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Wecklers first in line for Gillett Independence Day

Gillett couple honored as grand marshals

By NATHAN BIRR
Correspondent

Leading Gillett's Fourth of July parade this year will be a couple well known for taking an active approach to community.

Since moving from Door County nearly half a century ago, Jay and Rachel Weckler have been living and serving alongside others from the Gillett community.

“One of the reasons why we stuck around for 47 years is because when we first moved here we didn’t know anybody,

but in a short amount of time, we were part of the Gillett family,” Jay Weckler said.

Jay and Rachel Weckler have served in public education and coached various school sports.

Jay Weckler served the Gillett School District as a special needs teacher for 14 years and coached football and wrestling for 12 years. He has also served 10 years as a special needs consultant for five area school districts, including Suring, Bonduel, Wabeno and Menominee Indian School District.

Rachel served the Gillett School District as a reading specialist assistant for 20 years and coaching junior high volleyball for six years. Rachel Weckler has been

an active board member of the Gillett Public Library for eight years, serving as treasurer.

“We’re just ecstatic that somebody thought enough of what we do here in Gillett to have us be the representatives of the parade,” Jay Weckler said. “But there are so many other people that are deserving, also.”

Jay and Rachel Weckler have a willing heart and a reputation for leadership.

When the Gillett area needed a hunter education class, Jay worked hard to establish a program. Jay Weckler taught the class for 25 years. He is also an active and working member of Gillett Civics Club



The Wisconsin Purple Martin Association and Bird City Oconto will be holding the 15th annual Martinfest from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 28 at Oconto City Park, 5202 County Road N, Oconto.

This free family event will feature a presentation about, live capture and banding of purple martins living in the martin houses at the park. The banding of the birds is done to help track them to learn about their migratory behavior and the habitats that they use.

Both purple martins and bluebirds depend on artificial man-made nesting boxes/houses to successfully rear young. Vendors will be present to provide information on purple martins and bluebirds, along with how to construct and place housing for them. If bluebirds are using one of the park's nest boxes, participants will get to peek inside to observe their eggs or young.

Other events include a silent auction, a storybook walk sponsored by the Farnsworth Public Library, a fossil display by Earthaven Museum (bring your rocks for identification), an educational booth on beekeeping which will also have honey for sale provided by the Brown County Beekeepers' Association, a raptor (birds of prey) presentation with live birds by the Raptor Education Group Inc., a reptile education booth by Archie's Angels with live reptiles, and several children's activities.

Food will be available as well from the Oconto Park and Recreation Department as a fundraiser to support Bird City Oconto and to purchase playground equipment.

For more information, visit <http://www.wisconsinpurplemartins.org/events.html>.



A purple martin flies over one of the houses at Oconto City Park. CATHY CARNES

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Buege to discuss butterflies, habitats

As the second installment in its new speaker series, Lakes Country Public Library welcomes Douglas Buege for a July 16 presentation. Buege will discuss northern Oconto County's butterflies and habitats at 6 p.m. in the Zeller Community Room. Douglas, who has a doctorate in philosophy, has been teaching in Madison since 1998. In 2008, he published "If a Tree

Falls: Rediscovering the American Chestnut Tree." His current pastime is creating original YouTube videos about Wisconsin butterflies. As president of the Southern Wisconsin Butterfly Association (naba.org/chapters/swab) since 2013, Buege leads an annual northern Oconto County butterfly count that just completed its 11th year. Buege has been a fix-

ture in northern Oconto County his whole life, spending summers with his grandparents on the 120-acre farm they purchased with cash in 1963. He said those summers were the best of his childhood. As a college student, he became interested in plants, a passion that continues to fuel his work on the family farm where he "grows just about all the kinds of fruit he can keep alive."

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and the current president of the Finnegan Lake Walleye Club. He has also had active rolls in the council of St. John's Catholic Church of Gillett, serving as president of the council for 10 years. Rachel Weckler was an instrumental board member of Sunshine Child Care Center during its start-up and fundraising campaign. She also served 12 years as organizer of the WE Believe Program, a program that helps local families in need during the Christmas season.

"The community here, even though it's a very small community, anytime that there is a fundraiser, or a family in need, or a need for donations, we can always count on the families (of Gillett) to help other families," Jay Weckler said. Jay and Rachel Weckler have been married for 51 years, raising two children, Matthew and Shannon. They each intend to dial back their community involvement in the coming years and are looking forward to enjoying their sunset years

in Door County. "There are so many great people here," Jay Weckler said. "It's just an honor for Rachel and I to be nominated for the parade." Among those most excited for the parade are the Wecklers' four grandchildren — Colton, Walker, Madison and Mason — who are proud to have their very own grandparents as honored grand marshals. "Yankee Doodle Dandy" is the parade theme, and the parade kicks off at 2 p.m. July 4.

Winning the RibFest Challenge



Glen Martin, a member of the Sons of American Legion, won the fifth annual American Legion Post 44 — Wabeno RibFest Challenge, held June 7. Martin outcooked five other contestants. He and his wife, Amanda, participate in many Legion activities.

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OCONTO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

- Kirstie E. Rost, 34, Green Bay, pleaded no contest March 17 to felony bail jumping. Judge Jay Conley withheld sentencing June 17 and placed her on 18 months of probation with conditions including 30 days in county jail with good time privileges.
- Brett W. Walker, 41, Gillett, pleaded no contest April 8 to possession of narcotic drugs. Conley imposed and stayed a prison sentence June 16 and placed him on two years of probation with conditions.
- Venus Marie Nelson, 40, Menominee Falls, pleaded no contest June 16 to a misdemeanor charge of disorderly conduct. A related felony count was dismissed but read into the record in a plea agreement. Conley levied fines and court costs and sentenced her to eight days time served in the county jail.
- Cody A. Dufrane, 34, Pewaukee, pleaded no contest June 18 to a misdemeanor charge of hit and run. A related felony count was dismissed in a plea agreement. Judge Michael Judge sentenced him to 59 days in jail time served, ordered restitution of \$1,555 and levied costs of \$463.
- Destiny Rae Rockman, 36, a Neopit woman serving time in the Shawano County Jail, had her probation revoked April 8 related to a 2022 conviction for possession of methamphetamine. On a joint recommendation of prosecution and defense attorneys, Judge sentenced her June 18 to 303 days in jail time served.
- Wildon Jerome Dillard, 29, Chicago, pleaded no contest May 5 to driving or operating a motor vehicle without consent. Conley sentenced him June 18 to 750 days in jail time served. Dillard was returned to court June 20 on an extradition request from the state of Michigan. Conley set a \$2,500 cash bond and ordered a 30-day commitment.
- Fritz George Roberts, 33, Oconto, pleaded no contest June 19 to misdemeanor charges of child neglect and disorderly conduct. A related felony count was amended in a plea agreement. Conley withheld sentencing and placed him on one year of probation with conditions.
- Kitana L. Jones, 30, Milwaukee, was charged June 16 with felony bail jumping and misdemeanor counts of possession of an illegally obtained prescription and possession of THC. Conley set a \$500 cash bond and adjourned her initial appearance until June 26.
- Barry Donald Ruhl, 63, Merrill, was charged June 18 with strangulation and suffocation and misdemeanor counts of battery and disorderly conduct. Conley set a \$250 cash bond and adjourned his initial appearance until June 26.
- Melina Kathryn Isabel Herr, 24, Gillett, was charged June 20 with felony bail jumping, two misdemeanor counts of possession of drug paraphernalia and a misdemeanor charge of possession of THC. Conley set a \$750 cash bond and adjourned her initial appearance until July 17.
- Kayla P. Delmarcelle, 37, Suring, was charged June 20 with possession of methamphetamine and a misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Conley set a \$500 cash bond and adjourned her initial appearance until July 17.

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EMS staffing in state reaching crisis point

3 legislative bills would help EMS agencies to respond faster to calls

By ANNIE PULLEY
The Badger Project

“In 10 years, I don’t know where the fire, police and EMS service is going to be.”

So says Christopher Garrison, Sun Prairie’s fire and EMS chief.

Fewer volunteers, more 911 calls and the rising costs of medical care are stressing EMS agencies statewide. It could mean longer wait times for you or a loved one when you need an ambulance.

“It’s a vital service,” said Tyler Byrnes, of the Wisconsin Policy Forum about EMS. “More people are trying to use it, and the revenue to pay for it is not growing quite as quickly.”

EMS activations in the United States, which include 911 calls and events like scheduled ambulance transports, increased by about 25% between 2021 and 2023, according to data from the National Emergency Medical Services Information System.

Not addressing funding and staffing challenges may “soon have a real impact on public safety,” according to a report from the Wisconsin Policy Forum published in 2021. Recruitment, difficult for all departments, “is reaching a crisis point for many volunteer and combination departments.”

Alan DeYoung has received reports of some EMS agencies in Wisconsin not responding to as many as 80% of their calls.

DeYoung leads the Wisconsin EMS Association, one of many groups lobbying the state Legislature to pass a package of bills to address the problems state EMS agencies face.

When an agency can’t respond, ambulances stationed farther away usually take the call. It stresses the system and can slow response times for everyone.

A lot of it has to do with volunteers, who have historically made up the bulk of EMS staffing. About 65% of Wisconsin EMS agencies, many of them rural, still employ employee volunteers, according to a report from

the Wisconsin Office of Rural Health.

Volunteers have subsidized the taxpayers for years, DeYoung said. But declining volunteer rates mean something has to give.

That probably means higher taxes to pay for professional EMS responders, or worse EMS service than you used to get, experts say.

Some potential legislation moving through the Wisconsin Legislature is trying to relieve some stress on EMS. One bill would require the state’s technical college system to provide grants to schools offering EMS courses. It would also create a reimbursement program for the cost of initial EMS coursework and expand funding for technology that gives EMTs real-time video before they reach the scene, said state Sen. Howard Marklein, R-Spring Green, one of the bills’ sponsors.

Another bill would encourage communities to develop regional EMS systems that can cross county boundaries.

These regional systems would be exempt from state-imposed levy limits, meaning they can more easily raise funding for EMS agencies through property tax increases. It would especially help communities that straddle county borders, Marklein said.

Regional systems could also reduce costs if the agencies within the system consolidated administrative work, training and purchasing, said Steve Hansen, chief of the Racine Fire Department.

Equipment like defibrillators can cost as much as \$55,000, Hansen said, nearly twice the price from six years ago. The price of supplies has doubled or tripled in roughly the same time frame.

A third bill would give agencies a larger government reimbursement for 911 calls that don’t result in a patient transport.

A lot of these calls are for “invalid assistance,” where the patient is not injured but may have no one else to call for help, Hansen said.

Joshua Weber, a division chief in Racine, said his agency has responded to more than 5,000 fire and EMS calls this year.

Of those, more than 1,600 weren’t transported, and 11 repeat callers accounted for 212 of the total number.

The Republican-sponsored bills have received Democratic support but have yet to get floor votes in either chamber of the state Legislature.

Some agencies have begun to adapt. Others have simply closed.

Sun Prairie EMS has had to adapt to a rapidly growing population and a surge in call volume. It’s seen a 75% increase in 911 calls since 2018, the Wisconsin Policy Forum writes.

Garrison, the fire and EMS chief, explained the agency is projected to respond to 6,300 calls in 2028, which is about a 26% increase from 2024.

The “biggest issue” is the availability of volunteer and part-time staff, Garrison said. It’s a generational difference, he continued. Younger generations simply place a higher premium on work-life balance and family.

The job is demanding, intense and the schooling required for paramedics is “ridiculous,” he said. “We see death every day. It’s hard on people.”

Ideas exist to relieve some pressure.

Some of them include charging repeat 911 users a “utilization fee,” promoting EMS as a profitable career with benefits and paying volunteers.

Paramedics with Racine’s fire department also make house calls to patients who recently suffered a stroke through its Mobile Integrated Health program. With additional funding, Weber would like to see the program serve residents who frequently call 911 as well as provide for non-emergency complaints relating to heart failure, COPD and diabetes.

It’s an opportunity to provide care, educate the community on the proper use of emergency services and potentially reduce the number of 911 calls.

“As communities grow and change, so do the fire and EMS services,” said Weber, but whatever the case, “We are going to do the job, and we’re going to do it well.”

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Waupaca counties.

Ten certified candidates ran for eight board member positions. Of the 1,731 dairy producers living in affected districts, 10.7% returned ballots.

Shawano, Gresham FFA win big at state contest

The Shawano FFA Chapter was named the state-winning Nursery/Landscape Career Development Event (CDE) team.

Team members include Levi Wendorff, Camden Kern, Aiden Kern and Tucker Reinke. Additionally, Wendorff was the top individual winner.

The Nursery/Landscape CDE tests students’ skills related to horticultural principles through plant identification of specimens by both their technical and common names, a multiple-choice test, plus hands-on activities which include landscape drawing, interpersonal relations and nursery operation practices.

Shawano will represent Wisconsin in competition at the National FFA Career Development Events to be held in October in Indianapolis during the 98th National FFA Convention.

All CDEs engage students in developing their communication, decision-making and teamwork skills to promote future career success.

Also, Addison Fischer, of the Gresham FFA, was named the 2025 State FFA Dairy Handlers Activity winner.

The objective of the Dairy Handlers Activity is to recognize their ability to set up their assigned animal to its best advantage, maintain the animal

in its most advantageous position, exhibit effective restraint and move the animal as requested by the event ringmaster. Additionally, poise, calmness and a positive attitude play a significant role in gaining success in the Dairy Cattle Handlers Activity.

Through participation in the Dairy Cattle Handlers Activity, students learn to work with others in a way that is cooperative, courteous and helpful while demonstrating effective dairy handling skills. All Career Development Events engage students in developing their communication, decision-making and teamwork skills to promote future career success.

Stroke cases rising among younger adults recently

Health experts at ThedaCare have joined the clarion call encouraging younger adults to help potentially lower their risk of a stroke by adopting a healthier lifestyle.

Strokes are most common in older adults. In recent years, however, stroke cases have climbed steadily among younger and middle-aged adults. Experts attribute the rise to growing rates of high blood pressure, sedentary lifestyles, obesity and substance use within that population.

A 2024 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report looked at the time spans of 2011-13 and 2020-22. In comparing the two, it found a 14.6% increase in strokes among people ages 18 to 44 and a 15.7% increase in people ages 45 to 64.

“The uptick in strokes in younger people can be taken as a warning sign,” said Dr. Thomas Mattio, medical director of the ThedaCare Comprehensive Stroke Center and a neurologist with Neuroscience Group. “These findings underscore the importance of recognizing the risk factors for stroke and taking steps to address them.”

A stroke occurs when blood flow to the brain is stopped. In an ischemic stroke, a blood vessel in the brain becomes blocked. A hemorrhagic stroke occurs when a blood vessel in the brain bursts, spilling blood into nearby tissues. Ischemic strokes are more common than hemorrhagic strokes.

People also can experience a transient ischemic attack (TIA). Often referred to as a mini-stroke, a TIA results from a tem-

porary clot. Most TIAs last less than an hour but may persist for up to 24 hours.

“TIAs don’t usually cause permanent damage, but it’s important for people to seek prompt care,” Mattio said. “A TIA may increase a person’s odds of suffering a stroke.”

A stroke can affect people in many ways, depending on where in the brain it occurs. People may experience changes in physical health, cognition, emotions and behaviors. Stroke also can lead to problems with communication, vision and hearing.

Age is a major risk factor for stroke. Approximately 75% of strokes occur in people over the age of 65, according to the National Institutes of Health. Age is also a non-modifiable risk factor for stroke. Individuals can’t change it. Other non-modifiable risk factors include family and personal health history, race and gender assigned at birth.

“While you can’t change some factors, it’s good to understand them and talk with your health care provider about them,” Mattio said. “Remember that you can take many positive steps to help reduce your risk of a stroke, regardless of your age.”

Fortunately, stroke can have some modifiable risk factors, Mattio said. These include high blood pressure and/or high cholesterol, obesity and/or poor diet, sedentary lifestyle and smoking and/or use of illegal drugs

“We’re seeing an increase in risk factors among younger people,”

Mattio said. “These likely are contributing to the rise in the incidence of stroke in these age groups.”

People of any age can take steps to help reduce their stroke risk. These include maintaining a healthy weight, getting regular physical activity, quitting smoking, limiting alcohol and avoiding drug use, managing cholesterol, controlling diabetes and staying on top of routine care.

“It’s important to recognize the signs of a stroke and to remember that anyone can experience one,” Mattio said. “Knowing the signs of a stroke and getting immediate treatment can help lower your risk of developing severe, long-lasting effects in the event of a stroke.”

Recognizing the symptoms of a stroke is the first step in getting prompt help. The acronym BE FAST can help people remember the warning signs:

- B: Balance — sudden loss of balance or trouble walking.
- E: Eyesight — sudden vision changes, including double vision.
- F: Face — drooping or numbness on one side of the face.
- A: Arms (or leg) — weakness or numbness in one arm or leg, especially on the same side of the body.
- S: Speech — difficulty speaking or slurred speech.
- T: Time — time to call 911.

For information about strokes and care options available, go to <https://thedacare.org/services/neurology-stroke>.

Betley newest representative for dairy board

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) has certified the Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin 2025 board of directors election results.

Jeff Betley, of Pulaski, will represent District 9 and begin a three-year term on July 1 as an elected member of the board. District 9 includes Menominee, Shawano and

Waupaca counties.

Experts: IRS cuts cost much more than save

Local governments, nonprofits could suffer if federal revenue shrinks

By ANNIE PULLEY
The Badger Project

The Department of Government Efficiency, or DOGE, headed by the now-departed Elon Musk, said its aim was to save money. But cutting the workforce of the Internal Revenue Service, which enforces tax law and collects nearly all of the federal government's revenue, means that the reductions will actually end up costing the government much more than they save, experts say.

About 11,000 employees have left the IRS, according to a May report from the independent Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration. Thousands more could leave the IRS through additional staffing cuts, and the White House has floated cutting the agency by half, according to news reports.

If the IRS workforce is reduced by 50%, the non-partisan Yale Budget Lab projects that lost revenues could amount to \$395 billion over a 10-year period. Cuts could also increase the number of non-compliant taxpayers such that lost revenue could climb into the trillions, the lab estimates.



DAVID HELPAP

Helpap, a political science professor at UW-Green Bay.

Cities like Madison and Milwaukee and many nonprofits in the state receive federal money. If top-level agencies continue to see cuts, and if federal revenues decrease, "that's going to create some real challenges" for communities across the state, Helpap said.

More than 3,600 people who separated from the agency were revenue agents, meaning the IRS's ability to enforce tax law could take a hit, according to the IRS oversight report.

For folks with a normal 9-to-5 job, taxes are automatically subtracted from their paychecks. But for large corporations and wealthy individuals who have money coming from and sitting in different places, tax enforcement becomes more complicated. That's mainly where revenue agents are needed, experts say.

Top-tier earners are believed to be responsible for \$205 billion or 30% of unpaid taxes annually, according to the report from the Yale research center.

"There are very real impacts on people's lives when decisions like these are made," said David

"Without close oversight, there is a lot of money that sort of gets left out there," Helpap said. "So would there be inequality in enforcement? Yeah, absolutely."

The cuts have "no modern equivalent," the Yale Budget Lab wrote. They hit every part of the country, including about 10% of Wisconsin's IRS workforce, according to the report from the IRS's oversight group.

If the federal government's tax collector gets worse at its job, Wisconsin could also be in trouble, according to Helpap.

"Wisconsin as a state gets tens of billions of dollars in federal aid every year," Helpap said.

Gov. Tony Evers' proposed budget, which is being overhauled by legislative Republicans, includes \$18 billion a year in federal funds.

Though Democrats in the Wisconsin Legislature have proposed a fail-safe if federal dollars are called into question, their bill has not been advanced by the Republicans in the majority.

"It's sort of up to the Republican legislature to address it," Helpap said.

Responding to federal funding uncertainty with a divided state government becomes a "partisan puzzle."

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Wimberger announces 42 new ADAs, pay increases in budget

Senator Eric Wimberger, R-Oconto, thanked legislators for their support after the Joint Committee on Finance, the state's budget-writing committee, voted to include the efforts he led to secure 42 new statewide assistant district attorneys (ADAs), as well as funding for pay increases for prosecutors, in the 2025-26 state budget.

"Investing in new assistant district attorneys across Wisconsin is an important part of tackling the rising case backlog in courtrooms across our state," he said. "These ADAs will help process cases and deliver

swift justice. I'm happy to have guided these initiatives through the budget committee and thank my colleagues for their support."

A number of the included ADA positions will be created in northeast Wisconsin, including two in Shawano-Menominee Counties, and 0.5 positions in both Marinette and Oconto counties.

In addition to the new ADA positions, the committee voted to provide new funding over the next two years to upgrade and secure the case tracking system technology used by Wisconsin prosecutors.

The committee also voted to deliver new funding over the next two years to the State Public Defender's office. These funds will support the hiring of 12.5 positions to address workload issues, and ensure courts process cases in a timely manner across Wisconsin.

Once the proposed budget is completed, the legislature, in both the Assembly and the Senate, will vote on the budget bill. Once passed by both houses, it goes to the governor who has the power to sign the budget bill into law or to issue vetoes to specific parts of the bill.

Fence-out wolves to prevent livestock kills? Impractical, ag groups say

Few things stir northern Wisconsin residents or frequent visitors like the mention of wolves.

The expansion of wolves' territory over the years has thrilled wildlife lovers while angering deer hunters and farmers. Compensation payments for wolf damage are on the rise.

The latest example is a state budget proposal from Gov. Tony Evers to invest \$3.7 million for fencing to prevent wolves killing or injuring livestock.

Evers' budget proposes about \$3.7 million for non-lethal abatement efforts and monitoring of wolves. The vast majority would go toward helping livestock producers pay for what aims to be predator-proof fencing. The remaining \$25,000 would fund wolf monitoring efforts at the Department of Natural Resources.

Tyler Wenzlaff, national affairs coordinator for the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation, told WisPolitics the group appreciates Evers recognizing the "real and ongoing issue."

"However, while fencing may offer some limited protections in some scenarios, it is not a comprehensive or long-term solution. Wolves are highly mobile predators, and it's been shown that fencing merely pushes the problem onto the next farm," Wenzlaff said.

The fencing would be 75-inch wire fencing with a 42-inch apron pinned to the ground to keep wolves from digging under the barrier, according to DNR. The fencing would be used to deter wolves at chronic depredation sites and limit losses for livestock producers.

Wenzlaff said for many farmers, particularly those with larger pastures, maintaining and installing predator-proof fencing is "impractical." Wenzlaff also criticized the state's latest wolf management plan for including Marathon County and a portion of

Wood County as part of a secondary range for wolves, an area he said is home to some of the highest cattle populations in the state.

Wisconsin Farmers Union President Darin Von Ruden said Evers' proposal is "certainly a step in the right direction," though not all farmers will be able to benefit.

"Some of our members' farms that have 600, 700 acres that's about four miles of that fence, and I'm not sure what it costs per foot or per mile to put that fence in, but if you're going to spread that out over maybe a couple hundred farmers, that 3.7 is certainly going to help some, but not all," Von Ruden said.

Von Ruden also raised concerns about large numbers of cattle concentrated in areas where wolf packs roam, saying those areas should be addressed first.

"But once those farms would get that up, the wolf packs are gonna move into another area. So really, we're looking at probably many years of fencing needs because of that situation, that the wolf packs will just move into an area where they can then find other livestock to consume," Von Ruden said.

Von Ruden also noted there could be challenges with installing fencing on the terrain, such as in Douglas and Buffalo counties and close to Lake Superior.

"You've got the hills and ravines and valleys, which always takes a lot more time and effort to get the fences in. And then also at that point, too, there might be places where wolves can get under the fence or maybe even over (it) at certain points, just depending on that topography," he said.

DNR estimated the state's wolf population at about 1,007 pack wolves in winter of 2022-23, the most recent data available. So far in 2025, 10 confirmed wolf depredations, eight confirmed wolf harassment

incidents and one probable wolf harassment incident have been reported, along with nine unconfirmed complaints.

DNR can reimburse Wisconsin residents for wolf depredation using general purpose revenue, endangered resources segregated funds from the conservation fund, or federal grants.

The agency has paid \$3.7 million in wolf damage payments since 1985 to compensate for killed or injured pets and livestock, including \$348,758 in 2024. Last year's total was up from the \$171,385 paid out in 2023.

Von Ruden said some farmers have had problems getting compensation under that system, particularly if there is nothing left of an animal to speak of.

"A lot of farmers like to tag their calves within the first 24 hours of being born so that they can identify them and then keep track of them," he said. "Well, if the wolf carries it off and takes it to their den, which is probably going to be below ground, you never find any part of that animal back, including the tags."

Retired wildlife biologist Adrian Wydeven of Wisconsin's Green Fire said state funding to tackle depredation could become important, noting widespread cuts under the Trump administration.

Wydeven said DNR has relied heavily on the USDA Wildlife Services Program to help deal with wolf depredation. The program provides technical assistance to states and helps manage wildlife damage.

"In the past, that's been mixtures of state monies and federal monies and with what's been going on with the federal government, there's probably a risk that the federal monies are going to become less. So there will be more of a need for the state to fund Wildlife Services to do their depredation management work," Wydeven said.

Shawano School Board moves meetings to 4th Monday

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

The Shawano School Board will change its committee structure and meeting dates beginning in July, with the board approving the changes at its June 18 meeting.

Board meetings will now be held the fourth Monday of each month, two weeks later than what has been the norm.

Superintendent Kurt Krizan said the new date would allow the board to

receive current financial information.

"Currently, the board receives financial information that is almost two months old at the time of their meeting," he said. "For example, April reports are shared in June."

Due to meeting earlier in the month, the previous month's complete financial picture cannot be prepared in time for the meeting. Moving the meeting back will allow for that information to be complete.

The new operations committee will meet the second Monday of the month. This committee's charge includes finance, facilities, human resources and technology.

A student success and relationships committee will meet as needed, with a goal of meeting quarterly at a minimum. Topics include learning, student services and policies.

An executive committee will also meet as needed, again quarterly at a minimum.

Holt and Balcom Logging Camp Museum open for summer season

The Holt and Balcom Logging Camp Museum in Lakewood is open for public tours from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Saturday through Labor Day weekend.

A special Reader's Theatre Performance with a logging theme will be pre-

sented at 2 p.m. Aug. 17 by the Wabeno Area Players.

Holt and Balcom Logging Camp Museum is located off County Road F, 1.5 miles east of Lakewood. Turn right into the McCauslin Golf Course and Country Club, then follow the signs. Park in the golf course lot;

the museum is directly behind the clubhouse.

Admission is free for Saturday tours, but donations to cover the cost of camp maintenance are appreciated. Special tours can be arranged by calling 715-276-3505 or 715-276-6515.

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Poker run benefits veterans fund



Dale Steffenhagen, right, presents \$500 to the Oconto County Veterans Memorial, which was accepted by OCVN secretary Carl Plaster. The 22nd annual Oconto Bicycle Poker Run was held May 17. Cody Steffenhagen is the organizer, and Dale Steffenhagen works with the organization. Each year, they choose three groups to benefit from the event, and this year's recipients are a multiple sclerosis organization, OCVN and St. Jude's Children's Hospital. CONTRIBUTED

Field day features cover crops, rotations in potato system

Farms are increasingly utilizing cover crops as a method of managing soil erosion and improving overall soil health. Cover crops are known to have benefits, but they can also have drawbacks in some situations.

The Antigo Silt Loam and Water Producer-led Watershed Protection Group is sponsoring a Community Field Day on June 27 starting at 10:30 a.m. to help farms and non-farm individuals better understand how cover crops can fit into a seed potato production system.

The field day is being hosted by Spychalla

Farms, located at N4244 Highway 52, Antigo, and will feature many topics and in-field viewing opportunities.

Specifically, attendees will be able to see the results of six rye and triticale establishment methods that fit into nearly any farm's methodologies, as well as two cover crop termination methods. Results of long-term monitoring stations' measures of soil and phosphorus loss from fields within the Antigo Flats will be presented and discussed, along with methods of minimizing these losses. Also, planting methods

into standing cover crops, known as planting green, will be a featured discussion topic.

Attendees will be able to ask questions of the host farm, the presenters and for discussion by the group.

The event is free to attend and open to all interested persons. Questions can be directed to Scott Reuss, regional UW-Madison, Division of Extension crops and soils educator, at 715-732-7510, text or call to 715-701-0966, or e-mail scott.reuss@wisc.edu. You can also call the host of the event, James Spychalla, at 715-216-7449.

Physical activity may help strengthen mental health

Behavioral health experts encourage exercise as coping strategy

Experts with Theda-Care Behavioral Health are encouraging people to consider physical activity as an additional way to benefit their mental health.

"Physical activity may enhance cognitive function by improving blood flow in the brain," said Taylor Lackey, Theda-Care nurse practitioner. "In some cases, it could be as effective as antidepressant medications."

An estimated one in five Americans lives with a mental health condition, the National Institute of Mental Health said. That's why it's important to take a proactive approach to education and outreach. Part of that involves promoting healthy coping strategies like physical activity.

Exercise may help increase self-esteem and decrease stress levels, Lackey said. That's because physical activity releases endorphins in the brain, which are feel-good hormones. Exercise may also help improve sleep quality.

"Many of our mental health challenges might go away if we moved our bodies more and got seven to nine hours of sleep every day," said Jessie Schnell, Theda-Care nurse practitioner. "We might not need any anti-anxiety or antidepressant medications on a regular basis."

Schnell encourages her patients to aim for 30 minutes of "intentional movement" each day. Examples include walking, biking or swimming. Gardening, mowing the lawn and doing household chores can prove beneficial as well, she said.

Science backs the exer-



JESSIE SCHNELL



TAYLOR LACKEY

cise-mental health connection. People with sedentary lifestyles have higher rates of death at younger ages, according to the National Institutes of Health. Exercise may help improve attention, focus, memory, cognition, language fluency and decision-making, the organization said.

Experts say regular exercise may also help people worry less while simultaneously offering additional benefits, including:

- Gaining confidence. Getting in better shape may make a person feel better about their appearance.

- Connecting with others. Joining a local gym or exercise group may give a person a chance to meet or socialize with others.

- Coping in a healthy way. Finding positive ways to manage depression or anxiety may help people feel better about themselves.

Government health guidelines recommend getting 150 minutes of exercise per week, including at least two days of strength training. Lackey advised people to begin their increased physical fitness efforts with modest goals.

"I think it's beneficial to spread out your activity over the week so it becomes part of your lifestyle and routine," she said. "Then you may be better positioned to experience the benefit of those feel-good hormones more often, too."

Small steps can lead to big gains, Schnell said.

"Washing the car, walking the dog or play-

ing outside with the kids or grandkids all count," Lackey said. "Find ways to add small amounts of physical activity throughout the day. For example, take the stairs instead of the elevator. Park a little farther away from work to fit in a short walk. If you live close to your job, consider biking to work."

Schnell recommends walking pads as an alternative for those with tight schedules.

"We live in Wisconsin, so our weather isn't always the greatest for walking outside," she said. "A walking pad is a simple, small device to use in your home. Turn on your favorite TV show and walk for 30 minutes, and you've got your movement in for the day."

When the weather does cooperate, exercising outdoors offers even more mental health benefits. Studies show that people report higher levels of vitality, enthusiasm, pleasure and self-esteem after walking or exercising outdoors.

Embracing healthy habits often has an added benefit, Schnell said.

"Behavior is learned," she said. "Kids will often increase their activity level if they see the adults who are responsible for them exercising and being physically active. We need to set an example for them so they'll more likely grow up physically and mentally healthy."

Incorporating increased physical activity into the day-to-day often boils down to reframing thoughts around exercise, Lackey said.

"I like to encourage my patients to think of exercise as celebrating what our bodies can do rather than something we have to do," she said. "That puts a whole different spin on why we're doing it and helps us appreciate what we can do."

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Biking is one of three stages in the triathlon held annually on July 4 in Leopolis. The much-anticipated event also features a parade, bean bag tournament and refreshments.

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Leopolis Triathlon celebrates 40th year of tradition, fun

Annual July 4 event has humble beginnings

By KAY REMINGER
Correspondent

Every year on the Fourth of July, the scenic Town of Leopolis bursts at the seams with visitors advancing on the community located in scenic northeastern Shawano County. They all come with one purpose — to celebrate the nation’s independence by participating in the annual Leopolis Triathlon.

What has become a long-held tradition in Leopolis will, this year, carry an important significance: The town will celebrate its 40th year hosting the event.

“The race has brought in folks from approximately 20-25 different states,” said Larry Czarnecki, one of many organizers. “Some make this an annual family affair and run together. It is amazing to see how

many kids show up, and it’s great to see them being active.

“It takes place every year on the 4th, so you never have to guess the day.”

Registration is in person starting at 8:30 a.m., and the race starts at 10 a.m. There are three divisions — Kids, Beer Belly and Jock.

“All three divisions start out by swimming the Leopolis pond, approximately 70 yards,” Czarnecki said. “The Kids and Beer Belly then go on to bike 5 miles and finish with running 2 miles, crossing home plate at Leopolis Bulldog stadium. Jock category participants bike 12 miles and finish with a 5-mile run.”

The cost is \$25 for Kids and \$35 for Beer Belly and Jock, with T-shirts handed out to all participants.

“Proceeds go to the Leopolis Booster Club, which provides enhancement to the ball field and playground at the park in town,” Czarnecki said. “But most importantly, we want to make this an affordable family event for people to just enjoy

themselves here.”

To coordinate the event, there are a lot of bases to cover, with the Leopolis Booster Club beginning preparation six months in advance.

“For most of its existence, the triathlon was coordinated by Carol Peterson, who put her heart and soul into it every year,” Czarnecki said. “Unfortunately, she is no longer with us, and many others have done a great job stepping up to try and fill her shoes.

“Because the event has been going for so long, there are many people that show up every year and just know what is needed and what to do. It actually goes fairly smooth. Course preparation includes putting up signs, which mark the course, installing buoys in the pond, setting up bike racks. Then there’s registration, hydration supplies — including bananas, Gatorade and water offered after the race and water supplied during the

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Children swim during a portion of a past Leopolis Triathlon. The traditional July 4 event is marking its 40th anniversary this year.

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Shawano native defends America from under the sea

By MEGAN LEMLY
Special to NEW Media

Petty Officer 2nd Class James Krueger, a native of Shawano, serves the U.S. Navy assigned to USS Georgia, homeported at Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay in Georgia.

As a submariner, Krueger is part of a small percentage of Navy personnel continuing a 125-year tradition of service under the sea to help ensure Americans’ safety.

Krueger graduated from Shawano Community High School in 2018. The skills and values needed to succeed in the Navy are similar to those found in Shawano.



“I learned from previous jobs that you won’t always have fun at work,” Krueger said. “That lesson is important in the Navy, because you won’t always have fun, but you can’t let that ruin your day.”

Krueger joined the Navy three years ago. Today, Krueger serves as an electrician’s mate (nuclear).

“I joined the Navy because I wanted to pursue higher education, and the Navy seemed like a good way to learn and have it paid for,” Krueger said.

Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay is the homeport of East Coast ballistic-missile and guided-missile submarines. These submarines are capable of conducting operations in the Atlantic, Arctic, Eastern Pacific and Indian oceans and the Mediterranean Sea. It is also the only Navy base with the capability to support the Trident II missile, the most sophisticated nuclear missile designed to be launched from a submarine.

Known as America’s “Apex Predators,” the Navy’s submarine force operates a large fleet of technologically advanced vessels. These submarines are capable of conducting rapid defensive and offensive operations around the world, in furtherance of U.S. national security.

There are three basic types of submarines: fast-attack submarines (SSN), ballistic-missile submarines (SSBN) and guided-missile submarines (SSGN).

Fast-attack submarines are designed to hunt down and destroy enemy submarines and surface ships; strike targets ashore with cruise missiles; carry and deliver Navy SEALs; conduct intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance missions; and engage in mine warfare. The Virginia-class SSN is the most advanced submarine in the world today.

The Navy’s ballistic-missile submarines, often referred to as “boomers,” serve as a strategic deterrent by providing an undetectable platform for submarine-launched ballistic missiles. SSBNs are designed specifically for stealth, extended patrols and the precise delivery of missiles.

The Columbia-class SSBN will be the largest, most capable and most advanced submarine produced by the United States — replacing the current Ohio-class ballistic-missile submarines to ensure continuous sea-based strategic deterrence into the 2080s.

Guided-missile submarines provide the Navy with unprecedented strike and special operation mission capabilities

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Birding lessons abundant at various festivals

After each bird festival I attend, I reflect upon my experience. Not only does it help to solidify what I learned while birding, e.g. bird identification field marks and new bird calls, but it also helps to bring some thought-provoking lessons to light. I thought I'd share some of these with you.

Lesson 1: The grass is not greener on the other side.

My first experience birding out west was the Festival of Cranes at Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge in New Mexico. On my list of birds I hoped to see was the western meadowlark. One day, I joined a busload of birders to ride around the refuge. We were instructed to yell out when we saw a bird, and the bus would stop so everyone could get out to see it.

It wasn't long before I saw it, atop a telephone wire in all of its glory. I hollered with all my might, "Stop!" They asked what I saw, and I joyfully answered, "A western meadowlark." My reply was met with immediate laughter as the bus continued on. "What?" I asked, confused.

Someone wittily replied, "We see those all the time. They are not worth getting out of the bus for."

Later, as we were driv-



Lisa Jansen
Columnist

ing through woodlands, someone yelled, "Downy woodpecker!" The bus came to an abrupt stop. Everyone jumped up and hustled out as they quickly raised their binoculars to get a look at this bird that I see almost every day through my kitchen window.

As they climbed back into the bus with ear-to-ear smiles and giddy laughter, someone saw me seated and asked, "Don't you want to see the downy?" I facetiously replied, "I see those birds all the time. They aren't worth getting out of the bus for."

While everyone laughed, it became clear — the excitement value of a bird to a birder often depends on where you live and how often you get to see it. However, as I watched birders marvel at my everyday birds, I began to once again find beauty in and appreciation for those birds. Through their eyes, I realize that the birds I regularly see in Wisconsin are just as remarkable as the birds elsewhere.



An elegant trogon is a colorful, long-tailed, yellow-billed, tropical bird of Mexico and Central America with a red belly and white band across the breast and with the back, chest and head bright green in the male and brown in the female. The elegant trogon occasionally nests in southern Arizona.

LISA JANSEN

Lesson 2: Especially when you are traveling, don't disregard a bird because you think it is a bird you know.

While birding in the Baja Peninsula, I kept seeing what I thought were northern cardinals. Able to see them often in Wiscon-

sin, I spent my time photographing birds I don't usually see. The exception was photographing one of these birds, because it posed on a cactus in beautiful light.

When I got home and looked at the photo more closely, I discovered it was not a northern cardinal but rather a pyrrhuloxia, a beautiful bird I'd never seen before, found only in the southwest U.S. and northern Mexico.

I had never heard of an elegant trogon, but while birding in the Huachuca Canyon in southeast Arizona, I learned this area was one of the few places in the U.S. to find one. With determination and learning its odd croaking call, I found one. It was quite large and stunning with a dark head, white chest band, red belly, yellow bill, and metallic green back perched upright with a squared-tail. An unforgettable sighting.

Years later while birding in Panama, someone asked "What is that bird?" Recognizing the silhouette I replied, "It is an elegant trogon." I was correct about the trogon part, but unbeknownst to me, there are 47 species of trogons in the world. This one was a black-tailed trogon. I made the mistake of not considering there may be

other birds that are similar but not the same species of bird as one I know. Studying the birds where you are traveling will help.

Had I not learned this lesson, I could have easily misidentified mangrove swallows for tree swallows, a pygmy nuthatch for a white-breasted nuthatch and a Mexican chickadee for a black-capped chickadee, just to name a few.

Lesson 3: Traveling helps us appreciate what we have here at home.

No matter where I go and how unique and exciting the birds, plants and animals are, I am always happy to be back home. Not only is it the feeling of being safe, happy and at peace, but it is also a realization. As I return from a trip with fresh eyes, I see the most amazing natural world right here in Wisconsin. There really is no place like home.

Whether your travels take you near or far, I hope you consider these birding lessons from the road. They will keep your eyes and mind open to new birding experiences while keeping your heart close to home.

Lisa Jansen is a Wisconsin master naturalist, nature writer and award-winning photographer. She specializes in raising awareness of birds and butterflies of the Midwest.

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Make the most of every square inch of garden space and containers with succession planting. As you harvest your first crop of the season, consider replanting the space with a vegetable that will mature and can be harvested before the end of the growing season.

Start by calculating the number of frost-free days remaining in your growing season. Next, review the plant tags and seed packets for the number of days from planting to harvest. Compare these two to see if you have time to replant one or maybe even two more quick-maturing vegetables in that space.

Keep in mind that cool season crops like lettuce, spinach and radishes perform and taste best when grown and harvested during the cooler months of spring and fall. Consider using these quick-maturing vegetables as your last planting of the season.

Others, like broccoli, collards and kale, taste even better after a light frost. Planting these so they mature in fall is another way to extend the harvest for maximum flavor and nutrition.

Warm season veg-

etables, like beans and cucumbers, are perfect for a summer planting. They prefer warm air and soil for the best growth and productivity.

Here are a few vegetables you may want to include in your succession planting this summer. Leaf lettuce and spinach prefer cooler temperatures and depending on the variety are ready to harvest in 30-60 days. If you can't wait for cooler weather, try growing more heat-tolerant greens, like Sandy and Red Sails lettuce, and although they are not true spinaches New Zealand and Malabar are more heat tolerant and provide a similar flavor.

End the season with a harvest of peas. Short varieties, like Patio Pride and Sugar Ann sugar snap peas and Maestro and Laxton's Progress No. 9 shelling peas, are perfect for containers and small spaces.

Root crops make great

additions to succession plantings. Salad radishes are ready to harvest in 25-30 days, beets in 50-60 days, and carrots in 60-70 days.

Bush beans prefer warm temperatures and are ready to begin picking in 50-80 days. Mascotte compact snap beans are productive compact plants perfect for containers and window boxes. You'll start harvesting these in as few as 50 days.

Cucumbers and summer squash are another option for summer plantings. Vining varieties can be trained onto a support to save space or crawl over the ground. Bush types are perfect for containers and small spaces. Check the seed packet for the number of days from planting to harvest.

Increase the health and productivity of your second planting by preparing the soil before planting seeds and transplants. Mix an inch of quality compost into the top 6 inches of soil. You'll improve drainage in heavy soil, increase water retention in fast-draining sandy soils, and add micronutrients that feed the soil, building microorganisms.

Once your seeds and transplants are in the ground, be sure to water properly. Keep the seedbed and roots of transplants moist the first few weeks. Gradually reduce watering frequency as seedlings sprout and grow and transplants become established.

You may need to adjust your succession planting schedule based on the weather. Hotter and cooler than normal temperatures can delay seed germination, harvest times, and flavor.

With a bit of planning, succession plantings, and regular harvesting you can enjoy fresh vegetables throughout the growing season.



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4th of July brings back childhood memories

The small town where I grew up was an unincorporated village in the Fox River Valley. Roughly 10 miles from Appleton, Sherwood was a farming community founded by European immigrants.

Its official population on signs marking its geographical boundaries during the two decades I lived there was 300. A popular explanation for this unchanging statistic was that if a girl got pregnant, a guy left town. Except for one time when a girl had twins, and two guys left town (eyebrows up, big grin).

Like most of the people who lived in Sherwood, I was of German heritage. When adults wanted to discuss matters not suited to children's ears, they used their native language, so I grew up familiar with a smattering of German, Dutch — even a few Polish words and phrases. My grandmother offered to teach me German, but I declined and have never stopped regretting that foolish shortsightedness.

Life during my formative years can best be described as simple, sensible and secure. All waking hours were spent worshipping or working; church, chores, caring for younger siblings, schoolwork, 4-H, Scouts, babysitting and menial part-time jobs like cleaning houses.

No surprise that there was no time to get into serious trouble or that I was asleep within minutes of hitting the pillow. Alas, now that I have time to get into mischief, I haven't the desire or the energy. And effortless sleep? Now there's an elusive dream.

Leisure time back then was non-stop physical activity. Outdoor play meant competitive games of softball, kick the can, It, hide-and-seek and alley-oop. Relaxing indoors involved mental if not physical movement: reading, dressing up in Mom's old clothes, playing dolls, crocheting, sewing, board and card games like sheephead. Like all kids, I was expected to master that game by age 10



In the centennial parade (2016), Kathleen Marsh drove a 1911 Waverly owned by Lucy Holt. The Waverly was restored to running condition by Dave Retzlaff for the Oconto County Historical Society and is on display at the Beyer Home Annex in Oconto.



or be considered a clueless dolt.

All that said, my childhood wasn't outside the mainstream. My world was peopled with hard-working dairy farm families tilling the land their grandparents had homesteaded during westward expansion. Our ancestors had been lured to Wisconsin by German newspapers like Der Spiegel. With flashy advertisements depicting manifest destiny, promoters promised cheap land and unlimited possibilities for immigrants willing to work hard and become part of a rapidly expanding American population.

As they assimilated, these immigrants became proud American citizens who embraced a new culture while retaining favorite

aspects of the old. To that point, they celebrated the Fourth of July with gusto. It was a very special holiday, celebrating not only America's Independence from England but their own journey to freedom from rule by callously cruel monarchs and hopeless economic immobility imposed by ruthless nobles and aristocrats. Some might say there are unmistakable similarities to what is happening in America today.

Sherwood, and of course my family, enthusiastically took part in the picnics, parades and partying. After the evening milking was done, usually in record time, Dad would fire up the Chevy. We kids crowded into the back seat, and Dad drove us to Appleton to see the fireworks. Mom packed special snacks and Kool-Aid, treats reserved for special occasions. It was always a perfect ending for the holiday — not quite Christmas, but close.

As I prepare for Fourth of July 2025, my mind

wanders back to those happy times. Like always, this Townsend day will start with everything red, white and blue. There's a big parade led by Post No. 44 Wabeno Legion's Color Guard, the grand marshal and Wabeno High School's world class marching band.



Kathleen Marsh was honored to serve as grand marshal of the 2024 Townsend Fourth of July parade.

Following them will be local fire trucks and ambulances, riders on horseback, creative community group and business-sponsored floats, huge shiny tractors and trucks, and a long line of off-road vehicles.

After the parade, many attendees flock to a giant craft fair at the newly expanded and renovated Town Hall and grounds (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.). Others enjoy a grilled sandwich and adult beverage at the fire department picnic (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) where they try their luck with meat raffles while listening to Lovin' Country (11 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and spanning the crowd for out-of-town friends they only see once a year.

The highlight of the day is the annual fireworks show at newly renamed Veterans Memorial Park on School Street. I know I'm biased, but Townsend has the best

fireworks in the Northwoods. Unfortunately, with the cost of pyrotechnics skyrocketing due to tariffs, it looked like it might be a fizzle this year. But thanks to generous donors, there will be a spectacular display at dusk, the perfect ending for Independence Day 2025.

No matter if the skies are rainy or peppered with stars, the Marsh clan will watch the fireworks from our pontoon, carefully positioned by Captain Jon amid a flotilla of decorated boats anchored out on the flowage. It's our own special family tradition; one I hope my grandkids recall with the same fond memories I have of those Fourth of Julys in Sherwood.

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

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route — EMTs, electronic timing, medals for participants’ awards and trophies for placement.”

Pella first responders man the pond in boats and are stationed along the race route. After the race and subsequent medal ceremonies, a parade is held through downtown. After the parade, a bean bag tournament is held with a number of teams participating and cash awarded to those placing. Also, food and drinks are available at the ball diamond shelter all afternoon.

“My main core memories of the (then-named Ironman Contest) was that it was a staple to Leopolis,” Booster Club member Theresa (Kristof) Carpenter said. “It’s literally been happening my entire life, and it was always an occasion that brought family and friends near and far to celebrate Independence Day.

“So many generations of my family have either worked to make it happen or have competed in it, right down to my kids. It’s been an event that has

brought our town together with many hours of hard work put in by the club members who all love Leopolis, and bringing people together to celebrate.”

What started out as somewhat of a joke while sitting on a bar stool at Pederson’s (a local establishment) has turned into a momentous occasion that brings people together from all over the map.

Carpenter said that in 1984, folklore has it that a couple of lifelong Leopolis residents were bemoaning that their lack of physical activity was becoming a hindrance. They started out on a walk about town, with the tongue-in-cheek goal of meeting back at the bar for a celebratory beer. Legend has it the next year they asked a few more to join in and then decided they should make a game of it, choosing to hold it July 4.

“It started as just the one shorter course, and for the first 10 years or so, they had both water and beer – naturally in a small town – at a few stops along the course,” Czarnecki

said. “As the event got more popular and drew the more serious athlete, the beer was dropped. Also, at this time, a second, longer course was added (Jock) to present more of a challenge.”

Those meager beginnings spawned an annual event that literally attracts hundreds of people.

Every year a different colored T-shirt is handed out to each participant. One year it was decided someone should make something out of the surplus.

Diane Czarnecki, who used to live across from the Leopolis Pond, volunteered to sew a blanket.

Cutting squares out of each shirt, she and a friend sewed the pieces together, fashioning a quilt. This was displayed at the contest one year, drawing rave reviews from the participants and bringing about much reminiscing concerning the races they’d run and what year.

“We had every shirt sewed on except maybe we missed two or three years,” Diane Czarnecki said.

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Krueger is grateful to others for helping make a Navy career possible.

“I want to thank my section leading petty officer from Nuclear ‘A’ School, Chief Kontilis, for believing in me,” Krueger added. “I also want to thank Chief Navy Diver Klingaman for having supreme confidence in me and for helping me be the best version of myself.”

WHAT’S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, JUNE 27

PULASKI: American Red Cross blood drive, 8:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., New Life Community Church, 6258 Crest Drive. Appointments at RedCrossBlood.org or 800-733-2767.

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

SHAWANO: Smalley Beach Bash, 2-7 p.m., Smalley Park, 211 Riverside Drive. Presented by city parks and recreation department. Giant water slide and Slip n Slide, crafts with Shawano County Library, food truck, Dunk a Cop and Popsicles with the Police, Shawano Ski Sharks, music with a DJ, Shawano Paddlers.

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

SHAWANO: Revive 715, 7-9 p.m., Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St. Northeast Wisconsin Jazz Ensemble presents a night of big band music.

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

TOWNSEND: Townsend Flowage Kids Fishing Tournament, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wendt’s Sandbar Resort, 16688 Nicolet Road. Registration 7 a.m., weigh-in 1 p.m. Food and beverages available.

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

OCONTO: MartinFest, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Oconto City Park, 5182 County Road N. Banding of purple martins, children’s activities, educational presentations, silent auction.

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

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.

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

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.

SHAWANO: Ski Sharks

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

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

MONDAY, JUNE 30

SHAWANO: American Red Cross blood drive, 12:30-4 p.m., Hope Community Church, 302 Tristan Drive. Appointments at RedCrossBlood.org or 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, JULY 1

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. Arts and Crafts Night.

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2

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.

GRESHAM: Evening Paddle with Shawano Paddlers, 6 p.m., Wolf River, Balsam Row Dam, N7072 Forest Haven Road.

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THURSDAY, JULY 3

BONDUEL: Morning Paddle with Shawano Paddlers, 9 a.m., White Lake, W4110 Lake Road.

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GILLETT: Fourth of July Celebration, 4-11 p.m., Zippel Park, McKenzie Street. Lawn Chair Concert 4 p.m., truck pull 7 p.m., Live music by Country Rewind 7-11 p.m., food and beverage stands.

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY, JULY 4

GILLETT: Fourth of July Celebration, 9 a.m. to 11 p.m., Zippel Park, McKenzie Street. Antique/Classic Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., horse pull 9 a.m., live music by Fun Time Polka Band 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., mini and modified tractor pulls 1 p.m., parade 2 p.m., music by Acoustic Vinyl 3-6 p.m., antique tractor pull 5 p.m., music by Rapid Transit 7-11 p.m., fireworks at dusk, food and beverage stands.

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

BONDUEL: Celebrate Bonduel, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Village Park. Parade 11 a.m., bike raffle, two bands, kids events, baseball game, fireworks at dusk.

TIGERTON: Let Freedom Ring Family Fun Run, 5 p.m., Legion Park. Fund raiser for fireworks display.

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. “Dennis the Menace.”

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

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

SATURDAY, JULY 5

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

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

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WAYS TO GO: From place to place

by Fred Piscop

- ACROSS

1 Arc de Triomphe city

6 Whitman or Disney

10 *The Stranger* author

15 ___ favor for (help out)

18 No longer napping

19 "That explains it"

20 Embarrass

21 Sets the dogs (on)

22 Documental evidence

24 Job history progress

26 NL West team

27 Subordinate exec

28 Foamy coffee

30 Actress Mara

31 Accountants' books

33 Hold in high regard

34 Red table wine

35 Half of an embrace

36 Satisfies, as a request

37 Land by the sea

38 Moose cousins

41 Eyelashes

42 Voting alliance

43 However, briefly

46 Historic Big Apple music district

49 Chocolate dessert with nuts

52 Sean Lennon's mom

53 What granite once was

54 Chess piece

55 Navel formation

56 Developer's inventory

58 Group of scouts

60 Goes along with

61 Mine output

62 King's domain

63 City near Tahoe

64 Capital of Iberia

67 *Inferno* poet

68 Capitol group

72 Some golf clubs

73 Some fowl

74 Perform very well

75 By way of

76 Crime scene evidence

78 Supplier of blood to the kidneys

81 Bagpiper's topper

82 Guesses wrong

83 Leaves the stage

84 Singles to spend

85 Full of zip

87 Chem lab liquids

88 Well-put

90 In a neat manner

92 "You just missed"

93 Orchestral section

97 Braincases

98 Muralist's medium

99 Muesli morsels

100 ___-color pasta

101 Nostalgic evocation

103 The lap of luxury

106 Roasting chamber

107 Gobbled up

108 What Cleopatra barged in

109 Being chilled

110 French diarist

111 Textile workers

112 Walked heavily

113 Long and loud complaints

5 Waitperson

6 Metallic strings

7 "Right away!" letters

8 Hula accessory

9 Be deceitful

10 Arizona plant

11 Lessen gradually

12 Colt's parent

13 Deploy

14 Any adept detective

15 Actress Keaton

16 Trio + 5

17 Pale-looking

21 Fern seed

23 Semester

25 Surf sound

29 Help to soothe

32 Sound surprised

33 Country retreat

34 ___-full (overflowing)

36 Fare for certain festivals

37 Small sailboat

38 British prep school

39 Sentence in a script

40 Have no doubt

41 Quarters for canaries

42 Witch's ride

43 Canine in Oz

44 Mane thing

45 Uplifting poetry

47 Romance writer

48 Specified

50 Not as old

51 Gossipy story

54 Casting assignment

57 Singer Lena

58 Register stack

59 Mouse cousin

60 Reddish salon bottle
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1 Vatican-related

2 Fully informed

3 Speedy

4 Prez after Harry

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63 Muddies up

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66 Campus housing

67 Criticize sharply

68 Informal discussions

69 Smooth out

70 Kingly address

71 Expresses orally

73 Part-bird monster of myth

74 With scornful intent
- 77 Performed again

78 Intel-gathering mission

79 Living now

80 Pre-K kids

85 Attach, as a corsage

86 Mideast ruler

87 Visitors from other planets

88 Aesthetic endeavors

89 Spiritual advisor

90 Central Rome attraction

91 Quick-cook noodles
- 92 Rattan repairer

93 Howled at the moon

94 Oktoberfest vessel

95 Standing tall

96 Camping spots

97 Impatient urging

98 ___ de foie gras

99 Scandinavian capital

102 Install, as bricks

104 Volleyball contents

105 Single-helix molecule

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Ski Sharks’ season underway at Smalley Park



Above, Sandor Anday holds Katie Weiland during the Shawano Ski Sharks performance June 18. The Ski Sharks perform every Wednesday through Aug. 13 on the shores of the Wolf River at Smalley Park on Shawano’s west side. The pre-show begins at 5:30 p.m, with the show starting at 6 p.m. Admission is free, but donations are appreciated. Bleacher seating is available, but many people bring lawn chairs and blankets. Concessions are offered at every show (cash only). Bottled water, soda, sports drinks, burgers, brats and popcorn are all for sale. Raffle tickets are available at each show.

GREG MELLIS | NEW MEDIA

Seymour driver wins street stocks

After being rained out the previous two weeks, cars were welcomed back to the Shawano Speedway on June 21 for a hot night of racing – that is, action on the track and sweltering, muggy weather.

Clintonville’s Lucas Lamberies won the 20-lap feature race for the modifieds after staring in fifth place. He topped New London’s Tanner Janke and Wausau’s Marcus Yarie.

Marion’s Adam Abbey won the first heat, and Lamberies won the second.

In the sport modifieds, Pulaski’s Cole Slezewski won the 20-lap feature after starting on the pole. He defeated Forrest Kernen and Tigerton’s Dustin Wudstruck.

Slezewski won the first heat, and Shawano’s Michael Springborn won the second heat.

Mosinee’s Andy Karl won the two-car late model race, with Shawano’s Tommy Rindt in second. Karl also won the heat race.

Jeremy Christians, of Horicon, moved up from

sixth to take the checkered flag in the 25-lap stock car feature. He topped Travis VanStraten, of Hortonville, and Trent Nolan, of Shawano.

Embarrass’ Nate Michonski won the 12-lap B feature, with Oconto Falls’ Kyle Frederick in second and Shiocton’s Vern Stedjee in third.

Pulaski’s Devin Snellenberger won the first heat, Yarie won the second race, Wisconsin Rapids’ Mark Eswein won the third, and VanStraten won the fourth heat.

In the Mighty 4’s, Shawano’s Scott Blanke won the 12-lap feature race, with Shawano’s Dalton Nelson in second and Shawano’s Taylor Junk in third.

Nelson won the the first heat race, and Shawano’s Andrew Yaeger captured the flag in the second heat.

Seymour’s Jacob Ambrosious won the 20-lap street stocks feature race, winning over Austin Steinke, of St. Nazanz, and Paul Ambrosious, of Seymour.

Paul Ambrosious won the heat race.

Riel named NEC golfer of the year

Senior Kadyr Riel, of Oconto Falls, is the conference player of the year for the North Eastern Conference all-conference golf team. He was the only Panther named to the first team.

Freshman Dylan Clark was named to the second team.

Senior infielder Easton Engel was named to the first team for baseball.

Second team honors were awarded to senior pitcher Jack Adler, junior pitcher Carter Heroux and senior catcher Grayson Cahak.

Honorable mention status was earned by junior infielder Trace Brehmer, senior infielder Luke Gilbertson, senior outfielder Wyatt Laughrin and senior outfielder Chase Cariveau.

Results spotty from scheduled Dairyland League games

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

It looks like the heat and humidity took its toll on scheduled Dairyland League baseball games June 20 and June 22, as results from only one of seven scheduled games were reported.

A full slate of games

are slated for June 27-29. Updated schedules may be available on the teams’ individual Facebook pages.

June 22
Bonduel 9, Nichols 1
Nichols took a 1-0 lead in the second inning, but Bonduel’s pitchers held the Nitros scoreless the rest of the way.

The Broncos answered with three runs in the bottom of the second.

Cade Johnson allowed five hits and one run and struck out nine batters over six innings to get the win on the mound. Mason Patz took the loss for the Nitros.

Jack Reinke and Johnson had three of Bonduel’s

12 hits, while Noah Beier added two.

Jason Vandenlang, Will Debrune and Lucas Leisgang had two hits for Nichols.

Bonduel also took advantage of eight walks.

Hortonville at Hofa Park
No results reported.
Waupaca at Shawano

No results reported.
Marinette at Cecil
No results reported.
Pulaski at Navarino
No results reported.
June 20
Shawano at Navarino
No results reported.
Hortonville at Marinette
No results reported.
Upcoming Schedule

June 27 (all games 7:30 p.m.): Waupaca at Bonduel; Hortonville at Shawano.
June 28: Navarino at Nichols, 1:30 p.m.
June 29 (all games 1:30 p.m.): Cecil at Pulaski; Navarino at Waupaca; Shawano at Hofa Park; Nichols at Hortonville; Marinette at Bonduel.

A's Vollmer gets it done at plate, on mound

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

East/West Division
June 22
Clintonville 12,
Marion 3

Winning pitcher Hunter Vollmer had three hits, including a triple and a double, as the A's headed to Marion and returned home with a nine-run win over the Meisters.

Brock Smejkal and Austin Hoffman added three hits for Clintonville.

Bobby Bruner led the Meisters with three hits, while Blake Weatherwax and Hayden Miller added two each.

Joe Weyenberg took the loss for Marion.

Gresham 9, Shawano 8

The Gophers handed the Lakers a loss in Gresham.

Crew Weisnicht led Gresham with a pair of doubles. Arkin Verhein and Garrett Kodonski each had a double for Shawano.

Luke Pecore got the win on the mound, and Tate Zhuckahosse took the loss.

Menominee 14, Neopit 10

Menominee won the battle of Menominee County's BABA teams with a victory over the Chiefs.

Derrick Grignon and winning pitcher Pete O'Kimosh led the Indians with three hits each.

Neopit's Mike Pecore led all players with a four-hit game, while teammates Jamison Besaw added two hits and Ray White and Walker Miller had home runs.

Jamison Beasaw took the loss for Neopit.

Leopolis 14, Tilleda 10

Leopolis had a big day at the plate, as Jackson Krohn, Anderson Schmidt and Collin Akstulewicz led the way with three hits each, and Brady Hannes, Alex Zimmerman and Ryan Malueg had two.

Tilleda's Brad Brei had five hits and drove in a team-high four runs. Jay Brei added four hits and Zach Fehrman and Adin Brei chipped in with two each.

Malueg picked up the win and Fehrman took the loss.

June 20
Caroline 11, Tigerton 8

Neil Hoffman homered and had a team-high three hits to help lead the Cougars over the Tigers.

Jared Cartwright and Colton Barkow added two hits each for Caroline and Barkow also homered as Caroline had nine hits in

the game.

Tyler Steinbach, Eric Kroening and Austin Hoffman led the Tigers at the plate with two of Tigerton's 10 hits.

Klay Barkow picked up the win on the mound and Caleb Dahlstrom took the loss.

Little Falls 16, Crandon 5

The Loggers headed to Crandon and returned home with a win over the Kentucks.

Carter Kurki picked up the win and Cole Kupfer took the loss.

North Division
June 22
Eland 5, Birnamwood 1

Winning pitcher Tyler Nelson went the distance and held Birnamwood to one run.

Payton Flees led the Engineers with three hits, while Charlie Woida and Shane Larson added two each.

Mason Meverden took the loss on the mound but led the Kings with three hits. Carson Meverden added a double.

Hatley 14, Wittenberg 10

Hatley had 10 hits in a win over the Pilots.

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

respectively.

Zach Urquhart and Jake Laszewski had three hits for Wittenberg, and Dalton Zeinert and Nathan Waupekenay added two each.

Ben Cumliffe picked up the win, and Waupekenay took the loss.

Elderon 20, Antigo/Polar 4

The WhiskeyJacks had 19 hits and scored 20 runs in a road win over Antigo/Polar.

Justin Meronk led Elderon at the plate with five hits, including a pair of doubles. Mike Lehman and Thomas Lemanczyk added four and two hits, respectively.

Mason Gray had two hits for Antigo/Polar.

Nate Lemanczyk picked up the win, and AJ Kirsch took the loss.

Aniwa had a bye.

South-Central Division
June 22

Plover 6, Weymont 2

Josh Marcione led the Pterodactyls with two hits in a South-Central win over the White Bass.

Luke Schwenn, Tyler Wetzel and Kolden Baehman had two hits apiece for the White Bass.

Kaden Thauer picked up the win, and Trevor Wetzel took the loss.

Scandinavia 8, New

Northern zone smallmouth bass season open

The 2025-26 smallmouth bass fishing season opened in the northern bass management zone June 21 and runs through March 1, 2026.

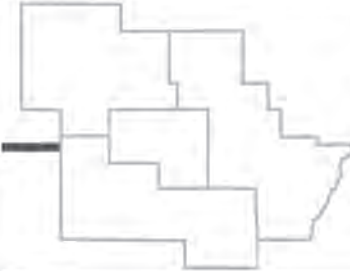
While anglers in the southern zone have been able to harvest bass since May 3, this harvest season gives anglers a chance to catch and keep smallmouth bass in waters north of state Highway 77 to the east of state Highway 27 and north of state Highway 64.

The northern zone also includes:

- Inland waters north of state Highway 29 in Brown and Kewaunee counties.
- Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters.
- Tributaries to Lake Michigan north of state Highway 29 in Door and Kewaunee counties.
- Lake Superior, including the Kakagon River and Slough.

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Alger L. Schuettpelz

Alger Schuettpelz, 86, of O’Fallon, Missouri, passed away peacefully on May 28, 2025, with his wife, Althea, by his side. He was born in Suring, on Oct. 5, 1938, to Harold and Gertrude Schuettpelz, and grew up on the family farm.

Alger (Al) was a devoted husband, father, grandpa and friend. After some early jobs right out of high school, which included driving the milk truck to the area farms to pick up milk cans and take them to Manthei’s cheese factory, he graduated from DeVry University and worked as an electrical engineer for Hewlett-Packard for 35 years. He was known for his sharp mind, strong work ethic, and incredible organizational skills.

He married Althea Rakow on Aug. 22, 1959. They raised four children and built a life full of family, travel and shared values. Al had a great sense of humor and a memorable laugh.

He loved playing lots of different card games with his family, but especially a family-created game called Bronco. There were many spirited family Christmases



and get-togethers with Bronco tournaments, and he and Althea were quite the Bronco team.

He was also dedicated to helping his kids with whatever they needed, from all sorts of home and yard projects, to helping with all the moves in life and then helping fix up those new homes, to babysitting grandkids. No matter what he did to help, he always did it cheerfully.

He loved using his woodworking skills to fix or build things. It seemed like he could fix anything. He used his skills to help with a multitude of school projects, home projects and his famous wheelbarrow planters.

A lifelong Green Bay Packers fan, Al was proud to have his photo in the Packers Hall of Fame after nearly catching Leroy Butler in the first-ever Lambeau Leap. He loved taking his kids to Packers games. Even after leaving Green Bay, he always managed to find somewhere to watch the Packers game.

He loved the outdoors and spent many hours gardening, fishing, playing golf, baseball, yard games, camping and traveling. He planned many fun family vacations, which took his family to places across the United States, Europe and Hawaii.

He also spent years trying to invent the perfect squirrel-proof birdfeeder — a mission he took very seriously. Though the squirrels may have won a few rounds, Al never gave up the battle. He was a dedicated volunteer, giving his time to Habitat for Humanity, Meals on Wheels and his local church.

Alger was a man of deep faith and loved singing the old Lutheran hymns. St. John Lutheran in Suring was the church and school they both went to growing

up. He and Althea enjoyed attending polka festivals and dancing together for hours. Above all, he was a proud grandpa and great-grandpa who rarely missed a game, concert or event.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Althea; his four children, Robin Zellmer (Tim), Renee Probst (Dave), Rob Schuettpelz (Jill) and Becky Halcomb (Jeff); 14 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and siblings, Naomi Bahrke, Alvin Schuettpelz, June Ruege and Dennis Schuettpelz.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers-in-law, Don Bahrke and Don Ruege; and sister-in-law, Ellen Schuettpelz.

Alger was a man of strong family values, with a steady presence, quiet generosity and dry wit. He is dearly loved and will be missed by all who knew him.

A memorial service is being held at St. John Lutheran Church in Suring on Saturday, July 5, 2025, at 2 p.m. with a reception and food to follow. Please send any memorial gifts to St. John Lutheran Church and School in Suring.

Janet ‘Jan’ Eggers

Janet “Jan” Eggers, 77, of Suring, passed away after a long illness on Monday, June 16, 2025, at Suring Health and Rehabilitation Center, which she considered her home.

Janet was born May 27, 1948, the fifth child of Julius and Linda (Nass) Seefeldt of Peshtigo. She worked various jobs, including operating her own day care. While working at Great Lakes Shoe, Janet met the love of her life, Robert Eggers, in 1977. They married on Valentine’s Day 1978 and had 34 wonderful years together before Robert’s passing in 2012.

Janet was very active in Boy Scouts for many years while living in Oconto. She was a very talented crafter, making numerous items that were beautiful and decorative. Completing jigsaw puzzles was a favorite pastime.

Janet is survived by her brother and sister-in-law, Harold and Madonna Seefeldt of Gillett, who were always there for her. She is further survived by a sister-in-law, Frances Seefeldt of Peshtigo; stepsons, Brian and Eric Eggers of Fond du Lac;

sister-in-law and spouse, Deb and Mike Price of Abrams; nieces and nephews; special friends, Chucky, Kevin, Alice, Tina and Don; special nurse, Karen.

Janet was preceded in death by her parents and grandparents; son, Dan; grandson, Brody; sister, Alice, and her husband, Don Henke; sister, Hazel, and her husband, R. Richard Bundy; brother, Roy Seefeldt.

By Janet’s request, there will be no funeral service. Gruetzmacher Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences can be expressed at www.gruetzmacherfuneralhome.com.

Janet would like to extend a special thank you to the staff at Suring Health and Rehabilitation Center for their tender care.



Susan R. Geneske

Susan Rose (Weyenberg) Geneske, 70, of Suring, passed away peacefully June 17, 2025, surrounded by loved ones.

Born on April 6, 1955, and raised in Little Chute, Sue was the cherished daughter of Melvin and Lucille Weyenberg. Throughout her life — as a daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother and friend — she was known for her contagious laughter, gentle spirit and unwavering presence. She never missed a moment, whether it was a baseball game, a birthday or a small favor that made someone’s day a little easier.

Sue found great joy in quilting, crafts, reading and gardening, pouring love and creativity into everything she touched.

In 1976, she married Richard (“Jack” “Tiny”) Geneske, with whom she shared 49 years of unconditional love and partnership. She is survived by her husband and their children, Jennifer (Kirk Vanden Wyngaard) and James (Ryan Reilly), along with her beloved grandchildren, Alison, Jacob and Kaitlyn Vanden Wyngaard.

Sue is also survived by her siblings, Dan, Sally, Gary and Mary, as well as many dear cousins, nieces, nephews, in-laws and lifelong friends who will remember her warmth,



kindness and the way she made everyone feel like family.

She leaves behind a legacy of love, quiet strength and simple joys that will continue to live on in the hearts of all who knew her.

A service to honor and celebrate her life was held for immediate family on June 23, 2025. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you plant a flower, snuggle under a quilt, or gather your family for a meal — simple acts of comfort and togetherness that Sue cherished most.

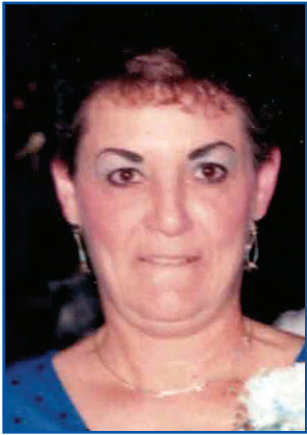


Jeanne E. Long

Jeanne Elizabeth Long (nee Craven) peacefully passed into the loving arms of our Lord and Savior in the early morning hours of Sunday, June 15, 2025.

Jeanne was the eldest daughter of Daniel and Marguerite Craven (nee Rassmussen). She was moved via foster care to the Suring area in Hickory, and lived with, and was nurtured by loving foster parents, Norman and Nomah Ankerson, from the age of 13 through graduation. Jeanne found her birth mother and rekindled her childhood relationship with Dale Spencer. They married in 1958 and had two children, Patti (Gene) Fiala and Dale (Ann) Spencer. They then moved to Bridgeton Missouri, near Dale’s parents.

Jeanne worked as a



waitress and later, the family moved to Wisconsin to start up a dairy farm. Buying their first herd of cattle from the humane society, they worked hard to nurture these abused animals to build a farm the family could grow with. Ultimately that dream proved to be more than they could handle, and

the farm was sold.

Jeanne then worked at Gillett Plywood for many years.

She later married Leo Long and they resided in Gillett.

Jeanne is survived by her children, Patti (Gene) Fiala and Dale (Ann) Spencer; six grandchildren, Mande School, Zachary (Tabitha) School, Alexander Fiala, Eric (Shaina) Fiala, Kayla (Brad) Hickey, Nicholas Spencer; seven great-grandchildren, Ava School (Zackary Zimmer), Garrett School, Elijah Fiala, Noah Fiala, Savannah Fiala, Evelyn Hickey and Thor Hickey; siblings, Perry (Kathy) Ankerson, Andrea Simon and Judy Harrison.

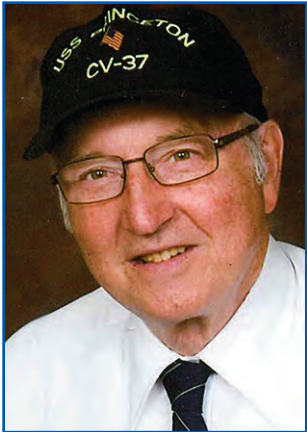
Jeanne is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Leo Long; ex-husband, Dale Spencer; siblings,

Alan Christopherson

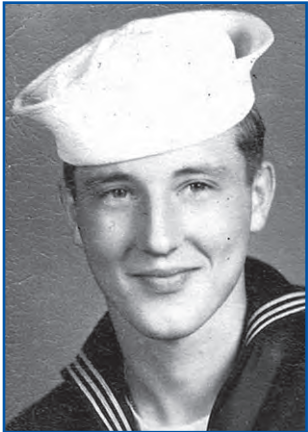
Alan Ivan Christopherson, 85, of Oconto Falls, died peacefully on June 20, 2025.

He was born one of nine children Sept. 5, 1939, in Lena to August and Isabel (Burg) Christopherson. He was raised on a farm where County Highway J crosses the Little River. He graduated from Lena High School with the class of 1957. Upon graduation, Al joined the U.S. Navy and served three years, after which he briefly attended University of Wisconsin and Wisconsin State College. He married Verla Durocher in 1962, and together they raised one son, Vernal.

He was a police officer for Oconto County and the city of Oconto Falls. Al also worked for Mackay Nursery and even started his own



landscaping business with a partner. He then worked many years for American Archery Co, while also running a private archery shop out of his basement. Ultimately, Al worked for Universal Converter where he retired in 2001. Toward the end of his career and long into his retirement, he



owned and operated Uncle Al’s Carving Wood.

Al enjoyed being involved in the community serving in many different organizations; one year as 4-H Leader, 12 years as Scoutmaster of Troop 1024, Parish Council of St. Anthony Church, various officer positions of the

Charles, Richard, Alvin and JoAnn.

Jeanne struggled in life to find peace. From a disrupted childhood, foster care, to life events, she couldn’t control the demons that followed her – anger and alcohol. After Leo’s death, and a lack of discipline, Jeanne drank many of her years away and distanced herself from family.

Eventually she was placed in a nursing home and lived there for more than 15 years. She managed friendships, and her son Dale took primary control of her health and finances until her death.

Getting a loved one to accept help is difficult and often met with anger and resentment. If there is a way to do it, Jeanne’s family urges you to find a way.

Archery Club, Third and Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, USS Princeton Veterans reunion club, and commander and quartermaster of local VFW posts.

He is survived by his son, Vernal (Sue); two grandsons, Max and Alex (Hannah); two brothers, Kevin (Sandy) and Wayne; and sister-in-law, Monie.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Verla; parents, August and Isabel; infant brother, Merne; sister, Ila Mae (Richard); four brothers, Dale (Evelyn), Marvin, Dean, Vernon (Dorothy); and sister-in-law, Clarice.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Thursday, June 26, 2025, at St. Anthony Catholic Church. Burial with military honors followed at St. John’s Catholic Cemetery in Coleman.

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Argument leads to arrest, gunshot wound

A 48-year-old man from Pound was shot in the leg during a disturbance at a Town of Brazeau home June 18, according to the Oconto County Sheriff's Office.

In a news release, the sheriff's office said that about 12:50 a.m., the dis-

patch center was notified of an incident involving a firearm in the area of the 11000 block of Tom Post Road.

A preliminary investigation revealed a disturbance had occurred among several people at the residence. The

suspect, a 39-year-old man from Pound, pointed a firearm at the victim and shot him in the leg.

The suspect was arrested and transported to the Oconto County Jail. The victim was transported to a hospital in Green Bay for treatment of the injury.

An ongoing criminal investigation is being conducted by the Oconto County Sheriff's Office. This incident was isolated to the property with no threat to the public.

No other information is being made available by the sheriff's office.

OCONTO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

June 19
Deputies responded to 50 incidents, including theft at Spreeman Diesel, 5068 U.S. Highway 141 in the Town of Stiles; suspicious activity near County Road R and Elm Road in the Town of How; an unwanted party and harassment on Muehl Drive in Suring; property damage on Swenty Road in the Town of Brazeau; two reports of a wanted person on Ducaine Road in the Town of Lena; suspicious activity on Village View Drive in the Town of Lakewood; two reports of suspicious activity on Muehl Drive in Suring; an unwanted party at the Wooden Shoe, 100 W. Main St. in Lena; burglary on Park Avenue in Oconto; one traffic stop, two traffic offenses, one citizen assist, four miscellaneous traffic incidents, three welfare checks; one 911 hangup and four open lines; two ambulance calls; four crashes, two involving deer.

June 18
Deputies responded to 39 incidents, including theft on Meadow Parkway in the Town of Townsend; harassment at

Oconto Motel, 5680 Business 41; a death investigation in the Town of Riverview; harassment on East Frontage Road in the Town of Little Suamico; a wanted person at the Law Enforcement Center, 220 Arbutus Ave. in Oconto; a weapon offense on Alice Road in the Town of Riverview; suspicious activity on County Road A in the Town of Spruce; three traffic stops, one traffic hazard, three citizen assists, four miscellaneous traffic incidents; six open-line 911 calls; two ambulance calls; three crashes, two involving deer.

June 17
Deputies responded to 55 incidents, including a structure fire on South Main Street in Oconto Falls; a disturbance on Lake Street in Sobieski; a disturbance on Hoffman Road in the Town of Spruce; a death investigation in the Town of Breed; a weapon offense on Alice Lane in the Town of Riverview; a disturbance on Konitzer Road in the Town of Oconto Falls; trespassing near County Road J and Ball Park Road in the Town of Little Suamico; a disturbance on Long Street in the Town of Lakewood; one traffic hazard, one citizen assist, one miscellaneous traffic incident, one welfare check; two 911 hangups and 12 open lines; two ambulance calls; two

crashes, one involving deer, one involving a bear.

June 16
Deputies responded to 43 incidents, including suspicious activity at Oconto Electric Cooperative, 7479 Rea Road in the Town of Oconto Falls; suspicious activity on Muehl Drive in Suring; harassment on County Road J in the Town of Little Suamico; a disturbance on South Washington Street in Oconto Falls; two traffic stops, two traffic offenses, two citizen assists, four miscellaneous traffic incidents, three welfare checks; two 911 hangups and two open lines; three crashes, one involving deer.

June 15
Deputies responded to 54 incidents, including an unwanted party on Maple Grove School Road in the Town of Oconto; suspicious activity on Lade Beach Road in the Town of Little Suamico; an animal bite on Kuczynski Lane in the Town of Abrams; noise disturbances on Norway Pine Court and Maple Leaf Trail in the Town of Little Suamico; a weapon offense on Maplewood Lane in Sobieski; suspicious activity on Maple Leaf Trail in the Town of Little Suamico; suspicious activity on County Road C in the Town of Morgan; squad damage near County Road M and Henrichs Lane in the Town of Lena; seven traffic stops, two traffic hazards, four traffic offenses, four miscellaneous traffic incidents, two welfare checks; one open-line 911 call; three crashes, all involving deer.

June 14
Deputies responded to 42 incidents, including suspicious activity on Circle Hill Lane in the Town of Chase; a noise disturbance on Hemlock Lane in the Town of Oconto Falls; trespassing on East Anderson Lake Drive in the Town

of Breed; a disturbance on Deprey Road in the Town of Pensaukee; an ATV accident on North Branch Road in the Town of Breed; burglary on Old 64 Road in the Town of Brazeau; seven traffic stops, three traffic hazards, one traffic offense, one citizen assist, three miscellaneous traffic incidents, two welfare checks; two open-line 911 calls; one crash, involving deer.

June 13
Deputies responded to 82 incidents, including a disturbance on Jackson Street in Oconto Falls; suspicious activity on Morgan Marsh Road in the Town of Morgan; fraud on Bucks Lane in the Town of Little Suamico; theft at Oconto Falls Mini Storage, 7143 State Highway 22 in the Town of Stiles; lewd and lascivious behavior at the Courthouse, 301 Washington St. in Oconto; a disturbance on Jackson Street in Oconto Falls; suspicious activity on County Road S in Sobieski; harassment on Harley Street in Lena; property damage on North Branch Road in the Town of Breed; suspicious activity on Weber Lane in the Town of Underhill; a noise disturbance on Muehl Drive in Suring; 21 traffic stops, five traffic offenses, two citizen assists, seven miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; two open-line 911 calls; one ambulance call; two crashes, one involving deer.

June 12
Deputies responded to 54 incidents, including fire control burns on Logtown Road in the Town of Oconto and on Valley Line Road in the Town of Maple Valley; suspicious activity on Main Street in Oconto; property damage on West Wheeler Lake Lane in the Town of Lakewood; a disturbance on Eagle Drive in Sobieski; a wanted person on County Road S in the Town of Little Suamico; five traffic stops, one traffic offense, seven citizen assists, three miscellaneous traffic incidents, two welfare checks; two open-line 911 calls; two ambulance calls; four crashes, all involving deer.

June 11
Deputies responded to 40 incidents, including two animal bite reports on Geano Beach Road in the Town of Abrams; theft on Finnegan Lake Lane in the Town of Gillett; death investigations in Suring, the Town of Pensaukee and the Town of Townsend; threatening on Maple Ridge Circle in the Town of Little Suamico; suspicious activity on Pine Street in Oconto Falls; one traffic hazard, one traffic offense, two citizen assists, one miscellaneous traffic incident, two welfare checks; one 911 hangup and three open lines; two ambulance calls; three crashes, one involving deer.

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COURT OCONTO COUNTY
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA
Plaintiff,
vs.
JACQUELINE R PECHA
Defendant.

AMENDED SUMMONS
Case No. 25CV000067

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Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin June 16,
2025

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TOWN OF SPRUCE

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2026 from the Town of Spruce which
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-Gregory F. Ebben; Blue Spruce Tavern
and Hall, 8096 County A West, Lena, WI
54139
-Roman T. Wiegale; Holiday Inn
Resurant, 9660 Hwy G, Suring, WI
54174
-James F. Sohr and Debra A. Sohr;
Circle Back, LLC., 9407 St. Bernadette
Rd, Suring, WI 54174
Class "A" Beer & Class "A" Liquor:
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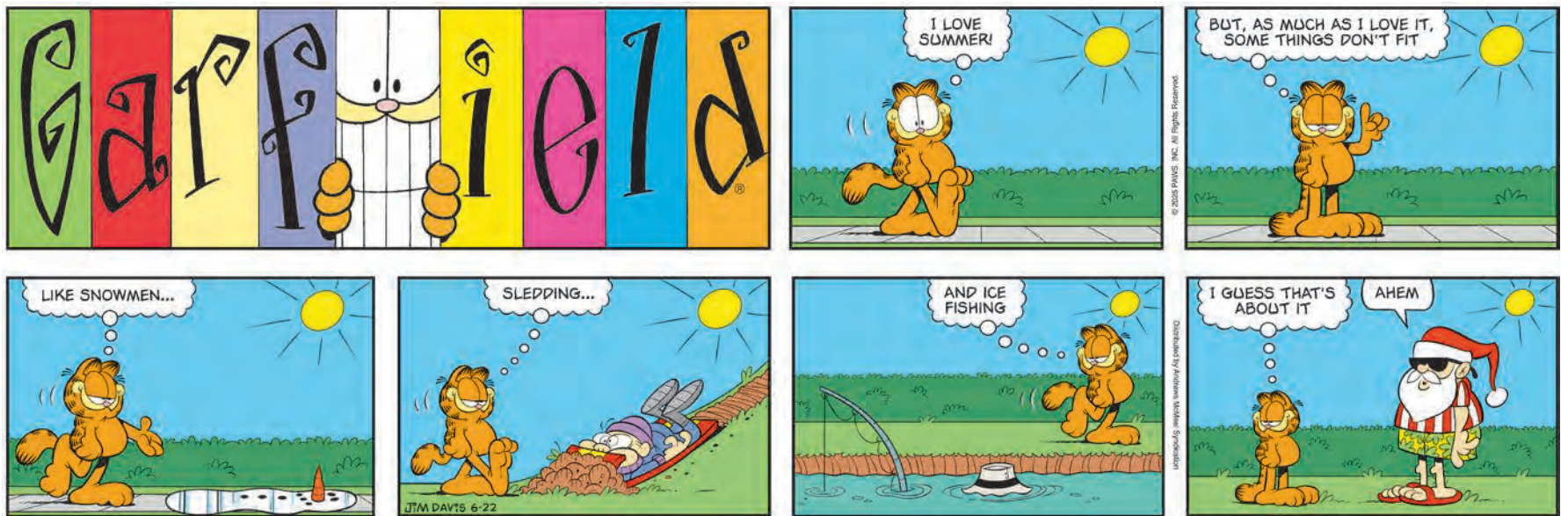
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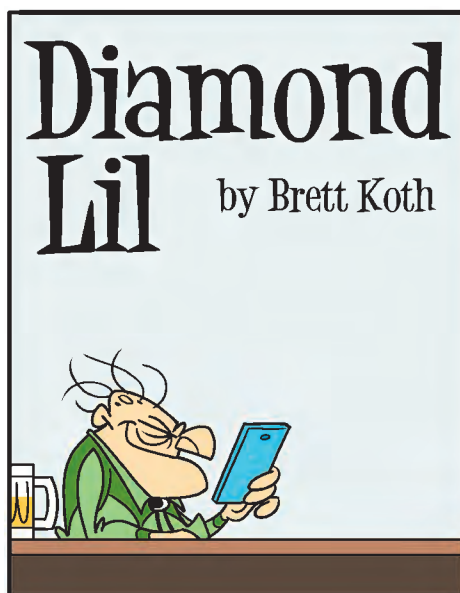
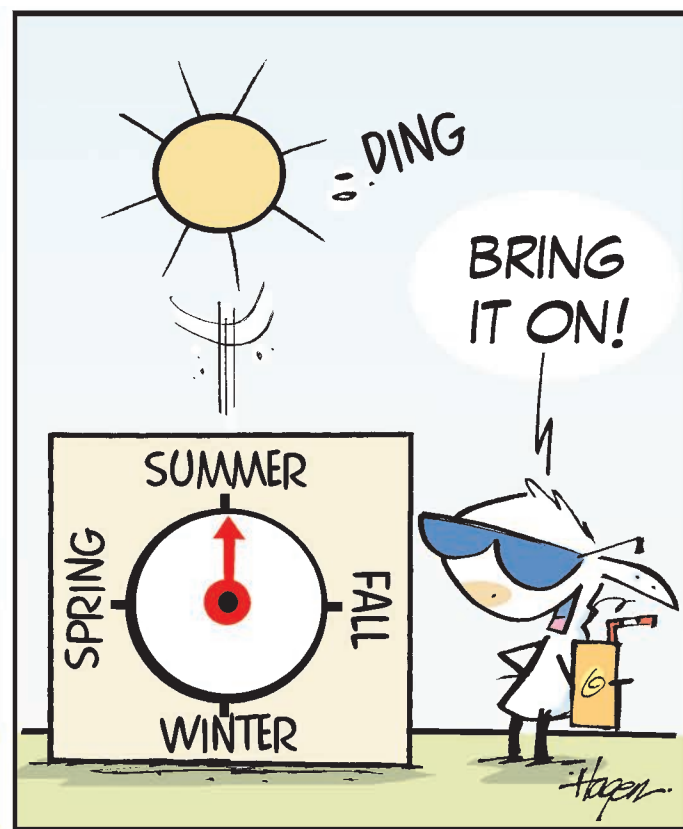
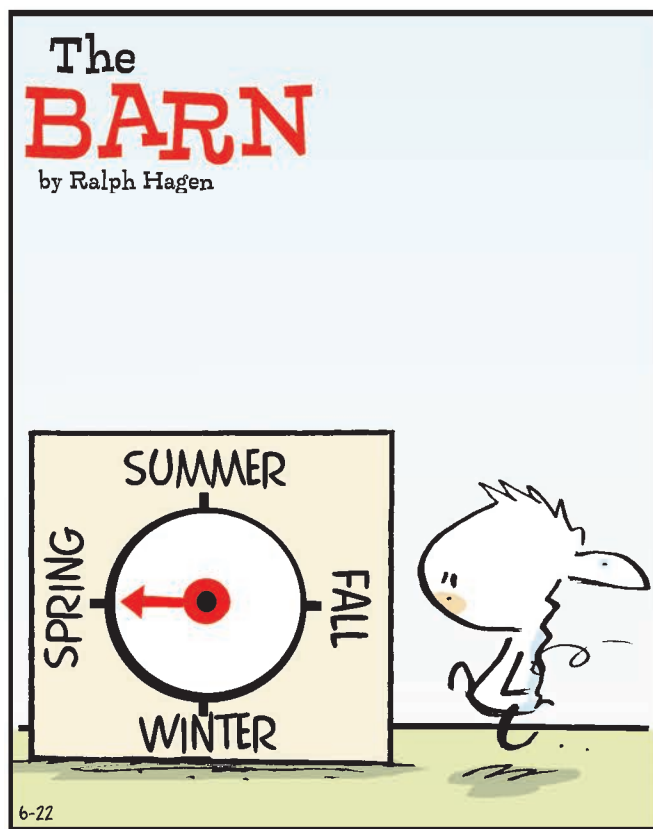
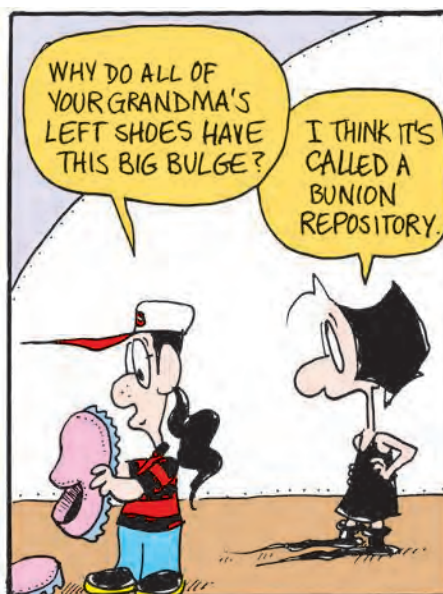
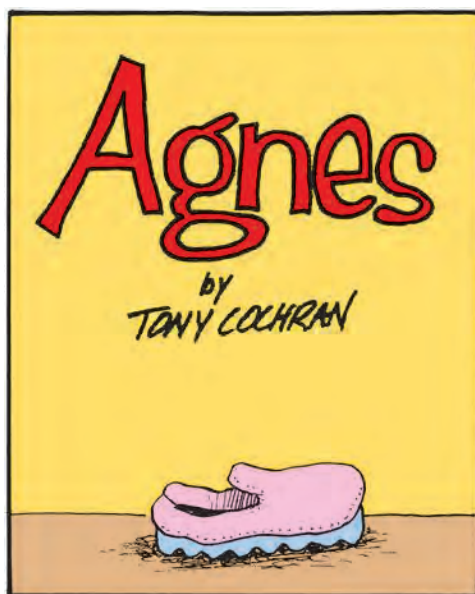
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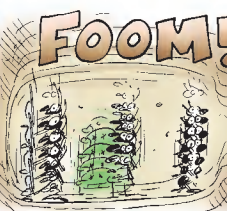
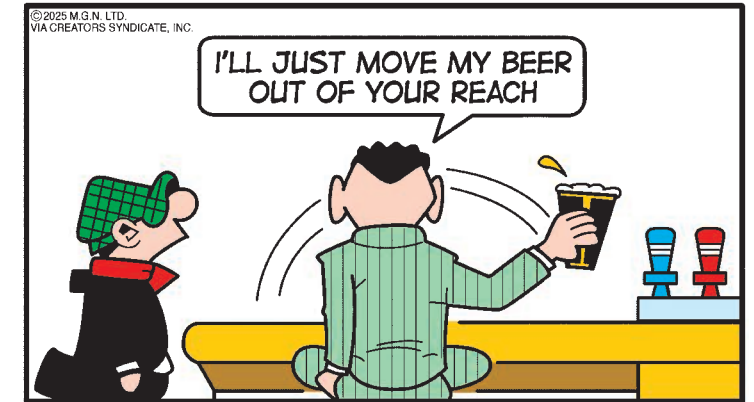
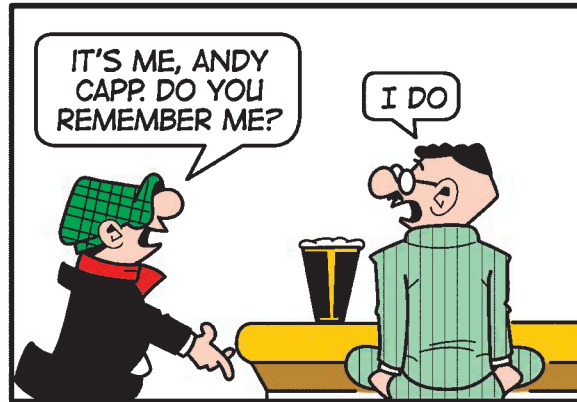
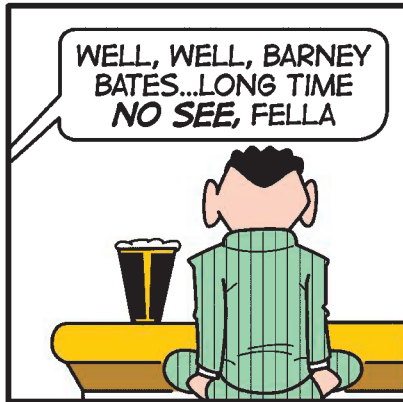
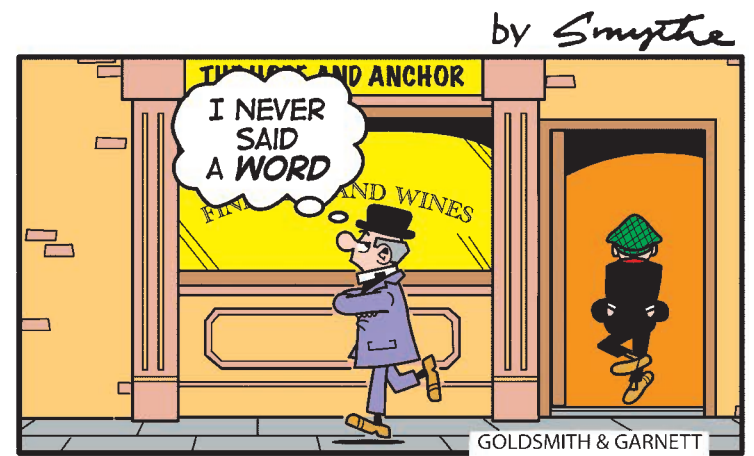
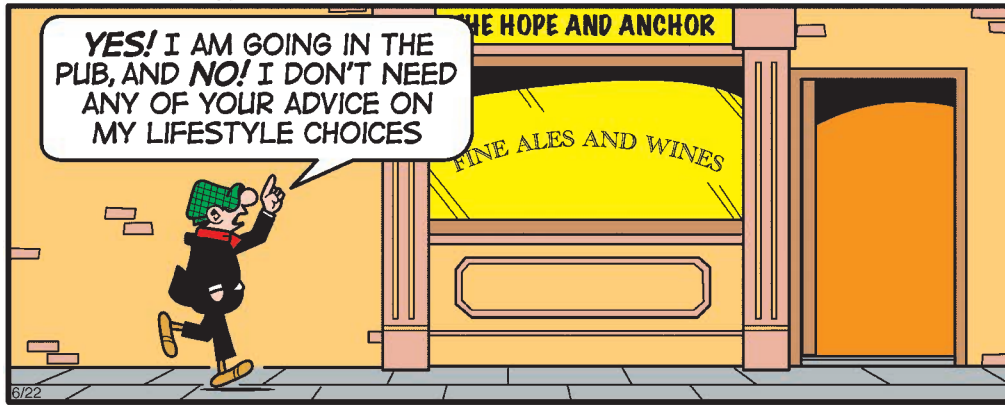
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