



A web of wood and other materials is visible from state Highway 22 in Gillett as a building owned by Telford Equipment Consulting Co. was destroyed during a storm on July 23.

Baldwin

looks to cut costs with trio of bills

Legislation to address homeownership, child care, price gouging

BY LEE PULASKI
City Editor

U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin is calling out President Donald Trump’s inaction on lowering the cost of living for working families and hopes she can get Congress to take the action needed to help families in Wisconsin and beyond through a trio of bills.

“I was on the same ballot as Donald Trump last year, and I heard the same concerns from Wisconsinites that he did,” Baldwin said during a virtual press conference she held from her office in Washington, D.C. “Families needed some breathing room. Folks feel like they’re doing everything right — they’re working hard, they’re playing by the rules — but the deck is just stacked against them, and families are living paycheck to paycheck.”

Saving to buy a home is out of reach for many, according to Baldwin, and saving up for the family to go on vacation is nearly impossible for those people. Trump “capitalized on those concerns,” Baldwin said, and vowed to tackle the increased cost of almost everything on the first day in office.

“Fast forward to today. Anyone who reads the news knows that not only did Trump not end inflation, but costs are on the rise for folks everywhere,” Baldwin said. “Donald Trump has launched a trade war, causing chaos for farmers, manufacturers and small businesses. He increased inflation and prices for hard-working families across Wisconsin.”

The First-Time Homebuyer Tax Credit Act would lower the cost of purchasing a home for first-time buyers by establishing a refundable tax credit worth up to a maximum of \$15,000 for first-time homebuyers or up to 10% of the home’s price, whichever is less, according to Baldwin.

The median sales price of homes in Wisconsin has increased by 53.3% in just five years, compared to the state’s median household income, which has increased by only 19.7%. The National Association of Home Builders has estimated that the

Major storm creates tornadoes

in Gillett, Oconto, Keshena

Telford loses building

due to high winds; trees, power lines impacted

BY LEE PULASKI
City Editor

A storm ripped through northeast Wisconsin creating at least three tornadoes on July 23, in the process damaging trees, bringing down power lines, and causing major damage to at least one business in the Town of Gillett.

The National Weather Service confirmed that tornadoes touched down in Keshena, Gillett and Oconto.

A metal building operated by Telford Equipment Consulting Co., a company that sells emergency power generators, was completely destroyed. A neighboring building had major damage to the roof, which was covered up with a blue tarp as news crews descended on the scene the morning of July 24. Debris was scattered all over the business and nearby buildings

According to Jon Spice, Oconto County emergency management director, Gillett and the Town of Underhill had suffered a



A blue tarp covers roof damage at one of the buildings for Telford Equipment Consulting Co. on July 24 after a storm came through the previous evening.

lot of damage from the storm, with many people still without power the morning after.

“We had a lot of trees go down in the Underhill area, and a lot of power lines

over there,” Spice said. There was a report of a tornado touching down near Lena, but officials were

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Donne Joseph Hansen III, 38, Green Bay, was charged July 21 with criminal damage to property and misdemeanor counts of unlawful phone use threatening harm and bail jumping. Oconto County Circuit Court Judge Jay Conley set a \$2,000 cash bond and adjourned his initial appearance until Aug. 14.

Melina Kathryn Isabel Herr, 24, Gillett, was charged July 21 with two counts of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. Conley set a \$1,000 cash bond and adjourned her initial appearance until Aug. 14.

Joseph D. Cribb, 37, Green Bay, was charged July 22 with possession of methamphetamine and a misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Conley set a \$500 cash bond and adjourned his initial appearance until Aug. 14.

Justin A. Belongia, 42, Oconto, was charged July 23 with possession of THC (second or subsequent offense) and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. Conley set a \$150 cash bond and adjourned his initial appearance until Aug. 14.

Michelle Jean Jasmin, 50, Appleton, was charged March 14 with harboring or aiding a felon and two counts of felony bail jumping. Conley dismissed the case without prejudice July 24, but the charges were refiled by the end of the day. No further appearances were scheduled by close of business July 25.

Daniel Duran Rockman, 30, Gillett, was charged July 25 with two counts of felony bail jumping and misdemeanor charges of criminal damage to property, disorderly conduct and resisting or obstructing an officer. Conley set a \$1,500 cash bond and adjourned his initial appearance until Sept. 11.

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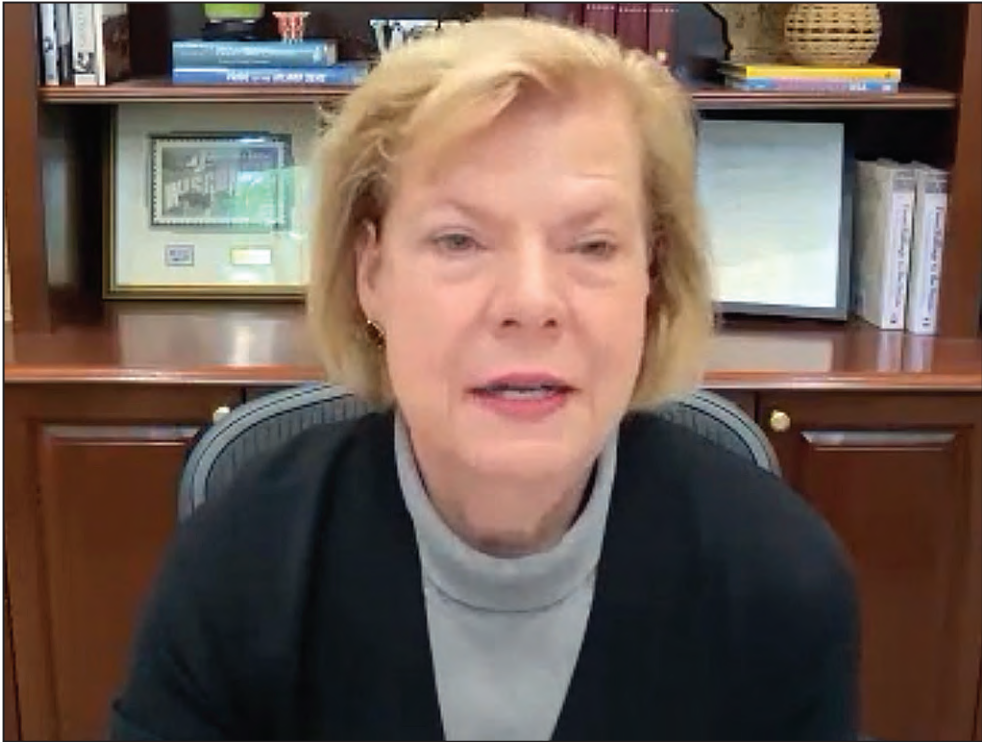
material costs to build a new home might increase by as much as \$10,000 due to Trump’s tariffs.

“Homeownership is how you build wealth, how you grow your roots in a community you want to raise a family in, and a key part of the American dream,” Baldwin said. “Right now in Wisconsin, home prices are increasing at a rate household incomes cannot keep up with.”

The senator added that the median home price in Wisconsin is over \$300,000 as of January, and with Trump’s tariffs threatening to increase the cost of construction materials, she feels the reach of homeownership will get further away.

“Building houses will only get more expensive these days, so I’ve introduced legislation that would help first-time homebuyers get their foot in the door and give first-time homebuyers a tax cut worth up to 10% of a home’s purchase price,” Baldwin said. “Look, I’ll be the first to say that we have more to do to build more homes, lower rent prices and make sure everyone has the opportunity to live in the communities they work in, but this bill is a really great start.”

The Child Care for Working Families Act



U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin speaks during a virtual press conference July 23 about her three bills to address high costs in homeownership, childcare, and price gouging.

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would ensure families can afford the child care they need, expanding access to more high-quality options, stabilizing the child care sector and helping ensure the child care workers taking care of kids are paid livable wages. On average, Wisconsin child care for an infant costs \$12,567 annually, or \$1,047 per month.

A typical family in America would pay no more than \$15 daily for child care, while others would pay nothing, and

eligible families would not have to devote more than 7% of income to child care.

“When parents cannot find affordable care, they cannot join the workforce or go back to school to get the skills they need to land a good-paying job,” Baldwin said. “Even when parents can find affordable child care, it’s often not convenient, for half of Wisconsin is in what we call a child care desert, and that’s even worse in our rural areas, with 70% in child care deserts.”

Baldwin noted that she’s heard of families that have to drive an hour to drop off their children at a child care facility because there are none closer to home and then driving an hour back just to go to work.

“The child care sector is a broken equation right now,” she said.

Baldwin’s child care legislation will also dramatically expand access to pre-kindergarten and support full-day, full-year Head Start programs and

increased wages for Head Start workers.

“We know that kids who get that high-quality educational and socio-emotional learning are really set up for success,” Baldwin said.

The bill would also address child care deserts by providing grants to help open new child care providers in underserved communities and to cover start-up and licensing costs to help establish new providers. Child care workers could be paid a living wage and achieve parity with elementary school teachers who have similar credentials and experience, an issue that came up in the Shawano area when the Shawano School District called off plans to open its own child care center when other facilities pointed out school employees get more pay and would force other facilities to close.

The final bill in Baldwin’s arsenal is the Price Gouging Prevention Act of 2025, which would prohibit corporate price gouging by authorizing the Federal Trade Commission and state attorneys general to enforce a federal ban against grossly excessive price increases, regardless of a seller’s position in a supply chain. The bill would help enforcers establish when price gouging

is occurring during a significant shift in the market and outline a standard of what a violation is.

“We see big corporations that are trying to exploit hard-working families,” Baldwin said. “They’re going to use market shocks like the trade war to jack up their prices. We’ve seen this before — we saw it during the pandemic — with big corporations jumping at the opportunity to increase their prices under the cover of, say, supply chain problems or some other cause. What we saw instead was record profits and executives getting lavish bonuses during these times.”

Such actions should be illegal, in Baldwin’s view, which is why she’s presenting her price gouging act.

Baldwin did not directly answer a question from NEW Media about whether she could get bipartisan support on her bills, considering Republicans have slight majorities in both Congress and the Senate. However, she urged them to make up for giving tax breaks to the wealthy a few weeks ago.

“I would hope they can get on board with an agenda that focuses on working families,” Baldwin said.

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awaiting confirmation by the National Weather Service. Spice noted that he hadn’t received many calls about damage in the Lena area.

“It concentrated more in this area (near Gillett) and was sporadic and went on a straight line toward the city of Oconto,” Spice said.

There were no injuries reported from the storm initially, according to Spice.

“We’re very, very fortunate,” he said. “I didn’t see a lot of damages to homes. There was some, but I didn’t see anything where a home was completely destroyed.”

Oconto County fared much better than it did in 2019, when thousands of trees were leveled and

about 40,000 residents were left without power. Radio towers in Lakewood and Mountain were knocked offline, which made emergency communication very difficult.

In Menominee County, a lot of trees and power lines were damaged from the 2025 storm’s high winds. Keshena saw damage near the Menominee Tribal Jail, which then continued through downtown Keshena near the War Bonnet restaurant and Veterans Park.

County Road VV had to close to all but local traffic for much of the night as crews worked to clear the road and restore access to homes. There were still a couple of crews working on the road on July 24, but traffic was relatively back

to normal.

Tribal offices were closed on July 24 as all hands were on deck to clean up affected areas, according to a post on the tribe’s Facebook page.

Shawano County escaped the storm’s wrath relatively unscathed, according to Lt. Chris Madle, county emergency management director. He said he had only received three or four calls of trees falling as of 8 a.m. July 24.

“There were sporadic trees that went down here or there, but nothing widespread and nothing that we’re still dealing with this morning,” Madle said. “I think the brunt of it just missed us and went to the north.”

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Debris still covers the entryway to Telford Equipment Consulting Co. in Gillett on July 24 following a storm that caused damage in Menominee and Oconto counties.

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Carol Burns

Carol Burns, 91, Oconto Falls, died Wednesday morning, July 23, 2025, at The Cottages. She was born April 28, 1934, in Berlin to Clifford and Anna (Weiland) Young. Carol graduated Berlin High School and received her Bachelor of Science from University of Wisconsin-Stout. As a dedicated teacher who loved her students, Carol taught family and consumer education in Sheboygan High School and Hartford Middle School before retiring from Wabeno High School in 1998.

On Nov. 9, 2002, she married Leonard K. Burns at Grace Lutheran Church where she was a longtime member and participated in Bible studies. She also was a member of the Oconto County Homemakers, the Wisconsin and Nicolet-Oconto Retired Teachers



Associations, the Oconto Falls Lioness Club and the Wisconsin and National Education Associations.

Survivors are her husband, Leonard Burns; her three children, Judy Lenhardt, Jane (Eric) Scott and Scott (Diana) Lenhardt; six grandchildren, two great-grandchildren; Leonard's family members, Paul (Janet) Burns and Kim Kujawski, seven grandchildren and seven

great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Lyle Young, and stepson, Timothy Burns. Funeral services were held July 30, 2025, at Grace Lutheran Church in Oconto Falls. Burial will take place in Oakwood Cemetery, Berlin, at a later date. In lieu of other expressions of sympathy, memorials may be to a food pantry of the donor's choice.

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It's always sunny at Bergsbaken Farms

Sunflower lovers flock to final festival

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

Shari Bergsbaken didn't have to think long to come up with an answer.

The question: Why are people fascinated with sunflowers?

"Because they make people happy," she said. "It's a pretty flower and they make people smile."

Bergsbaken was taking a break from preparing food July 26 during the second day of the annual Sunflower Festival, which wrapped up its 10th and final three-day run at Bergsbaken Farms in eastern Shawano County, about halfway between Shawano and Green Bay.

Thousands of sunflower lovers headed to the festival, which the Bergsbaken family has hosted each year since 2016.

They included Kera Hess, of Gresham, who headed to the farm with her sister and daughter.

The threesome climbed on a wagon at the farm and headed out into a 50-acre field of sunflowers. Most of them had yet to bloom in time for the festival, but the ones that had showed what makes the flower special.

"I think this is our third year," Hess said. "We wanted to see it one last year, especially since this is the last year."

The Bergsbaken family announced earlier this summer that this year's festival would be the last.

"It's nice to come out here," Hess said. "It's seeing the enjoyment on my daughter's face."

Hess said she appreciates that farm families like the Bergsbakens open



Nohal Mechelke grills food at the Sunflower Festival at Bergsbaken Farms near Cecil. The Bergsbaken family has hosted the festival at the farm for the past decade. This year's event was the last.

GREG SEUBERT

their doors to the public.

"I think it's really important," she said. "It brings a lot of people to the area and educates a lot of people. There are some kids that have never been to a farm or raised

around one.

"It's nice to be able to see some of the agriculture," she said. "It's kind of cool to see other things that we can grow in this climate. When you drive by fields, you usually see

hay, soybeans, wheat. It's nice being out here. This lets you get real close."

Hess is sad to see the festival come to an end.

"It's been a tradition for us to come out," she said. "We usually pick the



Fifty acres of sunflowers greeted visitors to the Sunflower Festival at Bergsbaken Farms.

GREG SEUBERT

best day and come out. It's usually hot."

While Hess and her family checked out the sunflower field, Steve Buhrandt was busy in the vendor tent selling bottles of maple syrup that came from his rural Suring farm, Buhrandt Farms Inc.

Farmer's markets and events like the Sunflower Festival provide additional income, he said.

"We make a little extra money," Buhrandt said. "We have a lot of friends who help us."

He said fresh maple syrup is much different than syrup found in grocery stores.

"There's a big difference in the taste," he said. "We don't run our syrup through reverse osmosis, so it has a little more cooking time in the evaporator and that gives it a little more flavor."

Buhrandt's booth at the Sunflower Festival also included homemade honey and other items.

"We have honey that we sell for a guy," he said. "We started something new this year: bourbon-enhanced syrup. We get a bourbon barrel, we put our maple syrup in there and leave it. It just takes a little bourbon from the wood flavoring, that's where it comes from. It just has a hint of bourbon, it's not strong. There's no alcohol involved in it

at all. We sold a lot of it. We're from Suring, so not too far away. I'll see what I have left and come back tomorrow. If we need more, we'll bring more."

Bergsbaken said she heard plenty of comments about the festival and what it has meant to people over the years.

"A lot of them are saying they're going to be sad because we're ending it, but they understand that it's time to move on to new adventures," she said. "It's a lot of work. When we started, we said, 'Let's shoot for 10' and this is 10 years. We thought we'd go out on a good note.'"

Bergsbaken said she is amazed with how the festival grew in a decade.

"Back then, you could just pick a weekend to have the fest and go from there," she said. "Now, you have to rent tents and get your music ahead of time. It's a guessing game when it comes to food because you don't know how much to buy and how many people are going to show up."

The festival became a reality after people began stopping at the farm after seeing acres of blooming sunflowers.

"People were seeing the sunflowers, stopping by and asking questions," Bergsbaken said. "We thought, 'Heck, we might as well invite them in.'"

Konitzer going to trial for sexual assault

DA's office seeks to prove he harmed his daughter

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

Dylan Konitzer, a Belle Plaine man accused of sexually assaulting his daughter, will be going to trial at the request of his attorney.

Defense attorney Preston Smead told Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Court Judge Katherine Sloma that he wanted a trial

for his client, and Sloma scheduled it for 8:15 a.m. Oct. 28 in Branch I of the Shawano County Courthouse. The trial is expected to last three days, and there will be a final pre-trial hearing at 11:30 a.m. Oct. 13.

Konitzer, 34, has been charged with first-degree sexual assault with a child under 13, causing a child under 13 to view or listen to sexual activity, incest and exposing genitals. He is currently being held in the Shawano County Jail on a \$50,000 cash bond.

According to the criminal complaint, Konitzer allegedly repeatedly assaulted his daughter from October 2024 until the end of March.

He allegedly showed her pornography with women and would expose himself to her while the porn played. He allegedly told her she had to sleep naked in her bed at night.

This all started around the time the daughter turned 12, according to the complaint. Konitzer allegedly started things after giving her the sex talk, and when the victim said she did not know what a penis looked like, he allegedly showed her his. The daughter claimed Konitzer had commented on her breasts and said that she "had a big butt," according to the complaint, and there were instances when he allegedly

photographed her naked, although the complaint did not indicate if those photos were found.

The victim claimed she tried to lock her bedroom door so she could sleep, according to the complaint, but Konitzer allegedly used a blue Domino's card to unlock the door and sneak in. The victim claimed that the "weird sex things" happened in the early morning hours or before 10 p.m., when Konitzer's wife would come home from work. In some instances, the victim allegedly kicked Konitzer when he tried to initiate sexual contact, and he left the room.

The victim claimed she

did not say anything at first for fear that it would break up her family, according to the complaint, but she eventually told her mother, who had divorced Konitzer almost 10 years ago, and other relatives. She said Konitzer claimed he did "stuff" with her that he didn't do with his new wife.

In an interview with the new wife, she told a detective that Konitzer had been a victim of sexual assault himself as a child by a grandfather. The ex-wife backed up the claim, saying he admitted it after she caught him watching porn with their daughter 10 years ago. The ex-wife said Konitzer claimed she would

not understand after asking him what was going on, and she told him to leave the house.

In the course of executing a search warrant, detectives found massagers and Harry Potter wands that were reportedly used during the sexual assaults. They also collected a pillow, blanket and clothing that showed bodily fluids when checked with a fluorescent light.

If convicted, Konitzer faces up to 60 years in prison for the sexual assault charge, up to 12 1/2 years on the child viewing sexual activity and incest charges, and up to 3 1/2 years for the exposure charge.



Lauren Bruemmer checks out Gov. Tony Evers' order at The Candy Shop in Oconto during a visit in November 2023 to promote downtown businesses. Evers announced July 24 that he is not running for a third term, potentially resulting in the floodgates opening for both the Republican and Democrat primaries. FILE | NEW MEDIA

Evers announces he will not seek third term as governor

GOP, Dems lining up to be his successor

By **RICH KREMER**
Wisconsin Public Radio

Wisconsin's political world was turned upside down July 24 by Democratic Gov. Tony Evers' announcement that he won't seek a third term in office.

Now, Democrats and Republicans alike are thinking about jumping into what political analysts expect to be crowded primaries.

Evers' announcement came in a video posted to social media just after noon Thursday. Within minutes, statements were pouring in from Democrats filled with thanks and well wishes, and from political hopefuls in both parties hinting that they might run for governor.

Mordecai Lee, an emeritus professor of politics at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, said Evers' decision shows how "Wisconsin voters have a kind of invisible term limit for governors." The only governor to win more than two four-year terms in Wisconsin history was Republican Tommy Thompson, and that was three decades ago.

"So, I think he (Evers) made the right decision," said Lee. "I think this was to be expected, if only because we've been seeing such a fast reaction from the potential candidates."

University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Political

Science Professor Anthony Chergosky said he'd "gone back and forth" about whether another Evers run would come with an incumbency advantage.

"At the same time, there had been a lot of talk about his age and maybe just the general challenges of winning a third term, and the discussion about how it might be harder for a governor to win a third term," Chergosky said.

In late June, the Marquette University Law School released a statewide poll showing more than half of the registered voters that responded were against another Evers run. Still, that same survey showed the governor was the most popular political figure in Wisconsin.

In the hours after Evers' announcement, a long list of Democrats who've been floated as potential 2026 candidates sent out statements thanking the governor for his years of service.

Democratic Attorney General Josh Kaul, who is widely expected to be a top contender should he run, posted a statement on social media saying Evers "fundamentally changed" the direction of Wisconsin and left the state better off as a result.

Lt. Gov. Sara Rodriguez lauded Evers for leading Wisconsin "with integrity, compassion and a deep belief in doing what's right" in a statement sent from a campaign email.

Democratic Secretary of State Sarah Goblewski described Evers as "a steady hand and a

true public servant for Wisconsin."

Former Democratic Party of Wisconsin Chair Ben Wikler said Wisconsin "owes a profound debt of gratitude to Governor Evers" and described him as "one of the kindest, decent, and most public-spirited people" he's ever met.

Later in the day, reporters were busy reaching out to other Democrats in the state who had been considered potential candidates. In an interview with CBS58, Milwaukee Mayor Cavalier Johnson said Evers "has been an outstanding governor." When asked whether he'd consider running for the open seat, Johnson said it's something he's been interested in.

In an interview with Wisconsin Public Radio, former Democratic Lt. Gov. Mandela Barnes said the thought of running for governor "has certainly crossed my mind with this new reality" though he said he'd take time to consider entering the race.

UW-Milwaukee's Lee said people shouldn't be surprised to hear speculation and hints of a crowded Democratic primary leading into the 2026 election because the last time there was an open seat for governor was 2010.

"You've only got a one in 10 chance of beating an incumbent," Lee said. "But running for a vacancy, you know, that's a chance of a generation, and it looks to me like both parties have a very deep bench."

UW-La Crosse's Chergosky agreed and said a packed field on both sides of the political aisle is

"really going to make this a bit unusual for many Wisconsin voters."

"If it's going to be a cast of thousands on the Democratic Party side running for governor, then it behooves potential candidates to start getting ready now and launch a campaign quickly," Chergosky said.

Wisconsin business executive Bill Berrien and Washington County Executive Josh Schoemann are the two GOP candidates officially in the mix for governor. Evers' decision also prompted a tease from another prominent Republican.

Former Gov. Scott Walker posted a picture on the social media site X of an embroidered "Make Wisconsin Great Again" hat with "45-47" on the side.

The numbers are both a nod to the 45th and 47th U.S. President Donald Trump, but also a nod to Walker himself. That's because if he were to be reelected next year, he'd be the 45th and 47th Wisconsin governor.

Republican U.S. Rep. Tom Tiffany had already teased a potential run for governor on social media by way of a picture posted to social media of him holding a fish on a frozen Northwoods lake. Following Evers' announcement, Tiffany posted again and thanked Evers for his service, while claiming the Democrat "leaves behind a legacy of decline" including a structural deficit in the recently enacted state budget.

"We must change course before we end up like MN and IL," Tiffany said.

Hives, rashes, bumps can ruin summer outside fun

When the summer sun finally shows up in the Midwest, shedding layers and heading outside is only natural. But more time outdoors, and more exposed skin, can also raise the risk of hives, rashes and other mysterious bumps. These uncomfortable issues can quickly take the fun out of a family hike or a day at the beach.

"Being aware is the best thing you can do," said Dr. Elizabeth Ender, an allergist at Aspirus St. Luke's. "Recognizing allergic reactions and understanding what's triggering them is key to proper treatment and prevention."

One surprising allergic culprit? Pollinating grass.

"Grass allergy is one of the most common issues I see," Ender said. "People come in with hives on their legs or feet and don't realize they are related to their seasonal allergies."

Other causes are sneakier. Some react to sunlight itself, especially when combined with makeup or sunscreen.

"Those are rare, but they happen," Ender said. "I often see it early in the summer, when people are just starting to spend more time outside."

Insect bites are another problem. Skeeter syndrome, for example, causes intense swelling or irritation from mosquito bites, especially in children. Fortunately, it usually improves with age and repeated exposure.

Other potential triggers include pet saliva, poison ivy, sweat, certain skin products or infections, such as folliculitis or swimmer's itch. Some reactions are delayed, like eczema flaring up after sun exposure or contact with specific plants.

"Poison ivy causes a delayed hypersensitivity reac-

tion," Ender said. "Instead of showing up right away, it takes time, because it's driven by a different part of the immune system."

Heat can also cause confusion.

"People may think they have an allergy, but it's just heat rash," Ender said.

These prickly, bumpy rashes tend to show up where sweat collects, like armpits or skin folds. Hives, on the other hand, which can also sometimes be triggered by sweat or heat, are extremely itchy, appear quickly and fade within a day.

Some symptoms should never be ignored.

"If a reaction is immediate and severe, especially if it affects breathing or causes throat swelling, get care right away," Ender said. "Even mild reactions that worsen over time, like open sores or spreading rashes, should be checked out."

When you're not sure what's going on with your skin, talk to your doctor.

"It can be hard to tell the difference between an allergic reaction and another skin issue," Ender said. "Your primary care provider can help figure out whether you need to see an allergist or a dermatologist."

And don't underestimate the power of recording your symptoms.

"The most important tool we have is a good history," Ender said. "If you ever experience any skin issues, write down what you were doing, where you were and any products or animals you came into contact with. It makes a huge difference. Also, if you can, take a few pictures. You'd be surprised at how often a rash resolves right before you are seen by your doctor."

Changes in progress



Heavy equipment clears out some asphalt July 24 in front of Olga Brener Intermediate School as part of the construction work that includes adding district office facilities at the school. The current district offices are going to be where new athletic facilities are going in at Shawano Community High School. Other work going on at Olga Brener includes roughing in interior walls and the installation of new lighting throughout the school. Projects at the other schools include the installation of new rubber roofing at Shawano Community Middle School, as well as repairing cracked bricks and installing a new concrete sidewalk at Hillcrest Primary School. Construction projects at SCHS will begin later in August, with a groundbreaking ceremony at 10 a.m. Aug. 26. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

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SCOTUS looks at loosening campaign finances

Case to be heard this fall and could impact 2026 elections

By ANNIE PULLEY
The Badger Project

Elections in Wisconsin are setting new spending records every year, but the U.S. Supreme Court appears set to allow even more money into political races across the country if it rules the way experts expect it to in a pending case.

A case brought to the court by Republican plaintiffs in December seeks to abolish limits on coordinated campaign expenditures, which is money political parties spend in collaboration with candidates. The court's June decision to hear a challenge to its decades-old precedent speaks to the conservative majority's distaste for regulating campaign finance, experts say.

"We know where this thing is going because of how the (Chief Justice John) Roberts' Court has dealt with campaign finance restrictions," said Anthony Chergosky, a

political science professor at UW-La Crosse.

The Supreme Court will reconsider its 2001 decision, which ruled that limits on coordinated campaign expenditures are constitutional. The limits apply to shared expenses between party and candidate, such as advertising costs.

Undoing these limits "would open a new, significant way for political parties to spend in direct support of their candidates' campaigns," Chergosky said.

In Wisconsin, parties coordinating with U.S. Senate candidates can spend up to about \$600,000 in a general election campaign before the limits kick in, according to the Federal Elections Commission. Nationwide, limits vary from \$127,200 to \$3,946,100 based on the state's voting age population. For U.S. House nominees in states with more than one representative, which includes Wisconsin, the spending cap is about \$63,000.

The Republican plaintiffs — which include the National Republican Congressional Committee, Vice President J.D. Vance, and former Rep. Steve Chabot — filed

their case in 2022 and went to the Supreme Court after a federal appeals court upheld the spending limits.

The court will likely hear the case in the fall and release a decision in 2026 just as U.S. midterm elections kick into gear, according to a SCOTUS blog analysis. All eight of Wisconsin's U.S. House members will face reelection, though neither senator will.

The limits the court will review only apply to federal elections for president or Congress, said Brendan Glavin, the research director for OpenSecrets, a Washington-based watchdog that tracks lobbying and campaign finance data. The limits do not apply to state-level candidates.

"Even with the limit, people can still give quite a lot of money to the party, and the party is still allowed to make independent expenditures," Glavin said. "It's not like anybody's being shut down."

Even if the Supreme Court struck down these limits, federal contribution caps would still apply. This year and next, the federal limits on how much an individual can give to a candidate com-

mittee is \$3,500 per election. Individuals are also limited to a yearly donation of about \$44,000 to a national party committee, according to the FEC.

The coordinated campaign expenditure limits seal a loophole, Glavin said. The limits prevent donors from circumventing individual contribution caps by donating to a party that can essentially earmark the money for a specific candidate.

"When you take these coordinated limits away, then you're essentially providing a bit of an end run around the contribution limits for an individual," said Glavin. However, the Republican challenge "does fit into a broader trend of what we've seen over time."

Campaign finance reform, including limits on coordinated campaign expenditures, were taken up in the 1970s and expanded in 2002, Glavin said. Since then, the reforms have been incrementally rolled back through court decisions like *Citizens United v. FEC*, the 2010 Supreme Court case that paved the way for unlimited political spending organizations called Super PACs.

Reversing the law isn't likely to affect dark

money or Super PAC spending, Glavin said. But you'd likely see more candidates and parties approaching a donor together.

"One ask, one check, that's an easier way to get the donor," Glavin said.

Thus, overruling precedent in this case would "tilt the balance of power back in favor of party committees," Chergosky said. Though partisan loyalty is strong, Chergosky explained, party organizations have seen their influence weaken in light of outside groups like Super PACs.

Wisconsin law provides an interesting contrast, Chergosky said. Here, state law limits how much individuals can give directly to candidates, but it does not limit the amount individuals can give to parties, nor does it limit how much party committees can give to state-level candidates.

"The comparison to the Wisconsin law is interesting because that has really motivated donors to give to state parties in a way that we just haven't seen at the national level," Chergosky said.

The piles of cash that fuel state and national politics has encouraged

some Wisconsin legislators to propose resolutions amending the U.S. Constitution.

A Republican-backed proposal calls for an amendment that would also allow states to regulate spending in elections. A Democratic proposal calls for an advisory referendum to appear on Wisconsin ballots; it would ask voters whether they approve of amending the Constitution in order to reverse the Supreme Court's decision in *Citizens United*.

If two-thirds of the state legislatures in the country request it, Congress can convene to consider amending the Constitution. The joint resolutions, if successful, are necessary if Wisconsin wants Congress to convene a constitutional convention. A joint resolution must pass both chambers of the state Legislature; the governor's signature is not required.

Lawmakers last acted on the Democrats' proposal in May, and the most recent action on the Republican proposal was in June.

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Cone With a Cop connects community with police

Event one of many that showcases lighter side of law enforcement

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

Anyone who drove by Shawano's Dairy Queen on July 22 and saw the police lights flashing, fire engines and ambulances on scene and orange cones blocking access from Green Bay Street might have feared the worst. The truth was that emergency personnel were just wanting to meet the community.

The ninth annual Cone With a Cop allowed community members and law enforcement to bond over ice cream and give area police departments the chance to introduce their officers in a positive way, which is preferable to meeting when tragedy strikes or crimes are committed.

"We do so many events in the community," said Officer Brandi Hoffman, who coordinates Cone With a Cop on behalf of the Shawano Police Department. "Doing Cone With a Cop in partnership with Dairy Queen not only builds relationships with the community but our businesses in town as well. Building those relationships with the kids



Officer Jacob Rhode with the Bonduel Police Department hands out police badge stickers and talks to children outside the Dairy Queen in Shawano on July 22 for Cone With a Cop. A number of agencies were present at the event to show the lighter side of emergency services.

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and the families, the stuff that we do is important."

Hoffman noted that she sees Shawano children on a regular basis as a school resource officer mainly for Olga Brener Intermediate School and Shawano Community Middle School. However, events like Cone With a Cop give a chance for everyone to meet her and others and know that they can be a resource

when something goes wrong.

"We want to be somebody to be trusted enough to be comfortable with us during an officer response," Hoffman said. "We need that with our businesses, as well. We need to build those relationships with the owners of the businesses in town, because that's how our community stays stronger and works together."

Hoffman noted that the police department also has a good relationship with other businesses like Walmart and Culver's, noting that the latter is the site of some police fundraisers.

"We do different things with different businesses in town," Hoffman said. "It's just a good way to bring business to Dairy Queen, but we also work with other businesses, like

Cops at Culver's. We want to be able to have relationships with everybody in the community, not just certain places all the time."

Besides the Shawano officers, there was representation by the Bonduel Police Department, Menominee County Sheriff's Department, Shawano County Sheriff's Department, Shawano Area Fire Department, Shawano

Ambulance Services and more. Hoffman noted that Cone With a Cop gave the agencies a chance to meet each other in a better environment.

"We all work so closely with our communities in Shawano and Menominee counties," Hoffman said. "Our communities intertwine with each other, so it's important for not only our community to be familiar with our fire department and ambulance but the other community agencies, because you never know who you may encounter. If ever we need to help each other out, it's nice to have a familiar face to be able to do that stuff instead of having a stranger."

Hoffman had previously worked with former owners John and Patty Seidel to set up Cone With a Cop, but she said the new owners, Akash Barot and Ravi Patel, were just as eager to host the event. She noted that John Seidel was able to introduce the new owners.

"They've been really good to work with. You know this is the first year for them, so we've been working to make it as good as it has been," Hoffman said. "Hopefully we can continue the relationship with them. They're very pro-first responders. They've been very kind."

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Tours of squad cars and other rescue vehicles were part of the allure for children during the ninth annual Cone With a Cop on July 22 at the Shawano Dairy Queen.

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Owners of the Shawano Dairy Queen join police officers, firefighters and paramedics for a little fun next to the business sign July 22 during Cone With a Cop.

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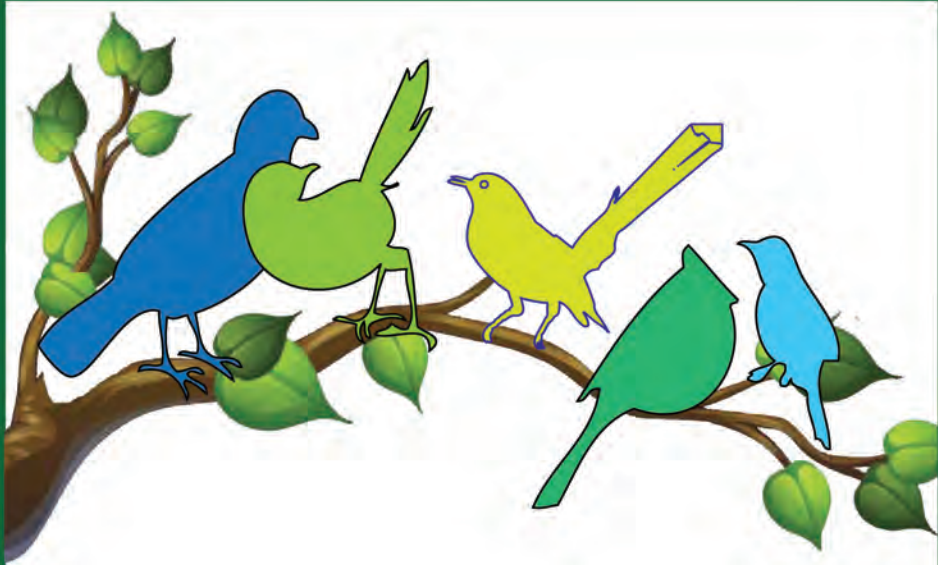
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A dark cloud hovers low to the ground in the Town of Maple Grove in eastern Shawano County on July 24. Severe weather, high winds and tornadoes passed through northeast Wisconsin on July 23, leaving downed power lines and damaged buildings in Menominee, Shawano and Oconto counties.

Drama in the sky

Sun, clouds follow the tornadoes



The severe weather and storms created dramatic sunsets the evenings of July 23-24 in Shawano County, including looking west on state Highway 29 (right) and over farmland in the Town of Maple Grove (left).

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Pete Smith enjoys lunch with his daughter and grandchildren, Maverick, 4, and Michael, 9, on July 25.

Brighter times

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On the evening of July 23, storms left flash flooding throughout the Green Bay area. As the storm continued its downpour, a burst of bright sunshine created a rainbow over the Fresh Thyme Market on South Oneida Street in Ashwaubenon.



The Kehtekaewak Farmers Market is held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fridays through Oct. 1 on the College of Menominee Nation greenspace.



The goal of the farmers market is to offer fresh local produce to the community, Billy's Busy Bee Farm in Shawano County offers local honey, while seasonal produce is also available.



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Stephanie McGregor, a Clintonville kindergarten teacher, plays with a cat that she is fostering-to-adopt. Cats at the Shawano County Humane Society shelter are played with and socialized to help them get ready to be adopted. More volunteers are needed for both cats and dogs at the shelter. The fostering program lets prospective owners take animals home to see how they do before the adoption process. The program also simply gives animals a respite from the shelter.

LYNN ZAFFRANN

Cats and dogs survive, thrive at humane society

Designated a no-kill shelter, animals find second chances of good homes

By **LYNN ZAFFRANN**
 Correspondent

Dogs and cats that find themselves at the Shawano County Humane Society shelter have a better chance of survival than if they had landed at almost one-third of shelters across the country.

Shawano's shelter is one of the facilities in the United States that has gained certification as a no-kill shelter, a commitment to saving every dog and cat in the shelter that can be saved, through the efforts of the staff and volunteers.

The shelter has been at 1290 Jaycee Court in Shawano since 2002. The Humane Society started in Shawano County in 1990.

The shelter accepts stray animals and those that owners are no longer able to care for and keep.

Pam Nowak, executive director, is passionate about Shawano's program that rescues and rehabilitates animals with a goal of placing them in responsible and loving homes. Nowak, who has been in her position for about three years, has built a strong volunteer force to supplement the paid staff. Volunteering can be very minimal.

"They can come in for just 15 minutes to walk a dog," she said. "They don't even have to call ahead."

More volunteers are always welcome. Another component in the shelter's success is its fostering program.

"Fostering is No. 1 here," Nowak said. "Fostering helps to get an animal out of the shelter to learn what the animal is really like."

Volunteers can take a dog or cat home for a day or more, as a respite from the shelter. Another option is to take a dog for a walk or a car ride, she said.



Traci Hutchcraft, director of operations at the Shawano County Humane Society, interacts with Skip, a six-month-old coonhound that's ready for adoption. He came to the shelter with an eye issue that has been resolved. He is fully vaccinated, neutered and chipped. The cost to adopt Skip is \$350.

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Shawano's shelter was certified as a no-kill shelter by Best Friends Animal Society in 2023 and 2024 and is currently moving forward on its 2025 certification.

Best Friends is a Utah-based sanctuary for humane treatment of animals with a goal of making all shelters across the country no-kill.

Some shelters euthanize dogs or cats

that don't seem to be adoptable after a set period of time.

The Shawano County Humane Society has a different philosophy.

"We circle the wagons here," Nowak said. "What do we need to do? How are we going to get this animal adopted? What

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Lavender Homestead fragrant way to make living

Other land uses eyed as self-picking available through mid-August

By **KAY REMINGER**
 Correspondent

Three acres adorned with seven distinct varieties of fragrant and vivid purple fields — a colorful, aromatic paradise called the Lavender Homestead — is located 9½ miles north of Cecil in the Town of Underhill.

Breaking ground for the farm in 2022, owner Eric Knudson opened its fields a year later for harvest season, offering seven varieties out of hundreds available.

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"I try to engage smell, sight and taste, to allow people to test their senses," said Knudson. "All my lavender is organic — no chemicals used whatsoever."

U-Pick is only the beginning of phase one. Eventually, infrastructure will be constructed to provide shade for guests and host live music. The fields are available in the evenings to lease for \$50 per hour. Guests may hire a photographer to take advantage of engagement photo-ops. Future plans include hosting private dinner events, offering the picturesque farm as a venue for life's celebrations.

"I'd like to sell lavender lemonade and serve it here onsite, but it requires a certificate and the simple syrup has to be produced in an FDA-approved kitchen," said Knudson.

Products are crafted throughout the winter and as well, homemade bars of lavender goat soap are available for sale at

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AT A GLANCE

The Lavender Homestead, 13905 Balsam Lane, Suring, is open to visitors from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays through mid-to-late August. Admission to the farm is \$2 per person; ages 5 and under are free. Product availability and pricing, along with more information, can be found at www.thelavenderhomestead.com.



Eric Knudson, owner of the Lavender Homestead, stands next to some of the lavender he has bundled and dried to make products for sale.

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IN THE KITCHEN WITH FRANCESCA



Some fresh berries and a little whipped cream help to add to the taste of this light lemon chiffon cake.

FRANCESCA ULLMER

Lemon chiffon cake pairs best with fruit, whipped cream

Lemon chiffon cake is one of my favorite cakes. It is perfect for the summer as it is light and pairs perfectly with fresh fruit and whipped cream. In fact, it is one of my favorite bases for strawberry shortcake. I also love the fact that this cake uses both the egg yolks and the egg whites — no waste — and still retains a light texture like angel food cake.

Lemon chiffon cake, though, is a slightly challenging cake to make. To retain its light texture, it is important to beat both the egg yolk batter and the egg whites enough. It is also important to be gentle when folding the two batters together. A light touch is essential, while ensuring that the two batters are thoroughly mixed — no streaks of either batter should be seen.

I first made this recipe several years ago when my family had too many eggs. I had never heard of chiffon cake before, but the fact that this recipe used both the



These white chocolate chip cookies are easy to whip up, even when you don't have any butter in the house.

FRANCESCA ULLMER



yolks and the whites of the eggs attracted me. Angel food cake, while delicious, always made me feel guilty since the large amount of egg yolks left over were hard to use up and, sadly, usually ended up in the trash.

Since this recipe was

from an old cookbook, I had to do a little revising. Like a few other recipes I've seen, this recipe followed the strange practice of not listing all the ingredients used in the ingredient list. Instead, some of the ingredients would show up in the actual recipe instructions. I have never been able to figure out why this was so, but I adjusted this recipe to include every ingredient in the ingredient list.

Also, the original recipe called for 2 teaspoons of grated lemon peel. As I do not usually use lemon peel, I originally made this cake with only vanilla extract. While still good, I felt the cake needed more. So, I added lemon extract to subsequent attempts. Lemon extract really takes

this cake to new heights.

Lemon chiffon cake is light, fluffy, and lemony. It is perfect plain, or dipped into whipped cream and eaten with berries. It is delicious and works with almost any topping desired, or even with no toppings at all.

No-butter white chocolate chip cookies are perfect for when you want a cookie, but there is no butter in the house. These cookies are crispy on the outside and soft on the inside. The vanilla and almond extracts and the white chocolate chips combine for a very unique flavor that is a nice change from the average chocolate chip cookie.

These cookies do spread out quite a bit in the oven, so make sure to leave sufficient space between cookies. Also, make sure not to burn these cookies — if the bottoms of the cookies are golden brown, take the cookies out of the oven. The tops may not look done when you first take them out of the oven, but will after the cookies have cooled. Enjoy with a glass of milk.

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

LEMON CHIFFON CAKE

- 2 1/4 cups sifted cake flour or 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 7 eggs
- 1 tbsp. baking powder
- 1/2 cup oil
- 1 1/2 tsp. lemon extract
- 1/2 tsp. cream of tartar
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 3/4 cup cold water

Separate the egg yolks from the whites. In a large mixer bowl, sift together the flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt; make a well in the center. Add the oil, egg yolks, vanilla and lemon extracts, and the cold water. Using the paddle attachment of a stand-up mixer, beat at low speed until combined, then on medium-high speed for about 5 minutes or until batter is satin smooth. Pour batter into a smaller bowl, and thoroughly wash the large mixer bowl. Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Pour the egg whites into the large mixer bowl and add the cream of tartar. Using the whisk attachment, beat on high speed until stiff peaks form. Remove bowl from mixer. Pour the egg yolk batter in a thin stream over the surface of the egg whites; fold in gently with a rubber spatula. Pour batter into an ungreased 10-inch tube pan. Bake for 55-70 minutes, or until top of cake is dry and golden brown. Invert, and cool completely. Loosen cake from pan and remove.

NO-BUTTER WHITE CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES

- 1 cup oil
 - 1/2 cup white sugar
 - 1 tsp. vanilla extract
 - 2 1/2 cups flour
 - 1/2 tsp. salt
 - 1 cup brown sugar, packed
 - 2 eggs
 - 1 tsp. almond extract
 - 1 tsp. baking soda
 - Mini white chocolate chips
- Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cream the oil, brown sugar, and white sugar until smooth. Add the eggs one at a time, beating well after each one. Stir in the extracts. Add the dry ingredients and mix well. Fold in the chips and, using a small cookie scoop, drop onto an ungreased cookie sheet. Bake for 5-8 minutes and cool on a wire rack.



Betty Bubolz, a longtime volunteer at the Shawano County Humane Society, works with cats to get them out of their cages. Volunteers are needed to help cats become socialized and adaptable to human interaction. In the Shawano shelter, volunteers are extremely important to the process of preparing animals for adoption.

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resources do we have?"

She said that they use a lot of resources to help an animal become adoptable. In some cases, they get a trainer involved.

"The trainer will work with the animal and give us additional advice," Nowak said. "A lot of times, the way an animal behaves in the shelter isn't the way they behave when they go out the door."

Hard-to-place animals may need extra playtime or need to be out of their kennels twice as long as prescribed.

The shelter may look at anxiety medication for stressed animals.

"Maybe the animal doesn't like other animals, and that's why they are so stressed out being in the shelter," Nowak said. "Or they are so terrified in their cage that they just don't 'show' well."

Nowak's passion to care for animals has helped the shelter to improve the adoptability of the animals in its care, rather than resorting to euthanasia.

"None of this is done by mistake," Nowak said. "It's completely designed to work out how long each animal is going to stay (in the shelter): What's going to be in each animal's kennel; how much space they have; how many times they get walked; if it's a dog; if it's a cat; how often it gets played with and the timing that each animal gets fed. I follow all of the experts' advice."

Knowing they won't give up on an animal, Nowak partnered with a number of resources after she became the director. One of her first calls was to the University of Wisconsin Shelter Veterinarians in Madison, the biggest program of its kind in the country that works with shelters.

They came to Shawano and spent time at the shelter to educate Nowak and her staff. Nowak also spent time in Madison, learning how to operate a shelter. She seeks their feedback on issues a couple times each week.

Other larger organizations also came to Shawano to provide direction and education, such as ASPCA, Best Friends and Dogs Playing for Life.

A Milwaukee-based shelter, the Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Commission sends dogs to

Shawano almost weekly, according to Nowak, saying that they are overrun. She said that she works with any shelter that has increased euthanasia rates.

"First, of course, we take care of Shawano County's needs, that they are taken care of," Nowak said.

In addition to taking strays, Shawano's shelter accepts animals that owners feel they can no longer care for.

Nowak said that they see what type of resources an owner has researched.

"Because coming here is the worst thing that can happen (to their pet)," she said. "We provide ideas to help them let people know that they are looking for help."

She said that people often are successful at finding resources to help them keep their animals.

Strays are posted immediately on Facebook with the hope that an owner will see that their animal is in the shelter and pick it up.

"Honestly, most don't get picked up," Nowak said.

Strays are kept in the shelter for five days before being listed as available for adoption.

The Shawano County Humane Society is a nonprofit organization and is completely funded by donations. Despite its name, it receives no government funding.

"It costs about \$35,000 monthly to keep us going," Nowak said.

She said that a minimal amount of money comes from some of the townships that send a percentage of the dog and cat licensing fees to the Humane Society.

Nowak said that she is grateful for the help of the Shawano community.

She said that they get donations from organizations as well as fundraisers run by schools, local companies and individuals from as far away as Schofield.

"Actually, some people have put us in their wills," Nowak said.

Adoption fees are \$250 for dogs, \$350 for puppies and \$75 for cats. All are spayed/neutered, chipped and vaccinated. According to Nowak, all have been completely vetted for adoptability.

The website is www.shawanocountyhumane-society.org. They also have a Facebook page.

FARM LIFE FROM A FARM WIFE

Sports ingrained in family from youth to pro

Watching sports is one of the things we, as a family, enjoy in our travel through our time on this good earth.

Before I married my farmer husband, however, I knew next to nothing about sports. Farming I knew. Sports? Not so much. You either join in or get left behind, and I chose to join in and my life was made richer because of it.

During the first years of our marriage, whenever the Packers played on Sunday afternoons, it was like I downed a sedative. Sprawled out on our couch, I'd blissfully snooze the last two quarters away.

Over the years I've morphed into a diehard Packer fan. In order to watch when we're both ready, we usually tape games (and have the side benefit of fast-forwarding commercials).

Our kids took to sports. It was their dad's heart's desire for our kids to play ball, as he did as a youngster and into adulthood with BABA ball in Leopolis. It was each



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one's choice, however, to participate or not.

Our middle one excelled in sports and, as a senior in 2009, he and his high school baseball team won the WIAA State Baseball Championship.

The morning of the grand championship game as our son came downstairs, his dad tenderly said, "Win, lose or draw, son, we're proud of you."

"Dad — we're not done yet," our son gravely responded.

It gave me goosebumps. He was determined. The mantra our middle one lived by was: "If you're not first, you're last." Competitive, anyone?

As our kids were playing, we'd barely ever missed a game or a tournament, from Little League up even

to college-level ball, when we could make the trip. My husband never put our cows first, always instead working them around games. For years he got up at 3:30 a.m. so that 12 hours later we could milk again at 3:30 p.m., in time to make even away games. We've never regretted that decision.

One time, our daughter was playing a softball game and the team they were up against had upped the game time to accommodate their school's graduation later that day. We scrambled to find a milker and found one, but the cows had to be in the barn before we left.

Going out to the pasture we called for them and they stopped dead in their tracks, ears perked forward, eyes wild, not knowing what in the heck we wanted with them in the middle of the day. It was like herding cats. It took us forever to get them all rounded up, but we did it.

This summer our oldest, who now resides in Green Bay after living in California

for 10 years, wanted to take in a Brewers game. Our middle son lives in Milwaukee and joining him and his girlfriend, we all attended the game where the Brew Crew was playing the Pittsburgh Pirates. Their star pitcher, Paul Skenes — who has an impressive fastball exceeding 100 miles per hour — was on the mound.

We were pleased to see that our new kid was in the rotation at that time and, lo and behold, was scheduled to pitch the very game we had previously bought tickets to see. The game was sold out. This young man, Jacob Misiorowski, is a right-handed marvel who's known for his high-velocity fastball, which has recorded speeds at 103 mph with a high strikeout record.

What a matchup. We ended up winning 4-2.

Bottom of the ninth inning, the entire fan base was standing, clapping and cheering. All of a sudden, our phones started blowing up.

"Hey! You guys are on

TV!"

Yes, indeed, we were. We were floored. There were over 40,000 fans there and we made TV? It was a hoot, plus everyone left with a smile on their face.

Closer to home, once in a while we catch a BABA game. One Friday night, the Caroline Cougars were playing, and after that game, they held their annual fireworks.

This little community brings people in far and wide. Parents and kids spread out blankets and lawn chairs and after the nine-inning game, are treated to the most phenomenal display of fireworks around. During the show, the loudspeaker belts out patriotic songs commemorating our great nation's independence.

Looking around before the lights went out, I saw moms and dads carting little ones in wagons. I watched one mom pull out four blankets and finally, a kid. Placing her on top of the pile of blankets, the little

girl snuggled in waiting for the show.

In preparation for the celebratory evening, someone had spray-painted an entire American flag on the grass in the outfield just past second base. The whole night was so wholesome and satisfying I got teary-eyed with how richly blessed I am to live where I live. While my life isn't perfect, I serve a perfect God while living it.

Sports is more than a game. It brings friends and families together, making memories — and sometimes even a moment's fame on TV.

("For while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come." 1 Timothy 4:8)

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

Too many does can cost you dough (and maybe your life)

A humorous email making the rounds years ago talked about the high cost of venison for a hunter, once the cost of a new rifle, scope, truck, ATV, trailer, hunting land and a cabin were factored in.

Whenever I mention to my wife that I'm just trying to feed my family when I go hunting, she laughs and tells me that it would be much cheaper for us to go buy the most expensive cuts of beef. But I'm getting much-needed exercise, stress-relieving recreation and most of all, preservative-free, free-range venison (which of course is naturally low in cholesterol).

But another reason to hunt deer, and particularly does, became clear to me July 11 when a large doe launched herself over a guardrail on Highway 45 just south of Highway 15 in New London, giving me no warning. My 2010 Honda Odyssey minivan with 191,000 miles on the odometer was no match for the doe. And this 100-pound animal not only destroyed a 4,000-pound vehicle, but cost me thousands, too.

I'm a seasoned deer-dodger, having more than 25 years of driving in Waupaca County, which has one of the highest deer densities in the state. On my 64-mile round trip commute to and from Oshkosh (two days a week now but five days a week most of those years), I can tell you where every routine deer crossing is.

But some of those evil,



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brown devils don't play by the rules. And just when you're lulled into a false sense of security with the protection of a guardrail and a steep hill, wham! They appear like some attacking gremlin on a video game.

The Outagamie County dispatcher began asking me aggravating questions like, "Is the deer still alive?" The last I saw it, it was prancing down a ditch on the east side of the highway.

The deputy who quickly came to write a report was efficient and friendly. He took one look at my

bashed-in bumper and shards of chrome trim and said, "Yep, that looks like a deer collision!" The hair still stuck in holes in my bumper was the clincher.

I was able to drive home, roughly 8 miles away, although the bumper was slightly hanging. No dashboard lights came on.

It looked like I might salvage my old hunting buddy, a trusty machine my wife, daughter and I used for a 3,500-mile trip out west for three weeks in 2019 to see most of the major national parks and monuments. The insurance adjuster said it didn't look bad and \$2,600 would cover it.

Then the body shop removed the bumper and found internal injuries, like a bent radiator, pierced condenser and assorted damage that this

non-mechanic is not qualified to discuss. Now it was about \$5,500 to fix. Tilt! When repairs exceed the perceived value of the van (according to the insurance company, anyway), it's game over. She's totaled.

Deer collisions fall under comprehensive (act of God), not collision coverage. A special company called CCC One determines what your van was worth before. After my \$500 deductible, I was offered about \$4,200.

It didn't matter that I'd spent \$2,000 on two new catalytic converters last year (my van actually has three), or about \$800 on four new tires. CCC One listed the value of my tires as \$44. I think Model A tires are more than that, back when Henry Ford was still alive. One insur-

ance guy said I might get a bit more if I show him a receipt.

We rented a little Toyota RAV4 for a few days (the insurance company would pay for a Toyota Corolla, which seems comparable to a minivan, right?), and I had to pay \$8 a day for the upgrade.

The nice lady at Enterprise said RAV4s were renting for \$150 a day during EAA! Have a nice day.

We get so attached to our vehicles that they become part of the family. I think of all the adventures we had in the Odyssey, and the pleasure brought by such a reliable and relatively electronics-free machine. I didn't need an extended warranty in case the automatic braking or lane-warning-intrusion sensor goes out because it didn't have any of that gar-

bage (like our 2022 Honda Pilot has in spades).

But I now have one more incentive to shoot does this season. Shooting bucks is great, but shooting does helps control the herd. We have far too many deer in Waupaca, Shawano and other counties in the Farmland Zones, and every hunter and landowner here knows it.

I wasn't hurt, but a motorcyclist in Florence County died when he struck a deer July 18. Vehicles can be fixed, but when deer actually start injuring or even killing us, it's time to start thinking about some serious measures to thin our deer herds. Let's get to it.

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LAVENDER, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 16

Knudson’s farm.

“Our culinary lavenders, Hidcote Pink and Folgate, are utilized to manufacture simple syrup kits onsite, which in turn can be used in cocktails, sweeten your coffee or tea or, my favorite, lavender lemonade,” said Knudson.

A chiropractor in his previous occupation, Knudson was looking out the window at a guy mowing lawn, wondering what it would be like to be able to work outside for his life’s occupation. He decided he wanted to live his dream now instead of later.

“I pulled the trigger and watching YouTube videos, self-taught myself how to grow lavender,” Knudson said. “What I enjoy most about these plants is the aroma of lavender filling every corner of the farm, alongside the sight of butterflies and sound of bees buzzing.”



Rows of fragrant lavender fill almost three acres at the Lavender Homestead. KAY REMINGER

Using lavender oil in his chiropractic practice — as a relaxation and aromatic therapy — was where his love of the plant started. As a youngster with a propensity to nurture plants, Knudson had a green thumb and liked growing bonsai trees, miniature trees in a pot.

All the lavender varieties may be consumed, but some are better suited due to their genetic makeup, according to Knudson. The camphor agent makes the plant bitter so deer don’t eat the lavender plant itself. Sleeping and grazing in the fields, they’ll eat the

weeds but won’t touch the lavender, resulting in very little deer damage on the farm.

The camphor content in the English variety makes it less bitter — it only has 0.5% camphor compared to 6% in the French varieties. English varieties tend to be sweeter scented and more palatable for human consumption.

A perennial, lavender plants come back every year and when they’re taken care of, they may last from 15-20 years. Plants thrive after trimming, which promotes more stem growth and in turn, develops into a healthy, bushy plant.

Trimming occurs once after it blooms and again two weeks after Labor Day, which shapes the plant and promotes leafy growth into the fall season. This gives them an insulation of leaves for the winter. The plants also get covered with a frost

fabric — an insurance. Winter snow on top of the fabric acts like a natural insulation.

Lavender is a Mediterranean plant which thrives in warm weather, and that’s why the plant must be covered here. A drought-tolerant plant, certain varieties grow best in the midwestern climate.

“Hidcote Pink and Folgate are culinary lavenders which are better suited for colder climates,” Knudson said.

Bundles are protected from the elements as they are dried in his pole barn by hanging them on cattle panels for two weeks. The bundles are then put through the processor to strip the buds off, and the stems become fire starters. These buds are then used in products for next year.

A lavender bud processor is an expensive piece of equipment that strips the buds off the stems, so Knud-

son built his own model out of a drill press and a chimney sweeper brush. The running brush strips the buds off. Collecting the buds, Knudson runs them through a screening process. This is a manual extra step but saves the farm a lot of money.

“The first thing people notice is the aroma in the air and they relax,” Knudson said. “Some people say, ‘I just needed this — this is so nice.’ They like walking through the fields to get a break from reality. They hear the birds singing, my rooster crowing, bees buzzing. My hen hatched a brood of chicks just lately. It’s nature at its best.”

Knudson maintains a holistic, hands-on perspective on life.

“It’s a passion, and when you do what you love, you learn more about it and things just work out,” said Knudson.

WHAT’S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, AUG. 1

NAVARINO: Nature Camp, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. Ages 6-11. Members \$40, non-members \$50. Information: www.navarino.org.

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

SHAWANO: Shawano Republican Party Gun Show, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., 712 E. Green Bay St. Admission \$10. Food available for purchase.

SHAWANO: Scrapeyard Presents Friendship Cup 3, 2-11 p.m., USAir Motorsports, W5901 County Road BE. Gates open 1 p.m. Admission \$20.

BONDUEL: 67th annual Corn Roast, 5-11 p.m., Village Park, 214 E. Park St. Admission \$5. All you can eat corn, bean bag toss tournament, live music by New Generation Polka Band.

BOWLER: Bowler Bash, Bowler Pond and Park, 104 E. Main St. Food, refreshments, raffles, music with The Now 8:15-11:45 p.m. All you can eat corn \$8 wristband; AYCE corn and tap beer \$15 wristband.

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

KESHENA: Menominee Nation Contest Pow Wow, grand entry 7 p.m., Woodland Bowl,

W3024 Fairgrounds Road. Dance contest in multiple categories. Weekend pass \$15, \$10 day pass, 60 and older and under 5 free.

OCONTO: Movie Night Under the Stars, dusk, Joel’s Reel Inn, 400 Holtwood Way. “Moana 2.”

SATURDAY, AUG. 2

LAKEWOOD: Lakes Country Arts and Crafts Show, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Town Hall and Activity Center, 17258 North Road.

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

MOUNTAIN: Craft and Vendor Fair, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., 13395 State Highway 32-64.

OCONTO: Emplify Health by Bellin Kids Triathlon, 8:30 to noon, Bond Community Center, 1201 Park Ave. Ages 3-14. Registration 7:45 a.m., first race 8:30 a.m. For information, visit https://www.facebook.com/bellinfitnessbcc.

SURING: Youth Outdoor Fun Day, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Surining Sportsman’s Club Range, 8699 River Road. Trout fishing, archery, slingshots, shooting, lunch included. Ages 7-17, must be accompanied by adult or guardian, registration required at SSC_Secretary21@outlook.com.

SHAWANO: Scrapeyard Presents Friendship Cup 3, 9 a.m.

to 5 p.m., USAir Motorsports, W5901 County Road BE. Gates open 8 a.m. Admission \$20.

SHAWANO: Shawano Republican Party Gun Show, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., 712 E. Green Bay St. Admission \$10. Food available for purchase.

KESHENA: Menominee Nation Contest Pow Wow, grand entries noon and 7 p.m., Woodland Bowl, W3024 Fairgrounds Road. Dance contest in multiple categories. Weekend pass \$15, \$10 day pass, 60 and older and under 5 free. 5K Pow Wow Walk/Run 9 a.m. at Keshena Pavilion.

DOTY: Doty Firefighters Picnic, noon to 5 p.m., County T and Star Lake Road. Food, ice cream social, games, raffles, beer and brats.

BOWLER: Bowler Bash, Bowler Pond and Park, 104 E. Main St. Food, refreshments, raffles, parade at 2 p.m. FFA Alumni cow and horse drop contests 4 p.m., bike giveaway 4 p.m., music with The 308s 7:30-11:30 p.m., fireworks at dusk.

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

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. Gates open 4 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUG. 3

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: Scrapeyard Presents Friendship Cup 3, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., USAir Motorsports, W5901 County Road BE. Gates open 8 a.m. Admission \$20.

BONDUEL: Pie and Ice Cream Social, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Bonduel Community Archives, 108 S. First St. Homemade pies, ice cream, barbecue. Music in the gazebo.

WITTENBERG: “Elderon – A Look Back,” 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., WOWSPACE, 114 Vinal St. A pictorial exhibit about Elderon’s history. Free admission, donations accepted.

ABRAMS: Farmers Market, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Town Square, 5877 Main St.

KESHENA: Menominee Nation Contest Pow Wow, grand entry noon, Woodland Bowl, W3024 Fairgrounds Road. Dance contest in multiple categories. Weekend pass \$15, \$10 day pass, 60 and older and under 5 free.

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

MONDAY, AUG. 4

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, AUG. 5

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

OCONTO: National Night Out, 4:30-7:30 p.m., Oconto Police Department, 1210 Main St. Food, games, bounce house and other kids activities, K-9 demo, DJ.

LENA: National Night Out, 5-8 p.m., St. Anne Parish grounds, 221 E. Main St. Drone and K-9 demos, family activities, emergency vehicles, information booths.

PULASKI: National Night Out, 5-8 p.m., Memorial Park, 651 S. St. Augustine St. Pizza party, music, cornhole, yard games and more.

GILLET: National Night Out, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Gillett Elementary School, 208 W. Main St.

SHAWANO: Naberhood Block Party, 6 p.m., The Naberhood, 214 S. Main St. Disney Night.

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

SHAWANO: Shawano Paddlers Evening Paddle, 6 p.m., Lighthouse Bar, W6440 Gurnaer Road. Check Facebook page for latest information.

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

mthunder@mitw.org.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 6

SHAWANO: Walk Wednesdays, 7-8 a.m., USAir Motorsports Raceway, W5901 County Road BE. Track is open for walkers. Free admission.

SHAWANO: Chamber Coffee Connection, 8-9 a.m., Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St.

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

SHAWANO: 100-Plus Women Who Care Shawano County, 5-7 p.m., Stubborn Brothers Brewery Crescent Ballroom, 220 S. Main St.

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

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

THURSDAY, AUG. 7

CECIL: Shawano Paddlers Morning Paddle, 9 a.m., Korth Lake, W3776 State Highway 22. Check Facebook page for latest information.

NAVARINO: Senior Safari Lunch and Learn, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. Suggested donation \$5 for the meal. Option to meet in Shawano and or Tigerton, to be bused to the Nature Center; reserve your spot with Tina 715-526-4682 or ADRC 855-492-2372

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

MOUNTAIN: Lumberjack History of the River Rat, 6 p.m., Mountain Wisconsin Historical Society, 13412 State Highway 32.

SHAWANO: WAMSCO Meat Raffle, 5-6 p.m., Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St. Ten meat baskets valued at \$150; 500 tickets available at \$20 each. Need not be present to win. Tickets at wamsco.edu@gmail.com or Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce, 1263 S. Main St.

SHAWANO: Thursdayz at

Franklin, 6-8:30 p.m., Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St. Live music with 7000Apart.

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

FRIDAY, AUG. 8

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

SHAWANO: Shawano Folk Music Festival, 6 p.m. to close, Mielke Arts Center and Park, 5649 Airport Road. Music begins 7 p.m.

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

BOWLER: Mohican Pow Wow, grand entry 7 p.m., Many Trails Park and Campground, N9125 Moh He Con Nuck Road. Free admission and parking.

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

SATURDAY, AUG. 9

SHAWANO: FRESH Project Farmers Market, 8 a.m. to noon, Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St. NEW Jazz Ensemble Presents Revive 715 big band music 9 a.m.

SHAWANO: Club FR DD 104, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., USAir Motorsports Raceway, W5901 County Road BE. Admission \$20.

SHAWANO: Shawano Folk Music Festival, 10 a.m. to close, Mielke Arts Center and Park, 5649 Airport Road. Programs on multiple stages 10 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Crafters, food booths and open mic during the day. Box office open 6 p.m. Evening Concert 7 p.m.

GREEN VALLEY: Green Valley-Morgan Fire Company Annual Picnic, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Green Valley-Morgan Fire Department, N5746 Oak St. Parade 11 a.m.; corn roast, car show and other festivities begin at noon. Car show judging and free bike giveaway 3:30 p.m., bounce houses, food and beverages, live music with Maroszek Brothers noon, Chad Przybylski and His Polka Rhythms 4 p.m., and Nashville Pipeline 7:30 p.m.



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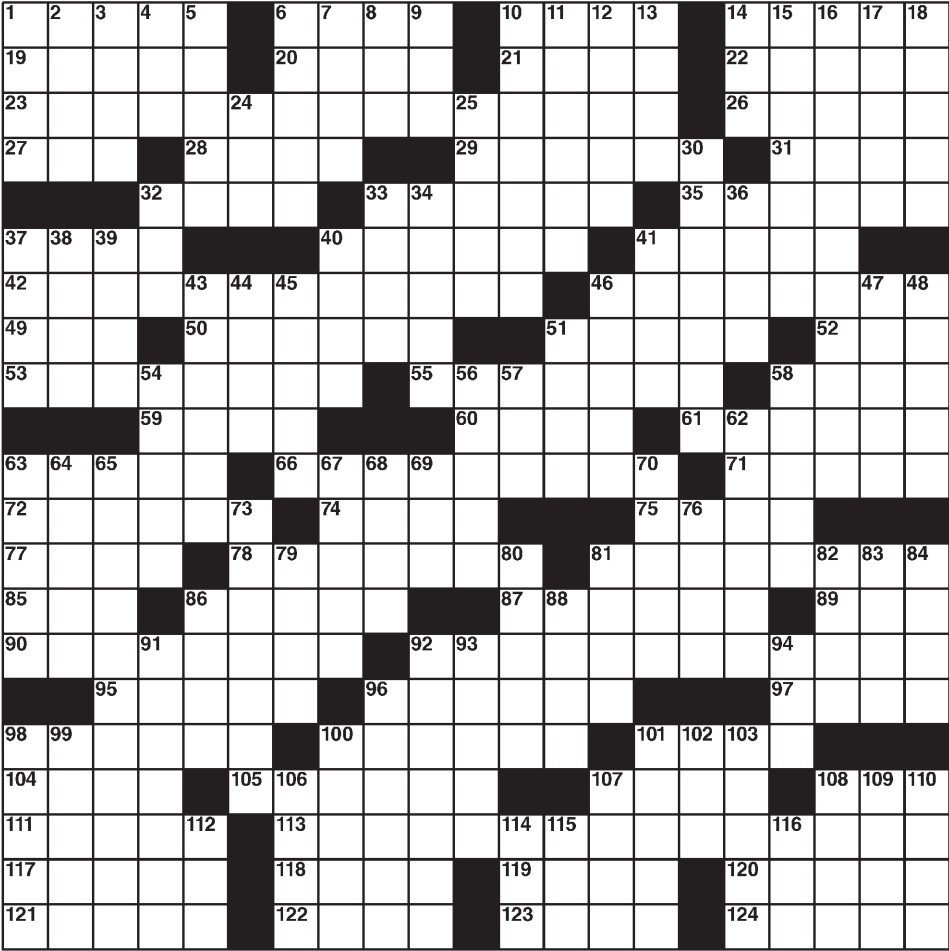
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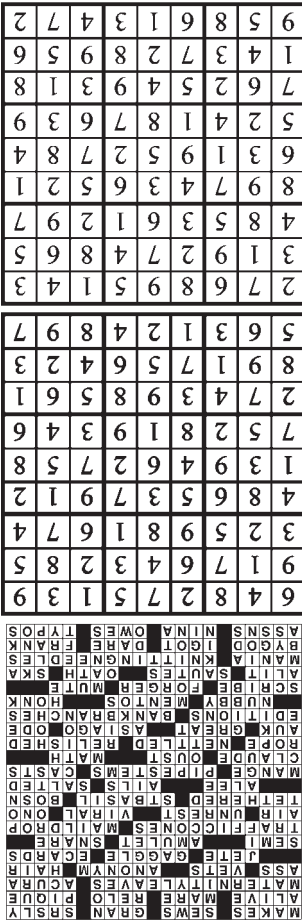
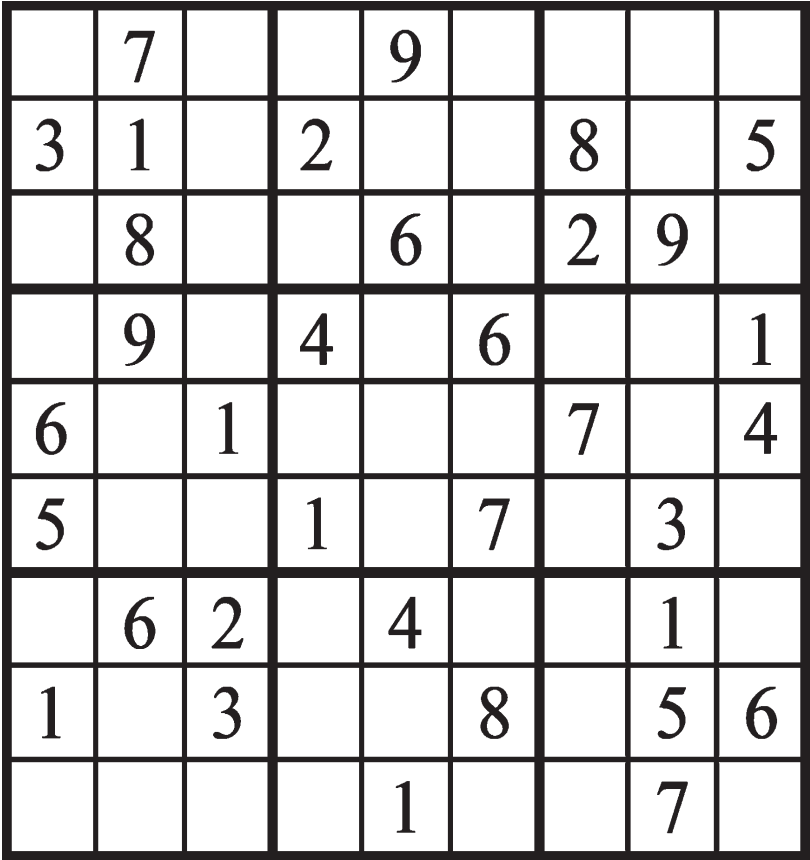
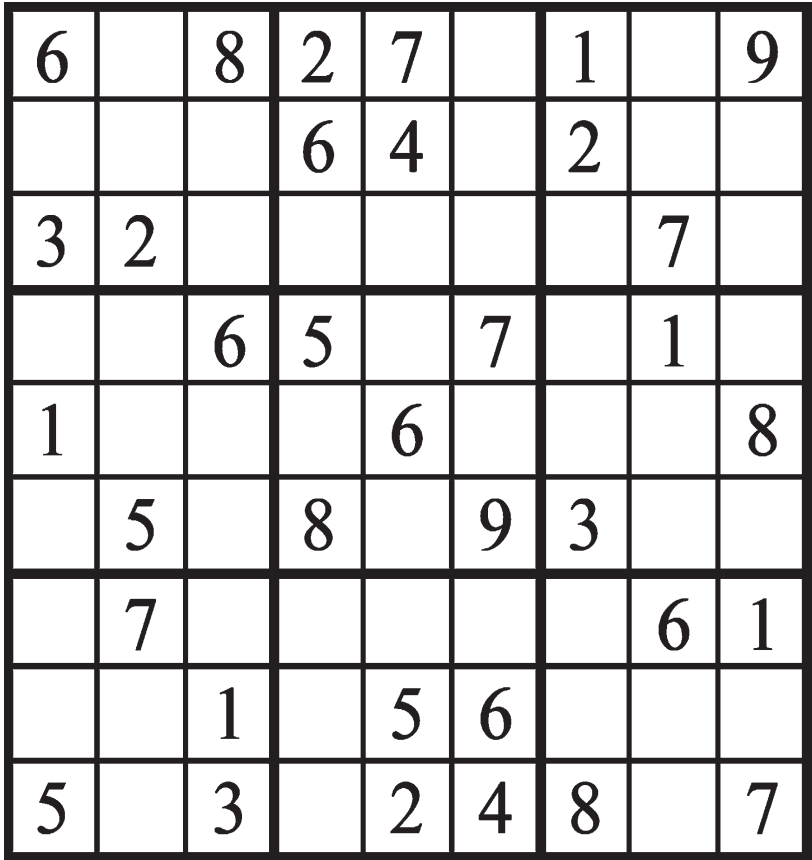
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Elderon erupts for 27 hits, 23 runs in BABA win over Hatley

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

**East/West Division
July 27
Caroline 14, Tilleda 11**

Caroline had 15 hits in a BABA home win over Tilleda.

Kyle Finger led the Cougars with three hits, including a home run, while Braden Behnke and Colton Barkow added two hits each.

Brad Bartz had two of Tilleda's eight hits, including a home run.

Judd Reminger picked up the win on the mound, and Jay Brei took the loss.

Shawano 14, Menominee 1

Robert Zhukkasse led the Lakers with three hits, including a home run, while Arkin Verhein, Noah Jones and Kadin Uhrke added two hits each.

Al Peters picked up the win, and Ray LeMieux took the loss.

LeMieux led the Indians at the plate with three hits, and George Bruette added two.

Neopit 9, Clintonville 5

Jamison Besaw picked up the win on the mound to help lead the Chiefs over the A's in Neopit.

Ray White led Neopit with two hits, and Andy Lederer and Austin Hoffman led the A's with two apiece.

Gresham 8, Marion 5
Tom Nietzer's grand slam turned out to be the difference in the game, as the Gophers defeated the Meisters 8-5.

Joe Ejnik also homered for Gresham, and Chase Quinney and Jerzy Bocker had two hits each.

Mitch Elandt had four hits to lead Marion, while Bobby Brunner and Nick Schoen added two each.

Luke Pecore got the win on the mound, and Joe Weyenberg took the loss.

Little Falls 9, Tigerton 0

Winning pitcher Carter Kurki struck out 14 batters over seven innings and didn't allow a run in the Loggers' home win over the Tigers.

Jenner Gullixon had two of Little Falls' nine hits, and Logan Wanta led

Tigerton with two hits.

Caleb Dahlstrom took the loss for the Tigers.

**North Division
July 27
Elderon 23, Hatley 8**

Bryce Zoromski's five hits helped lead the Whiskey Jacks to a win over the Braves.

Isaac Williams and Brandon Groshek added four hits each for Elderon, while Ian Zeinert had three and Casey Kerstner chipped in with two, including a home run. Groshek also had three doubles.

Trevor Groshek picked up the win.

Josh Matushak, Tanner Kocher, Cody Verg and Ryan Schmitt each had two of Hatley's 10 hits.

Antigo/Polar 6, Aniwa 3

Seventeen hits – including four from Mason Gray and three from Logan Doering – helped Antigo/Polar pick up a North Division win over the Orioles.

Reed Kuenzli, Will Kubeny, Eli Fleischman and Ben Robrecht added two hits for Antigo/Polar, and Fleischman picked up the win on the mound.

Cory Mortenson, Denton Mortenson, Kody Szews, Brady Martin and Chris Wiesman added two hits for Antigo/Polar.

**July 25
Wittenberg 10, Eland 8**

Winning pitcher Nathan Waupekenay and Blade Niewandomski had two hits each to help lead the Pilots to a win over the Engineers.

Eland outhit Wittenberg 10-7. Nick Barnes led Eland with three hits, and Niewandomski and Joe Buss added two each.

**South-Central
Division
July 27
Plover 10, New London 0**

Plover blanked the Irish behind three hits from winning pitcher Kaden Thauer and two from Josh Marcione and Jackson Fox. Colby Schmude, Noah Hanson and Austin Warren added a hit for New London and Hanson took the loss on the mound.

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Oconto Falls 13U, 14U teams win championship games



On July 17, the Oconto Falls 13U and 14U teams played for the North East Conference Championship at the Green Bay Rocker Stadium. Oconto Falls 14U defeated Denmark 6-5. Oconto Falls 13U defeated Freedom 17-8. Members of the Oconto Falls 13U team are Mattek Salscheider, front on the ground, and kneeling, from left, coach John Salscheider, Brock Erdman, Carter Erdman, Max Grady, Jorge Estaville, Callen Payne, coach Travis Grady and coach Chad Spaulding. Standing, from left, are coach Cody Erdman, Easton Spaulding, Travis Schoenborn, Aaron Gilbertson, Henry Pytletski, Brody Desterheft, James Watts and coach Chad Gilbertson.

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Members of the Oconto Falls 14U team are, front row, from left, coach Scott Schroeder, Max Burhrandt, Caleb Thompson, Jack Falkowski, Easton Trochil, Mason Berg and Nick Schroeder. Back row, from left, are coach Derek Tate, head coach Nick Berg, Dylan Kluth, coach Jon Spice, Dominic Trevor, Grant Tadisch, Maxx Spice, Teagan Tate, Trevor Fisher, Collin Radtke, Kaden Thompson, coach Randy Fisher and coach Jeff Trochill.

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Cecil gets walkoff win over Bonduel in Dairyland League

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

**July 27
Cecil 2, Bonduel 1 (10 inn.)**

Braden Uelmen's run-scoring single in the bottom of the 10th inning broke a 1-1 tie and gave the Mudhens the win over the Broncos in Cecil.

Pitchers combined to strike out 18 batters in the game, with Cecil fanning 11 and Bonduel striking out seven.

Bonduel opened the scoring in the top of the first inning with what turned out to be the Broncos' only run, Adam Frost's home run over the left-field fence.

J.C. Reinke had two hits to lead Bonduel at the plate, and Noah Weier took the loss on the mound.

Following the game, the Mudhens inducted Chuck

Raasch, Becky Betzner, Rodney Hoppe and Mike Mitchell into the team's Hall of Fame.

Hofa Park 12, Pulaski 4

Jarron McKeefry put Pulaski on the board in the top of the first inning to give the Reds an early lead, but the Panthers answered with four runs in the bottom half of the inning, with three of them coming on Emmitt Hunter's bases-loaded double. Trevor Cornell had tied the game with an RBI groundout.

An error in the second inning led two to more runs for Hofa Park, and the Panthers outscored the Reds 6-3 the rest of the way.

Winning pitcher Robbie Schuettpeitz allowed nine hits and four runs over 8 1/3 innings to get the win on the mound. Aiden Linsmeier recorded the

final two outs to pick up the save.

Easton Vertz took the loss for the Reds after giving up nine runs – six of them earned – in four innings on the mound.

Schuettpeitz had four of Hofa Park's 16 hits, while Hunter and Peyton Dorn drove in a pair of runs.

Nick Volz, Ethan Volz and Brinton Anderson collected multiple hits for the Panthers. Volz stole two bases.

McKeefry and Parker Dorn led Pulaski with two hits each, while Matt Walgurski drove in a pair of runs.

Hortonville 13, Marinette 3

Marinette headed to Hortonville and came up short against the Stars.

Waupaca 10, Nichols 0

Waupaca improved to 14-1 in league play by shutting out the Nitros in

Nichols.

**Upcoming schedule
Friday, Aug. 1**
Shawano at Marinette, 7 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 3 (all games 1:30 p.m.)

Waupaca at Hofa Park; Bonduel at Hortonville; Cecil at Nichols; Navarino at Marinette; Shawano at Pulaski.

League standings (as of July 28): Waupaca (13-1); Hortonville (11-4); Hofa Park (10-5); Pulaski (8-6); Cecil (8-7); Bonduel (7-7); Navarino (5-9); Shawano (4-9); Nichols (3-11); Marinette (1-12).

Playoffs start Aug. 10
Dairyland League playoffs are scheduled to begin Sunday, Aug. 10, with first-round games at 1:30 p.m. Semifinals will follow Sunday, Aug. 17, and the Grand Championship is set for Sunday, Aug. 24. Matchups will be announced at a later time.

Magnin wins sport modifieds feature at Shawano Speedway

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

It was another short night for racing at the Shawano Speedway on July 26.

Clintonville's Lucas Lamberies started in ninth in the modifieds 20-lap feature race and roared to the front to take the checkered flag. He was followed by Tanner Janke, of New London, in second and Marcus Yarie, of Wausau, in third. Pole sitter Jerry Muenster, of Green Bay, finished in 11th place.

Janke won the first heat, while Lamberies won the second heat.

In the sport modifieds 20-lap feature, Oconto Falls' Cole Magnin drove his No. 66 car to the front after starting third. Crossing the finish line after him were Green Bay's Jake Carpenter for second place and Tigerton's Dustin Wudstrack in third.

Shawano's Jeffery Teske won

the first heat, and Magnin won the second heat.

The late models featured only one driver – Andy Karl, of Mosinee. He raced by himself in the three-lap heat and five-lap feature.

Devin Snellenberger, of Pulaski, won the the stock car 20-lap feature race. He started fifth and topped Shawano's Trent Nolan, who placed second, and Marion's Dan Michonski, who placed third.

Yarie won the first heat, and Snellenberger won the second heat.

In the Mighty 4's, it was Clintonville's Brad Wedde winning the 12-lap feature. Andrew Yeager, of Shawano, was second, and Landon Braatz, of Shawano, was third.

Wedde claimed the checkered flag in the first heat, while Yeager won the second heat.



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BACKCOUNTRY CAPTURES

BABA, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 23

Scandinavia 18, Weymont 4

Caleb Bembenek, Matt Glodowski and Landon Moe combined for seven hits and eight RBIs in the Vikings' win over the White Bass.

Bembenek led Scandi-

navia with three hits and four RBIs, while Glodowski and Moe added two hits and a pair of RBIs each.

Wyatt Wetzel and Wyatt Hamersma led the White Bass with two hits apiece, and Luke Schwenn took the loss on the

mound.

Upcoming schedule East/West Division Friday, Aug. 1

Gresham at Clintonville, 7:30 p.m. (makeup game)

Saturday, Aug. 2

Crandon at Leopoldis,

1:30 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 3 (all games 1:30 p.m.)

Gresham at Menominee; Neopit at Marion; Shawano at Clintonville; Caroline at Little Falls; Crandon at Tilleda; Tigerton at Leopoldis.

North Division Friday, Aug. 1 (both games 7 p.m.)

Aniwa at Eland; Hatley at Birnamwood.

Sunday, Aug. 3

Wittenberg at Elderon, 1:30 p.m.; Antigo/Polar has bye.

South-Central Division Sunday, Aug. 3

Weymont vs. New London, noon; Plover at Scandinavia, 3:30 p.m. (Both games at Ellison Park, Scandinavia, during Scandinavia Corn Roast)

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July 24
Deputies responded to 46 incidents, including fire on Cardinal Road in the Town of Underhill; a wanted person near U.S. Highway 141 and Benser Lane in the Town of Lena; an animal bite on Messenger Road in the Town of Oconto Falls; suspicious activity on North Brown County Line Road in the Town of Chase; suspicious activity on Jacklin Heights Circle in the Town of Riverview; a K-9 deployment at the county jail, 220 Arbutus Ave., Oconto; a disturbance on North Forest Avenue in Gillett; a disturbance on County Road B in the Town of Oconto Falls; eight traffic stops, two traffic offenses, four citizen assists, four miscellaneous traffic incidents; three open-line 911 calls; one ambulance call; four crashes, two involving deer.

July 23
Deputies responded to 100 incidents, including burglary on Chute Dam Lane in the

Town of Mountain; trespassing on Sampson Road in the Town of Abrams; harassment on Lade Beach Road in the Town of Little Suamico; suspicious activity on North Krueger Street in Suring; a weather alert with 14 reports of trees down, six reports of lines down, and a report of storm damage on state Highway 22-32 in the Town of Gillett; fire along state Highway 32 in the Town of Gillett; suspicious activity on Main Street in the Town of Abrams; suspicious activity on Doran Street in Oconto; one traffic stop, one traffic hazard, two traffic offenses, one citizen assist, three miscellaneous traffic incidents, four welfare checks; four 911 hangups and seven open lines; two crashes, one involving deer, one involving a turkey.

July 22
Deputies responded to 53 incidents, including suspicious activity near County Roads R and VV in the Town of Underhill; suspicious activity on Pioneer Park Road in the Town of Stiles; suspicious activity on Reed Road in the Town of Underhill; a disturbance on Meyer Hill Lane in the Town of Lena; theft on Perch Lake

Lane in the Town of Doty; sexual assault at an undisclosed location; suspicious activity on state Highway 32-64 in the Town of Mountain; suspicious activity on Business Route 41 in the Town of Oconto; 17 traffic stops, three traffic offenses, three citizen assists, one miscellaneous traffic incident; four open-line 911 calls; three crashes, two involving deer.

July 21
Deputies responded to 59 incidents, including two reports of suspicious activity on Reed Road in the Town of Underhill; a weapon offense on Fairview Road in the Town of Little River; suspicious activity at Lakewood Motorsports, 17168 St. Marys Road in the Town of Lakewood; a fire control burn on Krakow Road in the Town of Morgan; suspicious activity on County Road E in the Town of Abrams; threatening on County Road M in the Town of Spruce; nine traffic stops, six traffic hazards, three traffic offenses, two citizen assists, two miscellaneous traffic incidents; three 911 hangups and two open lines; two ambulance calls; five crashes, three involving deer.

July 20
Deputies responded to 44 incidents, including threatening on Quincy Street in Oconto Falls; property damage on state Highway 64 in the Town of Doty; a weapon offense on County Road A in the Town of Spruce;

criminal damage on Bennett Lane in the Town of Townsend; a weapon offense on Fairview Road in the Town of Little River; threatening on South Chase Road in the Town of Chase; eight traffic stops, one traffic hazard, one traffic offense, two miscellaneous traffic incidents, three welfare checks; five open-line 911 calls; one ambulance call; one deer-related crash.

July 19
Deputies responded to 49 incidents, including theft on County Road CC in the Town of Oconto Falls; an animal bite at an undisclosed location; trespassing on Binder Lake Road in the Town of Lakewood; suspicious activity on East Anderson Lake Drive in the Town of Breed; drugs in the Town of Doty; theft at Suring Auto and Hardware, 223 Heasley St., Suring; property damage on Horn Lake Road in the Town of Townsend; suspicious activity on South Shore Heights Lane in the Town of Mountain; a disturbance on Superior Avenue in Oconto; attempted burglary on Morgan River Road in the Town of Morgan; threatening on Boulder Lake Lane in the Town of Doty; six traffic stops, two traffic hazards, three traffic offenses, seven miscellaneous traffic incidents; one 911 hangup and five open lines; one ambulance call; two crashes, one involving deer, one involving a bear.

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Saturday, August 23, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.
Town of Underhill Community Center, 5597 Cardinal Road, Gillett, WI 54124
This Meeting is Open to the Public

Agenda items include: Call Meeting to Order; Confirmation of Proper Notice; Discuss Operating Guidelines of the Meeting; Chairperson's Report; Committee Reports (AIS Committee and Education and Communication Committee); Treasurer's Report; 2026 Budget Presentation and Vote; 2026 Assessment Method Vote; Vote to Elect Commissioners (3 Open Positions); Open Discussion; Schedule 2026 Annual Meeting; Adjourn

Additional information on a specific agenda item may be obtained by sending an e-mail to commissionsecretary@berrylakedistrict.org or by viewing the District website at <http://www.berrylakecommunitydistrict.org>

Berry Lake Community District 2026 Proposed Operating Budget		
Description and Categories	YE 2025 Expected Actual	2026 Proposed Budget
Expenditures/Admin Operational Costs		
Organizational Costs	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grant Matching Funds		\$17,775.08
Loan Payment - Town of Underhill	\$0.00	\$42,788.06
Professional Services	\$262.50	\$200.00
Website	\$262.50	\$200.00
General Admin	\$651.15	\$2,747.00
General Office Supplies	\$87.58	\$600.00
Postage & Annual PO Box Fee	\$82.00	\$322.00
Annual Tax Filings 1099 NECS/Government Filings	\$0.00	\$50.00
Google Workspace	\$481.57	\$275.00
Misc	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Meeting Expense	\$420.67	\$500.00
Notices/News Ads/Communications	\$420.67	\$500.00
Insurance	\$2,139.00	\$2,139.00
Training/Conference	\$0.00	\$750.00
Dues/Memberships/Sponsorship	\$0.00	\$50.00
Other	\$0.00	\$25.16
Sub Total	\$3,473.32	\$66,974.30
Lake Management Project Costs	\$54,995.43	\$22,790.00
Sub Total	\$54,995.43	\$22,790.00
Total	\$58,468.75	\$89,764.30

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39th Annual Oconto Falls Fest Rummage Sales August 7,8,9,10

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- 1. HUGE Church-wide Rummage and Bake Sale Thursday and Friday.** Fill a bag of clothes for \$1. Tons of household items and décor. **Thursday 8am-6pm, Friday 8am-3pm. FRIDAY ONLY COOKOUT.** Hamburgers Brats and sweet corn serving 10am-2pm. **Grace Lutheran Church, 501 S. Main Street, Oconto Falls.**

2. HUGE Multi Family Sale. Infant up to 2T, juniors, women's, men's clothing. Toys, household, chair, canning jars, stools, Harley Davidson, Stampin' Up, bedding and much more. **Thursday and Friday, Aug. 7 and 8, 8am to 5pm. 4089 Elm Lawn Road, Oconto Falls.**

3. Marbles, Old Cookie Jars, puzzles, paperback romance, power tools, 25¢ table, racks, shovels, Avon, vintage pictures, furniture, some clothes, jeans, stuff, stuff and more stuff. **Thursday 7:30am-5:30pm, Friday 7:30am-5pm, Saturday 7:30am-4pm. 214 Cherry Ave., Oconto Falls.**

4. Multi Family Sale. 2 small freezers, Saris bike beam, Saris hitch mount bike carrier, Christmas items, motorcycle, household items, teen, plus size clothing, lots more. **Thursday 8am-4pm, Friday 8am-4pm, Saturday 8am-2pm. 7246 County Road I, Oconto Falls.**
- 5. Multi Family Rummage Sale.** Household items, collectibles, a few small motor items, furniture, clothes, kids clothes, a little bit of everything. **Thursday, Aug. 7, 7am-5pm, Friday, Aug. 8, 7am-5pm, Saturday, Aug. 9, 7am-3pm. 537 Green Bay Ave., Oconto Falls.**

6. Home Decor, women's clothing, shoes, purses, kid's toys, baby boy clothing, baby items, Paparazzi jewelry 50¢/\$1, 5th wheel hitch, hunting, power tools and more. **Thursday, Aug. 7, Friday, Aug. 8 and Saturday, Aug. 9, 8am-4pm. 8155 Gray Lake Rd, Oconto Falls.**

7. New In Box 26" Blackstone, many new items, women's and men's clothes, no kid's clothes, vintage jewelry, household glassware, hunting items, much more. Make offer. **Thursday, Friday, Saturday 8am-4pm. 4969 Elm Lawn Rd, Oconto Falls.**

8. Lots of Household Decor, yard art, puzzles, bedding, Christmas, Easter, wall art, crafts, flowers. **Thursday 8am-5pm, Friday 8am - 5pm, Saturday 8am-4pm. 446 Green Bay Ave., Oconto Falls.**

9. Thursday 7am-5pm, Friday 7am-5pm, Saturday 8am-12pm, No Sunday Hours. 238 Ridge Rd., Oconto Falls.
- 10. 454 McDougal Circle, Oconto Falls. Thursday, August 7, 7am-5pm; Friday, August 8, 7am-5pm; Saturday, August 9, 8am-4pm.** Antiques, Vintage toys, Comics, Nightstand, Bikes, Sandbox, Toys, Kitchen and small appliances, Luggage, Christmas, Adult clothing, Kids clothes 4T-7, Last chance for Thirty-One, Much, much more! No checks!

11. Teens & Teachers Multi-Family Sale! Clothing for all; lefty junior golf clubs; kayak; flute; hockey table; household; speakers; bookcase; bikes; guy stuff; DVDs; other sales nearby! **Thursday and Friday, August 7 & 8, 8am-5pm. 8621 Cty. I, 2 miles north of Hwy 22.**

12. Women's clothes and shoes, purses, tote bags, luggage, climbing equipment, sporting goods, barbeque accessories, dishes, souvenir cups, household, kitchen items, bullet blenders, shredder, electric dryer, small load washer, wash tubs, like-new portable A/C, snow blower, knick knacks, Misc. items. **Thursday 10am-6pm, Friday 10am-6pm, Saturday 10am-5pm, Sunday 10am-2pm. 149 S. Main Street, Oconto Falls.**

13. Hundreds of record albums, CD's, DVD/s, men's and women's clothes and shoes, camping gear, small bear figurines, 13' sailboat, 3-wheel bicycle, games, China (12 setting), golf clubs. **Thursday through Sunday, August 7-10, 8am-4pm. 214 South Chestnut, Oconto Falls.**

14. Everything Girls and More Sale! TONS of clothes. Lots of dresses. Mostly name brands. Shoes, winter gear, toys, games, books, softball stuff, adult clothes. **Everything \$1** unless otherwise marked. **Wednesday 5pm-7pm, Thursday and Friday 8am-4pm. 6139 Iditarod Trail, Lena.**

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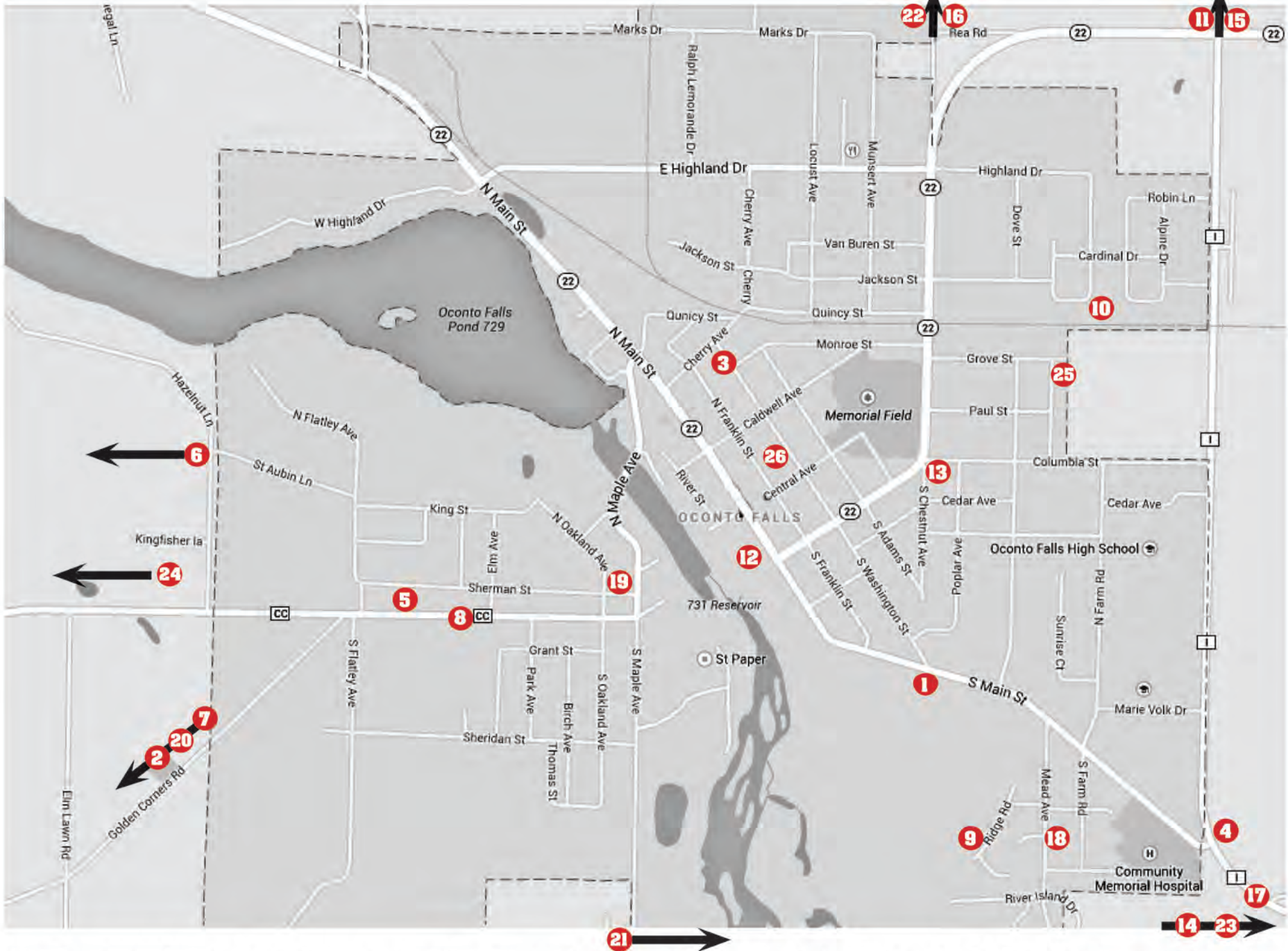
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16. CB Radio, chainsaws, snowshoes, fishing gear, die grinder, cots, tent, camp kits, fishing/hunting books, complete full bed, boombox, CD's, boys and toddler clothes, toys, antiques, vintage electric train, wood crafts, MUCH MORE! August 7,8,9 8:00am-5:00pm, August 10 8:00am-Noon. 6004 N. Chestnut Rd, Oconto Falls.

17. Multi-Family Sale. Harley Davidson items and clothes. Home and holiday decor, furniture, pet supplies, clothing, plants, and so much more. Some items for kids. **Priced to sell. Thursday 2pm-6pm, Friday and Saturday 10am-6pm, Sunday 10am-2pm. 7148 County Rd I, Lena.**

18. HUGE RUMMAGE SALE. Baby gear: high chair, crib, bassinet, Pack&Play, stroller, swings. Clothing: baby, toddler, small boys, maternity, misses. Home goods, vintage, horse tack, twin bed frame. **August 7 -9, 8am-4pm. 204 Mead Ave, Oconto Falls.**

19. HUGE 3-FAMILY RUMMAGE SALE! Too many items to mention, but here are a few: Leather jacket, lift chair, snow blower, park bench, lots of Christmas items, housewares and more!. **Thursday & Friday 7am-4pm, Saturday and Sunday 8am-4pm. 581 Sherman Street, Oconto Falls.**

20. MOVING SALE. Something for everyone. Clothing from kids to 3XLT, toys, games, softball/baseball gear/clothes. **August 7-10 starting at 8:30 am-?. 5365 Elm Lawn Road, Oconto Falls**

21. Sports equipment, lots of older toys, games, older antique-ish items, complete Atari Play Station, lots of free things. **Thursday & Friday 9am-4pm, Saturday 9am-12:00. 7340 Konitzer Rd, Oconto Falls.**

22. Multi-Family Rummage Sale. Boys clothes, Men and women's clothes (lots of name Brand Clothing), household items, home décor. Come check us out, adding items daily! **August 7 & 8, 8am-5pm. 5988 Chestnut Rd, Oconto Falls. 1/4 mle N of True Value-1st house on the right.**

23. Baby and kids toys and clothes, women's 2X clothing and misc. household items. **Friday and Saturday 8am-2pm. 5259 Grasse Court, Lena.**

24. Multi-family Rummage Sale! Something for Everyone! Boys, girls, men's, women's (S-XXL) clothing, shoes, household goods, décor, and more! Don't miss out on this sale-great prices and variety! **Thursday - Saturday 8am-3pm. 4748 State Hwy 32, Oconto Falls.**

25. Sleigh, wood wash, drill press, car stuff, tools, toys, bird houses. Thursday only 8am-3pm. 141 Hillside St., Oconto Falls.

26. Rain or Shine. Girls 4T-6T, boys 12-18 months, women's teen-2X - name brands, housewares, décor, lots of Misc. **Thursday-Sunday August 7,8,9,10, 8am-5pm. 123 N. Washington St., Oconto Falls.**



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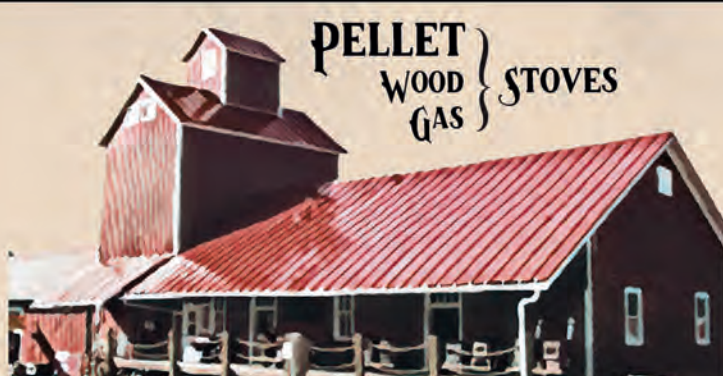
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Leaders of the Pack are Mark Murphy, top, Ed Policy, center right, and Brian Gutekunst, bottom.

Next man up

Murphy retires, Policy new Leader of the Pack



The Green Bay Packers have been a publicly owned, nonprofit corporation since 1923. They were first organized as the Green Bay Football Corp. and then reorganized in 1935 as Green Bay Packers Inc. There are about 5,204,625 shares owned by 538,967 stockholders – none of whom receives any dividend on the initial investment. The corporation is governed by a board of directors and a seven-member executive committee.



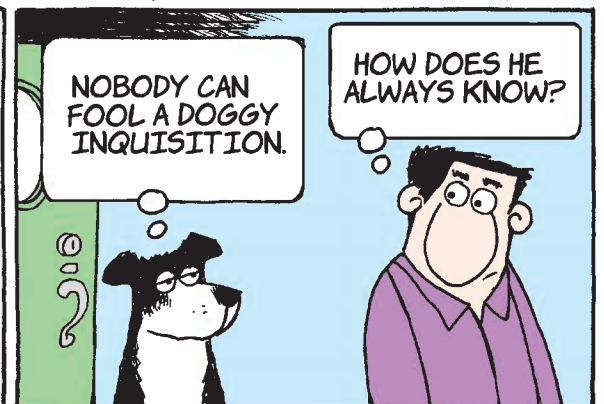
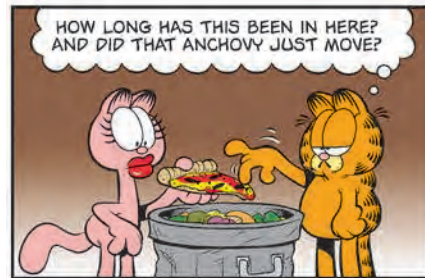
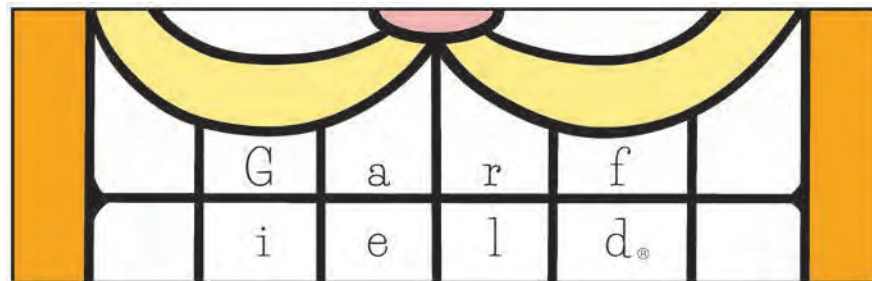
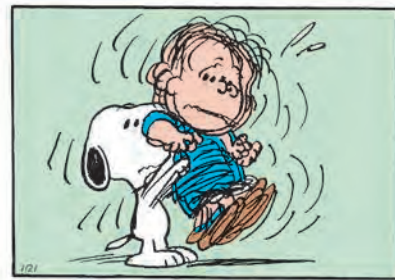
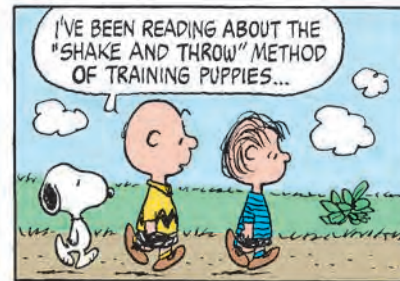
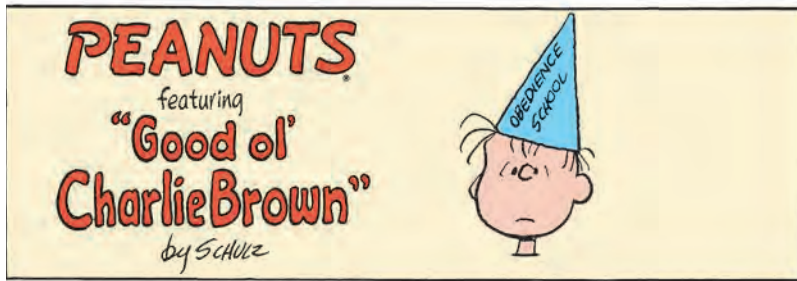
As Mark Murphy heads into both retirement and the Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame, his reign closes yet another memorable chapter of Packers history. Over the 102 years that the franchise has been run by a public corporation, there have been only 10 presidents who also have operated as chief executives. Only Dominic Olejniczak and Bob Harlan served longer than Murphy, while Lee Joannes held the position for roughly the same amount of time.

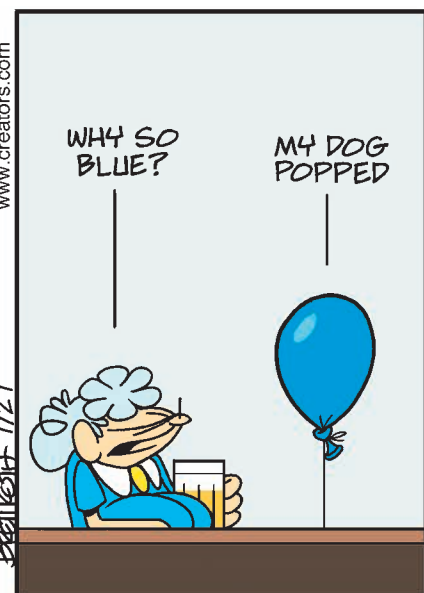
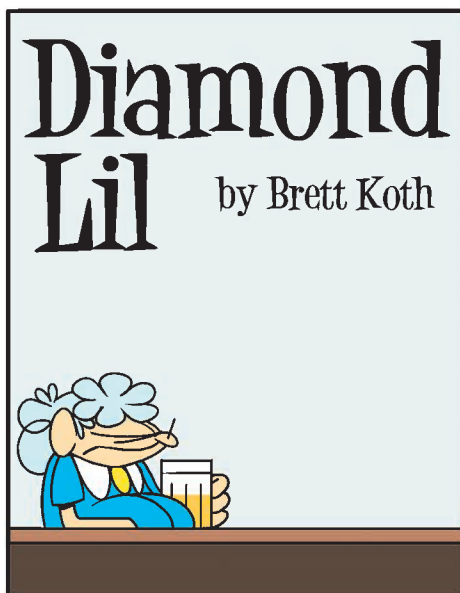
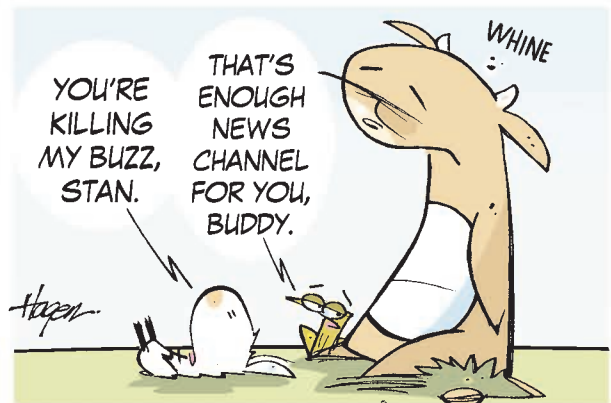
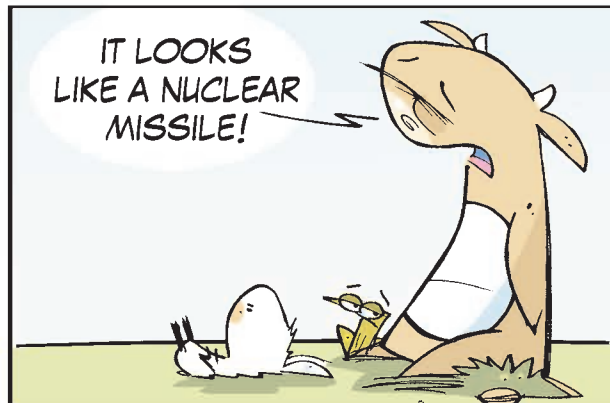
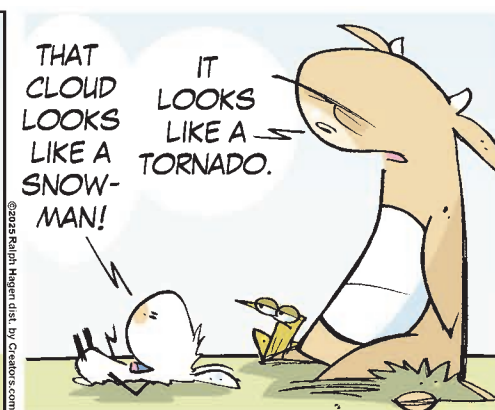
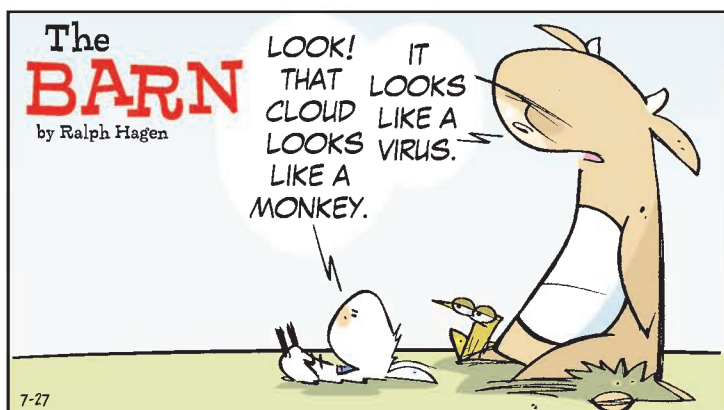
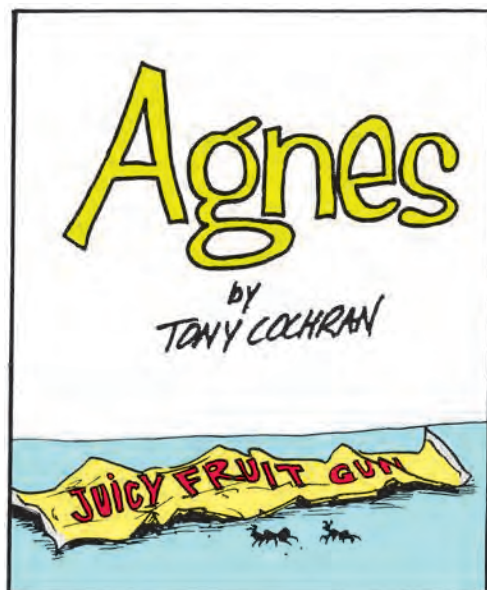
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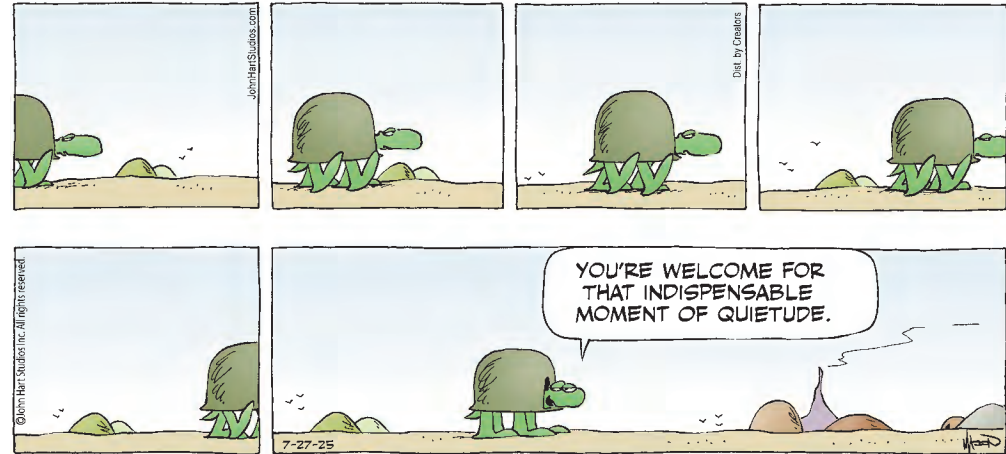
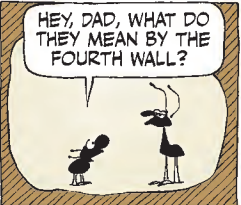
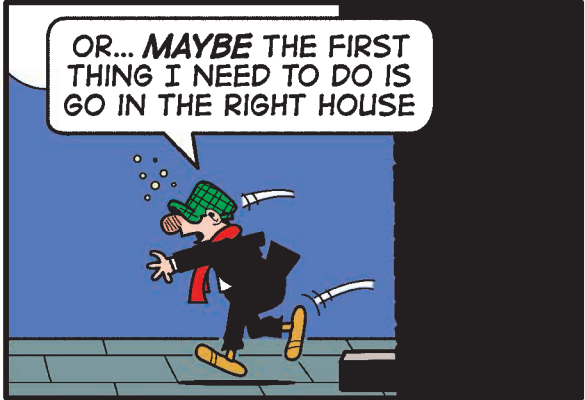
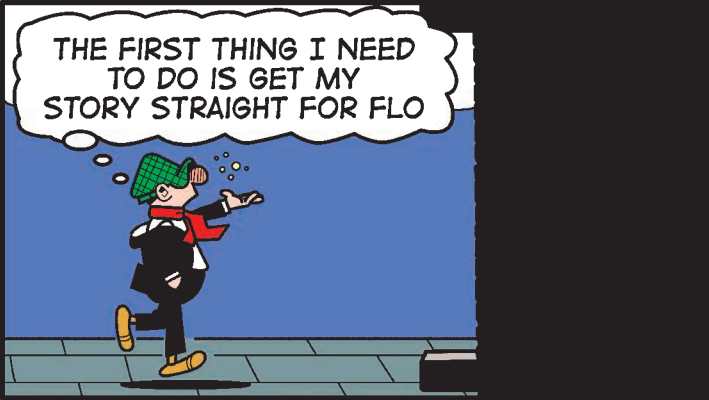
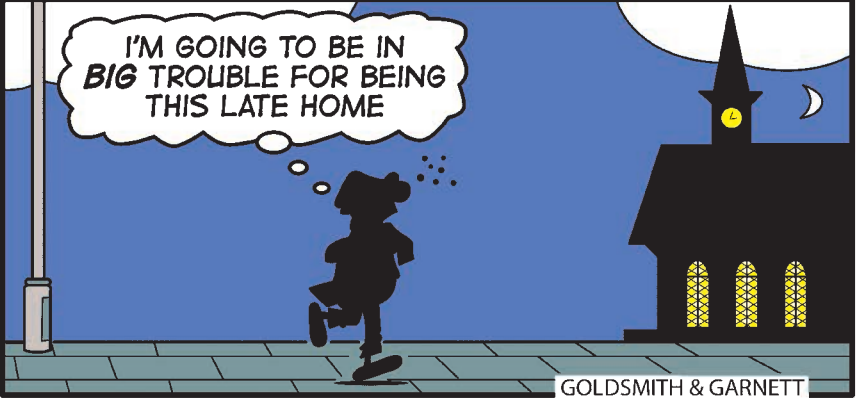
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