.

"They were able to continue on with both inside and outside all winter long," he said. "That's what really helped us push through."

The new building has all the modern heating and air conditioning amenities, Gomm said, as well as LED adaptive lighting, which he described as the most beneficial in SMU's day-to-day operations. However, there's much more than the simple things that make the building better than its predecessor.

"A couple of the concerns we had with the old building, one particular for me as the manager, was the lack of security," Gomm said. "We had really no way to protect employees from any bad actors. So with the new building, all the doors are secured with door passes, and we actually have bulletproof glass set up for our two front desk receptionists. It's much safer for our employees."

The new building also has solar panels on the roof to help generate electricity inside.

"We're working to be good environmental stewards," Gomm said.

In the process of construction, workers found some underground structures, including concrete foundations — one of which had contaminated soil, according to Gomm. He noted there was contingency funding to deal with that.

"That was really the only challenge we faced through construction," Gomm said. "It went really smoothly."

Gomm said he hopes SMU's new building might encourage neighboring community utilities to "spruce up" their infrastructure. He said the building was designed to expand if the community's electrical needs grow.

"If Shawano doubles or triples in size, we'll need more people to take care of that," Gomm said. "Who knows what will happen in the next 30 or 50 years?"

A grand opening event with ribbon cutting is planned for 10 a.m. Aug. 16 at the new building, 122 N. Sawyer St., Shawano.

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Construction business gets OK years after the fact

Neighbor dispute rears its head over plans to create parking area for equipment at Bontrager Construction

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

More than three years after starting a home-based construction business, Dennis H. Bontrager finally has proper approval from Shawano County officials.

But it didn't come without some controversy over his new plans to add a parking area for his equipment.

Bontrager had another contractor bring in fill to create a parking area for his construction equipment. Without being aware that he needed a conditional use permit to do so, he had 56 loads of fill brought in before the operation was shut down due to not having the permit.

On July 3, the Shawano County Planning, Development and Zoning Committee granted him the permit, but not without first hearing from an upset neighbor.

"A couple years ago, we started our own roofing and construction business. I didn't realize we would need a home occupation permit," Bontrager explained. "And then, this summer, I hauled some fill in. I never checked into it. I didn't realize we needed a permit, so that's what I'm here for."

Bontrager Brothers Construction is located at N5234 State Highway 117, Bonduel.

Neighbor Alan Bernitt was upset with the pile of fill.

"The fill is put 17 feet from the property line that I occupy. This fill is 6 feet high," he said. "When I moved there, we put in a septic system; we put in a 2-foot berm. We scraped the water from flowing in. Now, 17 feet from the property line is this mound of gravel, rock and silt, and with the current flow of water, all of this water is coming right into my property, on my drain field."

Bontrager explained the fill was left there because he had to halt construction of the parking area.

"There's 56 loads of fill brought in. It's rock and silt. Water is going to go through there like a sieve, and it does. It's going to come right into my drain field," Bernitt said. "I've had three estimates if my drain field gets screwed up. That's $65,000, and I'm not going to be the one paying for it."

Bontrager said his intent is to level off the area and seed it.

Bernitt said his neighbor didn't respect the land.

"There's no respect for the topography of the land whatsoever," he said. "They put the building up. It was a dirt floor. All of a sudden, they cemented in the dirt floor. Then, they cut into the hill towards his house. And now they put in all this fill. It's screwing up the drainage royally."

Bernitt said Bontrager should build a berm the entire length of the property line to prevent runoff onto his land. And he insisted the berm be made of blue clay for water control, containment and berm strengthening.

Charlie Fritsch, zoning chairman for the Town of Washington, said that when the zoning committee approved the parking plan, both parties were OK with it.

"When this came in front of the board, we talked about this," he said. "One of the last questions I asked at that meeting about a berm, 'Are both parties OK with this?' This berm that you were putting in for drainage. You guys told me that you guys were OK with it. You even shook hands on it. I don't know what changed on this."

The county committee eventually approved the conditional use permit to allow Bontrager to build the parking area, suggesting he be mindful of his neighbor's concerns.

Committee members also approved a conditional use permit to allow Bontrager to run his construction company as a home occupation business, the permit he should have applied for when the business operations began three or four years ago.

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Governor declares state of emergency following storms

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

Menominee and Oconto counties are among the 10 counties impacted by Gov. Tony Evers' executive order declaring a state of emergency following strong storms that produced damaging tornadoes, high winds, hail, heavy rain and thunderstorms across Wisconsin.

Evers signed the order June 28.

"Communities across our state have been affected by the impacts of severe weather in recent days, including storms and flooding, that have endangered the lives and livelihoods of Wisconsinites across our state," Evers said. "We want to make sure folks and communities are safe, healthy and have the support they need to recover quickly and that we can get relief to those impacted."

The governor's declaration came after several rounds of storms swept through the state June 21-25, causing widespread tree and structural damage, road washouts, power outages and flooding.

The National Weather Service confirmed that 10 tornadoes occurred in nine counties. The counties were Dane, Grant, Jefferson, Lafayette, Kenosha, Menominee, Oconto, Rock and Walworth counties.

National Weather Service officials said a tornado was on the ground for five minutes and traveled 8.9 miles from Keshena in Menominee County to Berry Lake in Oconto County.

Some areas of the state saw 5-6 inches of rain, which led to flooding.

Wisconsin Emergency Management, a division of the Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs, has been working with counties to assess damage and determine resources needed to speed recovery efforts. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is assessing damage to state park properties.

Evers' declaration allows the acting adjutant general of the Wisconsin National Guard to call soldiers to active duty to assist civil authorities in response and recovery efforts, as well as providing security and other essential services.

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A June 25 tornado that touched down near Keshena damaged trees and structures in its path to Berry Lake in Oconto County. Municipal crews and residents worked to clean up the debris, and Gov. Tony Evers declared a state of emergency due to the storms that rocked the state. MENOMINEE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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Independence kept alive for Bonduel 4th





ABOVE: Animal acts were a common sight July 4 during Bonduel's Independence Day parade, including a chicken with the Bonduel FFA float.

LEFT: A little girl observes as other children swarm into the street and picks up candy thrown from the various parade entries.

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Firefighters look like they're not going to take no for an answer from parade watchers as they hold out their boots to get donations to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association during Bonduel's Independence Day parade.



The theme for the 2024 Independence Day parade in Bonduel was Mardi Gras, but only a few of the floats, like this one, showed it off.







ABOVE LEFT: Rodney Hoppe was this year's grand marshal for the Independence Day parade in Bonduel.

ABOVE: The water balloon fight is on between some parade watchers and the folks on Reistner Insurance Agency's float.

LEFT: Baxter, the village of Bonduel's new mascot, made his debut in the village's annual Independence Day parade while riding in the Bonduel Lions Club's corn mobile.

RIGHT: Fireworks light up Reinke Field at Village Park on July 4 as hundreds of people went out to see the annual display. Although rain came before and after the event, it did not impact the actual show, which lasted about 30 minutes.



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Gresham celebrates Fourth of July



Charlie Mack of Appleton gives a high five from inside the bounce house at the Gresham Fourth of July celebration at Veterans Park. A visit with family coincided with attending the June 29 celebration. KEVIN PASSON | NEW MEDIA



A bicycling couple from Wausau rests along the Lower Red River near Veterans Park in Gresham on June 29.
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Menominee celebrate two-spirit people

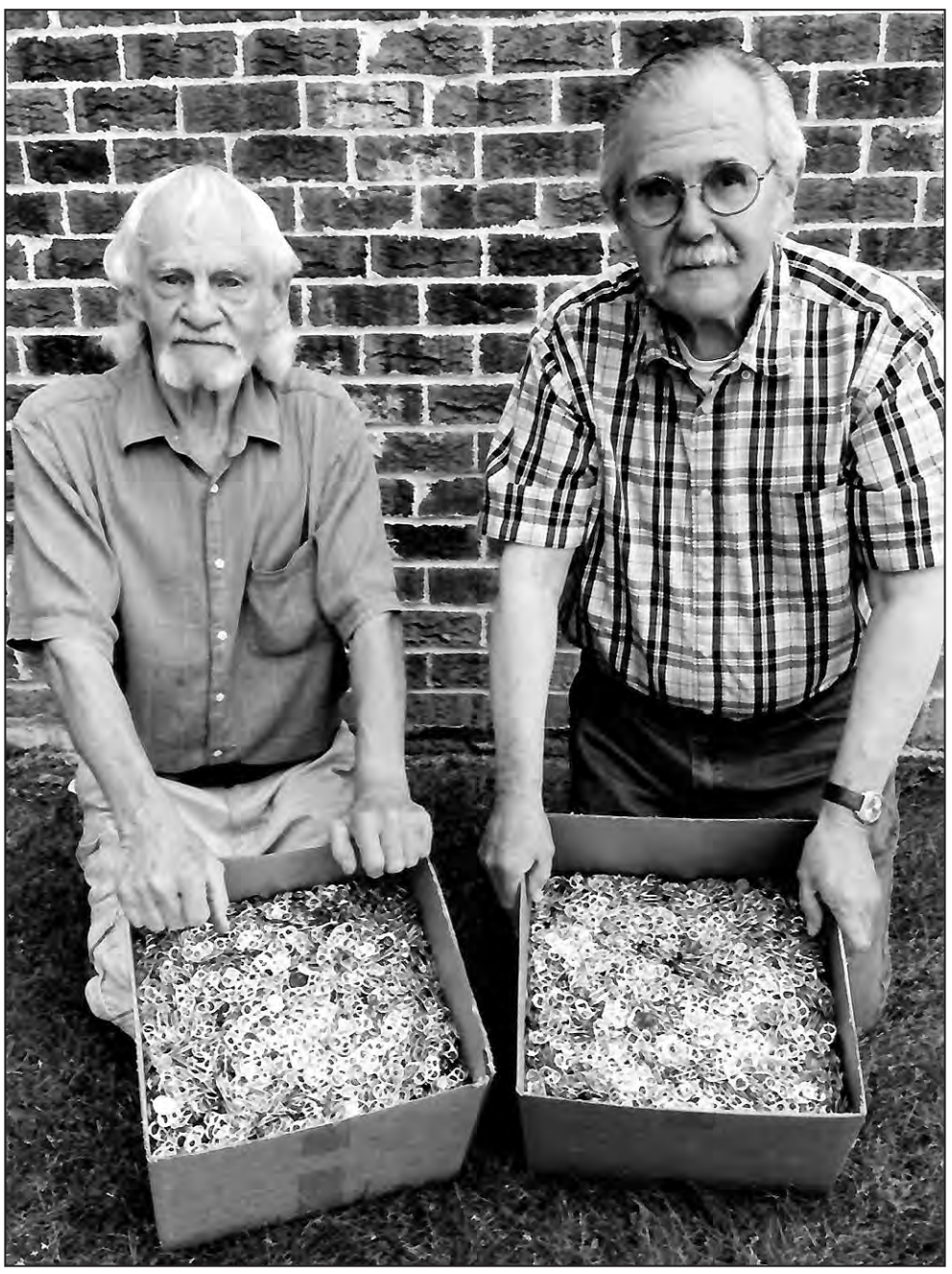




ABOVE: Families paint hearts June 28 at the Two-Spirit Pride event at the Veterans Memorial Pavilion as colorful signs and bags decorate the rest of the table. The term "two-spirit" is a contemporary term used by many Native American tribes to describe members who fulfill a traditional third-gender or gender-variant role in their communities.
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LEFT: Patrick Firgens, of South Branch, struts into the Veterans Memorial Pavilion during the Two-Spirit Pride festival, sporting a flag that combines the traditional rainbow flag with a pair of eagle feathers.
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Working for a good cause



Edward "Eddie" McKenna of Green Bay, left, and John J. Mutter Jr. of Shawano, teamed up to collect 50,000 pull tabs to support the Ronald McDonald House Charities in Madison. McKenna and Mutter are 1961 graduates of Shawano High School. The tabs were taken to the area dropoff location, which is the Appleton Police Department.
WENDY JOHNSON

General aid estimates for schools released

All area schools but Suring see state increase

BY LEE PULASKI
City Editor

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction released the general aid estimates for public school districts July 1, and it looks like every school district in Shawano, Oconto and Menominee counties — save one — can expect an increase in state funding.

Suring is one of 124 school districts in Wisconsin that can expect to see a decrease in funding for the 2024-25 school year. The district received $53,667 in general aid during the 2023-24 school year, but that will be dropping 15% for the coming year to $45,617. According to a DPI press release, 15% is the maximum decrease school districts can receive in general aid funding.

Pulaski Community School District will be seeing the largest dollar increase out of the three-county districts, getting $4,429,831 more, a 14.77% increase, to bring the 2024-25 amount to $34,431,502.

Menominee Indian School District can expect the largest percentage increase, as its general aid will jump up 39.48%, a $2,802,217 bump, so that the district will receive $9,900,812 in the coming year.

Lena School District will see the smallest increase among the three counties, getting only $22,773, a 0.67% hike that will give the district $3,441,431 for the 2024-25 school year.

Shawano School District is estimated to receive an almost $2 million bump, up 12.88%, increasing the general aid from $15,144,247 to $17,094,228.

On the west side of Shawano County, the Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District will see a modest jump of 8.39%, giving the district $9,509,115 in general aid.

In the heart of Oconto County, the Oconto Falls School District will only see a 3.76% hike for aid, giving the district $13,948,100 for the next school year.

General aid for school districts can change based on three factors — property valuation, enrollment and shared costs. Many school districts are seeing their student counts drop, but in some cases, it has been offset by incredible boosts to property values.

The final certification for general school aid comes out Oct. 15, once the official student count is done the third Friday in September and state property values are released in early October.

According to DPI, the total general school aid for the coming school year is $5.58 billion, a 4.2% increase totaling about $234.3 million. However, the DPI warned in the press release that there could be more volatility in these estimates due to the delays in financial data reporting by Milwaukee Public Schools.

General school aids are main source of state support for public schools, offsetting municipal property taxes under state-imposed revenue limits.

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BY THE NUMBERS

District	2024-25	2023-24	$ change	% change
Bonduel	$5,466,410	$4,710,401	$756,009	16.05%
Bowler	$4,061,772	$3,432,644	$629,128	18.33%
Gillett	$5,032,975	$4,204,843	$828,132	19.69%
Gresham	$2,804,142	$2,471,262	$332,880	13.47%
Lena	$3,441,431	$3,418,658	$22,773	0.64%
Marion	$3,939,757	$3,386,425	$553,432	16.34%
Menominee Indian	$9,900,812	$7,098,595	$2,802,217	39.48%
Oconto	$8,604,989	$8,303,808	$301,181	3.63%
Oconto Falls	$13,948,100	$13,443,204	$504,896	3.76%
Pulaski	$34,431,502	$30,001,671	$4,429,831	14.77%
Shawano	$17,094,228	$15,144,247	$1,949,981	12.88%
Suring	$45,617	$53,667	-$8,050	-15%
Tigerton	$2,192,506	$2,073,024	$119,482	5.76%
Wittenberg-Birnamwood	$9,509,115	$8,773,412	$735,703	8.39%

SOURCE: WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Ambulance service gets gold achievement award

Shawano Ambulance Service, a critical care paramedic emergency medical services provider, has received the American Heart Association's Mission: Lifeline EMS Gold achievement award for its commitment to offering rapid and research-based care to people experiencing the most severe form of heart attacks and strokes, ultimately saving lives.

Emergency medical services staff can begin treatment when they arrive — up to an hour sooner than if someone goes to the hospital by car. EMS staff are also trained to provide resuscitation efforts to someone whose heart has stopped. People who arrive by ambulance may also receive faster treatment at the hospital.

Mission: Lifeline EMS is the American Heart Association's national initiative to advance the system of care for patients with high-risk, time-sensitive disease states, such as severe heart attacks and strokes. The program helps reduce barriers to prompt treatment — starting from when 911 is called, to EMS transport and continuing through hospital treatment and discharge. Optimal care for heart attack and stroke patients takes coordination between the individual prehospital providers and healthcare systems.

"Arguably the most important link in the chains of survival for acute stroke and cardiovascular emergencies is emergency medical services and prehospital professionals," said Edward Jauch, chairman of the research department at the University of North Carolina Health Sciences. "Early condition identification, stabilization and prehospital interventions, and initiation of actions within the regional systems of care provide patients with the best chance for receiving expedient definitive therapies leading to optimal outcomes and maximized quality of life.

The Mission: Lifeline EMS achievement award focuses on agencies' on-scene care, bringing to the forefront the collaboration and contributions to patient care for prehospital providers.

"Shawano Ambulance is honored to be recognized again this year by the American Heart Association for our dedication to providing optimal care for heart attack patients," said service director Patrick Trinko. "The Mission: Lifeline program puts proven knowledge and guidelines to work on a daily basis so patients have the best possible chance of survival."

Shawano Ambulance Service serves the residents and visitors of central Shawano County. Established over 57 years ago, they strive to provide the highest level care available and continually embark on new initiatives to ensure patients receive the best possible care.

Paramedic response to 911 calls is provided to a 324 square mile area, intercepts are performed with outlying ambulances that have patients needing advanced procedures or medications, and over 1,000 interfacility transports of critically ill and injured patients are performed each year to get patients to specialized facilities throughout Wisconsin.

Truck and tractor pulls to resume in Town of Green Valley

BY KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

A pair of truck and tractor pulls will return to the Town of Green Valley, now that Cody Duchateau, owner of KCG Excavating Inc., received a conditional use permit from the Shawano County Planning, Development and Zoning Committee on July 3.

"I got the race track there for four-wheelers and dirt bikes, and I want to do truck pulls now," Duchateau told the committee about his request to hold two events each year.

He said there used to be truck and tractor pulls in the town, so he wants to bring them back.

The track is at N6161 State Highway 32.

Events at the track must be held between 8 a.m. and 11 p.m. Food vendors and liquor sales will be included.

Supervisor Ken Capelle said he heard about concerns regarding traffic on nearby Carlson Lane and inquired whether something can be done to avoid the volume of vehicles on the narrow road.

Duchateau said online navigation programs his home for the location of the events, and that includes using Carlson Lane to get there.

"Mapquest brings them down Carlson Lane (instead of the entrance from Highway 32)," he said.

He and the committee agreed more signage in the area could help direct traffic to the Highway 32 entrance.

"That's the only concern they had," Capelle said. "They didn't mind the race, but it's just the traffic."

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City of Shawano plans for more downtown parking

BY NEW MEDIA STAFF

With the purchase of 202 and 208 N. Washington St. (at the corner of North Washington and West Fifth streets), the city of Shawano is working toward creating more parking downtown.

Budget timelines posed a challenge for the city.

By the time the neighboring property use was determined, the city was outside its time frame for the 2024 budget.

This means the city will will need to wait until 2025 to be able fully construct the parking lot.

However, it is the city's plan to grade and gravel that space this summer to allow for additional overflow parking as soon as possible.

Affordable housing should not face bad 'Christian' attitudes



Lee Pulaski
City editor

Many folks reading this today probably are doing so with Christian faith, and a good chunk of readers are probably looking at this column while comfortably having a roof over their heads. My hope is that a majority of readers perusing this piece are willing to help folks who are down and out, but my expectation is there will be some who look at poor people and think, "Oh, those unhappy souls — keep them out of my neighborhood."

That seems to be a noticeable attitude these days, from the United States Supreme Court down to communities in northeast Wisconsin. Many proclaim the United States is a Christian nation, but it's shocking how many of those "good Christians" are unwilling to provide help to those in need, in spite of the Bible commanding that those who have means lend a helping hand to those who don't.

A clear example of that attitude can be found in northcentral Shawano County, where the county's planning, development and zoning committee voted last week against a zoning change that would have turned the empty White Pines Lodge in the Town of Red Springs into low- and moderate-income housing. For good measure, the committee also denied a conditional use permit that would allow for the building to be used as apartments, just in case the Shawano County Board of Supervisors' collective heart grows three sizes, and the members decide to help those in need.

Red Springs Chairman Lonnie Schreiber has argued that losing the $8,500 in annual taxes from the site is scary, which would be understandable if Newcap officials hadn't offered to negotiate with the town to provide payments in lieu of taxes to cover what would be lost from its tax-exempt status. Schreiber claims that the area is not fit for such a facility.

He wasn't alone, though, as others urged the committee to agree with the town board, claiming noise, traffic, potential vandalism and other issues are possible with Newcap's proposal. It appears they prefer the building remain an empty eyesore, not to mention a money pit for the current owners.

Finding affordable housing is a problem all over the country, and this area is no exception. It's interesting that people will flock to help someone with cancer or some other debilitating disease, but poverty is the line they draw. As someone who has taken people in when they're down and out, while there have been some hardships, I still felt good providing a helping hand.

Maybe it's just me.

While the county's decision is disappointing, it's not surprising in light of the Supreme Court's decision that allows the homeless to be criminally punished if they're sleeping outside and can't afford a home or hotel room. It assumes everybody will have somebody to take them in during hard times.

Sorry, folks. Real life isn't a Hallmark movie, and it's disturbing just how many people are one paycheck away from losing their homes and being left on the streets to die. Putting the homeless in jail with actual criminals is not a solution, despite the court's attitude, and making it harder to provide housing for the lower-income people who work long and hard in our restaurants and other service facilities does not solve any problems, either.

Isaiah 58:7 says, "Isn't it to share your bread with the hungry, to bring the poor and homeless into your home, to clothe the naked when you see him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?"

Newcap isn't even asking people to take the poor into their own homes; they're only asking to provide affordable housing so that those on the verge of homelessness have a chance to avoid that unpleasant situation.

If we're going to move forward as Christians, we need to help projects like Newcap's become a reality. If we're not willing to provide a simple yes to affordable housing, those so-called faithful need to stuff a sock in it when they proclaim we're a Christian nation.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Referendums put power in Republicans' hands

To the editor:

Ever since his 2016 Republican National Convention speech, when Donald J. Trump declared "I alone can fix it," it's become a phrase we hear more and more frequently. It's like everyone is clamoring for power. Power to control because only they know how to fix it.

Now, it seems the Republican-controlled Wisconsin Legislature wants to get in on the action with permanent changes to our state constitution that gives them absolute control over federal funding "as only they see fit." The governor cannot veto anything that is in the state's constitution.

I'm voting no on both constitutional amendment questions on the Aug. 13 ballot. These amendments are meant to give the legislature control over delegating where federal funds are spent and would restrict the governor's ability to accept and allocate federal funds without the consent of the legislature. Right now, the governor and the legislature must work together to decide how to distribute most federal funds in Wisconsin.



These changes would be a disaster if Wisconsin had extensive tornado or flooding damage. If these referendums pass and our state constitution is changed, the legislature would first have to be called into a special session, which may take a few days. They would then have to agree if they wanted to accept federal funds and decide on how they would allocate the money. There could be gridlock and delays in getting emergency funding for firefighters, police and hospitals.

During the pandemic, Gov. Tony Evers quickly allocated funds for unemployment benefits, local governments, education, health services, children and families, housing and more. The current Wisconsin Legislature does not have a good track record when it comes to complying with the governor's requests for a special session. The Republican leadership refused the governor's call for a special session to take action during the heights of the COVID-19 crisis.

Referendums to change our state constitution are permanent. We don't know what crises lie ahead. We can't accept this power play by the Republicans in the current legislature where they would hold all the purse strings. Don't be fooled by the misleading language of the referendums. Vote in the primary election, and vote no on referendums 1 and 2.

Jan Koch, Shawano

YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW

Redaction costs threaten police video access



Bill Lueders
Guest columnist

The bill moved with lightning speed. It was introduced last December, passed the state Senate in January and the Assembly in February, and was signed into law by Gov. Tony Evers in March. Wisconsin Act 253 allows police and corrections officials to charge some requesters of video and audio recordings for the cost of redaction — that is, blurring out certain information.

Members of the media and others objected, noting that the cost of redactions can easily run into hundreds and even thousands of dollars, making them unaffordable. The ACLU of Wisconsin warned this "could allow law enforcement to shirk their obligation to be publicly accountable, and further erode the belief that police protect communities rather than only their own."

Just prior to the Assembly's vote, lawmakers approved a bill amendment that exempted videos of police-involved shootings as well as requesters "directly involved in the event" captured on video. It also allowed up to 10 requests per year without redaction charges for those who stipulate in writing that they "will not use the audio or video content for financial gain." The bill as amended passed the Assembly 94-3.

Problem solved? Not really. Questions were subsequently raised about what this language means. Does a request for six videos count as one request or six? If multiple parties ask for the same video, do they split the cost?

The gravest concern was over the bill's reference to "financial gain." Does this mean any media outlet that still manages to make money? It's an important question, because the new law says anyone who falsely denies being out for financial gain can be fined $10,000 per violation.

State Sen. Jesse James, the bill's chief sponsor, seemed flummoxed when asked, in a WMTV report that aired March 1, whether it applied to news media.

"I don't have an answer for you," James said. "We try to do our best to have the legislation 100% right, but that doesn't always happen."

He later affirmed that journalists are not exempt.

The cold, hard reality of interpretation was driven home last month when Alice Herman, a volunteer reporter for the nonprofit news outlet Tone Madison, requested video taken by UW-Madison police officers who shut down a student protest encampment on May 1. Herman was told there would be no exemption and threatened with a $10,000 fine if she signed the form disclaiming an interest in financial gain and then used it for Tone Madison.

UWPD spokesperson Marc Lovicott told me his department is "working through challenges" with the new law and hoping to receive guidance from the state's Office of Open Government, part of the Department of Justice. "It's a broadly worded law that's really untested. We're all trying to figure it out."

Lovicott noted that Tone Madison, like other news organizations, runs ads on its website, "so they're technically taking money in. Is that financial gain?" He said redacting video footage over a period of several hours from the 30-plus officers at the scene, all equipped with body cameras, is "an exorbitant amount of work for our two-person records staff," for which the department would like to recoup at least some of the associated costs.

Scott Gordon, editor-in-chief and publisher of Tone Madison, wrote a deeply researched article on the new law, which he said leaves "the door open to a broad interpretation that could ensnare all manner of requesters working in the public interest."

If media outlets and civic groups are priced out of obtaining police video, one of the primary reasons for spending millions of tax dollars to outfit officers with cameras will have been undermined.

This bill, as written, should never have been passed and signed into law. It needs to be clarified, if not repealed.

Bill Lueders is the president of the Wisconsin Freedom of Information Council (wisfoic.org), a nonprofit, nonpartisan group dedicated to open government. Your Right to Know is a monthly column distributed by the group.

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There's nowhere to go but Oz for the Scarecrow, played by Matthew Ogan, and Dorothy, played by Grace Stuewer, in the cornfield scene in "The Wizard of Oz."
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Oz brought to life in Box in the Wood musical

Classic 1900 tale to be performed in Shawano

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

A classic Midwestern story has arrived at the Mielke Arts Center and will be checking off all the boxes — tornadic activity, proving you can go home again, a country girl journeying to the big city and, most of all, an epic battle over shoes.

Box in the Wood Theatre Guild will perform "The Wizard of Oz" for the next two weekends, bringing to life a musical made familiar to all generations, whether it was a family tradition to watch on television on Thanksgiving night or owned on DVD or Blu-Ray to rewatch again and again on a random schedule.

The classic tale written in 1900 by L. Frank Baum has been performed in a variety of venues in northeast Wisconsin, but this will be Box in the Wood's first time tackling the show about a farm girl from Kansas being whisked away to the magical land of Oz and then having to take the long journey to find her way home again. The Shawano County Arts Council, which oversees Box in the Wood, did have "The Wizard of Oz" performed as part of a children's workshop in 2015, but that was done separately from the local performance group.

Director Brandon Byng has overseen the musical with other troupes, which is helpful as he brings the story to life in Shawano.

"They were looking for something that would involve both adults and kids," Byng said as he explained the primary motivation for making "The Wizard of Oz" Box in the Wood's summer musical for 2024. "They're always trying to get younger actors involved, but sometimes there's not a lot of shows that incorporate that."



The Wicked Witch of the West, played by Lois Anderson, swears swift retribution after finding her dead sister's ruby slippers have had a change of address in a scene from "The Wizard of Oz."
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Having a show with a known name doesn't hurt, either, according to Byng, as the land of Oz tends to bring more people out due to all generations having a familiarity with the story since the film hit theaters in 1939.

The musical takes almost all of its source material from the original film, especially in the songs performed. This includes "The Jitterbug," a song that was supposed to be part of the movie but wound up on the cutting room floor.

"The few differences are how it translates from movie to stage," Byng said. "You have to do things a little different. We do what we can. It'll feel like the movie, but in a different way, so you get a little fresh take on it."

Also kept in the musical was how the various farm hands portrayed the Cowardly Lion, the Scarecrow and the Tin Man, as well as how the Wicked Witch of the West was a manifestation of the mean Miss Gulch. Byng noted that the musical takes things a little further, however, with Auntie Em doubling as Glinda and Uncle Henry also serving as the head guard at the Emerald City.

"More of the people from Kansas wind up having dopplegangers in Oz," Byng said.

There will be some visual effects in the Box in the Wood's version. Among them is the image of a fireball when the Wicked Witch attacks the Scarecrow, Byng said, as well as the image of the Yellow Brick Road itself.

"They wouldn't let us paint the floor or anything, so we had to get creative with that," Byng said. "We're also using projected scenery so we don't have to move the walls or anything. We're just using images show where we are. It kind of keeps the show moving, too."

The projected images are a first at the Mielke, according to Byng, and they will also include, just like the film, one of the monstrous head that Dorothy and her friends see when they enter the wizard's chamber.

"We have an animation, and it's actually pretty scary," Byng said. "My goal is to make at least one kid pee his pants, either over the wizard or the witch."

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AT A GLANCE

WHAT: "The Wizard of Oz"
WHEN: 7 p.m. July 11-13, July 18-20; 2 p.m. July 14, July 21
WHERE: Mielke Arts Center, N5649 Airport Road, Shawano
ADMISSION: $15 adults, $10 youth

Beadwork combines business, friendship

Terrio, Rudesill use ancient Indigenous crafting techniques to make beauty

By LYNN ZAFFRANN
Correspondent

Using the centuries-old art of Native American beading, Jennifer Terrio and Colleen Rudesill have built both a thriving crafting business and a close friendship.

Their crafting partnership is called Best Budz Beads. They are great friends, and their friendship seems to have blossomed along with their love of beading.

Terrio, of Keshena, and Rudesill, of Gresham, both learned to bead in the same ways that have been passed down from generation to generation over thousands of years.

Terrio learned beading from a cousin, when she was about 12 years old.

"She started showing me how to bead. Through the years, I went to classes in Bowler and they showed me things, as well," Terrio said.

She noted that she wasn't as good back then, but that, even now, it takes continued practice to be able to bead.

"For me, it's therapy. I enjoy it; I bead until I can't bead no more," Terrio said.

According to Rudesill, her collaboration with Terrio started around 2014. Having gone to the same school and known each other for years, Rudesill connected with Terrio on Facebook, and the rest is history.

"We always get together, and we call it our little sweatshop," Terrio said.

Rudesill said that she started beading in school.

"Then, I met my husband," she said. "His sisters used to bead a lot. They showed me things, too."

Both of them shared that they have learned so much from other people. They said that other beaders do different work that gives them more techniques to learn and perfect.

Among the resources that help Terrio and Rudesill to continue to improve on their beading knowledge and give them inspiration are various beading sites on Facebook that they have joined.

"You can ask questions about certain stitches," Rudesill said, "and people help you out."

BEADWORK, CONTINUED ON PAGE 15



Jennifer Terrio, left, and Colleen Rudesill wear some of the earrings they've beaded, using Indigenous crafting techniques developed thousands of years ago. They have leveraged their friendship into Best Budz Beads and show the beadwork they create all around Wisconsin.
LYNN ZAFFRANN

Golden pot made of iron useful on journey



While relating a fascinating piece of family history, my father told me the decision to emigrate to America began taking shape for my ancestors John George Holzschuh and his wife, Anna Maria, in 1850. As they contemplated the prospective trip, one burning question demanded an answer. America was a huge place — wild, unfamiliar, fearsome. If they did go, where would they settle?

The whole village weighed in on their deliberations. Some called it reckless, foolhardy, madness — siding with her mother, who was vehemently opposed to the whole idea. Devoutly Roman Catholic, she stormed heaven, asking all the Saints to intervene and keep her daughter where she belonged, with her family in Bavaria. Many others praised John George's mettle, envious of his pluck and wishing they could go, too.

Desperate for an answer, John George beseeched the Blessed Virgin Mary for a sign, a strategy I evidently inherited, because I always ask God for a sign when faced with an important decision. The answer came in the form of a newspaper advertisement he happened upon.

The ad touted the virtues of Wisconsin, a new state in the Union promising cheap land and endless opportunity for hard-working immigrants. All a man had to do was prove he was debt free, in good health and of sound character. Oh, yes, and he would need $60 cash for passage to New York and another $40 to cover expenses involved in reaching Wisconsin. Times two, of course.

John George was certain he had his sign and began to plan in earnest. The best resource available was "The Emigrant's Handbook and Guide to Wisconsin." His heart must have soared when he read, "Wisconsin is one of the great communities, bound together for civil and religious liberty, a place in the vanguard of all the nations on earth to lead the march of human progress.



A golden pot made of iron has been passed down through the generations in Kathleen Marsh's family. KATHLEEN MARSH

We welcome you ... our land is broad; we need your aid to occupy it."

It took John George six years to save the money, but by March 1856, he and Anna Maria were ready to set sail to America. I always get emotional when I picture the scene on that dock in Bremmen. Imagine saying farewell to your loved ones, knowing you will never see them again. Imagine you're a parent, a sibling, a neighbor or a dear friend left behind.

One last embrace, one last wave of farewell, one last long look as the ship leaves the harbor, taking your most valued possession away forever. It must have been of small comfort to know that your only contact would be precious letters that could take months to be delivered.

For John George's mother, there was a double heartache that day; her daughter Margaretha had decided to go with her brother and Anna Marie. She, too, had read the Emigrant's Handbook: "There is a dire shortage of the fairer sex in Wisconsin, and an overabundance of eligible bachelors. Prospective males are quite willing to advance the fare."

My father said Margaretha wasn't exactly a mail order bride. She could reject her "eligible bachelor" once she arrived, but she was from a large family with limited resources. This was the only way she could get the money to finance the trip. It was a good decision. She met and married Johann Walter very shortly after arriving in Wisconsin.

By 1858, large steamships were the vessel of choice for American immigrants, but the Holzschuhs made their journey on a freighter powered by the wind. It must have taken them some time to load. They had to bring provisions for at least six weeks, as well as whatever personal possessions space would allow. John George packed his shoemaking lasts, and the women took cookware as they were expected to help in the galley. I like to think Anna Maria used my golden pot made of iron as she and her sister-in-law were turning heavily salted meat, dried foods and root vegetables into passable meals.

It must have been exhilarating as they got underway, tossing their sadness and fears overboard, oblivious to the hardships ahead. They expected to be seasick, but even the strongest and healthiest aboard ship could fall victim to a fatal accident. Fever, scurvy, trench mouth, ulcers, digestive ailments and mysterious swellings spread quickly in the damp, cramped quarters below deck where fresh air and proper sanitation were nonexistent.

One strictly-enforced rule, which seems cruel but saved many lives, required that even the sickest had to spend all daylight hours on deck. If you died, the ocean provided a quick and convenient final resting place. Most of those interred were victims of a vicious predator that stowed away on every single voyage, an efficient, equal-opportunity killer — cholera.

(To be continued)

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

Nancy Byng Theater gets fresh coat of paint

Volunteers have transformed the look of the Nancy Byng Community Theater from a quaint country church to a contemporary theater venue.

Repainting the former church building was a momentous task, requiring a group of hardworking volunteers, 30 gallons of paint, a boom lift, and favorable weather. All of these elements came together in late June. As a result, the white building at 5852 Maple St., Abrams, turned a stunning midnight blue.

To help cover the costs of the repainting project, Abrams Spotlight Productions Inc. launched a Paint and Perform fundraising campaign. ASPI hopes to raise $10,000, and a generous donor will match the first $1,000 that ASPI receives. Donors can give a financial gift by clicking the support tab of the ASPI website, www.abramstheater.com.

"Ticket sales alone don't cover the costs of operating a theater," said Bill Koehne, ASPI board president. "That's why we're so thankful to people and businesses that support the arts and enable us to bring great performances to the stage."

The Nancy Byng Community Theater has been home to ASPI since 2007. The former St. Louis Catholic Church was built in 1927 and has been fully renovated into a community theater venue. Because the white exterior siding was showing its age, the nonprofit theater organization decided to repaint the building's aluminum siding and replace the vinyl siding on the steeple.

"The new paint not only makes the theater look good and establishes our brand, it also lets people know this is a long-term asset to the community. It's not just somebody's short-term hobby," Koehne said.

The church had been white with blue trim, but now those colors are reversed for a contemporary, nonchurch-like look. Volunteer David Jolly coordinated and supervised the painting project over multiple weeks.

"A project of this magnitude requires a lot of time and hard work, and we're grateful for the volunteers who spent long days working in the heat to get the theater repainted," Jolly said. "The theater looks great, and we're excited to welcome people to this beautiful place to experience live theater."

Adam Surber, an ASPI parent volunteer, provided the painting equipment and 14 hours of labor to paint the building. Sherman Williams generously discounted the paint to about half-price. DLE Concrete and Remodeling resided the steeple area with midnight blue siding to match the rest of the exterior. The next theater improvement projects will involve landscaping, gutters, and foundation work.



In June, Abrams Spotlight Productions Inc. volunteers repainted the Nancy Byng Community Theater to a stunning midnight blue. To help cover the cost of the paint and lift rental, the community theater organization launched a Paint and Perform fundraising campaign. ASPI hopes to raise $10,000, and a generous donor will match the first $1,000 that ASPI receives. CONTRIBUTED

BEADWORK, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 14

They also said that they work so well with each other that they can put their heads together to come up with a solution to any bead work difficulty.

Terrio said that it can take hours and hours to complete a beading project. She mentioned that seeing other beaders' work at craft shows gives them a chance to learn some easier steps in working on a particular item.

Rudesill said that some of her items are drawn out on paper before the project is started.

"When you first get an order, you need to think about how you're going to do it, think about the pattern, have to figure out what beads you want to use. There's just a lot to it," Rudesill said.

The Best Budz duo doesn't work with the wooden or bone beads used thousands of years ago. Rudesill and Terrio often source the beads they use from the NEW Beads and Jewelry Store in Green Bay and Noc Bay Trading Co. online store. They do a lot of ordering online to take advantage of bulk pricing. Another source for beads was secured from someone they met at a craft fair.

Rudesill and Terrio are hard-pressed to identify which of their products is the most popular. Rudesill said that maybe earrings are most popular for her, either post or dangles. She also does a lot of dream catchers and lanyards. Terrio added that they will do whatever people ask for.

Recently, they showed their beading crafts in the Menominee Convention Center in Keshena during the Tribal Career Fair on June 20.

"It was great," Terrio said. "A lot of nice people came through."

Terrio and Rudesill also took part in the Winter Market in Keshena and were recognized there, which led to an invitation to participate in the career fair craft show.

The pair are able to fill two long tables, and sometimes more, with the amount and variety of their wares.

They participated in the craft fair at the Art Walk in the Woods in St. Germain on June 8. Rudesill said that they were the only beaders at that fair. They also showed at the St. Germain Flea Market in late May.

"We did pretty good up there," Rudesill said.

They are scheduled to take part in the Bear River Pow Wow in Lac du Flambeau on July 12-14.

Rudesill mentioned that they have been busier lately.

"I've even had some dream catchers shipped to Las Vegas," Rudesill said.

They are looking toward the future to expand their partnership and considering opening a bead store someday, since there are no local shops.

"Hopefully, someday it's a reality," Terrio said. "That is a goal to reach some day. It's nice to think about."

For information, they have a Facebook page titled Best Budz Beads.

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Shawano County 4-H earns dairy, livestock awards

Shawano County youth performed well during the Area Animal Science Day held June 18.

In the dairy judging division, 4-H members Logan Harbaugh and Hailey Zernicke lead the individual senior dairy team in first and second place, respectively. In the junior division, Hailey Fischer, Emily Nooyen, and Madison Harbaugh all placed in the top ten.

The junior dairy judging team placed second overall, with Fischer, Nooyen, Harbaugh, and Payton Priquette. Jack Zernicke was also recognized as a top dairy leadsperson.

In livestock, Faith Posbrig was second overall in the senior individual contest. The senior team, consisting of Faith Posbrig, Jenna Posbrig, Kelli Posbrig, and Amelia Sikorski, placed fifth.

In the junior division, Miles Sikorski, Ivan Hintz and Isaac Johnson all placed in the top ten individually. The junior team placed third overall with members Sikorski, Hintz, Johnson and Trevor Bohn.

At this event, over 325 4-H members in the livestock, horse, and dairy projects judged several classes and answered questions along with giving sets of reasons as to why they placed the class the way they did.

Area Animal Science Day is held around the state in June where youth in the horse, beef, dairy, horse, sheep and swine projects increase their decision-making skills and knowledge of animals through judging and grading experiences. Events include dairy cattle evaluation, livestock (beef, sheep, swine and meat goats) evaluation, oral reasons contests for senior members and dairy showmanship contests. In addition, a poster and photography contest was also held.



The Shawano County 4-H Junior Dairy Judging Team includes Javen Priquette, Madison Harbaugh, Hailey Fischer, Emily Nooyen and Payton Priquette with coaches Lynn Harbaugh, Jay Joquet, Laura Stycynski and Trent Stycynski.
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4-H members make notes as they observe cows moving around in the barn as part of Area Animal Science Day.
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4-H member from Krakow wins $1,000 scholarship

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation awarded Amber Seitz, of Krakow, a $1,000 Oscar G. and Mary M. Woelfel Memorial Scholarship.

Seitz has been active in her 4-H Club in Oconto County for 10 years. Her projects are focused on livestock and agriculture, showing swine, sheep and dairy cows at the county fair and state fair. She has held several leadership positions including Oconto County 4-H Leader's Association secretary and president of her 4-H club.

Seitz is graduating high school and plans to attend UW-River Falls to major in animal science to become a U.S. Department of Agriculture meat inspector. Outside of 4-H, she has also been involved in Leo Club, National Honor Society, the Big Brothers Big Sisters Program, marching band and FFA.

One of Seitz's most impactful 4-H activities has been volunteering at the Oconto County Breakfast on the Farm, where she was able to support people learning about agriculture and share her passion with others.

"Our 4-H youth exemplify true leaders," said Brenda Scheider, director of development for the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation. "Amber is a great example of a young person who is using the skills learned through 4-H to 'make the best better.' I know that our future is bright because of our 4-H youth."

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation awards scholarships annually to outstanding Wisconsin students pursuing higher education. Scholarship recipients are selected based on demonstrated personal growth, development and leadership, academic performance and future educational goals. This year, $29,000 in scholarships was awarded.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, JULY 12

BOWLER: American Red Cross blood drive, 11:30 a.m. to 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 noon, Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St.

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

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

SHAWANO: "The Wizard of Oz," 2 p.m., Mielke Arts Center, N5649 Airport Road. Presented by Box in the Wood Theatre Guild. Tickets $15 adults, $10 18 and under.

SHAWANO: Music at Arlington Park, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Arlington Park, 300 Humphrey Circle. It's Just Us Band.

MONDAY, JULY 15

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 16

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. Disney Night.

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 17

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 18

NAVARINO: Digging Dinos Day Camp, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. Ages 3-8, $40 members, $50 nonmembers.

PULASKI: Polka Days, 4-11 p.m., Polka Days Grounds, 419 E. Pulaski St. $5 admission. Three music stages, fireworks at dusk.

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 The Third Wheels.

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 19

NAVARINO: Digging Dinos Day Camp, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. Ages 3-8, $40 members, $50 nonmembers.

PULASKI: Polka Days, 1 p.m. to 1 a.m., Polka Days Grounds, 419 E. Pulaski St. $20 admission. Three music stages, polka lessons 1:30-3 p.m. (tent 2).

SHAWANO: Smalley Beach Bash, 2-7 p.m., Smalley Park, 211 Riverside Drive. Food trucks, giant inflatables, DJ/Karaoke, tubing with the Shawano Ski Sharks, popsicles with the Shawano area Police, crafts with the Shawano Library.

LAKEWOOD: Mardi Gras, 3-11 p.m., Memorial Park Pavilion, 15274 North Road. Carnival rides and games, live music, softball tournament.

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 20

SHAWANO: USSA Disabled Veterans Bass Tournament, 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information and boat registration call or text tournament director Stuart Henning 715-304-9740. Food and music at Huckleberry Harbor, 222 N. Sawyer St.

SHAWANO: FRESH Project Farmers Market, 8 a.m. to noon, Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St.

SHAWANO: Red River Rider Therapeutic Horses Open House and Outreach, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Red River Riders, N6669 Cherry Road. Food truck, craft and market vendors, information.

DOTY: Doty Fire Department Picnic, 11 a.m., Fire Department and Town Hall, 14899 County Road T.

LAKEWOOD: Mardi Gras, noon to 11 p.m., Memorial Park Pavilion, 15274 North Road. Carnival rides and games, live music, softball tournament.

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

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Live bait tops lure performance on vacation



Ross Bielema
Columnist

Although I've been fishing for just shy of 60 years, I finally bought my first muskie lure last month.

I have spent a small fortune on fishing lures over the years, but I was shocked to find muskie luresaveraged $20 to $30 each at the Appleton Fleet Farm store. Ouch.

Since I'm a bargain hunter and Dutch, I managed to find one for $9. I had no idea if it would catch fish, but it was big. I was headed to Long Lake in Phillips on a family vacation and wanted to blend in with the locals.

I've had a love-hate relationship with lures, normally refusing to admit that sometimes live bait just works better. The live bait edge once again reared its wormy head.

I have cast to visible muskies before on Lily Lake near Pickerel, using standard-sized crankbaits (the big one in front and the bigger one behind him were not impressed and didn't even move in my lure's direction), but I decided it was time to get serious as we planned the trip to this 419-acre lake in Price County.

I looked at photos of giant muskies on Facebook pages linked to the lake and area guides, amazed at how big these leviathans get and how much effort muskie anglers expend to catch them.

I grew up on the Mississippi River in northern Illinois (Fulton, home of Lock and Dam 13), and learned to catch panfish, bullheads and channel cats using my dad's only bait: a nightcrawler. I also shot some big carp and buffalo with my recurve bows (a 21-pounder is my personal record). I started using lures, especially plastic worms, when I transferred as a junior to Southern Illinois University in Carbondale.

Southern Illinois is a mecca for bass fishermen, and I was pretty happy to pull a 2-pound largemouth out of Crab Orchard Lake within seconds of tossing my first Mann's Jelly Worm (grape color) in a weedless Carolina rig that a local bait shop showed me how to tie. I had been reading about these lakes for years in the local section of "Sports Afield" but never thought I'd get down to any of these famed fishing holes.

I brushed shoulders with many fishing experts, both local and national, when I enjoyed the best job of my life: full-time outdoors writer for the Quad-City Times in Davenport, Iowa. I bass fished with circuit pro Woo Daves and learned a variety of tricks from a number of catfish, panfish, ice fishing and bass locals. My tackle boxes continued to swell, as they still do today.

I had to pass off one of the greatest fishing assignments of all time in the fall of 1998, thanks to my wife — or should I say our Sept. 19 wedding?

The nation's bass angling pros poured into the Quad-Cities for a chance to win what was the largest cash prize in tournament history as the Walmart FLW paid out $250,000 for first place. I covered the preceding weeks of the event but had to hand off the event's dramatic finale to another sports writer.

I was later amazed to find that the winner, Davy Hite, and runner-up Tommy Biffle both found their winning bass at Lock and Dam 13's upper pool, fishing within mere feet of my childhood haunts. Of course, the pros all use lures that their sponsors build.

A huge pool of water lilies blooms there each year, creating a visual display that conceals the trophy bass lurking below. I never knew until then that all those bass were there. The pros know how to quickly read cover and topography, while many of us hack fishermen are just content to stumble along without seeking expert advice.

Many knowledgeable anglers and virtually all bait shops are willing to share their expertise if we stubborn anglers just ask.

My wife has a slight interest in fishing, preferring heavy Dacron line on an open-faced reel and a metal rod, using only worms. Since she has no patience, she will give up if a fish doesn't bite in five or 10 minutes.



Kalispell Bielema, daughter of columnist Ross Bielema, shows off a small bluegill she caught June 23 at Long Lake in Phillips. The rental house on the lake offered gorgeous scenery and wildlife views, including a fawn that appeared for a quick drink on the opposite shore.
ROSS BIELEMA

My daughter, Kalispell, seemed excited about fishing at Long Lake. She bought her first fishing license online, as did her boyfriend, Evan Haugen. Both got the first license deal from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources: A mere $5 (normally $20 for adults, $7 for age 16-17). You can also get this discount if you haven't bought a state fishing license in 10 years.

They bought some "red trout worms" from a convenience store vending machine, and Kalispell was soon pulling out some small bluegills and decent-sized crappies from the dock. I was casting crankbaits and never did get to throw the $9 muskie lure. I never got a bite with lures, but something took my worm when I switched over to the real deal. Maybe Dad was right.

Of course, there is the kid factor. Kids almost always outfish the adults. I'll just go with that theory.

Ross Bielema is a freelance writer from New London and owner of Wolf River Concealed Carry LLC. Readers can contact him at ross@wolfriverccw.com.

Climate action not optional in the world today



Ryan Winn
Columnist

Reporting on an event is a weighty responsibility. As a monthly columnist, I'm thrilled to highlight some of the important stories that people from throughout Northeast Wisconsin may have missed. As an academic trained to scour media archives, I know all too well the truism that newspapers are the first draft of history. I appreciate what a single story can offer a community, recognizing that I best get it right.

I typically begin my work by requesting an interview from the central figures being chronicled in the column. In the case of the Climate Adaptation for Tribal Nations in Wisconsin, my points of contact were Oneida Nation tribal member Sara Smith, tribal climate resilience liaison, and Ally Scott, deputy tribal climate resilience liaison. Both women fall under the umbrella of the Midwest Climate Adaption Science Center while working out of the Sustainable Development Institute at the College of Menominee Nation's Keshena campus.

To my surprise, my interview solicitation was politely declined. A joint email thread noted that "The planning committee decided not to do interviews, in preference of people reporting back directly to their communities and leadership about their experiences." So, off I went to the Radisson Hotel and Conference in Green Bay, equipped only with my trusty notepad and writer's intuition.

Held on June 25-26, the conference gathered people from throughout the Midwest to hear speakers and partake in a training titled "Climate Adaptation 101." The goal of the latter being, "to prepare tribal technical staff to engage in climate adaption work by gaining a basic understanding of fundamental concepts and available tools and resources."

We opened with a request to share information with our fellow attendees that included who we are, our professional affiliations and responsibilities, and "one reason why you care about climate change." The answers to the first two questions were as expected, including local tribal employees and those who had traveled from Lake Superior's Wisconsin shoreline, Michigan's Upper Peninsula, and Northern Illinois.



Ally Scott welcomes attendees to the Climate Adaptation for Tribal Nations of Wisconsin conference.
RYAN WINN

The answer to the latter question revealed the direness of the topic at hand. Those assembled revealed fears about flooding, invasive species, the dearth of snowfall, bird migration, early sugar maple camps, habitat loss, and the proliferation of extreme weather. The presenters appeared not to be surprised by the collective answers, with Scott acknowledging "Climate change is not primarily caused by tribal nations, but climate change is disproportionately impacting tribal nations."

The conference's participant workbook stated that climate adaptation is "the process of adjustment to actual or expected climate and its effects to moderate harm or exploit beneficial opportunities." Smith said, "Adaption is not just about the land, it's also about the people."

In contrast, climate mitigation includes the "measures to reduce the amount and rate of future climate change by reducing admissions of heat-trapping gases or removing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere." Scott shared the tip that "Mitigation can be controversial. Adaption work is more readily funded through grants across different federal administrations. So, when doing funded adaptation work, look for ways to mitigate, too."

The presentation moved quickly, offering a "high-level overview" of how we each could maximize our roles as climate allies. The presenters shared best practices on conducting vulnerability assessments, which are "a tool to help identify what is at risk from climate change and why it is vulnerable," as well as adaption planning, which "incorporates climate change as a consideration for planning, programs, operations, and/or management."

Scott recognized the potential of participants being overwhelmed by their findings, wanting to do too much, and spreading themselves too thin. "Focus on who's most vulnerable. Don't focus on who's most important but on who's most at risk. It's the difference between goals that need to happen versus what can be achieved."

Smith reminded the assembled that it's tribal members' engagement which must be at the heart of all the work in their communities. "Ask questions that the community understands. Rather than asking, 'Have you seen examples of climate change?' Ask, 'Have you seen any changes in the landscape?' They're seeing changes in the climate. They're just not using that vocabulary."

The vernacular of the climate adaptation for tribal nations in Wisconsin conveyed initiatives emphasized by urgency. Climate action is required of each and every one of us. We better get to it, and we best get it right.

Ryan Winn, Ph.D., teaches communications, English, history and theater at the College of Menominee Nation. Visit www.menominee.edu for more information about the school.

Ski Sharks to host national competition

Barefoot skiers group will attempt Guinness world record-setting event in September

BY KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

One would think that with all the time invested by the Shawano Ski Sharks in putting on weekly water-ski shows for more than two months, there wouldn't be a lot of time left to volunteer for something else.

One would be wrong.

The four-day Wisconsin State Tournament will be held July 18-21 on Lake Wazeecha at Red Sand Beach at South Wood County Park near Wisconsin Rapids.

Hosted by the Wisconsin Rapids Aqua Skiers, the championship is the largest ski show tournament in the world, with 28 teams being judged to find the best of the best.

The Ski Sharks are a Division 2 team and will ski on the afternoon of July 19.

The tournament is free for spectators.

The Shawano Ski Sharks will host the BankFirst Division 2 National Water-ski Tournament presented by Visit Central Florida on Aug. 2-4.

"Our ski site is one of the most desirable sites in the industry and is a popular place to hold events," said Dave Passehl, president of the Ski Sharks. "We bid for the tournament each year and have been awarded it for 2024."

The tournament moves around the country to give other teams an opportunity at hosting.

"It is an incredible amount of work to set up, but once you see 3,000 people come to our community and fill our hotels and restaurants and fill the stands for three days, it's pretty exciting to see."

On Sept. 8, there will be an attempt to break the Guinness World Record for the most barefoot skiers in a single line.

The record of 38 was set exactly five years earlier in Shawano. The line started with 40 water skiers, but two fell during the step-off process.

The record was achieved by the Webfooters at the Big Pull 2019 event in Shawano, powered by Evinrude Big Pull. To earn the title, all participants had to remain barefoot for a minimum of 300 meters.

This record was set with three 300 hp Evinrude G2 outboards mounted on a 21-foot DynaSki boat.

This year, 45 skiers will try to break the record with a new boat rigged with triple 500 racing Mercury engines.

To witness the first attempt, show up at 7 a.m. at Smalley Park.

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The Shawano Ski Sharks need to raise about $60,000 each year to pay for their practices, performances and special events. This money includes $20,000 for insurance and almost $8,000 for fuel.
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The Shawano Ski Sharks will perform at and host the BankFirst Division 2 National Waterski Tournament presented by Visit Central Florida on Aug. 2-4.
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Local racers win big at Shawano Speedway

BY KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

Shawano racers won four of the five feature races at the Shawano Speedway on July 6.

Tommy Rindt started in seventh place in the IMCA sport modifiers feature and moved all the way to the top spot. Oconto Falls' Cole Magnin started one place in front of Rindt but ended one spot behind in second when the checkered flag flew.

In the first heat, Shannon Fandrey of Birnamwood had the pole and stayed with it to the end for the win. Magnin again placed second after moving up five spots from his place in the starting grid.

Shawano's Trace Yeager won the second heat, advancing from a second-place start.

The other top five finishers also moved up form their starting points. Placing second was Sean Falk of Bonduel, who started fourth; Cole Slezewski, Pulaski, placed third after starting sixth; Tommy Rindt, Shawano, placed fourth after starting seventh; and Jeffery Teske, Shawano, finished fifth after starting in the ninth spot. Mattoon's Heidi Fleischman dropped to sixth after starting in the P1 slot.

For the dirt late models, Troy Springborn jumped from a fourth-place starting spot to earn the checkered flag. Marshfield's Chris Oertel started in first and placed second, while Bonduel's Nick Anvelink started eighth and placed third.

Abrams' Ron Berna won the first heat, with Anvelink in second. The second heat was won by Jordan Barkholz, Hortonville.

Trent Nolan made a huge jump in position to capture the IMCA stock cars feature. Starting back in the 14th slot, he moved all the way to the front by the end of the race. Dan Michonski of Marion was a seventh-place starter but a second-place finisher.

Travis VanStraten, Hortonville, won the first heat; Mitch Stankowski, Wausau, won the second heat; and Brekken Kleinschmidt, Shawano, won the third heat, followed by Travis Welch, Gillett.

In the Mighty 4s, Dalton Nelson of Shawano started in the No. 8 position and won, followed by Clintonville's Tanner Westphal, who started the race in seventh.

Braden Allen, Sobieski, won the first heat, and Justin Haufe, Marion, won the second heat.

The only outlier was Marcus Yarlie, of Wausau, who won the IMCA modifiers after starting seventh. He also won his heat after starting sixth. The other heat winner was Tannery Janke, of New London.

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$14,000 raised at Racing for a Reason

Shawano Speedway's Racing for a Reason fundraiser June 29 collected $14,217. The funds will be presented to HSHS St. Vincent's Child Life Services on July 20.

The races that night were an extra blessing as it was the first the cars were on the track after being rained out three weeks in a row.

Brett Swedberg and Chris Engels were the front row starters for the late model feature. Swedberg got the hole shot from Engels as they completed lap 1.

Behind the leaders, action was picking up fast as Troy Springborn (starting sixth) and Andy Karl (starting 10th) began to pass cars. Springborn caught Swedberg coming into corner 3 on lap 7 and made the clean pass. Karl got up to Swedberg at times but wasn't able to pass him.

When the final lap was complete, Springborn earned his third victory of the year.

In the IMCA stock cars feature, the "Horicon Hurricane" Jeremy Christians and Shawn "Lunchbox" Wagner set the pace for the 25-lap event.

By lap 3, Dan Michonski used his fourth-place starting spot to get to the outside and slip past the leaders. The action from second place on back was heating up as several drivers were moving up in positions fast. Nate Michonski moved up five spots but the hard charger was Dylan Stedjee passing nine cars in this event. On lap 14, Travis VanStratten had found himself on the heels of Dan Michonski for the lead. VanStratten used the preferred bottom grove to slip past Michonski and went on to claim another feature win.

IMCA modifieds saw Jerry Muenster win his heat race earlier in the night, and as the luck of the draw goes, he earned himself and fellow heat winner of the night Jordan Bartz the front row starting spots for the A-Main event.

Bartz got the advantage going into turn 1. Konnor Wilinski moved up from his sixth-place starting spot to give chase to Bartz, with Wyatt Block following closely. After several cautions for spins and debris, track officials went to a single-file restart. With time expiring soon, the race was set to go green, white, checkered. By this time, Block had gotten around Konnor Wilinski for second place.



Jordan Bartz won the IMCA Modified feature race at the Shawano Speedway on June 29. He started on the front row and crossed the finish line first on a green, white, checkered restart.
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As the double checkers flew, Bartz picked up the feature win.

IMCA northern sport mods A-Main event went green to checker.

Zach Raab and Logan Fleischman sat on the front row. Raab pretty much shot out a cannon at the drop of the green flag. Raab was followed by Fleischman, Cole Magnum, Max Oreskovich and Kevin Bethke. Around the halfway point, Magnin found himself in second place and at times was gaining on the leader Raab. Oreskovich and Fleischman were swapping positions through the next several laps. When flag man swirled the double checkers, it was Raab who crossed the line first.

Mighty 4 division saw Calvin Stueck and Clint Malueg on the front row. Stueck was in charge early on in this 12-lap feature. Tanner Pari and Braden Allen had a challenge for Stueck for several laps. The man on a move was Brad Wedde, moving up eight spots and finally reaching the top spot. The race wasn't done there, as Justin Haufe had a little something for Wedde but just couldn't make it stick until the end and ended up taking second.

BADGER AMATEUR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

Wittenberg scores in double digits in decisive win

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

This past weekend was made up of doubleheaders in the South Central Division of the Badger Amateur Baseball Association and a number of makeup games in the East-West and North divisions.

East-West Division
Week 10, July 7
Tigerton 3, Tilleda 2
WP: Paul Sellner
LP: Zack Fehrman
Tigerton hitters: 14 hits
Gunner Kopitzke 2x6
Austin Hoffman 3x6
Paul Sellner 3x6 w/ walk-off 2B
Issah Hiddie 2x4
Tilleda hitters: 6 hits
Aiden Brei 2x5
Zack Fehrman, Landen Kroening, Adam Strassberg and Ben Smith added hits.

Marion 6, Tilleda 4 (at Tigerton)
WP: Jared Sonnenberg
LP: Jay Brei
Marion hitters
Mitch Elandt 3x4 w/2-2B
Blake Weatherwax, Dave Jueds, Caleb Wrath, Jared Sonneberg and Hayden Miller added a hit.
Tilleda hitters
Aiden Brei 4x5
Adam Strassberg 1x4 w/2B
Zach Fehrman, Landen Kroening, Stephen Reinke, Hutter Elllenberg and Pete Flanigan added a hit.

Clintonville 12, Leopolis 2
WP: Jaden Doornink 6IP, 5H, 9K, 1BB
LP: Andrew Kristof 7IP, 11H, 2K, 6BB
Clintonville hitters: 11 hits
Hunter Vollmer 3x4 2B, 3B, 1 RBI
Jordan Koeppen 3x3 3 RBI
Austin Hoffman 2x4 2B, 1 RBI
Leopolis hitters: 6 hits
Dylan Hodkiewicz 1x3 2B, 1RBI
Nate Laude 1x4 1 RBI
Cody Urban 2x3

Northern Division
Week 10, July 5
Antigo/Polar 5, Wittenberg 3
WP: Eli Fleischman
LP: Nathan Waupekeny
Antigo/Polar hitters
Wesli Rivera 2x4
Mason Gray 2x3 w/2B
Logan Doering 2x3
Wittenberg hitters
Zach Urquahart 2x4 w/3b
Five other players had a hit.

July 7
Birnamwood 6, Hatley 3
WP: Mason Meverden
LP: Ben Cumliffe
Birnamwood: 8 hits
Landen Parlier 2x4
Logan Theix 2x5
Hatley: 9 hits
Nick Cotter 2x5
Wyatt Brown 2x4 w/3B
John Breske 2x4

Aniwa 8, Elderon 7
WP: Kody Szews, 9 innings
LP: Trevor Groshek
Aniwa hitters
Chris Wiesman 3x4 with HR
Tanner Graham 2x4
Kody Szews had a double
Elderon hitters
Ian Zeinert 4x5
Brandon Groshek 3x5
Austin Worzalla 2x4 with 2B

Wittenberg 11, Elderon 6
WP: Aaron Heyroth
LP: Thomas Lemanczyk
Wittenberg: 14 hits
Noah Cole 4x5
Nathan Waupekenay 2x5
Pierson Potrykus 2x3
Preston Bagley 2x3
Aaron Heyroth 2x3
Elderon: 7 hits
Ian Zeinert 2x3
Brandon Groshek 2B

Eland – BYE

South Central Division
Week 11, July 7
New London 11, WeyMont 4
WP: Chevyn Aus
LP: Jacob Doede
New London hitters
Dylan Moeller 2x2 3 R, 3 BB
Tucker Kohl 2x4 2 R
Andrew Parker 2x3 1 R
WeyMont hitters
Wyatt Wetzel 2x4 2 RBI
Zach Costello 2x4 1 R, 1 RBI

New London 13, WeyMont 8
WP: Kyle Krenke
LP: Luke Schwenn
New London hitters
Andrew Parker 2x3 HR
Dylan Moeller 2x3 3 R, 2 RBI
Ethan Hertzfeldt 2x3 2 R, 4 RBI
WeyMont hitters
Andrew Wildner 2x4 HR
Luke Schwenn 3x4 1 R, 1 RBI
Collin Jorgensen 2x3 2 R, 1 RBI

Plover 12, Winneconne 3
WP: Wyatt Blaskowski
LP: Wyatt Hammerra
Winneconne hitters
Jordan Buchholz 3x4 RBI
Thomas Butt 2x4
Plover hitters
Kaden Thauer 2x3 2 runs RBI
Wyatt Blaskowski 2x2 2 runs 2 RBI

Plover 4, Winneconne 1
WP: Zack Hintz
LP: Carter Rhode
Winneconne hitters
Jordan Buchholz 1x4 run
Thomas Butt 2x4
Wyatt Hammerra 2x3
Plover hitters
AJ O'Brien 1x2 2 runs
Josh Marcione 1x2 2b 2 RBI
Matt Glodowski 1x1 run

Scandinavia – BYE

July 12, 7:30 p.m.
Clintonville at Caroline (fireworks after the game)
Gresham at Tigerton

July 14, 1:30 p.m.
Scandinavia New London
Plover at WeyMont
Winneconne – BYE
Little Falls at Shawano
Tilleda at Menominee
Crandon at Neopit
Leopolis at Marion
Caroline at Gresham
Antigo/Polar at Birnamwood
Eland at Elderon
Hatley at Aniwa, 11 a.m.
Aniwa at Hatley, 2 p.m.
Wittenberg – BYE

Rain again postponed all of the night games scheduled for June 28.

East-West Division
Week 9
June 28
Leopolis at Caroline, postponed to July 19 (Fireworks postponed to July 12)

Tigerton at Menominee, postponed to a date to be determined

June 30

Menominee 9, Shawano 1
WP: Ray Lemieux
LP: Mike Korth
Menominee: 9 hits
Mitchell Vande Walle 3x5 w/2b
Austin Peters 2x4
Bryce Dixon 1x1, 3 walks
Shawano: 4 hits
Noah Jones 1x2
Kadin Ihkre 1x3
Garrett Kadonski 1x4

Neopit 10, Clintonville 7
WP: Walker Miller 6IP, 4R, 1K, 5H
LP: Brock Smejkal 7IP, 7R, 6K's, 9H
Clintonville: 6 hits
Hunter Vollmer 2x5 2RBI
Aaron Morse 1x3 w/ 2B, 1RBI
Keenan Doornink 1x3 1RBI
Neopit: 14 hits
Wendell Waukau 3x5 w/ 2B, 1RBI
Bobby Peters 1x4 w/ 2-Run HR
Walker Miller 1x4 w/ 2-Run HR

Marion 6, Gresham 5, 11 innings
WP: Jared Sonnenberg
LP: Luke Pecore

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Navarino outlasts Marinette in 7-5 win

BY NEW MEDIA STAFF

Navarino 7, Marinette 5

The Navarino Rangers jumped out to an early lead, scoring four runs in the first inning against Marinette on July 7 in Dairyland League Baseball.

Bailey Dingeldein reached on an error followed by Ryan Boettcher getting hit by a pitch. Brett Krull's bunt single would set up a two-RBI double for Kyle Finger.

Navarino scored two more runs on an error by Marinette. The Rangers added a run in the third on a bases-loaded walk to Boettcher.

Marinette scored a run in the fifth and then tied the game at 5-5 in the sixth inning.

Navarino responded as Boettcher singled in Joey Wagester in the top of the seventh.

The Rangers added an insurance run in the ninth after a sac bunt by Wagester and an RBI groundout by Bailey Dingeldein scoring Mason Dingeldein, who drew a lead off walk. Finger ended the day hitting 2-for-5 with a double and two RBIs. He also pitched four innings, allowed two hits, four earned runs, walked six and struck out four.

Spencer Dauphinee was the pitcher for the other five innings. He allowed three hits, one earned run, walked four and struck out four.

Hortonville 7, Nichols 2

The Hortonville Stars defeated the Nichols Nitros 7-2 on June 30 to improve their league record to 9-1 and overall record to 9-3.

The Nitros jumped out to an early 1-0 lead, but the Stars responded with three runs in the bottom of the fifth and three more in the eighth inning to seal the deal.

Cage Kavanagh continued his excellence at the plate, pacing the Stars with four hits. Dan Wunderlich added two hits of his own including a big-time RBI double in the seventh inning.

Colan Treml and Mason Thiel combined for eight strikeouts on the mound while allowing five hits and one earned run. Treml went seven innings and picked up the win on the mound.

Hortonville amassed 11 hits in the game.

Cecil 5, Navarino 3

The Cecil Mudhens beat the Navarino Rangers 5-3 on June 30 to improve their record to 5-5 in Dairyland league play.

The Mudhens got on the board in the first inning after leadoff hitter Ken Casper walked and Garrett Engel singled to move Casper up one base. Braden Uelman walked to load the bases, and Connor Schroeder singled, scoring two runs.

Navarino scored in the fourth on an Adam Beilfuss RBI single, making it 2-1.

Cecil answered by having three runs cross the plate in the fifth inning to extend the lead to 5-1. Engel hit a solo home run to left field to open the scoring. After an error and walk, Schroeder singled, scoring one. Two more successive walks plated another.

Navarino scored runs in the seventh and ninth innings to make things interesting.

Isaac Boldt earned the win for Mudhens. He surrendered five hits and one run over 5 1/3 innings, striking out five and walking two.

Spencer Dauphinee took the loss for Navarino. He went four innings, allowing five runs (three earned) on five hits, striking out four and walking four. Jake Sager threw 3 2/3 innings in relief.

Schroeder, Engel and Boldt had two hits each for the Mudhens. Cecil was patient at the plate, accumulating eight walks in the game.

Little Falls 9, Navarino 3

The Loggers pounded out 14 hits en route to a 9-3 win over the Rangers.

Navarino led 3-2 after four innings as Bailey Dingeldein singled in the first run followed by Nathan Gramms driving home two in the fourth inning.

Little Falls added four runs in the fifth inning to recapture the lead and cruise to victory. Gramms and Adam Beilfuss had two hits for the Rangers.

BABA, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 24

Marion scored 3 runs in the bottom of the 11th after Gresham scored 2 in the top of the 11th.

Marion:
Jake Westphal 2x6
Mitch Eland 2x5 w/2B
Dave Jueds 1x1 w/2B - 2RBI
Nick Schoen 5 Walks
Gresham:
Jerzy Brocker 2x4 w/2B
Carter Weisnicht 3x6
Tom Nietzer 3x6 w/3B

Tilleda 4, Crandon 0

WP: Zack Fehrman CG, 10K, 2BB, 3H
LP: Curtis Paschen CG, 6K, 3BB, 8H
Tilleda:
Jay Brei 3x4 Zack Fehrman, Aiden Brei, Landon Kroening, Stephen Reinke and Ben Smith each had a hit.
Crandon: Jonah Dewing 2x4 Elias Glinski 1x3

Little Falls 13, Tigerton 0, 7 innings

WP: Chris Dunn
LP: Caleb Dalhstrom
Little Falls: 13 hits
Parker Gullixon 3x4
Cam Gruenwald 1x4 w/ GS HR
Drew Radies 2x3 w/HR
Kal Fischer 1x3 w/HR
Tigerton: 3 hits
Paul Sellner, Pat Provoast and Conner Harris each had hits.

South Central Division

Week 10, June 30

Scandinavia 9 at WeyMont 0, forfeit

Winneconne 6, New London 5, 7 innings

WP: Wyatt Hammersma
LP: Chevyn Aus
New London:
Austin Warren 3x4
Noah Hansen 2x4
Winneconne:
Jayden Peppler 1x3, 2B
Wyatt 1x3

New London 14, Winneconne 2, 5 innings, makeup

WP: Kyle Krenke
LP :Jayden Peppler
New London:
Noah Hansen 2HR 5 RBI
Mason Mussvitch 3x3
Winneconne:
Jared Danke 2x3 RBI
Plover – BYE

Northern Division

Week 9, June 28

Elderon at Wittenberg, postponed to July 7

June 30

Eland 14, Antigo/Polar 7

WP: Dylan Trigg
LP: AJ Kirsch
Eland: 15 hits
Charlie Woida 2x5 w/ HR
Jacob Ligenza 2x5 w/ double and HR
Ryan Richter added a HR
Peyton Flees added a HR
Nic Barnes 2x5 w/double and HR
Shane Larson 2x4
Jared Richter 2x5 w/ double
Antigo Polar: 9 hits
Eli Flieshman added double
AJ Kirsch added a HR
Mason Gray 2x5
Wesley Rivera 2x4

Aniwa 5, Birnamwood 3

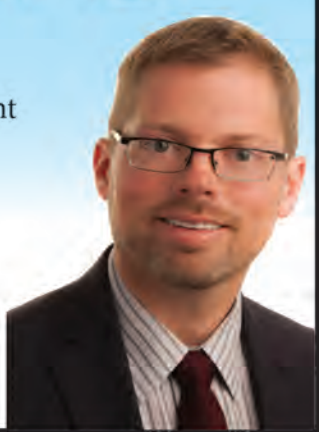
WP: Kody Szews
LP: Mason Meverden

Hatley – BYE

July 6, 7:30 p.m.

Wittenberg at Antigo/Polar July 7, 1:30 p.m.
Birnamwood at Hatley
Elderon at Aniwa, 1 p.m.
Elderon at Wittenberg, 4 p.m.
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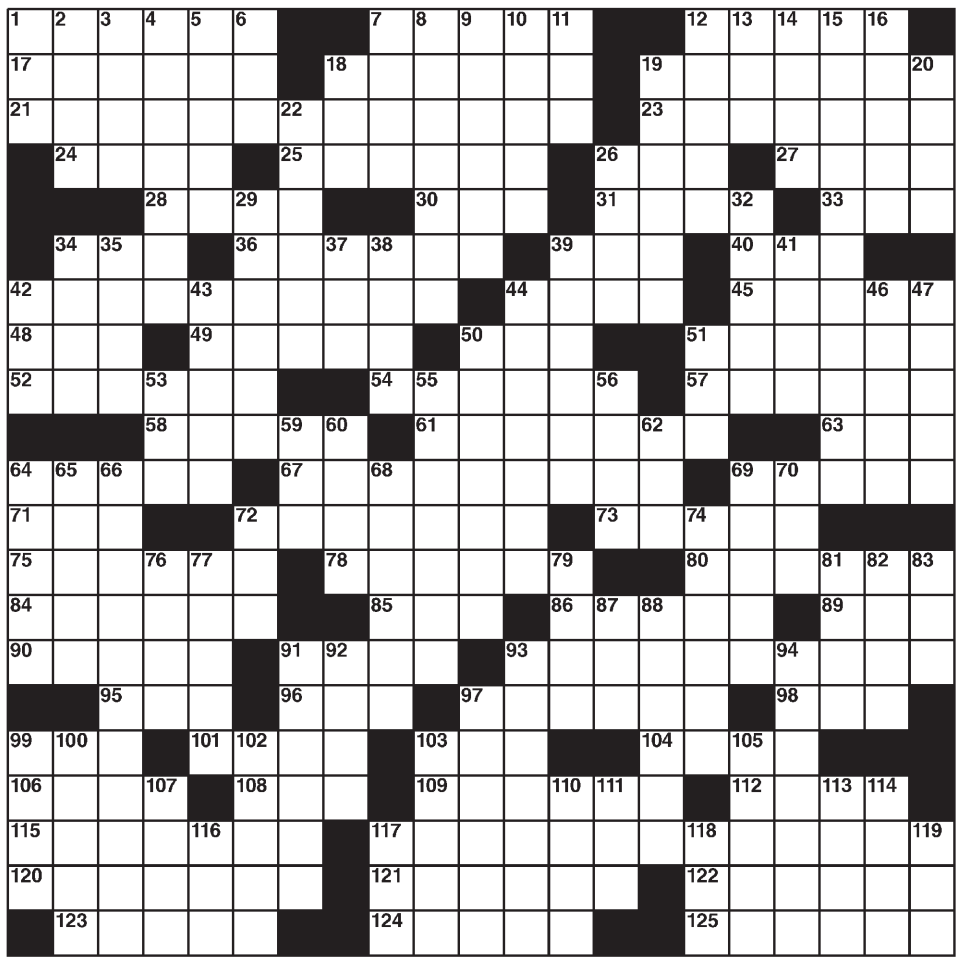
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7 Tree surgeon procedure
12 Carefree escapades
17 Hotshot pilot
18 Evening party
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21 *Frontier Marshal* (1939)
23 Run-down place
24 Horse's restraint
25 Find a new adopter for, as a pet
26 Prefix for spell
27 Caesar's rebuke
28 Brown soda flavor
30 Little bit
31 Keatsian creations
33 Cerise or cardinal
34 TV listing abbr.
36 Formally passes
39 "u r so funny!"
40 Ostrich cousin
42 *Wichita* (1955)
44 Quote as a reference
45 Grand view
48 Get more mellow
49 Ordered out
50 UN observer group
51 Teaching session
52 Nautical
54 Seers' decks
57 Aim (to)
58 Common Irish surname
61 Take for a dry run
63 Spike or Ang
64 Colonel's subordinate
67 Western legend portrayed by the six longest answers
69 Joins with a torch
71 Slangy suffix
72 More tearful
73 Prevent, in legalese
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80 Scratchy-throated
84 Baby's bodysuit
85 Tub trio of rhyme
86 *Pirates of Penzance* heroine
89 Aural receiver
90 Pine extract
91 Gratified
93 *My Darling Clementine* (1946)
95 Comic's line
96 Flatbread of India
97 Broad-winged bird
98 Pollen carrier
99 Neighbor of BC
101 Gush out
103 Debate participant
104 Low-carb regimen
106 "A __ pittance!"
108 Grafton's __ *for Alibi*
109 Defoe's French contemporary
112 Chance of loss
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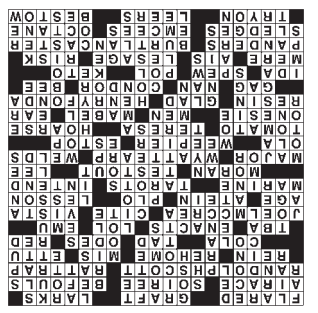
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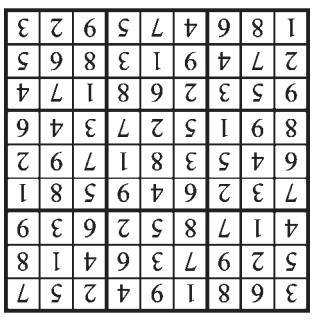
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7 "Gee whiz!"
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10 Threw a party for
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12 Renter's document
13 Astern
14 Repetitive learning
15 *Tombstone* (1993)
16 List of candidates
18 Nautical pronoun
19 Horse's restraint
20 Starchy side dish
22 Move with swagger
26 Pointless to debate
29 Hopkins Oscar role
32 Evening hour
34 Caesarean garb
35 Tavern serving
37 NL West team
38 Euro fraction
39 Ray of *Goodfellas*
41 Thin fog
42 Strawberry spread
43 Posh residence
44 Effective salespersons
46 Moderated, with "down"
47 Chile's range
50 11- or 12-year-old
51 Kindled
53 Texter's "I believe"
55 Dressed (in)
56 Feeling offended
59 Leave amazed
60 Russian refusal
62 Increases
64 Glider's lack
65 Without help
66 *Sunset* (1988)
68 Tarzan nickname
69 Novelist Virginia
70 Smog-monitoring org.
72 Adversity
74 "And __ off!" (racetrack shout)
76 Near East locale
77 Sounds from a small bell
79 Congregation affirmation
81 Name meaning "born again"
82 Marquis de __
83 Noteworthy period
87 "Not to mention..."
88 Needing repair
91 Granitelike rock
92 Successful legislation
93 Cell phone pouch
94 Woodwind players
97 Strong-arm
99 Small scamps
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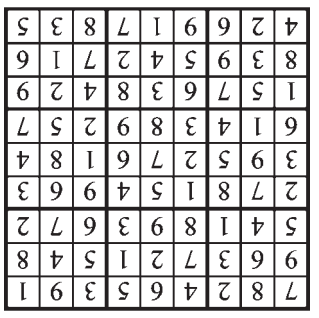


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Menominee tribe earns Focus on Energy award


SEN. ROBERT COWLES

The Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin is one of 10 recipients of an annual award presented by Focus on Energy, the state's energy efficiency program.

"Homeowners, businesses, and government bodies should always be on the lookout for better ways to manage their use of energy," said Sen. Robert Cowles (R-Green Bay). "It's better for their wallets, better for the environment, and may help lessen the burden of energy rate increases."

Cowles said the Focus on Energy has been a big success.For every dollar spent through its programs, $4.08 has been generated in total economic benefits that stays in communities, according to the latest independent program analysis.

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NOTICE OF REFERENDUM ELECTION
August 13, 2024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at an election to be held in the several towns, villages, wards, and election districts of the State of Wisconsin, on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, the following questions will be submitted to a vote of the people pursuant to law:

2023 Assembly Joint Resolution 6
Enrolled Joint Resolution

To create section 35 of article IV of the constitution; **relating to**: the appropriation authority of the legislature and the allocation of moneys Wisconsin receives from the federal government (second consideration).

Whereas, the 2021 legislature in regular session considered a proposed amendment to the constitution in 2021 Senate Joint Resolution 84, which became 2021 Enrolled Joint Resolution 14, and agreed to it by a majority of the members elected to each of the two houses, which proposed amendment reads as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 35 of article IV of the constitution is created to read:

[Article IV] Section 35 (1) The legislature may not delegate its sole power to determine how moneys shall be appropriated.

(2) The governor may not allocate any federal moneys the governor accepts on behalf of the state without the approval of the legislature by joint resolution or as provided by legislative rule.

SECTION 2. Numbering of new provision. If another constitutional amendment ratified by the people creates the number of any provision created in this joint resolution, the chief of the legislative reference bureau shall determine the sequencing and the numbering of the provisions whose numbers conflict.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the foregoing proposed amendment to the constitution is agreed to by the 2023 legislature; and, be it further ***Resolved, That*** the foregoing proposed amendment to the constitution be submitted to a vote of the people at the election to be held on the second Tuesday of August 2024; and, be it further ***Resolved, That*** the questions concerning ratification of the foregoing proposed amendment to the constitution be stated on the ballot as follows:

QUESTION 1: "***Delegation of appropriation power***. Shall section 35 (1) of article IV of the constitution be created to provide that the legislature may not delegate its sole power to determine how moneys shall be appropriated?"

QUESTION 2: "***Allocation of federal moneys***. Shall section 35 (2) of article IV of the constitution be created to prohibit the governor from allocating any federal moneys the governor accepts on behalf of the state without the approval of the legislature by joint resolution or as provided by legislative rule?"

EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS AS TO THE TWO QUESTIONS

Explanatory statement regarding Question 1:

The Wisconsin Constitution requires the legislature to appropriate funds from the state treasury only by passing a law, which requires a vote by both houses of the legislature. Wis. Const. art. VIII, § 2. Question 1 would add a new provision to say that the legislature cannot delegate this "sole" power to appropriate funds.

A "yes" vote on Question 1 would vote to create a new provision of the Wisconsin Constitution—Wis. Const. art. IV, § 35(1). That provision would prohibit the legislature from delegating its duty that it pass a law in order to appropriate money from the treasury under Wis. Const. art. VIII, § 2.
A "no" vote on Question 1 would vote not to add Wis. Const. art. IV, § 35(1) to the Wisconsin Constitution.

Explanatory statement regarding Question 2:

In times when Wisconsin receives undesignated federal funds from the U.S. government, the Wisconsin Constitution does not limit the ability of the governor to choose how the funds he accepts are divided among state and local agencies. Question 2 would add a new provision to the Constitution to prohibit the governor from choosing how to allocate such federal funds he accepts unless the legislature, through a joint resolution or some other process to be developed by the legislature, agrees with the governor's proposed allocation of those funds.

A "yes" vote on Question 2 would vote to create a second new provision of the Wisconsin Constitution—Wis. Const. art. IV, § 35(2), which would prohibit the governor from choosing how to allocate undesignated federal monies he accepts unless the legislature, by joint resolution or other process, agrees with the governor's proposed allocation of such funds.
A "no" vote on Question 2 would vote not to add Wis. Const. art. IV § 35(2) to the Wisconsin Constitution.

Done in the City of Oconto, County of Oconto,
On this 2nd day of July, 2024.
Kim Pytleski, County Clerk

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TOWN OF BREED
Notice of Open Book and Notice of Board of Review

Notice is hereby given that the Open Book for the Town of Breed, Oconto County, will be on Tuesday July 23, 2024, from 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M and Wednesday July 24, 2024, from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at the Town of Breed Community Center. To schedule an appointment for OPEN BOOK please contact R&R Assessing (920)846-4250

Notice is hereby given that the **Board of Review** for the Town of Breed, Oconto County, shall hold its meeting on Tuesday August 27, 2024, from 9:00A.M. to 11:00 A.M. at the Town of Breed Community Center.

Please be advised of the following requirements to appear before the Board of Review and procedural requirement if appearing before the board: no person shall be allowed before the board of Review, to testify to the Board by telephone or to contest the amount of any assessment of real or personal property if the person has refused a reasonable written request by certified mail of the Assessor to view such property.
After the first meeting of the Board of Review and before the Board's final adjournment, no person who is scheduled to appear before the Board of Review may contact or provide information to a member of the Board about the person's objection except at a session of the Board.

No person may appear before the Board of Review, testify to the Board by telephone or contest the amount of assessment unless at least 48 hours before the first meeting of the Board or at least 48 hours before the objection is heard if the objection is allowed because the person has been granted a waiver of the 48 hour notice requirement and files a written objection by appearing before the Board during the first two hours of the meeting and showing good cause for failure to meet the 48 hour notice requirement and files a written objection, that the person provides to the Clerk of the Board of Review notice as to whether the person will ask for removal of any Board members and if so, which member will be removed and the person's reasonable estimate of the length of time that the hearing will take. When appearing before the Board of Review, the person shall specify, in writing, the person's estimate of the value of the land and the improvements that are the subject of the person's objection and specify the information that the person used to arrive at that estimate.

No person may appear before the Board of Review, testify to the Board by telephone or object to a valuation; if that valuation was made by the Assessor or objector using the income method; unless the person supplies the Assessor all the information about income and expenses, as specified in the Assessor's manual under Sec. 73.03(2a) of the Wis. Statutes, that the Assessor requests. The Town of Breed has an ordinance for the confidentiality of information about income and expenses that is provided to the Assessor under this paragraph which provides exemptions for persons using information in the discharge of duties imposed by law or the duties of their office or by order of a court. The information that is provided under this paragraph, unless a court determines that it is inaccurate, is not subject to the right of inspection and coping under Sec.19.35(1) of Wis. Statutes. The Board shall hear upon oath, by telephone, all ill or disabled persons who present to the Board a letter from a physician, surgeon or osteopath that confirms their illness or disability. No other persons may testify by telephone.
Respectfully Submitted,
Kristen Telford, Clerk Town of Breed

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Sealed bids are due June 4th, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. at the Suring School District Office, 411 East Algoma Street, Suring, WI 54115 for timber stumpage on the following areas.

Sale area is located SWNE, SENW, NESW, NWSE Sec 31 T30N R18E in the Town of Bagley.

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.

An estimated total of 1681 tons of wood (red pine 1380, white pine 255; white spruce 16, mixed hardwood 10, oak 10, and aspen 10) is offered for sale in this bid opening

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BRITTINI VANDREEL
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Defendants.

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Within 40 days after the date of first publication, you must respond with a written answer, as that term is used in Chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the Complaint. The Court may reject or disregard an answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The answer must be sent or delivered to the Court, whose address is Oconto County Courthouse, 301 Washington Street, Oconto, WI 54153, and to Galanis, Pollack, Jacobs & Johnson, S.C., plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 413 N. 2 nd Street, Suite 150, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53203. You may have an attorney help or represent you.

If you do not provide a proper answer within 40 days, the Court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

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

GALANIS, POLLACK, JACOBS & JOHNSON, SC
Attorneys for Plaintiff
By /S/ Electronically signed

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The church will be studying Elijah, Jonah, and stories about Jesus and his followers, concluding each day with a festive Sea Star Finale that gets everyone involved in celebrating what they've learned. Family members and friends are encouraged to join for the special time at 8 p.m.

Children will meet at Hillside Assembly, 5890 State Highway 22, Gillett.

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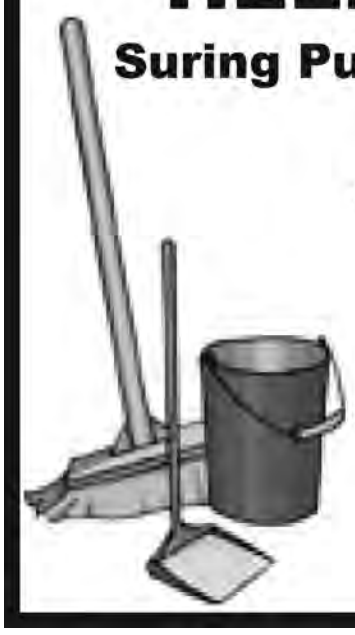
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- will be 18 years of age or older on Election Day.

has resided in the ward or municipality where they wish to vote for at least 28 consecutive days before the election.

- The elector must also be registered to vote to receive an absentee ballot. Proof of identification must be provided before an absentee ballot may be issued*.

Making application to receive an absentee ballot by mail

Contact your municipal clerk and request that an application for an absentee ballot be sent to you for the primary or election or both. You may make written application to your municipal clerk for an absentee ballot by mail, by fax, by email or at MyVote.wi.gov. Or you may apply in person at the clerk's office during the In-Person Absentee Voting period listed below.

Your written request must include:

1. your voting address within the municipality where you wish to vote
2. the address where the absentee ballot should be sent, if different from the address above
3. your signature
4. a copy of your photo identification*

The deadline for making application to receive an absentee ballot by mail is:
5:00 p.m. on the fifth day before the election, Thursday, August 8, 2024**.

*Voters who are indefinitely confined due to age, illness, infirmity, or disability may not be required to provide photo ID. If this applies to you, contact the municipal clerk regarding deadlines for requesting and submitting an absentee ballot.

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

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The first day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office is: Tuesday, July 30, 2024***
*****Absentee voting is by appointment only unless noted above.**
The last day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office is: Friday, August 9, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

No in-person absentee voting may occur on the day before the election. The municipal clerk will deliver voted ballots returned on or before Election Day to the proper polling place or counting location before the polls close on Tuesday, August 13, 2024. Any ballots received after the polls close will not be counted.

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$1.99 lb

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Food Club Vinegar

$2.49 128oz

Wisconsin Russet Potatoes



$1.99 5lb Bag

Bolthouse Carrots



$1.19 1lb Bag

Beefsteak Tomatoes



$1.59 lb

Cantaloupe



$2.49 each

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$3.59 6oz

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69¢ Asst Variety 4oz

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2/$4 Asst Variety 8oz

Prairie Farms Cream Cheese



$1.99 8oz

Crav'n Stuffed Jalapenos or Mozzarella Sticks



2/$4 st Variety 8oz

Doritos



2/$8 Asst Variety 6-10.75oz

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$2.29 Asst Variety 64oz

General Mills Cereal Bars



2/$6 Asst Variety 6.8oz

Crav'n Breakfast Croissants or Muffins

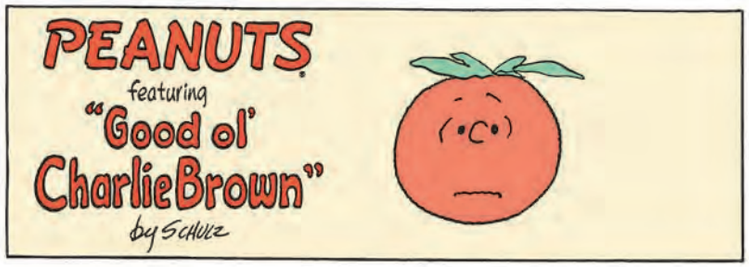


2/$6 Asst Variety 7.2-9oz

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$3.99 Asst Variety


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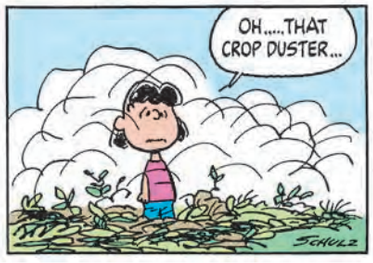

RATS! MY TOMATO PLANTS AREN'T DOING A THING!


I KNEW YOU WERE HAVING TROUBLE SO I CALLED IN THE CROP DUSTER
CROP DUSTER?!


WHAT CROP DUSTER?


CHOP CHOP CHOP CHOP


WHOOSH!!
CHOP CHOP CHOP
CHOP CHOP

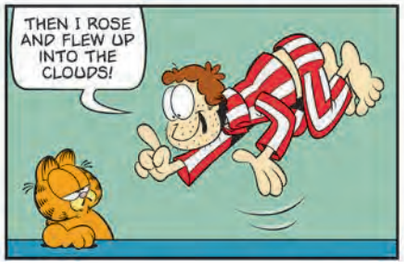

OH.....THAT CROP DUSTER...
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I HAD THE WEIRDEST DREAM LAST NIGHT


I DREAMT THAT I COULD FLY

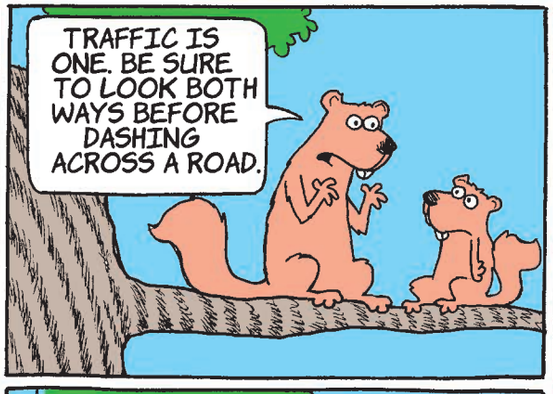

ALL I HAD TO DO WAS IMAGINE MYSELF LIFTING OFF THE GROUND...


THEN I ROSE AND FLEW UP INTO THE CLOUDS!


SHOOOOM!

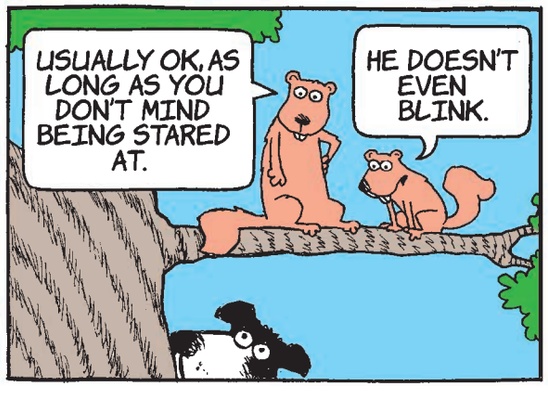

HOW DID HE GET INTO OUR DREAM?
I DON'T KNOW. NOW, WHERE WERE WE?
Eat me
JIM DAVIS 7-7

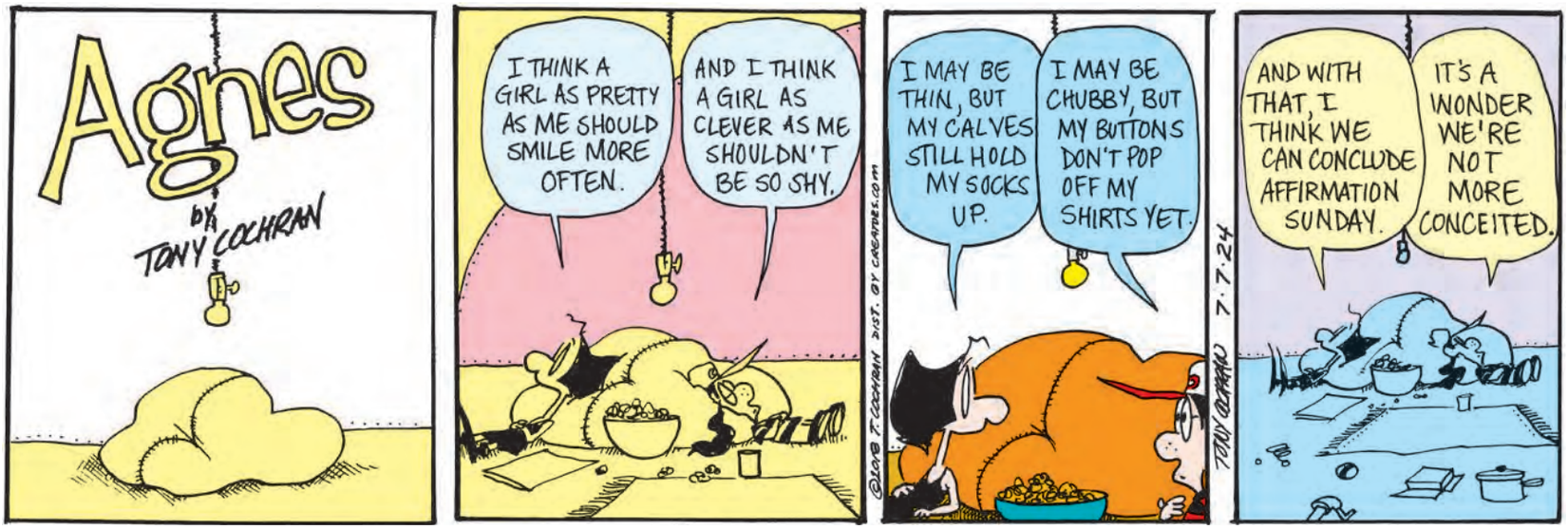

the OTHER coast
7-07
RAESIDE
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SON, IT'S TIME YOU LEARNED OF ALL THE DANGERS WE SQUIRRELS FACE.
OK, DAD!


TRAFFIC IS ONE. BE SURE TO LOOK BOTH WAYS BEFORE DASHING ACROSS A ROAD.

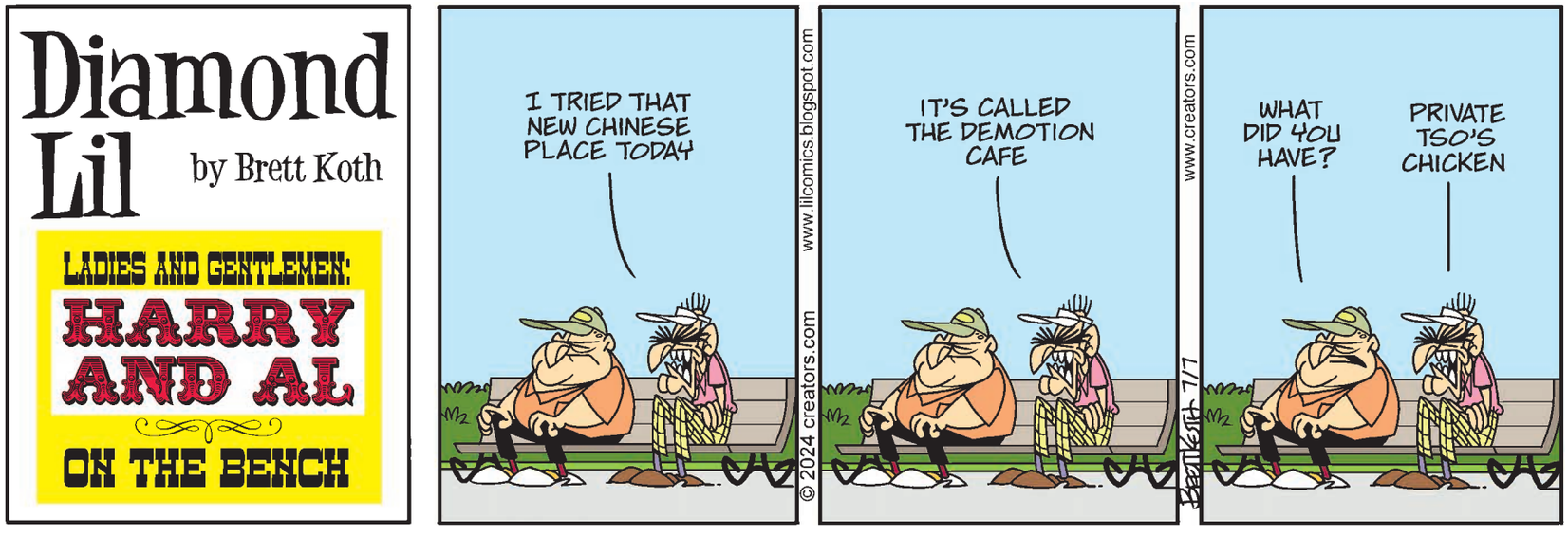

AND THERE ARE EAGLES CIRCULATING UP THERE WHO COULD SWOOP DOWN ON YOU.
GASP.


CATS SILENTLY PROWL THE NEIGHBORHOOD, READY TO POUNCE!
WHAT ABOUT DOGS?


USUALLY OK, AS LONG AS YOU DON'T MIND BEING STARED AT.
HE DOESN'T EVEN BLINK.

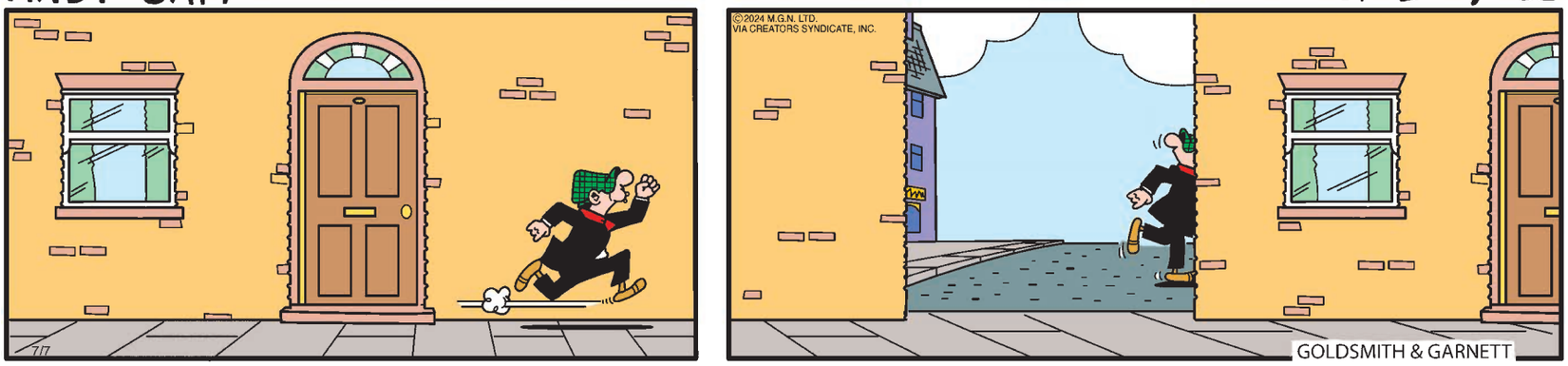

Agnes
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I THINK A GIRL AS PRETTY AS ME SHOULD SMILE MORE OFTEN.
AND I THINK A GIRL AS CLEVER AS ME SHOULDN'T BE SO SHY.
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I MAY BE THIN, BUT MY CALVES STILL HOLD MY SOCKS UP.
I MAY BE CHUBBY, BUT MY BUTTONS DON'T POP OFF MY SHIRTS YET.
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AND WITH THAT, I THINK WE CAN CONCLUDE AFFIRMATION SUNDAY.
IT'S A WONDER WE'RE NOT MORE CONCEITED.

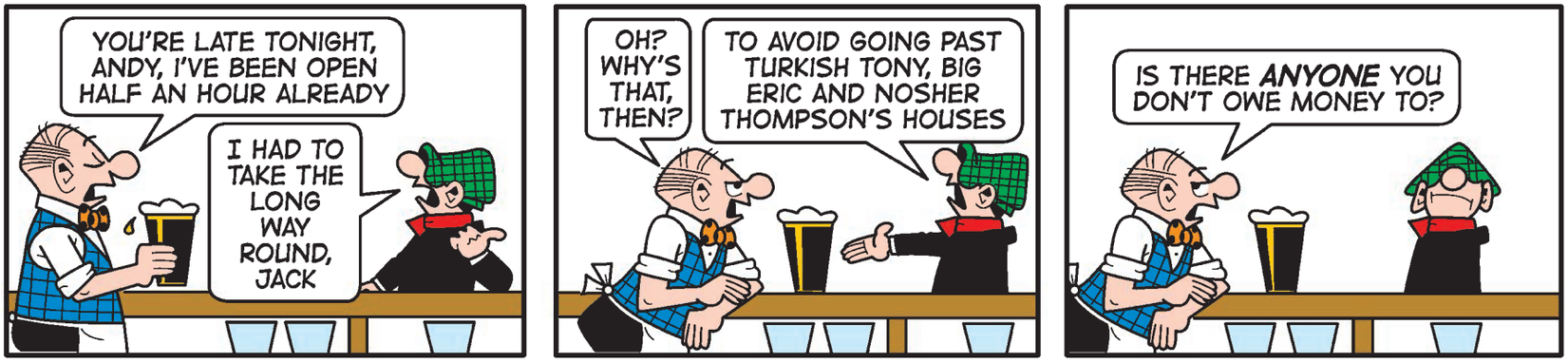

The BARN
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RORY AIRLINES
ROMEO, OSCAR, ROMEO, YANKEE, REQUESTING CLEARANCE FOR TAKEOFF.
RORY DOESN'T FOOL AROUND WHEN IT COMES TO SAFETY.
Hagen


Diamond Lil
by Brett Koth
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:
HARRY AND AL
ON THE BENCH
I TRIED THAT NEW CHINESE PLACE TODAY
IT'S CALLED THE DEMOTION CAFE
WHAT DID YOU HAVE?
PRIVATE TSO'S CHICKEN
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ANDY CAPP

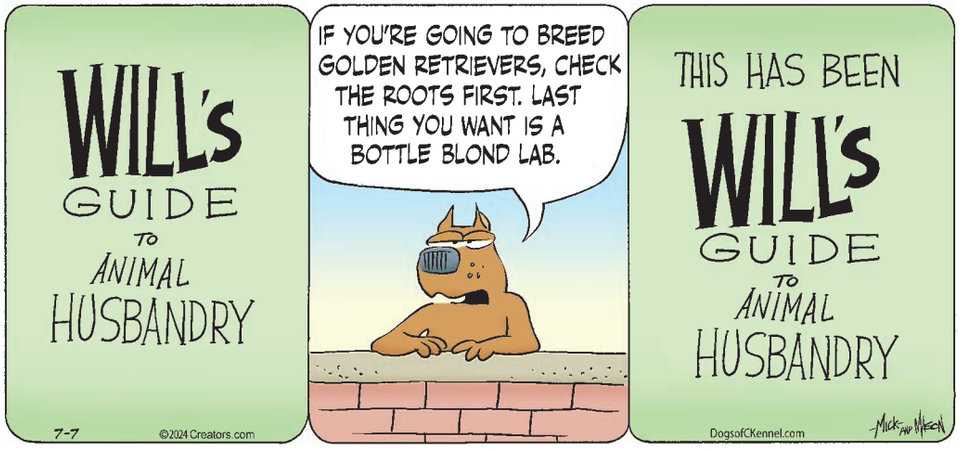
by Smythe





DOGS OF C-KENNEL

BY MICK MASTROIANNI AND MASON MASTROIANNI

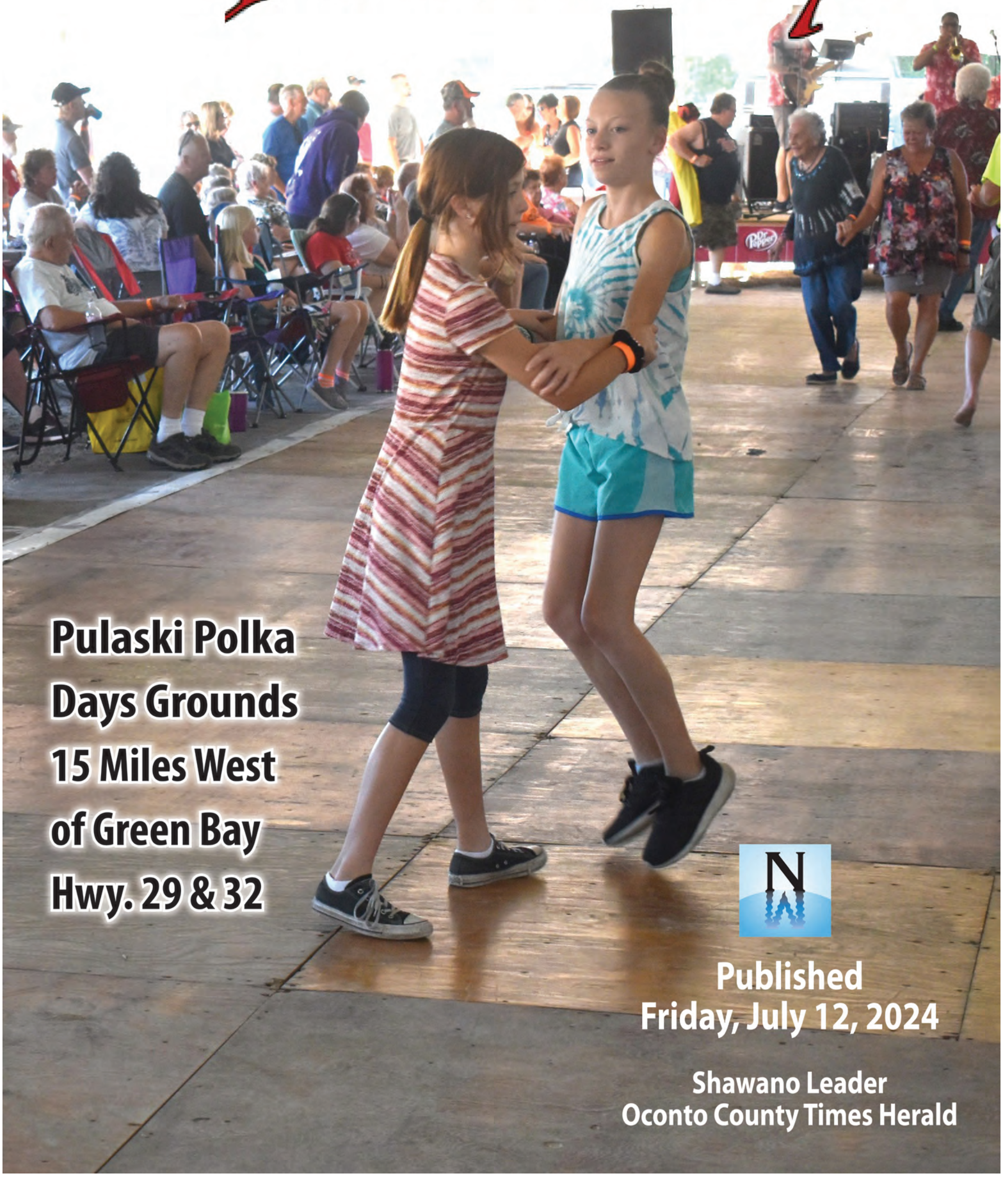






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Music is the key at Pulaski Polka Days

Otto created community event 45 years ago

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

Harold Otto created Pulaski Polka Days 45 years ago for a very simple reason.

"I love polka music," he said. "It's still for the people, a great family event."

Pulaski Polka Days will be held July 18-21 at the Pulaski Community Park. Two tents and the Knights of Columbus building will be used for plenty of polka music and dancing.

"I love all styles of polka music – Bohemian, German, Polish," Otto said. "The Polish music has a faster beat, and that seems to attract the younger people. They like that."

Otto, who was raised in Appleton and has been a Pulaski resident for 60 years, has also shared his love of the polka on radio shows for decades.

He got his start on WGEE (93.5 Duke FM), when the call letters were still used by owner WBAY. Today, he can be heard online at www.247polkaheaven.com. His show, "Sunrise Polkas," can be heard at 8 a.m. Sunday, noon Monday, 5 a.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, and 2 p.m. Friday.

During Polka Days, he will be broadcasting live from 7-9 p.m. July 18, 8:30-10 p.m. July 19, 6-8 p.m. July 20 and 8-9 a.m. July 21.

Like most festivals, Pulaski Polka Days started small. In the first few years, it was a Sunday-only event, eventually expanding to include Saturday to make it a weekend festival.

Otto said he managed to book Eddie Blazonczyk, and that was enough to spur the event to bigger and better things.

"We added Friday, and Eddie, he traveled around the country a lot, and he would promote Polka Days," Otto said.

Later, Thursday was added and featured community activities and fireworks.

Otto continues to oversee the festival, but he's quick to acknowledge the help received by volunteer individuals and organizations, as well as his wife and family.

He and Noreen will be married 55 years on Oct. 11.

"She's a super lady," he said.

The entire festival is run by volunteers.

"There's a lot of work involved, but it's worth it," Otto said. "The volunteers are really dedicated."

And then there are the business sponsors from Pulaski and the surrounding areas. Otto said the festival wouldn't happen without their support.

At one time, Otto played the trumpet but has since given that up. He's content with his radio show, which has an international audience.

"Three years ago, two girls and their dad came all the way from Sweden just to be at Polka Days," Otto said. "They heard about it from listening to my polka show."

Others have visited from Canada, England and all across the United States.

Otto said he never imagined Pulaski Polka Days would get this big.

"You never know what's going to happen," he said.

Years ago, Otto also had a television show that moved from station to station, eventually being aired on all four Green Bay TV stations at one time or another.

Dick Rodgers was the first local bandleader to achieve fame, playing in the Bohemian style of the Czech bands in the 1940s. Chicago-born Blazonczyk and his Versatones later updated the sound as the originators of a style known as the "Chicago Push" in the 1960s and brought it to Wisconsin, about the same time as Pulaski's Alvin Styczynski started a polka band in the "Honky" Polish style.

Pulaski musicians the Maroszek Brothers are celebrating their 50-year anniversary this year.

"I can remember when they were kids," Otto said.

Thousands of people attend the festival each year, quite an accomplishment for a village of about 4,000.

"People enjoy it, and it makes them happy," Otto said. "The community really loves it, and we have great support."

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Polka is Wisconsin's state dance, and there are plenty of opportunities to show your skills on the dance floor at Pulaski Polka Days. There are also a few sessions of dance lessons offered during the festival. FILE | NEW MEDIA





Want to learn the steps to Wisconsin's state dance?

Think back to your days in elementary school, and you might recall hearing somewhere along the way that the robin is Wisconsin's state bird, the muskie is the state fish, the white-tail deer is the state wildlife animal and the dairy cow is the state domesticated animal.

But the state dance?

The polka was designated as the state dance in 1993.

The legislation was introduced at the request of a second grade class from Charles Lindbergh Elementary School in Madison and supported by several groups — including the Wisconsin Polka Boosters Inc. and the Wisconsin Folk Museum. Supporters documented the polka heritage of Wisconsin and provided evidence that the polka is deeply ingrained in Wisconsin cultural traditions.

So, what would it look like if you attended Pulaski Polka Days but didn't know how to dance the polka?

No need to worry. Learn to dance the polka with instructors Duane and Robin Wilks from Omaha, Nebraska.

Free lessons will be offered from 1:30-3 p.m. July 19 in Tent 2 at the Pulaski Polka Days Grounds at Pulaski Community Park, 429 E. Pulaski St.

If you can't make that time, stop in from noon to 1:30 p.m. July 20, also in Tent 2.

The bands for each session have yet to be announced.

And, what about those other state symbols?

1. Animal?
2. Beverage?
3. Song?
4. Motto?
5. Fossil?
6. Dog?
7. Mineral?
8. Rock?
9. Soil?
10. Insect?
11. Flower?
12. Fruit?
13. Grain?
14. Tree?
15. Symbol of peace?
16. Tartan?
17. Dairy product?
18. Pastry?

Here are the answers.

1. Badger
2. Milk
3. "On Wisconsin!"
4. Forward
5. Trilobite
6. American water spaniel
7. Galena (lead sulphide)
8. Red granite
9. Antigo silt loam
10. Honeybee
11. Wood violet
12. Cranberry
13. Corn
14. Sugar maple
15. Mourning dove
16. Wisconsin tartan
17. Cheese
18. Kringle



The 2023 Pulaski Polka Days queens are, from left, Miss Pulaski Polka Days Faith Nowakowski, Little Miss Pulaski Polka Days Runner-up Olivia Hickok, Junior Miss Pulaski Polka Days Runner-up Liliana Marthaler, Junior Miss Pulaski Polka Days Zoey Putthoff and Little Miss Pulaski Polka Days Bailey Whitehorse. Selections for the 2024 royalty have yet to be named. PULASKI POLKA DAYS

Concertina jam session scheduled for July 20

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Join the World Concertina Congress for a concertina jam session during Pulaski Polka Days. All concertina players and other musicians are invited.

Building on the success of the World Concertina Congress' (WCC) events at previous Pulaski Polka Days, the WCC is extending an invitation for all to join them for a fun-filled concertina jam session.

The event will be held from noon to 2 p.m. July 20 at the Knights of Columbus Building on the northeast end of the Polka Days Grounds.

Musicians are asked to bring their Key of C chemnitzer concertina and be ready to play tunes like"North, South, East, West Polka," sheet music at https://www.concertinamusic.com/music/pulaski/northsoutheast-westpolka.gif, and "Seven Days Without You Polka," sheet music at https://www.concertinamusic.com/music/pulaski/sevenday-swithoutyoupolka.gif.

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Who's playing at Pulaski Polka Days?

Thursday, July 18
$5 admission, gates open at 4 p.m
Tent 1
5:30-6:30 p.m. Chad Przybylski & Polka Rhythms
6:30-7:30 p.m. Aaron Socha Livewire
7:30-8:30 p.m. Chad Przybylski & Polka Rhythms
8:30-9:30 p.m. Aaron Socha Livewire
9:30-10:30 p.m. Chad Przybylski & Polka Rhythms
10:30-11:30 p.m. Aaron Socha Livewire
Tent 2
5-6 p.m. The New Generation
6-7 p.m. Maroszek Brothers
7-8 p.m. The New Generation
8-9 p.m. Maroszek Brothers
9-10 p.m. The New Generation
10-11 p.m. Maroszek Brothers
KC Building
4-5 p.m. NuTymes
5-6 p.m. The Mix
6-7 p.m. NuTymes
7-8 p.m. The Mix
8-9 p.m. NuTymes
9-10 p.m. The Mix
Friday, July 19
$20 admission, gates open at 1 p.m.
Tent 1
4-5 p.m. Polish Connection
5-5:45 p.m. Craig Ebel & DyVersaCo
5:45-6:30 p.m. Polish Connection
6:30-7:15 p.m. Craig Ebel & DyVersaCo
7:15-8 p.m. Polish Connection
8-8:45 p.m. Craig Ebel & DyVersaCo
8:45-9:30 p.m. The Dynabrass
9:30-10:15 p.m. Lenny Gomulka & Chicago Push
10:15-11 p.m. The Dynabrass
11-11:45 p.m. Lenny Gomulka & Chicago Push
11:45 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. The Dynabrass
12:30-1:15 a.m. Lenny Gomulka & Chicago Push
Tent 2
2-3:30 p.m. Steve Burclaw's New Polish Sounds
3:30-4:30 p.m. The New Generation



Tony Blazonczyk's New Phaze will perform the night of July 20 at Pulaski Polka Days. CONTRIBUTED

4:30-5:15 p.m. Steve Burclaw's New Polish Sounds
5:15-6 p.m. The New Generation
6-6:45 p.m. Steve Burclaw's New Polish Sounds
6:45-7:30 p.m. The New Generation
7:30-8:15 p.m. Polka Country Musicians
8:15-9 p.m.The Beat
9-9:45 p.m. Polka Country Musicians
9:45-10:30 p.m. The Beat
10:30-11:15 p.m. Polka Country Musicians
11:15 p.m. to midnight The Beat
Midnight to 12:45 a.m. Polka Country Musicians
KC Building
4-5 p.m. Steve Meisner Legacy Band (Don Hunjadi, Jerry Bieniek, Chris Doszak, Tom Brusky and John Wudtke)
5-6 p.m. Dave Duescher – Musical Brass
6-7 p.m. Steve Meisner Legacy Band (Don Hunjadi, Jerry Bieniek, Chris Doszak, Tom Brusky and John Wudtke)
7-8 p.m. Dave Duescher – Musical Brass
8-9 p.m. Steve Meisner Legacy Band (Don Hunjadi, Jerry Bieniek, Chris Doszak, Tom Brusky and John Wudtke)
9-10 p.m. Dave Duescher – Musical Brass
Saturday, July 20
$20 admission, gates open at 11 a.m.
Tent 1
12:30-1:30 p.m. Chad Przybylski & Polka Rhythms
1:30-2:30 p.m. Keith Stras and Polka Confetti with special guest America's Polka Sweetheart "Stephanie"
2:30-3:30 p.m. Chad Przybylski & Polka Rhythms
3:30-4:30 p.m. Keith Stras and Polka Confetti with special guest America's Polka Sweetheart "Stephanie"
4:30-5:30 p.m. Chad Przybylski & Polka Rhythms
5:30-6:30 p.m. Keith Stras and Polka Confetti with special guest America's Polka Sweetheart "Stephanie"
6:30-7:30 p.m. Polka Family
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Noon to 2 p.m. World Concertina Congress Jam Session
2-3 p.m. Music Connection
3-4 p.m. The Goodtime Dutchmen
4-5 p.m. Music Connection
5-6 p.m. The Goodtime Dutchmen
6-7 p.m. Music Connection
7-8 p.m. The Goodtime Dutchmen
8-9 p.m. Zander's Music Raymakers
Sunday, July 21
Free admission, gates open at 8 a.m.
Tent 1
8 a.m. Lutheran Church Service
12:30-1:30 p.m. The Natural Talent (TNT)
1:30-2:30 p.m. Polka Family
2:30-3:30 p.m. The Natural Talent (TNT)
3:30-4:30 p.m. Polka Family
4:30-5:15 p.m. The Natural Talent (TNT)
5:15-6 p.m. Polka Family
Tent 2
9:30 a.m. Polka Mass (Maroszek Brothers)
Noon to 1 p.m. Maroszek Brothers
1-2 p.m. Lenny Gomulka & Chicago Push
2-3 p.m. Maroszek Brothers
3-4 p.m. Lenny Gomulka & Chicago Push
4-5 p.m. Maroszek Brothers
5-6 p.m. Lenny Gomulka & Chicago Push



Steve Burclaw's New Polish Sounds will perform July 19 at Pulaski Polka Days. The group is based out of Middleton. CONTRIBUTED



Maroszek Bros. celebrating 50 years-plus

In 1971, at the young age of 13, Gene Maroszek began taking concertina lessons in the basement of Art Wielgus's home in Pulaski. In December 1972, he booked his first job with his brother Michael (who played the drums), for a New Year's Eve dance at the South Chase Tavern.

That is when the "Maroszek Bros." were born. As time went on, Gene's brothers Frank, Alan, Scott and Beaver (John) all joined the band.

The band has played in Ohio, Pennsylvania, California, Minnesota, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and throughout their home state of Wisconsin.

They took their polka music to weddings, anniversaries, birthday parties, Oktoberfests, Polish festivals and, of course, their hometown Pulaski Polka Days.

In the 1970s, the Maroszek Bros. recorded regularly at Danceland Ballroom, The Stop Inn Ballroom and at WBAY-TV 2, on a show called "Polka Variety." They most recently performed nationally on Fox Sports for a Green Bay Packers football game.

The Maroszek Bros. is the only band to have played at every Pulaski Polka Days. Because of this, they were granted a special "Pulaski Polka Days Appreciation Award" in 2014. Then-Gov. Scott Walker declared July 20, 2014, "Maroszek Bros. Day" in recognition of their service for promoting Pulaski Polka Days and encouraging the next generation and the community to love their polish heritage and polka music.

In July 2022 Gene was inducted in to the World Concertina Congress Hall of Fame.

The Maroszek Bros. have released five recordings through the years. Their latest recording, "A Maroszek Bros. Christmas," was released Dec. 8, 2020.

Currently the band consists of Gene, Frank, Scott and Al Maroszek, Bruce Brzeczkowski and John Wudtke.



Kimberly Uleman of the New Generations sings "The Tide is High" in the 2023 Pulaski Polka Days parade. FILE | NEW MEDIA

Parade always a big draw

One of the largest annual attractions of Pulaski Polka Days is the parade, which begins at 11 a.m. July 21.

Units will line up at the Pulaski Community Middle School and the Pulaski High School on St. Augustine Street. Units must be at the line-up site by 10:30 a.m.

Parade until will travel north on St. Augustine Street and then west on Pulaski Street to the Pulaski Polka Days Grounds.

Candy and other small items will given to parade-goers from people walking along with the floats.

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Festival draws visitors from near and far



A map from the 2023 Pulaski Polka Days shows just how far people will travel to be at the event. Founder Harold Otto recounted the story of two girls and their father who traveled from their home in Sweden to be in Pulaski for the festival.

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Garden walk held in conjunction with Pulaski Polka Days

The Gardeners Club of Green Bay will host its second annual garden walk from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 20.

There are six gardens on this year's walk.

Tickets are $15 in advance or $20 the day of the walk. Payment can only be made with cash or checks. No pets or children younger than 10 are allowed.

Featured on the walk will be the gardens of:

• Corey Behnke, 1213 Shadow Lane, Green Bay.

• Don and Mary Carlson, 2776 Canyon Bluff Road, Green Bay.

• Daryl and Judy Johnson, 240 Lazarre Ave., Green Bay.

• Tim and Terri Verhasselt, 2889 Vercauteren Drive, Green Bay.

• Steven and Lauretta Lambert, 1147 Porlier St., Green Bay.

• Jason Switalski, 1369 Cherry St., Green Bay.

The event will be held rain or shine.

For information, call Veronica Geurts at 920-471-8649.



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Raffle offers chance to win cash prizes up to $1,000

Pulaski Polka Days will again hold a cash raffle throughout the weekend of the festival.

Tickets are available from members of the six organizations that are part of Pulaski Polka Days Inc. and will be sold at the polka grounds daily.

First prize is $1,000.

Other prizes are $500 for second, $200 for third, $100 for fourth and fifth, $50 for sixth and seventh, and $25 for eighth and ninth.

The drawing will be held at 5 p.m. July 21.

Winners need not be present.

Assumption B.V.M. Catholic Church to host arts, crafts, vendor sale July 20-21

The annual Assumption B.V.M. Parish fundraiser craft and vendor fair, held in conjunction with the Pulaski Polka Days, will be held July 20-21.

This two-day event will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day.

Questions can be directed to Kathy Samson, craft and vendor fair coordinator, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 920-822-3279.

She can also be reached at kathy.samson@abvm.org.

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