

Trucks, trucks and more trucks



The size of semis is impressive when standing in front of a row of them as these guys discovered June 13 at Zippel Park in Gillett. The Roy Hubbard Memorial Truck Show was held June 13-14. For more photos, turn to page 2.
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Changes proposed for Highway 64

BY NEW MEDIA STAFF

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation will host a live, online public involvement meeting to discuss proposed improvements on state Highway 64 from the state Highway 32 South Junction in Mountain to County Road S in Pound. The meeting will be held at 4 p.m. June 24 via Microsoft Teams. Attendees

will access the meeting via the new state Highway 64 project website. Access the meeting via computer or mobile device by visiting wisconsin-dot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/ne/64oconto/default.aspx For audio only, call 608-571-2209 and use the phone conference ID 386 520 604#. You will hear the presentation and be able to ask questions.

The purpose of this meeting is to review the proposed project scope, schedule and anticipated traffic impacts, and solicit comments and feedback on the proposed improvements. The project is expected to extend the service life of the existing roadway pavement within the project limits by resurfacing the roadway. Other improvements include culvert

repair and replacement, new centerline and shoulder rumble strips, and beam-guard to enhance safety and functionality. The project will also construct wildlife protecting fencing. Construction is expected to begin in spring 2030. Traffic impacts include single lane closures with flaggers during working hours. Roadway closures with detours are not anticipated at this time.

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Revitalized Copper Culture Museum to host open house

125th anniversary of Wisconsin State Parks system also celebrated

The Copper Culture Museum at Copper Culture State Park will host an open house to show off its newly refreshed building and exhibits from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 28.

The park and the museum are always free to the public. There will be a refreshments tent and an ancient Native American artifacts identification table in the front garden.

Area artifact collectors are invited to bring items from their collection for review.

The 125th anniversary of the Wisconsin State Parks system will also be celebrated.

Archaeological findings about the Old Copper Complex (as it is now known to archaeologists) over the last 20 years have been incorporated into the new exhibits, which focus on the lifeways of ancient people who lived in north-east Wisconsin thousands of years ago.

The burials at the Oconto site are direct prehistoric ancestors of the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin. According to American Archaeology magazine, new evidence supports the probability that the Copper Culture

people were the earliest known metallurgists in the western hemisphere, but also among the earliest — if not the earliest — in the world. The Oconto (archaeological) site is one of only a handful of similar sites in the Upper Great Lakes region and is the only one with a museum dedicated to telling the story of these prehistoric people.

The Copper Culture Museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Memorial Day through Labor Day and by appointment to small groups during the spring and fall.

The museum is housed in the intricately bricked farmhouse, built by Charles Werrebroeck, more than 100 years ago in the traditional, Old World Belgian style. The Oconto milled maple floors have been preserved, and the double-sided fireplace has been enhanced using hand-painted panels by local artist Bruce Retzlaff.

The museum is operated under the auspices of the Oconto County Historical Society. It is located on Copper Culture Way, southwest of where of state Highway 22 and U.S. Highway 41 meet.



An open house at the Copper Culture Museum in Oconto will be held June 28. The park and the museum are always free to the public. There will be a refreshments tent and an ancient Native American artifacts identification table in the front garden.

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June is Men's Health Month: Catching health issues early starts with a visit

Men's Health Month is a reminder that small, consistent steps can lead to lasting improvements in well-being. One of the best things you can do for your health and happiness is to have a close connection

with a primary care provider you know and trust and stay up to date with regular wellness visits.

"In our busy lives, men who feel healthy might not realize how much time has gone by since their

last medical care," said Dr. Alexander Trecartin, a family medicine provider at Aspirus Weston Clinic. "As a result, it's easy to fall behind on needed screenings, conversations and direction to maintain that

state of good health long term."

A provider helps you stay on track with preventive screenings, catch concerns early and make informed decisions about your care. These visits

are more than just physical exams. They build a relationship that supports your health through every stage of life.

Primary care providers offer support that goes beyond checkups. Regular

visits help uncover silent health issues and give patients the tools to take control of their health.

Taking that first step to connect with a provider can make a difference in your long-term health.

Roy Hubbard Memorial Truck Show



A driver shines up his truck at the Roy Hubbard Memorial Truck Show on June 13 in Gillett. The two-day event at Zippel Park also featured a craft and vendor show, a light show, fireworks, live music, and food and refreshments.

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Wet conditions June 13 didn't stop people from strolling past the rows of semi trucks as part of the Roy Hubbard Memorial Truck Show in Gillett. The two-day event drew large crowds for the craft and vendor show, the light show and live music.

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OBITUARIES

Gladys Arnett Guseck

Gladys Arnett Guseck was called home to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Saturday, June 7, 2025, at the age of 87.

She was born, Gladys Ruth Arnett, in Barberton, Ohio, on Jan. 24, 1938, to the late Joseph and Maude (Snyder) Arnett. Those who knew her have no doubt that she was received into the arms of Jesus with, "Well done, good and faithful servant!"

Gladys grew up in Barberton. She began her love of sports early in life and developed skills that carried into her middle age. She was an award-winning bowler and a softball player with the ladies' teams during her years at General Tire.

In junior high, she joined the band and carried that interest and skill into Barberton High School. The year after she graduated, the Barberton Marching Band was invited to march in a Cleveland parade welcoming President Eisenhower. The band director contacted Gladys to join them for the parade.

Gladys worked in the billing department at General Tire and advanced to the supervisor's assistant. The department was responsible for processing documents sent to Akron for invoicing and credit. After taking early retirement from General Tire, she worked in the human resources



department at Kent State University. She moved to Wisconsin in 1988 for a few years, then returned to Ohio for seven years. While in Ohio, she worked at Ravenna Aluminum.

Gladys met Earl Guseck through a mutual friend, and at the age of 50, she married Earl and moved to his farm in Lena. She loved the farm and was always glad to get back after visiting Ohio and other busy places. She and Earl were married for 27 years before Earl passed away in 2015.

Gladys loved her nieces and nephews and would take them on vacations and other special outings. She also included other kids from her church family for those trips. Everywhere she went, she quickly won people over with her unique mixture of sweetness and spunkiness, sprinkled with humor throughout. She was a dedicated Christian and

prayer warrior. Many special friends will also feel the void of her absence in their lives.

Gladys is survived by nephews, Derek Arnett and Floyd Joseph Walters; niece, Robin Arnett; and many great-nephews and great-nieces.

She was preceded in death by husband, Earl; parents; brother, James, and his wife, Melba; sister, Lucille (Arnett) Morrell; niece, Denise Keller.

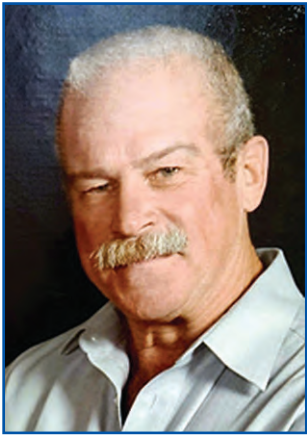
Visitation will be held on Sunday, June 29, at Riverview Alliance Church in Oconto Falls from 2 p.m. until the service at 3 p.m., with Pastors Kevin Kuhn and Reggie Reinhold officiating. Gladys will be interred at Greenlawn Cemetery in Akron, Ohio.

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

The family would like to thank the HSHS hospital staff at St. Clare and St. Mary's hospitals for their excellent care at the end of her earthly life.



Michael Kallas



It is with deep sorrow and love that we announce the passing of our beloved husband, father and grandfather, Michael Kallas. Mike passed unexpectedly on June 8, 2025, at the age of 62.

Mike was born Sept. 9, 1962, in Bay View (Milwaukee) to Larry and Betty (Lewandowski) Kallas. He was a graduate of Bay View High School.

On July 20, 2007, Mike married the love of his life Kathy, at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Lena.

A hard working and devoted man, Mike dedicated his life to providing for his family and ensuring the well-being of those he loved most.

He was the foundation of our family — steady, strong and endlessly supportive. His unwavering love and guidance shaped our lives in more ways than we can count.

Mike always had his children's best interests at heart, offering a steady hand and a shoulder to lean on during life's toughest moments. Whether through quiet strength or wise advice, he was always there — teaching us how to live

our lives with a purpose, with resilience and kindness.

He instilled in us a very strong work ethic and life skills that we will carry with us and pass along to our own children, ensuring that his legacy lives on through the generations.

Mike was a proud iron worker and Iron Workers Local 8 Union member. Most recently, he was employed as a senior inspector with HNTB.

He enjoyed time with his family more than anything but also loved scuba diving, gardening, hunting, fishing and baseball.

Mike will be deeply missed and forever remembered by his family,

friends and all who had the honor of knowing him. He is survived by his wife Kathy, his daughters and son, Katee (Jason) Inghram, Kristee (Jason Sauer) Kallas, Kellee (Scott) Umentum, Kasee Kallas, Amie (Burt) Stage and John (Hatti) Gaulke. He is further survived by grandchildren, Luke, Will, Summer, Eleanor, Harper, Hunter, Payton, Halie, Allison, Mariah, Bella, Beau, Johnny, Waylon, Adaline and Bruce; Uncle David (Chris) Lewandowski and Aunt Nancy (Jim) Behr; and dear friends, Denny and Brenda Hurning; mother-in-law, Barb Egly; mothers-in-law, Karl (Vickie) Egly and Tim (Kathy) Egly; a sister, Linda (Mike) Kochanski; and a brother, Larry Kallas; as well as many nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents and other close family and friends.

A Mass of Christian burial was held Saturday, June 14, 2025, at St. Anne Catholic Church of Lena. Burial was at St. Charles Catholic Cemetery of Lena.

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June 10
Deputies responded to 54 incidents, including a fire control burn on Superior Avenue in Oconto; fraud on County Road A in the Town of Little River; a burglary at Seneca Food Camp, 200 N. Green Bay Ave. in Gillett; theft on County Road J in the Town of Little Suamico; a disturbance on South Lake Street in Gillett; an unwanted party on First Street in Lena; suspicious activity on Muehl Drive in Suring; sexual assault in Suring; eight traffic stops, three traffic hazards, five citizen assists, one miscellaneous traffic incident, two welfare checks; six open-line 911 calls; one ambulance call; one crash, involving deer.

June 9
Deputies responded to 42 incidents, including harassment on Harley Street in Lena; suspicious activity on Campfire Run Circle in the Town of Doty; theft on state Highway 32 in the Town of Morgan; child abuse in the Town of Stiles; property damage on County Road J in the Town of Little Suamico; a disturbance on South Maple Avenue in Oconto Falls; a disturbance on North Krueger Street in Suring; eight traffic stops, one traffic offense, two citizen assists, two miscellaneous traffic incidents, four welfare checks; two 911 hangups and two open lines.

June 8
Deputies responded to 43 incidents, including suspicious activity on North Chestnut Avenue in Oconto Falls; an animal bite on Maiden Lake Road in the Town of Riverview; a noise disturbance on Sundew Road in the Town of Little Suamico; suspicious activity near Piggly Wiggly, 409 E. Highland Drive in Oconto Falls; harassment on Harley Street in Lena; seven traffic stops, two traffic offenses, one citizen assist, one miscellaneous traffic incident; three 911 hangups and three open lines; three ambulance calls; three crashes, two involving deer.

June 7
Deputies responded to 57 incidents, including fire on North Range Line Road in the Town of Little River; fraud on Lockstein Lane in the Town of Pensaukee; harassment on Harley Street in Lena; a disturbance on Allen Road in the Town of Little Suamico; an ATV accident near state Highway 32 and Loon Rapids Road in the Town of Riverview; suspicious activity near Macauley Creek and Stoehr roads in the Town of Riverview; a noise disturbance on Hip Hus Court in the Town of Underhill; fire near Klaus Lake and Spring Hill roads in the Town of Gillett; two traffic stops, three traffic hazards, two traffic offenses, three citizen assists, four miscellaneous traffic incidents, three welfare checks; one 911 hangup and 10 open lines; four ambulance calls; three crashes.

June 6
Deputies responded to 75 incidents, including drugs in the Town of Stiles; suspicious activity on state Highway 64 in the Town of Doty; a noise disturbance on County Road S in the Town of Little Suamico; suspicious activity on Hardwood Lane in the Town of Oconto Falls.

OCONTO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

• Troy Allen Whisman, 21, Oconto, was charged June 10 with strangulation and suffocation and misdemeanor counts of disorderly conduct and criminal damage to property. Oconto County Judge Jay Conley set a \$500 cash bond and adjourned Whisman's initial appearance until June 26.

• Thomas John Blake, 57, Oconto, was charged June 10 with possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor counts of operating while revoked and possession of drug paraphernalia. Conley set a \$250 cash bond and adjourned his initial appearance until June 26.

• Brian Joseph Klein, 43, New Berlin, was charged June 10 with operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fourth offense). Conley set a \$1,500 cash bond and adjourned his initial appearance until June 26.

• Brian Larry Snow, 64, Pulaski, was charged June 10 with battery or threat to a law officer and a misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. Conley set a \$250 cash bond and adjourned his initial appearance until June 26.

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Suring Public School District
Notice of School Board Vacancy

The Suring Public School District is seeking applications to fill a vacant Board position. Individuals who are U.S. citizens and 18 years of age or older, as defined in §6.02, Wisc. Stats. The candidate must live in the townships of Bagley, Maple Valley, or Spruce. The term will run from the date of appointment to April 2026.

The board functions as a decision making body, providing policy and financial oversight to the district. The board seeks a collaborative individual, one who is able to represent and be open to diverse views, and interested in making a thoughtful and powerful contribution to the school district and the children it serves.

Declaration of Candidacy forms may be picked up at the Suring Public School District Office, 411 E Algoma St, Suring, WI 5474. To be considered for the position, the Declaration of Candidacy forms should be submitted to the School Board Clerk or District Administrative Assistant, School District Office, by 3:15 p.m. on Monday, June 30, 2025. Please also include a letter of interest outlining your qualifications.

Candidates will appear at the regular board meeting of the Suring Public School Board at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 9, 2025.

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OBITUARY

Harland J. Foral

Harland Joseph Foral, 83, of Townsend, passed away unexpectedly in his home Wednesday, June 11, 2025.

Harland was born April 16, 1942, to Edmund and Viola (Monfort) Foral. He worked for Soo Line Railroad for 30 years. On Nov. 29, 1976, Harland married Linda Howenstine.

Harland was a fisherman and loved the outdoors where he enjoyed spending time with his 12 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. He enjoyed gardening with the love of his life.

Harland is survived by his wife, Linda; an estranged son, Jeff Foral of Wyoming; son, Tony Prue of Wittenberg; three daughters, Toni (Wade Hienke) Kohls of Kiel, Jackie (Butch) Bodart of Seymour, Cheyenne (Brian Nowinski) Gretzon of Peshtigo; brother, Edmund Foral Jr. of Oconto Falls.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edmund and Viola Foral; infant daughter, Katherine; siblings, Verland Foral, Lavone (Elzer) Pecor and Geraldine (Mike) Finger; grandson, Troy Bodart.

A celebration of life will be held on Wednesday, June 25, 2025, at Gruetzmacher Funeral Home in Suring from 4-7 p.m.

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

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Superintendent to get goals to accomplish

90-day reviews expected to help school board with annual evaluation

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Efforts are underway in the Shawano School District to improve its attention to shifts in the school landscape, including better ways to evaluate Superintendent Kurt Krizan's leadership.

Part of the push, which Krizan said is greatly needed, comes from Tim Renard, the new Shawano School Board president. Krizan said that, when he was promoted to superintendent almost three years ago, there were no systems in place to indicate wheth-

er schools, classrooms and staff were improving.

Krizan attended the Wisconsin Association of School Boards convention earlier this year, and he said a lot of discussion surrounded quarterly cycles, with assessments every three months on how things are progressing. He said the system could also be used by the local school board to see how he is performing.

Three to five goals for the superintendent would be put in place, Krizan said, and then every three months, the board would review how he is progress-

ing. The goals would need to be achieved by the time the annual evaluation would come around.

"I started working through this with my admin team a little bit, and we looked at, for 90 days, what are our vitals?" Krizan said. "What are the things we want to look at weekly to determine the health of our organization? Also, our rocks, those big projects we have to work on."

Some of those vitals, according to Krizan, include weekly student attendance levels, readiness for iReady exams in the schools and open staff positions in the district at a given time.

Renard told the district's executive committee June 9 that one of the difficulties he's had in the past year after joining the school board is de-

termining exactly where the district is at. A recent evaluation of Krizan's performance was difficult for Renard, because most of his interaction with the superintendent was at board and committee meetings. That's something he wants to change.

"I want to see a better tracking, if you will, over the course of the year on how we're progressing," Renard said. "Kurt has pointed out that, with the board members, some of us only see Kurt and others at board meetings. We don't have that touchpoint with him throughout the course of the year. So finding a way to get snapshots at smaller portions of the year to track that progress will be more meaningful when we go to do his evaluation."

Board member Jeana

Winslow agreed there needed to be more to the annual evaluations than what board members could recall over the course of the year.

"We've done this before, but I don't know why it felt so impersonal this year," Winslow said. "I don't feel like we, as a board, have goals for you or goals for us as a board. I feel like if we're part of the team, then we want to see the district in a particular place."

Among the things the district is looking to improve is having the best staff available to work with students. Krizan noted that it can be difficult, because sometimes Shawano will wrap up an interview just in time for another school district to make an offer for the position.

"We're hearing some districts that are calling

people who are still in the parking lot — they haven't left yet — and they're making them an offer," Krizan said. "If we can get under 24 hours, that would help."

Open enrollment is another issue. Krizan noted that the district has no plan in place to stop students living in the Shawano area from attending school in another school district; an estimated \$8,000 to \$9,000 in funding is lost for each student who enrolls in another district.

"The ones that are really concerning are the ones that are living two blocks from Hillcrest (Primary School) and going somewhere else," Krizan said. "We've got to figure out why they're leaving, but also, why aren't they coming in?"

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Radford still seeks attorney in homicide case

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

James Radford is still waiting on an attorney taking on his case, a June 9 status conference revealed.

Radford, 39, is being charged with first-degree reckless homicide in the death of his wife, Sabrina Radford.

Deputies responded April 11,

2016, to a residence on County Road J in the Town of Fairbanks for a report of a woman who had sustained a gunshot wound. The caller, identified as her husband, reported that his wife had shot herself.

At the time of the initial response, investigators were unable to conclusively determine the cause of death. However, due

to the suspicious circumstances surrounding the incident, a formal investigation was initiated.

Over the course of nine years, investigators dedicated significant time and effort to this case. Numerous interviews were conducted with James Radford and other individuals connected to the case, and previously collected evidence was reexamined.

With the aid of advanced investigative tools, evolving forensic technology and the involvement of expert witnesses, investigators determined that the death of Sabrina Radford was not the result of suicide.

On April 15, Radford was taken into custody in Waukesha County. He was subsequently transported back to Shawano

County, where he was booked into the Shawano County Jail and held on a cash bond of \$800,000.

Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Court Judge William Kussel Jr. scheduled another status conference for 9:30 a.m. July 28 to see if an attorney had been appointed by then. According to online court records, Radford is hiring his own attorney.

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Olson Dairy Farms to host Shawano County's brunch

Looking for a fun-filled way to kick off summer with the whole family? Mark your calendar for June 22 and head to Olson Dairy Farms Inc., N9124 Butternut Road, Birnamwood, for the 2025 Shawano County Brunch on the Farm.

From 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., enjoy a delicious country breakfast, explore a modern dairy farm and take part in a morning packed with family friendly activities.

Hosted by the Shawano County Farm Bureau, this annual event is a local favorite and part of Wisconsin's June Dairy Month celebration. Attendees will get an up-close look at farm life and dairy innovation while enjoying a relaxing, educational and entertaining morning on the farm.



Olson Dairy Farms Inc., near Birnamwood, is a multi-generational, family-owned dairy farm including, front row, from left, Reid, Carter and Evan Olson. Back row, from left, are Luke, Kurt Jr., Krysta, Kurt and Cindy Olson.

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Guests will enjoy:

- A country-style breakfast featuring scrambled eggs with ham, sausage, hash browns, cinnamon bread, cheese,

yogurt and milk.

- Guided farm tours, including a look at robotic milking technology.
- Wagon rides, a petting zoo and children's activities.
- Ice cream sundaes.
- Church service at 8 a.m.

Olson Dairy Farms is owned and operated by Kurt and Krysta Olson, with help from their children — Carter, Luke, Evan and Reid. Retired second-generation owners Kurt and Cindy Olson remain an integral part of the farm's history.

The family milks 600 cows and manages 1,500 acres of cropland. In 2020, the farm underwent a major modernization, installing a 10-robot milking system to improve efficiency and work-life balance.

The Olsons also have a calf barn equipped with three robotic calf feeders.

"Brunch on the Farm is more than a meal; it's a chance to connect with the people, animals and technology behind Wisconsin's dairy industry," said Christa Hoffman, Brunch on the Farm general chair. "We are proud to partner with Olson Dairy Farms to continue this educational and family-centered event."

Tickets are available for cash only onsite. Adults and children 12 and older cost \$10, children 4-11 are \$5 and children 3 and younger are free.

For updates and additional details, follow the Shawano County Farm Bureau and the Shawano County Brunch on the Farm event page on Facebook.

Man, 80, dies in two-vehicle crash

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

An 80-year-old man died in a two-vehicle crash June 15 on Highway 29.

According to the Shawano County Sheriff's Department, around 10:22 a.m., the dispatch center received multiple 911 calls reporting a crash on the highway east of Broadway Road in the Town of Hartland.

A preliminary investigation indicates that an SUV

traveling eastbound on Highway 29 collided with a motorcycle that had just entered the highway from a nearby business. It appears the SUV was unable to brake in time to avoid the collision.

The SUV was occupied by a single individual who was uninjured. The motorcycle was operated by an 80-year-old man from the Bonduel area. He was found unresponsive at the scene and was pronounced deceased shortly thereafter.

The Shawano County Sheriff's Department was assisted at the scene by the Bonduel Fire Department, Shawano Ambulance, Bonduel EMS, Shawano County Highway Department and the Shawano County Coroner's Office.

The names of those involved are being withheld pending notification of family. The crash remains under active investigation.

Lighted fountain installed in Mielke Park pond

Family foundation prepares for more investments

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

A fountain with lights that change colors has been added to the center of the pond at Mielke Park.

The fountain was paid for by the Mielke Family Foundation, which continues to invest in the park.

Earlier this year, a pair of local residents proposed privatizing the park, but that proposal was denied when officials discovered the land must either remain as a park or be returned to the Mielke family.

Shawano County officials have since been talking more with the family and debating whether to renew the lease for the Mielke Arts Center with the Shawano County Arts Council.

"After our discussion with the Mielke family and foundation, I think your lease is fine. I don't have any concerns with the lease," Jim Davel, the county administrative coordinator, told the public property committee June 12. "What I would recommend is we get that back to Tom Martel (with the corporation counsel's office). The next meeting, we can come, make sure you sign it, and we'll get it to the Mielke Foundation for their signature."

Davel said the family wants to make donations for more projects at the



A new fountain featuring changing colors of lights has been installed in the pond at Mielke Park. The fountain is the latest park improvement funded by donations from the Mielke Family Foundation.

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Do you know how to treat bug bites, stings?

Bug bites and stings are a routine part of summer, especially during outdoor activities like hiking, gardening or spending time in the backyard. While most cause only mild discomfort, some can lead to more serious symptoms.

"There are many different bugs you might encounter during the summer, such as mosquitoes, bees, ticks and spiders," said Olivia Bishop, Aspirus pharmacy resident. "Each one can bite or sting in its own way, and the symptoms can vary."

For mild reactions, simple over-the-counter treatments can provide relief.

"Hydrocortisone cream and calamine lotion are great for easing itchiness," Bishop said. "Oral allergy medications like loratadine or cetirizine can also help, especially if the itching is widespread. Ice is useful for reducing swelling, and ibuprofen or acetaminophen can help with pain."

In more serious cases, bug bites or stings can



For mild reactions, to bug bites and stings, simple over-the-counter treatments can provide relief. In more serious cases, bug bites or stings can trigger allergic reactions that require urgent care, says Olivia Bishop, Aspirus pharmacy resident.

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trigger allergic reactions that require urgent care.

"If you notice swelling around your face, eyes or lips or symptoms like hives, nausea, vomiting or trouble breathing, those could be signs of anaphylaxis," Bishop said. "Call 911 right away. If the

person has an EpiPen, help them use it immediately."

If a bite or sting is not healing, getting worse or causing concern, contact your health care provider to determine whether you should be seen in the clinic or the emergency department.

park to help increase its usage by residents.

"They are looking at some other projects," Davel said. "We have better communication with them right now in terms of what they want. What we learned is we need to deal with the foundation and the family, and not the arts council."

More and improved walking trails are among the additional amenities.

"They're trying to get some other larger donations," Davel said. "They would like to do some landscaping projects, etc."

The 32-acre county park is located on Airport Road and Lake Drive on Shawano's east side.

The Mielke Family Foundation was established in 1963 by Dr. Edward F. Mielke and his wife, Beulah (Bee), together with sisters Ruth and Sarah Mielke. A native of Shawano, Edward Mielke practiced medicine in Appleton for 60 years. Ruth Mielke presided over the library at Appleton West High School for 40 years, and Sarah Mielke taught advanced mathematics at Shawano High School.

The Mielke Park land was donated to Shawano County in 1971 by Edward Mielke. The Mielke Family Foundation donated funds to build the Mielke Arts Center, a 250-seat black-box theater in the center of the park, with groundbreaking in 1975.

Heading out for some golf



Golfers head out on the Shawano Lake Golf Course on June 10 for the annual Shawano Area Waterways Management golf outing. Funds raised help the group to improve and maintain water clarity and quality in the Wolf River, Shawano Lake and the channel that connects them.

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Where's WAMSCO?

Family friendly scavenger hunt highlights waterways in Shawano, Menominee counties

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The Waterways Association of Menominee and Shawano Counties is holding its fourth annual Where's WAMSCO event. The scavenger hunt began June 15 and continues through July 20.

This is a family friendly scavenger hunt within the borders of Shawano County. There are four "treasure boxes" placed strategically in recreational areas along waterways. Each location show-

cases a different area of natural resources in Shawano County and has some fun facts about that area. There is a token prize to take at each site.

For participants who find all four treasure boxes, there will be a raffle drawing for prizes donated by local businesses.

WAMSCO will post weekly clues for each of the four locations on its website and social media sites. Registration is open for the event through July 20.

Participants must register prior to submitting proof of discovering all four boxes and to be entered into the prize drawing. A registration link can be found at www.wamsco.org/events/wheres-wamsco, on the group's social media pages or by scanning the QR code on its posters.

The treasure boxes are all labeled with the WAMSCO logo and have a WAMSCO logo standing sign; nothing will need to be disturbed to find them.



The AbbyBank Foundation Inc. supported Down with Milestones with a \$1,500 donation toward its all-inclusive playground project in Olen Park in Clintonville. From left, are Dayna Conradt, treasurer, Down with Milestones; Lisa Hill and her son Myles; and Michael Morse, vice president-commercial banking, Shawano AbbyBank.

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AbbyBank Foundation donates to all-inclusive playground

The AbbyBank Foundation Inc. supported Down with Milestones with a \$1,500 donation toward its upcoming all-inclusive playground project in Olen Park in Clintonville.

The new park is designed to provide a safe,

welcoming space where children of all abilities can play, explore and enjoy the outdoors together.

The AbbyBank Foundation was formed in 1986 as a private charitable foundation of AbbyBank, which has contributed

more than \$1,826,300 to the foundation. Since 1986, the foundation has made donations to Abbotsford, Appleton, Gresham, Medford, Shawano, Wausau, Weston and neighboring area organizations totaling more than \$1,413,830.91.



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Nathan Edwards, shown just prior to a 2022 performance with the Kids From Wisconsin, is one of the Shawano performers in the Northeast Wisconsin Jazz Ensemble. Edwards is an alum from Shawano Community High School. The ensemble is being organized by another SCHS alum, Hunter Krolow.

FILE | NEW MEDIA

Big band bringing all that jazz to Shawano for summer

Headed by Shawano alum, ensemble generating more music in Franklin Park

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

Anyone who feels like they've lost their soul can get it back through the jazz-ridden interludes of Revive 715, a summer show being put on the Northeast Wisconsin Jazz Ensemble.

The ensemble is an 18-piece professional big band that consists of educators, composers and performers from throughout northeast Wisconsin. They will be in Shawano five times this summer, beginning at the end of June and ending with a couple of shows at the Shawano Farmers Market.

Brought together by mastermind Hunter Krolow, who graduated from Shawano Community High School in 1988 and knows the jazz world well through his time with the high school's jazz band, the shows will feature many classic jazz songs but also incorporate some modern compositions, too.

"Born of barn dances and supper clubs, parades and polka halls, Lawrence recitals and smoky lounges in Milwaukee, Revive 715 emerges from the soil of central Wisconsin to bring big band music into the heart of our communities," Krolow said. "With roots in jazz, limbs in tradition and eyes on the horizon, we're reigniting a sound that once filled ballrooms, school gyms and town squares. We are the sons and daughters of this place, steeped in its rhythms and dialects. We've gone to the coasts, the conservatories, the clubs — and brought back something real. Something local. Something alive."

The show will have some classic jazz songs such as "Fly Me to the Moon," arranged by Quincy Jones, and "Moon River,"



Harrison Sturycz, like Hunter Krolow, studied music at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and will be one of the performers with the Northeast Wisconsin Jazz Ensemble.

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arranged by Rick Stitzel. It will also have some arrangements like "Kiss of Fire" and "Rust and Resin" by Krolow himself, who studied jazz music at University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Krolow just finished a year of music education with the Menominee Indian School District and will be teaching next year in the Suring School District.

Besides Krolow, there will be some other familiar faces from Shawano and Menomi-

AT A GLANCE

WHAT: Revive 715, a series by the Northeast Wisconsin Jazz Ensemble

WHEN: 7 p.m. June 27, July 14 and July 28; 10 a.m. Aug. 9 and Aug. 23

WHERE: Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St., Shawano

ADMISSION: Free

ONLINE: More information can be found at hsmusiccollective.org/new-jazz-ensemble, and anyone wanting to donate to the group can do so through Venmo or Patreon.

nee counties, including Harrison Sturycz, Marcus Welander, Nathan Edwards, Will Myers and Quintin Fernandez.

All of the shows will take place at Franklin Park in Shawano, a fitting place as the park is already well-known for the Thursday at Franklin music series, where bands perform during the summer months from a wide variety of genres. Revive 715 will also have variety of styles, including bossa nova, samba, afro-cuban, video game music and even metal-jazz fusion.

With the band in its infancy, the Northeast Wisconsin Jazz Ensemble is looking for benefactors to contribute to the effort, which helps pay for musician travel, performance logistics and public outreach. Accounts are available through Venmo and Patreon, ranging from a friend donation of \$50 to a headliner donation of \$500.

Krolow credited the SCHS music program for giving him an appreciation for jazz in all its forms.

"Just from my own experience through middle school and high school, the music

Bowhunting heirs visit museum, share memories

As I grow older, I find myself drawn to earlier and simpler times. Cell phones are everywhere, and we can now make calls anywhere, including our cars or even the

bathroom. I remember the old Ma Bell phones that were built like anvils and almost as



Ross Bielema
Columnist

heavy. We paid high prices for long-distance calls, but local calls were almost free. You didn't have a choice of carriers. It was AT&T or nothing.

Are cell phones better? I have continual issues making calls in our woodsy state, as 5G relies on cell towers every 5 miles, and our old 3G could make crystal-clear calls anywhere. Two steps forward, one step back.

I would probably set my time machine to the 1950s or 1960s. I was born in 1959 but would enjoy seeing that era as an adult. Everyone enjoyed hunting, kids owned and shot guns with no suspicion, there were no school shootings, kids mostly respected their elders, and you could buy guns and ammo at most hardware stores.

I felt that the time machine had landed in the 1930s to 1960s on June 7 when I attended the Wisconsin Bowhunting Museum open house in Clintonville. I hobnobbed with the offspring of Wisconsin bowhunting royalty, brushed shoulders with seniors who still hunt with traditional bows and wandered through the displays of historic archery gear with a huge smile as I day-dreamed of Fred Bear, Howard Hill, Ben Pearson, Roy Case and John Schoenike.

America's bowhunting history is forever linked to our state's bowhunting history, because we were the first to have a bowhunting season in 1934. But four years earlier, a bowhunter and inventor named Roy I. Case (son of Jackson I. Case, an executive with J.I. Case Plow Works and grandson of Jerome Increase Case, founder of J.I. Case Plow Works and J.I. Case Threshing Machine Co.) shot the first deer with archery gear under authority of the state conservation department.

Roy Case and his son, Roy Jr., started a home archery business and built longbows and recurves, as well as several styles of broadheads, including his famed Kiska design (now very collectible). Case, his son and a third person also started Racine Ar-

MUSEUM, CONTINUED ON PAGE 11



The history of Wisconsin bowhunting was highlighted June 7 at the Wisconsin Bowhunting Museum in Clintonville during a 20th anniversary open house. Among the sport's celebrity guests was Teresa Case-Doney, granddaughter of Roy I. Case, who shot this buck in 1930 in Vilas County under special permission with state conservation officials. It was the first time in Wisconsin and American history that a white man shot a deer legally with archery equipment. More of Case's gear is visible in the background.

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IN THE KITCHEN WITH FRANCESCA

Recipes add flavor to dairy month

June is Dairy Month in Wisconsin. So, for this column, I decided to include recipes that used two or more dairy ingredients.

Hoth cocoa cream puffs are, as could be guessed from the name, from the Star Wars cookbook. These puffs are so good. The rich chocolate pudding is encased in the crispy-chewy shells and topped with super-sweet, toasted marshmallow cream.

These cream puffs are definitely a decadent dessert. Although there are many steps in the recipe, they are not really hard, just a little time consuming. The first time I made these cream puffs several years ago, they did not turn out well. They did not rise, the pudding flavor was kind of strange, and I even think I burnt the puffs.

When I was looking for recipes with lots of dairy, I found this recipe (this recipe uses three dairy products, heavy cream, whole milk, and butter) and decided to try again.

This time was a whole different story. Most of the puffs rose spectacularly. I was shocked when I checked on them. At first, I thought I had done something wrong, but no, they were just rising as they should. Three puffs did decide not to rise, but as 10 others did, I must have done something right. It is hard to beat the eggs into the flour paste. I started out by using my favorite wooden spoon, but had to resort to a fork to ensure that everything was mixed evenly.

The pudding filling also turned out. The last time I made it, I used instant coffee. This time I decided to try espresso powder, reducing the amount accordingly. The filling tastes so good; the espresso powder heightens the chocolate flavor, while the cinnamon provides a subtle heat. This results in a spicy chocolate pudding that is even good to eat on its own. This filling is basically a dressed-up chocolate pudding. In fact, it is remarkably similar to a



It's June Dairy Month, but dairy lovers won't have to travel all the way to the fictional Star Wars planet Hoth just to enjoy some delicious Hoth cocoa cream puffs.

FRANCESCA ULLMER

HOTH COCOA CREAM PUFFS

Filling:
1 tsp. espresso powder, or 4 tsp. instant coffee granules (optional)
1 cup heavy cream
1/2 cup whole milk
Cream puffs:
3/4 cup water
Pinch of salt
Topping:
1 jar of marshmallow crème
Filling: Dissolve the espresso powder or coffee in the boiling water in a medium bowl. Add the cinnamon, pudding mix, cream, and milk. Beat on low speed for 2 minutes. Cover and refrigerate until ready to use.
Cream Puffs: Combine the water, butter, sugar, and salt in a sauce pan. Bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring occasionally to melt the butter. As soon as it boils, remove the pan from the heat and add the flour all at once. Stir until it forms a ball around the base of the spoon. Return to low heat and dry the paste out slightly, stirring constantly, for about 30 seconds. A dry film will form on the bottom of the pan. Cool the paste 10 minutes. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees and line two rimmed baking sheets with parchment paper. Brush the parchment lightly with water. Whisk one egg in a bowl and set aside. Stir remaining eggs, one at a time, into the dough, beating thoroughly after each addition. Drop dough by tablespoons onto prepared baking sheets, trying to make them the same size and as neat as possible. With your fingertips dipped into the extra beaten egg, gently smooth out the tops of the cream puffs. Discard remaining egg mixture. Bake puffs for 15 minutes. Reduce heat to 350 degrees and bake 10-13 minutes more or until golden. The puff sides should be dry and not soft. Remove from oven and transfer puffs to a cooling rack; cool completely. Using a serrated knife, slice each cooled puff in half horizontally. Spoon a scoop of filling into the bottom half; replace top. Repeat with remaining puffs. Top each puff with some marshmallow cream. To toast the marshmallow cream, broil cream puffs for about 30 seconds to 1 minute, watching constantly to avoid burning.



super-simplified chocolate silk.

The first time I made these cream puffs, I used whipped cream instead of marshmallow cream for

the topping. This time I decided to follow the recipe and used the marshmallow cream. Make sure to watch the puffs carefully while broiling. Once the oven heats up, the marshmallow cream browns quickly.

Taco dip is my other dairy recipe. Using two dairy ingredients, sour cream and cream cheese, this is one of my favorite party foods. I have fond memories of eating this dip at countless piano recitals. Now, I enjoy eating it at any time that we have the ingredients for it.

This dip is super

simple. With only three main ingredients, it whips up really quickly, can be doubled or halved very easily, and can include as many toppings as you like. I like cheese, lettuce, and tomato, but you could also add olives, onions, salsa, etc. I also love that this taco dip is meatless, making it a perfect dish for Fridays, or for Advent or Lent. This dish is perfect for parties or for a simple meal or snack at home.

Francesca Ullmer, the second child of a large homeschooled family, is from the Krakow area. She enjoys baking, reading, knitting, raising goats, and entering numerous items in the Oconto County Fair.

TACO DIP

8 oz. cream cheese
1 package Ortega taco seasoning
Chopped lettuce
8 oz. sour cream
Shredded cheese
Diced tomatoes
Mix softened cream cheese and sour cream together until smooth. Add taco seasoning little by little, until reaching the desired flavor. Spread evenly in a 9-inch square baking dish. Sprinkle cheese on top. Refrigerate until serving. Right before serving, add the lettuce and tomatoes, and any other desired toppings. Serve with chips.



For those who want to lighten the sugar content in their June Dairy Month celebrations, enjoying some taco dip with chips is a perfect alternative.

FRANCESCA ULLMER

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chery Club. Case also was a founder of the Wisconsin Bowhunters Association.

His granddaughter, Teresa Case-Doney, a state veterinarian who attended the open house, recalled fondly how her grandpa taught her how to shoot a bow and arrow at his Racine home on Lake Michigan.

She remembered a moving target his creative mind built so he could practice shots at running deer. His home was one of the first in Racine with electricity.

Although shoulder issues have kept her away from the sport, she enjoyed archery golf for many years with her grandpa and others.

Also there to reminisce and help with fundraising efforts for the museum, which is overseen by the Wisconsin Bowhunting Heritage Foundation, was Bill McCrary, author of both "The History of Wisconsin Bowhunting: 1930-2014" and "Roy I. Case: Wisconsin's Bowhunting Legend." He signed copies of his books while Case-Doney signed photos of her grandpa with his legendary buck.

The best deals for both visitors and the museum were bags of collectible broadheads, priced at six for \$10. I quickly snapped up six packages, with McCrary helping me select a few that had oddities such as a six-bladed head. I had never heard of such a broadhead, and now I have two. Case was an avid broadhead collector, and his extensive collection can also be seen in the museum.

McCrary still hunts deer with bow and arrow, although he has switched to the compound bow. The mechanical advantage

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the music programs weren't anything incredible or stellar or out there rocking the industry, but it gave me that appreciation, and it gave me the drive to see what happens when you bring a bunch of people together for a common goal," Krolow said.

Besides his university efforts, Krolow also worked with musicians around Milwaukee, Madison, Chicago and Rochester, New York, before returning home to bring everyone together to revive the big band sound of yesteryear.

"The big band medium is what I chose, for one, because it's what I've been studying to write for since the beginning of my undergrad," Krolow said. "I first started to put little pieces of music together and experiment and find cool little techniques and ways, and that eventually that grew into a full-blown study of composition and the history of jazz and jazz ensembles. Those worlds colliding in my creative voice, I now have an ensemble of local

offered by pulleys allows the hunter to hold just a fraction of the bow's initial draw weight, thus making a more relaxed shot even when holding for many seconds. Unless you are a bodybuilder, that's not possible with a recurve or longbow.

I had breakfast with the son and grandson of legendary Clintonville archery pioneer John Schoenike, who has a chapter in McCrary's history book. Schoenike, who painted gold leaf lettering on fire trucks for FWD in Clintonville, founded and ran Stalker Archery Co. in his basement for decades. At one time, it was one of the largest archery shops in the Midwest.

He also invented one of the first bow quivers. Samples can be seen in the museum.

Son Jerry Schoenike and his son, Jim Schoenike, mingled in the rooms and shared a few memories with visitors who couldn't get enough.

Bud Wiesman of Caroline and his wife Karen, both avid archers, recalled the time Fred Bear spoke to bowhunters at the Caroline Ballroom, which was destroyed in a fire. Bud said he has killed five bears with a Wing Thunderbird recurve bow and once went on a Canadian bear hunt with the late Schoenike.

You don't need a time machine to visit the museum at 17 E. 3rd St. in Clintonville (just south of Walgreen's). You don't even need money, because it's always free admission. Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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people who are my friends and have worked with in the past come together and share something all of us have practiced and have an inner voice for."

Krolow sees the jazz ensemble as an opportunity for future musicians to come forth and achieve their performance dreams.

"I see this ensemble morphing and evolving over the coming years, but I also want it to be an opportunity for college students to come sit in with some local professionals," Krolow said.

Krolow believes there's plenty of interest in Shawano County and the surrounding areas to make the jazz ensemble bigger and better in the coming years.

"We have a lot of musical love in this area," Krolow said. "I want to see that musical love through artistic values, and I think we're ready for that. I think we've always been ready for that, but we need the right voice to speak it."

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Try these 10 ways to cut back on processed foods

Eating healthy and doing so consistently can be a tall order for many people, especially with the popularity of fast and processed food options. Fortunately, the cycle can be broken, said Lori Knapp, a registered dietitian with ThedaCare. A few key steps can help people begin to rely less on processed foods. “It would be difficult to avoid processed foods altogether, but eating them frequently can harm your health,” Knapp said. “If you’re looking to eat more whole foods, you can start with some simple changes to begin to shift

your habits.” Knapp shared these tips for scaling back on processed foods:

- Start by adding. Everyone has favorite junk foods. You don’t need to eliminate them entirely. Instead, add lean proteins, vegetables, fruits and healthy snacks such as nuts to your diet. These can help you feel fuller and reduce cravings.
- Read and compare food labels. Watch for ingredients such as added sugars, salt or ingredients that are unfamiliar to you.
- Schedule a meal prep day. Busy schedules can derail healthy eating. Con-

sider adding meal prep to your schedule. Evaluate your week and plan for a slow cooker meal on a busy day. Or make a large meal or two in advance and eat the leftovers with salads and fresh vegetables. Similarly, plan ahead for breakfasts, lunches and snacks. This can help cut down on waste, save you money and simplify meal prep.

- Shop the perimeter. Healthy eating means buying most of your foods from the edges of the supermarket, where the fresh food is. Stick to the produce section, dairy case and fresh meat

and fish areas. Avoid the bright, flashy boxes and bags in the center aisles.

- Skip processed drinks. Soda and energy drinks are some of the biggest culprits in weight gain and obesity. Opting instead for water, seltzer or unsweetened teas can help eliminate some empty calories.
- Make a fruit bowl. Keeping a fruit bowl on your counter or tabletop can make it easy for you and your family to grab a healthy, refreshing snack.
- Chop it up. Keep a selection of veggies on hand. Prep them ahead of time so they’re ready for snacks, salads and easy cooking. Most veggies store well in airtight containers in the refrigerator. Consume, cook or freeze cut veggies. Store carrots, celery and radishes in water in the fridge for up to five days. Replace the water regularly.
- Keep staples on hand. They can include lean proteins such as chicken or fish, beans, eggs, healthy whole grains like quinoa and brown rice, and veggies and fruits. These foods can serve as a foundation for healthy meals. You can also keep some fresh dairy like yogurt and a few healthy snack items like nuts and popcorn.
- Plan a cooking night. Invite friends over or

plan a cooking night with your family. This can help make healthy meal prep an event, a time to socialize and an opportunity to catch up on what’s happening with the people in your life while sharing a healthy, non-processed dinner together.

- Enjoy a night out once in a while. Think consciously about these meals rather than making them a go-to for when you’re too busy to cook. Choose your restaurants and meals wisely. Look for eateries that offer locally sourced veggies and meats or those that offer heart-healthy options. Then savor the time with your family or friends.

Processed foods are those that have been altered in some way. Most contain additives that give them a longer shelf life. “Basically, anything in a box or a package — like cereals, breads or even frozen vegetables — is processed food,” Knapp said. “Always read labels, even on those packages of frozen vegetables, because they may have additives like salt or preservatives.”

Other examples of processed foods include peanut butter and canned vegetables. Peanut butter is primarily made from peanuts but can contain other ingredients such as sugar, salt and oils.

Canned vegetables often include high amounts of sodium. While it’s best to consume mostly whole foods, a healthy diet can include some processed foods. Examples include whole-grain breads and pastas, canned veggies and beans and tofu. “And then there are ultra-processed foods,” Knapp said. “They often contain empty calories and offer little to no nutritional value. They usually have a heavy amount of added sugar or salt. Think potato chips, doughnuts, sugary cereals and candy. Consuming too much of these over time can lead to serious health issues.”

A 2024 Journal of the American Medical Association article stated that diets high in ultra-processed foods contribute to weight gain and are associated with increased risk for more than 30 health conditions. These include cardiovascular disease-related deaths, mental health disorders and type 2 diabetes. “You don’t need to completely eliminate ultra-processed foods from your diet. Remember to think of them as treats and consume them sparingly,” Knapp said. “Strive to eat more foods that offer you the nutrition your body needs.”

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FARM LIFE FROM A FARM WIFE

Sights and smells of seasons on the farm

The serenity of rural life cannot be measured. All around, there is beauty in the countryside, if only we have eyes to see and noses to smell.

During this time of harvesting first-crop hay, the air is filled with the tantalizing aroma of fresh-cut alfalfa. Some fields yield a bountiful harvest, due to fertilizer spread earlier, either natural liquid straight from the pit or manufactured and spread, using trailers.

The natural fertilizer produced from cows has its own potent fragrance — you need sinuses cleared? Take a deep breath in passing a field being spread with liquid manure.

The massive equipment used these days makes our farming of days-gone-by antiquated. We would cut what we could handle, sometimes just one field at a time, depending on the size.

The triple-cuts, some 30-feet wide, knock down hundreds of acres in a day. The massive mergers drive in and merge numerous rows together. Soon after, the enormous self-propelled choppers get to the field to chew up those rows quick as lightning. Semis drive alongside the chopper and once filled, head off to the main farm to pile it. They leave and heavy pack tractors start in, driving up and down the mound, packing it tight to preserve the feed.



A massive chopper chews up merged rows of alfalfa.

KAY REMINGER



Closer to home, a number of years ago we splurged and hired a landscaper. Enhancing the front deck of our full-of-character (old) farmhouse, it is one of my favorite spots. Occasionally enjoying first morning coffee out there, the smell and pleasure of fresh-brewed coffee sipped outside accompanied by birdsong and a brand new day dawning, is a treat.

At the time we put in new landscaping, the guy we hired suggested they dig out a particular rosebush they deemed was in the way of their notion of the plan. Simultaneously, my husband and I disagreed.

“Ah, no. That’s a special rosebush. It has to stay.” My mother-in-law had planted that many years ago. Every year when it blooms I think of her and smile. She was a beautiful rose of a mama, and we just could not uproot that special little bush.

Strategically placed just beyond the farmhouse are pots of flowers we had

purchased from an Amish greenhouse. They are magnificent and my hope is that I keep them alive all season. It gives pleasure to the eye and nose, in chorus.

Fresh-washed clothes drying in the sun is another seasonal pleasure for the senses. It’s free from God, with a little effort on our part.

Another God-orchestrated smell is rain. Sometimes I can even smell it coming. There’s nothing like getting caught in the rain — scurrying to the shed and hearing the steady hammering on a tin roof makes me thankful, especially when we’d been

praying for rain.

Awe-inspiring country sunrise-brilliances to sunset-beauties are gifts straight from our Creator God.

Gazing at twinkling stars on a clear, calm night with no other light to deflect or interfere makes me feel small, compared to the immense vastness of the night sky.

Planting our garden with the wide expanse of fresh-tilled dirt just waiting to press the seed in the ground has a delightful aroma. The anticipation of a meal from there makes my live-off-the-land-farmer-girl-heart swell. Inhaling garden tomatoes are a delight. There’s not much of a smell when I pick some up from the grocery store. The taste isn’t the same, either.

Fresh-cut grass (and the satisfaction that comes so I can appreciate fresh-cut grass) entices me to inhale deeply. Soaking in the sight of our lawn after a full day of mowing brings a rush of contentment. I’m tired but happy. The downfall? It’s short-lived. Next week, back at it.

We have ongoing issues with skunks digging up the front lawn, especially when dry and hard. There are teeny holes with dirt splayed around them, and while I never spot them in action, their lingering odor is a dead giveaway. It’s one of the smells of the season I could do without.

Once years ago while

we were still milking cows, my husband caught sight of one in the barn. With his only instinct to get rid of the thing, he eliminated it. Never, ever again. We learned our lesson. The smell lingered for weeks, and we couldn’t even walk inside the barn right after without it literally making our eyes water.

Diamond, our sweet yellow lab, got mixed up with a skunk one year. We washed her down with soap and water and rubbed tomato juice all over her. We had to tie her to the swing set so she’d stay still long enough to rinse-wash-repeat. It was nasty.

While having a bad rap, according to Siri at cga.org, “Skunks play an important role in controlling pests such as rats, mice and other rodents.”

Thanks, but my cats do that.

Season sights and smells — good or bad — add to the deep satisfaction of rural life. I wouldn’t change a thing.

(“For God’s mighty miracles astound me! His wonders are so delightfully mysterious that they leave all who seek them astonished.” Psalm 111:2, The Passion Translation)

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

WHAT’S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, JUNE 20

GRESHAM: Swing Through the Decades Inaugural Golf Outing for SAM25, 8:30 a.m., Pine Hills Golf Course, N9499 Pine Hills Drive. Registration 8:30 a.m., shotgun start 10 a.m., \$100 per player covers 18 holes with cart, lunch and family style dinner. Register at 715-916-3045 or mail/drop off an order form to SAM25, 105 E. Richmond St.

KESHENA: Kehtekaewak Farmers Market, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., College of Menominee Nation, N172 State Highway 47-55.

SHAWANO: Walk to End Alzheimer’s, 3-5 p.m., The Cottages on Golden Pond, Memory Care, 103 Madison Way. Walk around the pond to support residents and their families affected by the disease; ice cream sundaes, baked goods, Sun Drop slushies and crafts. All proceeds donated to the Alzheimer’s Association.

WITTENBERG: Community Days, 5-11 p.m., Washington Park, 104 Park St. Carnival rides 5-10 p.m., food and raffles 5-11 p.m., live music with Infer/Red 7-11 p.m.

OCONTO FALLS: Music by the River, 6-9 p.m., East Side Beach, North Main Street. Live music by Carbon Road.

SURING: Recovery Talking Circle, 6-8 p.m. South Branch

Community Center, W1281 County Road M.

OCONTO: Movie Night Under the Stars, dusk, Joel’s Reel Inn, 400 Holtwood Way. “Monster Trucks.”

SATURDAY, JUNE 21

SHAWANO: Wolf River Paddle and Pedal, 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Judd Park, 1121 S. Water St. Paddle from Judd Park in Shawano to CCC Boat landing/Wayside Park, 1013 S. Water St., bike back on an 8- or 22-mile route. Hosted by Shawano Paddlers & Shawano Adventure Sports branches of Shawano Pathways. \$30 per person (\$50 with kayak rental), register at www.eventbrite.com/e/wolf-river-paddle-pedal-tickets-1368123537329

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

SHAWANO: Rhubarb Fest, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Heritage Park, 524 N. Franklin St. Live music, crafts, children’s games, pie contest, plant sale and tours. Hosted by Shawano Historical Society.

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.

WITTENBERG: Community

Days, noon to 11 p.m., Washington Park, 104 Park St. Carnival rides noon to 10 p.m., food and raffles 2-11 p.m., craft/vendor show noon to 5 p.m., pedal races noon to 5 p.m., WOW mural tours 2-6 p.m., face painting 3-9 p.m., Balloon Guy 4-8 p.m., live music with Lovin’ Country 2-6 p.m. and Cougars 7-11 p.m. Fireworks at dusk.

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

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 22

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: Community Days, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Washington Park, 104 Park St. Community breakfast 7-11 a.m., parade at noon, carnival rides noon to 4 p.m., food and raffles noon to 5 p.m., pedal races noon to 5 p.m., WOW mural tours 1-4 p.m., Museum horse wagon rides 1-4 p.m., face painting 1-4 p.m., kids money dig 2 p.m., live music with Night Shift 1-5 p.m., drawing for UTV and cash prizes 5 p.m.

BIRNAMWOOD: Shawano County Brunch on the Farm, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Olson Dairy Farm Inc., N9124 Butternut Road. Hearty country breakfast, wagon rides and farm tours, petting zoo, children’s activities. Tickets (cash only, on site) \$10, ages 4-11 \$5, 3 and younger free. Dairy Dash 5K run/walk 7:30 a.m.

KESHENA: St. Michael’s Parish Picnic, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., N816 State Highway 47-55. Picnic follows 9 a.m. Mass with free children’s games, cash raffle, karaoke with Father Hanz, basket raffles, Thrift & Gift and Household Garage.

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: Music in the Park at Arlington, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Arlington Park, 300 N. Humphrey Circle. Live music with Jacob Fannin.

MONDAY, JUNE 23

TOWNSEND: American Red Cross blood drive, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Town Hall, 16564 Elm St. Appointments at RedCross-Blood.org or 1-800-733-2767.

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 24

CECIL: Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce Annual Golf Outing, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Golden Sands Golf Course, 300 Nabor Road.

OCONTO FALLS: Oconto County Farmers Market, 4-8 p.m., Memorial Field. Vendors, live music, food trucks.

SHAWANO: Naberhood Block Party, 6 p.m., The Naberhood, 214 S. Main St. Dinosaur Dimensions.

SHAWANO: Evening Paddle with Shawano Paddlers, 6 p.m., Lighthouse Bar, W6440 Gumaer Road.

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 25

BONDUEL: Farmers Market, 4-7 p.m., corner of Cecil and Green Bay streets.

SHAWANO: Ski Sharks, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Wolf River Beach at Smalley Park, 211 Riverside Park; enter ski site from Third Street.

SHAWANO: Mountain Bay Trail Feasibility Study Meeting, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Courthouse, Meeting Room A, 311 N. Main

St. Findings and public input on five potential trail routes between Maple Avenue and County Road M.

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.

THURSDAY, JUNE 26

NAVARINO: Star Wars Camp, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. Members \$40, non-members \$50, details and registration at navarino.org.

SHAWANO: Morning Paddle with Shawano Paddlers, 9 a.m., Huckleberry Harbor, 217 E. Fifth St.

SHAWANO: Kickoff to Summer, 4-6 p.m., Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St. Kids activities, resource fair/information about early childhood programs, dental checks, car seat checks.

GILLET: Community Market, 5-7 p.m., Ebenreiter Square, 200 E. Main St.

SHAWANO: Thursday at Franklin, 6-8:30 p.m., Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St. Live music with Brass Differential.

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



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Adventure sports group gains momentum

Residents taking advantage of what nature offers

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

Shawano County has a variety of natural offerings for those who enjoy the outdoors, whether it's in the water, land or air. A relatively new group, Shawano Adventure Sports, is making good use of those resources to have some fun while meeting new friends with similar interests.

"The idea actually came from Matt Hendricks (Shawano parks director) in a meeting we were having about building a mountain bike trail in Shawano," said Brian Grieves, an organizer of SAS. "We had worked together already on a windsurfing and sailing program, and he half-jokingly — I think — said, 'You guys should start a club.' So we did. Initially we thought to call it Shawano Silent Sports, but we didn't know if the term 'silent sports' was widely recognized. So we changed it to adventure sports."

Organizing the group and its activities is an adventure in itself. Members participate in a diverse set of activities.

"We've hosted a variety of events, including downhill skiing, indoor rock climbing, yoga and mountain biking," Grieves said. "Looking ahead to this summer, we're planning a low-cost community sailing, SUP yoga and free windsurfing event next week. Times and sign-up are available through the Shawano Park and Rec website. We're also planning another mountain bike outing, along with assisting the Shawano Paddlers in the Paddle & Pedal event (June 21)."

Members include Dan Wilhelm, a former member of a ski patrol, and Jasmine Wiley, a cross-country ski instructor. Steve Eliason is the founder of International Youth Sailing of Oshkosh. Garrett Smith races mountain bikes; Brian Moristad guided white water rafting.

"We continue actively working to increase awareness, opportunities and participation in various outdoor adventure sports in Shawano, and build community around them," Grieves said. "This is a great place to be active outside."

The group is a subcommittee of the larger and well-established Shawano Pathways.

"The Shawano Optimists have also been amazing to work with, as we also have a youth focus, and the bike rodeo they do is a natural fit with our pump track," Grieves said.

SAS has been working with the city parks and recreation department for almost two years to plan to build a pump track at the far east end of Kuckuk Park, incorporating the existing bike path.

A pump track is a continu-



Community sailing and windsurfing are among the activities hosted in the past by the Shawano Adventure Sports group in conjunction with other organizations. More events are planned for this summer.

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Shawano Adventure Sports members get outside and enjoy what nature has to offer when they participate in such events as sailing, windsurfing, mountain biking, skiing and more. Being in nature provides a peaceful escape to connect with and enjoy nature, taking the participant into the present moment in a way that fosters mindfulness and relaxation.

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ous loop of rollers, berms and other features designed to be ridden by "pumping" – using

body movements to generate and maintain speed, rather than pedaling. The tracks are popular

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Lena golfer takes 13th, Pulaski golfer is 17th at state

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The WIAA boys championship was held June 9-10 at University Ridge Golf Course in Verona, near Madison.

On the par-72 course, Belongia finished the first day with an 82, 10 strokes over par and tied for 13th. He carded an 81 on the second day for a total of 163, 19 strokes above par, and still tied for 13th place.

Bonduel golfers had a tougher time on the

course.

Colin Fischer finished in a two-way tie for 35th with a 181, 37 strokes above par. He was tied for 31st with an 89 after the first day, but a 92 on the second day dropped him back a few spots in the standings.

Jaxon Bogacz was tied with Fischer on the first day, but a 93 on the second day dropped him back to a two-way tie for 37th place with a 182 total.

Griffin Uelmen maintained his 48th position both days. He was in a tie on the first day with a 102, but his 98 on the second day gave him a 200 total and sole possession of 48th

place.

Cole Westphal and Cory Wussow were tied at 105 for 50th place after the first day. Sam Roberts filled in for Westphal on the second day and carded a 104 for sole possession of 50th place at 209.

Wussow carded a 106 on the second day for total of 211, which placed him in 51st.

As a team Bonduel placed eighth out of eight teams, with no changes in the finishing order from the first to the second day.

On the first day, the Bears tallied 385, 97 strokes over par. The leader, and eventual state champion,

Durand-Arkansaw, was at 320, 32 strokes over par.

On June 10, Bonduel golfers scored a 387 for a two-day total of 772, 196 strokes over par. Durand-Arkansaw was at 651, 75 over par.

Division 1

Pulaski's Brady Hayward moved up four spots from June 9 to June 10 to finish in a tie for 17th place in the Division 1 competition.

On June 9, Hayward was tied for 21st with a 75, three strokes over par. On June 10, he scored a 76 for a total of 151, seven strokes over par but then in a three-way tie for 17th.

Wtt-Birn, Lena come up short in baseball sectional finals

Lena and Wittenberg-Birnamwood baseball teams each came within a game of advancing to the state tournament, but each was defeated June 10 in their sectional final games.

Division 3

Wittenberg-Birnamwood advanced to the sectional final after beating Oconto 3-0 at Chilton High School.

Seeded at the top in their bracket, the Chargers moved on to face Kewaunee, second seed in its bracket, after Kewaunee beat Chilton 1-0.

Kewaunee prevailed in the sectional final 6-5 to move on to the state tournament.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood, which won the CWC East with a 13-1 record, finished the season 26-3 overall.

According to wissports.net, Zandyr Barke led

the Chargers with a .494 batting average, followed by Owen Dickman with a .410.

Dickman and Oliver Fraaza each had 26 RBIs.

Chris Sippl recorded 10 wins on the mound, and Barke had six.

Division 4

Lena, seeded No. 1, first defeated St. Thomas Aquinas 4-3 in the sectional semifinal game at Memorial Field in Plover.

Pacelli, also seeded No. 1 in its bracket, advanced to the sectional final with a 6-3 win over Gibraltar/Washington Island.

In the sectional final game, Pacelli moved on to state with an 8-1 victory over the Wildcats.

Lena finished the regular season in a two-way tie for second in the Marinette & Oconto Conference with a 9-3 record. The team was 14-7 overall.

Shawano athletes earn recognition for all-conference

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

More than two dozen Shawano Community High School athletes earned all-conference honors in the Bay Conference spring sports season.

Senior infielder Pete Bruette was a first team unanimous selection for baseball.

Senior infielder Crew Weisnicht was named to the second team. Honorable mention was earned by junior pitcher Grant Keszo and junior utility player and designated hitter Ayden Bystol.

On the softball team, senior outfielder Marissa Tomashek and senior infielder Ella Stuber were unanimous selections for the first team.

Junior pitcher Kadence Meyers was named to the second team, and junior infielder Gracee Johnson was named to the honorable mention team.

Senior forward Trinity Popelka was named to the soccer team first team.

Senior Kyla Dove made second team defense. Honorable mention was earned by senior midfielder Adrienne Rekow and junior Madelyn Moesch on defense.

The doubles duo of Hail Abraham Kim and Evan Anderson were named to

the first team for tennis. Second team honors were awarded to the doubles team of Kiernan Sheldon and Charlie Grieves.

For the girls track and field team, first team honors went to the 4x200 team of senior Adalyn Barkley, junior Maci Beyer, freshman Mikelah Powers and junior Tela Hopfensperger. The same four were honored in the 4x400, and Beyer was named first team in the high jump.

Bailey Hendricks, a junior, was named to the second team for the 1,600-meter run, as was senior Bailey DeFere in the discus.

Honorable mention went to Barkley in the triple jump and senior Madisyn Weinig in the discus.

For the boys, juniors Bryce Lammers and Aiden Rasmussen and sophomores Maverick Theis and Cambren Zeuske were honored in the 4x200-meter relay.

Senior Francesco Curto was named to the second team in the 110-meter hurdles. Honorable mention went to the 4x400 team of juniors Joshua Lesperance and Ryan Schwitzer, Theis and Zeuske.

Blake Knope earned honorable mention status for the golf team.

Local athletes earn player of the year honors in golf, baseball, softball

Lena's Mason Belongia is the golfer of the year for 2025 in the Marinette & Oconto Conference.

Joining him on the all-conference first team were teammates Copper Demmith and Mason Spice.

Tanner Behnke and Vance Turecek were named to the second team.

Lena was also the conference champion.

In baseball, senior Tyler

Shallow was the conference player of the year. He was joined on the first team by junior Colt Miller.

Second team honors were earned by senior Dane Comins, senior Caleb Schlosser and Spice.

Also on the second team was Parker Haak, a junior on the Gillett/Suring squad.

Honorable mention was earned by Mikey Pecanus,

a Gillett/Suring senior, and Isaac Peterson, a Lena freshman.

Gillett/Suring infielder Emma Kristof, a senior, is the softball player of the year. With her on the all-conference first team were senior Maddy Kushner, a catcher with the Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy team and sophomore Adrena Rabas, an outfielder with the Lena/STAA team.

Named to the second team were Peyton Dorow, senior, pitcher, Lena/STAA; Hannah Thomson, senior, infielder, Lena/STAA; and Clara School, sophomore, outfielder, Gillett/Suring.

Honorable mention status was earned by Gillett/Suring sophomore Aleena Broetzman and Lena/STAA senior Hanna Parrett.

Menominee notches pair of BABA wins

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

East/West Division June 15
Crandon 3, Marion 1
Matt Schallhorn had two hits to help lead the Kentucks over the Meisters.

Nick Schoen, Jake Westphal, Hayden Miller and Kaleb Roth had a hit for Marion.

Curtis Paschen picked up the win, and Joe Weyenberg took the loss.

Tigerton 9, Shawano 5
Jayden Sivertson and Tyler Steinbach led Tigerton with three and two hits, respectively, as Patrick Bailey got the win on the mound.

Robert Zhukosee had two of Shawano's hits, while Kaiden Ihrke and

Kris Krause each added a double.

Jacob Springborn took the loss for Shawano.

Gresham 13, Tilleda 3 (7 inn.)
Jerzy Bocker, Trayvon Granquist and Carter Weisnicht each had two hits in the Gophers' win.

Aiden Brei had two hits for Tilleda.

Paul Murphy picked up the win, and Zach Fehrman took the loss.

Neopit 6, Caroline 3
Bob Peters and Jamison Beasaw had two hits for the Chiefs, and winning pitcher Walker Miller added a home run in a win over the Cougars.

Klay Barkow led Caroline with two hits and also took the loss on the mound.

Menominee 8, Leopoli

lis 2
Jordan Johnson picked up the win on the mound as the Indians completed a sweep of a pair of weekend games.

Pete Bruette led Menominee with three hits, while Mitchell Vande-Walle, George Bruette and Eli Zablocki added two each.

Jaden Stuhr had three hits to lead Leopoli at the plate, and Ryan Malueg took the loss.

Little Falls 17, Clintonville 7
Clintonville came up with seven runs, but still came up 10 short against the Loggers.

Kyle Finger had three hits and drove in three runs to lead Little Falls at the plate. Parker Gullixon added a pair of doubles,

and Drew Radies and Spencer Strebe also drove in three runs each.

Hunter Vollmer had three hits for the A's, while Colton Kluth added two hits and Brock Smejkal hit a home run and drove in a pair of runs.

Carter Kurki picked up the win on the mound, and Jaden Doornink took the loss.

June 13
Menominee 9, Crandon 6
The Indians defeated the Kentucks under the lights in Keshena. No other details were available.

North Division June 15
Birnamwood 18, Hatley 3
The Kings headed to Hatley and returned home with a 15-run win over the

Braves.

Zander Barke led Birnamwood with four hits, while Owen Dickman and Tommy Gagnon added three each, and Conner Meverden and Evan Meverden had two.

Nick Cotter and Tanner Kocher led the Braves with three and two hits, respectively.

Mason Meverden picked up the win and Kocher took the loss.

Eland 15, Aniwa 7 (10 inn.)
Tyler Nelson and Jacob Ligenza each had four of Eland's 21 hits, while Charlie Woida, Ryan Richter, Nicholas Barnes, Shane Larson, Jarod Richter and Joe Buss added two each.

Chris Weisman hit a game-tying two-run home run with two outs in the

bottom of the ninth inning, but the Orioles still came up short.

Weisman and Gavin Steppert led Aniwa with three hits each.

Dylan Trigg picked up the win on the mound, and Roman Maguire took the loss.

June 13
Wittenberg's home game against Elderon was rained out.

June 13
Scandinavia 6, Weymont 0
Cyle Zblewski struck out 13 batters and held the White Bass scoreless while picking up the complete-game win.

Jesse Dickert had two hits for the Vikings, while Brock Wilde, Trevor Wetzel and Wyatt Wetzel had a hit for Weymont.

Cecil gets 10-inning Dairyland win over Nichols

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

June 15
Cecil 8, Nichols 7 (10 inn.)
Ken Casper's run-scoring single in the bottom of the 10th inning broke a 7-7 tie and gave the Mudhens a home win over the Nitros.

Cecil opened the scoring in the bottom of the first on an RBI single from Noah Beilfuss.

Nichols took a 3-2 lead in the fourth, but the

Mudhens regained the lead in the bottom half of the inning.

Nichols tied the game at 4-4 in the fifth inning as Justin Krull stole home, but a Nitros error led to the Mudhens taking a 5-4 lead in the sixth.

The Nitros tied the game again at 5-5 in the seventh, but Brodie Hartmann's RBI double in the bottom of the eighth and Reese Stoltzenow's single gave Cecil a two-run advantage.

The Nitros tied the

game at 7-7 with a pair of runs in the top of the ninth before Casper came up with the game-winning hit in the next inning.

Relief pitcher Jack Acdar picked up the win on the mound, and Jonny Pinter took the loss for Nichols.

The teams combined for 33 hits in the game, including 19 from Cecil and 14 from Nichols.

Pulaski 9, Shawano 8
The Reds trailed heading into the eighth inning, but came back to get a win

over the Lobos.

Austin Hendricks picked up the win on the mound.

Waupaca 5, Hofa Park 0
Brenden Canterbury's three-run home run in the bottom of the eighth inning helped the Lakemen defeat the Panthers.

Winning pitcher Cam Seidl held Hofa Park scoreless over five innings and finished with 12 strikeouts.

Brett Ellestad allowed two runs over seven innings and took the loss on

the mound.

Canterbury finished with four RBIs, and Alex Pankratz had two of Waupaca's nine hits.

Hortonville at Bonduel
No results available.

Marinette at Navarino
No results available.

June 13
Bonduel 8, Cecil 2
The Broncos had 12 hits in a win over the Mudhens.

Easton Reinke led the way for Bonduel with three hits, while Chase

Reinke, Barret Bohm and Cade Johnson chipped in with two each.

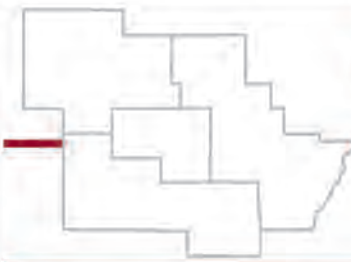
Chase Reinke held Cecil to two runs and struck out seven batters to get the win on the mound.

Ken Kasper and Noah Beilfuss each had two of the Mudhens' seven hits.

Hofa Park 3, Pulaski 2
Hofa Park handed the Reds a one-run loss.

Waupaca at Hortonville
No results available.

Marinette at Shawano
Game postponed.



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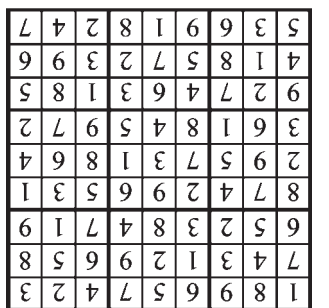
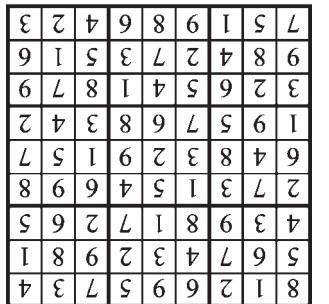
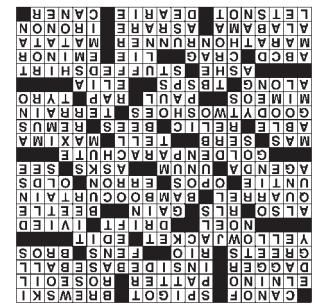
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Carlson receives Gillett schools' education award

Gillett Middle School sixth grade teacher Teri Carlson received the Richard T. Lowery Educator of Excellence Award for the 2024-25 school year.

The award is sponsored by the Nicolet-Oconto Retired Teachers Association, and the selection of the recipient for the award is made by the Gillett School District teaching staff.

"I would like to say thank you to my family, friends and colleagues for supporting me through this spectacular adventure," Carlson said.

Carlson was a volunteer in the school district in the 1990s. She received the Gillett School District Volunteer of the Year Award in 1999. She earned her associate degree in arts and science with an emphasis in early childhood education. Carlson worked as a teacher's aide with CESA No. 8. She worked with 3- to 5-year-olds in Keshena and elementary special education students in Gillett from 2001-04.

Carlson earned her bachelor of science degree with a major in education and a minor in psychology from UW-Green Bay.

She began her teaching career in Gillett Middle School. She taught sixth grade from 2012 until her retirement in 2025. She also served as the middle school student council adviser.

Carlson said what she liked about teaching was "getting to know my stu-



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dents and watching their growth academically and personally through the years."

Teri and her husband, Randy, have two sons, Matthew, wife Stevie, and two grandchildren, Brody and Blake; and Thomas and wife Rachel.

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Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of Wisconsin Statute 65.90(5)(a), that the School Board of Oconto Falls, on June 9, 2025, adopted the following changes to previously approved budgeted 2024 - 25 amounts. The following presents only adopted budget line items with changes. Unchanged line items are not presented.

GENERAL FUND, FUND 10				
LINE ITEM	ACCOUNT CODE	PREVIOUS APPROVED AMOUNT \$	AMENDED APPROVED AMOUNT \$	CHANGE \$
Anticipated Revenue:				
Interest on Investments	280	149,119	82,369	(66,750)
Other Revenue, Local Sources	290	33,675	35,475	1,800
Payments for Services	340	1,179,523	1,152,189	(27,334)
Transit of Aids	510	11,163	13,306	2,143
State Aid - Categorical	610	272,000	287,945	15,945
Special Projects Grants	630	40,202	95,558	55,356
Student Achievement Guarantee in Education	650	450,812	473,098	22,286
Other Revenue, State Sources	690	1,424,923	1,418,740	(6,183)
Other Federal Revenue Through State	780	201,572	171,438	(30,134)
Compensation of Fixed Assets	860	30,000	232,055	202,055
Adjustments	970	55,748	69,968	14,220
Miscellaneous	990	9,000	20,600	11,600
Total Anticipated Revenue		27,441,260	27,636,264	195,004
Expenditure Appropriations:				
Undifferentiated Curriculum	110 000	4,169,970	4,216,312	46,342
Regular Curriculum	120 000	5,907,061	6,006,092	99,031
Vocational Curriculum	130 000	701,768	689,637	(12,131)
Physical Curriculum	140 000	5,900	4,900	(1,000)
Co-Curricular Activities	160 000	438,907	449,973	11,066
Other Special Needs	170 000	127,547	130,233	2,686
Pupil Services	210 000	584,425	638,634	54,209
Instructional Staff Services	220 000	1,268,981	1,249,059	(19,922)
General Administration	230 000	855,396	828,389	(27,007)
School Building Administration	240 000	1,484,008	1,442,959	(41,049)
Business Administration	250 000	4,468,415	4,274,551	(193,864)
Central Services	260 000	100,300	91,623	(8,677)
Insurance & Judgements	270 000	193,806	191,876	(2,130)
Other Support Services	290 000	883,691	754,529	(129,162)
Inter-fund Transfers	410 000	3,256,165	3,702,108	445,943
Instructional Service Payments	430 000	2,765,677	2,744,683	(20,994)
Other Non-Program Transactions	490 000	79,000	70,663	(8,337)
Total Expenditure Appropriations		27,441,260	27,636,264	195,004
Projected Ending Fund Balance:		3,719,157	3,719,157	0

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND, FUND 27				
LINE ITEM	ACCOUNT CODE	PREVIOUS APPROVED AMOUNT \$	AMENDED APPROVED AMOUNT \$	CHANGE \$
Anticipated Revenue:				
Transfers-In	100	3,256,165	3,500,567	244,402
Special Projects Grant	630	0	30,000	30,000
DPI Special Project Grants, Federal	730	456,768	489,558	32,790
Total Anticipated Revenue		5,144,440	5,451,632	307,192
Expenditure Appropriations:				
Special Education Curriculum	150 000	3,632,182	3,563,505	(68,677)
Pupil Services	210 000	743,591	816,598	73,007
Instructional Staff Services	220 000	239,777	255,452	15,675
General Administration	230 000	0	1,500	1,500
Business Administration	250 000	89,791	140,928	51,137
Instructional Services Payments	430 000	431,649	666,199	234,550
Total Expenditure Appropriations		5,144,440	5,451,632	307,192

DEB SERVICE FUND, FUND 38, 39				
LINE ITEM	ACCOUNT CODE	PREVIOUS APPROVED AMOUNT \$	AMENDED APPROVED AMOUNT \$	CHANGE \$
Total Anticipated Revenue		3,142,557	3,136,364	(6,193)
Total Expenditure Appropriations		3,160,450	3,173,900	13,450
Projected Ending Fund Balance		867,229	847,586	(19,643)

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND, FUND 41, 46, 49				
LINE ITEM	ACCOUNT CODE	PREVIOUS APPROVED AMOUNT \$	AMENDED APPROVED AMOUNT \$	CHANGE \$
Total Anticipated Revenue		980,000	1,131,541	151,541
Total Expenditure Appropriations		14,000,000	19,500,000	5,500,000
Projected Ending Fund Balance		17,016,225	11,667,766	(5,348,459)

FOODSERVICE FUND, FUND 60				
LINE ITEM	ACCOUNT CODE	PREVIOUS APPROVED AMOUNT \$	AMENDED APPROVED AMOUNT \$	CHANGE \$
Total Anticipated Revenue		918,345	869,784	(48,561)
Total Expenditure Appropriations		918,344	891,774	(26,570)
Projected Ending Fund Balance		303,225	281,234	(21,991)

COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND, FUND 80				
LINE ITEM	ACCOUNT CODE	PREVIOUS APPROVED AMOUNT \$	AMENDED APPROVED AMOUNT \$	CHANGE \$
Total Anticipated Revenue		185,000	205,556	20,556
Total Expenditure Appropriations		185,000	186,556	1,556
Projected Ending Fund Balance		171,418	190,418	19,000

WNAXLP

39th ANNUAL OCONTO FALLS City-Wide RUMMAGE SALE WEEKEND

August 7,8,9,10

WELCOME TO THE

CITY WIDE GARAGE AND YARD SALE

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

THERE ARE 3 EASY WAYS TO REGISTER: Email us at tmurphy@newmedia-wi.com, or Call Us at: 715-526-2121, or Stop By Our Office at, 420 N. Chestnut Avenue, Oconto Falls. any Friday from 8am until noon. There will be a \$20.00 registration fee which includes an ad of up to 30 words, (over 30 words, add 50¢ per word), your approximate location published on a map in the August 1st and 8th Oconto County Times Herald, and one large rummage sale sign. Make checks payable to New Media.

The deadline is Noon, Friday, July 25, 2025.

No "on the map" Ads Will Be Accepted After This Date.

Name: _____
City: _____
Phone: _____
Address of Sale: _____

Thurs. Hrs.: _____ Fri. Hrs.: _____ Sat. Hrs.: _____ Sun. Hrs.: _____

List type of merchandise offered (any special items).

Please separate items with a comma, or a period. 30 words or less \$20.00. Over 30 words add 50¢ per word. Make checks payable to New Media.

DEADLINE: Noon Friday, July 25, to be on the map.

ONE WORD IN EACH SPACE

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6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15
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21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30

OCONTO COUNTY
TIMES HERALD

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Oconto Falls WI 54154

Pat's Market

GILLETT

(920) 855-6040

STORE. HOURS: Mon-Fri 7:00am - 7:00pm
Deli Closing at 6:00 pm**
Sat 8:00am-5:30pm Sun 8:00am - 1:00pm

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These prices good June 23rd thru 29th
While Supplies Last!

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Blue Bunny
Premium Ice Cream



2/\$6
Asst Variety
46-48oz

Brew Pub
Lotzza Motzza Pizza



\$5.99
Asst Variety
20-24.31oz

Oscar Mayer
Bacon



\$4.79
16oz
Original or
Thick-Cut

No-Name
Chicken Breasts

\$7.59
12oz
Parmesan,
Pecan Crusted,
or Bacon
Wrapped

USDA Choice
T-Bone Steaks



\$15.99
lb

Johnsonville
Brats

\$4.79
19oz
Regular,
Beer, Italian,
or Summer
Shandy

Boneless Center-Cut
Pork Chops
or Roasts



\$2.39
lb

Blueberries



\$3.99
1 pint

Pink Lady Apples



99¢
lb

XL Roma Tomatoes



\$1.19
lb

XL Green
Bell Peppers



99¢
each

Yellow Onions



\$1.89
3# Bag

Patrick Cudahy
Virginia
Smoked Ham



\$3.99
lb
Shaved or Sliced

XL Lays or
Kettle Cooked
Potato Chips



2/\$6
Asst Variety
5-8oz

Pringles



2/\$4
Asst Variety
4.9-5.57oz

Philadelphia
Cream Cheese



2/\$4
8oz

Daisy Squeeze
Sour Cream



\$2.29
14oz
Regular or Light

Sargento
Sliced Cheese



2/\$5
Asst Variety
7-8oz

Nabisco Ritz, Triscuits,
or Wheat Thins
Crackers



\$3.29
Asst Variety
7-13.7oz

Smucker's
Ice Cream Toppings



2/\$5
Asst Variety
11.75-12.25oz

Bomb Pops

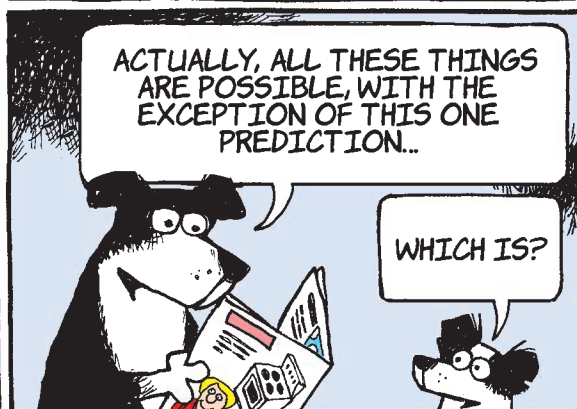
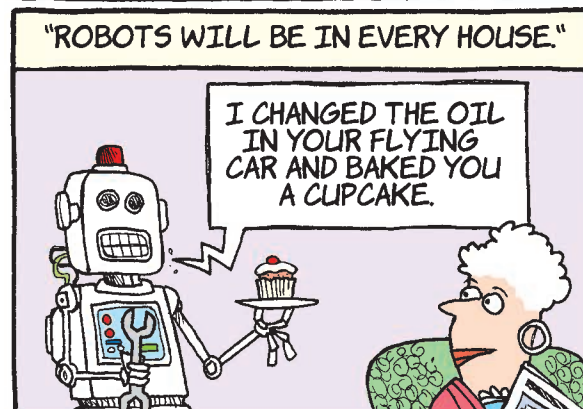
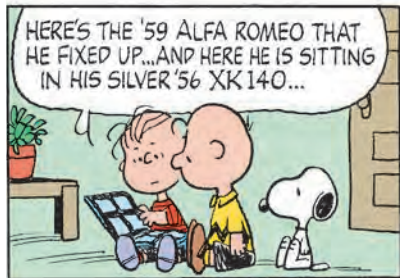


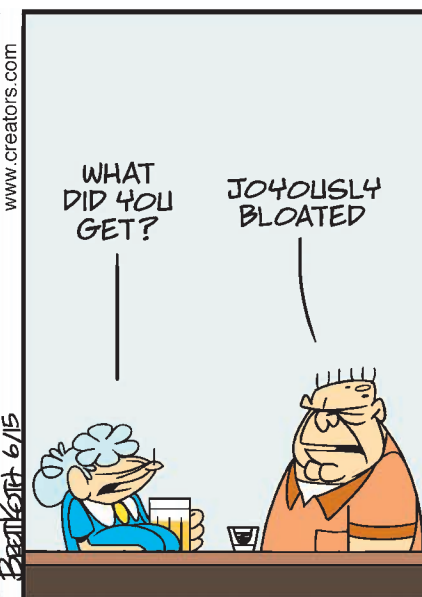
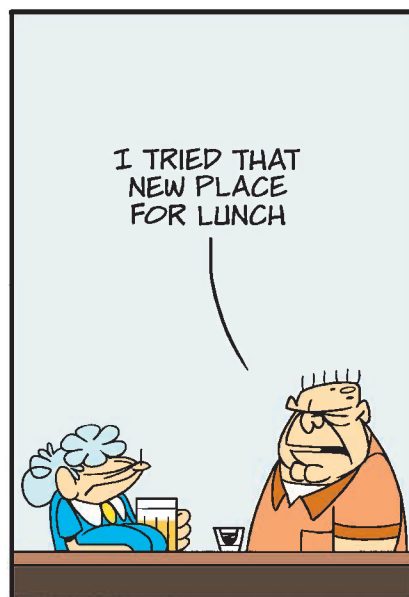
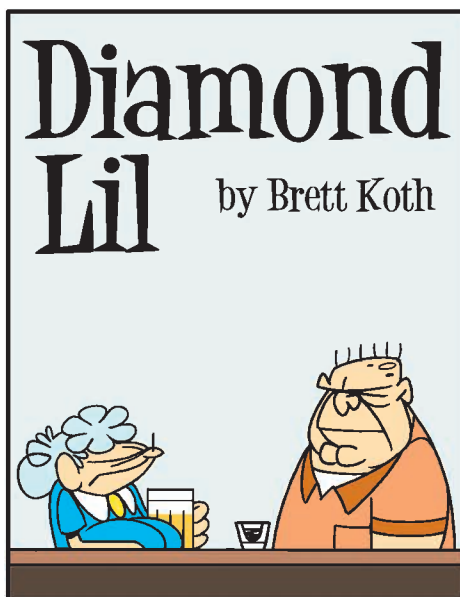
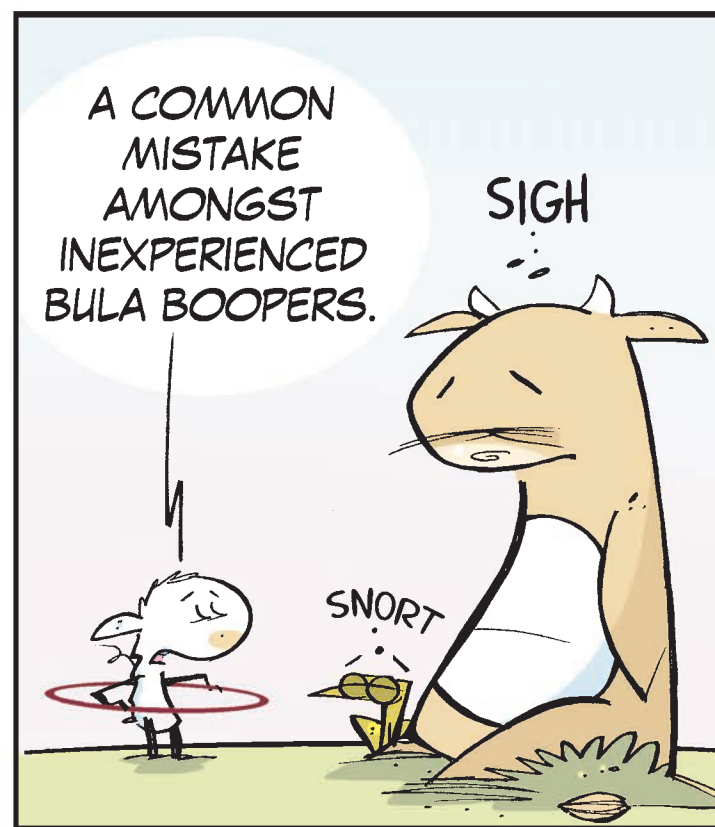
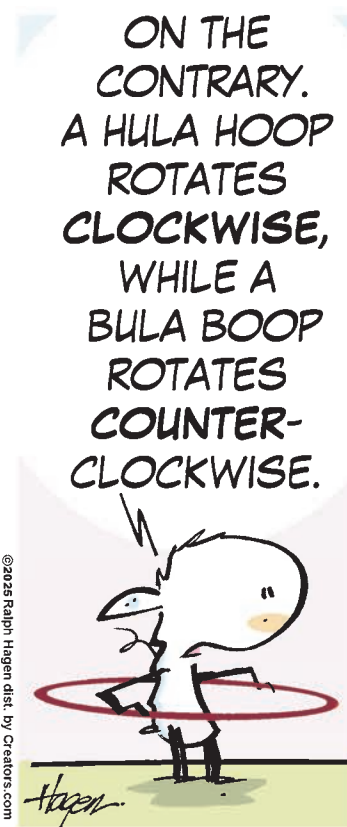
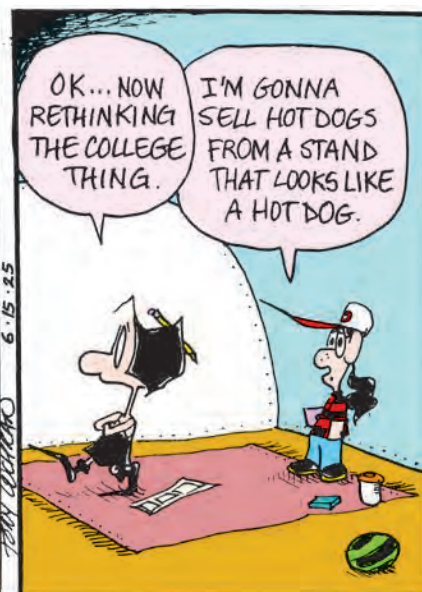
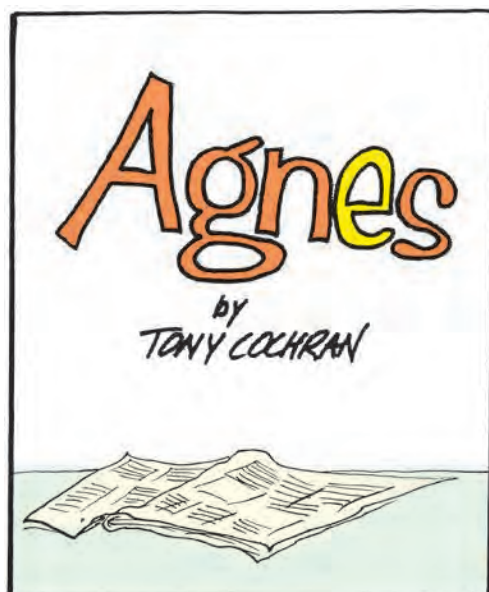
2/\$5
Asst Variety
12pk

Blue Bunny
Mini Swirl Cones



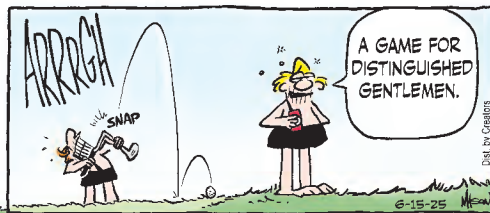
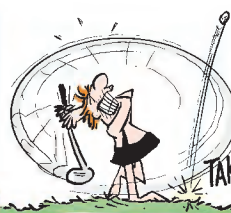
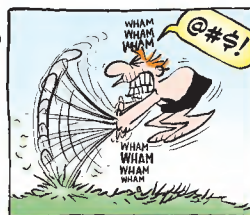
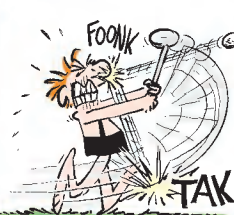
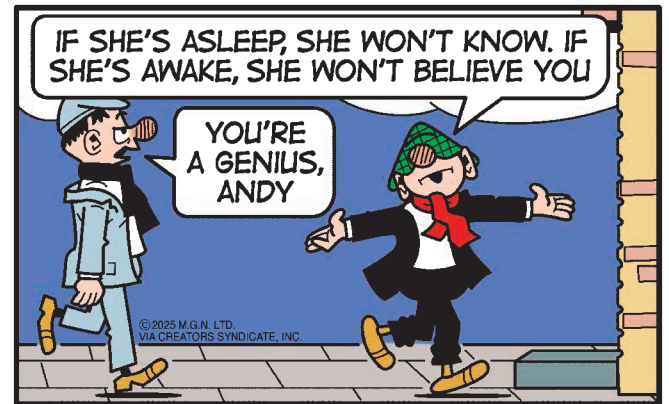
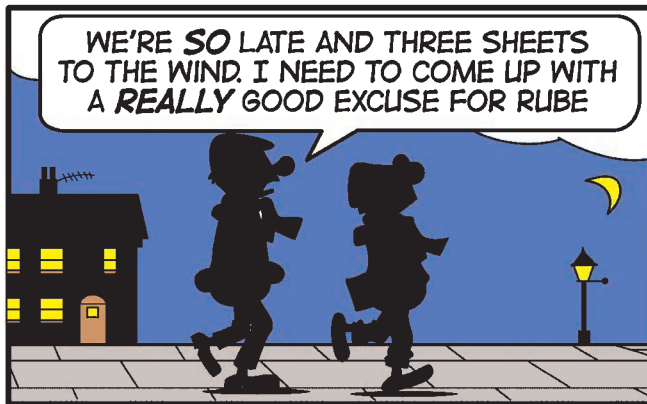
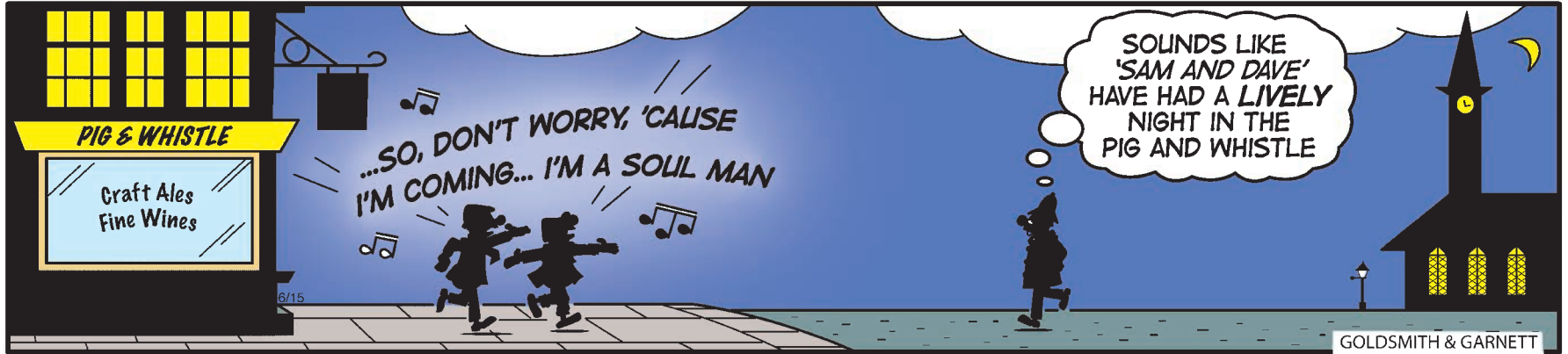
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Asst Variety
6-8pk





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