



Dennis Schulz, a Beloit resident with connections to Gillett, proudly waves the American flag as he travels in his wheelchair. Dennis has traveled hundreds of miles by wheelchair, raising awareness and support for first responders and military veterans.

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Behnke votes for 2025-27 state budget

More ADA positions, slight cut in middle class taxes among highlights

BY LEE PULASKI
City Editor

It took a little longer than expected, but the 2025-27 biennial Wisconsin budget is now settled — making some folks happy but disappointing others.

The \$111 billion state budget was officially signed into law in the early hours of



ELIJAH BEHNKE

July 3 by Gov. Tony Evers following a marathon session by the Wisconsin Assembly the day before to reapprove the budget by a 59-39 vote after changes were made in the Wisconsin Senate. One of the upsides in the region is that the budget paid for two additional assistant district attorney positions for Shawano County and a part-time position for Oconto County.

Rep. Elijah Behnke was one of the yes votes and talked about the timeline with NEW Media prior to going into the marathon session. He noted that Republicans were waiting to see how the spring election went, due to the potential for the Wisconsin Supreme Court turning conservative, but the court remained a 4-3 liberal majority.

“The line item veto, which is so powerful in Wisconsin and kind of scary to us because (Evers) put that 400-year increase in local school funding through property tax by manipulating the numbers in the last budget; we were not only watching the Supreme Court race but also the Supreme Court ruling,” Behnke said. “We just found out last week with the new court that we are allowed to pass a bill with the language of policy and then put the money separately in the budget, and the governor can’t veto the policy so that we can enforce the policy and the funding of the policy to go hand in hand.”

Legislative leaders started to negotiate on the budget in April, but things started to “fizzle” later in May, according to Behnke, which prompted Republicans just to write their own budget, similar to what has been done for years. He said the GOP planned no increase in funding to the Uni-

It all started with a wheelchair

Thankful survivor brings Heroes Day Off to Gillett

BY NATHAN BIRR
Correspondent

After having his leg amputated while conscious in 2012, Dennis Schulz has been thankful for the first responders who saved his life.

While driving a semi-truck through Chicago at 2:50 a.m., Schulz was struck by another semi-truck that was dodging a vehicle pulled over by law enforcement. The wreckage trapped Schulz in the driver’s seat.

“Thirteen years ago, I was in that bad accident with his semi-trailer inside my cab,” Schulz said. “I was trapped for seven hours until they cut my leg off, conscious

with a 42% chance of living.”

Ever since the accident, emergency responders have had a special place in Schulz’s heart.

Five years after the accident, in the winter of 2017, Schulz began raising donations for various charities by traveling via wheelchair.

His first excursion was a 120-mile trek from his home in Beloit to Chicago’s Wrigley Field.

“I took off in 17 below zero windchill, riding in my wheelchair backwards,” Schulz said. “I didn’t even make it four miles down the road and I had people stopping me asking what I’m doing, so I shared with them my story, how I’m raising awareness and donations for our (emergency response) heroes.”

This wheelchair trip was the start of what Schulz calls his “Handshake Journey.”

Upon reaching Wrigley Field, 21 days later, Schulz became a sort of celebrity.

“I arrived with media,” Schulz said, “and started a Facebook page, while raising \$2,500 for cancer research, March of Dimes, and for Wounded Warriors.”

Schulz was asked, “What’s next?” “I said that I’m a Packers fan; I want to go to Lambeau Field,” Schulz said.

Schulz embarked on another wheelchair journey, meeting new people and shaking hands with first responders and military veterans.

“In February, I left Janesville for a 171-mile journey to Lambeau Field,” Schulz said. “Forty-five days later I walked the last half-mile with police officers and firefighters, family supporters, Facebook followers, and reporters from TV and newspaper and radio.”

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versities of Wisconsin, while Evers was pushing for \$100 million. The negotiated budget settled on \$25 million.

Behnke noted there had to be some accountability for that additional funding, “like professors cannot just get paid just to write a book. They have to be paid to teach a minimum of 12 or 15 hours. We’re bringing in some reforms for the additional funding.”

The question of UW funding on Behnke’s mind is why the system needs more taxpayer dollars when it has an endowment to dive into.

The Assembly also ran into a snag when five GOP senators said they would not vote for the budget for one reason or another. Behnke said that resulted in trying to get support for Senate Democrats.

“Part of the reason it’s so bloated is because Senate Republicans wouldn’t sign on to reasonable negotiations, and now spending has gotten more unreasonable,” Behnke said.

Originally, K-12 schools were not going to get additional funding in the two-year budget, primarily because of Evers’ veto action two years ago that was recently overturned by the Supreme Court. But with the GOP needing Senate Democrats’ support to pass the budget, a compromise was made to increase special education funding by 35-45%, which doesn’t completely compensate for those expenses but was something pushed by school districts.

“I think we need to reform the way we fund K-12 schools,” Behnke said. “I think we spend way too much per student for the quality of student we get back. DPI (Department of Public Instruction), I think we should get rid of them. I think we need to reform the school funding formula so it’s more fair for small, rural schools. You’re getting \$20,000 per student in Milwaukee, but yet \$10,000 for a kid in Suring. It’s not fair.”

Behnke praised the action to add the as-

sistant district attorney positions, saying they’re sorely needed.

“That is a huge win for our backyard,” he said.

Another like for the state budget comes from Community Alternatives in Shawano lobbying for additional funding for homes to take care of disabled adults. As a result, Behnke said, \$200 million was put into the budget to help provide such care facilities.

“There are half a dozen to a dozen homes around the Shawano area that basically have these sweet ladies take care of our most vulnerable population, and I was able to advocate heavily for that,” Behnke said. “My budget motion to help the care facilities statewide to care for the disabled adults was my big ask for the state budget.”

Behnke’s support of the budget was also due to an expected 1% tax cut for the middle class.

“It is something,” Behnke said. “With a Democratic governor, getting a tax cut is significant.”

Sen. Eric Wimberger did not reply to NEW Media’s request for an interview, but his office submitted a written statement after the budget was signed where he criticized Evers’ actions, including vetoing a provision that would have closed the Green Bay Correctional Institution by 2029. This is in spite of the governor’s own calls for the prison to be decommissioned in the next four years.

“Gov. Evers’ veto is a signal he is not interested in very simple facility management to solve the GBCI question,” Wimberger said. “Closing GBCI is doable by 2029 if we convert and expand existing facilities to take more medium-security inmates currently housed in maximum-security prisons because of overcrowding. Evers’ plan for medium-security inmates instead would expand the Earned Release Program and let thousands of dangerous criminals into our neighborhoods in coming years.”

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“I was escorted through the tunnel and all who were with me, where I met and talked with Ted Thompson on Lambeau Field’s end zone,” Schulz said.

Lambeau Field would not be the end of Schulz’s handshake journey. He continued honoring emergency responders with several other wheelchair excursions, which included a tour of the White House.

“I left from Wilmington, Delaware, with 131 miles to go until the White House,” Schulz said, “where I was escorted with a grand tour of the White House. When I got back home, I had a

birthday card from the White House and it was signed in ink by President (Donald) Trump and first lady Melania Trump.”

Schulz began each journey within 200 miles of his destination, and completed his treks 10 miles a day, supported by friends in a car who would pick Schulz up for meals and lodging and drop him off where he left off.

In 2019, Schulz had to halt his wheelchair journeys due to knee pain, but that has not stopped him from living out his passionate service to the emergency response community.

Schulz, a Beloit resi-

dent, says Gillett is his home away from home.

“I work for a trucking company here in Gillett,” Schulz said. “When I first got into town, I felt like I was in an episode of Andy Griffith, everybody is so friendly and they don’t look down on you.”

To remember and honor local heroes, Schulz has organized an event to take place at Zippel Park in the city of Gillett, called Heroes Day Off.

Heroes Day Off begins at 9 a.m. July 12 with a craft fair and flea market. It will feature a bounce house and dunk tank, food trucks, beverage tent, 50/50 raffles, karaoke con-

test, and live music from 3-11 p.m.

Bands include Frank Hermans’ Elvis Tribute, Danger County Line, and the Nashville recording artist Jessie G, who will give away her autographed guitar.

Proceeds from the event will go to the Wisconsin LEDR Team (Law Enforcement Death Response), an organization that supports the grieving families of fallen heroes.

The event needs a few more volunteers to help throughout the day, including a master of ceremonies. For information, contact Schulz at 608-982-2372.

COURT NEWS

- Tiffany R. Polzin, 42, Peshtigo, pleaded guilty July 2 to a misdemeanor charge of retail theft. A felony bail jumping charge was dismissed in a plea agreement. Judge Jay Conley levied a fine, ordered restitution and sentenced her to 90 days time served in the county jail.
- Arianah Rose Dawson, 18, Pulaski, was charged June 30 with possession of methamphetamine and a misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Conley set a \$500 cash bond and ad-

joined her initial appearance until July 17.

- Lucas L. Rueckert, 38, Appleton, was charged June 30 with strangulation and suffocation and misdemeanor counts of battery and disorderly conduct. Conley set a \$500 cash bond and adjourned his initial appearance until July 17.
- Brady Lee Boucher, 31, Oconto, was charged June 30 with possession of methamphetamine, five counts of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer. Conley

set a \$30,000 cash bond and adjourned his initial appearance until Aug. 18.

- Christopher J. Schewe, 50, White Lake, was charged July 1 with strangulation and suffocation and misdemeanor counts of battery and disorderly conduct. Conley set a \$1,500 cash bond and adjourned his initial appearance until July 17.
- Chris Kevin VanDerSteen, 58, Gillett, was charged July 2 with felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. Conley set a

\$150 cash bond and adjourned his initial appearance until July 17.

- Jason J. Huncosky, 24, Suring, was charged July 3 with possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. Conley set a \$500 cash bond and adjourned his initial appearance until July 17.
- Daniel Duran Rockman, 30, Gillett, was charged July 3 with felony bail jumping. Conley set a \$500 cash bond and adjourned his initial appearance until July 17.

PUBLIC RECORD

OCONTO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

July 2

Deputies responded to 51 incidents, including a noise disturbance at Zippel Park, 150 N. McKenzie St. in Gillett; suspicious activity on Pioneer Park Road in the Town of Stiles; a fire control burn on Valley Line Road in the Town of Maple Valley; a disturbance on North Forest Avenue in Gillett; suspicious activity on Lake John Road in Lakewood; attempted fraud on East Main Street in Suring; a wanted person on Arbutus Avenue in Oconto; suspicious activity on Nelligan Lake Lane in the Town of Riverview; fireworks on Sundew Road in Sobieski, on Melissa Boulevard in the Town of Little Suamico, on Brookside Road in the Town of Pensaukee and on Herford Road in the Town of Little Suamico; a disturbance on East Frontage Road in the Town of Little Suamico; drugs in the Town of Stiles; four traffic stops, four traffic offenses, two citizen assists, six miscellaneous traffic incidents; one 911 hang-up and six open lines; one ambulance call; three crashes, two involving deer.

July 1

Deputies responded to 47 incidents, including lewd and lascivious behavior on Dekard Lane in the Town of Little Suamico; burglary on Tom Post Road in the Town of Brazeau; an incident at the county jail, 220 Arbutus Ave. in Oconto; theft on County Road I in the Town of Stiles; a noise disturbance on Pecore Lake Lane in the Town of Bagley; a disturbance on South Main Street in Oconto Falls; suspicious activity on Pioneer Park Road in the Town of Stiles; suspicious activity on County Road A in the Town of Spruce; a disturbance on County Road B in the Town of Oconto Falls; a disturbance on County Road Y in the Town of Little River; two traffic stops, one traffic hazard, three citizen assists, three miscellaneous traffic incidents, three welfare checks; one 911 hang-up and four open lines; one crash.

June 30

Deputies responded to 52 incidents, including drugs in the Town of Stiles; fireworks on County Road A in the Town of Lena; suspicious activity on Park Avenue in Oconto; a noise disturbance on Hatchery Lane in the Town of Lakewood; a disturbance on County Road

S in the Town of Pensaukee; a disturbance on CCC Road in the Town of Morgan; a wanted person at the courthouse, 301 Washington St. in Oconto; one traffic hazard, two citizen assists, eight miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; four 911 hang-ups and two open lines; one ambulance call; four crashes, one involving deer.

June 29

Deputies responded to 58 incidents, including drugs in Oconto; suspicious activity on County Road AA in the Town of Breed; animal bite on Song Bird Circle in the Town of Little Suamico; a disturbance on County Road I in the Town of Stiles; harassment on East Main Street in Suring; a noise disturbance on Hill Haven Court in the Town of Little Suamico; suspicious activity on West Main Street in Lena; two traffic stops, six traffic offenses, two citizen assists, one welfare check; three 911 hang-ups and six open lines; two ambulance calls; five crashes, three involving deer.

June 28

Deputies responded to 70 incidents, including fireworks on Melissa Boulevard in the Town of Little Suamico; a disturbance on Dove Lane in Oconto Falls; suspicious activity at Super-Valu, 17186 Twin Pines Road in Lakewood; a death investigation in the Town of Chase; a disturbance on U.S. Highway 141 in the Town of Lena; a disturbance on East Railroad Street in Lena; fireworks on Smokey Lake Lane in the Town of Townsend; 11 traffic stops, one traffic hazard, five traffic offenses, two citizen assists, six miscellaneous traffic incidents; one 911 hang-up and nine open lines; one ambulance call; three crashes, two involving deer.

June 27

Deputies responded to 58 incidents, including suspicious activity on Garrity Road in the Town of Morgan; fireworks on Ray Lane in the Town of Chase; suspicious activity on Parkway Drive in the Town of Mountain; animal neglect near U.S. Highway 41-141 and Allen Road in the Town of Little Suamico; suspicious activity at County Park II, 500 Bay Road in the Town of Little River; suspicious activity near Allen Road and U.S. Highway 41-141 in the Town of Little Suamico; two traffic hazards, five traffic offenses, two citizen assists, five miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; two 911 hang-ups and three open lines; one ambulance call; one crash.

OBITUARIES

Steve ‘Skunk’ Krause

Steve “Skunk” Krause, 73, Oconto Falls, died Monday afternoon, June 30, 2025, at a Milwaukee area hospital following complications from heart surgery.

Mass of Christian Burial took place Monday, July 7, 2025, at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Oconto Falls.



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True to form, Daniel “Buster” Young pulled one final Irish goodbye — passing peacefully in his sleep on July 1, 2025. He left this world in classic Buster fashion, quietly, quickly and on his own terms.

Daniel was born in Oconto Falls to Donald and Elizabeth (Betty) Young, and graduated with the Oconto Falls High School class of 1971.

Buster had a deep love for the great outdoors. He especially enjoyed hunting in South Dakota, Alaska and at Coyote Bob’s hunting camp. He loved fishing and taking long drives just to see where the road would lead. Buster also cherished his time up north — especially with the Pagel family.

More than anything, Buster loved his people

Daniel ‘Buster’ Young



— his friends, his family and his grandchildren. He’ll be remembered for his dry humor, quick wit (nothing got past him) and unwavering authenticity. He never pretended to be anyone but himself.

Daniel was preceded in death by his parents, Donald Young and Elizabeth (Betty) Bitters; and his

beloved nieces, Anna and Angie Young.

He is survived by his children, Jason (Heidi) Young; Amanda Kratz, Brenda (Ronald) Ausloos, Katie (Jake) Prucha and Lindsay (Jeremy) Burhop; grandchildren, Kennedy and Carly Kratz, Josephine (Adam) Kiess, Daniel Ausloos, Elizabeth Ausloos and Ruby and Cooper Burhop. Daniel is further survived by his siblings, Denise (Craig) Way, Debra (Gary) Young, David Young and Dean (Erin) Young; and nephews, Cole (Jackelyn) Young, Nick Way and Tom Way.

A visitation will held from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, July 17, 2025, at Jones Funeral Service in Oconto Falls with a sharing of memories to follow.

Rosemary ‘Rosie’ Young



Rosemary “Rosie” Young, 82, Shawano, died Thursday morning, July 3, 2025, at home.

She was born May 13, 1943, in Oconto Falls to Ervin and Stella (Smits) Heaney. Rosemary attended Degantown Grade School and graduated Oconto Falls High School with the class of 1961.

Following graduation, she worked at the shoe factory in Pulaski. In April of 1964, she enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and served during the Vietnam War. Upon her honorable discharge from the military, she worked at a bank in Texas before moving back to Wisconsin in 1972.

On May 31, 1975, she married Norbert “Nubby” Young in Oconto. Rosemary was employed at the former Gillett and Valley Banks as well as Jim Kane

Chevrolet in Oconto Falls before retiring in 2005 from M&I Bank. She was a member of the Oconto County DAV Chapter #45 and moved to Shawano in 2017 where she volunteered at the local food pantry.

Survivors are her one daughter, Lori (Steve) Carlson, Shawano; two special grandchildren,

Marcus (Farin) Carlson and Meredith (Jacob) Gill; three great-grandchildren, Elsey and Sylvie Carlson, Cameron Gill; one sister, Karen Deshler, Green Bay; special cousin, Ellen Heaney, Mount Pleasant.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Nubby, in 2017; and two brothers, Peter and William “Bill” Heaney.

Visitation will be held after 10 a.m. Saturday, July 12, 2025, at Jones Funeral Service in Oconto Falls until the time of services. Funeral services will be held noon at the funeral home with the Rev. Tom Pomeroy officiating. Burial, with military honors, will follow in Wanderers Rest Cemetery, Gillett.

Rosie was a proud Vietnam veteran to the very end.

Vernon V. Miller



Vernon V. Miller, 81, of Gillett, passed away Monday, June 30, 2025.

Vern was born Oct. 17, 1943, to the late Bernhard and Agnes (Dumke) Miller in the family house in Gillett. He lived on his property his entire life. Vern married Sandra Zittlow on Sept. 21, 1968, and together they raised four daughters. For many years, Vern worked as a painter. He loved the outdoors and was an avid hunter and fisherman. Vern also enjoyed watching the garden grow and feeding the crows. He loved singing in his band The Sidekicks and then The Vibrations.

Vern is survived by his daughters, Rhonda (Patrick) Flynn of Gillett, Stacie (Dan) Chapin of Gillett, Dawn (John) Wenninger of Wautoma and Leanne (Brandon) Miller of Wautoma; grandchildren, Eric Fellenz, Amber (Brad) Steichen, Ashley (Brandon) Zadow, Austin Miller, Em-

ily Wenninger, Haley (Sebastian) Contreras, Abbey Miller, Reese Chapin, Jake Wenninger, Hannah Miller and Carly Chapin; great-grandchildren, Emberly Steichen, Mazie Herbst and Henrik Steichen; brothers, Ed (Marsha) Miller and Del (Connie) Miller. He is further survived by many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Sandy.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday, Aug. 2, 2025, at Randy’s Place Bar and Bowl in Suring starting at 2 p.m.

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

The family would like to thank the staff of Suring Health and Rehabilitation Center, as well as the fourth floor staff of Bellin Hospital, for the wonderful care and compassion offered to Vernon and his family during their time of need.



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ThedaCare doc shares sore throat treatment tips

When it's tough to tell if a sore throat is related to a recent case of the sniffles or the result of overly enthusiastic cheering at the kid's sporting event, a visit with a health care provider can help clear things up.

"Most sore throats will resolve on their own with home care measures," said Dr. Glenn Vogelsang, ThedaCare family medicine physician. "At the same time, it's important to watch for the warning signs of strep throat."

Typically, a sore throat feels scratchy, raspy, achy or a combination of these symptoms. Sharp pain, especially with swallow-



GLENN VOGELSANG

ing, is also a sign of sore throat. Sometimes a sore throat can lead to pain in the ears or neck. "Viruses are responsible for a lot of sore throat cases," Vogelsang said. "Other causes often are related to allergies, tonsillitis, acid reflux, strep throat and bacterial infections. A person's throat also can get irritated from yelling, smoke exposure, hot liquids or spicy foods." A viral sore throat can

FYI

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention suggests these sore throat relief tips:

- Lozenges, popsicles or ice chips. Don't give lozenges to kids under 4 years old.
- Warm water and honey can help relieve sore throat and cough.
- Gargle warm salt water or half-strength peroxide followed by Cepacol mouthwash.
- Drink warm beverages or plenty of other fluids (not alcohol).
- Use over-the-counter pain relievers as directed.

feel similar to strep throat, a bacterial infection that can make the throat feel sore and scratchy.

"I often tell people to look at the whole picture of their symptoms," Vogelsang said. "If you also have cold symptoms, a virus is the likely cause of your sore throat."

Streptococcus, the bacteria that causes strep, has many types. The most common is group A strep. Strep throat symptoms can include, but aren't limited to:

- Throat pain that usually comes on quickly
- Painful swallowing
- Red and swollen tonsils, sometimes with gray or white patches or streaks of pus
- Tiny red spots on the

area at the back of the roof of the mouth

- Swollen, tender lymph nodes in your neck

"If you suspect strep throat, it's important to get tested," Vogelsang said. "Untreated, strep can lead to complications, such as kidney inflammation or rheumatic fever."

Diagnosing strep requires a throat swab and lab test.

"We typically will order this depending on your symptoms," Vogelsang said. "During an exam, we'll feel your neck to check for swollen glands. We'll also use a lighted instrument to look at your throat, nose and ears."

If a strep test is positive, the health care provider will likely prescribe antibiotics.

"It's important to finish the full course, even if your symptoms have resolved," Vogelsang said. "Failing to do so can lead to complications."

If the strep test is negative and the throat looks distressed, the health care provider may order a throat culture seeking other forms of strep or bacteria.

"Antibiotics will not treat a viral infection," Vogelsang said. "Instead, comfort measures at home can help ease symptoms."

Vogelsang suggests seeking medical care for

worsening symptoms such as a sore throat that doesn't get better within a few days; rash, joint pain, or swelling; or blood in the phlegm.

"If there's a lot of pain with swallowing or the tonsils are quite large, we may choose to give you a course of steroids to decrease swelling and to make swallowing more comfortable," Vogelsang said. "The important thing is to be examined by a health care provider."

Vogelsang offered steps to prevent and slow the spread of sore throat, such as washing hands frequently. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if no soap and water is available.

If possible, cough or sneeze into a tissue, he said. Throw used tissue into the garbage. If tissue isn't available, cough or sneeze into your elbow.

Don't share cups and utensils when sick, Vogelsang said. Avoid exposure to people who are ill, and stay home if sick.

"Enduring a sore throat is not fun, but with rest and comfort measures, you should feel better soon and be back to cheering at those youth sporting events," Vogelsang said. "And when you need care, you have options including in-person, virtual and urgent care options."

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Members of the ensemble, from left, Jason Lindner, Heidi Weyker, Emma Bonnin and Benjamin Petropoulos, sing "Oom-Pah-Pah," one of the classic songs from "Oliver." The musical is based on the 1838 Charles Dickens novel "Oliver Twist."

LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

Classic tale of an orphan boy about to hit Shawano

'Oliver' showcases human ills but warms heart with music

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

A classic Charles Dickens tale will be coming to the stage and warming people's hearts at the Mielke Arts Center this coming weekend.

"Oliver," based on the 1838 novel "Oliver Twist," has seen West End and Broadway performances, as well as a 1968 film that won six Academy Awards. With all that foundation, the Box in the Wood Theatre Guild hopes to go toe-to-toe with the professionals and warm people's hearts with the tale of an orphan boy who escapes a brutal workhouse only to find himself in another place of ill repute when a 16-year-old known as the Artful Dodger convinces him to join him and other boys as a pickpocket.

Oliver's pickpocket career ends quickly when they try to steal a handkerchief from a rich and elderly man who later turns out to be Oliver's grandfather, and he is left holding the goods as the other boys flee the scene. However, he doesn't end up in jail, but Oliver is forced back into the bad life when it's discovered that his deceased mother gave him a gold locket, and it's believed that he might actually have wealthy relatives that could be fleeced.

Alex Konen, the technical director for the show, said there are some themes in the show that make it such an enduring story.

"It's the classic tale of an orphan boy who is kind of flung out into the world," Konen said. "Some of the things that I sometimes think get lost about this story is that we're in this industrial revolution where he's being raised in this workhouse and nobody's really batting an eye about the fact that there's a workhouse. Because he wants more food than what they're willing to offer, he takes off and he's basically sold into an apprenticeship, which wouldn't be that abnormal, but it's not



Oliver, played by Lief Bonnin, right, learns about pickpocketing from Dodger, played by Caroline Lepscier, in a scene from the first act of "Oliver."

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AT A GLANCE

WHAT: "Oliver"
WHEN: 7 p.m. July 11-12 and July 17-19; 2 p.m. July 13 and July 20
WHERE: Mielke Arts Center, N5649 Airport Road, Shawano
TICKETS: \$15 adults, \$10 children

until his grandfather, by happenstance, finds him."

Konen noted slavery wasn't as much of an issue in the 1800s for London, where the story takes place, but it's something that should cause discomfort today.

"I feel like, even in modern-day Ameri-

ca, there's an entire class of people that do grunt work that a lot of other people seem to be completely oblivious as to how hard they work or how little they get paid for some of the hard work they do," Konen said. "It seems like a testament to that same conundrum today with how are we funding everything? That's not necessarily our focus (for this show), but it's something I picked up on."

Konen said "Oliver" felt like a good way to bring in more children for the summer musical, something that has been lacking in recent years as the children's

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GARDENING WITH MELINDA MYERS

Extreme heat provides challenges to gardeners

The recent heat wave that swept across much of the country is a good reminder to take extra care of our plants and ourselves as temperatures climb. Extreme temperatures can take their toll even on plants

normally suited to the growing conditions. Many plants suffer when short- or long-term

temperatures exceed 86 degrees Fahrenheit. You will see withering, leaf and flower drop, stunting and more on heat stressed plants. The longer the heat wave persists, the greater the risk of damage.

When daytime temperatures rise above 90 degrees and night temperatures remain above 70 degrees, blossoms drop, and poor fruit development may occur on tomatoes.

Temperature extremes also impact pepper productivity. When temperatures climb to 95 degrees or higher, the pollen is sterile and flowers may drop. Small fruit may also fall from the plant during such hot spells.

We can't change the weather, but we can help our plants cope when temperatures soar. Provide some midday and afternoon shade for plants struggling with the heat. Move containers to a shady location and use a patio umbrella or shade cloth suspended on hoops or stakes to provide your permanent plantings with a bit of relief.

Mulch the soil to conserve water, keep plant roots cooler, suppress weeds, and improve the soil as it decomposes. Spread a 1-to-3-inch layer of leaves, evergreen needles, woodchips and other organic matter on the soil surface surrounding plants. The coarser the material, the thicker the layer of mulch needed. Pull mulch away from the trunks of trees and the stems of shrubs and other plants. You obtain multiple benefits from this one task while burning a few calories and strengthening your muscles.

Water plants thoroughly when the top few inches of soil are crumbly and moist. Plants will develop deeper roots able to access water from a larger area, making them more drought tolerant and pest resistant. Avoid frequent light watering that encourages shallow roots more susceptible to drought stress. Make sure new plantings, moisture lovers, and stressed plants are the first to receive a good, long drink.

Don't overlook established trees and shrubs that need a helping hand during

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There’s more behind stories of people’s lives

If asked to share stories about someone you idolize, which would you tell? Some people would speak about a performer who captivates an audience. Others would highlight an athlete who rises to a challenge. Some might discuss a politician who champions legislation that makes life better for their constituents. The most blessed among us will share stories about someone who spent years personally shaping their lives.

This past month, I read Dean Robbins’s latest book “Wisconsin Idols: 100 Heroes who Changed the State, the World, and Me.” Robbins has been collecting stories about his “personal heroes since the second grade,” when he became enamored with the Appleton escape artist Harry Houdini. He categorizes his subjects as “Melody Makers,” “Scene Stealers,” “Champs,” “Boundary Breakers,” and “Thinkers,” packing his personalized odes to greatness



within a few pages.

Robbins is an award-winning journalist who knows how to hook a reader with an opening line, spinning them forward with tales about famous peoples’ connections to the Badger State. While one might expect to read about Waukesha guitar pioneer Les Paul, Madison’s comedic legend Chris Farley, and Appleton’s venerated actor Willem Dafoe, Robbins reveals many rich and potentially unexpected connections in his text.

Readers are treated to tales such as how the Seattle grunge band Nirvana recorded early versions for their zeitgeist-changing “Nevermind” album in Madison’s Smart Studios.

They learn that while the Apollo 13 Commander Jim Lovell may be famous for stating “Houston, we have a problem,” his life was shaped by his childhood in Milwaukee. Local choreography enthusiasts delight in knowing that our “country’s first dance major” degree wasn’t created for New York City’s Julliard School, but rather by Margaret H’Doubler at the University of Wisconsin.

Robbins also shares empowering stories about some of Wisconsin’s most influential Native Americans. His profiles of venerated Oneida comedian Charlie Hill, celebrated Ho-Chunk memoirist Xéhachiwinga (Mountain Wolf Woman), revered Menominee diplomat Ada Deer, and trail-blazing Stockbridge-Munsee educator Electa Quinney offer excellent introductions to these trailblazers.

While I was reading Robbins’ text, the

Menominee community lost a cherished elder who caused me to think about my own heroes. In various remembrances from loved ones, Grace “Bea” Corn was described as a supportive friend and a gifted athlete. She gave of herself long after reaching the status of “elder,” and her selfless generosity certainly enriched my life.

In 2011, Gerald Sanapaw Sr. asked the College of Menominee Nation to help revive the famed Menominee Pageants that were produced most summers beginning in 1937 and ending in the 1970s. The original shows featured recorded dialogue, pantomime, live music, and traditional dancing accented by theatrical technical elements.

In 2016, after untold hours of research and elder interviews, we were able to produce our first revival show in Keshena’s famed Woodland Bowl. On July 30, we will continue what has

become an annual production. Bea Corn is the reason we are able to stage them.

Corn gifted her father James Frechette Sr.’s files to CMN. Frechette had a stint as the pageant’s writer and producer in the 1950s, and his handwritten notes and detailed files helped us bring this traditional art-form back to prominence.

Corn had two requirements for her donation. First, that the files belong to all Menominee people, not just her descendants. Second, that no one could profit from their proliferation and publication. The pageants are meant for the Menominee people to stage on their ancestral land as a gift to the community. With the details of her donation set, Corn proceeded to be the advisory matriarch of our shows.

In April, I was humbled to win the 2024-2025 Wisconsin Indian Education Association’s Ronald Satz-Friend of Indian Educa-

tion Award. I accepted my recognition as a non-Native ally at a banquet at the Menominee Casino Resort surrounded by my family and colleagues.

Although I appreciated all of the kind words and support shared with me that night, I was most honored that Corn agreed to leave the comfort of her home and sit beside me as my name was called. From her wheelchair, she insisted on photographing me herself.

An idol is someone we aspire to be like. As Robbins shows in his text, history proves Wisconsinites don’t have to look far to find some of their own. If we’re lucky, those we idolize are among our biggest supporters. Inspired by Bea Corn, I pray that we each can pay that kindness forward.

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

Tourism helps economy, but wreaks havoc on nature

If you’ve ever vacationed in northern Oconto County, you know we are blessed with an abundance of pristine natural resources, excellent restaurants, great places to shop and lots of entertaining things to do. That draws thousands of out-of-town guests from Memorial Day to deer season who come to enjoy what we get to experience every day. It’s mostly good as we like sharing, but frankly, there are a few we wish would stay home.

Now I know what it feels like to be an outsider. When Jon and I moved to Townsend in 2002, we were surprised that we weren’t always welcome. We often heard “You aren’t from here; we don’t care what you think,” or “Stop trying to improve things; we like it the way it is.” After two decades, the shoe has found its way to the other foot.

Rant alert. What follows is based on personal experience, so buckle up.

First off, it’s important



to say that most visitors who come up north respect the environment and the people who reside here. Unfortunately, the bulk of the problems stem from those who do neither, mostly short-term renters and UTV enthusiasts who seem to think that spending money here gives them unfettered freedom to do as they please. In fact, we’ve been told several times that “there are no laws north of Highway 64.” Really.

Thanks to the new Oconto County Sheriff’s Department satellite office in Riverview, we have dedicated deputies on regular patrol. However, this is a big geographic area to police and protect, especially from Memorial Day to Thanksgiving when the population

doubles or even triples. No surprise that most of the bad behavior is fueled by excessive consumption of alcohol.

On the plus side, a big factor in facilitating public safety and security is the ubiquitous presence of cameras. They are very effective at deterring property crimes, but unless perpetrators are caught on some kind of recording device, odds are they’ll get away with it. Even with the more robust law enforcement presence, it’s relatively easy for those with bad intentions to operate under a cloak of anonymity.

Some common infractions include throwing litter into roadside ditches, ruining lakebeds and shorelines with wake-producing watercraft, off-trail recklessness tearing up the woods, wasting precious groundwater, or worst of all, ignoring burning rules that could cause a catastrophic wildfire. Clearly, the culprits who conduct themselves

like this don’t care that they can go home, but we are the ones left to deal with the fallout.

Given all that, it’s no wonder there is deep-seated resentment against the powers that be in Oconto pushing for more and more tourism without considering the impact on the high tax paying property owners who must live with it. For example, we had basically no say in allowing UTVs to range freely. Yes, they should stay on the trails and obey speed limits, but far too many drive wherever they please as fast as they can go.

Last Saturday, I headed home on County Road F after spending the day as a tour guide at Holt and Balcom Logging Camp in Lakewood. I was driving the 45 mph limit when four UTVs passed me at high speed, each cutting closely in front of me. The last one in line would have caused a head-on crash with an oncoming pickup if I hadn’t

slammed on the brakes.

I think it’s fair to ask those who make decisions to promote unrestrained tourism up north, would you want strangers racing unmuffled off-road vehicles in front of your house at all hours of the day and night, doing doughnuts on your fragile roads, or trespassing and tearing up your property? How about throwing whatever wherever instead of disposing of it properly? Deafening music bellowing across the lake or 10-decibels-above-sanity booms from fireworks and quarter sticks waking you up in the middle of the night?

What people need to appreciate is that we are a carefully woven mosaic of rural residents living together in harmony. We are not ignorant dweebs who think a painting is what we give our sun-faded decks, a musical score is a steamy ballad that sets the mood for hooking up, sculpting is the latest in plastic surgery and wouldn’t know a plat

from a plate.

Yes, there are some who may not value differences in age, gender, ethnicity, social and economic status, but they are a minority. Most of us mind our own business unless someone needs assistance. Then we cast aside politics and personal feelings, eagerly pitching in to help.

We northern town residents know that tourism is an essential economic activity. When people openly trespass on private property, disrespect hospitality workers, pepper loud conversations with the F-bomb, even steal critical road signs, they spoil it for everyone. We want visitors to feel welcome here. All we ask is a little respect and consideration so we can all enjoy our time in Poor Man’s Paradise.

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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MARION: American Red Cross blood drive, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Marion Public Library, 120 N. Main St. 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.

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

SHAWANO: "Oliver!" 7 p.m., Mielke Arts Center, N5649 Airport Road. Presented by Box in the Wood Theatre Guild. Adults \$15, 18 and under \$10 at shawanoarts.org/ buy-tickets.

OCONTO: Movie Night Under the Stars, dusk, Joel's Reel Inn, 400 Holtwood Way. "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation."

SATURDAY, JULY 12

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

OCONTO FALLS: Oconto Falls Dri-Tri, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., West Side Beach, North Flatley Avenue. Kayaks, bicycles, run. Information at Oconto Falls Dri-Tri Facebook page.

GILLET: Heroes Day Off, 9 a.m. to 11 p.m., Zippel Park,

150 N. McKenzie St. Craft fair and flea market, bounce house and dunk tank, food trucks, beverage tent, 50/50 raffles, karaoke contest, and live music 3-11 p.m. Proceeds benefit Wisconsin LEDR Team (Law Enforcement Death Response), an organization that supports families of fallen heroes.

SHAWANO: ShawanoFest, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., downtown. Car show, craft vendors, kids' activities, music, Shawano Farmers Market, food trucks and other family activities.

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

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.

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SUNDAY, JULY 13

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: "Oliver!" 2 p.m., Mielke Arts Center, N5649 Airport Road. Presented by Box in the Wood Theatre Guild. Adults \$15, 18 and under \$10 at shawanoarts.org/ buy-tickets.

SHAWANO: Ski Sharks Special Sunday Show, 5:30-

7:30 p.m., Wolf River Beach at Smalley Park, 211 Riverside Drive; 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 Burdocks.

MONDAY, JULY 14

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.

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

TUESDAY, JULY 15

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. Family Yoga with Jaime Lee.

OCONTO: Tunes on Tuesdays, 6-8 p.m., Beyer House and Carriage Museum, 916 Park Ave. Live music with Luma Knotty. Bring your own food, beverages and chair.

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

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 Drive; enter ski site from Third Street.

LAKEWOOD: Speaker Series, 6 p.m., Lakes Country Public Library, 15235 State Highway 32. Douglas Buege will discuss northern Oconto County's butterflies and habitats in the Zeller Community Room.

CAROLINE: Shawano Paddlers Evening Paddle, 6 p.m., Cloverleaf Lakes, N2754 County Road Y. Check Facebook page for latest information.

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

THURSDAY, JULY 17

NAVARINO: Harry Potter Day Camp, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. Ages 3-8; chaperones required for ages 3-4. Members \$40, non-members \$50, information at navarino.org.

GRESHAM: Shawano Paddlers Morning Paddle, 9 a.m., Wolf River Balsam Row Dam, N7072 N. Forest Haven Road. Check Facebook page for latest information.

PULASKI: Polka Days, 4-11 p.m., Community Park, 429 E. Pulaski St. Live music and dancing, food and beverages. \$5 admission. Ms. Pulaski Polka Days Contest, fireworks at dusk.

GILLET: 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 Infer Red.

SHAWANO: "Oliver!" 7 p.m., Mielke Arts Center, N5649 Airport Road. Presented by Box in the Wood Theatre Guild. Adults \$15, 18 and under \$10 at shawanoarts.org/ buy-tickets.

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

FRIDAY, JULY 18

NAVARINO: Harry Potter Day Camp, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. Ages 3-8; chaperones required for ages 3-4. Members \$40, non-members \$50, information at navarino.org.

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

PULASKI: Polka Days, 2 p.m. to 12:45 a.m., Community Park, 429 E. Pulaski St. Live music and dancing, food and beverages. \$20 admission. Gates open 1 p.m.

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 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

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SHAWANO: "Oliver!" 7 p.m., Mielke Arts Center, N5649 Airport Road. Presented by Box in the Wood Theatre Guild. Adults \$15, 18 and under \$10 at shawanoarts.org/ buy-tickets.

OCONTO: Movie Night Under the Stars, dusk, Joel's Reel Inn, 400 Holtwood Way. "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation."

SATURDAY, JULY 19

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

ELAND: Lavender Fest, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., W18340 Short Lane. Shabby Chic, Farmhouse and Cottage French Decor.

SHAWANO: Shawano Has History Walking Tours, 10 a.m., Tours start at Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St., and end at Stubborn Brothers, 220 S. Main St. Tickets \$10

PULASKI: Polka Days, noon to 12:45 a.m., Community Park, 429 E. Pulaski St. Live music and dancing, food and beverages. \$20 admission. Gates open 11 a.m.

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

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.

SHAWANO: "Oliver!" 7 p.m., Mielke Arts Center, N5649 Airport Road. Presented by Box in the Wood Theatre Guild. Adults \$15, 18 and under \$10 at shawanoarts.org/ buy-tickets.

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theater program during the warmer months fell by the wayside.

"The whole idea was, how can we keep getting the community involved on the stage, but also what's going to bring community members in?" Konen said. "I think it's good to pick a lesser-known musical every now and then. However, this is one of those golden age classics where, even though there's some dark twists and turns to the storyline ... this is a tried-and-true musical that people have loved for ages."

Having Cheryl Ritter, a longtime member of the

guild, having the knowhow to make period costumes has been a help, according to Konen. He noted that no matter the time period, "she will make it happen."

To prepare for their roles, one of the first rehearsals involved learning the cockney British accent, which differs from the traditional accent heard today, Konen said.

"Cockney is notorious for being hard to understand," he said. "I've commented to a few different adults and a few different kids: 'Hey, I know what you're trying to say, but you're saying it so fast,' or 'You're dropping the "H"

because that's how the accent works, but you've got to really stretch out that word so we know what you're trying to say."

While there are a lot of moral points in "Oliver," Konen said he hopes that those will be secondary to the overall quality of the performance.

"I hope they can take away just the energy that these kids bring into the performance is pretty phenomenal, and I hope they can take away the joy that they have, even though it's a somewhat serious aspect to this show," Konen said.

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extended periods of hot, dry weather. Soak the area under the tree's dripline when the top four to six inches of soil are crumbly and slightly moist. Provide 10 gallons of water per inch diameter of tree trunk measured at 4½ feet high.

Water early in the day, when possible, to reduce moisture loss to evaporation. Use soaker hoses and drip irrigation whenever possible. You'll use less water by applying it right to the soil where it is needed.

Check container gardens daily. Water thoroughly when the top inch

or two of soil is dry.

Take care of yourself when gardening especially during hot weather. Try to work in the garden when temperatures are cooler and in the shady spots in your landscape. Take frequent breaks and drink plenty of water.

Cover up your skin with brightly colored, loose-fitting clothing made of densely woven fabrics. Wear a broad-brimmed hat to protect your skin and UV-blocking sunglasses for the health of your eyes.

Apply a broad-spectrum UVA and UVB sunscreen with an SPF

of 15 or higher every day. Apply it 30 minutes before going outdoors and every two hours. You'll prevent sunburn and skin damage while making it easier to return to the garden each day.

With proper care, you and your plants will be better able to withstand the summer heat.

Melinda Myers has written over 20 gardening books, including "Midwest Gardener's Handbook," "Revised Edition" and "Small Space Gardening." She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" instant video and DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds and Blooms magazine. Myers' website is www.melindamyers.com.

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Waupaca stays unbeaten in Dairyland

By **GREG SEUBERT**
Correspondent

July 6

Waupaca 2, Cecil 0

Cecil held the Dairyland League-leading Lakemen to two runs and four hits but couldn't come up with any of their own.

Winning pitcher Cam Seidl allowed two hits and struck out nine batters, while Tucker Bouche took the loss for Mudhens.

Luke Behm had three of Waupaca's four hits. Jake Sager, Braden Uelman and Noah Beilfuss had a hit each for Cecil, and the Mudhens turned two double plays.

Hofa Park 7, Navarino 2

Brinton Anderson had three hits to help the Panthers pick up a road win over the Rangers.

Anderson's hits included a home run to center field in the fifth inning and singles in the first and third.

He gave the Panthers the early lead with an RBI single in the top of the first inning, and Nick Volz added a three-run homer in the third.

Anderson's two-run shot in the fifth gave the visitors a 6-0 lead before Kyle Mroczynski put the Rangers on the scoreboard with a two-run home run over the left-field fence in the eighth inning.

Heinrich Walder picked up the win for the Panthers after allowing six hits and two runs over eight innings.

Owen Weber took the loss for Navarino after giving up six runs in 4 1/3 innings.



Kyle Mroczynski handles the catching duties for Navarino in the Rangers' recent 3-0 loss to the Waupaca Lakemen. Mroczynski and the Rangers also fell to Hofa Park 7-2 on July 6 in Navarino, but they handed Bonduel a 5-4 loss July 2 in a rescheduled game.

GREG SEUBERT

Anderson and Ethan Volz each had three of Hofa Park's 11 hits, and both players drove in three runs. Peyton Dorn added two hits.

Adam Beilfuss led the Rangers with two hits while batting in the No. 9 spot.

Bonduel 4, Pulaski 2

Pulaski outit the Broncos 8-6, but they came up on the short end of a 4-2 score.

Winning pitcher Chase Reinke went the distance for the Broncos and gave up two runs on seven hits while striking out four batters.

Reinke also led Bonduel

with two of his team's six hits. J.C. Reinke drove in two of the Broncos' runs.

The 46th annual Bonduel Broncos Invitational began July 7 with first-round games. The raffle drawing will take place during the championship game on Friday, July 11.

Nichols 10, Marinette

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Justin Krull had three hits to help lead the Nitros over the Redbirds in Nichols.

Krull's hits included doubles in the second and fourth innings and a single in the seventh.

Jacob Vannett drove in a pair of runs for Nichols with a single in the second inning before Krull added an RBI double.

Winning pitcher Javon Leisgang gave up nine hits and two runs over nine innings, while Sean Christenson took the loss for Marinette. He allowed eight runs and eight hits over 6 1/3 innings.

Lucas Leisgang and Will Debrune each collected multiple hits for Nitros. Tyler Olsen, Braeden McMahon and Noah Nosqovitz each had two of Marinette's 11 hits.

July 2

Navarino 5, Bonduel 4

Mason Dingeldein's double drove in Owen Weber with the winning run in the bottom of the ninth inning to give the Rangers a walk-off win over the Broncos.

Dingeldein drove in Navarino's first run in the third inning after Spencer Dauphinee drew a leadoff walk and moved to third on Ben Prodel's double. Dawson Schmidt followed with a two-run double to give the home team a 3-0 lead.

Dingeldein scored the Rangers' fourth run in the fifth inning after Schmidt hit into a fielder's choice.

Bonduel answered with three runs in the sixth inning before tying the game at 4-4 in the eighth.

Weber led off Navarino's half of the ninth inning with a walk and moved to second on Prodel's sacrifice bunt before scoring on Dingeldein's double.

Schmidt led the Rangers with three RBIs, while Dingeldein added two hits and a pair of RBIs.

Adam Frost and Easton Reinke had two of the Broncos' eight hits.

Jack Reinke took the loss for Bonduel despite striking out 11 batters.

Cecil 9, Pulaski 4

The Mudhens scored five runs in the first inning and went on to pick up a road win over the Reds.

The score remained 5-0 until Cecil added four more runs in the top of the sixth inning to go up 7-0. Two of the runs scored on a single from Garrett Engel.

The Reds scored all four of their runs in the bottom of the ninth inning.

Noah Beilfuss allowed four hits over six innings to get the win on the mound.

Engel and Beilfuss had three of Cecil's 15 hits, while Braden Uelman, Easton Engel and Reese Stollenow added two each.

Upcoming schedule

Sunday, July 13 (all games 1:30 p.m.): Marinette at Hortonville; Pulaski at Nichols; Cecil at Hofa Park; Navarino at Shawano.

Standings as of June 30: Waupaca (11-0); Hortonville (9-3); Pulaski (7-2); Hofa Park (7-4); Bonduel (6-3); Cecil (4-6); Shawano (3-7); Navarino (2-7); Marinette (1-8); Nichols (1-9).

Local athletes earn gold at Badger State Games

Athletes from Shawano, Tigerton and Gillett were among those competing and winning at the Badger State Games, held June 21 in Marathon City.

Andre Peterson, who will be a freshman at Shawano Community High School in the fall, won first place in the triple jump and set three new personal records.

Competing against other 13- and 14-year-olds, he had a new PR and won the gold in the triple jump at 35 feet, 4 inches.

Peterson also had PRs when he placed second in the 100-meter dash in 12.4 seconds and second in the 200-meter dash in 25.43 seconds.

In the long jump, he finished fourth at 16-5.

"We are incredibly proud of Andre's hard work

and sportsmanship," said his dad, Larry Peterson.

Presley Rolfs, of Tigerton, competed in the girls 15-16 age division. She won the discus with a throw of 114-5 and placed second in the shot put at 31-6.

Gillett's Ila Perlich competed in the girls 9-10 age group and earned second place in the 200-meter dash in 37.61 seconds. She also placed fourth in the 100-meter dash in 16.99 and the long jump at 9-2.75.

Oliver Perlich, Gillett, placed second in the 200-meter dash in 39.93 and fifth in the 100-meter dash in 18.73, both in the boys 8U division.

The Badger State Games aren't only for youth athletes.

Richard Wisneski, of Shawano, was the only competitor in the mens



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75-79 masters age group, which resulted in three gold medals. His times

were 19.57 in the 100-meter dash, 42.79 in the 200-meter dash and 1:52.75 in the 400-meter dash.

Jeremiah Rolfs, of Tigerton, was the sole participant in the mens 40-44 masters group for the shot put and discus. His winning shot put distance was 39-1.75, and his winning discus throw was 159-10.

Badger State Games offers individuals and teams of all ages the opportunity to compete in a variety of amateur events in the style of the Olympic Games.

All events have multiple divisions allowing everyone from amateurs to experienced athletes to participate.

All athletes who medal in the Badger State Games are invited to participate in the State Games of America.

Hall of Fame induction



Wittenberg-Birnawood High School cross country coach Cathy Esker was inducted into the U.S. College Track & Field/Cross Country Hall of Fame on June 8. Esker, then known as Cathy Branta, competed at UW-Madison in the 1980s. She is a five-time national champion and 11-time All-American.

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Menominee tribal member inducted into NAIA Hall of Fame

Askenette honored for 50-plus years in boxing ring

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

A Menominee tribal member who has dedicated more than 50 years of his life to the sport of boxing was among those inducted into the North American Indigenous Athletics Hall of Fame.

On June 7, former boxer, referee and coach Orin “Lou” Askenette was among 54 Indigenous athletes honored as the 2025 NAIA Hall of Fame inductees at a ceremony at the Oneida Hotel and Confer-

ence Center in Green Bay.

Askenette was a retired Oneida Nation security officer and former boxer, trainer, referee and coach.

“Lou was a legendary boxing coach whose dedication and ability shaped the careers of countless champions. With over 50 years in the sport, he has made an indelible mark on boxing,” according to the NAIA. “Lou’s work in molding and shaping fighters has helped them prepare for life responsibilities while building

careers promoting positive life skills. Lou has played a strong role in many lives, mentoring men and women warriors of Indian Country.” Askenette began his boxing career fighting on his father’s boxing team, the Menominee Indian Boxing Club. In 1959 in Fond du Lac, Askenette won the 135-pound championship. Two years later, in 1961, he won the open division tournament at Fond du Lac at 126 pounds.

At age 18, he joined the military and from 1963-67 he fought on the United States Air Force boxing team.

After his military career, he joined the

Wisconsin Boxing Referee Association, where he was a well-known boxing official. In 1973, he started his coaching career at the Oneida Boxing Club on the Oneida Indian Reservation in Wisconsin and was recruited by Chairman Purcell Powless. In 1977, he co-founded and coached the Soaring Eagles Boxing Club in Green Bay, and he continued recruiting and training amateur and professional boxing careers.

Askenette has coached and trained several fighters including Carlos Molina, Harry “The Hammer” Funmaker, Ernie “Big Cat” Stevens Jr., Roger Ponfil, Chuck Ponfil, Joey Christ-

john, Kelly Stevens, Paul “Bad Horse” Stevens, Matt Denny, DJ Denny, Tim Tomashek, Todd Moon Hill, Rory Hill, Mel Smith, Earl Smith, Paul Danforth, Buggs Danforth, John Maino and others.

The North American Indigenous Athletics Hall of Fame honors and recognizes the Indigenous sport cultures of 27 countries of North America by recognizing outstanding leadership and achievement in individual and team athletics. By honoring and celebrating the empowered journey of the annually inducted individuals and teams, the hope is their stories may inspire future



Orin “Lou” Askenette was recently honored at the 2025 NAIA Hall of Fame induction ceremony. CONTRIBUTED

generations to follow their dreams in athletics and life. Nominations are accepted for individuals or teams in the categories of athlete, coach, team, builder, media, official and trainer.

BABA announces 2025 Hall of Fame inductees

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

Inductees have been named for the BABA Hall of Fame Class of 2025.

The BABA’s second annual Hall of Fame Banquet will be held Sept. 20 at Northwinds Banquet Hall in Marion.

This year’s class of inductees is Guy Mur-

dock, Smiley (Stan) Miller, Orlin (Orly) Pederson, Bob Stoehr, Doug Peterson, Clarence (Clem) Radtke, Jim Buss, Dan Owen, Chuck Raasch, Harley Lyons, Louis Lechterman and Richard Brei.

North Division July 6

Aniwa 10, Hatley 3

The Orioles defeated the Braves at Pleasant Lake

Park in Aniwa. No other details were reported.

Birnamwood 9, Wittenberg 6 (10 inn.)

The Pilots hosted the Kings but ended up falling in 10 innings. No other details were reported.

Eland at Antigo/Polar July 3

Wittenberg 12, Elderon 9

No details reported.

The Pilots defeated the Whiskey Jacks in a makeup game in Wittenberg.

Dominik Anderson, Aaron Heyroth, Zach Urquhart and Eric Steigerwald each had two of Wittenberg’s 12 hits, while Ian Salverson had two of Elderon’s five hits.

Nathan Waupekenay picked up the win on the mound, and Nathan Le-

manczyk took the loss.

East/West Division
No games scheduled.

South-Central Division
No games scheduled.

Upcoming Schedule East/West Division

Sunday, July 13 (all games 1:30 p.m.): Tilleda at Clintonville; Shawano at Caroline; Leopold at Neopit; Gresham at Little Falls.

North Division
Friday, July 11: Antigo/Polar at Wittenberg, 7 p.m.

Sunday, July 13 (all games 1:30 p.m.): Aniwa at Birnamwood; Elderon at Eland; Hatley has bye.

South-Central Division

Sunday, July 13 (all games 1:30 p.m.): Plover at Scandinavia; New London at Weymont.

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10 "___ we there yet?"

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29 Juan's "one"

31 University sports org.

32 Occupies a bench

34 Gridiron kick

37 Hiking route

38 Forearm bone

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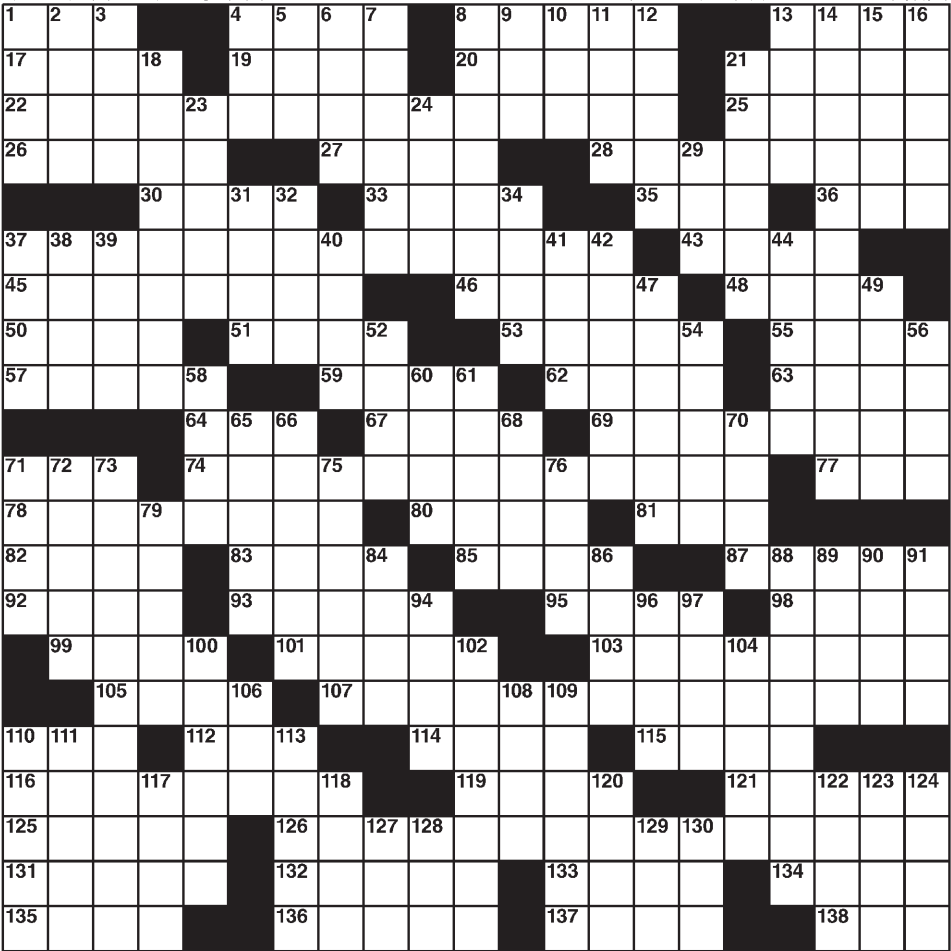
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75 Faucet

76 Tell-___ (candid stories)

79 Harness straps

84 Close by, in verse

86 Experimentation stations

88 Small monasteries

89 Amazing thing

90 Not much
- 91 Casual assent

94 Going into overtime

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102 Shakespearean nickname

104 Stylish

106 Tire pressure no.

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110 Made of sturdy wood

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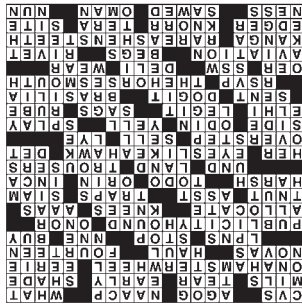
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Which bands will you dance to at the 46th annual Pulaski Polka Days?

What wold Polka Days be without music?

You'll be sure to get your fill during the four-day festival, with a variety of music offered each day July 17-20.

The festival games open at 4 p.m. July 17, with a \$5 entry fee for the music tents and Knights of Columbus building.

There will also be free fireworks at dusk presented by American Tradition Fireworks LLC and sponsored by Tri-County Optimist Club and Pulaski Polka Days Inc.

Here's the music lineup for all four days.

- July 17**
\$5 admission
Tent 1

5:30-6:30 p.m.: Chad Przybylski & Polka Rhythms
6:30-7:30 p.m.: Aaron Socha Livewire
7:30-8:30 p.m.: Chad Przybylski & Polka Rhythms
8:30-9:30 p.m.: Aaron Socha Livewire
9:30-10:30 p.m.: Chad Przybylski & Polka Rhythms
10:30-11:30 p.m.: Aaron Socha Livewire

Tent 2

5-6 p.m.: The New Generation
6-7 p.m.: Maroszek Brothers
7-8 p.m.: The New Generation. The band will conduct a live recording beginning at 7 p.m.
8-9 p.m.: Maroszek Brothers
9-10 p.m.: The New Generation
10-11 p.m.: Maroszek Brothers

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4-5 p.m.: Zander's Music Makers
5-6 p.m.: NuTymes
6-7 p.m.: Zander's Music Makers
7-8 p.m.: NuTymes



The Mix will perform Friday, July 18, at Pulaski Polka Days. The group will be featured in Tent 2 from 2-3:30 p.m., from 4:30-5:15 p.m. and from 6-6:45 p.m.

Gates open at 1 p.m.
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3-4 p.m.: Polish Connection
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A couple dances to the Maroszek Brothers Band as it passes during the 2024 Pulaski Polka Days Parade.

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Parade highlights Sunday fun at Polka Days

One of the largest attractions of Pulaski Polka Days is the Pulaski Polka Days parade, which will begin at 11 a.m. sharp July 20.

Units will line up at Pulaski Community Middle School and Pulaski High School on St. Augustine Street. Units should be in place by 10:30 a.m.

The parade will travel north on St. Augustine Street and then west on Pulaski Street, right down to the Pulaski Polka Grounds.

Candy and other small items can be handed out along the route from people walking along the floats. Candy should not be thrown from moving

vehicles.

The parade is held on the final days of the four-day festival, which has free admission throughout the day.

For more information or to register for the parade, visit <https://pulaskipolka-days.com> or contact Mike Hughes at 920-655-6983 or mhughesh59@gmail.com.



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Above, thousands of people line Pulaski Street to watch the 2024 Pulaski Polka Days Parade. Below, the 2023-24 Miss Pulaski Polka Days, Faith Nowakowski, left, and Junior Miss Pulaski Polka Days Zoey Putthoff watch the 2024 parade. At right, above, the Pulaski Red Raiders Marching Band drum line lays down the beat during the 2024 parade. At right, below, a line of vintage tractors rumble down Pulaski Street during the 2024 parade.

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Get ready now for a fun-filled weekend in Pulaski for the 46th annual Pulaski Polka Days, planned for July 17-20.

Ranked as one of the largest polka festivals in the Midwest, it draws thousands of polka lovers to the city each year.

Multiple ethnic versions of the polka will be recognized at one location – the Pulaski Polka Days Festival Grounds, 429 E. Pulaski St. Attendees can dance the Polish, German, Slovenian and Dutchman style polkas.

The KC building will be the host of the non-Polish styles, with the Polish style featured under the two tents.

The festival will feature 22 of the nation's top polka bands. Traveling to Wisconsin to perform are The Beat (Connecticut), Polka Country Musicians (Connecticut), Frankie Liszka's Blue Magic (Ohio), Dynabass (Ohio), Polka Family (Pennsylvania), Twin City Sound (Minnesota), Live it Up (Minnesota) and Craig Ebel's Dyversaco (Minnesota).

Featured bands from Wisconsin are the Goodtime Dutchman, Polish Connection, Steve Burclaw's New Polish Sound, Jerry Voelker Orchestra, Ryan Kautzer Band and the Music Connection. Lastly, there are the Pulaski bands that include The Maroszek Bros, Nu Tymes, The Natural Talent, Aaron Socha's Livewire, The Mix, Zander Music Raymakers and Chad Przybylski's Polka Rhythms.

Be part of history as the New Generation will produce a live recording around 7 p.m. July 17 in Tent 2.

On July 17, admission will be \$5 for ages 12 and older. The music will be from

4-11:30 p.m.

Don't miss the crowning of the Pulaski Polka Queen. Email Kayla Adams at kla2148@gmail.com or call 920-619-2148 to enter or ask any questions. Fireworks will be held at dusk. The display is presented by American Tradition Fireworks LLC and sponsored by Tri-County Optimist and Pulaski Polka Days Inc.

Dance lessons and craft fair

Admission on July 18 is \$20 with music and dancing starting at 2 p.m. and going until 12:30 a.m.

Free polka dance lessons will be offered in Tent 2 from 1:30-3 p.m. July 18 and from 12:30-2 p.m. July 19.

Several activities take place July 19. Admission is again \$20 for the entire day. Music and dancing will be from noon to 12:30 a.m. The World Concertina Congress will start things off in the KC building with a two-hour jam session starting at noon. The WCC is extending an invitation for everyone to join in, just bring your Key of C concertina.

Pulaski Polka Days will once again partner with the Gardeners Club of Green Bay for the annual Garden Walk. For information, call Veronica Geurts at 920-471-8649.

The annual Assumption B.V.M. Parish craft and vendor fair will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 19-20. The craft fair extends along Pulaski Street from the church to the festival grounds. Direct questions to Erin Anker or Carrie Sievert by email at craftandvendor@abvm.org or by phone at 920-822-3279.

Parade and raffle winners

Enjoy free admission Sunday, as a way for the Pulaski Polka Days Committee and sponsoring organizations to show their appreciation to the community and surrounding area for its support of the event.



Smiles and the Lenny Gomulka and Chicago Push polka band lift this couple off their feet at the 2024 Pulaski Polka Days.

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Festival grounds open at 8 a.m. with the pancake and porkies breakfast served until 11 a.m.

Celebrate a Catholic Mass with the Maroszek Bros in Tent 2 at 9:30 a.m. Bring your own lawn chair.

Stepping off at 11 a.m. sharp is the Pulaski Polka Days parade. Line-up is at the Pulaski Community Middle School and the Pulaski High School on St. Augustine Street.

The parade travels north on St. Augustine Street and then west on Pulaski Street to the Pulaski Polka Grounds.

This year's parade marshals are Harold Otto and Jim Stachura (who died March 25). Otto, a founding member, is recognized for his 46 years of dedication, his countless hours of effort and the pride he takes in being able to foster his love for polkas while being able to raise funds for his community. Stachura is remembered for his many years of service to the community and the numerous hours he logged to help make Polka Days a continued success.

For parade registration, contact Mike Hughes at 920-655-6983 or email mhughesh59@gmail.com.

Dancing and live music continues at the festival grounds from 12:30-6 p.m.

The drawing for the festival raffle will be at 5 p.m., with more than \$2,000 in cash to be

awarded. Winners need not be present.

Free parking, live internet broadcasts, wooden dance floors, souvenirs, refreshments, children's activities and Polish and American food area featured all weekend.

A limited number of campsites are available. There is a strictly enforced, two-night minimum. Email Nora Scray with any questions at polkacamp@yahoo.com.

While in Pulaski, check out the Pulaski Museum located in downtown Pulaski. It will hold special hours July 19 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

All proceeds from Pulaski Polka Days are contributed back into the community through the following nonprofit organizations: American Legion Post No. 337, American Legion Auxiliary No. 337, Tri-County Optimist Club, Pulaski Lions Club, Knights of Columbus, Pulaski FFA Alumni & FFA, BSA Scout Troop 1468/6468 and the Pulaski VFW.

For information on Pulaski Polka Days, write to P.O. Box 268, Pulaski WI 54162; call Mike Drzewiecki at 920-819-1168, or Kevin or Renae Strassburg at 920-619-0993; email info@pulaskipolkadays.com; visit pulaskipolkadays.com or visit the Pulaski Polka Days Facebook page.



The Polish Sweethearts belt out a tune during the 2024 Pulaski Polka Days Parade. The traditionl parade will begin at 11 a.m. Sunday, July 20. FILE | NEW MEDIA



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Kick off Sunday with breakfast, worship service

The final day of Pulaski Polka Days begins with breakfast and worship services.

A pancake and porkie breakfast will be held from 8-11 a.m. on the festival grounds.

New Life Community Church will hold a worship service starting at 8 a.m. in Tent 1.

A Catholic polka Mass will begin at 9:30 a.m. in Tent 2.

Lawn chairs are encouraged for the worship services.

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

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

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

First prize is \$1,000.

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

The drawing will be held at 5 p.m. July 20.

Winners need not be present.



What do you put on your Polish sausage?



Pulaski FFA members serve up a corn roast during the final afternoon of Pulaski Polka Days 2024.

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Garden walk held in conjunction with Pulaski Polka Days

The Gardeners Club of Green Bay will host its third annual garden walk from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 19.

There are seven private gardens on this year's walk that can be explored at your own pace.

Tickets are \$15 now through July 17 or \$20 after that date, including the the day of the walk at the garden sites while supplies last. Payment can only be

made with cash or checks. No pets or children younger than 10 are allowed.

Advance tickets are sold at McAllister's Landscape Supplies and Gift Shop, 4589 Military Road, Howard; Take Five Restaurant at Four Seasons, 3600 Riverside Drive, Allouez; and Larry's Bellvue Gardens, 2620 Continental Drive, Bellvue.

Featured on the walk

will be the gardens at 870 and 874 Howard St., Green Bay; 240 Seminole Lane, Green Bay; 978 Lakeview Drive, Howard; 4066 Hidden Trail, Hobart; 3938 Whitetail Court, Hobart; and 4647 N. Pine Tree Road, Hobart.

The event will be held rain or shine.

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



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Join The Next Generation for a live recording



The New Generation will play from 7-8 p.m. Thursday, July 17, in Tent 2. At the start of their stint, they will conduct a live recording. The band will also perform that night from 5-6 p.m. and from 9-10 p.m. in Tent 2. The New Generation will be back in Tent on Friday, July 18, from 3:30-4:30 p.m., from 5:15-6 p.m. and from 6:45-7:30 p.m.

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Grab your concertina, join the jam session

Join the World Concertina Congress for a concertina jam session during Pulaski Polka Days.

Pulaski Polka Days will host another fun-filled concertina jam session hosted by the WCC, which extends an invitation to everyone to join a music event that is certain to be a great time for musicians, dancers, and music lovers alike.

This year's concertina jam session will be held from noon to 2 p.m. July 19 at the Knights of Columbus Hall on the grounds of

Pulaski Polka Days. Bring your Key of C chemnitzer concertina and be ready to play tunes like "North, South, East, West Polka," "There's Pretty Girls in Chicago Waltz" and "Seven Days Without You Polka."

You can find the sheet music for these three songs and other tunes likely to be played at <https://concertinamusic.com/pulaski>.

For more information about the WCC, visit <https://concertinamusic.com/wcc>.



The Ryan Kautzer Band will perform from 4-5 p.m., from 6-7 p.m. and from 8-9 p.m. Friday, July 18, in the Knights of Columbus building.

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On the lookout for arts and crafts?

The annual Assumption BVM Parish Fundraiser Craft and Vendor Fair will

be held Saturday and Sunday, July 19-20. This two-day fair will

be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. Direct questions to Erin

Anker or Carrie Sievert, event coordinators, at craftandvendor@abvm.org.

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Ervin Degener and Joyce Beilfuss dance to the music of Jerry Voelker and the Jolly Gents at Presidents Park at the 2024 Shawano County Fair. Like many other bands, Jerry Voelker has a base of fans who will readily follow them around the area. Jerry Voelker and the Jolly Gents will play Friday, July 18, in the Knights of Columbus building as part of Pulaski Polka Days.

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Polka dance lessons available

The polka was designated as Wisconsin's state dance in 1993. The legislation was introduced at the request of a second grade class from Charles Lindbergh Elementary School in Madison and supported by several groups — including the Wisconsin Polka

Boosters Inc. and the Wisconsin Folk Museum. What if you don't know how to dance the polka? No need to worry. Learn to dance the polka with instructors Duane and Robin Wilks from Omaha, Nebraska. Free lessons will be offered from 1:30-3 p.m. July

18 in Tent 2 at the Pulaski Polka Days Grounds at Pulaski Community Park, 429 E. Pulaski St. If you can't make that time, stop in from noon to 1:30 p.m. July 19, also in Tent 2. The bands for each session have yet to be announced.



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