

French gets 12 years for drug death at North Star

Family of Julian Bourdoin pushes for maximum penalty in reckless homicide

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Stephany French will remain in prison for close to a decade for her role in giving Ho-Chunk man Julian Bourdoin a fatal dose of fentanyl believed to be heroin in 2021.

Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Court Judge Katherine Sloma sentenced French on Aug. 20 to 12 years in prison for first-degree reckless homicide involving drugs and four years for theft of property from a corpse for taking Bourdoin's phone after the fact. Sloma ruled that the two sentences will run concurrently.

Given that French has already spent over 1,000 days in jail, that means she'll be in prison until 2033. Once her prison term is complete, French will be on probation for another eight years.

The 12-year sentence for the homicide was recommended by the pre-sentence investigator. The state wanted French to serve 15 years in prison on the homicide charge and another five for the theft. The defense asked for six years between the two charges.

Over 20 of Bourdoin's family members were in the courtroom for the sentencing, with many of them attending multiple court hearings over the last three years waiting for justice. Among them was Bourdoin's daughter, who at one point had to be consoled by family members, as others in the family argued that French should get the maximum sentence possible for taking their loved one from them and not doing anything beyond dousing Bourdoin with water to save his life, despite having Narcan in her vehicle.

The maximum sentence for the reckless homicide, according to state statutes, is 40 years in prison with up to 25 years of supervised release.

Bourdoin was found dead Sept. 3, 2021, at the North Star Mohican Casino Resort in the Town of Bartelme. His autopsy lists cause of death as fentanyl, methamphetamine and ethanol toxicity, which resulted in pulmonary and cerebral edema.

French shows no change

District Attorney Greg Parker pushed for a longer sentence partially because of French's behavior while in jail. He noted that there have been 30 conduct reports filed by the Shawano County Jail



Stephany French, whose aliases include the names Stephany Webster and Nativa Thundercloud, enters Branch I of the Shawano County Courthouse on Aug. 20 for her sentencing hearing, accompanied by her attorney, Eric Maciolek. French received a 12-year prison sentence after she provided drugs to Julian Bourdoin, who later died at the North Star Mohican Casino Resort.

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since she was arrested in February 2022, including two incidents where French overdosed while in custody. French also has not availed herself of the Narcotics Anonymous meetings available in the jail, he said.

"The defendant has been in jail for a

long time, and on numerous occasions, has been uncooperative with staff, violent toward other prisoners and those kinds of things," Parker said. "The substance abuse history is pretty much consistent with

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Dog park planned on site of old landfill

Planners hope to have park open in spring 2025

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

The village of Wittenberg could be starting its own dog park, if enough people donate to the project.

More than 500 letters were sent out to residents seeking donations, according to Theresa Gatz, one of the people spearheading the project and a Wittenberg Village Board member. The area being considered is an old landfill located behind Subway and Taco John's at the corner of Pioneer Avenue and North Meisner Street.

The project is already well on its way, with a \$10,000 donation for the park announced Aug. 22.

According to Gatz, the parcel consists of 5 acres, and there will be entrances on the east and west sides. There will be two areas — one for small dogs and one for large.

"Last year, we were in talks because there were people that wanted to put a storage facility for people to rent out," Gatz said. "The area used to be an old landfill, and they can't dig into the ground where the landfill was, so you're very limited with what can be done there. Then the idea came up during our meeting about, 'Well, what about a dog park?' We kind of joked about it, but we liked the idea."

The location is ideal, Gatz said, with its proximity to state Highway 29 and U.S. Highway 45. Gatz noted that with travelers using both highways to get around the state, and with many tourists bringing their furry friends along, the Wittenberg dog park would be ideal for visitors needing to stop, stretch their legs and get something to eat.

"Everybody's passing through from Wausau to Green Bay, or coming from the north to go down south for the weekend," Gatz said.

When 2024 started, Gatz and other interested residents really brought up the idea in earnest, making plans for what the park would look like and what could be

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The Shawano-Menominee Counties Health Department has announced that cases of pertussis (whooping cough) are circulating in Shawano County.

Pertussis is caused by a bacteria and easily spreads from person to person through contact with droplets of saliva expelled by an infected person when they talk,

cough, or sneeze, etc. Initially symptoms may be similar to the common cold — runny nose, sneezing, low-grade fever, and mild occasional cough.

Individuals can further develop uncontrollable, violent coughing that makes it hard to breathe. After coughing, someone with pertussis may need to take deep breaths causing a “whooping” sound.

Infected people can spread pertussis up to three weeks after the cough begins if they are not treated with the appropriate antibiotics.

Pertussis can affect people of all ages. However, it can be very serious, even deadly, for babies less than 1 year old. Many babies who get pertussis are infected by older siblings, parents, or caregivers who might not even know they

have the disease.

The health departments are recommending anyone should contact their healthcare provider about any respiratory illness with a cough, that’s greater than two weeks duration, that’s violent and uncontrollable, includes an inspiratory whoop/gasping, that has gagging/vomiting after coughing, or is worse at night.

It is imperative for people to stay home and isolate while awaiting test results to prevent potential spread, according to the health department.

Residents should be mindful of being distant from others in the household while waiting for results, especially those at higher risk for such as babies less than 1 year old, those who are pregnant, and indi-

viduals with compromised immune systems.

The best way to prevent pertussis among babies, teens, and adults is to get vaccinated. To check if you and your loved ones are up to date on your vaccinations that protect against pertussis, check the Wisconsin Immunization Registry at <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/immunization/wir.htm>

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what we’ve heard today.”

Parker also noted that, in two Brown County cases, French had her probation revoked due to additional infractions.

Video from North Star showed how French left the hotel quickly after housekeeping arrived at the room shortly after 11 a.m., as well as showing when French and Bourdoin went into the hotel room in the early morning hours of Sept. 3.

“The images are worth a thousand words,” Parker said. “She’s nonchalantly walking out of the hotel and fleeing to her car. As Detective (Chris) Gamm said, there was Narcan within the vehicle, and that leads a person to question, if she had the Narcan, why didn’t she try to use it to save Julian, even if it wasn’t possible?”

Calling French “clueless” with no regard for Bourdoin, Parker noted that her drug use started at age 21. The defendant will be turning 30 in November.

French victim of addiction cycle

Defense attorney Eric Maciolek painted a different picture of French, saying that her mother was also addicted to drugs, which led to French being in the foster care system until she was 11. She’s undereducated and unnurtured, he said, which contributed to the cycle of drug abuse in the family.

Maciolek argued



Detective Chris Gamm, left, with the Shawano County Sheriff’s Department, answers questions from Shawano-Menominee County District Attorney Greg Parker about a video montage played for the court showing Stephany French hastily leaving the North Star Mohican Casino Resort on Sept. 3, 2021.

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against claims from Bourdoin’s family that French has no remorse for her criminal acts.

“Stephany has always been remorseful throughout the time that I have known her, which is close to three years,” Maciolek said. “She never wanted Julian to get hurt. She certainly didn’t want him to die.”

Maciolek said that six years imprisonment was more fitting for French, arguing the recommendations from Parker and the pre-sentence investigator were more fitting for drug dealers than drug addicts.

“Persons addicted to or dependent on controlled substances should, upon conviction, be sentenced in a matter most likely to produce rehabilitation,” Maciolek said. “Stephany French is an addict. She

is the victim of overprescribed opiates. She is a victim of her own genetic propensity for addiction, like her mother. Her propensity toward drug use was facilitated to her access to free money. She was handed \$150,000, and unfortunately, a substantial portion of that went to her local drug dealer to sell her opiates.”

French provided the drugs to Bourdoin, Maciolek said, but thought what she gave was heroin when it was actually fentanyl. Maciolek pointed out the seriousness of drugs and feels that efforts should be focused on the makers and distributors instead of the addicts.

“The fact that drugs are getting into the jail here is probably more of a problem than saying that

somebody in the jail used them,” Maciolek said.

Family feels French should pay

Family members were more concerned with the fact that Bourdoin was gone, and that French was responsible for that reality.

April LaMere, Bourdoin’s mother, described the difficulty in having to explain to her granddaughter that her “dada” was no longer in her life, and that the child has had “outbursts, depression and instability” due to her father figure being taken away. LaMere noted that French’s family members still have her in their lives, while her family members must live with a hole in their hearts that Bourdoin used to occupy.

“I have feelings of an-

ger and sadness and frustration as we have been to this courtroom time and time again, taking time off of work and traveling distances without compensation to sit through lengthy hearings with no resolution,” LaMere said. “I would hope that the court would find it suitable for a maximum sentence possible so that this doesn’t happen to anyone else’s child.”

Ariana Bourdoin described how there is now a piece missing from her life because of the death of her brother, and that losing him has produced the biggest heartache she has ever known. She also pointed out how her niece, Julian Bourdoin’s daughter, has a hole in her heart because of her father’s death, saying the two had the greatest father-daughter relationship.

“How dare you rob her of that love,” Ariana Bourdoin said to French. “The image painted of how you carelessly left my brother will stick in my mind for the rest of my life. To be abandoned in the greatest time of need is not only incredibly selfish but insane. I pray you remember all of our faces and how you made us feel. What you do in this lifetime you will answer to God for.”

Bruce LaMere, Julian Bourdoin’s uncle and a retired officer with the Wisconsin Department of Corrections, said that French, who has also been known as Stephany Webster and Nativa Thunder-

cloud, gave the drugs to his nephew on purpose. He also expressed disgust at French taking Bourdoin’s cell phone, deleting the information on it and selling it to others.

“You have not done anything to improve your life,” he said. “While in jail, you have not made any apologies to Julian’s parents. You have not made any attempts to earn your HSED (high school equivalency diploma) or GED (grade-equivalency diploma).”

Avoiding trial mercy to family

In passing sentence, Sloma pointed out that while family members might not be happy with the 12-year prison term, the fact that French chose to end the case without a trial was the more merciful solution for grieving relatives.

“She entered into a plea,” Sloma said. “I know the family didn’t like coming for all those pre-trial hearings, and I thank you for doing that. I know it was very hard. She entered a plea and avoided a trial, which would have probably been a week of additional pain.”

Sloma added that while Maciolek had a point that the court should look at sentences that include chances for rehabilitation, it was also necessary to look at French’s character and the fact that she has not made the decision to seek help.

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accomplished.

“In the last few months, I’ve been working with a couple of contractors just to try and see what can be done to give us the vision we want in the end,” Gatz said.

There’s no estimate yet on how much the project will cost, but Gatz is hopeful the work can be com-

pleted next spring to make the dog park a reality. She said there have been multiple estimates for how much fencing would cost, noting the group is looking at a 6-foot wire fence with dark brown wooden posts.

“Instead of going with the galvanized metal chain-link fencing, we’re kind of

trying to put more thought into it and make it a little nicer, kind of blending in with the environment, since it’s in a woodsy area,” Gatz said. “It’s surrounded by woods, so it’ll be a little more high appealing, I guess you could say.”

Gatz said the biggest challenge is clearing out a few of the trees so bulldoz-

ers can get in to work on the land and clear away brush.

“That’s the big part right now,” Gatz said. “That’s the hardest part.”

She added that the park will be built and maintained solely by donations. Kiosks will be in place so visitors know the rules, as well as donation boxes in

case visitors want to give for the park’s upkeep.

Potrykus Construction is helping with the dog park effort by sponsoring a golf outing on Sept. 21, with the tee off at 10 a.m. at J and B Clover Greens in Marion. Registration is \$240 for a team of four, which includes lunch. The proceeds will be donated in memory

of Jamie Steliga.

To donate, mail a check to Village of Wittenberg Dog Park, P.O. Box 331, Wittenberg, WI 54499. More information can be found on the dog park’s Facebook page or by emailing wittenbergdogpark@gmail.com.

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A parade you can cut with a chainsaw



People in Darth Vader masks try to lure people to the dark side as they toss out candy Aug. 25 on behalf of Gauthier's Ye Olde Saloon of Tigerton during the Lumberjack Days Parade.



The Tigerton FFA travels along the parade route Aug. 25 for Tigerton Lumberjack Days, celebrating the 75th anniversary of the FFA program in the Tigerton School District.

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Anita's Haircut, of Tigerton, is in a festive mood Aug. 25 during the Tigerton Lumberjack Days Parade as its float includes a giant birthday cake.



Among the more unusual sights at the Tigerton Lumberjack Days parade on Aug. 25 is a man riding an antique bicycle from the 19th century.



Red, white and blue was common through the Tigerton Lumberjack Days Parade on Aug. 25, but not as much so as this Jeep wrapped with American flags and more.



The "mane" attraction at the Aug. 25 Tigerton Lumberjack Days parade is the Tigerton Lions Club float, pulled by an International Harvester tractor.



Gene Watson will be bringing his gospel and country repertoire to western Shawano County when he performs Oct. 6 at Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School. CONTRIBUTED

Rubber Soul bringing Gene Watson to WBHS

Rubber Soul Productions has announced that Gene Watson will be performing in concert at 1 p.m. Oct. 6 at the Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School auditorium, 400 W. Grand Ave, Wittenberg.

Tickets are \$50-\$60. To discuss pricing and available seating, call Rob Wyman at 715-584-4203. Tickets are also available online at www.rubbersoul-productions.com.

From his chart-topping soulful gospel albums to

his No. 1 country standards, few artists have left a more indelible mark on America's musical landscape than Watson. As a newly inducted member of the Grand Ole Opry in 2020, Watson has been thrilling audiences for 60 years. This masterful country stylist from Houston, Texas, known as "The Singer's Singer," has more than 75 charted titles, 23 Top 10 hits, six No. 1 country singles and five No. 1 gospel hits.

Watson is also a member of the Texas Country Music Hall of Fame and the Houston, Texas Music Hall of Fame. Fans are still transfixed whenever Watson performs classics like "Farewell Party," "Fourteen Carat Mind" or "Love in the Hot Afternoon." A road warrior and considered one of the finest pure-country singers of his generation, Watson offers up one of the best traditional country shows in the business.

Eland woman receives \$1,000 CWEC scholarship

Kalee Gilmeister, of Eland, has been named one of the recipients of the 2024 Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative's (CWEC) Electric Utility Worker Scholarship. She will receive \$1,000 for her studies.

Gilmeister, a 2024 graduate of D.C. Everest High School, said she decided to seek a career as an electric utility worker because she wanted to pursue her path in the trades and do something that would help other people.

"I feel like it's going to be something that I honestly will really enjoy," Gilmeister said.

Because Gilmeister's mom works for a plumbing, heating and electrical company, Gilmeister said electricity is something that has long interested her. This had her thinking about becoming an electrician. After speaking with the career coach at D.C. Everest, Gilmeister said he encouraged her to consider the Electrical Distribution program at Northcentral Technical College (NTC).



Kalee Gilmeister, of Eland, has been accepted into Northcentral Technical College's electrical distribution program, and a \$1,000 scholarship from Central Wisconsin Electrical Cooperative is helping her pursue her career. CONTRIBUTED

After visiting NTC in February to learn more about the program, Gilmeister decided that was the path she wanted to take.

"He (the instructor) let me try out some of the things and get my hands on some of it," Gilmeister said. "I just really enjoyed the teachers, the learning environment, some of the things that he taught. I just found it all really interesting and something that I could see myself learning more about."

Gilmeister said she understands that she will be entering a male-dominated career, and she will have to prove that she has the skills and knowledge to do her job. She added that, in

the future, she would be all right with being a role model for young girls.

"Showing that women can do stuff and you don't have to be afraid if you're a little different," Gilmeister said. "How many women are now welders? Times can change. If you love something and it's your passion, go for it."

Spending time outdoors and having hands-on work experiences are a couple of things that attracted Gilmeister to pursue an electric utility worker career.

"I'm not the type of person who likes to sit at a desk all the time," she said. "Having that hands-on thing and trying something that most people don't

really do is something that I think sets me out and will be something that will carry me on for a long way."

Gilmeister has been accepted to the electrical distribution program at NTC in Wausau, but she is on the waiting list to start the program.

Receiving the CWEC Utility Worker Scholarship is something for which Gilmeister is thankful.

"It's just absolutely amazing to me that I was able to receive it," she said. "It will allow me to pay off my debt sooner and have a more fulfilling life — hopefully, even give back to other people who need help."

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Pay differential argued again, knocked down

County aims to add staffing instead

BY KEVIN PASSON
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Reiterating that the sheriff's department would rather offer a 50-cent per hour pay differential for second shift and weekend working dispatchers and correctional officers, Supervisor Tess Serrano urged the Shawano County Executive Committee to make that part of the proposed 2025 budget.

The committee denied the request at its Aug. 21 meeting. Instead, the committee added funds to pay for one more jailer and one more dispatcher.

"But if you can't get qualified candidates to fill positions, why wouldn't you go with retaining the people that you have at a 50-cent shift differential?" Serrano said.

"The question came up about the long-term solution vs. the 50-cent thing, and this committee discussed it's really not something that's going to make a huge difference," said Jim Davel, county coordinator.

"There's no use getting into all that discussion today, because then you'd have to give 50 cents to everybody," added Shawano County Board Chairman Tom Kautza.

Supervisor Kathy Luebke asked if the two new positions were in the proposed budget.



Shawano County dispatcher Heather Anderson scans her bank of eight monitors during a recent day shift.

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"Yes, and if they make it, they make it. If they don't, they don't," Kautza said. "We didn't vote to pass it, so that means it's a no. You gotta watch what you guys discuss at your meetings, because you can't just bring stuff up. That wasn't on your agenda, Tess."

"It was in the sheriff's comments," Serrano said, noting that the information was presented by Chief Deputy Ty Raddant in place of Sheriff George Lenzner, who was out of town at a conference.

"We did build in the position. I wouldn't argue that it's going to be tough

to fill, but you got your long-term solution," Davel said.

He said the county has already given jailers and dispatchers an increase in paid time off, one bonus for corrections officers and adopted new pay scale that gave raises to all employees.

"We need to get after finding those people," he said.

"They don't want two positions; they want 50 cents," Supervisor Ken Capelle said. "These two positions are costing us a lot of money. Why don't we take them out of here?"

"The two positions would be an answer to the problem," said Kautza.

"The problem they have is that the people that are given their time off can't use their time off because they have to come in because there aren't enough people to work the extra hours.

"It's not a matter of giving them an extra 50 cents to work second shift. That's not going to solve nothing. The problem is the number of people you have working there.

"We threw money at the jailers — \$3 an hour — didn't solve the prob-

lem. We (gave them) a 6% pay raise. They didn't get the full 6% because of the three bucks an hour. Then we did a full reevaluation of the whole thing, and everybody got raises again then. Didn't solve the problem. So, what's throwing more money at it going to do?"

He added that a recent survey showed only 10% of employees quitting at the county did so due to pay.

"Yes, it will be hard to fill," Davel said. "We shouldn't stop trying to do the right thing because it's hard. Nobody said it was easy. If you look at the amount of pay raises

that has been given and the amount of PTO and accrual rate from everybody over there that gets higher than anybody in the county, and they can't take the time, do you really think 50 cents is going to make a damn difference? I don't believe.

"They've got to start doing more effort in recruitment."

Kautza asked if anyone had approached the employees recently laid off at the Mattoon lumber business.

"What's the recruitment that's being done?" he said. "They take out a little ad. Well, we put it in the website. There ain't nobody looking at that website."

Serrano said many applicants can't make the cut for background checks.

"What do you think's going to happen with 42 people who probably, and I'm just saying probably because I don't know exact figures, 25 of them are Hispanic nondocumented workers?" she said. "You're not going to get them in the sheriff's department."

"Well, you got to get documented ones," Kautza said. "You've got to make more of an effort to reach out.

"You already have people willing to come in second shift and third shift. So, paying them more to come in second shift and third shift is only going to get you to have more people that are willing to work second shift and third shift."

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County may borrow to balance its budget

Proposed levy \$3M above limit

BY KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

Shawano County department heads have been told to trim 5% of their proposed 2025 budget or face the wrath of the county's executive committee.

That was the decision of the committee when it gathered Aug. 21.

The proposed \$18 million tax levy is about \$3 million over the limit.

A 5% savings will knock \$900,000 off the total, and the county is preparing to possibly borrow the remaining \$2 million.

Carrie Buntjer, finance director, said she received an initial indication of 6% interest for short-term

borrowing. "If we do a 5% cut across the board, we're still in a borrowing position," she said.

The county's capital improvement plan, any borrowing and a final budget all need to be decided in October, so preparations for borrowing, if it would occur, need to be made now so the County Board can take action at the September meeting.

The \$2 million in borrowing would be a maximum.

Board Chairman Tom Kautza is concerned that some department heads may think the whole problem can be solved by borrowing, so they may not make any cuts.

"They're not going to have a choice of whether they're cutting their budgets," Supervisor Randy

Young said. "We're going to say to bring back a budget that is 5% less."

"They won't do it," Kautza said.

"Then we'll do it," Young responded. "As leaders, we're giving them the chance to do it themselves. They know their budget better than we do."

Jim Davel, county coordinator, asked about departments that already came in under the threshold. Would they still need to trim?

"Yes," said Supervisor Kathy Luebke. "We're Shawano County. This is a Shawano County budget."

Young suggested department heads also hold off on any immediate rehires if an employee retires or resigns.

All positions will be reassessed to see if the work can be shifted to other employees, automate or otherwise performed without rehiring.

Menominee get award for energy efficiency

Within the seven vision areas of the Menominee Tribe Strategic Plan, workgroups are collaborating, strategizing and making headway on their initiatives.

One workgroup focusing on the Economic vision area have made big accomplishments that have granted the team a Focus on Energy Energy Efficiency Excellence Award.

The economic vision area focuses on business development, overall economic growth, and ways to save costs and create more sustainable practices and facilities.

"The tribal maintenance and facilities team has been instrumental in making updates to our buildings that can save the tribe money and provide us all with more

energy-efficient options," said Gena Kakkak, tribal chairwoman. "Since day one of the current strategic plan, this team has been diligently working to find long-term solutions."

James Corn, facilities director, along with his team, were presented with the 2024 Energy Efficiency Excellence Award at the Tribal Offices on Aug. 8 by members of the Focus on Energy Program. Each year, the program selects 10 Wisconsin entities, ranging from businesses to farms, to be honored as champions of finding not just lower-cost energy solutions but ways to reduce energy use all together.

"We are so proud of the work that Jim and his team has done under the Strategic Plan," said Brenda Tomow with the

Wisconsin Department of Administration. "It's even more exciting to see their work be recognized among the other great initiatives happening across the state of Wisconsin."

The maintenance and facilities team set out to centralize purchasing/expenditures for cost-efficiency and procurement cost-savings. The team has been updating tribal office buildings with LED bulbs in every light fixture which has allowed for a large reduction in operating costs and increase in energy savings.

"This award is a reminder that, while it may seem like small changes, they can make BIG impacts," added Kakkak. "Everyone on the maintenance and facilities team should be so proud of their accomplishments."

Officers train in responding to mental illness calls

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Earlier this month, officers from the Shawano Police Department, Shawano County Sheriff's Office, Shawano County Jail, Shawano County Dispatch, Menominee Tribal Police Department, Black Creek Police Department and Clintonville Police Department completed a five-day crisis intervention team (CIT) training hosted by the Shawano Police Department at Shawano Community High School.

Shawano Police Officers Sam Ferg-Meshnick and Officer Mequon Frechette organize and run this class. This is the fourth year this class has been held in Shawano. There is a lack of mental health crisis services across the United States. Because of this, law enforcement officers are serving as first responders to most crisis type situations. A CIT program is an innovative, community-based approach to improve the outcomes of these

encounters. During this training, officers learned about major mental illnesses, how to identify people in crisis and how to de-escalate situations they may come to face as well as improving responses to people in crisis. This training also helped officers improve their communication ability and learn how to better identify mental health resources for assisting people in crisis as well as keeping them out of jail. CIT can reduce arrests

of people with mental illness while increasing the likelihood that individuals will receive mental health services. CIT programs create connections among law enforcement, mental health providers, hospital emergency services and individuals with mental illness and their families. Through collaborative community partnerships and intensive training, CIT improves communication and identifies mental health resources for those

in crisis and ensures officer and community safety. Research shows that CIT is associated with improved officer attitude and knowledge about mental illness. According to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), CIT programs give officers more tools to do their job safely and effectively. Research shows that CIT is associated with improved officer attitude and knowledge about mental illness. The training also helps

keep law enforcement's focus on crime. Some communities have found that CIT has reduced the time officers spend responding to a mental health call. This puts officers back into the community more quickly. CIT training can produce cost savings. It's difficult to estimate exactly how much diversion programs can save communities. But incarceration is costly compared to community-based treatment.

School board bumps paraprofessional sub pay

Board members question if amount enough to attract fill-ins to Shawano

paraprofessionals that are SpEd (special education)," McKinnies said. "Just working as a recess aide, lunchroom supervisor or playground supervisor before, you have a lot of occurrences where you need subs for that. Being at \$13 an hour for a recess aide, I don't think you're going to get much more buy-in for \$13 than you did at \$11." With that in mind, McKinnies said she would vote for the increase because the current substi-

tute pay is unacceptable. Board member Bobbi Lemerond agreed that any pay bump from the current amount is good, but she felt the district could do better. "I think we need to review this again, but I'm glad we're starting somewhere," Lemerond said. "Any raise we give is a good thing, but we should look into it a little bit more and possibly bring this up a little bit higher."

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

The Shawano School Board voted Aug. 21 to give a pay bump to substitutes serving as non-teaching staff, even though some board members felt the bump wasn't really enough. Teachers on Call presented to the board on Aug. 12, and in that presentation, they noted the

disparity in pay for aides and paraprofessionals. Comparable school districts pay \$15.56 per hour for paraprofessionals, \$16.53 if they're serving as aides in special education classrooms and \$16.34 if they're subbing long-term, and Shawano's pay was less than those figures. A survey from Teachers on Call showed 25% of substitute paraprofessionals with the Shawano School

District are not happy with the pay. Nicole Hartlaben, human resources director, told the board that the district was planning to offer pay to substitutes similar to what is the starting pay for the positions. She proposed paying \$13.50 per hour for recess and lunch aides, \$15 for instructional paraprofessionals and \$17.12 for special education

paraprofessionals. Board member Christine McKinnies questioned if the district would get enough buy-in from substitutes for the aide and paraprofessional vacancies. She suggested that the \$13.50 for recess aides would not do much to convince substitutes to come to Shawano for work. "We're short, and we often need subs for the

"I don't think you're going to get much more buy-in for \$13 than you did at \$11."
CHRISTINE MCKINNIES, Shawano School Board member

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Shawano seeks survey answers for rec center grant application

The Shawano Parks and Recreation Department is conducting an online survey in pursuit of a \$4 million grant to improve the Shawano Recreation Center, 220 E. Division St. The survey consists of a dozen questions with yes or no answers. It takes about two minutes to complete. Questions focus on the benefit of free high-speed internet and access to computers at the center, free spaces for private meetings and classes, new locker rooms, a more accessible layout, increased space for the exercise area, a remodeled front entrance, a giant fish tank to raise baby sturgeon and court space with free open gym times. Take the survey at www.surveymonkey.com/r/7G2QN2F. While the survey does not provide space for additional suggestions, many residents are offering their thoughts on the department's Facebook page beneath the post requesting people take the survey. The page is at www.facebook.com/ShawanoParkandRec.



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Fall event in Gillett features Harvest Days fair

The Gillett Area Chamber of Commerce has announced its highly anticipated Homecoming and Harvest Days is coming to Gillett beginning Oct. 7.

The homecoming football game takes place on Oct. 11. with games and food vendors at the school. The Harvest Days Market will be held Oct. 12 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Gillett Secondary School.

Attendees can look forward to a market featuring a variety of local artisans, craftspeople, and businesses showcasing their wares.

One of the highlights of this year's event is the soup cookoff. Contestants are invited to submit their best recipes for a friendly competition where they will vie for the title of "Best Soup in Gillett." Community members will have the opportunity to taste-test all entries and cast their votes throughout the day. With prizes up for grabs and bragging rights on the line, participants are encouraged to register early, as spaces are limited.

Vendor spaces are still available for those looking to showcase their products or services during the event.

Vendors and shoppers pack the Oconto County Youth Fair Exhibition Building in Gillett during the second annual Harvest Days in 2023. The event is moving to Gillett Secondary School for this year's celebration Oct. 12.

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USDA releases its latest crop production report

Wisconsin corn production is forecast at 538 million bushels, down 3% from the previous year, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – Crop Production report.

Based on conditions as of Aug. 1, yields are expected to average 183 bushels per acre, up seven bushels from last year. Corn planted acreage is estimated at 3.75 million acres. An estimated 2.94 million of the acres planted will be harvested for grain.

Soybean production is forecast at 112 million bushels, up 7% from the previous year. The yield is forecast at 53 bushels per acre, two bushels higher than 2023. Soybean planted acreage is estimated at 2.15 million acres with 2.12 million acres to be harvested.

Winter wheat production is estimated at 15.2 million bushels, down 13% from the previous year. The yield is forecast at 80 bushels per acre, up one bushel from the July forecast and up four bushels from 2023. Winter wheat planted acreage is estimated at 265,000 acres with 190,000 acres to be harvested for grain.

Oat production for grain is forecast at 5.03 million bushels, up 10% from the previous year. The expected yield is 67 bushels per acre, up one bushel from the July forecast and up six bushels from 2023. Oat planted acreage is estimated at 145,000 acres with 75,000 acres to be harvested for grain.

Production of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures for hay is forecast at 2.48 million tons, up 44% from the previous year.

Yield is expected to average 3.1 tons per acre, up 0.4 tons per acre from last year. Production of other hay is forecast at 820,000 tons, up 62% from last year. Yield for other hay is expected to average two tons per acre, up 0.7 ton per acre from last year.

The forecasts in this report are based on Aug. 1 conditions and do not reflect weather effects since that time. The next crop production forecasts, based on conditions as of Sept. 1, will be released Sept. 12.

Corn production for grain is forecast at 15.1 billion bushels, down 1% from 2023 — which, if realized, would be the third-highest production for grain on record for the United States.

Based on conditions as of Aug. 1, the yield is forecast at a record high 183.1 bushels per acre, up 5.8 bushels from last year's final estimate of 177.3 bushels. Total planted area, at 90.7 million acres, is down 1% from the previous estimate and down 4% from the previous year. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 82.7 million acres, down 1% from the previous forecast and down 4% from the previous year.

Soybean production for beans is forecast at a record high 4.59 billion bushels, up 10% from 2023. Based on conditions as of Aug. 1, yields are expected to average a record high 53.2 bushels per acre, up 2.6 bushels from 2023. Area harvested for beans in the United States is forecast at 86.3 million acres, up 1% from the previous forecast and up 5% from 2023.

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.36 billion bushels, up 1% from the July 1 forecast and up 9% from 2023. As of Aug. 1, the United States yield is forecast at 53.2 bushels per acre, up 1.2 bushels from last month and up 2.6 bushels from last year's average yield of 50.6 bushels per acre. Area expected to be harvested for grain or seed totals 25.6 million acres, down 1% from the acreage report released on June 28 but up 4% from 2023.

The complete report can be found on the USDA NASS website at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications.

UW-Extension holding soybean field day next week

Soybean growers need to manage weeds, diseases, insects, weather impacts, and the grain market. Any one of these can create headaches and they can add up to lots of lost income, especially in an already tight margin year such as 2024.

University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension is sponsoring a field day Sept. 4 designed to help soybean growers navigate the current marketplace, as well as improve their pest and agronomic management decision-making.

The field day is being hosted by McAllister Farms, N1448 Laney Road, Seymour. Beginning at 10 a.m., attendees will view research and demonstration plots regarding waterhemp control, fungicide selection and timing, and foliar fertilizer and biological products. Discussions will take place regarding waterhemp management; grain marketing update and tactic considerations; white mold management; dairy ration building based on fatty acid profiles of feeds; soy agronomics; and soy nutrient management.

Discussion leaders include John Heinberg with Total Farm Marketing by Stewart-Peterson, Extension Ruminant Nutrition Specialist Luiz Ferraretto, Extension Crops/Soils Educator Scott Reuss, UW Nutrient and Pest Management Program Manager Dan Smith and Nutrient Management Outreach Specialist Chris Clark. CCA CEU's will be available for attendance at the event.

McAllister's is growing plenish soybeans at the field day site, which are high-oleic soybeans meant for livestock feed.

Alex Weldon with Pioneer/Corteva Agriscience will be on the agenda to discuss management specifics for these cultivars and how they can fit into a farm's rotation. The event is free, including lunch, due to financial support provided by Pioneer, Seed Concepts, and USDA-NIFA through Award Number 2021-70027-34694. A tent will be set up to ensure the event will occur whatever the weather brings that day.

All farm personnel and agricultural professionals are invited to attend this free event, which is being sponsored by the Extension Offices of Brown, Door, Kewaunee, Langlade, Marinette, Oconto, Outagamie, Shawano, and Winnebago counties. Registration is requested, but not required, by contacting Reuss at 715-732-7510, 715-701-0966 or scott.reuss@wisc.edu.



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Pond, clubhouse aids challenged sportsmen

Challenge the Outdoors provides fun opportunities at Peter's Pond near Pulaski

By ROSS BIELEMA
Correspondent

Challenge the Outdoors (CTO) Inc., a small volunteer organization with big ambitions to help physically challenged folks enjoy hunting, fishing and other outdoor fun, never knows who might discover them and lend a helping hand.

Some volunteers help with deer, turkey and pheasant hunting events, sporting clays fundraisers, trips to Shawano Lake or Lake Michigan for fishing or serve on the board of directors. Those who love the outdoors don't want to see physical impediments get in the way of a beautiful day outside sharing the adventures they all love.

But this 225-member group literally hit the jackpot when philanthropists Steve and Kristi Nooyen of Sturgeon Bay took an interest in helping.

The Nooyens' generosity was obvious to the dozens of volunteers, supporters and family members who visited the open house and dedication of Peter's Pond in Angelica near Pulaski — the official new home and headquarters for CTO — on Aug. 18.

The 13 acres of land — which includes a 3 1/2-acre fishing pond and 2,200-square-foot clubhouse — was paid for through a \$1.5 million donation by the Nooyens' Home Instead, a Green Bay-based senior care franchise that operates in four states.

CTO, a nonprofit organization founded in 1998, currently uses Home Instead's Green Bay office as its main office but will soon use the new facility.

Home Instead, with 10 franchises in Wisconsin and the remainder in Alabama, Kentucky and Tennessee, donates 20% of its corporate profits to charities, said Steve Nooyen, the company president and owner.

"God is our CEO," Steve Nooyen said at the open house.

While the new facility certainly will see plenty of use by the physically disabled — as evidenced by the number of folks in wheelchairs and walkers already reeling in panfish and a few bass at the multiple wheelchair-accessible docks — the clubhouse also will be open to civic groups, hunter and boating safety classes and other activities, Steve Nooyen noted.

"We want the property to be used," he



An open house and dedication Aug. 18 at Peter's Pond near Pulaski drew dozens of volunteers, members and supporters to explore the 13-acre site. Among the dignitaries were, from left, Sturgeon Bay philanthropists Kristi and Steve Nooyen, Challenge the Outdoors director Keith Pamperin and CTO President Carl Gierke. The Nooyens' Home Instead senior care business provided the entire \$1.5 million cost for the land, building and fishing amenities. The building is about 2,200 square feet and can be used by other organizations, such as hunter education, boating safety and more.

ROSS BIELEMA

said. "We want the property to be used often."

CTO officials, RJM Construction LLC of Black Creek and the Nooyens broke ground in November 2021, and the building construction was completed in the winter of 2023, CTO President Carl Gierke said. RJM Construction has assisted Shadows on the Wolf with similar projects to help the disabled access fishing areas.

The building has a spacious meeting room, full kitchen, restrooms and a covered patio. The pond has full aeration and is about 12 feet deep to help keep the panfish, bass and other species alive. Gierke said they hope to eventually remove as many of the carp and bullheads as possible.

Additions to come include a 60-foot



The multiple wheelchair-accessible fishing docks at Challenge the Outdoors' Peter's Pond facility got a good test run Aug. 18 as dozens of people enjoyed an open house and dedication ceremony at the 13-acre site and 3 1/2-acre fishing pond.

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Main Street Sweets brightens downtown Gillett

By WARREN BLUHM
News Editor

Main Street in Gillett has been a sweeter place to be this summer.

Pete Vorpahl opened Main Street Sweets at 127 E. Main St. in time for the community's annual Independence Day parade. Its shelves and walls are lined with a wide variety of sugary treats — including local favorites like Twig's soda and Door County Confectionery candies.

Here, too, are Jelly Belly jellybeans and sugary memories from parents' childhoods, like Charlestown Chews, Chuckles, candy cigarettes and Bonamo's Turkish Taffy.

"I get comments like, 'I remember my dad buying this,'" Vorpahl said. "It's kind of what I was going for."

Vorpahl and his wife, Wendy — who

has operated Gillett Handiworks across the street for about seven years — purchased the building earlier this year in hopes of being part of the revitalization of the downtown area.

"I've thought about doing something like this for awhile," he said.

He has been building inventory over the course of the summer and held a grand opening with games and giveaways Aug. 16-17. As time goes on, Vorpahl hopes to create a mini-arcade with video games and expand the ice cream section with a seating area in the back of the store.

Main Street Sweets is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday and Wednesday through Saturday, as well as noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. The store is closed Tuesdays.

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Wendy Vorpahl digs deep to build an ice cream dish for a customer.

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SURING: Rummage Sale, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 206 N. Burk St.

SURING: Friends of the Suring Library Book Sale, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Village Hall Learning Center, 604 E. Main St. Brat fry 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

LAKEWOOD: Friends of Lakes Country Public Library Book Sale, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the library, 15235 State Highway 32.

SURING: 94th annual Labor Day Celebration, 5-11 p.m., Veterans Memorial Park. WUMPA 4x4 Truck Pull 7 p.m., music, food and refreshments.

SHAWANO: Shawano County Fair, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., 990 E. Green Bay St. Decorated cake auction 5 p.m., livestock auction 6:30 p.m. Bingo, carnival rides, animal auctions, live music.

LITTLE SUAMICO: Little Suamico Days, 5-11 p.m., Town Recreation Park, 1015 County Road J. Softball tournament, music, food, games and activities. All proceeds benefit Little Suamico Recreation Association.

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

SATURDAY, AUG. 31

BONDUEL: Amish Consignment and Quilt Auction, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., N4310 Hill Road. Selling in multiple rings: quilts, furniture, crafts, horse-related tack, tools, maple syrup, lawn art, poly furniture, fall mums and more. Quilt preview 7:30-10 a.m., Crafts start 8:30 a.m. Field auction 9 a.m., quilt auction 10 a.m. Furniture noon. Bake sale 8 a.m. and lunch stand available.

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

SURING: 94th annual Labor Day Celebration, 8 a.m. to 11 p.m., Veterans Memorial Park. Buy Sell Swap on Ehlinger Street 8 a.m., Chili Cook-Off at Suring Fire Department 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Farm and NEW Hot Farm Tractor Pulls 7 p.m., music, food and refreshments.

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SHAWANO: Shawano County Fair, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., 990 E. Green Bay St. Kiddie tractor pull noon, Dairy Futurity Show 7 p.m. Bingo, carnival rides, animal auctions, live music.

LITTLE SUAMICO: Little Suamico Days, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., Town Recreation Park, 1015 County Road J. Softball tournament, music, food, games and activities. Children's area 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., gun raffle drawing 5 p.m. followed by military appreciation ceremony, fireworks at dusk. All proceeds benefit Little Suamico Recreation Association.

TOWNSEND: Corn Roast Fundraiser, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Old Town Hall, 17767 State Highway 32. Supports Red Arrow Snowmobile-ATV Club. ATV/UTV parade 10:30 a.m. from clubhouse, 16712 Hummingbird Lane, to Old Town Hall, followed by meat raffles, 50/50 raffles, win big raffle, food, beverages and free sweet corn.

SHAWANO: Stock car racing - Championship Night, 6-10 p.m., Shawano Speedway, 990 E. Green Bay St. Admission \$12 17 and up, \$6 12-16, free 11 and younger with paid adult.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 1

SHAWANO: Zurko Promotions Flea Market, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Fairgrounds, 990 E. Green Bay St. \$2 admission.

BONDUEL: Farmers Market, 8 a.m. to noon, Mill and Pond streets. Local produce, artisans, handmade crafts from the Bonduel area.

SURING: 94th annual Labor Day Celebration, 8 a.m. to 11 p.m., Veterans Memorial Park. Demolition derby noon, fireworks 8:30 p.m., music, food and refreshments.

SHAWANO: Shawano County Fair, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., 990 E. Green Bay St. Demolition derby 1 p.m. Bingo, carnival rides, animal auctions, live music.

MONDAY, SEPT. 2

SURING: 94th annual Labor Day Celebration, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Veterans Memorial Park. Parade 10 a.m., music, food and refreshments.

SHAWANO: Shawano County Fair, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., 990 E. Green Bay St. Small animal auction 10 a.m., trailer races 1 p.m. Bingo, carnival rides, animal auctions, live music.

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, SEPT. 3

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 4

SHAWANO: Chamber Coffee Con-

nection, 8-9 a.m., Sweet Life Eatery, 116 N. Main St.

NEOPIT: Recovery talking circle, 6-8 p.m. The Circle House, W6715 Shawpokasic St. Information: Mindy Thunder at 715-799-3835 or mthunder@mitw.org.

POUND: Line Dancing with the North Country Kickers, 6:30-9 p.m., Equity Hall, W7403 State Highway 64. Lessons 7 p.m. Admission \$5. For information, call 920-606-4370 or 920-829-6316.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 5

NAVARINO: Senior Safari Lunch and Learn, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. Topic: Wisconsin DNR. Suggested fee \$4.50 per person. Registration is required by calling Heidi at 715-526-4686.

KESHENA: Tribal Elder Food Box Distribution, 1 p.m., N737 Headstart Road. All elderly age 55 and enrolled in a federally organized tribe are eligible.

GILLETT: Community Market, 5-7 p.m., Gillett Public Library, 200-204 E. Main St.

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

FRIDAY, SEPT. 6

LENA: Dairy Fest, 6-10 p.m., St. Anne's Parish, 221 E. Main St. Truck pull 6 p.m., fireworks at dusk.

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

SATURDAY, SEPT. 7

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

LENA: Dairy Fest, St. Anne's Parish, 221 E. Main St. Stampede 5K

run/walk 8 a.m., parade 10:30 a.m. Petting zoo, pony rides, face painting, bouncers, food vendors, free ice cream, live music.

OCOTO: Pancake porkie breakfast, 8-11 a.m., Holy Trinity Fellowship Hall, 300 Arbutus Ave. Hosted by Knights of Columbus. All you can eat; free-will donation.

SHAWANO: Empty Bowls, Caring Hearts fundraiser for SAM25, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B. Soups and bowls for purchase, live music, silent auction, bucket raffles.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 8

SHAWANO: Zurko Promotions Flea Market, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Fairgrounds, 990 E. Green Bay St. \$2 admission.

BONDUEL: Farmers Market, 8 a.m. to noon, Mill and Pond streets. Local produce, artisanals, handmade crafts from the Bonduel area.

SHAWANO: Customs and Classics Car Show, 8 a.m., Shawano Lake County Park, 5785 Lake Drive.

CHASE: Chase Stone Barn Craft Show, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Chase Stone Barn Park, 8246 County Road S. More than 100 vendors, brats and burgers, music by Lot 1.

SHAWANO: Grand opening, 10:15 a.m., Shawano Baptist Church, N5364 Poplar Road. Special music, a brief message and luncheon in the church fellowship room.

SHAWANO: Roll Back Time with Wisconsin Wheelmen, 1-4:30 p.m., Shawano Historical Society Heritage Park, 524 N. Franklin St. Antique bicycles, period costumes, presentations on collecting and restoration, exhibits and demonstrations. Pie and Ice Cream Social 2-4 p.m., old-fashioned beverage booth 1-4:30 p.m.

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Historical society presentation looks at lumberjacks

The Oconto County Historical Society will begin its fall speaker series Sept. 5 by looking at northeast Wisconsin's lumberjack history.

The program "River Rat: Real Life and Romantic Legend" begins at 6:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the Beyer Home and Carriage Museum, 915 Park Ave., Oconto.

Kathleen Marsh will tell the story of tens of thousands of unsung heroes, lumberjacks who extended their seasonal employment during the Big Pine era.

Singing on as log drivers, these legendary men were also known as river pigs or river rats. They skillfully navigated a series of dams and rivers to deliver millions of sawlogs that would be turned into lumber to build America.

Marsh's program was inspired by "Breakfast in Hell," a song recorded by Slaid Cleves. Written by Robin Frederick, as "The Ballad of Sandy Gray," the song immortalized a valiant log driver who lost his life clearing a logjam on Ontario's Musquash River in

the early 20th century. Owned by the historical society, the Holt and Balcom Depot Camp in Lakewood was an integral part of this water highway from 1881 to after the turn of the 20th century. River crews assembled there every spring to prepare for a log drive utilizing McCauslin Brook and branches of the Oconto River to float white pine and hemlock logs to the company's sawmill in Oconto. The program is free. Light refreshments will be served.

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by 80-foot storage building, archery and crossbow range, and wheelchair-accessible walking path, Steve Nooyen said.

The donation includes 10 years of maintenance for the facility.

Nooyen, who also runs Wheelchair Whitetails (a group that helps the disabled hunt deer on 500 acres of woods in Florence County), said he bought the land for Peter's Pond in 2016. He told CTO of his intentions to build the new clubhouse and amenities in 2020.

Gierke, president of CTO for the past six years after joining the board, said he went to the group's sporting clays fundraiser many years ago and soon joined the helping-hand agency. It was a similar story for Keith Pamperin, CTO director,

who attended a Green Bay outdoors show one year and ran into some CTO folks manning a booth.

Pamperin, who suffered debilitating injuries 57 years ago in a motor scooter accident, got help by CTO to try kayaking for the first time. He soon found himself on the board and then became vice president before taking the reins as director.

No matter a person's physical abilities or disabilities, CTO is happy to help. It costs \$20 to become an annual member, \$30 for a family, \$100 for lifetime membership (individual) or \$150 for a family.

Members are welcome to use the pond and facilities.

"People come out of the woodwork to help us," Gierke said

Peter's Pond is dedicated to the memory of Peter

Lathrop, a devoted CTO volunteer and outdoors lover, despite his physical limitations. His father, Bob Lathrop, was equally dedicated to bringing his son and other challenged sportsmen the sheer joy of outdoor adventures.

Several of the Lathrops' family also attended the open house. A photo of the Lathrops is on display in the clubhouse for all to see.

Peter's Pond is located at N2647 Cherry Drive, Pulaski, next to Highway 29 (just off County Road C on the west side of the highway). Google Maps may send you to the east side, so be warned.

Contact CTO at www.CTOforME.org or email CTOforME@yahoo.com. You can also call Gierke at 920-986-3272 or Pamperin at 920-639-9275.



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Hot weather can affect heart health

Summer is a wonderful time to embrace the pleasures of the season — spending time at the pool, enjoying a barbecue or taking the opportunity to exercise outdoors.

For those who are exercising outdoors, it's important to understand how hot weather can stress their heart.

"Extreme heat can increase health risks for people with chronic conditions, including heart disease," said Dr. Ameer Kabour, ThedaCare cardiologist. "Taking precautions can help keep you safe and well."

2023 was the hottest year on record, according to www.climate.gov. In addition, the 10 most recent years were the warmest on record.

The temperature danger zone kicks in around 100 degrees Fahrenheit, according to the American Heart Association (AHA). However, even temperatures in the 80s with high humidity can lead to an increased risk of heart problems.

"Heat and dehydration cause the heart to work harder, trying to cool itself by shifting blood from major organs to underneath the skin," according to the AHA. "This shift causes the heart to pump more blood, putting it under significantly more stress."

Extreme heat also can lead to blood clots and electrolyte imbalances that can contribute to cardiovascular disease, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. These factors may worsen heart failure and lead to acute coronary syndrome,

acute myocardial infarction, arrhythmias and stroke.

"Anyone can experience heat-related illness," Kabour said. "Heat exhaustion and heatstroke are two common types."

People with heat exhaustion should take steps to cool down and watch for worsening symptoms. Heat stroke, on the other hand, is a medical emergency.

Heat exhaustion symptoms include heavy sweating; cold, pale or clammy skin; rapid pulse, muscle cramps, nausea, weakness or tiredness; and headache.

Those experiencing symptoms should move to a cooler place and apply cool compresses. Medical care should be sought for symptoms that don't improve.

Heat stroke occurs when a person's core temperature exceeds 104 degrees F, producing more heat than the body can release. Symptoms can include flushed, hot and dry skin without sweating; rapid pulse and breathing; throbbing headache; upset stomach with nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea; and dizziness, confusion, irritability or loss of consciousness.

If you suspect heatstroke, call 911. While you wait, move yourself or the affected person to a cooler place. Use cool cloths or ice packs to try to bring down body temperature. A cool bath also can help. Don't give someone suffering heatstroke anything to drink, as they can't safely consume anything while their consciousness is affected.

Certain groups are at more vulnerable to heat-related illness. In addition to

people with heart disease, those at high risk include children under the age of 5, pregnant women, adults 65 and older and individuals with other chronic health conditions such as diabetes or mental health conditions.

Some medications increase the risk of heat-related illness, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. These include beta-blockers, diuretic medicines (sometimes called water pills), antihistamines (including many allergy medicines) and many antipsychotic medicines used to treat psychiatric and neurologic illnesses.

"Heat-related illness can be preventable if people are taking the proper precautions," Kabour said. "Those in high-risk groups should be especially mindful."

These steps should be taken:

- Stay hydrated. Talk to your doctor about guidelines for staying hydrated if you have heart disease. Some people with certain cardiovascular conditions are sensitive to fluid intake.
- Exercise safely. Exercise is important for people with heart disease, but make sure to play it safe. Move your workout to a cool indoor environment. Alternatively, exercise outdoors early in the morning or later in the day, when it's likely to be cooler.
- Dress smart. Wear lightweight and light-colored clothing. Protect yourself from sunburn with a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen.
- Keep taking medications. If you have concerns about how your heart medications will interact with heat, talk to your doctor.

"Knowledge and awareness go a long way in keeping yourself and your heart safe during hot weather," Kabour said. "We hope everyone can take care and enjoy the warm months."

Competing histories make finding truth hard

Shortly before Christmas 1864, my great-great-aunt Margarethe Walter said a tearful goodbye to her husband, Johann, certain she would never see him again. A Sheboygan County German immigrant farmer, Johann was forced to leave her and their baby daughter to join the Union Army during the Civil War. Margarethe's premonition was spot on, but in a way she could not have imagined.

Johann's infantry unit was charged with guarding supply trains. Constantly on the move, communication with loved ones was sporadic. They trained in Kansas, marched to Tennessee, then Alabama, Louisiana, and finally Green Lake, Texas. Though the war was winding down, they did see limited action. Fortunately, Johann was not wounded; however, most casualties were caused by disease, not gunfire. In August 1865, Johann was stricken. He lay near death, felled by sunstroke, thousands of miles from home.

Then suddenly his wife was there, conjured up in a delirious dream, holding Margarethe and giving him strict orders not to die. He rallied and was on his way to recovery when he got the letter. Posted months earlier, it was from his brother-in-law John George Holzschuh. Reading the contents, Johann collapsed with grief, struggling to absorb the news. Margarethe had died on June 19.

What happened was not explained, just that he was needed at home to attend to his farm and daughter. The letter did contain a bit of comfort. His daughter was living with Anna Maria and John George, my great-great-grandparents who had accepted that responsibility by being named Margarethe's godparents at her baptism.



On Sept. 20, 1865, Johann was granted a 30-day furlough "on account of the death of his wife and helplessness of his child(ren)." Once back in Lima, he arranged for his daughter to continue staying with the Holzschuhs and for John George to run his farm. Even after that proved unnecessary as the war ended, Margarethe continued to live with John George and Anna Maria, who had just given birth to their eighth child.

The next April, Johann married Maria Schuessler. He and Maria had 11 children so obviously it was his first wife who had the infertility issues. This is where things get problematic. Johann's family lineage is well documented, but his marriage to Margarethe is not included anywhere.

The only record of them having a child was the reference in his military record and his daughter's baptismal certificate. She is not listed in the 1870 Census so she must have died by then. Indeed, Johann's grandchildren always maintained that any children by his first marriage must have died young because they had always heard there were none.

There is a troubling something else. In Johann's second family's history, his descendants write that Johann and Margarethe were married in Germany and came to Wisconsin together with an eloping couple. The eloping part is correct; the bride-to-be was Johann's sister. The rest cannot be true. There are copies of immigration papers in the Holzschuh

family book that show Johann came in 1855 while Margarethe came with John George and Anna Maria in 1856. Documentation of their double wedding on June 29, 1856, is also included there.

How do we account for these competing stories? Did Johann's and Maria's children deliberately erase the first part of their father's marital history? That can never be known, but what is certain is that Anna Maria opened her loving arms and heart to Margarethe. She stayed with her adopted family, and her untimely death must have hurt my great-great-grandmother as much as if she herself had given her life. I like to imagine Anna Maria using the iron pot to make comfort food to soothe her grieving family when the little girl died.

Like almost all women of her time, Anna Maria was no stranger to heartache. In 1861, she buried her sixth child, Katherine, who lived just a few weeks. I once asked Dad if I was named after Katherine because he affectionately called me Katrina if I had done something praiseworthy. He shook his head. My name was Kathleen because of a favorite song, "I'll Take You Home Again, Kathleen." That was a pleasant thought until he explained that his Irish pals would sing it during their merry-making when the whiskey and beer flowed freely.

As I write this, my thoughts turn to Anna Maria. I picture her clutching her prayer book as clods of dirt thud against tiny caskets. Was she beseeching God for this to be the last time she must deal with loss of a loved one cruelly ripped out of her life? If so, it's a blessing she had no idea what anguish lay ahead.

(To be continued)

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Lumber, Tools & Recreation Birdseye

& Tiger Maple, Quarter-sawn White Oak, Wide & long Mahogany, 25-80gal Air compressors, Blast cabinet, Ford LP 10KW generator, 15KW PTO Alternator, Bandsaw, Nailers, Bldg. steel, Jacks, 1982 Grand Marquis from Wyoming, 2009 Honda Ruckus scooter, 99 Polaris Sportsman 335 4x4 ATV w/ 1400 miles, Coleman CT100U minibike, JD L120 w/ snowplow, Tandem bike & Much More!

Saturday Sept 14th 10 AM

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Antiques & Collectibles 1940's Allan

Herschell 10-car Carousel w/ cast aluminum Hudson cars, 1.5HP motor & track, Early 1900's Playground Merry-Go-Round, Jungle Gym dome, 100yr old Adams 4-wheel Road Grader, 1960's Cavalier 64 Coke slant-shelf Vending machine, 1960's Pepsi bottle-vending machine, Polished ant. Brass & Copper fire extinguishers, Ant. Elkhart hand extinguisher, Ansul fire extinguisher on 2-wheel cart, American LaFrance & Foamite extinguisher on steel wheels, 1900 Cataract copper tub wringer washer, Folding towel rack, Ant. Lightning rods, Oak mirrored Fireplace Surround w/ columns, Ornate cast aluminum Mailbox w/ buffalo, Painted aluminum Carousel Horse, White Enamelware, Candy Store cash register, Log Bench w/ antlers, Chainsaw carved bear, Ant. Davenport sleeper sofa, Ant. Oak curio w/ curved glass, Walnut curio, Oak curio, Stacking bookcase w/ leaded glass, Ant. Oak & Glass store showcases, Dome-top trunk, Globe cream & beige enamel Wood Cookstove, Comfort potbelly stove, Dry Sink, Granite roasters, Cast aluminum School Bell, Small birdcages, Dome-top large cage, Birdhouses & Feeders, Nickel parlor stove trim, Cast iron horse head, Aluminum eagles, 1952 Cooper lawn mower, DeLaval cream separator, Old Traps, Hide stretchers, Gopher trap, Ice tongs, Wooden Wardrobe, ant. Wall telephone, Army stretcher, Beer tap handles, Diecast cars, Mickey Mouse telephone & Disney collectibles, 15ft tall Animatronic Halloween Towering Phantom, Ant Outboards, Wards chainsaw, Wood pulleys, 2-man Saw, 1921 Dale Directory, Jim Beam car decanters, Ant. Balance Scale, Nail scale, Chicago World's Fair book, Ant typewriter & adding machine, Steel wheel milk can cart, Cream can, Steel wheel wheelbarrow, Morgan tricycle, Steel corn shelter, Wood beam Plow, Cultivator, Potato hiller & digger,

Railroad Items 3-wheel Rail Velocipede handcar

in Outstanding Condition, Wig Wag signals, Griswold crossing lights, Lobby Telephone Booth from Grand Central Station, C & NW cast iron bench from the 1800's, Railway Express Agency freight cart on steel, Platform scale, Manual switches, Manual track drilling rig, Crossing signs, Track signs, Cast iron sign, Depot Freight Carts, Northern Pacific depot cart on steel wheels, Track tool car, "Rail Rod" signalman car by Tabers Welding, Ant. Car with Manual Crane, 2 wheel Carts, WI Central route map, Brass steam gages, Stop lanterns, Clear lamps, Switch signal lamp, Dietz Inspector lantern, Penn RR Conductor suit, Milwaukee Road Conductor hat, Glass button "2 Tracks" sign, Resin locomotive fountain, Johnson car-moving bars, Preco reefer car heater, Gas cans, Antique wrenches, Tongs & Tools, Simplex jack, Hammers, Tie plates, Spike puller, Spikes, Soo Line & other Oil cans, "Carter White Lead" pail, DC relay, C&NW's 400's limited edition art print, Railroad mugs, pictures & photos, Time tables, Blow torch, 1882 Milwaukee Road map, 1956 Union Pacific calendar, Toy Trains poster by Mitch Markovitz, Lionel poster, Toy trains & accessories by Lionel, Marx & American Flyer, Set of Lionel semi trucks, Layout buildings, Jim Beam train set of decanters, Starlite 222 lanterns, "Trains" & "Railroad Model" magazines, Trainmen Union contracts, Padlocks, G-scale train cars, RR "No Trespassing" signs, Railroad stock certificates, Marx pressed steel ride-on train toy

Tools Drills, Sanders, Grinders & Saws, Shaper bench,

6" jointer, Bench grinder, Wood bandsaw, 1950's Delta Drill press, Shop lights, DeWalt jigsaw, Husky rolling toolbox, US-made Wrenches, Nails & Screws, Bolt bin, Come-alongs, Wilton vise, Contractor cords, Belt & Disc sander

Sunday Sept 15th 10 AM

Auction for Wheeler Estate
W7013 Spring Road, Greenville, WI

Buildings to be Moved 8x12ft

Rustic Yard Shed, 8x16ft Steel 3-sided Animal Shelter, 6x12ft Wood 3-sided Shelter, Wire corn cribs w/ metal roofs converted to Cages, Chicken Cage, 8x10ft & 10x10ft Steel Sheds, 10x15ft Steel Barn, 12x16ft Steel Barn, 16x16 Steel Shed, 20x40ft shingle roof Pavilion, 24x30ft Steel Shed, 32x40ft Hay Shed on telephone poles, 20ft Single-use Overseas Storage Container, 6x8ft insulated Playhouse or Bus Stop Shelter, 8x8 Cage w/ metal roof, Rubbermaid yard shed, Outhouse, Meyer WoodChuck wood/coal furnace, Carrier & Tempstar gas furnaces, Several like new Water Heaters, Pressure tank, Reznor Modine heater, 48" Steel door in brick frame

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Auction for **Wheeler Estate**
W7013 Spring Road, Greenville, WI



Railroad Collection (3) Railroad

Putt-Putt Inspector Cars or Speeders: Woodings Model CBI railroad speeder, Fairmont speeders with hard cab & 1 with soft doors, Depot Carts with wood & steel wheels, 1930's Depot freight wagon w/ rubber tires & stake sides, Track tool car, RR jack, Manual switch w/ lantern, Steam gages, Ant. Oak 14ft Lobby double-sided bench, Platform scale, Spike puller, Spikes, Signal switch lamp, Clear & Red lanterns, Oilers, Gas cans, Timetables & More

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el 29-3 in box, Model 57 41Mag, 48-7 22 Mag w/ box, 10-5 in box, Model 67 stainless, 32-20, Engraved Model 34-1, 32 Safety Hammerless, Model 1 3rd issue 22 Short, S&W 1st model Double Action, 44 Russian (bad spring), Ruger LC9, Springfield XDm 9, S&W Sigma 40, Taurus Judge 45/410, SIG P229, Walther PPQ & P22, GSG 1911-22, Ant. Iver Johnson 22 in original box, T/C Contender 45/410, Beretta Nano-9, Ruger Blackhawk & Super Blackhawk 44 Mags, SAR-USA 9, NAA Mini-22 with skeleton belt buckle, FMK compact-9,

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pressor, Some Lumber, Powder coated Kennel panels, Cast iron fire hydrant, Torpedo heater, DeWalt planer, Craftsman 8" jointer, Craftsman 10" table saw, 10" radial saw, Makita miter saw on Ridgid contractor cart, Craftsman belt & disc sander, Wood bandsaw, Craftsman 20" scrollsaw, 8" double grinder, Skilsaws, Drills, Routers & Sanders, Shaper table, Craftsman roller tool chest, Wrenches, Bench drill press, Quik clamps, Pipe clamps, Butcher block bench, Steel shelving, Screws & Nails, Air nailer, Job radio, Roller stands, Craft boards, 300 drill bit set, Diesel cans, Rakes & Shovels, Posthole digger, Hammock, Rods & Reels, Fiberglass step ladder, Crossbuck barn door, Rubbermaid cabinets, 200amp Charger/Booster, Shop Vac, 300# scale, Gas blower, Stihl trimmer, Parts bins, Shop supplies, Ant. Tools

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Hacker wins Mighty 4s feature race

BY KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

Lucas Hacker was the only Shawano driver to collect the checkered flag in a feature race Aug. 24 at the Shawano Speedway. Hacker won the 15-lap Mighty 4s feature after starting on the pole. He was followed by Dalton Nelson of Shawano and Tanner Westphal of Clintonville in second and third, respectively. Westphal won the first heat, and Hacker won the second.

In the IMCA modifieds feature, it was Marcus Yarie of Wausau crossing the line first. Konnor Wilinski of Seymour placed second, with Mike Schmidt of Shawano in third.

The first heat was won by Trevor Spaulding of Greenville, while the second heat was won by Kevin Feck of Wausau.

Tim Jorgenson of Seymour captured the IMCA sport modifieds feature win after starting fourth. Jeffrey Teske of Shawano grabbed second, and Tommy Rindt of Shawano was third.

The heats were won by Jorgenson and Charles Hoffman of Gresham.

New London's Justin Ritchie won the dirt late models feature. Bonduel's Nick Anvelink placed second, and Mosinee's Andy Karl was third.

Shawano's Troy Spring-born finished in first place in the first heat, and Anvelink won the second heat.

Nick Michonski of Embarrass won the IMCA

stock cars feature, moving up five spots from his starting position. Shawano's Trent Nolan moved up 10 spots to place in second, and Shiocton's Dylan Stedjee moved up one position to finish in third place. Shawn Wagner of Lena won the first heat, Michonski won the second, and Stedjee claimed the third heat checkered flag. Shawano's Jordan Bartz leads in the modifieds point standings with 518, just 12 in front of Schmidt's 506.

In the sport modifieds, it's Teske on top with 522, followed by Rindt with 476.

Hortonville's Jordan Barkholtz leads the dirt late models with 569 points. He is trailed by Abrams' Ron Berna with 559 and Karl's 552.

Nolan's 372 leads stock car drivers, with Hortonville's Travis VanStraten in second place with 361 and Oconto Falls' Kyle Frederick in third with 356. Marion's Dan Michonski is in fourth place with 350 points, just 22 off the leader.

In the Mighty 4s, it's is Nelson on top with 536, followed by Clintonville's Brad Wedde with 523.

The championship night will be Aug. 31 during the Shawano County Fair.

Hot laps begin at 5:30 p.m., with racing beginning at 6 p.m. Admission is \$12 for those 17 and older, \$6 for those 12-16 and free for children 11 and younger.

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BACKCOUNTRY CAPTURES



Shawano's Jordan Bartz (12) battles with Sheboygan Falls' Austin Winkel (88) in the IMCA modifieds feature race Aug. 24 at the Shawano Speedway. Marcus Yarie of Wausau crossed the finish line first. Konnor Wilinski of Seymour placed second, with Mike Schmidt of Shawano in third. In the point standings, it's Bartz in the lead with 518, just a dozen points ahead of Schmidt.

BACKCOUNTRY CAPTURES



Wittenberg-Birnamwood and Bonduel face off at the scrimmage line during the Aug. 23 season opener for both teams in Bonduel. The Bears won 28-19. BELLA ROBERTS

Bonduel, Oconto Falls win cross-county games

Shawano comes from behind for victory

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Aug. 23
Bonduel 28, Wittenberg-Birnamwood 19

The Bears won their season opener 28-19 over Wittenberg-Birnamwood. Bonduel was scheduled to travel to Coleman on Aug. 29, while the Chargers are set to host Tomahawk on Aug. 30.

Oconto Falls 46
Oconto 8

Oconto Falls scored all of its 46 points in the first half as they routed Oconto 46-8 on the opening night of the 2024 season.

Isaac Bramer scored on a six-yard run and a 20-yard run, each followed by successful two-point conversions, to put Oconto Falls up 16-0 in the first quarter. But, the Panthers weren't done yet. Wyatt Laughrin ran it in from 33 yards, and Emerich Skarban ran it in from one yard out that put Oconto Falls up 32-0 as the first quarter ended.

In the second quarter, Bramer ran for a 49-yard TD, while Laughrin scored on a 53-yard punt return. Oconto Falls led 46-0 at the half.

Oconto's only score came in the third quarter. Skarban completed 2-of-



Bonduel senior Colin Fischer carries the ball against Wittenberg-Birnamwood on Aug. 23. BELLA ROBERTS

3 for 11 yards. Bramer carried the ball eight times for 114 yards, while Laughrin carried twice for 75 yards. Cole Bozlie caught two

passes for 11 yards. The Panthers were scheduled to host Peshtigo on Aug. 29. **Oconomowoc 42**
Pulaski 7

The Red Raiders trailed from the start, finally scoring its only points in the fourth quarter as Pulaski lost 42-7 to Oconomowoc at home.



Bonduel senior Cade Johnson cocks his arm as he prepares to launch the ball downfield against the Wittenberg-Birnamwood Chargers. The Bears won 28-19. BELLA ROBERTS



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Bryson Schmid (10) carries the ball and hopes to round the corner and get past Bonduel's Evan Wilcox in the Aug. 23 season opener for both teams. BELLA ROBERTS

The Raccoons scored 21 points in the first quarter and seven points in each of the other three stanzas. Pulaski's TD came on an 18-yard run with 1:29 remaining in the game.

Ethan Schmidt completed one pass out of 10 attempts and ran eight times for 23 yards to lead Pulaski.

Pulaski is set to travel to Hortonville on Aug. 30.

Shawano 26
Denmark 13

Shawano came from behind in the fourth quarter to win the season home opener 26-13 over Denmark in nonconference action.

The Hawks led 6-0 after a Jerzy Bocker 97-yard run in the first quarter. The

two-point conversion was unsuccessful.

Each team ran the ball in for a touchdown in the second quarter and missed both extra point kicks. Shawano remained on top 12-6 at the half.

A third quarter touchdown and successful extra point kick put Denmark on top 13-12.

In the final quarter, Shawano scored on a seven-yard pass and a five-yard run. On the first TD, Shawano converted the two-point conversion; however, the extra point kick was missed on the second touchdown.

Shawano was scheduled to travel to Wrightstown on Aug. 29.

Hawks tennis team goes 2-4 in season opener

BY NEW MEDIA STAFF

Bay Port Invite Aug. 19-20

Shawano Community High School's girls tennis team started their season with a two-day, six-match invite in the Green Bay area. On Aug. 19, the Hawks started out 2-1, then fell 0-3 on Aug. 20.

In its division, Shawano played against Green Bay Preble, Howards Grove, Menominee (Michigan), Eau Claire Regis, Onalaska Luther and New Richmond. Eleven other teams competed in two other divisions. The new Hawks tennis team played 16 players over the two days. Top performers for the two days were Rachael Carroll, who went 4-1 at singles and 1-0 at doubles, and Ireland Setterman, who was 2-2 at singles and 1-1 at doubles.

Aug. 19 Green Bay Preble 4 Shawano 3

Carroll, playing at No. 2 singles, won 6-1, 6-3. Also winning at singles were No. 3 player Hadley Rettke 6-1, 6-3, and No. 4 Laney Rich 6-4, 6-1.

Ireland Setterman lost 6-2, 4-6, 10-4 at No. 1 singles.

Losing in doubles were the No. 1 team of Olivia Dobratz and Claire Weiland 6-3, 6-2; the No. 2 team of Madison Miller and Lana Owens 6-1, 6-1; and the No. 3 duo of Ava

Hoffman and Harper Rettke 6-3, 6-4.

Shawano 5 Menominee 2

The Hawks won all singles matches, with three of the four wins taking three sets. Carroll, at No. 1, won 2-6, 6-1, 11-9. Setterman, at No. 2, won 6-2, 3-6, 10-8. Hoffman won at No. 3 by scores of 7-6 (5), 2-6, 11-9; and Amelia Belter won at No. 4 by scores of 6-3, 6-2.

Miller and Owens won at No. 3 doubles 6-1, 6-2.

The two losses at doubles were from No. 1's Hadley Rettke and Rich 6-4, 6-3, and No. 2's Dobratz and Weiland 2-6, 6-1, 10-5.

Shawano 4 Howards Grove 3

Shawano won two singles matches and two doubles matches.

Hadley Rettke won 6-4, 6-4 at No. 1 singles, and Dobratz won 6-0, 6-2 at No. 4.

Carroll and Setterman teamed up at No. 1 doubles and won 6-2, 4-6, 10-3, while Miller and Owens won 6-1, 2-6, 10-7. Coming up short were No. 2 singles player Rich at 6-2, 6-3; No. 3 singles player Weiland at 6-2, 6-1; and the No. 3 duo of Harper Rettke and Morgan Strebel at 5-7, 6-4, 10-3.

Aug. 20 Onalaska Luther 6 Shawano 1

Shawano's only win

came from Carroll at No. 2 singles by scores of 6-1, 6-0. Setterman, Hadley Rettke and Rich all lost their singles matches. Losses at doubles were recorded by Weiland and Dobratz at No. 1, Owens and Miller at No. 2 and Caroline Bergman and Belter at No. 3.

Eau Claire Regis 6 Shawano 1

The Hawks' sole victory was from Setterman winning 6-3, 6-4 at No. 2 singles. Carroll, Hadley Rettke and Rich lost in singles play.

Losing in doubles play were the duos of Dobratz and Weiland, Miller and Owens, and Chloe Gilling and Bergman.

New Richmond 6 Shawano 1

In what was all too common of a pattern, Shawano only managed one win in this match. This time it Carroll winning at No. 1 singles.

Rich, Bergman and Belter lost their singles matches. Losing at doubles were Setterman and Hadley Rettke by scores of 6-1, 4-6, 10-3; Weiland and Dobratz; and Ruby Onesti and Jaelyn Hietpas.

Aug. 19 Pulaski's girls tennis team easily defeated its three opponents Aug. 19 at Appleton West.

The Red Raiders downed the host school 6-1 and then shut out Apple-

ton East and Kaukauna by 7-0 scores.

Pulaski 6 Appleton West 1

Against Appleton West, Pulaski won three of the four singles matches. Ruth Krause, at No. 1, won 6-1, 6-1; No. 2 Aubrie Schluessler won 6-4, 6-1; and No. 4 Anna Krause won 6-7 (3), 7-5, 11-9.

Appleton West's Ella Reetz beat Pulaski's Isabella Skalecki, No. 3, 6-2, 6-7 (7), 10-5.

The Red Raiders won all of the doubles matches.

At No. 1, Alyssa Eggert and Addison Heezen won 7-6 (4), 6-1; No. 2 Ayla

Groteluschen and Linde Lemerond won 6-2, 6-0; and the No. 3 duo of Hailey Jansen and Gretchen Rottier won 6-2, 6-1.

Pulaski 7 Appleton East 0

The Red Raiders had an even easier time against Appleton East, losing only three singles games and one doubles game.

Ruth Krause defeated Aubrie Erickson 6-1, 6-1. Schluessler won 6-0, 6-0, and Skalecki won 6-0, 6-0. Anna Krause won 6-0, 6-1.

In doubles, it was Eggert and Heezen winning 6-0, 6-1. Winning by 6-0, 6-0 shutouts were Grotel-

uschen and Lemerond at No. 2 and Jansen and Rottier at No. 3.

Pulaski 7, Kaukauna 0

It was more of the same against Kaukauna, although there were a few more lost games.

Ruth Krause defeated Ali VandeHey 6-1, 6-2, while Schluessler won 6-3, 6-1. Skalecki won in a 6-0, 6-0 shutout, and Anna Krause was victorious in identical 6-2, 6-2 sets.

Eggert and Heezen had little trouble in their 6-1, 6-0 victory. Groteluschen and Lemerond won with two 6-0 sets, and Jansen and Rottier won 6-1, 6-0.

Eggert, Shawano win at home golf meet

Bay Conference Mini-Meet #3

Aug. 22
Sophia Eggert tied as the medalist with a 43 as Shawano won the Bay Conference Mini-Meet #4 at Shawano Lake Golf Course on Aug. 22.

The Hawks shot a 190, while Bonduel carded a 256 for seventh place.

Also scoring for Shawano were Lily Glysch with a 45, Madilyn Moesch with a

47 and Delanie Kunze with a 55.

Bonduel was led by Morgan Staszak's 59. Also contributing were Paige Wolf at 62, Hailey Spates at 63 and Leah Court at 72. Quinn Hartlaben scored a 73.

Bay Conference Mini-Meet #2

Aug. 20
Sophia Eggert was the medalist with a score of 37 as Shawano golfers took

first place at Vernon Hills Golf Course in Oconto.

The Hawks scored 180, followed by Seymour with 183.

Heart of the Valley Metro Championship

Aug. 19
Shawano golfers placed third out of 18 teams at the Heart of the Valley Championship at High Cliff Golf Course on Aug.

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BABA Grand Championship set for Sept. 1

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The Little Falls Loggers will travel to the Scandinavia Vikings on Sept. 1 to compete in the 78th Badger Amateur Baseball Association Grand Championship Game.

Little Falls beat Eland 7-5 in 12 innings on Aug. 25

to advance, and Scandinavia beat Clintonville 14-1 to host the title game.

Little Falls 7, Eland 5

Chris Dunn was the winning pitcher, lasting 11 innings. He struck out 10, walked four, gave up eight hits and five run. In one inning of relief and earning the save was Kyle Finger.

He walked one batter.

For the Loggers, Kal Fischer hit 2-for-6, Kasey Morgan was 2-for-6, Cam Gruenwald was 3-for-6, Carter Kurki hit 2-for-5, and Jenner Gullixon hit 1-for-4.

Eland's Dylan Trigg pitched first six innings, striking out one, walking

three, and giving up four hits and three runs. Tyler Nelson pitched the other six innings, striking out five, walking three, and allowing six hits and four runs.

Top hitters for Eland were Tyler Nelson 2-for-6, Jacob Ligenza 3-for-7, Ryan Richter 1-for-6, Payton

Flees 3-for-5 with a double, and Joe Buss 1-for-6.

Scandinavia 14 Clintonville 1

Ben Lee was the winning pitcher, while Jaden Doornink took the loss in this lopsided game.

Braden Hunkins set the pace for the Vikings by hitting 2-for-2 with a pair of

home runs and three RBIs. Lee hit 2-for-3 with a home run and two RBIs. Logan Moe connected on 2-of-5 including a triple and three RBIs.

Clintonville hitters included Hunter Vollmer 2-for-5, Brock Smejkal 1-for-4 and Mitch Ebben 1-for-4.



The Wisconsin Natural Resources Board approved the 2024-34 Elk Management Plan. JEFF MORDEN

Natural Resources Board approves elk plan

The Wisconsin Natural Resources Board (NRB) approved the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) 2024-34 Elk Management Plan and the associated administrative rule package.

The plan is intended to guide elk management at a statewide level to ensure a healthy, robust and sustainable elk population that provides ecological, social, economic and cultural benefits while minimizing elk-human conflicts in Wisconsin.

The DNR and the Wisconsin Elk Advisory Committee, consisting of the DNR, Tribal Nations representatives, external agencies and stakeholders,

developed the 2024-34 Elk Management Plan to align elk management strategies with the current state of Wisconsin's elk population, the interests of different user groups and the cultural significance elk provide.

The DNR collected and considered a variety of input throughout the development process.

Key updates to elk management in Wisconsin include:

- Managing the statewide elk population using an adaptive management approach.
- Renaming the management zones to include regional distinctions (Northern and Central).

- Creating one continuous elk hunting season.
- Expanding the boundaries of the elk management zones.
- Establishing elk hunting units within and adjacent to elk management zones.

Wisconsin's elk herds reside in northern (Ashland, Bayfield, Sawyer, Rusk and Price counties) and central Wisconsin (Jackson County). The state's elk population is projected to reach more than 500 animals after this year's calving season.

To view the elk plan or learn more about elk in Wisconsin, visit the DNR's Elk Management webpage.

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19. The Hawks scored 165 and tied Appleton North and Kaukauna 2. Kaukauna 1 won with a 147, followed by Kimberly

1 with a 164.

Sophia Eggert and Lily Glysch won in a playoff to take third as a team in a three team-two person

scramble/best ball.

They scored a 75, there strokes behind two other duos who each scored a 72.

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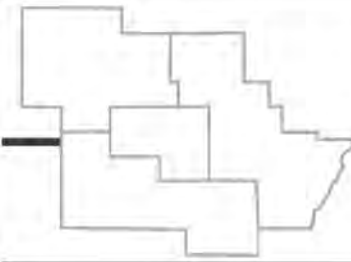
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Broke and confused, Emily was forced to return to Amarillo and move in with her mother. She has a job as a paralegal for the devastatingly handsome lawyer, Jack Holden. She’s got a serious crush on Jack, but he is ambivalent. Later, we learn that he lost his wife and children in a car-bombing meant to kill him.

About six months ago, Emily helped rescue little Betsy from a human trafficking ring. Ever since, she has been working toward adopting the little girl but has lots of hoops to go through before she has a chance.

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In the chaos, Emily spots the teens, but they refuse to let her help. They do accept her business card then disappear into the blizzard. Later, they call Emily, asking for her help. She picks them up and drives to the hanger where Jack stores his plane.

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trucker’s murder and can’t think of any better way to keep them safe. So, he takes the kids along to his family ranch in rural New Mexico.

There they meet Mickey and Laura. The couple asks no questions and agrees to let them stay for the week while he and Emily sort out the next steps.

One of Jack’s current clients is charged with assaulting an officer but swears he didn’t do it. When Jack’s custom-made saddle appears in the man’s resale shop, Jack gets to the truth. Alan recently inherited the business and discovered that his late father was being forced to buy and sell stolen goods. When he refused, he was beaten and warned that his family would be hurt next.

As Jack probes possible connections with the police, Emily blunders into the case and narrowly escapes with the license number of the delivery truck. Dancers have been disappearing from a local hot spot, but the police don’t seem interested. So, when one of the women asks Emily to meet her, she agrees. But when she gets there, the woman is dead and Emily is questioned by a police officer she has had previous unpleasant



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encounters with. She and Jack agree that this is no coincidence.

As they piece together the trucker’s death and the stolen goods issue, Emily and Jack find too many connections to ignore. As much as they need help, they don’t know which cops they can trust. When Jack and Emily return to the ranch, the teens have disappeared. Using horses and Mickey’s amazing tracking talent, they arrive at an abandoned mine.

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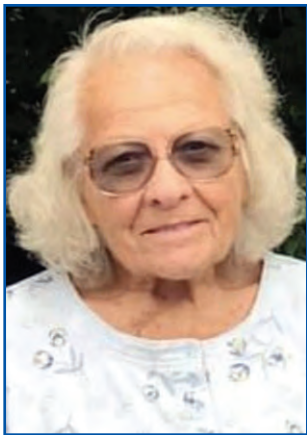
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Lois Dorothy (Passuello) Blank, 86, formerly of Birnamwood, died on Wednesday, May 22, 2024, in Owosso, Michigan, in her beautiful apartment at Oliver Woods Assisted Living Facility. Her family and beloved cats, Kitty-Kitty and Squirt, were at her bedside before her passing.

Lois was born in Birnamwood on June 19, 1937, the daughter of Victor and Leona Sophie (Kelm) Passuello. She graduated from Birnamwood High School in 1955. She grew up on a successful dairy farm where she learned how to work hard and long hours; she



continued working doing something, all the time, into her 80s.

In her younger years, Lois moved to Rhinelander and took a job at Twist Drill and was often found

enjoying rabbit hunting with her two beagles, Scamp and Tramp. She met Richard William Blank in Rhinelander, and on May 4, 1974, they married. The couple recently celebrated 50 years of marriage.

The family moved to Haslett, Michigan, after they married, where Lois joined Haslett Public Schools as a custodian and cafeteria aide. She had many friends and retired from the school system.

Upon retirement, she moved back to Birnamwood and helped run and maintain the Blank-A-T-Blank Christmas Tree Farm. She was known for

making beautiful wreaths during the Christmas season.

Anyone who knew Lois understood she had a passion for hunting. She loved to deer hunt using a bow, gun and eventually a crossbow. She also enjoyed turkey and rabbit hunting. In her earlier years, one could also find her enjoying some fishing, too. Hunting and fishing were sports Richard and Lois loved doing together.

Lois gave back to her community. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary Darling Gunderson Post 341. She was also a member of the Lions Club, Birnamwood

Bow Hunters' Course, Trinity Lutheran Church and a favorite bingo club.

Lois is survived by her husband, Richard; two daughters, Dana Blank of Ovid, Michigan, and Beth (Tim) Walter of New London, North Carolina; two granddaughters, Katrina (Melvin) Bartlett of Battle Creek, Michigan, and Alyssa Tefft of Kannapolis, North Carolina; and three feline family members.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Betty Dobratz; and many beloved friends and extended family members.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 31, 2024, at Trinity

Lutheran Church, Birnamwood. Jim Hartleben will officiate. Burial will be in Forest Cemetery with a luncheon to follow at Lois' favorite restaurant, Chet and Emil's. Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until the time of service at the church.

Schmidt and Schulta Funeral Home, Birnamwood, is assisting the family with arrangements. Memories and messages of support may be shared at SchmidtSchulta.com.

Memorials may be made to the Women's Auxiliary of American Legion Post 341, W17515 Church Road, Birnamwood, WI 54414.

Dennis Karcz

Dennis Karcz, a devoted husband, father, brother, grandfather and great-grandfather, passed away peacefully on Aug. 20, 2024. The son of Peter and Esther (Nowak) Karcz was born on May 3, 1947, in Green Bay.

On Nov. 8, 1969, he married Linda Robaidek at Assumption BVM Church. Dennis worked in the financial loan industry, assisting farmers and small businesses in northeastern Wisconsin. A lifelong dairy farmer himself, Dennis was passionate about his work and took great pride in his crops and animals. Rain showers



that nourished his corn and soybean crops always brought a smile to his face. He loved the smell of fresh-cut alfalfa and the satisfaction of turning dirt

over after a successfully harvested crop.

Beyond his farming pursuits, Dennis was a dedicated Wisconsin sports fan and a keen observer of college basketball, which prepared him for March Madness. He cherished the time he spent with his family sharing stories and creating lasting memories. He always wanted to know what was happening with his kids, what activities or life events the grandkids were involved in, or how his great-grandson was doing. He truly enjoyed playing cards with family and especially the card group of friends.

A lifelong learner, Dennis enjoyed reading financial newspapers, watching the markets and listening to financial analysts. His chair was always within reach of his notes, letters, papers and company prospectuses.

He leaves behind his beloved wife of 54 years, Linda; three children: Todd (Lisa) Karcz, Chadd (Nikkie) Karcz and Joelle (Kurt) Holewinski; his grandchildren: Katelyn (fiancé Ross Smith) Karcz, Peter (fiancée Emery Podowicz) Karcz, Amber (Liam) Lee, Cole (fiancée Olivia Hammerschmidt) Karcz, Cade Karcz, Julia

Burdeau, Danika Holewinski and Dixon Holewinski; a great-grandson, Jamison Oliver; siblings: Dewey (Elaine) Karcz, Bonnie Chlopek, Darlene (Craig) Garbrecht, Shirley (Pat) Kapla and Janice (Terry) Cayemberg; sisters-in-law: Robyn Karcz, Judy (Robert) Dombrowski, Janet Robaidek; and many nieces, nephews, and other family.

In addition to his parents, Peter and Esther, he was preceded in death by a brother, Gary Karcz Sr.; brothers-in-law: Charlie Chlopek, Mike Sikorski, Wayne Robaidek and Alvin Robaidek.

The funeral Mass was celebrated at Assumption BVM Church, Pulaski, on Aug. 27, with the Rev. James Vacco, O.F.M., presiding. Burial followed in the parish cemetery.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the entire St. Vincent ICU staff.

Online condolences may be offered to the Karcz family at www.marnochafuneralhome.com or on the Marnocha Funeral Home Facebook page.

Dennis will be deeply missed by all who knew him. His legacy of hard work, dedication and love for his family will live on.

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Lila I. Postler

Lila Irene Postler, 83, died Sunday, Aug. 18, 2024, at Pine Crest Nursing Home in Merrill.

She was born Feb. 19, 1941, in Shawano to the late Albert and Irene (Montoure) Shroeder.

She met the love of her life, Perry Postler, at a dance in Tilleda. They married Oct. 15, 1960, at St. Jacobi Lutheran Church in Shawano, treasuring 60 years of marriage. Perry preceded her in death on Dec. 29, 2019.

Lila had seven siblings and growing up enjoyed time spent at the cottage on Shawano Lake and a cabin in the woods. Lila and her sister Darlene had a band in their younger years. Lila was a talented woman who played accordion, harmonica, organ and piano.

Lila worked at A & W



and the bank. Following her marriage to Perry, she became a housewife. Lila enjoyed life, she loved her wildlife and birds, traveling, motorcycling, dirt biking, four-wheeling, cake decorating, crafts, hunting and fishing. She loved gardening and going to the family cottage up by Mountain.

Lila had a strong faith,

and her family was very important to her, along with her two dogs, Maddie and Babe.

Lila was a member of Peace Lutheran Church.

Her survivors include a daughter, Terrylynn (Bill) Thom of Gleason; a son, Troy (Teresa) Postler of Antigo; step-grandchildren, Jason of Antigo, Brad of Georgia, Lisa of Summit Lake, Joshua of Colorado; two brothers, Dennis and Gene Schroeder; a sister, Darlene Drake; and many nieces and nephews.

Lila was preceded in death by her husband, Perry; parents; two brothers, Lawrence and Al Schroeder; and a sister, Betty Steibs.

In honor of Lila's wishes, no services will be held. Burial will take place in Forest Cemetery in Birnamwood.

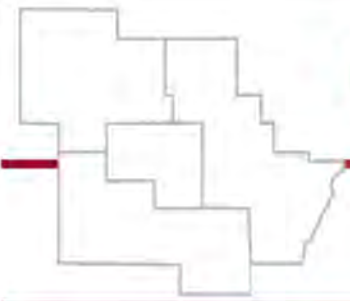
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Colby or Colby Jack Bulk Cheese
\$3.49 lb.
Thurs & Fri, August 29 & 30 Only!

Oh So Sweet!
The Freshest Local Bi-Color Sweet Corn
6 for \$1.98

Lloyd's
Baby Back Pork Ribs
in BBQ Sauce
\$9.99 24 oz.

Dupont
Cheese Curds
\$3.99 12 oz.

Grilling Time!
Kingsford
Original Charcoal
\$7.99 16 lb.

7-Up
All 7-Up Products Soda
3 for \$12.99 12 pk. 12 oz. cans
All 7-Up Products Soda 2 ltr. btl. 3/\$6.00

Selected Varieties Frito Lay
Tostitos or Ruffles Potato Chips
2 for \$7.00 8-12 oz.

Selected Varieties
Pringles Mega Potato Crisps
2 for \$5.00 6.8-7.1 oz.

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7AM - 10PM
Better Prices
Great Quality
Super Service

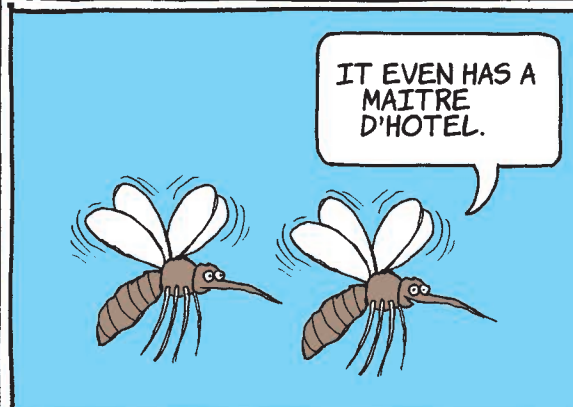
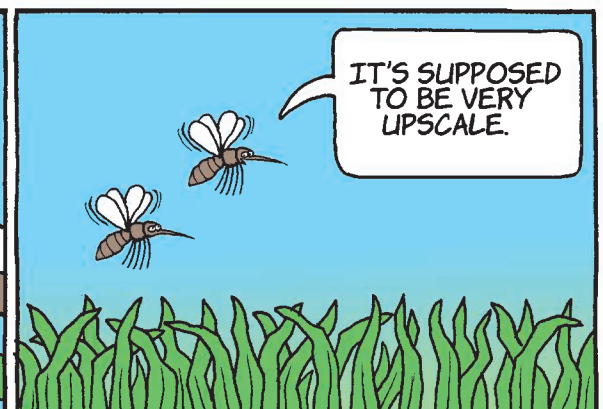
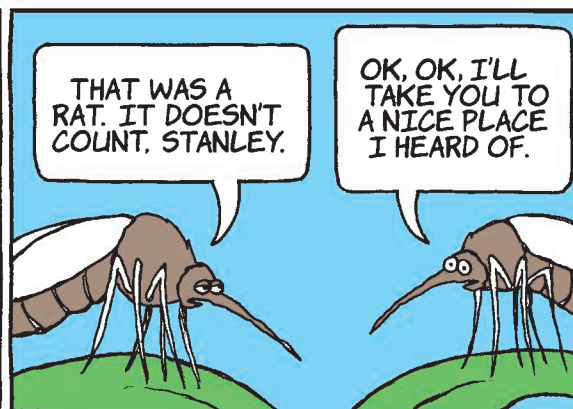
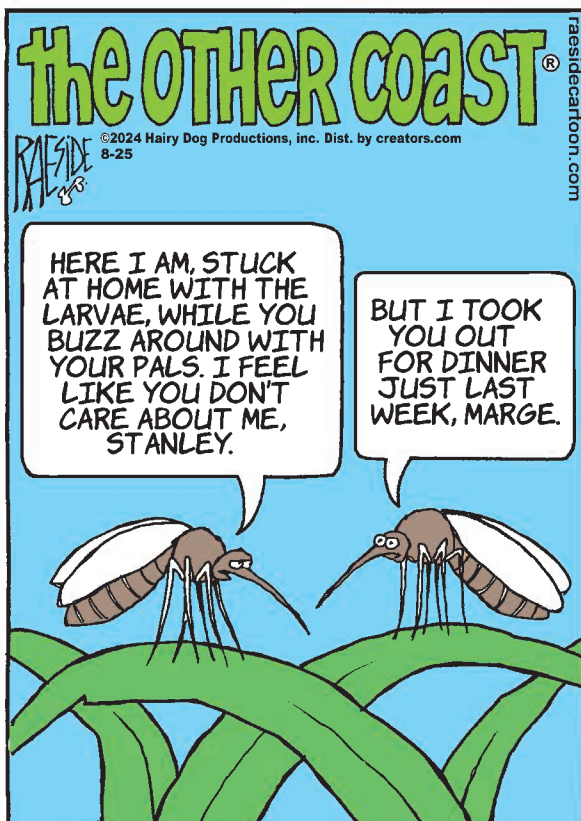
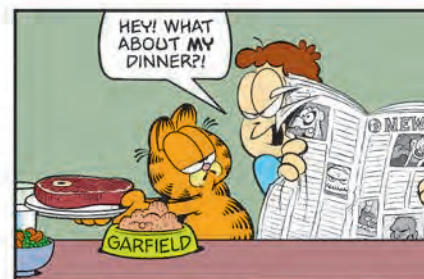
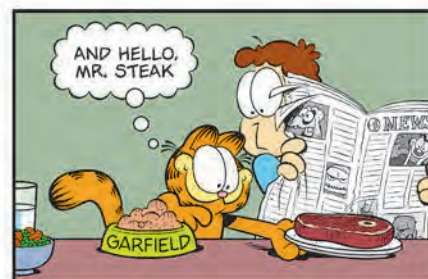
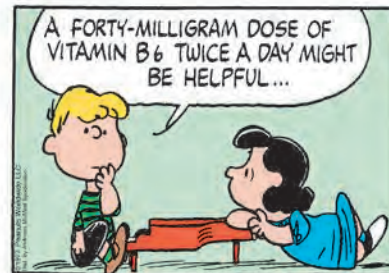
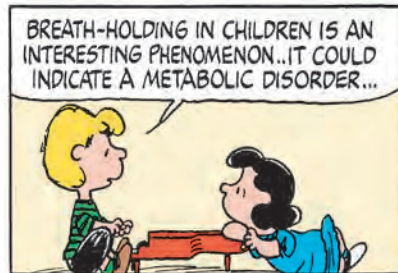
Charlie's County Market

Prices Effective Friday, Aug. 30 through Thursday, Sept. 5, 2026

Large Enough to Serve,
Small Enough to Care

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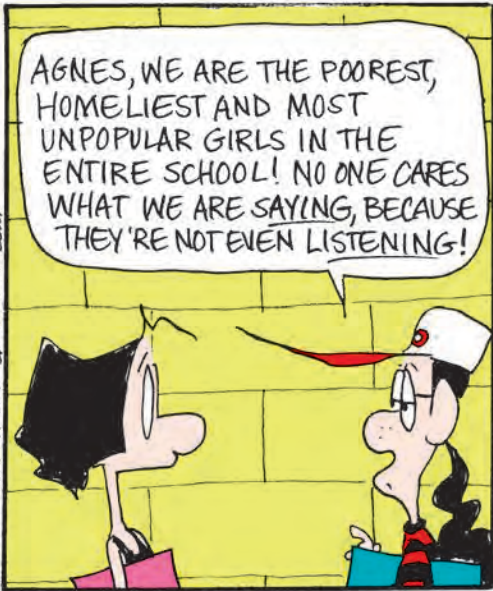
by
TONY COCHRAN



WE SHOULD HAVE A PRIVATE LANGUAGE THAT ONLY WE USE. THAT WAY, WE COULD TALK WITHOUT PEOPLE KNOWING WHAT WE ARE SAYING.



AGNES, WE ARE THE POOREST, HOMELIEST AND MOST UNPOPULAR GIRLS IN THE ENTIRE SCHOOL! NO ONE CARES WHAT WE ARE SAYING, BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT EVEN LISTENING!



WHAT IF WE USE BULLHORNS?



The
BARN
by Ralph Hagen

HELLO, THIS IS YOUR BANK. WE HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE YOUR CREDIT CARD NUMBER HAS BEEN STOLEN. COULD YOU GIVE ME YOUR NUMBER TO CONFIRM THIS?



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NO, THERE ARE 16 NUMBERS ON YOUR CREDIT CARD.

SEVEN,
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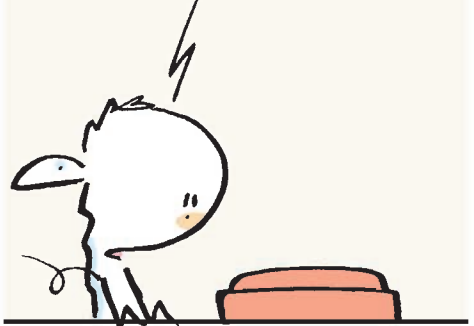


NO! THEY NEED TO BE ALL DIFFERENT!

SETTE,
SIEBEN,
SEPT,
ZEVEN,
SYV,
YEDI,
CIM,
QI,
SJU...



MY, WHAT A STRANGE FELLOW.



Hagen

Diamond Lil

by Brett Koth

EDNA AND LIL
JUDGE YOUR
**POOLSIDE
APPEARANCE**

LOOK, DOREEN GOT A NEW TATTOO

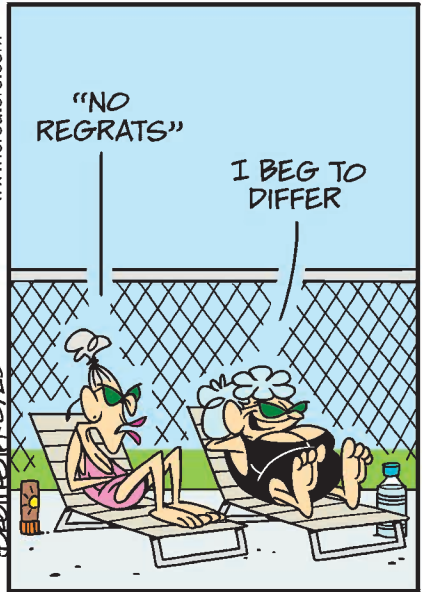


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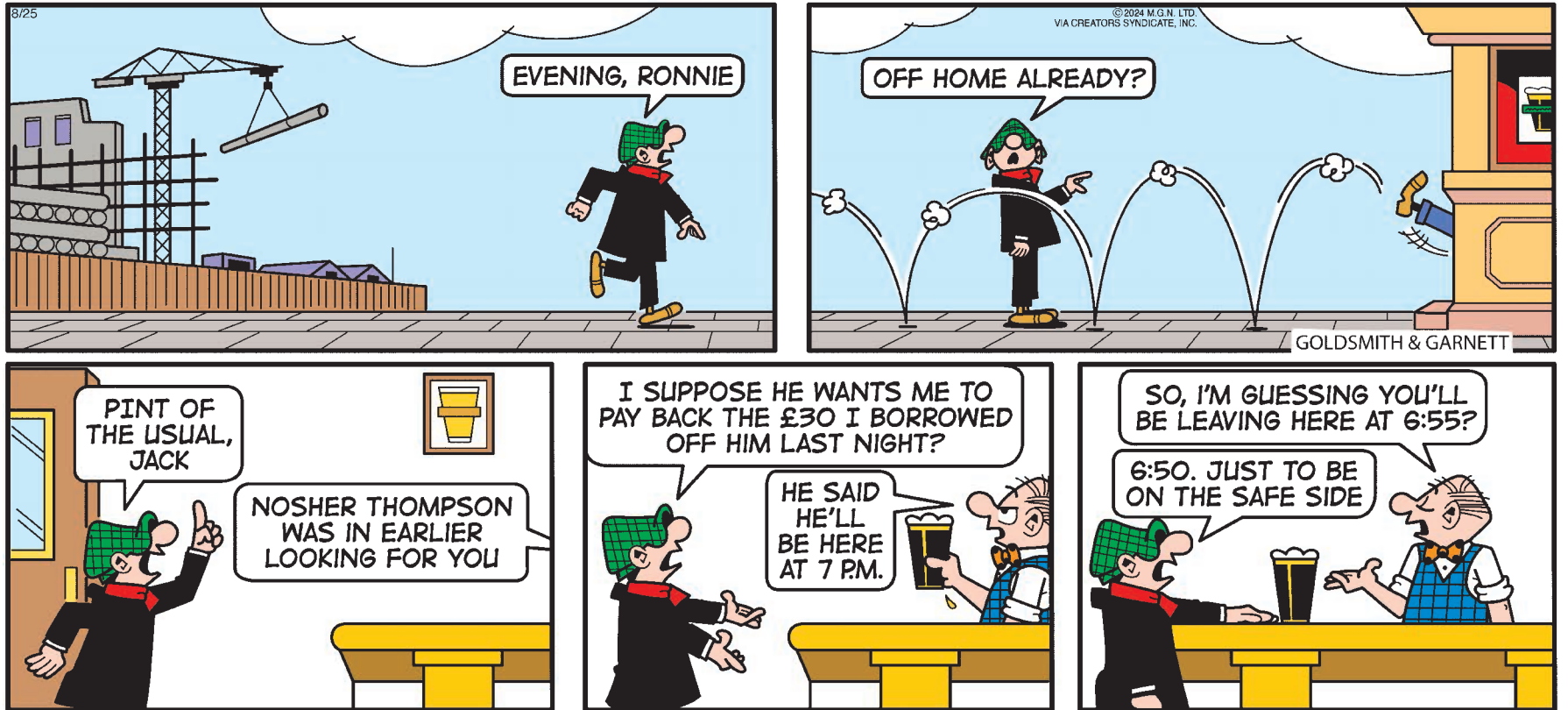
"NO REGRATS"

I BEG TO DIFFER



ANDY CAPP

by Smythe



DOGS OF C-KENNEL BY MICK MASTROIANNI AND MASON MASTROIANNI

