



Graduates stand proudly at the start of the Oconto Falls High School commencement address May 25 in the school gymnasium. The school gave diplomas to almost 140 students. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

'You can do anything you put your mind to'

Oconto Falls sends 140 high school grads out into world

BY LEE PULASKI
City Editor

The Oconto Falls High School gymnasium was awash in orange May 25 as almost 140 graduates crossed the stage to get their diploma, with about 80 of them graduating with honors.

Most of them had big smiles on their faces as they walked in the gym to a full crowd of family members and other supporters, and the sense of achievement was evident, something that commencement speaker and graduate Mary Schindler pointed out in her speech.

"You can do anything you put your mind to" — this is a quote that means a lot to me," said Schindler, who graduated cum laude. "I want to tell you how a



Mary Schindler, one of the commencement speakers, talks about how she went from being withdrawn her freshman year of high school after moving to Oconto Falls to being courageous enough to step out onto the stage in "Alice in Wonderland."

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person can step outside his or her comfort zone and achieve success."

Schindler talked about her journey through high school, which started when her family moved to Oconto Falls during

her freshman year. She said there were 45 students in her class at her old school, and then she moved to a school with triple the

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Gillett grads say goodbye to high school

BY GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

Thirty-three Gillett High School seniors said goodbye to their alma mater and hello to the next phase of their lives.

Those students included Zander Davis and Scott Heroux, the Class of 2025's valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, who addressed a full gym May 25 at the school's annual graduation ceremony.

"High school isn't just about academics," Davis said. "A lot of it was us just figuring things out. Wherever we're going, we're leaving here with more than just a diploma."

"Each person here has their own accomplishments," Heroux said. "Each person here has gone through very different lifestyles. We should congratulate every one of them."

Heroux said he enjoyed growing up with his classmates.

"This isn't about me or any of my accomplishments," outgoing class president Grace Simpson said. "It's about us. Congratulations, Class of 2025. We've come a long way and we're just getting started."

Principal Shawn Limberg introduced the top 10 students of the class academically, a list that included Davis, Heroux and Simpson, along with Jesse DeBauch, Lily Hansen, Myapiphany Kuhn, Ryan Pensis, Cole Schaal, Logan Stemler and

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Graduates Josie Holtz and Jonathan Moody walk toward the stage to welcome family and community members May 25 during the Oconto Falls High School graduation commencement.

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students in her class, which was somewhat intimidating.

“I felt uncomfortable talking to anyone, so I kept to myself,” Schindler said. “Then I started to meet new people.”

Things seemed less scary in Schindler’s sophomore year. She found a boyfriend and got involved with the FFA.

Then came the junior year, when Schindler spread her wings even further and joined the school’s student council to plan various activities.

“By joining these organizations, I got to meet more new people and continued to do more,” Schindler said.

For her senior year, Schindler made herself even more vulnerable by joining the drama club and performing in the school’s production of “Alice in Wonderland.”

“I found myself standing on the PAC (performing arts center) stage in front of a room full of unknown people,” Schindler

said. “At first, I thought it would be scary, but once I stepped out as Tweedledee, I looked out at the audience and was able to relax. It was just my fear holding me back the whole time.”

She said that if she could go back to the start of high school, she would do so with more confidence, and even when there was a challenge, she would find a way to push through.

“There’s no reason to stop pursuing what you want,” Schindler said. “If you’re scared, push your way through, and take your time — there’s no need to rush.”

Isabella Heinke was one of three magna cum laude graduates for OFHS and a class officer, but she told the crowd that writing was not her strong suit, so she vowed to keep her speech short.

“Mostly because my little brother’s out there and probably having a hard time sitting still,” Heinke said.

Heinke said she had a lot in common with the “Legally Blonde” main character Elle Woods, even though she had no plans to attend Harvard Law School.

“We both believe that if you work hard, you can achieve anything,” Heinke said. “When her ex-boyfriend saw her on campus for the first time, he was shocked, but she just said her iconic line, ‘What? Like it’s hard?’ Don’t let her fool you. Everything you want in life is hard.”

Heinke noted that she took the hard road and set goals for herself to be prepared for college and for other things in life. She was on the school’s dance team, she worked two jobs and kept her grades up.

“Most nights after school, I would go home, go to work, be there until 10 p.m., go home exhausted, stay up late doing homework and then doing it again the next day,” Heinke said.

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The Oconto Falls High School band, which included a number of graduating seniors, performs “An American Elegy” by Frank Tichell during the school’s graduation commencement May 25 in the school’s gymnasium.

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Training helps people aid those with mental health issues

Changing Our Mental and Emotional Trajectory (COMET) is a two-hour program and a gentle introduction to supporting friends and neighbors in a vulnerable space.

A live on-line COMET training will be offered statewide June 24 from 10 a.m. to noon. This training is offered live through the Zoom platform and is not recorded. The training is free but limited to 30 participants. Registration is required. Anyone interested can register at <https://forms.gle/q3SsvCF7qLw8oXpt5>.

The intent of the program is to help people shift their mental health trajectory back to a place of wellness and away from the path of a mental health crisis. This program was developed by the High Plains Research Network Community Advisory

Council specifically for rural communities.

Rural communities and farm families value supporting each other in times of need. COMET helps people take the next step after noticing someone might be struggling. It empowers friends and neighbors to be more prepared to support others’ mental health needs — especially before a crisis.

This training doesn’t expect community members to fix the problem but trains people to feel comfortable initiating a supportive but potentially emotional conversation using a conversational seven-question guide. The training encourages participants to be comfortable and present with someone who is struggling but not yet at the point of crisis. It provides an easy way to start a conversa-

tion, teaches how to exit the conversation in a supportive way, and offers resources to share with others if they need more than a listening ear.

The University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension is partnering with Farm Well Wisconsin and the High Plains Research Network Community Advisory Council to offer COMET to rural and farming communities and agricultural service providers in Wisconsin.

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Go to <https://farms.extension.wisc.edu/programs/comet> for more information, email joy.kirkpatrick@wisc.edu or alexandra.walters@wisc.edu, or call 608-263-3485.



Gillett High School seniors line up May 25 to watch a photo montage at the school’s graduation ceremony.

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Jack Sturm.

“I’ve watched you grow up in these halls,” Limberg said. “You had to figure out how to manage deadlines, but you figured it out and found your stride. There were challenges, but you showed up and kept going. You showed up for one another. That kind of loyalty

is rare. Keep it.”

Retiring elementary school principal Curt Angeli, who spent all 35 years in education with the Gillett School District, addressed his final graduating class.

“Only seven years ago, I was presiding over your fifth-grade graduation,” he

said. “We remember you. On behalf of the staff of Gillett Elementary School, we’ve been watching you. “We see you and we’re very proud of you.”

“As you step into what’s next, you don’t have to have it all figured out. Be bold, be kind, be just a little bit weird.”

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CURT ANGELI, retiring Gillett Elementary School principal

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Cellcom CEO notes progress made on outage issues

By **KEVIN PASSON**
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The CEO of Cellcom said progress continues to be made to restore full service to its customers who were the subject of a cyberattack in the middle of May.

SMS texting has been restored, and all Cellcom customers can make and receive voice calls with one another.

“We experienced a cyber incident,” said Brighid Riordan, Cellcom CEO. “While this is unfortunate, it’s not something we were unprepared for. We have protocols and plans in place for exactly this

kind of situation. From the start, we’ve followed those plans — including engaging outside cybersecurity experts, notifying the FBI and Wisconsin officials, and working around the clock to bring systems safely back online.”

Customers not seeing service restored should turn on airplane mode for 10 seconds and then turn it off. The phone should reconnect to the network.

Customers who try this and still do not have service should restart their phone.

There is no evidence that personal information related to customers, their names, their addresses or

their financial information is impacted by this event.

The incident was concentrated on an area of the network separate from where customers’ sensitive information is stored, Riordan said.

Voice service is expected to be return by the end of the week, but the company said no guarantees can be given.

As a gesture of accountability and appreciation, Cellcom is covering outage-related service fees for customers who choose to stay with them. The amount will be automatically applied to a future service bill.

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OCONTO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

• Trisha Ann Cardish, pleaded no contest May 21 to misdemeanor charges of operating while revoked and violating an ignition interlock device order. A felony bail jumping count was dismissed in a plea agreement. Judge Michael Judge levied fines and court costs of \$1,416.60.

• Henry J. Mahers, 34, Pound, pleaded no contest May 22 to a misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. A felony count was dismissed but read into the record in a plea agreement. Judge withheld sentencing and placed him on one year of probation with conditions.

• Joshua William Martinnucci, 20, Pulaski, was charged May 19 with first-degree recklessly endangering safety and fleeing an officer in his vehicle and causing bodily harm or property damage. Judge Jay Conley set a \$10,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for June 4.

• Dylan A. Hrabik, 24, Oconto, was charged May 20 with substantial battery intending bodily harm and a misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. Conley set a \$3,000 cash bond and adjourned his initial appearance until June 26.

• Lauren M. LeClair, 21, Seymour, was charged May 21 with two county of battery or threat to a law officer, two misdemeanor counts of battery, two misdemeanor counts of resisting or obstructing an officer, and misdemeanor counts of disorderly conduct and criminal damage to property. Conley set a \$5,000 cash bond and adjourned his initial appearance until June 26.

• Jessica J. Baxter, 28, Black Creek, was charged May 23 with possession of methamphetamine, possession of THC (second or subsequent offense) and a misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Conley set a \$250 cash bond and adjourned her initial appearance until June 26.

• Joyce A. Madison, 58, was charged May 23 with possession with intent to deliver amphetamine, possession of methamphetamine, maintaining a drug trafficking place, three counts of possession of illegally obtained prescriptions and two counts of possession

of drug paraphernalia. Conley set a \$10,000 cash bond and adjourned her initial appearance until June 26.

• Judge Michael Judge withheld sentencing and placed Kyle K. Sydor, 36, Oconto, on two years of probation for felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer, in connection with an incident that occurred Dec. 16, and a misdemeanor count of theft, in connection with an incident that occurred March 18, 2021. The 2021 count was amended from a felony in a plea agreement.

• Wildon Jerome Dillard, 29, Chicago, pleaded no contest to driving or operating a motor vehicle without the owner’s consent and a misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer, in connection with an incident that occurred May 30, 2023. Judge Jay Conley scheduled sentencing for June 18 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

• Monnaleah Margaret Long, 40, Suring, pleaded no contest to possession with intent to deliver methamphetamine, in connection with an incident that occurred May 14, 2024. Judge scheduled sentencing for July 8 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

• A final pre-trial conference was held for Kurtis Lee Peters, 28, Keshena, who is scheduled to stand trial May 20-21 on charges of armed robbery, first-degree recklessly endangering safety, and false imprisonment, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Sept. 13.

• A May 20-21 jury trial was postponed to Sept. 9-10 for Gary Michael Wilger, 65, Burlington, on charges of stalking and misdemeanor bail jumping, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Jan. 26, 2024. Conley scheduled a final pre-trial conference for Aug. 18.

• Bond was set at \$5,000 cash for Dillon William Eckstein, 28, Oshkosh, after he was charged with fleeing an officer in his vehicle, second-degree recklessly endangering safety, and misdemeanor counts of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (third offense) and resisting or obstructing an officer, in

connection with an incident that allegedly occurred May 4. Conley adjourned his initial appearance until May 22.

• Bond was set at \$500 cash for Melina Kathryn Isabel Herr, 24, Gillett, after she was charged with possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor counts of possession of THC and possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred May 3. Conley adjourned her initial appearance until May 22.

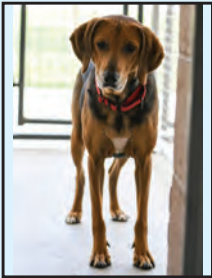
• Judge imposed and stayed a prison sentence, then placed Cassandra Ann Braddock, 24, Keshena, on two years of probation for child neglect and misdemeanor counts of possession of THC and resisting or obstructing an officer, in connection with an incident that occurred May 13, 2024.

• Bond was set at \$1,000 cash for Franklin Cuevas Caraballo, 27, Milwaukee, after he was charged with possession of an illegal article and misdemeanor counts of possession of cocaine and possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred May 2. Judge adjourned his initial appearance until June 19.

• Benjamin D.J. Zirbel, 36, a Crystal Falls, Michigan, man serving time at the Wisconsin Secure Program Facility in Beetown, pleaded no contest to receiving stolen property, in connection with an incident that occurred Jan. 8, 2024; possession with intent to deliver methamphetamine and fleeing an officer in a vehicle causing bodily harm and/or property damage, in connection with an incident that occurred Jan. 4, 2024; and manufacturing with intent to deliver methamphetamine and manufacturing with intent to deliver THC, in connection with an incident that occurred Aug. 1, 2023. Judge scheduled sentencing for July 9 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

• After a preliminary hearing, Darin Vaughn Kaquatosh, 40, Gillett, was bound over on a charge of taking and driving a vehicle without consent, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred April 12. Judge scheduled arraignment for May 22.

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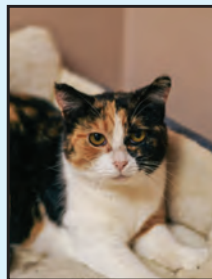
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May 22
Deputies responded to 50 incidents, including a noise disturbance on Harley Street in Lena, fraud on Arbutus Avenue in Oconto, sexual assault in the Town of Pensaukee, harassment on Harris Road in the Town of Breed; suspicious activity on Muehl Drive in Suring, on Jefferson Street in Oconto, and on North Chestnut Avenue in Oconto Falls; fraud on West Main Street in Lena, suspicious activity near U.S. Highway 41 and Maple Grove School Road in the Town of Little River, a fire control burn on state Highway 64 in the Town of Brazeau, six traffic stops, one traffic hazard, one traffic offense, one citizen assist, four miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; one 911 hangup and three open lines; five crashes, three involving deer.

May 21
Deputies responded to 43 incidents, including a death investigation in the Town of Oconto, wanted persons on Muehl Drive in Suring and on Parkway Road in the Town of Brazeau, a fire control burn on Doran Street in the Town of Oconto, criminal damage on County Road W in the Town of Riverview, a noise disturbance on Muehl Drive in Suring, one traffic stop, two traffic hazards, two traffic offenses, one citizen assist, seven miscellaneous traffic incidents, seven welfare checks; three open-line 911 calls; one ambulance call; two crashes, one involving deer.

May 20
Deputies responded to 51 incidents, including property damage near U.S. Highway 41 and Maple Grove School Road in the Town of Little River, sexual assault in the Town of Underhill, truancy on East Algoma Street in Suring, suspicious activity near Pioneer Park and St. Patricks roads in the Town of Stiles, property damage on Golf Course Road in the Town of Maple Valley, threatening on Pine Road in Suring, suspicious activity on County Road J in the Town of Oconto, child abuse in the Town of Oconto Falls, a disturbance on Lund Lane in the Town of Mountain, suspicious activity on Church Lane in the Town of Gillett, one traffic hazard, one traffic offense, four citizen assists, three welfare checks; one 911 hangup and one open line; three ambulance calls; two crashes, one involving deer.

May 19
Deputies responded to 37 incidents, including a wanted person on County Road J in the Town of Oconto, a noise disturbance on Cheyenne Drive in the Town of Abrams, one traffic stop, three citizen assists, one miscellaneous traffic incident, three welfare checks; four 911 hangups and one open line; three crashes, two involving deer.

May 18
Deputies responded to 29 incidents, including a disturbance on County Road G in the Town of Spruce, a missing person on South Marl Lake Road in the Town of Brazeau, suspicious activity on Logtown Road in the Town of Oconto, a death investigation in the Town of Abrams, criminal damage on Old 32 Road in the Town of Riverview, harassment on County Road I in the Town of Stiles, four traffic stops, four traffic offenses, two miscellaneous traffic incidents, three welfare checks; one 911

hangup and one open line; two ambulance calls.

May 17
Deputies responded to 58 incidents, including trespassing on County Road VV in the Town of Underhill, child abuse in the Town of Oconto, a disturbance on County Road J in the Town of Oconto, theft on Timber Edge Lane in the Town of Townsend, an animal bite on County Road HH in the Town of Underhill, fire on Deering Road in the Town of Underhill, a disturbance on Sand Bar Way in the Town of Little Suamico, a noise disturbance on Bramschreiber Road in the Town of Little Suamico, three traffic stops, three traffic hazards, six miscellaneous traffic incidents, five welfare checks; nine open-lines 911 call; two ambulance calls; two crashes, one involving deer.

May 16
Deputies responded to 67 incidents, including threatening on Business 41 in the Town of Oconto, criminal damage on Hunts Lane in the Town of Gillett, child neglect in the Town of Gillett, a disturbance on Dionne Street in Lena, suspicious activity on County Road VV in the Town of Underhill, suspicious activity on state Highway 32 in the Town of How, a wanted person on South Green Bay Street in Gillett, two traffic stops, two traffic hazards, two traffic offenses, five citizen assists, two miscellaneous traffic incidents, four welfare checks; two 911 hangups and three open lines; two ambulance calls; four crashes, one fatal, two involving deer.

May 15
Deputies responded to 20 incidents, including a weapon offense on County Road VV in the Town of Underhill, suspicious activity near state Highways 22 and 32 in the Town of Oconto Falls, criminal damage on Allen Road in the Town of Little Suamico, fire near state Highway 64 and Parkway Road in the Town of Brazeau, a structure fire on Grindle Lane in the Town of Riverview, drugs in the Town of Oconto Falls, one traffic stop, one traffic hazard, one citizen assist, one miscellaneous traffic incident, three welfare checks; one 911 hangup and one open line; one crash, involving deer.

May 14
Deputies responded to 40 incidents, including a wanted person on U.S. Highway 41-141 in the Town of Abrams, trespassing on Hodkiewicz Road in the Town of Chase, illegal burning on Aspen Drive in the Town of Little Suamico, a disturbance on Morgan Marsh Road in the Town of Morgan, sexual assault in Oconto, suspicious activity on County Road EE in the Town of Abrams, three traffic stops, one traffic hazard, one citizen assist, one miscellaneous traffic incident, two welfare checks; one 911 hangup and two open lines; two ambulance calls; four crashes, three involving deer, one involving a bear.

May 13
Deputies responded to 43 incidents, including suspicious activity near Krause Road and Lake Street in the Town of Little Suamico, theft on Front Street in the Town of Townsend, drugs in the Town of Chase, child neglect in the Town of Breed, suspicious activity on Rocky Ledge Road in the Town of Pensaukee, an animal bite on Dekard Lane in the Town of Little Suamico, nine traffic stops, one traffic

hazard, two citizen assists, one miscellaneous traffic incident, one welfare check; four open-line 911 calls; four crashes, one involving deer.

May 12
Deputies responded to 49 incidents, including trespassing on Hilbert Road in the Town of Chase, an animal bite on Zawalick Lane in the Town of Chase, fire on Jagiello Road in the Town of Lena, a disturbance on state Highway 32 in the Town of Chase, an animal bite on Tilden Avenue in the Town of Oconto, fire on South Krueger Street in Suring and on West Archibald Parkway in the Town of Townsend, two reports of animal neglect on South Gilbert Lane in the Town of Abrams, burglary on Trail Road in the Town of Maple Valley, a wanted person near state Highway 22 and Funk Road in the Town of Stiles, 11 traffic stops, two traffic hazards, one traffic offense, one citizen assist, two miscellaneous traffic incidents, two welfare checks; one 911 hangup and two open lines; one ambulance call.

May 11
Deputies responded to 35 incidents, including a death investigation in the Town of Little Suamico, a disturbance on Park Avenue in Oconto Falls, trespassing on Parkway Road in the Town of Spruce, an ATV accident on Rugg Road in the Town of Lakewood, a weapon offense near Cherry Avenue and Quincy Street in Oconto Falls, a disturbance on West Frontier Road in the Town of Little Suamico, fire on Duame Road in the Town of Stiles, one traffic stop, four traffic hazards, one traffic offense, one citizen assist, two miscellaneous traffic incidents, three welfare checks; two 911 hangups; two ambulance calls; four crashes, two involving deer.

May 10
Deputies responded to 37 incidents, including property damage on South Chase Road in the Town of Chase, suspicious activity near County Roads T and W in the Town of Doty, fire on Anderson Lake Drive in the Town of Breed and on Dekard Lane in the Town of Little Suamico, criminal damage near Konitzer and Elm Lawn roads in the Town of Morgan, suspicious activity on Fendryk Lane in the Town of Little River, fireworks on Havenwood Hills Drive in the Town of Little Suamico, three traffic stops, one traffic hazard, one traffic offense, four citizen assists, two miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; two 911 hangups; three ambulance calls; two crashes.

May 9
Deputies responded to 52 incidents, including fraud on state Highway 22 in the Town of Oconto Falls, bribery on Arbutus Avenue in Oconto, property damage on North McKenzie Street in Gillett, a fire investigation on North Farm Road in Oconto Falls, an unwanted party on state Highway 32-64 in the Town of Mountain, trespassing on state Highway 32 in the Town of Maple Valley, threatening on Sunset Circle in the Town of Chase, a structure fire on County Road S in the Town of Little River, illegal burning on County Road HH in the Town of Underhill, a disturbance on South Maple Avenue in Oconto Falls, suspicious activity on County Road S in the Town of Pensaukee, four

traffic stops, two traffic hazards, two traffic offenses, two citizen assists, five miscellaneous traffic incidents; two open-line 911 calls; one ambulance call; two crashes.

May 8
Deputies responded to 32 incidents, including theft on North Branch Road in the Town of Breed, suspicious activity on state Highway 22 in the Town of Stiles, fire on Ziείς Lane in the Town of Mountain, three traffic stops, two citizen assists, three miscellaneous traffic incidents; one open-line 911 call; two crashes, both involving deer.

May 7
Deputies responded to 43 incidents, including squad damage near Morgan Road and County Road R in the Town of Underhill, child abuse in Oconto, illegal burning on Cottage Road in the Town of Little Suamico, suspicious activity on Business 41 in the Town of Oconto and on East First Street in Gillett, a death investigation in the Town of Chase, five traffic stops, one traffic hazard, one traffic offense, one citizen assist, three miscellaneous traffic incidents, two welfare checks; three open-line 911 calls; three crashes, two involving deer.

May 6
Deputies responded to 41 incidents, including a disturbance on state Highway 22-32 in the Town of Gillett, five traffic stops, two traffic hazards, two traffic offenses, one citizen assist, one miscellaneous traffic incident, two welfare checks; seven open-line 911 calls; two ambulance calls; one crash.

May 5
Deputies responded to 47 incidents, including a weapon offense on Ranch Lake Drive in the Town of Brazeau, fraud on North Paya Lake Road in the Town of Riverview, fire on state Highway 32 in the Town of Townsend, animal bites on Elm Road in the Town of How, two animal bite reports on Jaworski Road in the Town of Chase, fire near County Road I and Carrievau Road in the Town of Stiles, theft on Ball Park Road in the Town of Little Suamico, criminal damage on County Road J in the Town of Little Suamico, property damage on Orchard Circle in Gillett, two traffic stops, two traffic offenses, three miscellaneous traffic incidents; three 911 hangups and one open line; one ambulance call; six crashes, two involving deer, one involving a turkey.

May 4
Deputies responded to 43 incidents, including fire on East Frontage Road in the Town of Abrams, a noise disturbance on Pleasant View Drive in the Town of Chase, a missing person on Second Street in Oconto, a fire control burn on County Road M in the Town of How, suspicious activity on state Highway 22 in the Town of Stiles and near Church Road and County Road W in the Town of Mountain, property damage on Lagoon Lane in the Town of Brazeau, suspicious activity near County Road VV and County Road R in the Town of Underhill, a disturbance on East First Street in Gillett, theft on Tom Post Road in the Town of Brazeau, three traffic stops, one traffic hazard, two traffic offenses, two citizen assists, one miscellaneous traffic incident, one welfare check; one 911 hangup and three open lines; one ambulance call; three crashes, two involving deer, one

involving a turkey.

May 3
Deputies responded to 45 incidents, including drugs in the Town of Stiles, suspicious activity on Jacklin Heights Circle in the Town of Riverview, an animal bite on County Road SS in the Town of Pensaukee, suspicious activity on Dencur Lane in the Town of Townsend, disturbances on East Armstrong Street in Gillett and on Main Street in Oconto; fire control burns on Allen Road in the Town of Little Suamico, on North River Road in the Town of Oconto, and on state Highway 22 in the Town of Oconto; three traffic stops, one traffic offense, three citizen assists, five miscellaneous traffic incidents, two welfare checks; three open-line 911 calls; three ambulance calls; two crashes, one involving deer.

May 2
Deputies responded to 46 incidents, including suspicious activity on River Road in the Town of How, a missing person on Lake Street in the Town of Little Suamico, drugs in the Town of Little Suamico, suspicious activity on Froelick Road in the Town of Pensaukee, a missing person on Eagle Drive in the Town of Little Suamico, theft near Mountain Lake and Blue Spruce roads in the Town of Doty, drugs near U.S. Highway 141 and County Road A in the Town of Lena, 10 traffic stops, one traffic hazard, two traffic offenses, three citizen assists, one miscellaneous traffic incident, one welfare check; two open-line 911 calls; one ambulance call; two crashes.

May 1
Deputies responded to 31 incidents, including a K-9 deployment on East Algoma Street in Suring, attempted fraud on Cross Road in the Town of Little Suamico, sexual assault in Suring, automobile theft on Sunset Circle in the Town of Chase, suspicious activity near North Pine Road and Ireland Trail in the Town of Little Suamico, a disturbance on Hansen Avenue in Oconto, suspicious activity on Holiday Acres Lane in the Town of Townsend, three traffic stops, one traffic offense, two citizen assists, three miscellaneous traffic incidents, three welfare checks; one 911 hangup and one open line; two crashes, one involving deer.

April 30
Deputies responded to 43 incidents, including a disturbance on Dionne Street in Lena, sexual assault in the Town of Pensaukee, automobile theft on Maple Grove School Road in the Town of Oconto, threatening on County Road G in the Town of Spruce, an animal bite on state Highway 22-32 in the Town of Gillett, animal neglect on state Highway 22-32 in the Town of Gillett, property damage on Wittock Lane in the Town of Oconto, a noise disturbance on Muehl Drive in Suring, a disturbance on Spreeman Road in the Town of Breed, nine traffic stops, two traffic hazards, one citizen assist, two miscellaneous traffic incidents, two welfare checks; three open-line 911 calls; two ambulance calls; one crash.

April 29
Deputies responded to 39 incidents, including a disturbance on Snapdragon Circle in the Town of Little Suamico, threatening on Yates Road in the Town of Spruce, suspicious activity on state Highway 64 in the Town of Doty, child abuse in

the Town of Chase, suspicious activity on Garrity Road in the Town of Morgan, a missing person on West Main Street in Gillett, an animal bite on Holewinski Road in the Town of Chase, harassment on East Brook Street in Suring, drugs in Lena, a disturbance on Bloom Road in the Town of Underhill, suspicious activity on East Foelker Street in Gillett and near Janik Road and County Road AG in the Town of Maple Valley, four traffic stops, one traffic hazard, two citizen assists, one miscellaneous traffic incident, two welfare checks; one open-line 911 call; one ambulance call; two crashes.

April 28
Deputies responded to 30 incidents, including theft on County Road I in the Town of Stiles, an animal bite on Joseph Lane in the Town of Mountain, three traffic stops, one traffic hazard, three traffic offenses, one citizen assist, two miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; one 911 hangup and one open line; one ambulance call; one crash involving deer.

April 27
Deputies responded to 36 incidents, including automobile theft on Cedar Valley Lane in the Town of Breed, assault on County Road J in the Town of Little Suamico, theft on Laura Lane in the Town of Riverview, property damage on Nikodem Lane in the Town of Abrams, theft on state Highway 32 in the Town of Townsend, fire on North Pineview Circle in the Town of Breed, four traffic stops, one traffic hazard, five traffic offenses, four miscellaneous traffic incidents, three welfare checks; one 911 hangup and three open lines; two crashes, one involving a bear.

April 26
Deputies responded to 43 incidents, including suspicious activity on North Farm Road in Oconto Falls, theft on East Frontage Road in the Town of Abrams, suspicious activity on Zimmerman Lane in the Town of Stiles, fire on West Shay Lake Lane in the Town of Brazeau, squad damage on state Highway 32-64 in the Town of Mountain, suspicious activity on North River Road in the Town of Oconto, disturbances on East Armstrong Street in Gillett and on County Road J in the Town of Little Suamico, two traffic stops, one traffic offense, three miscellaneous traffic incidents, two welfare checks; one 911 hangup and five open lines; two ambulance calls; two crashes, one involving deer.

April 25
Deputies responded to 44 incidents, including property damage on Peshtigo Brook Road in Suring, fraud on Little Ireland Lane in the Town of Townsend, suspicious activity on County Road V in the Town of Maple Valley, fire on state Highway 32 in the Town of Breed, sexual assault in Oconto Falls, sexual assault in the Town of Spruce, property damage on County Road SS in the Town of Pensaukee, lewd and lascivious behavior on Peshtigo Brook Road in Suring, suspicious activity on County Road I in the Town of Stiles, threatening on Fifth Street in Oconto, five traffic stops, one traffic hazard, two traffic offenses, one citizen assist, one miscellaneous traffic incident, three welfare checks; one 911 hangup and one open line; one ambulance call; three crashes.

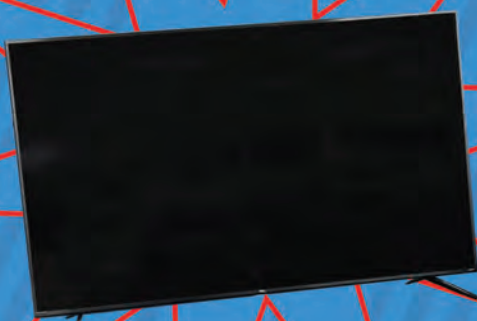
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WOW to host Emerging Talent XI art show

The Walls of Wittenberg Art Gallery is presenting Emerging Talent XI, an exhibit celebrating the creativity and imagination of student artists.

Featuring artwork from students in kindergarten through 12th grade, the show will spotlight a wide range of mediums and artistic styles.

The exhibit will be open to the public on Saturdays and Sundays from May 31 through June 22 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The exhibit will be open during Wittenberg Community Days with a reception following the parade on June 22 at the gallery, 114 W. Vinal St., Wittenberg.

"This show is a wonderful opportunity for young artists to share their work with the community and gain confidence in their creative abilities," said Elaine Diffor, exhibit chairperson. "We're thrilled to provide a space where their talent can be seen and celebrated."

Northern Flight Alliance awards scholarship

Shawano Community High School senior Chloe Cicero received the first ever Northern Flight Alliance Student's Outstanding Achievement in Aeronautics Reward (SOAAR) Scholarship for \$1,000 to foster her future pursuits in aeronautics.

Cicero qualified for the award by completing an interview process with the Northern Flight Alliance Board and completing her first solo flight. Shawano

Mayor Bruce Milavitz, also an aviation enthusiast, matched the donation.

Northern Flight Alliance was started by a number of area aviation enthusiasts in 1999. It is a nonprofit organization established to support the Shawano Civil Air Patrol and aviation activities in the greater Shawano area.

The Shawano Civil Air Patrol Squadron was disbanded a number of years ago and the organization

set inactive. In 2024, its board reconvened to continue their efforts in supporting aviation activities but with a greater focus on fostering aviation career paths of local students.

The organization is also working with Menominee Nation High School to start its first aviation program. The organization offers scholarships to local students pursuing careers in aviation.





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Darlene Nueske, of the Take A Step Back In Time Foundation, and John Powers, Wittenberg Area Historical Society vice president, stand in front of the future community museum, located at 106 W. Vinal St. Once renovated, the building will take the place of the old museum, located at 502 W. Summit St.

CONTRIBUTED

Museum plans change for historical society

Donations will now renovate downtown building

The Wittenberg Area Historical Society (WAHS) is moving ahead with its capital campaign, but with a different purpose due to a generous donation from the Take a Step Back in Time (TASBIT) Foundation.

Originally launched to fund the construction of a new facility to complement the museum located at 502 W. Summit St., the campaign has taken a new direction — one steeped in history and community pride.

The TASBIT Foundation, established by the Robert D. Nueske family, has donated one of downtown Wittenberg's most iconic buildings to WAHS. Located at 106 W. Vinal St., this historic structure will now serve as the centerpiece of WAHS's expansion.

"This gift reflects the foundation's deep commitment to preserving and celebrating the rich history of our community," said Brian McGinnis, TASBIT Foundation spokesman. "We are honored to support WAHS's vision and help carry forward the stories

and heritage of Wittenberg and the surrounding area."

The building's donation marks a pivotal moment for WAHS and for the broader Wittenberg community. Rich in architectural character and local significance, the structure offers a tangible connection to the past — one that aligns seamlessly with the society's mission.

"This generous gift is an incredible opportunity to preserve a piece of Wittenberg's history while creating a space that supports our museum's growing needs," said John Powers, WAHS board member. "Rather than starting from scratch, we're embracing the chance to breathe new life into a space that already tells a story."

Renovation plans will focus on restoring the building's historical character while modernizing the interior for accessibility, functionality and exhibit preservation. Once completed, the revitalized facility will serve as a hub for exhibitions, educational program-

ming, research, archives and community events.

"The TASBIT Foundation looks forward to seeing this space come to life and to welcoming the public to experience the powerful stories and artifacts it will showcase," said McGinnis.

As a result of this change in direction, funds raised through the capital campaign will now be redirected toward renovating the donated building. Additionally, improvements planned for the existing museum on Summit Street will still be supported through the campaign.

"We are incredibly grateful for the continued support of our community," said Carla Strassburg, WAHS president. "This new chapter in our campaign reflects our mission: preserving the past to inspire the future."

For information or to contribute, contact Kelly Kapitiz, WAHS treasurer, at 715-253-2054 or wit-thistsoc@gmail.com, or go to the Wittenberg Historical Society's Facebook page.

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Menominee Indian School District awarded \$700K grant

The Menominee Indian School District received a \$700,000 grant to help it develop a charter school for middle school students, using Menominee culture and language as a foundation for learning.

The Wisconsin Depart-

ment of Public Instruction awarded \$9.8 million in federal subgrants to support the planning, opening, and expansion of 10 charter schools across the state.

The district currently has a charter school in place for elementary age children,

Kaehkenawapahtaeq, which was started three years ago. Officials hope to have the new school in place by 2028, when Kaehkenawapahtaeq's founding kindergarten class would be transitioning from fifth grade to sixth.

SMART approach to learning in Birnamwood classrooms

Kindergarten students develop education skills while in motion

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Stimulating learning in young children can be a challenge — Kendy Frame, a kindergarten teacher for Birnamwood Elementary-Middle School, knows that firsthand.

However, Frame and others at the school are taking a SMART approach to learning, with SMART standing for Stimulating Maturity through Accelerated Readiness Training. This action research shows that sitting or being held can have an impact on a child's ability to learn, so Frame has been using the SMART methods of motion training to better stimulate the mind and help her students better learn things like the alphabet, sounding out words, counting and more.

"When we have our kindergartners come, we want them ready to learn," Frame said.

Frame has 33 years of experience with 4-year-old kindergarten, standard kindergarten, Head Start and first grade. She started using SMART in her classroom six years ago when she saw one of her students having difficulties.

"I had a little boy who was sitting on the rug, and he just kept falling over," Frame said. "He didn't have core strength, so he couldn't listen to the stories I was reading. I did a lot of research and digging to see about having some behavioral regulation in my classroom. I wanted to use the technology that I had to build up the core strength so he could learn and make some solid academic growth."

This year, there were 30 kindergarten students for Birnamwood, with four having no prior kindergarten experience at all and another five who did not attend 4K in the Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District. She noted the academic knowledge of the students at the beginning of the year was low, with limited abilities for self-help.

"They weren't carrying their own



Kindergarten students hop their way through the alphabet May 21 at Birnamwood Elementary-Middle School as part of a Stimulating Maturity through Accelerated Readiness Training exercise. The SMART program has been in place for six years, and the school is planning to expand the program to first and second grades.

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backpack in. They weren't tying their own shoes. They weren't buttoning and doing things like that," Frame said. "We had been doing pre-teaching, re-teach-

ing, things like that."

Frame said she set a "vigorous" goal of having 95% of the students performing at grade level for identifying upper-case and lower-case letters, recognizing word sounds and being able to count up to 20.

"The big thing with SMART is looking at your brain, looking at when they start as a baby," Frame said. "What are those basic skills that they need to know so, when they're 6 and they're in kindergarten, they have those readiness skills so they're ready to learn the harder things that we want."

She noted that babies, when they crawl, are learning to move around and over things to better improve their motion. Babies who spend more time sitting in car seats and play pens or being held don't get that basic core maneuvering, which makes it more difficult to stimulate their brains once they enter school.

To that end, Frame has set up various challenge courses in her classroom, in the adjacent hallway and on the playground for her students to practice basic things. The courses show how to pronounce words while crawling, learning balance by jumping on simple patterns,



A kindergarten student follows a set path on her tiptoes May 21 with classmates not far behind at Birnamwood Elementary-Middle School as part of a Stimulating Maturity through Accelerated Readiness Training exercise.

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GARDENING WITH MELINDA MYERS

Weekend updates will improve your landscape

Adding new life to your landscape can seem overwhelming. Tackling small achievable upgrades in a weekend can get the momentum started and make a big difference in the overall curb appeal.

Start with your door. Painting or staining the door can add new life to



Melinda Myers
Columnist

a tired entrance. Look at your home's style, siding and trim to guide you in the process. Select a durable paint or stain suitable for this purpose. Then dress it up with a seasonal wreath and fresh new door mat.

Add a few container gardens to the steps. These make a colorful welcome for family and friends. Include flowers that complement the door color and your home's siding and trim. Use reds, oranges and yellows to draw attention, energize and evoke feelings of warmth and comfort. Create a sense of calm with blues, purples and greens.

Use containers that are scale appropriate for your home. Make sure you can easily open the door when placing pots on the front landing. Select containers large enough to support the plants you want to grow. Choose tall and narrow pots to make a bold statement in a narrow space and bigger containers or groupings to make an impact at larger entries.

Include a few fragrant flowers to elevate the mood of everyone entering your home. Sweet alyssum, heliotrope, nicotiana and nemesia are a few fragrant annuals to consider. Add some herbs like lavender, rosemary and thyme as well as scented geraniums that are sure to invite a gentle pet to release their welcome fragrance.

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Corner shelves adorned with plants dress up this home's front porch.

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

SATURDAY, MAY 31

SHAWANO: Fun For Kids Sake, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St. Games, raffles, prizes, food in support of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Shawano County. Rain date June 21.

WITTENBERG: Emerging Talent XI, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., WOWSPACE, 114 W. Vinal St. An exhibit celebrating the creativity and imagination of student artists in kindergarten through 12th grade.

SURING: Graduation, 1 p.m., Suring High School, 411 E. Green Bay St.

SHAWANO: Shawano Speedway, 6 p.m., 990 E. Green Bay St. Gates open 4 p.m. \$12, ages 12-16 \$6, under 11 free.

SUNDAY, JUNE 1

SHAWANO: Zurko's Midwest Promotions Flea Market, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Shawano County Fairgrounds, 990 E. Green Bay St. \$2 admission, 12 and under free with adult.

WITTENBERG: Emerging Talent XI, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., WOWSPACE, 114 W. Vinal St. An exhibit celebrating the creativity and imagination of student artists in kindergarten through 12th grade.

MONDAY, JUNE 2

SHAWANO: True North Adventure Vacation Bible School, 9 a.m. to noon, Zion Lutheran Church, 1254 S. Union St.. For children age 3 through fifth grade. Register at shawanozion.org/vbs.php

SHAWANO: Friends of the Library Book Sale and Brat Fry - \$2 Sneak Peek Event, 4-8 p.m., Shawano County Library, 128 S. Sawyer St.

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, JUNE 3

SHAWANO: Friends of the Library Book Sale and Brat Fry, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Shawano County Library, 128 S. Sawyer St.

SHAWANO: Naberhood Block Party, 6 p.m., The Naberhood, 214 S. Main St. Family Game 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, JUNE 4

SHAWANO: Chamber Coffee Connection, 8-9 a.m., Glas Coffeehouse, 511 N. Main St. Guest speaker from Wisconsin Small Business Development Center.

SHAWANO: Friends of the Library Book Sale and Brat Fry, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Shawano County Library, 128 S. Sawyer St.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 5

SHAWANO: God's Little Wonders: Parent/Tot Hour, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Zion Lutheran Church, 1254 S. Union St. Hands-on activities and crafts, songs and stories, faith nurturing.

NAVARINO: Senior Safari Lunch and Learn, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. Interactive presentation on nature-related topics. Suggested meal donation \$5. Register at navarino.org. Option to meet in Shawano and/or Tigerton, to be bused to the Nature Center. Call to reserve your spot with Tina 715-526-4682 or ADRC at 855-492-2372.

SHAWANO: Recreation center groundbreaking, picnic celebration and open house, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 220 E. Division St.

SHAWANO: Thursdayz at Franklin, 6-8:30 p.m., Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St. Live music with Johnny Wad.

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 6

KESHENA: Kehtekaewak Farmers' Market, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., College of Menominee Nation (CMN), N172 State Highway 47.

OCONTO: Copperfest, 4:30-11 p.m., Copperfest/American Legion Park, 709 Madison St. Details at Oconto Copper Fest page on Facebook. Admission \$4, \$2 for ages 6-17 and 60-plus, 5 and younger and veterans free.

SHAWANO: Sun Drop Dayz, 4-10 p.m., East Elizabeth Street between Main and Lincoln streets. Live entertainment, children's activities, food and beverages. Information at sundropdayz.com.

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

SHAWANO: Sun Drop Dayz, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., East Elizabeth Street between Main and Lincoln streets. 5k walk/run, lumberjack competition, live entertainment, children's activities, craft vendors, flea market, food and beverages. Information at sundropdayz.com.

OCONTO: Copperfest, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., Copperfest/American Legion Park, 709 Madison St. Parade 10 a.m. Details at Oconto Copper Fest page on Facebook. Admission \$6, \$2 for ages 6-17 and 60-plus, 5 and younger and veterans free.

WITTENBERG: Emerging Talent XI, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., WOWSPACE, 114 W. Vinal St. An exhibit celebrating the creativity and imagination of student artists in kindergarten through 12th grade.

SHAWANO: Naberhood Block Party, 6-8 p.m., The Naberhood, 214 S. Main St. Live music with The Cheese Doodles.

SHAWANO: Shawano Speedway, 6 p.m., 990 E. Green Bay St. Gates open 4 p.m. \$12, ages 12-16 \$6, and younger than 11 free.

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

SHAWANO: Zurko's Midwest Promotions Flea Market, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Shawano County Fairgrounds, 990 E. Green Bay St. \$2 admission, 12 and under free with adult.

OCONTO: Copperfest, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Copperfest/American Legion Park, 709 Madison St. Details at Oconto Copper Fest page on Facebook. Admission \$4, \$2 for ages 6-17 and 60-plus, 5 and younger and veterans free.

St. John's holds second Church on the Farm service

The Schairer farm shop in Birnamwood was built for equipment but became a place of worship May 11.

St. John's Lutheran Church held its second annual Church on the Farm service on Mother's Day. The Rick Lettau Family Band came out of retirement to provide the polka music. It had everyone tapping their feet and singing along. The altar area, hand-crafted by Jim Schairer,

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reciting the alphabet on a designated hopscotch area, balancing on flat sticks and more. There are about 140 yards of movement activities in any designated spot.

"These kids did them, and they wanted more because it was fun," Frame said. "We made it right into our curriculum. We made it academic, and they're doing the skill and not even realizing that their brain stem is working double time."

There are key factors that make SMART a success, according to Frame. Frequency is a factor, and the students engage in the SMART activities every day. Intensity is another issue, and just playing and going through the motions is not enough, so Frame makes sure they're doing something specific like

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with your desirable plants for water, nutrients and sunlight. Many weeds also serve as hosts for insect pests and diseases. Removing them improves the look and health of your garden beds.

Once weeded, consider spreading a layer of organic mulch like leaves, ever-green needles or shredded bark over the soil surface. Organic mulches help keep plant roots cool and moist, suppress weeds, conserve moisture and, as they break down, improve the soil. The finer the mulch, the thinner the layer needed, and generally, it should be no more than 2 to 3 inches deep.

Edge planting beds as

farmer and craftsman, included a cross fashioned from 130-year-old driftwood taken from Norrie Lake. Over 375 people were in attendance.

"This service was well-received again this year; attendance increased by 50 people from last year," Pastor Jennifer Sosinski said. "Many people commented how encouraged and uplifted they felt by attending the service. That's

one of my favorite things about being a pastor, seeing people filled with hope at the end of the service. Life can be challenging; you should feel better after coming to church."

Donations were received from Ron and Sharon Bauch, Bank First, Mullins Cheese, Matsche Farms, Lund Transport and Kautza Septic, covering everything from the chairs to cheese curds.

have enjoyed helping the younger children navigate through the various items.

"They truly wanted that movement," Frame said. "They truly wanted that structure."

The results of the Fastbridge Test done on the students showed that Frame got very close to her goal, with just over 90% of them performing at grade level or above on average for the various tasks. Frame believes that continuing to set up motion activities that help to teach basic skills will allow future students to reach grade-level goals.

"They came in with very low readiness skills, and now at the end, they're phenomenal," Frame said. "They are all readers in our classroom."

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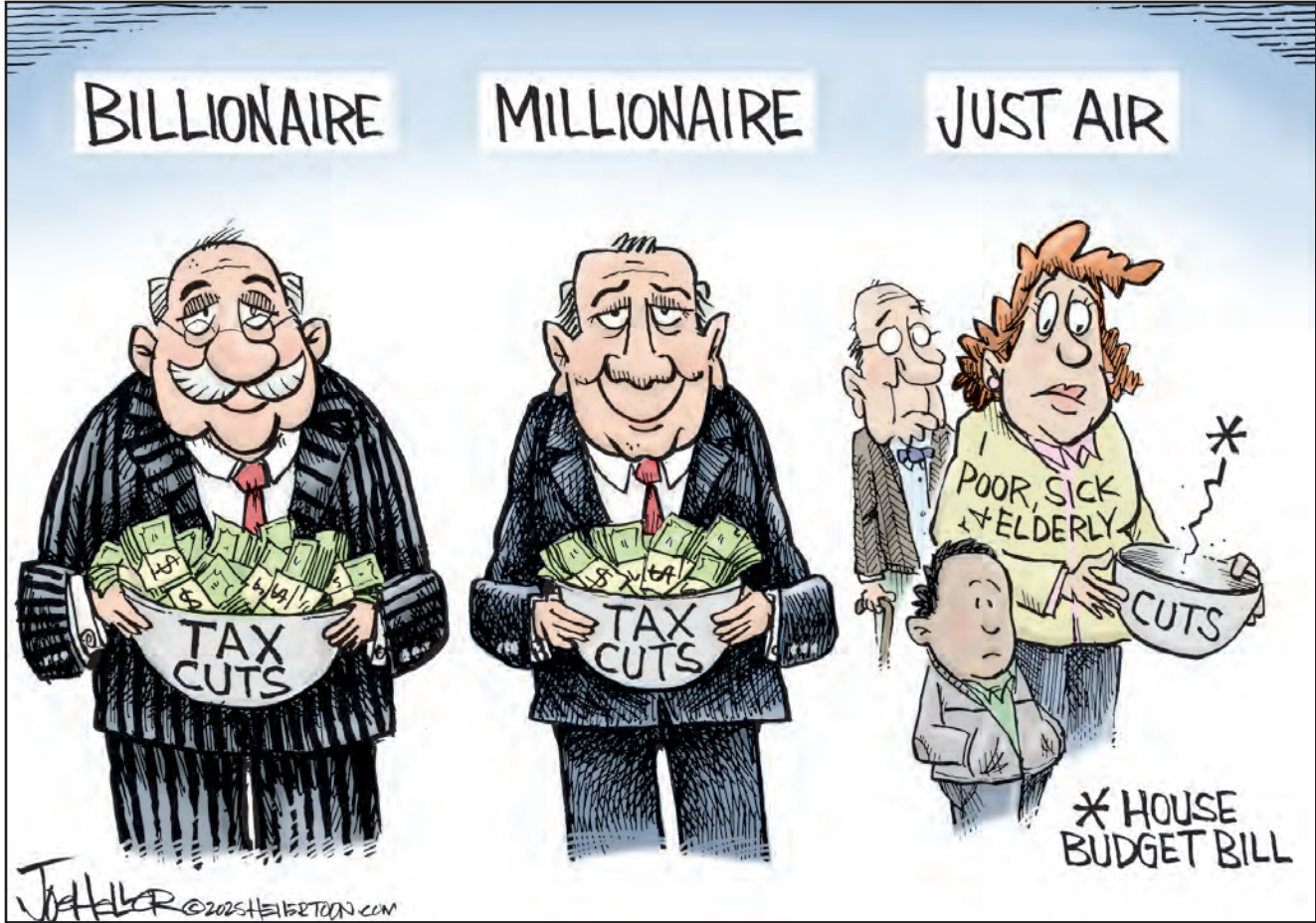


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For me and other Milwaukee-area journalists, the insights provided by the Milwaukee County Medical Examiner’s Office are integral to our coverage, providing crucial details and important context. Among the recent examples where the level of openness has played a key role are the COVID-19 pandemic, the tragic deaths of three men due to extreme cold last January and the high-profile case of D’Vontaye Mitchell last June.

Traditionally, the office has supplied “demographic reports” as well as “narrative reports.” Demographic reports include information such as the name of the deceased, where the death occurred and the name of a family member who was notified. Narrative reports, in contrast, delve into the circumstances surrounding each case.

“Narrative reports are particularly illustrative when compared to other available public information,” wrote David Clarey in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel in March. “Contextual information, such as whether a driver ran a red light or if a homicide resulted from a heated argument, is often missing (from demographic reports) and requires time-consuming requests from media and families alike.”

The media in Milwaukee were pleased with the level of openness we experienced from Karen Domagalski, the longtime operations manager for the Milwaukee County Medical Examiner’s Office. But when Domagalski retired on Feb. 19, the county’s medical examiner, Dr. Wieslawa Tlomak, announced a change in policy. Henceforth, she said, the office would stop sharing narrative reports until investigations were concluded and cases closed. She acknowledged that this shift represented a significant change in past practices.

Concerned by the change in policy, several news executives — including me — sent Tlomak a letter on April 4. It read, in part:



“The decision to curtail access to these preliminary findings poses a troubling scenario for our news organizations and, more importantly, for the residents of Milwaukee County. Withholding this essential information may leave the public waiting weeks, months or even longer for basic insights into the circumstances surrounding the deaths of community members. This delay not only hampers our ability to keep the public informed but also undermines trust in the transparency of governmental processes.”

The letter noted that having access to narrative reports helps “clarify the circumstances” surrounding deaths and fosters “a better understanding among citizens about the events that impact their safety.”

Tlomak replied to our letter nearly three weeks later on April 23. Her response read, in part:

“I recognize that this shift in operational policies and procedures is new to members of the media that cover death investigations and public safety matters in Milwaukee County. After an internal review of operational policies and procedures, it became apparent that it is not within the ME’s Office mission and purpose to provide inaccurate and/or incomplete information to the public, as the disclosure of these draft details have the potential to cause significant harm to family members most affected by a death.”

Here’s my response to that: Dr. Tlomak, if your concern is releasing inaccurate information, the appropriate next step would be to correct the information rather than stopping its release altogether. I urge you to work with the journalists who rely on the reports provided by your office to develop a solution that ensures timely access to vital information without compromising the integrity of ongoing investigations.

Transparency is crucial for maintaining public trust.

Tim Vetscher is news director at TMJ4 in Milwaukee. Your Right to Know is a monthly column distributed by the Wisconsin Freedom of Information Council (wisfoic.org), a group dedicated to open government.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tariff rationale false pretense for tax increase

To the editor:

The primary rationale for imposing substantial tariffs on goods from other countries is America’s grievance for allegedly being taken advantage of essentially by the rest of the world. This tariff policy is a false pretense for a tax increase on American consumers without calling it a tax increase. We pay for the price increases on tariffed goods.

Take tariffs on our Canadian neighbors for example. How the administration can claim fentanyl from Canada is justification for the policy is a lengthy stretch given that the amount of fentanyl from the north is minuscule, and it is likely more of the drug goes from the U.S. to Canada. Further, and more importantly, given the lengthy border with Canada, Canadians pay billions of dollars for services from American businesses. The trade calculation should reflect services in addition to goods which would show a substantial trade surplus for the U.S.

Mexico has sued numerous American manufacturers and distributors for arming the drug cartels, which run the human trafficking and fentanyl operations on our southern border. The Mexican government can document almost every firearm seized from cartel members as coming from the U.S. It should be obvious that blaming the Mexicans for a criminal enterprise, which is armed by American business, is rather hypocritical. Consider further that if U.S. troops were deployed south of the border, they would be fighting criminals armed with American weapons.

Finally, on the world



stage, American grievance is a complete fraud. The U.S. has 5% of the world’s population and consumes 25% of the world’s resources. If that’s not a good deal for us, then what is?

Stephen Menard, Shawano Schools robbing children of their innocence

To the editor:

What are our children being taught, and who approves it? As a father who has homeschooled for 19 years and participated in public schools for the past seven, I’m more concerned than ever. The illusion is that public education is official, approved and therefore trustworthy. My experience says otherwise.

On April 14, a concerned grandfather contacted me. His granddaughter, a fourth grader at Suring Public School, was rehearsing a play in which two boys get married. The play was halted only after a parent raised the issue. Why did it take a parent to intervene? Who is truly monitoring what children are exposed to?

It turns out a first-year teacher rewrote the play

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without administrative review. Had it been approved, the situation would be even more troubling. The district claims curriculum is developed by a teacher administrator committee, aligned with state standards, and approved by the school board. Supplemental materials are typically vetted by administrators.

Where is that oversight in practice?

The Suring School District has a troubling history. In the past six years, two former teachers have gone to federal prison for sexually abusing students. State laws on strip searches have changed, and the district has

paid out major settlements.

Do I blame the teacher for using inappropriate content? Yes, but the larger responsibility lies with the curriculum coordinator, principal and school board. These officials are paid to protect and educate our children. Are they unwilling — or unable — to do so?

The sexualization of grade-school children must end. This failure to enforce age-appropriate curriculum robs children of their innocence. In any other profession, such dereliction would have consequences. Why should public schools be any different?

Michael Van Den Elzen, Suring

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Above, Several Shawano softball players converge on the mound as they prepare to do battle with West De Pere on May 21. A two-run lead by the Hawks evaporated into a tied game, only to see Shawano fight back for the 7-3 victory. At left, Kadence Meyers runs from second to third base following a teammate's base hit in Shawano's 7-3 win over West De Pere. With the game tied at 3-3 heading into the final inning, the Hawks scored four runs in their half and held their opponents in check to claim the win.

KEVIN PASSON | NEW MEDIA

3 softball teams lose in first round of playoffs

Gillett/Suring advances with win over Menominee Naton

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

May 22 Marinette 5, Oconto Falls 2

Oconto Falls dropped a 5-2 WIAA regional playoff game to Marinette to end their 2025 season.

The Panthers, 8-13 overall, finished at 7-10 in the North Eastern Conference.

Gillett/Suring 16, Menominee Nation 1

In Division 3 playoff action, No. 8 Gillett/Suring defeated No. 9 Menominee Nation 16-1.

The Eagles end the season at 0-14 in the CWC East and 2-19 overall.

Gillett/Suring advanced to take on No. 1 Peshtigo on May 27.

Crandon 12, Bowler/Gresham 1

Bowler/Gresham's season ended with a 12-1 loss to Crandon in the first round of WIAA regional action.

Bowler/Gresham ended its season 0-6 in the CWC North and 0-11 overall.

Wittenberg-Birn

wood 4, Shawano 2

The Chargers and Hawks closed out their regular seasons with Wittenberg-Birn

amwood earning a 4-2 nonconference win.

Shawano finished the season with a 7-5 mark for third place in the Bay Conference. The team was 12-11 overall.

Wittenberg-Birn

amwood, 17-9 overall, finished in third place in the CWC East at 10-4.

Northland Lutheran 13, Marion 6

May 21
Shawano 7, West De Pere 3

In a game where both teams entered at 6-5 in

the Bay Conference, only the Hawks left the game above .500.

A 3-1 Shawano lead soon became a tied game at 3-3. Shawano battled back in the final inning to take the 7-3 win and move to 7-5 in the conference.

May 20 Pulaski 12, Notre Dame 0

Pulaski closed out its regular season with a 12-0 shutout of Notre Dame.

The Red Raiders finished in fourth place in the Fox River Classic Conference with a 12-6 record. The team was 15-10 overall.

May 19 Wittenberg-Birn

amwood 10, Shiocton 2

Wittenberg-Birn

amwood closed out its regular season with a 10-2 win over Shiocton.

The Chargers ended in third place at 10-4 in the CWC East.

Manawa 5, Bonduel 4

Manawa scored a pair of runs in the bottom of the seventh to defeat Bonduel 5-4 and the lead in the CWC East.

The Bears took a 1-0 lead in the top of the second, only to see Manawa scored three runs in the third for a 3-1 lead.

Bonduel scored three of their own in the sixth inning for a 4-3 lead.

Tatum Sporisky hit

2-for-4 with a pair of RBIs. Emery Thompson connected on three hits, and Marlie Hartmann and Haley Conratt had two each.

Hartmann had a double. Gracyn Wudtke and Conratt each had an RBI.

Kallie Wilcox was the losing pitcher.

Manawa is in first place with a 12-1 mark. Bonduel is in second at 11-3.

Tigerton 16, Bowler/Gresham 5

Iola-Scandinavia 15, Menominee Nation 0
Iola-Scandinavia 20, Menominee Nation 3
Pulaski vs. Bay Port
Fox Valley Lutheran 7, Shawano 0



Above, Gracee Johnson takes the field as Shawano prepares to host West De Pere on May 21. The Hawks won 7-3. At left, Ayanna O'Kimosh prepares for another inning.

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Hudson Miller is congratulated by teammates as he crosses home plate after hitting a grand slam out-of-the-park home run May 18. Below, he swings the bat that powered the home run.

TINA BACON

Big second inning dooms Lena baseball team

By NEW Media Staff
May 23
St. Thomas Aquinas Academy 14, Lena 3
St. Thomas Aquinas Academy blasted out 10 runs in the second inning to run away with a 14-3 win over Lena.
Pulaski 12, Sheboygan North 8
Wrightstown 9, Oconto Falls 1
May 22
Bonduel 10, Amherst 3
Bonduel took advantage of nine walks and five Amherst errors to earn a needed conference win, 10-3.
The Bears were also aggressive on the bases, stealing 10 times without getting caught.
Cade Johnson started on the mound for Bonduel and struck out 10 in five innings. He gave way to Beckett Hartlaben who struck out three more in two innings to earn the win.
Bonduel could not get the bats going until

the fifth inning, scoring a run on a fielder's choice ground ball.
In the sixth, the Bears took advantage of six walks, four singles and three errors by the Falcons and scored nine runs before all was said and done.
Joe Felhofer and Hartlaben had two hits each, and Felhofer added two RBIs.
Bonduel is now 12-8 overall and 9-4 in CWC East play.
Shawano 3, Seymour 2
Shawano snapped a four-game losing streak with a 3-2 home win over Seymour.
Wittenberg-Birnawood 14, Weyauwega-Fremont 1
Shiocton 14, Menominee Nation 1
Gibraltar/Washington Island 10, Lena 0
Oconto Falls 13, Luxemburg-Casco 3
Luxemburg-Casco 3, Oconto Falls 2
Bowler 24, Marion 16
Gresham 16, White Lake 1

Gresham 18, White Lake 1
Tigerton 4, Northland Lutheran 1
Tigerton 11, Northland Lutheran 1
May 21
Pulaski 12, Green Bay Southwest 1
The Red Raiders improved to 10-6 in the Fox River Classic Conference and 14-8 overall with a 12-1 win over Green Bay Southwest.
Gresham 21, Bowler 2
May 19
Bonduel 15, Manawa 2
Bonduel went to Manawa and pounded out a 15-2 win against the Wolves.
Joe Felhofer led the Bears with three hits and four RBIs. Kody Schroeder added two hits and three RBIs with Carter Moesch, Aiden Hillsberg and Mason Zuleger each chipping in two hits.
Beckett Hartlaben walked five times and scored three runs.
The Bears also stole eight bases.



Brooks Hartlaben threw all five innings for the Bears to earn the win.
Tigerton 9, Bowler 5
Green Bay NEW Lutheran/Providence Academy 11, Gresham 3
Lena 3, Coleman 2
Gillett/Suring 8, Sevastopol 7
Iola-Scandinavia 20, Menominee Nation 8
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Bonduel golfers win their home invitational

May 22 FRCC Championship
Pulaski placed fifth among 10 teams with a 349 score at Wander Springs Golf Course in Greenleaf. With a 72 as the top score in the meet, the Red Raiders were led by Dixon Holewinski with 81. He was joined by Brady Hayward with 84, Casey Madlem with 91 and Nathan Jossie with 93.

Bradin Schultz also carded a 94.

May 20 Bay Conference Championship

Shawano's golfers placed sixth with a 180 score at Chaska Golf Course in Greenville. Blake Knope had the best score for the Hawks, a total 41. Duane Gristeau-Blanche and Jakob Stuhr each scored a 46, and T.J. Smith had a 47. Brayden Mead also carded a 49.

Thornberry Invite
It was a cold and windy venue, but scores didn't reflect that. Antigo and Amherst were exceptional, and Bonduel wasn't far off pace, either. Bonduel's Jaxon Bogacz and Collin Fischer led the

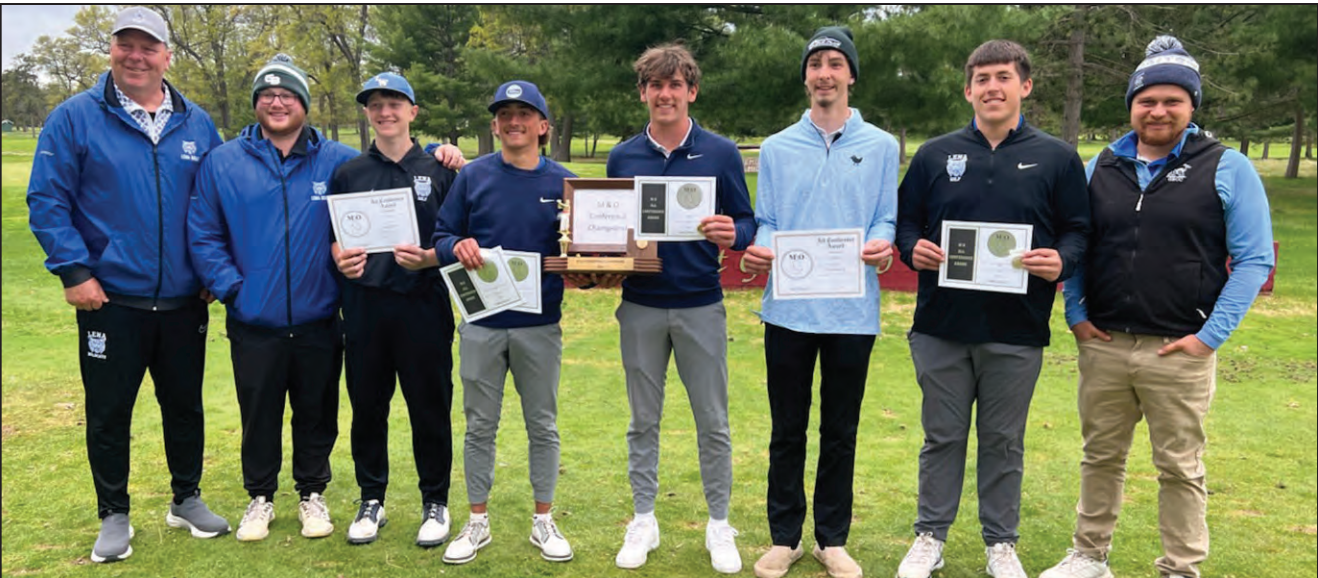
local golfers on the Oneida Golf Course as the Bears placed third among 10 teams. Antigo won with a 317, followed by Amherst with a 323. Bonduel scored a 339, followed by Marion in fifth with 368, Wittenberg-Birnamwood in sixth with 376 and Menominee Nation/Gresham in seventh with 386.

Bogacz and Fischer each scored 77 and were joined by Cole Westphal with 89 and Cameron Schroeder with 96. Cory Wussow also carded a 98. Marion was led by Collin Grogan's 84. Also scoring were Elijah Scheef with 86, and Jarren Faehling and Brady Malueg each with 99.

James Nolan also carded a 104.

For Wittenberg-Birnamwood, George Seegmiller led with an 83. He was followed by Luca Pelusi with 92, Grant Hanson with 99 and Nicholas Flak with 102.

Roman Johnson also had a 105. "I was pleased to see George (Seegmiller) again post a decent score, which hopefully can carry over



Lena golfers won the Marinette & Oconto Conference championship. From left, are head coach John Moe, oach Evan Carden, Tanner Behnke, Mason Belongia, Mason Spice, Vance Turecek, Cooper Demmth and coach Kenny Leuer.

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into regionals," coach Chris Bartletti said. "Luca (Pelusi) posted his best round of the season, and Grant (Hanson) was able to take third on our team in his first varsity meet."

Menominee Nation/Gresham scores were Eliott Penass with 93, Gabe Boivin with 95, Alex Mahl with 99 and Anikohsaeh Corn with 99.

Holly Brady had a 123.

May 19 Bonduel Invitational
Lena's Mason Spice tied for medalist honors with a 75, and Bonduel won the team competition at Golden Sands Golf Course in Cecil.

Spice tied with Cole Haeuser of Weyauwega-Fremont.

Bonduel had a team score of 344, edging out Lena with a 345. Marion was third with 351, and

Menominee Nation/Gresham was sixth with 366. Wittenberg-Birnamwood was eighth at 387.

Bonduel was led by Colin Fischer with 77, followed by Jaxon Bogacz with 78, Griffin Uelmen with 94 and Sam Roberts with 95.

Ryan Westrich also carded a 104.

Joining Spice were teammates Vance Turecek with 85, Cooper Demmth with 89 and Tanner Behnke with 96.

Marion was led by Brady Malueg with 84. He was followed by Collin Grogan with 87, Jarren Faehling with 89 and Elijah Scheef with 91.

James Nolan also carded a 106.

For Menominee Nation/Gresham, it was Anikohsaeh Corn and Elliott Penass each with a 90. Alex

Mahl had a 92, and Gabe Boivin had 94.

King Lyons also carded a 108.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood's George Seegmiller led the Chargers with 82, followed by Jaden Clark with 94, Nicholas Flak with 105 and Roman Johnson with 106.

Luca Pelusi also carded a 108.

FRCC Mini-Meet #5

and #6
Pulaski placed in the middle of the pack – fifth place out of 10 teams with a 343 – at the Brown County Golf Course in Hobart.

Brady Hayward led the Red Raiders with a 79. He was joined by Dixon Holewinski with an 81, Bradin Schultz with an 88 and Nathan Jossie with a 95.

Casey Madlem also carded a 96.

Pulaski, Shawano soccer teams win in shutouts

May 22 Pulaski 1, Notre Dame 0

Pulaski's winning streak was extended to four games with a 1-0 shutout over Notre Dame.

Shawano 13, Green Bay West 0

May 20 Pulaski 8, Green Bay Southwest 0

The Red Raiders earned their second consecutive shutout, an 8-0 win over Green Bay Southwest.

Shawano 6, New London 3

Lacrosse teams end seasons without a win

May 23 Notre Dame 14, Pulaski 4 (boys)

Pulaski closed out its regular season with a 14-4 loss to Notre Dame.

The Red Raiders finished 0-8 in the Big Valley Conference and 0-18 overall.

May 22 Bay Port 14, Pulaski 1 (boys)

Pulaski fell to 0-7 in the Big Valley Conference with its 14-1 loss to Bay Port. The team is 0-17 overall.

Bay Port 16, Pulaski 2 (girls)

Like the boys team, the Pulaski girls team also fell to 0-7 in the Big Valley Conference after a 16-2 loss to the Pirates. The team is 0-9 overall.

May 20 Appleton United 18, Pulaski 2 (boys)
The Red Raiders boys

lacrosse team fell to 0-6 in the Bay Valley Conference following its 18-2 loss to Appleton United.

Appleton United 13, Pulaski 1 (girls)

The Pulaski girls team is also 0-6 in the Bay Valley Conference after losing 13-1 to Appleton United.

Pulaski tennis team wins 6-1 over Manitowoc Lincoln

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

May 22 Pulaski 6, Manitowoc Lincoln 1

They sustained a loss in the No. 1 singles match, but Pulaski's tennis play-

ers pulled out victories in every other contest to earn a 6-1 win over Manitowoc Lincoln.

Nathan Maroszek and Mikel Iglesias-Mino won by the same 6-0, 6-0, scores at No. 2 and No. 3

singles, respectively.

Jonah Dreves won by forfeit at No. 4 singles.

Jeffrey Sanders and William Gosse also won by forfeit in the No. 3 doubles match.

Ryan Symons and

Henry Piczkowski won 6-0, 6-1, and No. 1 doubles, and Donovan Holderness and Oscar Delmarcelle won 6-3, 6-1, at No. 2.

Justin Fraedrich was defeated 6-1, 6-0, in the No. 1 singles match.

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Pulaski, Bonduel girls win track meets

May 22 FRCC Conference Meet

Pulaski's girls track and field team won the conference meet at Green Bay Preble, collecting 143 points. Bay Port was next in line with 100. De Pere won the boys event with 140 points, with Pulaski placing fourth with 77.

Olivia Sprangers won the 100-meter dash. She also won the long jump, with Lydia Gwidt placing second.

Emerson Fabry won the 800-meter run, with team-mate Olivia Stedl placing second. Fabry also won the 1,600-meter run.

Lily Urben captured the gold in the 300-meter hurdles.

Winning the 4x200-meter relay were Addison Krueger, Urben, Faye Brunke and Sprangers.

For the boys, Keaton Dauk won the 200-meter dash and the 300-meter hurdles.

The 4x200 team of Aiden McGlinn, Kam McKeefry, Sawyer Good-

ness and Spencer Hakes earned first place.

Manawa Grand Finale
Bonduel's girls won at Manawa with 160.7 points, and the boys were second with 123.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood's girls placed second with 140.2 points, while the boys were third with 116.

Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas boys and girls each placed fifth, and Marion/Tigerton teams were sixth. Wolf River Lutheran girls were seventh and the boys eighth, while Gresham/Bowler boys were seventh and girls eighth.

Winning for Bears girls team were Peyton Westrich in the 400-meter dash, Mariah Wondra in the 1,600-meter run, Kember Frome in the 3,200-meter run and the 4x75 relay team.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood winners were Kaitlin Tuskowski in the 100-meter dash, Harper Rogowski in the 200-meter dash, Faith Resch in the 100- and 300-meter hurdles, the 4x400 relay

team (Kylee Beversdorf, Nora Bushman, Rogowski and Resch), the 4x800 team (Beversdorf, Bushman, Rogowski and Harper Krull) and Resch in the long jump.

Lena/STAA's Eva Brooks won the high jump, and Della Kostreva won the triple jump.

For Marion/Tigerton, Madiline Wudstruck was third in the 400-meter dash, and Presley Stewart-Rolfs was third in the discus.

Gresham/Bowler's best finishes were fifth place in the 4x800 (Addison Fischer, Cami Gourley, Hannah Long and Alivia Perez) and Emily Jensen in the discus.

Wolf River Lutheran's Cadence Anderson was fifth in the 1000-meter dash, and Violet Buchholz was fifth in the 1,600-meter run.

For the boys, Bonduel was led with first-place finishes from Joah Dworniczak in the 3,200-meter run, the 4x800 team (Gage Anderson, Dworniczak, Oliver Chitwood and

Corbin Vandenbrerg) and Ryan Westrich in the shot put.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Alex Sanderson was first in the 300-meter hurdles. The 4x400 team of Jett Rogowski, Sanderson, Bryson Schmid and Kaden Yaeger won. Landen Schmidt won gold in the discus. Yaeger won the long jump with Rogowski in second place.

Lena/STAA's Zander Thomson won the high jump, and Lucas Heinke won the triple jump.

For Marion/Tigerton, Tristan Herro placed second in the high jump.

Gresham/Bowler's 4x200 team of Riley Hohensee, Ethan May, Kobe Miller and Cody Mehlberg placed fourth.

Wolf River Lutheran's Caleb Bohmbach was fifth in the 110-meter hurdles.

May 20 M&O Conference

Suring's girls won the conference meet on their home track, easily topping the other six schools.

Suring tallied 184.33

points, compared to Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy in fifth place with 91 and Gillett in sixth with 77.

On the boys side, Suring was fifth with 80, followed by Lena/STAA in sixth with 61 and Gillett in seventh with 52.

Winning for the Eagles girls were Bunny Cramer in the 1,600- and 3,200-meter runs; the 4x800-meter relay team of Kyler Kempka, Morgan Suring, Paige Pommerich and Elayna Skarban; and Aliya Cox in the long jump and triple jump.

Placing first for Lena/STAA were Abby Kostreva, Della Kostreva, Miriam Alberts and Kate Peters in the 4x400 relay, and Eva Brooks in the high jump.

Gillett's Hope Soper won the 800-meter run, and Audrey Pate won the discus.

For the boys, Brady Bayer won the discus for Suring. Lena/STAA had Zander Thomson winning the high jump.

Gillett's Bradyn Wendorff won the 800-, 1,600- and 3,200-meter runs.

May 17 CWC Championship Invite

For the first time since 1980, the Bonduel girls track and field team won the conference championship, the win coming at Rosholt.

All-conference honors were awarded to Peyton Westrich in the 100-meter dash, 200-meter dash and 400-meter dash; Mariah Wondra in the 1600- and 3200-meter runs; the 4x200-meter relay team of Paige Niquette, Cierra Schnell, Audrey Weier and Audrey Jacobs; the 4x800 team of Teagan Engel, Hailley Berg, Kember Frome and Amelia Wilcox; Weier in the high jump; and Josie Pawlak in the long jump and triple jump.

On the boys side, earning all-conference honors were the 4x100 team of Malachi Grey, Griffin Uelmen, Sam Roberts and Mason Ballwahn; the 4x400 team of Roberts, Gage Scholl, Uelmen and Ballwahn; and Ryan Westrich in the shot put and the discus.

Nate Michonski wins stock car feature race

New London's Tanner Janke started in fourth but took the checkered flag in the modifieds feature race at the Shawano Speedway on May 24. Wausau's Kevin Feck and Janke won the heat races.

In the sport modifieds, it was Shawano's Tommy Rindt starting fifth and placing first. He was followed by Suring's Bryce Clements in second and Tigerton's Dustin Wudstrack in third.

Shawano's Michael Springborn and Rindt won the heat races.

Mitch McGrath, of Waukesha, won the late models feature race, with Shawano's Brett Swedberg in second. The top seven finishers all started in the same positions as they

ended. Swedberg, McGrath and Random Lake's Brad Mueller won the heat races.

Embarrass' Nate Michonski won the stock car feature race after starting fifth. Marion's Dan Michonski started eighth and finished second. Oconto Falls' Kyle Frederick started ninth and ended in third, while Pulaski's Devin Snellenberger started seventh and placed fourth.

Vern Stedjee, of Shioc-ton, and Dan Michonski won the heat races.

In the Mighty Fours, Brad Wedde, of Clintonville, won the feature race, fighting through the field from a sixth-place start. He was followed by Taylor Junk and Josh Fiske, both

of Shawano. Junk, Wedde and Shawano's Dalton Nelson won the heat races.

Double feature
Back-to-back nights of racing at the Shawano Speedway are planned for June 13-14.

The Outagamie Speedway is hosting a truck pull instead of its normal schedule of racing June 13, so officials at the Shawano track decided to step in and host a night of racing to fill the void.

Shawano's regular night of racing, June 14, will also be held.

Each night will offer a complete show, with races in the traditional classes of stock cars, sport modifieds, late models, modifieds and Mighty 4's.



In the sport modifieds, it was Shawano's Tommy Rindt starting fifth and placing first. It was his first feature win at the Shawano Speedway this year.

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Clintonville, Little Falls, Wittenberg win in BABA shutouts

By **GREG SEUBERT**
Correspondent

East/West Division Tigerton 13, Neopit 11
Jayden Sivertson and Blake Stenbach hit home runs for the Tigers in a win over the Chiefs.

Mike Pecore led Neopit with three hits, including a home run.

Patrick Bailey picked up the win on the mound for Tigerton, and Bob Peters took the loss.

Leopolis 14, Gresham 8
Details not provided.

Clintonville 13, Cran-don 0

Jaden Doornink held Crandon hitless over six innings and struck out nine batters to get the win.

Turner Doornink and Brock Smejkal homered for the A's.

Matty Schallhorn took the loss for Crandon.

Caroline 10, Menomi-nee 2
Klay Finger's three-run double highlighted a six-run eighth inning for the Cougars.

Finger led all players with four RBIs. Winning pitcher Jack Yeager, Jared Cartwright and Neil Hoff-man added three hits for Caroline.

Shawano 8, Tilleda 5
Arkin Verhein and Noah Jones led Shawano with two hits each and Verhein added a home run.

Jay Brei led Tilleda with three hits, while Zach Fehrman and Brad Bartz added two each.

Jacob Springborn got the win on the mound, while Fehrman took the loss despite striking out 10 batters.

Little Falls 7, Marion 0
The Loggers added to their 1-0 lead with five runs in the top of the eighth inning to pick up

the win on the road.

Parker Gullixon had four hits for Little Falls and Kyle Finger and Spencer Strebe added a double.

Blake Weatherwax and Bobby Brunker led Marion at the plate with three and two hits, respectively.

Carter Kurki picked up the win and Joe Weyen-berg took the loss.

North Division Birnamwood 13, Aniwa 6
Birnamwood had 18 hits in a win over the Orioles.

Chase Reinke, Mason Meverden and Chase Krull led the Kings with three hits each, while Logan

Thiex and Bryce Heil added two each.

Mason Meverden picked up the win on the mound, and Kody Szews took the loss.

Szews and Brady Martin each had two of Aniwa's eight hits.

Wittenberg 9, An-tigo/Polar 0
The Pilots picked up a forfeit win over Antigo/Polar.

Eland 9, Elderon 6
Details not provided.

South Central Division
No games scheduled.

Upcoming Schedule East/West Division

Friday, May 30: Little Falls at Tigerton, 7 p.m.

Sunday, June 1 (all games 1:30 p.m.): Shawano at Menominee; Gresham at Marion; Neopit at Clintonville; Caroline at Tilleda; Leopolis at Crandon.

North Division
Sunday, June 1 (all games 1:30 p.m.): Witten-berg at Aniwa; Birnam-wood at Elderon; Antigo/Polar at Hatley; Eland has bye.

South Central Division
Sunday, June 1: New London at Plover, 1:30 p.m.; Weymont, Scandina-via have bye.

Hofa Park wins in 12 innings in Dairyland game

By **GREG SEUBERT**
Correspondent

Pulaski 3, Nichols 2
The Reds improved to 3-0 in league play May 22 with a win over the Nitros at Doug McDermid Field.

Kyle Olson struck out 12 batters over eight innings to get the win on the mound, while Easton Vertz worked a scoreless ninth inning to pick up a save.

The teams headed into the bottom of the eighth inning tied at 2-2, but Pulaski's Jarron McKeefry scored the game-win-ning run after being hit by a pitch.

Will Debrune gave Nichols a 1-0 lead

in the third inning with a solo home run.

Pulaski tied the game in the bottom half of the inning on Reese Berg's RBI single.

Berg's sacrifice fly in the fifth inning gave Pulaski a 2-1 lead, but Nichols tied the game in the next inning on Lucas Leisgang's RBI single.

Ty Schaumberg took the loss for Nichols.

Berg and Jason Infusino had two hits for Pulaski.

Hofa Park 7, Cecil 3 (12 inn.)
Ty Myers gave Hofa Park a 2-0 lead with a two-run single in the second in-ning May 23 before Cecil tied the game at 3-3 in the bottom of the eighth with an

RBI single.

Hofa Park added four more runs in the top of the 12th inning. Nick Volz drove in the go-ahead run with a fielder's choice.

Brinton Anderson added an RBI single and Ethan Volz capped the scoring with a two-run double.

Relief pitcher Brett Ellestad picked up the win for the Panthers after giving up four hits over a scoreless 4 1/3 innings.

Mason Dorn, Ethan Volz and Trevor Cornell each had two of Hofa Park's nine hits. Myers and Ethan Volz drove in two runs each.

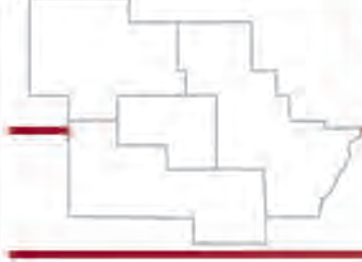
Garrett Engel had three of Cecil's 10 hits, while Kenny Casper added two.

Upcoming Schedule
Friday, May 30 (all games 7 p.m.): Navarino at Hortonville; Cecil at Sha-wano; Nichols at Waupaca; Marinette at Pulaski.

Saturday, May 31: Bonduel at Hofa Park.

Sunday, June 1 (all games 1:30 p.m.): Navarino at Cecil; Hortonville at Pulaski; Waupaca at Marinette; Hofa Park at Nichols; Shawano at Bonduel.

Standings (as of May 23): Hofa Park (3-0); Pulaski (3-0); Waupaca (3-0); Hor-tonville (2-1); Bonduel (2-1); Nichols (1-2); Cecil (0-2); Marinette (0-2); Navarino (0-2); Shawano (0-3).



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The Oconto Area Chamber of Commerce announced that Harvest Fest 2025 will return to downtown Oconto on Sept. 27 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with an exciting new boost — Nercon Conveyor Systems will serve as the presenting sponsor of this year's event.

A longtime leader in manufacturing and innovation with strong roots in the Oconto community, Nercon's support marks a new chapter in the growth and evolution of Harvest Fest. Their commitment is helping to bring even more activities, amenities and atmosphere to this beloved fall tradition, according to Samantha Routheau, president of the Oconto Area Chamber of Commerce.

“Community events

like Harvest Fest don't happen without people and businesses that believe in where they live,” Routheau said. “Partnering with Nercon is a perfect example of what makes Oconto special. Their support and collaboration are helping us take this event to new heights; we're thrilled for what's ahead.”

As presenting sponsor, Nercon's involvement will be visible and impactful — from helping expand entertainment options and vendor capacity to increasing accessibility and comfort for visitors. More seating, signage, family-friendly zones and a few exciting surprises are all part of the plan, due in large part to their backing.

“Harvest Fest is the

kind of event that brings people together and reminds us what community is all about,” said Mike Weickert, president of Nercon Conveyor Systems. “We're proud to support something that adds so much joy and connection to our city. Working with the chamber on this has been a natural fit. We both care deeply about making Oconto an even better place to live, work and celebrate.”

With more than 150 vendors expected, live music, fall-themed fun and a few new attractions in the works, Harvest Fest 2025 is shaping up to be the most exciting yet, according to Routheau. Visitors can expect a warm, welcoming environment that honors

tradition while embracing fresh ideas — something the chamber and Nercon are passionate about delivering, she said.

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The existing roadbed will be covered with 2 additional inches of ¾" road gravel and then pulverized 6-8 inches deep, regraded, rolled and resurfaced with 2 inches of asphalt, 21 feet wide. The 1.5 foot shoulders shall be ¾" road gravel, graded and rolled.

Bidders are required to provide certificate of insurance for \$1,000,000.00 limit of liability, provide a certificate of workers compensation coverage, and performance bond in the amount of the bid. The **deadline** for submitting is **4 p.m. on Tuesday, July 8, 2025**. Please send sealed bids to:

Town of How
Ken Holmes, Chairman
PO Box 187
Suring, WI 54174

The Town of How Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Becky Dickson, Clerk
Town of How, Oconto County
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Town of Oconto Falls
Liquor License Applications

Class B Beer and Class B Liquor Applications:
Timothy Thompson d/b/a Club 32, 5506 Hwy 32 South, Gillett, WI 54124.
Amanda Boucher d/b/a Sandy Corners Bar & Grill, 5494 Hwy 32 South, Gillett, WI 54124.
These applications are for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

Susan Mogged, Clerk
Town of Oconto Falls
May 30, 2025

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**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FORUM
FOR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICE
PROGRAMS**

The Oconto County Department of Health and Human Services Board is responsible for advising the County on service needs and priorities for persons with disabilities, mental illness, alcohol and other drug abuse, frail elderly, public health issues, Medicaid, Foodshare, child daycare, child protection, juvenile out-of-home care, and juvenile justice needs.

The Board would like to hear from the public regarding community needs and priorities, the quality of programs, accessibility to services, suggestions for program improvements, and to hear any concerns of the public regarding Health and Human Services programs.

AN OPEN FORUM IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2025, AT NEW HEIGHTS, 228 W. PARK STREET, GILLETT, AT 5:00 P.M.

The purpose of the meeting is to receive comments and information from Oconto County residents for the 2026 budget process for the Oconto County Department of Health and Human Services. The public is encouraged to attend. If unable to attend the Public Participation Forum and would like your comments read, please contact Wendy Dey either by mail at Oconto County Department of Health and Human Services, 501 Park Avenue, Oconto, WI 54153-1612; by telephone at (920) 834-7000; or by e-mail at: wendy.dey@ocontocountywi.gov by June 2, 2025.

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CITY OF GILLETT ALCOHOL LICENSE APPLICATIONS

The following have applied for an Alcohol License with the City of Gillett for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. Said applications will be presented in person to the City Council on June 5, 2025 for possible approval/denial.

Class A Fermented Malt Beverage
Pat's Market, Inc. DBA Pat's Market; Agent-Rachel Galland, 117 N McKenzie Ave, Gillett, WI 54124

Dolgen Corp, LLC DBA Dollar General Store 24181; Agent-John Greene, 217 N McKenzie Ave, Gillett, WI 54124

Class B Fermented Malt Beverage & Class B Liquor
Spirits of Gillett LLC; Agent-Kris Piskowski, 145 N McKenzie Ave, Gillett, WI 54124

Sleepy Hollow Motel & Resort LLC DBA Sleepy Hollow Wildfire Trails; Agent-Laurie Wold, 5 State Hwy 22 E, Gillett, WI 54124

Thomas Fullerton DBA Fullerton's Bar, 109 N Lake Ave, Gillett, WI 54124

Todd Druckrey DBA The Fifth Wheel, 206 East Railroad Street, Gillett, WI 54124

Class A Fermented Malt Beverage & Class A Liquor
GPM Southeast, LLC. DBA R-Store #4485; Agent-Rhonda Urlaub, 200 N McKenzie Ave, Gillett, WI 54124

CITY OF GILLETT TOBACCO LICENSE APPLICATIONS

The following establishments have applied for a Tobacco License from the City of Gillett for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. Said applications will be presented in person to the City Council on June 5, 2025 for possible approval/denial.

Pat's Market Inc. DBA Pat's Market; Agent-Rachel Galland, 117 N McKenzie Ave, Gillett, WI 54124

Family Dollar Stores of Wisconsin, Inc. #29424, 109 N McKenzie Ave, Gillett, WI 5412

Thomas Fullerton DBA Fullerton's Bar, 109 N Lake Ave, Gillett, WI 54124

GPM Southeast, LLC. DBA R-Store #4485; Agent- Rhonda Urlaub, 200 N McKenzie Ave, Gillett, WI 54124

Sleepy Hollow Motel & Resort LLC DBA Sleepy Hollow Wildfire Trails; Agent-Laurie Wold, 5 State Hwy 22 E, Gillett, WI 54124

Dolgen Corp LLC DBA Dollar General Store 24181; Agent-John Greene, 217 N McKenzie Ave, Gillett, WI 54124

Chelsea Anderson
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Pat's Market

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lb

Vollwerth's Rope Sausages

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14oz
Smoked or
Kielbasa

USDA Choice Boneless Ribeye Steaks



\$17.29
lb

SeaBest 16-20 EZ Peel Raw Shrimp

\$5.99 each
16oz

Family Pack Assorted Pork Chops



\$1.79
lb

Betty Crocker Ready-to-Serve Frosting

\$1.69 Asst Variety
12-16oz

Betty Crocker Brownie or Cake Mixes

2/\$3 Asst Variety
13.25-16.3oz

Red Raspberries



\$3.49
6oz

Pink Lady Apples



99¢
lb

Red On-the-Vine Toamtoes



\$1.29
lb

XL Green Bell Peppers



99¢
each

Bulk Russet Baking Potatoes



59¢
lb

Krestchmar Off-the-Bone Rotisserie Chicken Breast



\$6.49

lb
Shaved or Sliced

Sweet P's Muffins



\$3.99

Asst Variety
4pk

McCain Frozen Potatoes



\$3.49

Asst Variety
14-32oz

Prairie Farms Cottage Cheese



\$2.29

Asst Variety
16oz

Prairie Farms Sour Cream



\$2.49

16oz

Bugles, Chex Mix, or Gardettos



2/\$5

Asst Variety
6-8.6oz

Coffeemate Coffee Creamer



\$3.99

Asst Variety
32oz

Food Club Purified Flavored Water



\$1.99

6pk/16.9oz

Pillsbury Toaster Strudels



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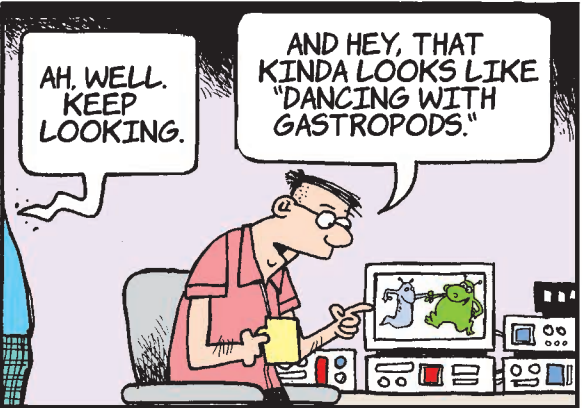
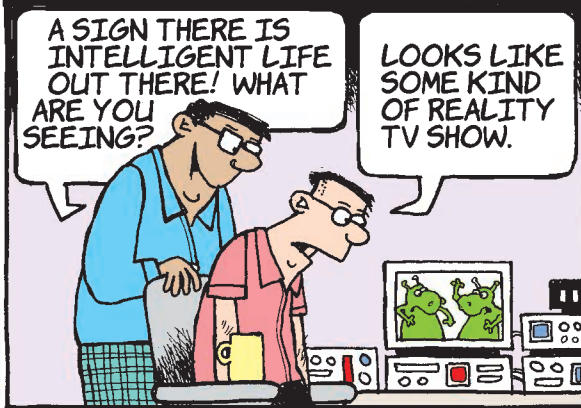
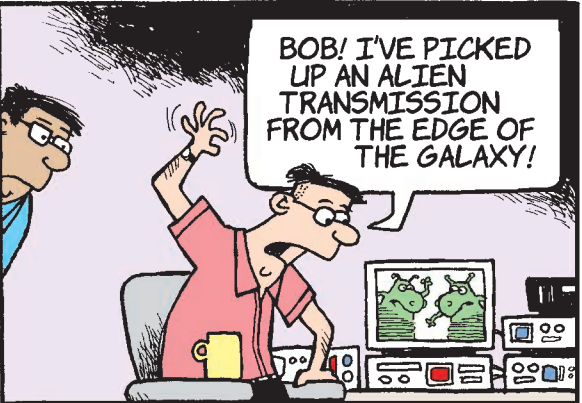
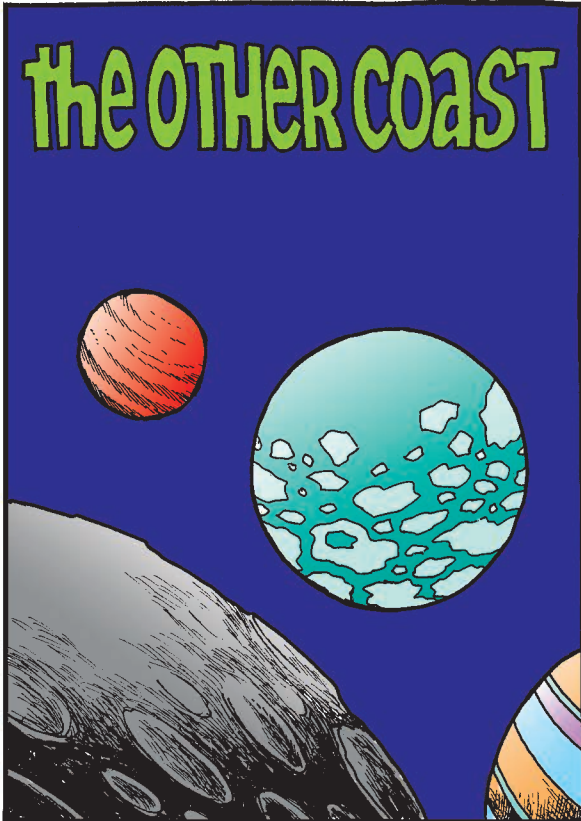
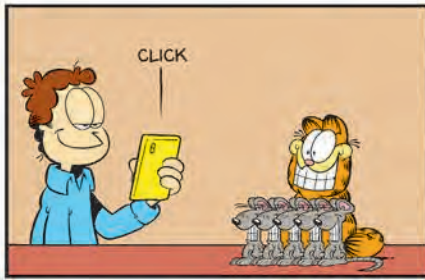
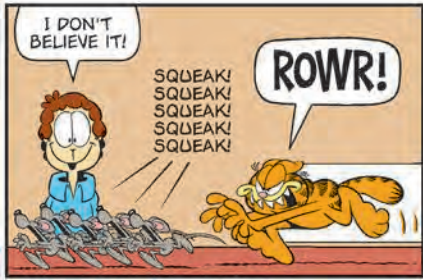
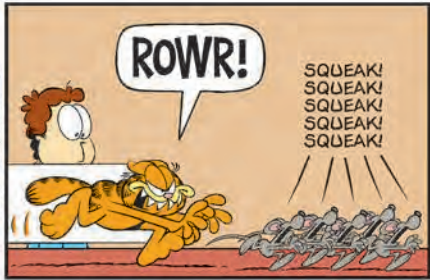
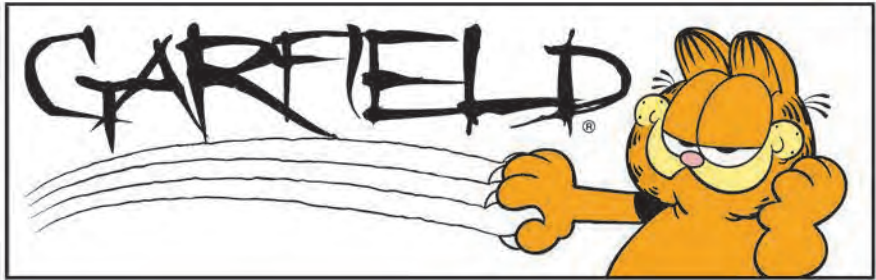
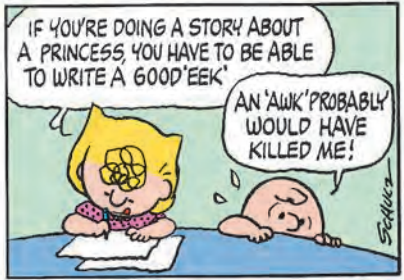
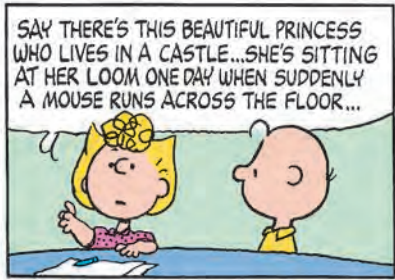
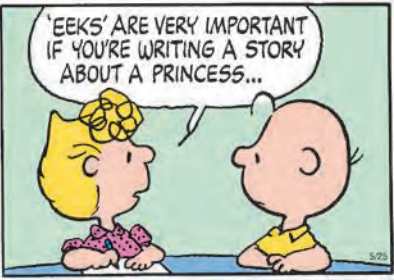
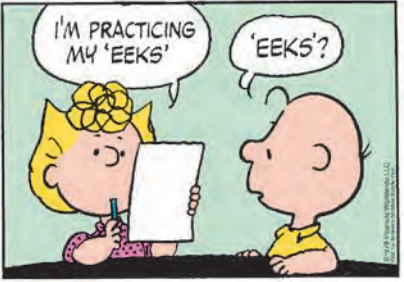
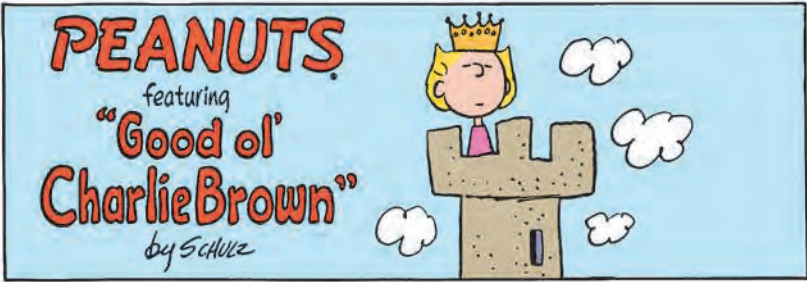
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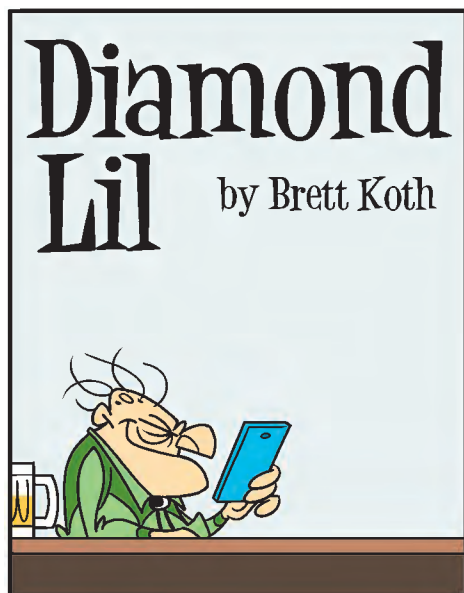
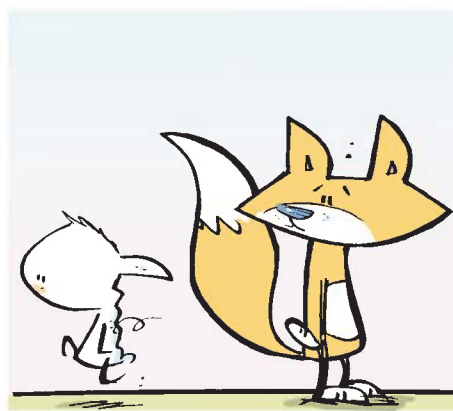
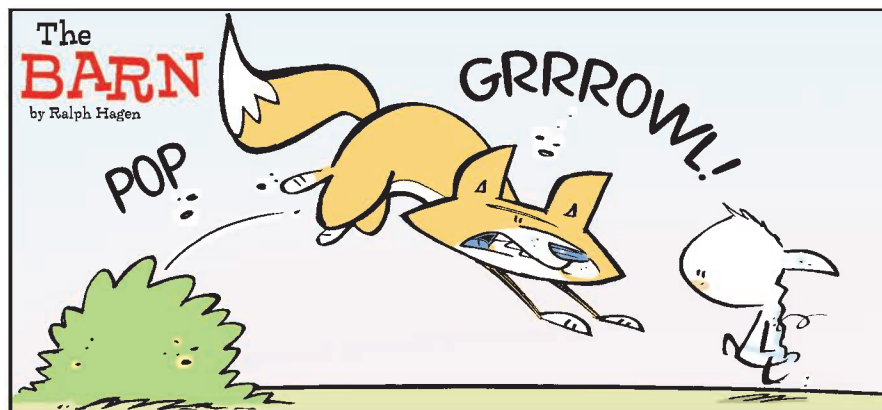
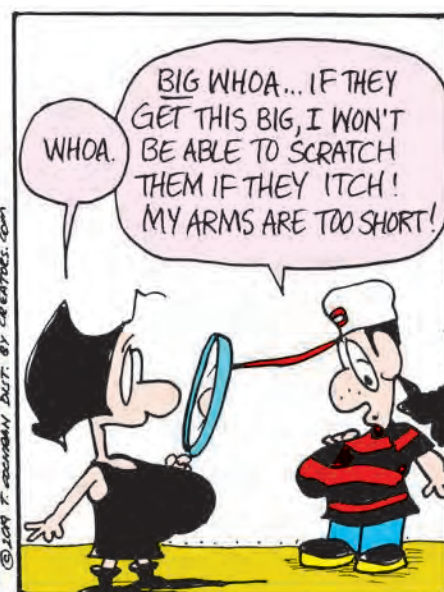
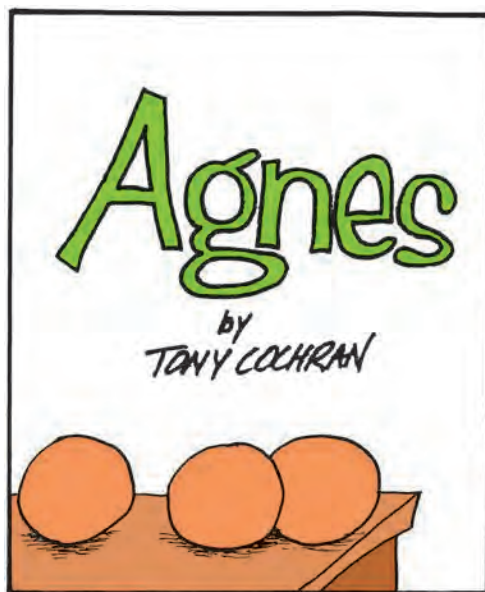
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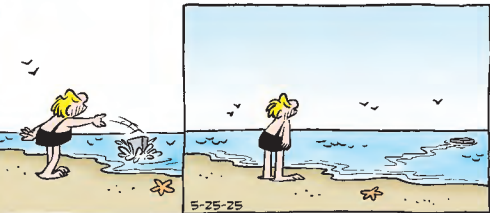
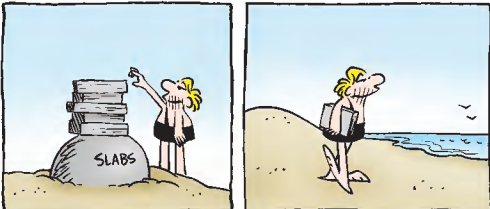
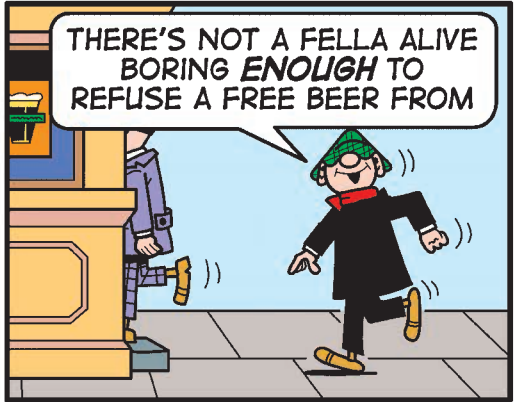
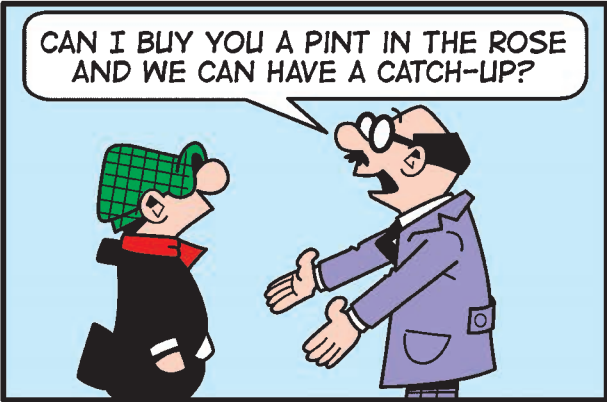
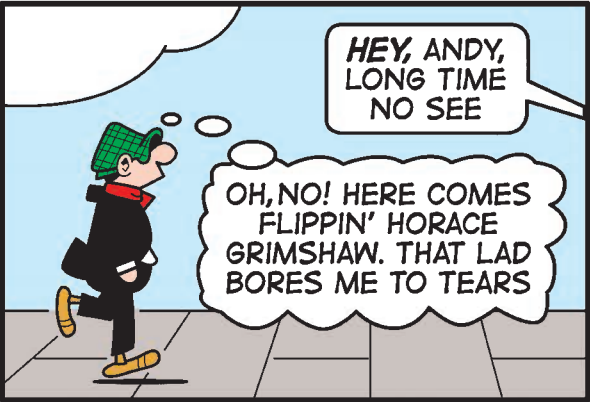
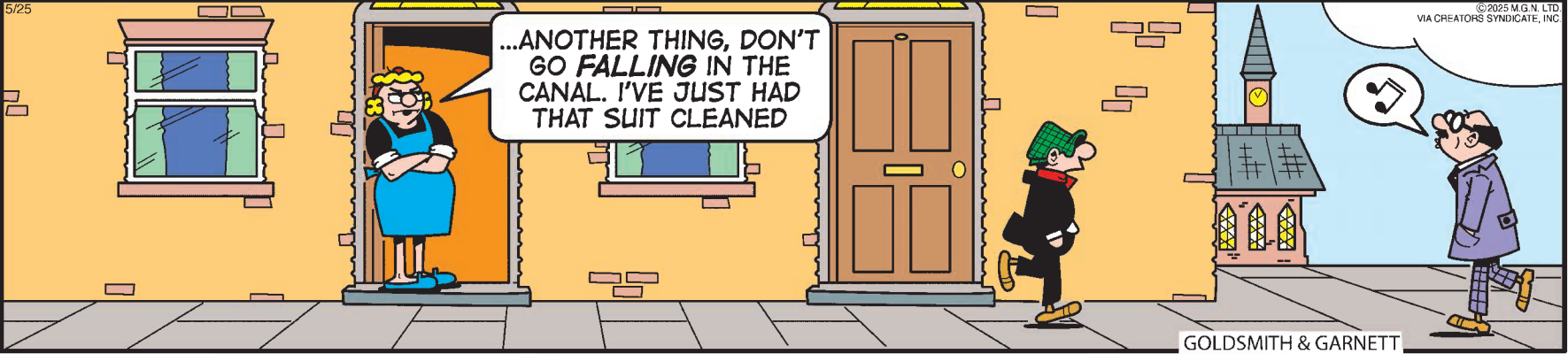
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Every year, Sun Drop Dayz puts on a family-friendly festival in the heart of Shawano.

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Of course, that golden soda we all love is at the heart of our annual event. Sun Drop somehow tastes sweeter in the shadows of the Twig's Beverage campus. Take a tour and see how your favorite soft drinks are crafted.

In addition to some great music, we have a 3-on-3 basketball tournament, a craft fair and flea market, our annual Sun Drop 5k run/walk, and new this year, we will have the NZDA Foundation – traditional Hmong dancers from the Fox Valley with local dancers as well.

As always, we have an ever grow-

ing kidz zone with bounce houses, face painting and many games for the littlest ones.

Established by Leadership Shawano County class of 2016, Su Drop Dayz kicks off the summer season in Shawano County, held annually on the first weekend in June.

As of our 2024, Sun Drop Dayz has donated more than \$100,000 to local nonprofit organizations. Every year, new nonprofits are selected to receive all proceeds from the event.

This year, our recipients are Shawano Area Humane Society, Sacred Heart, Fever Fastpitch, Shawano Jazz and Red River Riders.

Come down June 6-7, and sample local sodas and cuisine while you are entertained by great bands and energizing attractions.





2025 EVENT SCHEDULE

June 6th & 7th

E. Elizabeth Street, Shawano WI

Sundrop Museum is OPEN!!
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54166

*Horse Wagon rides from event grounds to Sundrop museum:
Friday 5pm-8pm and Saturday noon-5pm*

Museum Hours:
Friday 10am-6pm
Saturday 10am-6pm

Friday, June 6th

4:30pm - 10:00pm

Kidz Zone

4:30pm - 8:00pm // Inflatables
Only

Music

Whiskey & Lace
4pm - 6:30pm

Wet Possum
7:00pm - 10:00pm

Saturday, June 7th

10:00am - 10:00pm

Flea Market & Antiques
6:00am // 713 S Main St, Shawano

5k Run/Walk
9:00am

Craft Fair
10:00am - 4:00pm

Kidz Zone
10:00am - 8:00pm

NZDA Traditional Hmong Dancers
11:00am

Lumberjack Competition
1:00pm - 5:00pm

Music

The Trigger Trippers
12:00pm - 2:00pm

Nashville Pipeline
3:00pm - 6:00pm

THE GLAM BAND
6:45pm - 10:00pm



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FOOD MENU

THE DOG HOUSE

Burgers - Brats - Hotdogs

LEGENDARY GYROS

Hand Carved Original Gyros - Hand Stacked Chicken Gyros

LBN FOODS

Apple Fries - Corn Dogs - Deep Fried S'Mores - Ribbon Fries - Funnel Cake - Hand Battered Cheese Curds - Deep Fried Pickles

The Melt Stop

Smash Burger Melt - BAT Melt - Ham Melt - PB&J Melt - PB&J Burger Melt - Grilled Cheese - Triple B Melt - Philly Cheese Melt - Melt Fries - Loaded Melt Fries - Philly Nachos

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Face Painting

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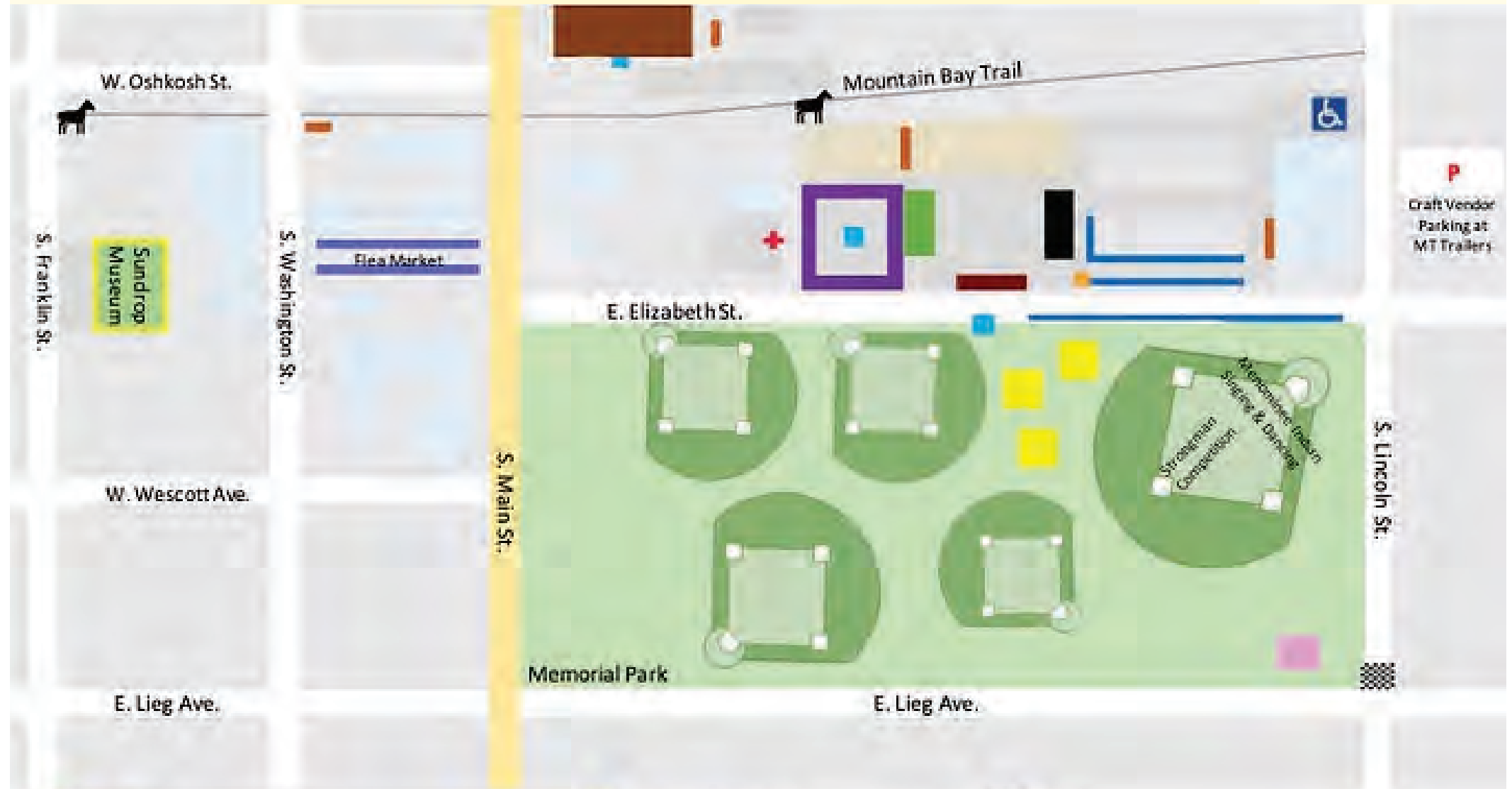
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Sun Drop Dayz Festival Map



Twig's Beverage

Built on strong family roots and community connections, we pride ourselves on bringing you our finest craft sodas. Bottled in real glass since we opened in 1951, we are committed to keeping old-fashioned traditions alive by making products with real sugar and real flavoring.

Twig's Beverage is a dream come true for Floyd Hartwig. He had heard of the booming bottling business in the Korean War and sent his paychecks home to invest in bottling equipment. Once back home, friends of Floyd, or "Twig" as they called him, began to make a bottling plant. Built on the same plot of land where it still stands today, Floyd would see his dream become a reality.

Starting out slow, Floyd would sell a case of soda and buy his family a loaf of bread.

As time went on, Twig's Beverage became a staple of Shawano. Our growing popularity sparked interest for the first

citrus soda of the 1950s – Sun Drop. The creator Charles Lazier, needed a place to produce and distribute his new "Golden Cola." Floyd agreed to Charles' request and became one bottler amongst several in Wisconsin that made this delicious soft drink.

As Floyd got older, his business got busier, because his fellow bottlers were forced to close due to hardships of supply and demand. This influx pushed Twig's Beverage to test the limits of what a small business could do.

When Floyd's health declined in 1986, he didn't want his ever-growing "empire" to slip into the hands of the unknown, so his son and current owner, Dan Hartwig, took over his father's legacy.

Continuing on the right track, Dan expanded the company's products, distribution locations and capabilities.

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(715) 526-6111 | shawanohealthservices.com



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The Bandz

Whisley & Lace
Friday, 4-6:30 p.m.

High energy band from central Wisco playing the best country music from the '90s and today, mixed with popular pop, pop-punk and rock hits from the '90s and today.

Wet Possum
Friday, 7-10 p.m.

If the year on your driver's license starts with a 1, you are going to love this band. Wet Possum is a ragtag bunch of friends whose only desire is to play the greatest pop punk and alt-rock hits of the 1990s and 2000s.

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The Bandz

The Trigger Trippers Saturday, Noon-2 p.m.

A three-piece band from central Wisconsin, The Trippers is a traditional country/rock & roll band that plays music from Buck Owens to Chuck Berry.

Nashville Pipeline Saturday, 3-6 p.m.

With their early beginning in 1997, this band has evolved to be one of the premier acts in the Northeastern Wisconsin.

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Golden Boy and Golden Girl

The second annual selections for the Golden Boy and Golden Girl will be announced Saturday afternoon just prior to the Nashville Pipeline taking to the state at 3 p.m.

In 2024, Twig's Beverage announced its first-ever Golden Girl and Golden Boy, with Ramona Meidam and Casey Johnson taking those titles for 12 months.

All applicants are current fourth grade students living in the Shawano School District.

The application includes an essay from the student of why he or she would be a good role model and help spread positivity in the community.

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Jaime Lee, center, introduces the 2024 Golden Girl, Ramona Meidam, and Golden Boy, Casey Johnson, June 1, 2024, on the main stage at Sun Drop Dayz. Meidam and Johnson worked with Lee year creating content for Twig's Beverage, the local soda company.

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