



An artist's rendering depicts the apartment buildings and garages for the future S.C. Swiderski project to be built in Wittenberg. More than 50 units will be spread across five buildings.

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Groundbreaking planned for new apartments in Wittenberg

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

S.C. Swiderski, the village of Wittenberg and the Wittenberg Area Chamber of Commerce will host a groundbreaking ceremony for SCS Wittenberg at 11 a.m. July 22.

The ceremonial digging at 403 Freedom Way showcases the location for this new apartment complex of more than 50 units in five buildings that will rest on 6.81 acres.

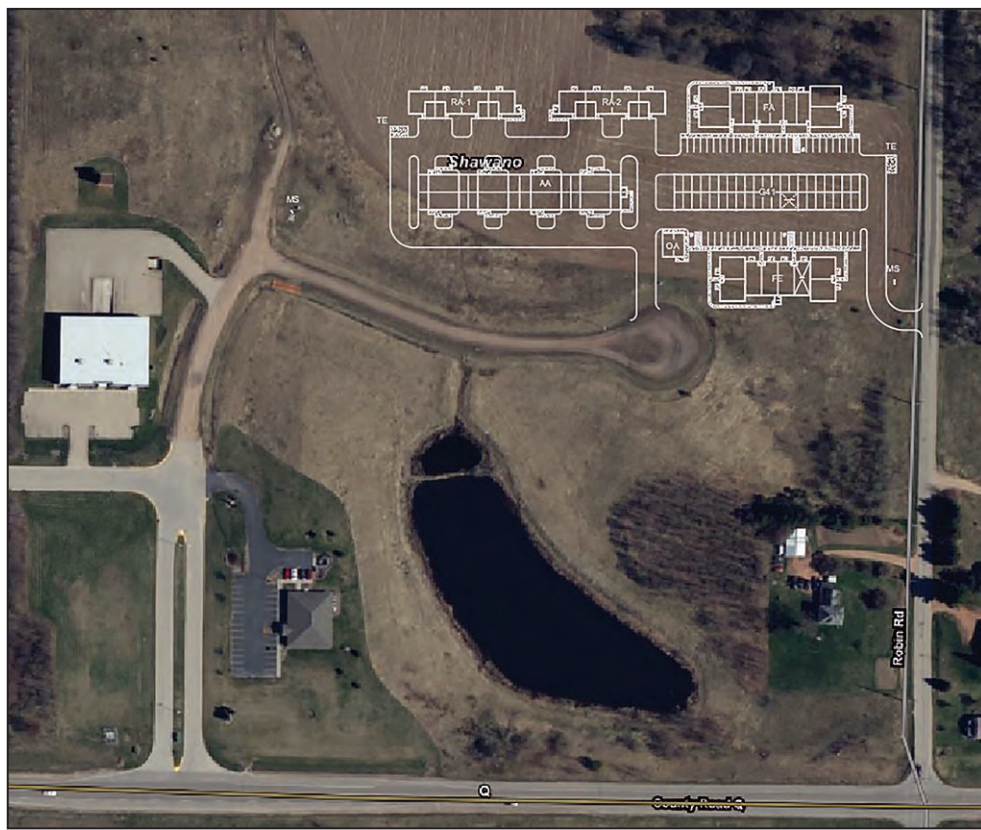
Lunch provided by Clay House Pizza Kiln and raffle basket drawings sponsored by partners on this project are a part of this appreciation event.

The property will feature one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments, all with private entrances, in-unit laundry, a private patio or balcony and an attached or detached garage. All rent rates include heat, cable TV, Wi-Fi, water and sewer, as well as trash and recycling. SCS Wittenberg is a professionally maintained property with on-site management, maintenance and groundskeeping staff.

The apartments are pet friendly for cats and dogs and feature green space throughout.

S.C. Swiderski also has projects underway in Merrill, Athens, New London, Eau Claire, Chilton and Schofield.

Five other projects have an approved status and have made it through all stages of the development process and now wait-



This overlay shows the location of the future S.C. Swiderski apartment buildings on Freedom Way in Wittenberg. Groundbreaking ceremonies will be held July 22.

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ing for the green light to proceed. These projects are in Chetek, Spencer, Colby, Marshfield and Ripon.

In the early stages of planning are projects in Crystal Falls, Weston and two in Madison.

Davel retiring as county administrative coordinator

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

Jim Davel, who has served as Shawano County administrative coordinator for four years, will retire Jan. 5, 2026.

"I worked for the county for seven years, served in the Army for 30 years," he said. "It's just the right time."

Davel informed members of county's executive committee earlier this month to give them six months' notice of his intent to step down. "I informed the board to give them time to decide if they want to continue with an administrative coordinator, move to an administrator or working chairman," he said.

According to the Wisconsin Counties Association, three forms of the executive branch in county government exist: county executive, county administrator and county administrative coordinator.

A county executive has the most power. An elected position, he or she appoints and supervises department heads, appoints members to boards and commissions and submits an annual budget. He or she can also veto county board-approved ordinances and resolutions.

A county administrator is the chief administrative officer of a county who coordinates and directs all administrative and management functions of county government. The county administrator also appoints and supervises department heads, appoints members to boards and commissions and submits an annual budget. A county administrator answers to the county board and can be removed by the board.

An administrative coordinator is similar to the county administrator but does not have appointment authority and is responsible for coordinating, rather than coordinating and directing.

His or her duties are similar to those of a city or village administrator who works under a mayor or village president.

Davel was appointed administrative coordinator effective May 19, 2021, according to a county board resolution at the time.

Davel had previously served as the emergency management director for Shawano County, starting in that role Sept. 17, 2018.

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Employment woes continue for county dispatch center.

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Mattoon celebrates Independence Day

RIGHT: Tristan Dionne glides over the Mattoon Fourth of July celebration, landing to talk to the children who were playing kickball on the ball diamond. CONTRIBUTED
FAR RIGHT: James "Uncle Sam" Fonder and Gabby "Little Sam" help distribute the door prizes given away at the Mattoon Fourth of July celebration. Corey Zarda organized the fireworks with sponsorship from the John Owen American Legion Post 287. Ryan "Bruno" Leisman of the Under the Lights Entertainment was the DJ. CONTRIBUTED



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Elderon pictorial history to be presented

The Wittenberg Area Historical Society will present a pictorial exhibit about the history of Elderon.

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At the "Elderon – A Look Back" exhibit, browse historical artifacts, memorabilia and advertising.

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Crisis looming with county dispatch

Center seeing little progress in staffing numbers

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

It's one step forward and two steps back when it comes to staffing at the Shawano County Sheriff's Department.

Sheriff George Lenzner told the public safety committee July 9 a correctional officer just resigned and took a job at the local paper mill for higher pay.

"For every two or three we hire, another three or four quit," he said.

Even worse than staffing at the jail is the situation in the dispatch center.

There are still four vacancies among the 16 positions, down from six a month ago. That's still creating havoc among the remaining staff — including Kasey Cross, communications supervisor.

"Kasey is working today again," Lenzner said. "She puts in 60-plus hours a week working in dispatch. She was working Fourth of July weekend when she was supposed to be off. She had to cancel PTO to work. She's burning both ends of the candle. This week, besides working in there, she's training a new person, too."

Two dispatchers just completed their training and are now working on their own. Three more are in training, including one



Shawano County Sheriff George Lenzner congratulates Lucy Klosterman on her July 1 retirement from the dispatch center. The dispatch center continues to have staffing troubles, with four of its 16 positions open.

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woman who transferred from the jail July 7.

Two more are in the background stage.

"We have a couple other ones that we want to get hired, but we can't even hire them," Lenzner said. "You just have to hope they don't find jobs, because I have nobody to train them."

"With the shortage of senior staff and a few that do not want to be trainers, it makes it difficult to train people. There is only so much room and space in the dispatch center. We also want them to obtain good training to make their progress and career in dispatching successful."

Lenzner said there are another half dozen appli-

cants to interview and test.

The sheriff said he met with all dispatchers in the last month to see what they liked and did not like about their jobs.

"It all comes down to wages, shift differential," he said. "They're not dumb. We're like the only county that doesn't have shift differential."

Working nights and weekends means more money in other places.

Julie Hasser, human resources manager, recently conducted a wage comparison with other counties.

"Our starting salary, not taking into account the fact that we don't have the shift differential, telecommunications were at \$1.60 on

average below per hour," she said.

The local starting wage is \$23.40 per hour.

"Corrections is at \$1.73 an hour less," Hasser said.

Surrounding counties pay a shift differential of between 50 cents and \$3 per hour.

"We're at a lower wage, plus we don't have the shift differential," Lenzner said. "We can't continue to lose these dispatchers. We're going to be in trouble."

He said that Cross and a sheriff's lieutenant recently worked the weekend night shift in dispatch. The lieutenant had no training in the dispatch center, so his help was limited to answering phone calls, leaving Cross to handle all dispatching duties.

"If we have a major incident happen — all of a sudden we get three fatalities at the same time and a fire — we're setting ourselves up for something drastic where we can't do our job," Lenzner said.

Hasser said she is looking at other options, too, as shift differential pay is only one part of the solution.

"We are really going to be in trouble if we can't keep that dispatch center going," Lenzner said.

The sheriff said a patrol officer can temporarily fill in at the jail if necessary, but dispatch is a technical skill that can't be filled by just anyone.

Last year, when department asked for 50 cents an hour for shift differential, the county board's executive committee denied the request but allowed the department to hire an additional dispatcher to lessen

the workload.

"We knew we weren't going to fill that," Lenzner said. "We told you we weren't going to be able to fill that in today's world. And now we're still fighting this."

Another concern centers on the length of a shift; most want a 12-hour shift instead of the nine hours currently in place. Lenzner said there aren't enough employees to fill the slots of a 12-hour shift.

Jeremy Gretzinger said he and other supervisors aren't doing anything to correct the looming crisis in the dispatch center.

"George is keeping us afloat by patching the holes," he said, suggesting a joint meeting between the public safety and executive committees. "This can't wait."

He said the county needs a plan of action going forward to deal with the situation before a tragedy strikes.

"We just sit here and do nothing and watch this deteriorate in front of our eyes," he said. "The dispatch is the brain the heart of the county. We gotta keep that beating strong, and right now, we're on life support. We cannot put this off any longer."

Gretzinger said reduced staffing levels means existing employees get stressed out and overworked. That, along with low morale, because they can't take PTO or even their regular days off, will lead even more vacancies.

He said people are looking to county supervisors to take action to remedy the situation, and that isn't

happening.

"We just can't keep talking about the problem," he said. "We need to have some sort of solution."

Jim Davel, county administrative coordinator, suggested the entire public safety committee appear before the executive committee in early August when 2026 budget discussions begin.

Any attempts to adjust the 2025 budget with shift differential pay will need to be approved by the county board.

Lenzner said the current budget allows for some temporary help for the remainder of 2025.

"Since we don't have (a full slate of) dispatchers, we have a lot of money left in (budgeted) salaries and health benefits that we can use," he said.

Supervisor Steve Natzke said it's important the public safety committee, the sheriff and human resources put together some solid numbers to present to the executive committee, rather than just say something needs be done.

Davel cautioned them about the 2026 budget. He said not all departments have turned in their initial numbers, but for those that have, requests are a couple million dollars above the 2025 budget.

Also, every committee will push their requests, believing their priorities are most important.

Anyone interested in the dispatch or jail positions can apply at the county website, <https://www.co.shawano.wi.us>.

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County clerk hired while deputy clerk quits

Resignation latest in string of major employees leaving

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

Even before executive committee members agreed to hire Raymond Rigsby as the new county clerk, they were informed they will need to hire a new deputy clerk as well.

Erica Davel, the deputy clerk, quit, and her last day of employment was June 27.

Davel is the sixth high-level employee to quit within the past four months.

Others who have resigned include:

- Kara Skarlupka, county clerk, effective July 11.
- Nancy Bell, library director, July 3.
- Jennifer Hilliker, deputy treasurer, May 21.
- Carrie Buntjer, finance director, May 2.
- Kimberly Gierach, planning and develop-

ment/zoning administrator, March 14.

In addition, a few other department heads have quit in the past two years. They are:

- Theresa Hamala, health officer/director with the Shawano-Menominee Counties Health Department, June 28, 2024.
 - Rachel Tuma, human resources director, at the end of 2023.
 - Kristie Hauer, library director, Aug. 1, 2023.
- Most of the resignation

letters, obtained through an open records request, contained expressions of gratitude for time working for the county and with co-workers. Two letters, from Hilliker and Hauer, were brief, noting only their intent to resign and their last day of employment.

One letter was critical of the county and was partially redacted. That was from Gierach, who quit in March after being hired Sept. 9, 2024.

"After careful consid-

eration, I have decided to leave due to ongoing issues with the work environment which have significantly impacted my well-being and ability to perform my job effectively," she wrote. "The persistent lack of support has made it difficult to maintain a positive and productive working relationship at the County."

"I believe it is in my best interest to pursue a work environment that better aligns with my professional values and promotes a consistent and healthy work-life balance."

In the letter, it appears that one sentence was redacted.

"The redacted material includes broad and unsubstantiated allegations that,

if disclosed, could result in unwarranted reputational harm," wrote Julie Hasser, human resources director, in response to the open records request.

In January, Gierach filed a formal complaint against a co-worker.

Last month, the county's ethics committee dismissed all active complaints under its review.

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Town of Richmond Board of Appeals Hearing
Monday, July 28, 2025 at 6:00p.m.
At Town of Richmond Town Hall
N5170 Co MM, Shawano, WI 54166

Public hearing on application of Sam Busch N5318 Locust Rd Shawano, WI 54166 to be held on Monday, July 28, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Richmond Town Hall at N5170 Co MM, Shawano, for a variance request to construct a 1980 square foot garage to use for business purposes.
Legal Description of the existing lot: Parcel #040- 264300201, PRT OF S.W. 1/4 S.E. 1/4 KNOWN AS LOT 1 CERT SUR REC V.10P.295 MAP #2727 SEC.26 T.27NR. 15 E. Site address is N5318 Locust Rd Shawano, WI 54166

Notice given by Town Clerk, Julie Schoenike
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please take notice that a Public Hearing will be held before the City of Shawano Plan Commission on Wednesday, July 30, 2025 at 5:00 PM at Shawano City Hall located at 127 S. Sawyer St., Shawano, WI to amend Chapter 10 Zoning Code, Section 10-12 Definitions as follows:

MANUFACTURED HOME
A one- or two-family home certified and labeled as a manufactured home under 42 U.S.C. §§ 5401 through 5426, which when placed on the site is set on an enclosed foundation in accordance with § 70.043(1), Wis. Stats., and Subchapters III, IV, and V of Chapter COMM 21, Wis. Adm. Code, or a comparable foundation as approved by the Building Inspector, is installed according to manufacturer's instructions, is properly connected to utilities, has asphalt or metal shingles and a gable or hip roof, has insulated glass windows, has vinyl, aluminum or other quality siding, has a minimum of 860 square feet and has a uniform minimum width of 23 feet. For purpose of enforcement of this chapter, manufactured homes shall be allowed as permitted and conditional uses where single-family residences and two-family residences are allowed as permitted and conditional uses; also known as a "modular home."

At the above time and place, all interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard.

Lesley Nemetz, City Clerk

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING AND BUDGET HEARING

Notice is hereby given of the Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting to the Electors of the Marion School District on July 28th 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in the Marion Elementary School IMC.

Dated this 23rd day of June, 2025

Dawn Papendorf
District Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
AND JOINT REVIEW BOARD MEETING
CITY OF SHAWANO, WISCONSIN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Shawano will hold a Joint Review Board meeting on July 30, 2025 at 1:00 PM.

The meeting will be held at the Shawano City Hall, located at 127 S. Sawyer St. Virtual meeting information can be found on the final agendas, which will be posted on the city's website.

The purpose of the meeting is to organize the Joint Review Board for consideration of the City's proposal to amend Tax Incremental District No. 6.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Plan Commission of the City of Shawano will hold a public hearing on July 30, 2025 at 5:00 PM.

The meeting will be held at the Shawano City Hall, located at 127 S. Sawyer St. Virtual meeting information can be found on the final agendas, which will be posted on the city's website.

The hearing will be held to provide the public a reasonable opportunity to comment on the proposed amended boundaries of Tax Incremental District No. 6, and the proposed amendment to its Project Plan.

The proposed amendment would add territory to and remove territory from the District as permitted under Wisconsin Statutes Section 66.1105(4)(h)2. The proposed amendment to the District's boundary would add three parcels. The parcels to be added are at 1610 E Green Bay St (tax key 281331200020), 200 Rusch Rd (tax key 281331300010), and tax key 281294100020 (no parcel address). The parcels to be removed include 210 N Airport Drive (tax key 281450500200), 206 N. Airport Drive (tax key 281283300001), 204 N Airport Drive (tax key 281283300020) and 202 N Airport Drive (tax key 281283300010).

Based on the condition of properties within its boundaries at time of creation, territory within the District was previously identified as a blighted area.

Projects to be undertaken within the District and costs to be incurred (Project Costs) will continue to be for the purpose of eliminating or reducing blight and may include acquisition of property, rights of way or easements, site preparation, installation or rehabilitation of utilities and streets, payment of cash grants as development incentives to owners, lessees, or developers of land located within the District, professional services and organizational costs, administrative costs, financing costs and other costs as may be necessary to implement the District's Project Plan. Projects may be undertaken within the District's proposed boundary and in areas located in the City within ½ mile of that boundary.

As permitted under Wisconsin Statutes Section 66.1105(4)(h)1., the list of estimated Project Costs in the current Project Plan would be amended and increased by approximately \$2,620,000.

The proposed amendment would also allow excess revenue to be transferred from the District to Tax Incremental District No. 9 as permitted under Wisconsin Statutes Section 66.1105(6)(f). Under the proposed amendment, a total of \$220,000 in excess tax increments will be transferred to Tax Incremental District No. 9.

All interested parties will be given a reasonable opportunity to comment on the proposed amended boundaries of the District and the proposed amendment to its Project Plan. A copy of the proposed amendment to the District's Project Plan, including a description of the proposed amended boundary, is available for public inspection and will be provided on request during normal business hours at the office of the City Clerk at the Shawano City Hall.

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The purpose of the meeting is to organize the Joint Review Board for consideration of the City's proposal to amend Tax Incremental District No. 7.

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The meeting will be held at the Shawano City Hall, located at 127 S. Sawyer St. Virtual meeting information can be found on the final agendas, which will be posted on the city's website.

The hearing will be held to provide the public a reasonable opportunity to comment on the proposed amendment to the Project Plan for Tax Incremental District No. 7.

Based on the planned use of properties within its boundaries at time of creation, territory within the District was previously identified as suitable for mixed use development.

The proposed amendment would allow excess revenue to be transferred from the District to Tax Incremental District No. 9 as permitted under Wisconsin Statutes Section 66.1105(6)(f). Under the proposed amendment, a total of 1,000,000 in excess tax increments will be transferred to Tax Incremental District No. 9.

All interested parties will be given a reasonable opportunity to comment on the proposed amendment to the District's Project Plan. A copy of the proposed amendment to the District's Project Plan, is available for public inspection and will be provided on request during normal business hours at the office of the City Clerk at the Shawano City Hall.

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Special education funding gets bump

Legislative increase below the 60% threshold superintendents recommend

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Funding for special education in the schools received a bump in Wisconsin's 2025-27 budget, with the state planning to pay more of the costs associated with helping students with unique needs to learn.

Until now, the state has supplemented 30% of the costs, but the budget will have state funding increase to 35% this coming school year and 37.5% in 2026, with \$220 million added for special education. School officials earlier this year pushed for more special education funding, saying they were drowning in the costs.

Funding for regular education did not increase in the budget, but with many schools having to spend money from their general funds to supplement special education classrooms, they'll be able to spend more of their general funds on other priorities.

Kurt Krizan, Shawano School District superintendent, said he sees the increase as a step in the right direction, but it would still require some funding from the general



KURT KRIZAN

fund to fully pay for special education. "The gap between funding and actual expenses continues to place significant financial strain on school districts, forcing them to shift resources from other areas," Krizan said.

Among the superintendent's recommendations was that the state should be reimbursing 60% of districts' special education costs. Krizan said that would help provide high-quality services without districts having to cut elsewhere to provide said services.

Krizan also recommended that additional resources go to districts that have higher numbers of special education students. Right now, many districts don't allow the enrollment of special education students through the open enrollment program because of the high costs associated with helping those students.

Programs focusing on early identification and support for special

education would help as well, according to Krizan, as funding from the state would reduce districts' long-term costs and improve learning for students with disabilities or special needs.

"We appreciate the progress made but urge continued legislative commitment to fully fund special education in a manner that reflects the true cost of services, ensuring all Wisconsin students have equitable access to the education they deserve," Krizan said.

The increased rate falls short of the level of support the state should provide to public schools as guaranteed in the Wisconsin Constitution,



GLENDABUTTERFIELD-BOLDIG

according to Glenda Butterfield-Boldig, Bowler School District superintendent. "Based on 2023-24 aidable special education expenditures for the Bowler district, the increase would have resulted in an additional \$84,000 that would have reduced our Fund 10 transfer," Butterfield-Boldig said. "These dollars would have been able to remain in our general operating budget, allowing greater flexibility to provide programming and support for all students."

Butterfield-Boldig said she worries that the amount promised will not be the amount schools receive.

"For example, the last biennial budget promised an increase to 33%, but because of the 'sum-certain' language, versus 'sum-sufficient,' it resulted in an actual reimbursement of only 30.64%," she said. "In actual dollars, it fell more than \$17,000 short of the anticipated amount."

Another part of the budget Butterfield-Boldig is concerned about is that the \$325 per pupil increase that had been included in the 2023-25 budget was shifted from state taxes to local taxes. Wisconsin is falling in the national ranking of per-pupil support, according to the Wisconsin Policy Forum, and she recommends that the legislature find a way to index per pupil increases to inflation.

"In 2003, K-12 school aids represented 43.1% of Wisconsin's GPR (General

Purpose Revenues). In 2024, it represented only 32.2%, based on information provided to districts ... at the State Education Convention in January 2025," Butterfield-Boldig said.

The percentage of funding schools will be reimbursed for will be dependent on how many claims come into the state, according to Newell Haffner, Gresham School District superintendent. About \$220 million was added by the legislature into the



NEWELL HAFFNER

budget for the special education reimbursement. "Last year, the state reimbursement rate for special education was supposed to be 33%, but in reality it was 29.16% (for Gresham)," Haffner said. "This means that Gresham got less money for special education expenses from the state than was promised because of all of the special education claims in the entire state."

Until the legislature takes reimbursement for special education needs seriously, Haffner anticipates his district will have to continue to take out money from its general fund to balance its special education expenses. Gresham transferred \$660,000 for the 2024-25 school year, and despite there being more money from the state, Haffner projected that \$802,000 will be needed to cover special education for the coming school year.

"I want people to remember that special education is a mandated program by the state and the federal government, and they don't fund it at 100%," he said. "The state and feds don't provide 100% funding; so in a sense, they are telling the schools and the property owners to fund a state and federally mandated program."

With no general aid increases, it will be hard for smaller school districts with limited resources to keep the books balanced.

"I am disappointed that the state did not provide any general aid increases," Haffner said. "These aids level the playing field for districts with limited resources to increase revenue to match our increases in expenses."

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Picnic with the police



Stockbridge-Munsee Police Officer Tyler Schech grills more burgers and brats as community members enjoy what he's already cooked up behind him July 11 at the Gresham Athletic Park. For those who missed the first Lunch With a Cop put on by the police department, there will be another event Aug. 20 at 11 a.m. at the park, 1300 Knoke St., Gresham. Also, another picnic is planned for Aug. 6 at 11 a.m. at Many Trails Campground, N9125 Moh He Con Nuck Road, Bowler.

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A Shawano Police Department squad car is surrounded by bubbles during the July 11 community picnic at the Gresham Athletic Park while officers and kids gather for a group photo.

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Law enforcement officers battle local children during a community picnic put on by the Stockbridge-Munsee Police Department on July 11 at the Gresham Athletic Park. This picnic and others serve as opportunities for local officers to connect with community members in a positive way.

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Kwik Trip's fundraiser to support Red Cross

Fresh off celebrating its 60th anniversary in June, Kwik Trip is raising funds for the lifesaving mission of the American Red Cross. Throughout July, all Kwik Trip store locations across the Midwest will host a coin canister campaign. Proceeds from the campaign will support the humanitarian work of the Red Cross.

The Red Cross is responding to nearly twice as many large disasters as it did a decade ago — a sign of how much more frequent and severe these emergencies have become. Each year, the Red Cross responds to about 60,000 disasters nationwide, most of which are home fires. In 2024 alone, the Red Cross of Wisconsin responded to 840

local disasters, providing vital relief and support to more than 3,900 people. From record-breaking floods and tornadoes to devastating home fires, it was a year that tested the resilience of thousands of families and underscored the urgent need for a strong, coordinated response. So far in 2025, Red Cross volunteers have assisted more than 2,200 people affected

by about 447 home fires across Wisconsin and Michigan's western Upper Peninsula. Kwik Trip, Inc. is a privately held company headquartered in La Crosse. The chain of convenience stores has locations throughout Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin and serves under the name Kwik Star in Illinois, Iowa and South Dakota.

Permit OK'd for animal shelter

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

An animal shelter in business for more than a year finally has a conditional use permit. The Shawano County Planning, Development and Zoning Committee approved the permit for Joy's Place Animal Rescue in rural Gresham at its July 2 meeting.

Sarah Magee said she was under the impression from former county staff that a permit was not needed when she opened in the spring of 2024. She said she did a little more digging and found out she did indeed need a permit, so she applied for one this spring. Animal rescue services will be limited to 50 cats and up to five dogs at any one time.

The Town of Herman approved the request in April. Magee's conditional use permit expires May 29, 2028.

"We would like to operate an animal rescue to serve the Shawano County area," Magee wrote in her permit application. "The Shawano County Humane Society no longer accepts stray cats or helps community members get them fixed. We want to serve the needs of the community and help control pet overpopulation. In our first year of operation, we helped over 300 cats. This is a significant number of animals in need."

"In addition to rehabilitating and rehomeing cats, we help community members get their cats fixed at a reduced rate. We schedule, organize and transport 600-700 cats per year for this service from Shawano County."

The animal rescue business, located at N6750 County Road A, Gresham, will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

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Sarah Magee, the founder of Joy's Place Animal Rescue, sits with Victor, a cat up for adoption, in the fall of 2024.

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Andrew VanRite takes his oath of office as a deputy with the Shawano County Sheriff's Department on July 9 at the public safety committee meeting. VanRite was sworn in by Sheriff George Lenzner. KEVIN PASSON | NEW MEDIA

New deputy takes oath of office

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

Andrew VanRite was sworn in July 9 as the newest deputy with the Shawano County Sheriff's Department.

Sheriff George Lenzner led him through his oath, taken at the start of the public safety committee meeting.

VanRite's wife and children sat and watched him during the brief ceremony.

VanRite started with the department as a correctional officer in the jail in October 2022 with the goal of becoming a patrol officer.

"He put himself through school while still working in the jail," Lenzner said. "He worked all night and then drove to school in Green Bay. It was probably a pain in the butt for his family, who probably didn't get to see him for two years."

Just prior to his graduation in the spring, VanRite was hired as a patrol officer with the sheriff's department.

"Andrew is a great officer, a very good family man, a very honorable guy," Lenzner said. "I'm proud to have him here."

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Shawano County room tax up 0.92%

2024 'record-breaking' year could yield to even bigger 2025 for tourism

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

Room taxes and other economic indicators had a modest increase in 2024, according to the tourism director for the Shawano County Chamber of Commerce.

Michelle Eron told the Shawano Common Council on July 9 that the total room tax was \$216,189.13, an increase of almost 0.92% from the \$214,208.82 collected in 2023. The room tax was collected from Shawano, Cecil, Pulaski and the towns of Belle Plaine, Wittenberg, Wescott and Washington.

Eron's room tax report noted that visitors to the county generated \$7.1 million in local and state taxes in 2024, a 1.5% increase from 2023. The total economic impact was up for the county at \$116 million, she said, and direct visitor spending increased to \$77.6 million, up 1.5%, as a result of the chamber's tourism

and marketing efforts.

"This was an increase from 2023, solidifying that the marketing being completed is creating an interest and awareness to tourists to visit and vacation to Shawano Country," Eron said.

About \$25.2 million in total labor income through tourism, up 1.2%, added to the economies for Shawano and Menominee counties, although that number is estimated because tribal tourism data is private.

Eron called 2024 a "record-breaking year."

"Shawano Country Tourism is the official destination marketing organization that promotes the area as a recreational destination to increase travel with overnight stays and expenditures to both Shawano and Menominee counties," Eron said.

Lodging, including short-term rentals and summer homes, make up the largest portion of the increases, according to

Eron, followed by food and beverages, retail, transportation, and recreation and entertainment.

When it comes to marketing, the room tax made up 72% of the tourism bureau's revenue in 2024, while another 27% comes from advertising dollars generated through the chamber's annual visitor guide, Eron said, with design and implementation done in house.

"This community resource is a powerful advertising tool that strongly promotes the activities in all of Shawano Country," Eron said. "Fifty thousand of these guides were printed and distributed to local businesses, organizations, events and festivals, etc. Thousands of these guides are also distributed via outside contracted vendors at the various sports shows and events that I attend during the year."

The tourism bureau's Facebook page saw visits almost double from 125,263

in 2023 to 240,513 last year. According to Eron, the bureau's Instagram page saw 6,800 followers, an increase of almost 2,500 from 2023.

Eron noted that social media advertising was created to promote events and activities in the area.

Eron is estimating that 2025 tourism indicators could blow the previous year's numbers out of the water due to the NFL Draft, which took place in April in Green Bay. She noted that the barn quilt program, which has been in existence since 2010, got exposure on a much larger level as the chamber collaborated with the NFL to build two quilts that looked exactly the same. One was on display at the draft, while the duplicate is on display in the chamber office.

"This brought national exposure to this project and to this regional area," Eron said.

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Potato board election results announced

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade

and Consumer Protection (DATCP) has certified the

2025 Wisconsin Potato Industry Board election results.

The following growers began three-year terms on the Wisconsin Potato

Industry Board on July 1: Keith Wolter, Antigo, representing Menominee and Oconto counties; and Andy Diercks, Coloma, representing Shawano County.

Music fills the air



Local performers are back at it at the Shawano Civic Center. Tom Schroeder played the accordion, and Merry Suring was on the piano July 8, leading a sing-along with anyone who wanted to join in. CONTRIBUTED



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Currently, there is a limited supply of these tags, and they are anticipated to be available until Sept. 30 or while supplies last. In Wisconsin, these tags are available for markets and dealers, directly to producers and to veterinarians for use with their clients' animals; they are intended for use in cattle and bison only.

Tags can be ordered in multiples of 1,000. Currently, there is a 5,000-tag limit per order due to limited supply. Other important details include:

No cost 840 RFID official identification tags can be ordered by markets, dealers or producers at <https://wi.accessgov.com/datcp/Forms/Page/dah/tagorders> or by veterinarians at <https://datcpservices.wisconsin.gov/vetcatalog/index.jsp>.

Tag orders require a premises identification number (PIN). If you do not have a PIN or are not sure, contact the Wisconsin Livestock Identification Consortium at 888-808-1910, or visit wiid.org and select "Premises Registration/Renewal."

Tags may take several weeks or months to ship. Purchased tags may be available more quickly.

For producers, tags are for use only with your own animals. Tags should not be shared, sold or used at other farms. For markets, dealers and veterinarians, RFID tags are available to apply to customers' and clients' animals. Note that records are required. For markets, dealers and producers, white button tags are available.

For veterinarians, white button tags are available, as well as orange button tags used for identification when vaccinating against brucellosis. Although 840 RFID tags are required for brucellosis vaccination, orange tags are not required; however, the orange tags can only be used for this purpose.

Taggers are the responsibility of the person ordering the tags. Taggers can be ordered directly from the manufacturers or their distributors. It is recommended to use a tagger from the same manufacturer as the tags.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUITCOURT SHAWANO COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME
CHANGE OF
Derek James Bowen
Notice of Name Chance Hearing
Case No. 25cv131
NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: Derek James Bowen
To: Derek James Delzer
Birth Certificate: Derek James Bowen
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Shawano County State of Wisconsin
Shawano Court House Branch 2
311 N Main St Shawano WI
August 05, 2025 8:15 a.m.

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-526- 9347 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DONALD V. BRICCO
Name
DOD 05/04/2025

Amended
Order Setting Time to Hear Petition for Administration and Deadline for Filing Claims
(Formal Administration)
Case No. 25 PR 37
A Petition for Formal Administration was filed.

THE COURT FINDS:
The decedent, with date of birth 02/10/1951 and date of death 05/04/2025 was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin , with a mailing address of W8643 Adams Beach Drive, Belle Plaine, Wisconsin 54166

THE COURT ORDERS:
1. The Petition be heard at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano , Wisconsin, Room Branch 1 , before Circuit Court Judge/Circuit Court Commissioner Katherine V. Sloma , on 07/21/2025 at 9:00 am .
You do not need to appear unless you object. The petition may be granted if there is no objection.

2. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is [Date] October 14, 2025 .
3. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano , Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate office .
4. Heirship will be determined at the hearing on petition for final judgment.
5. Publication of this notice is notice to any persons whose names or addresses are unknown.
BY THE COURT: SHAWANO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT
DATE SIGNED: 07/01/2025
Electronically signed by Gwen Hoffman, Probate Registrar
Form completed by:
Attorney Joy N. Sisler
PO Box 5
New London, WI 54961
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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT BROWN COUNTY
CIVIL DIVISION

GREEN BAY ANESTHESIA ASSOCIATES, S.C.
First Floor 225 S Executive Dr
Brookfield WI 53005
Plaintiff,
vs.
LONNIE DELABRUE
822 E RANDALL ST
SHAWANO WI 54166
Defendant.

Case No.: 2025CV000827
Classification Code: 30301
The amount claimed is over \$10,000.
PUBLICATION SUMMONS

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN,
To the person named above as a defendant: You are hereby notified that the plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The complaint, which is attached, states the nature and basis of the legal action.

Within 40 (forty) days after July 9, 2025, you must respond with a written answer, as that term is used in Chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the complaint. The court may reject or disregard an answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The answer must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is 100 S Jefferson Street, Green Bay, WI 54305 and to Dobberstein Law Firm, LLC, the plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 225 S. Executive Drive, Brookfield, Wisconsin 53005. You may have an attorney help or represent you.

If you do not provide a proper answer within 40 (forty) days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

Dated this 2nd day of July 2025 .

DOBBERSTEIN LAW FIRM, LLC
Attorneys for the plaintiff
Electronically signed by Jillian E Caggiano
Jillian E Caggiano
State Bar No. 1101032
225 S. Executive Dr.
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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 2025PR000040
Lyle John Nickodem
Deceased : 03/11/2025
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 09/12/1959 and date of death 03/11/2025 , was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin with a mailing address of 833 S. Park St., Shawano, WI 54166
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is October 9, 2025 .
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano , Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate Office .
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STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUITCOURT SHAWANO COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF

Jamie Rae Swanke
By Jamie Rae Swanke
Notice of Name Chance Hearing
Case No. 25cv110

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:

From: Jamie Rae Swanke
To: Jamie Rae Tricker
Birth Certificate: Jamie Rae Tricker
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Shawano County State of Wisconsin
William F. Kussel Jr.
Shawano Court House Branch 2
311 N Main St
Shawano WI
August 26, 2025 8:15 a.m.
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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 2025PR46
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Vernon John Busch

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.

2. The decedent, with date of birth 11-12-1938 and date of death 05-14-2025 , was domiciled in Shawano County, State of WI , with a mailing address of W5915 Lake Drive, Shawano, WI 54166 .
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is [Date] September 29, 2025 .
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N Main St, Shawano, WI 54166 , Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate Office .
Form completed by:
Atty. Thomas J Martell
117 N Main St, PO Box 237
Shawano, WI 54166
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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CLAUDIA JENSEN

Case No. 25PR42
A Petition for Formal Administration was filed.

THE COURT FINDS:
The decedent, with date of birth September 9, 1945 and date of death March 1, 2025 was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin with a mailing address of P.O. Box 453, Gresham, WI 54128

THE COURT ORDERS:
1. The Petition be heard at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main St., Shawano Wisconsin, Room Branch 1 or via Zoom, before Circuit Court Judge/Circuit Court Commissioner Judge Katherine Sloma on August 11, 2025 at 8:45 AM. You do not need to appear unless you object. The petition may be granted if there is no objection.
2. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is September 26, 2025.

3. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano Wisconsin, Room 202
4. Heirship will be determined at the hearing on petition for final judgment.
5. Publication of this notice is notice to any persons whose names or addresses are unknown.

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call (715) 526-8631 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE FRISINGER FAMILY IRREVOCABLE TRUST DATED AUGUST 30, 2011

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. Todd E. Frisinger, trustee of the Frisinger Family Irrevocable Trust dated August 30, 2011.
2. The decedent, Devonne E. Frisinger, with a birth date of April 15, 1937, and date of death of June 7, 2025, was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a post office address of 412 N. Hunter Street, Wittenberg, WI 54499.
3. Deadline to make claims: All persons or companies having claims against Devonne E. Frisinger and/or the Frisinger Family Irrevocable Trust dated August 30, 2011, must present their claims to the attorney for the trustee on or before November 18, 2025, which is four (4) months after the date of July 18, 2025, the date of first insertion and publication of this Notice in the Shawano Leader, or the claims will be forever barred as set forth in Section 701.0508 of the Wisconsin Statutes.
4. Notice of claims: Claims must be presented by delivering or mailing a written statement of the claim indicating its basis, the name and address of the claimant, the date the claim is due, the amount claimed, and describing any security for the claim. The claim is deemed presented upon receipt by the attorney for the trustee at the address set forth herein.
5. Publication of this notice shall constitute notice to any persons whose names or addresses are unknown.
6. Attorney for trustee: Ruth M. Ross, Ruder Ware, L.L.S.C., P.O. Box 8050, Wausau, WI 54402-8050.

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Notice of Public Hearing
Planning, Development and Zoning Committee Meeting
Wednesday, August 6, 2025 @ 9:00 AM
AM Shawano County Courthouse, Rooms A & B

Members: Ken Capelle, Jeremy Gretzinger, Lowel Hammett, Kathy Luebke, Theresa Serrano

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Shawano County Planning, Development and Zoning Committee under the Shawano County Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 40, at Rooms A/B on August 6, 2025 at 9AM, to consider the following application:
CU-6-25: Gary R Homan, agent for Homan Homestead LLC, request conditional use permit for the purpose of razing an existing single family dwelling and constructing a new Non-Farm Residence (land use) in the FP, Farmland and Forest Preservation Zoning District on approximately 39 total acres. Property is located and described as part of the SW ¼ of the NW ¼, Section 24, T27N R17E located in the Town of Washington. Tax Parcel #044-24230-0000. Property Address: N5934 White Clay Lake Drive, Cecil, WI 54111.

Z-8-25: Jodi Steinke request zone change from FP, Farmland and Forest Preservation Zoning District to OAR, Open Lands, Agriculture and Residential Zoning District for the purpose of constructing a single family dwelling on approximately 5.25 total acres. Property is located and described as part of the South 5.25 acres of the SW ¼ of the fractional SW 1/4, Section 6, T26N R12E located in the Town of Fairbanks. Tax Parcel #014-06330-0010. Currently vacant land.

CU-7-25: Neil D and Honey Anna Ashenbrenner request conditional use permit for the Temporary Occupancy of a Recreational Vehicle (land use) in the A-R, Agricultural Residential Zoning District on a 2.9480 acre parcel. Property is located and described as Lot 1 of Certified Survey Map #4836, located in the NE ¼ of the SE ¼, Section 20, T26N R13E located in the Town of Grant. Tax Parcel #018-45230-0040. Property address: W13781 Blue Heron Lane. Any interested person may address the Planning, Development and Zoning Committee by letter or appear in person, or by agent, and be heard at the public hearing. Written correspondence must bear a legible signature of the author a well as the primary address of the signer. The Committee will accept and review all previously received pertinent information relative to the above listed item(s) during the open session of the public hearing on August 6, 2025. Notice is further given that printed copies of these proposals are available for public inspection in the Planning and Development office during regular business hours.

Please note that upon reasonable notice, effort will be made to accommodate the needs of any person wishing to attend who, because of disability, requires special accommodation through appropriate aids and services. Call 715-526-6766 to leave a message for arrangements.
Dated this 9th day of July, 2025
For: The Shawano County Planning, Development and Zoning Committee
By: Kyle Waelchli, Zoning Administrator
NOTE: Any person may appear at the public hearing and be heard and/or submit comments to be read into the record for Committee consideration. Correspondence must bear a legible signature of the author as well as the primary address of the signer.
Accommodations due to disability can be made by calling: 715-526-6766
Meeting notice emailed/posted:
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07/18/25
STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY

Nsighttel Wireless LLC, d/b/a Cellcom
P.O. Box 5301
De Pere WI 54115

Vs.
Cassidy A. Welch
127 4th St
Mattoon WI 54450

Publication Summons and Notice (Small Claims)
Case No. 25SC000366

TO THE PERSON(S) NAMED ABOVE AS DEFENDANT(S):

You are being sued by the person(s) named above as Plaintiff(s). A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above. The lawsuit will be heard in the following small claims court:
Shawano County clerk of court: 715-526-9347
Branch 2 311 N Main St
Shawano, WI 54166
8/19/2025 Time: 1:00 p.m.

If you do not attend the hearing, the court may enter a judgment against you in favor of the person(s) suing you. A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate (property) you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

You may have the option to Answer without appearing in court on the court date by filing a written Answer with the clerk of court before the court date. You must send a copy of your Answer to the Plaintiff(s) named above at their address. You may contact the clerk of court at the telephone number above to determine if there are other methods to answer a Small Claims complaint in that county.
Erica Clark 07/08/2025
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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF VIRGINIA M. BREYER

Amended
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 25 PR 47

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth May 15,1936 and date of death July 7, 2024 , was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin , with a mailing address of 604 S. Webb Street, Wittenberg, Wisconsin 54499 .
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is October 14, 2025
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano , Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate Office .
Attorney Corinna T. Fischer
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OBITUARIES

Sherrie Framness

Sherrie Lynn Anderson-Framness, 75, of Marshfield, passed peacefully into Jesus' presence on July 1, 2025, at Marshfield Medical Center, with her family by her side.

Born April 20, 1950, in Oconto Falls, Sherrie was the daughter of Ralph and Cora (Witzke) Anderson. She married Douglas Iver Framness on May 25, 1974, at Bethel Lutheran Church near Cecil.

Sherrie is survived by Doug, her husband of 51 years; children, Lars, Wausau, Siri (Lincoln) Wilmoth, Bozeman, Montana; and Chris, Marshfield; grandchildren Cora, Weldon, Theodore and Everett; her brother, Gary Anderson, Cecil; and sister-in-law, Ellen Framness, Whitelaw.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Roger; and brother-in-law, Rupert Jr.

Creative and hardworking, Sherrie used her talents in sewing and knitting to bless family and friends with handmade dresses,



quilts and heirlooms. A gifted musician, she became an organist at age 14 and remained active in music throughout her life — singing, teaching, accompanying hundreds of high school musicians over decades, accompanying Marshfield High School musicals, church choirs and leading worship at Faith Lutheran Church in Marshfield and later at Grace Lutheran in Marshfield.

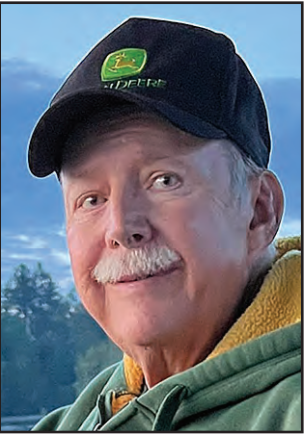
Sherrie was a woman of deep, abiding faith. What heavenly music she must be making now.

Rodney Sleeter

On July 3, 2025, Rodney Arthur Sleeter, 75, lost his battle with heart disease. He passed away at home surrounded by his family.

Rod was born April 11, 1950, to the late Harold and Martha (McMahon) Sleeter. When he was 19, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and served his four years at the SAC base in Merced, California, during the Vietnam Era. After that, Rod worked primarily at Southern California Edison as a facility manager for 31 years.

On Nov. 23, 1974, he married Dianna Boyd and had two beautiful little girls, Kerry and Janet. Rod and Dianna celebrated 50 years of marriage last November. In 2011, the couple retired and moved back to Rod's hometown of Suring. Rod loved boating, shooting trap, hunting, watching the Packers and going to car shows in the summer in his little red Corvette.



Rod is survived by his wife, Dianna; daughter, Kerry; brother, Alan (Pat); sisters-in-law, Cheryl and Barbara; brother-in-law, Fred Kopatz; sister-in-law, Betty Boyd. He is further survived by many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Janet Sleeter; parents, Harold and Martha; stepmother, Helen Sleeter; in-laws, Gene and Marie

Eugene Henrickson

Eugene C. Henrickson, 81, of Clintonville, passed

away July 9, 2025. Eberhardt-Stevenson

A 1968 Gillett High graduate and DAR scholarship recipient, Sherrie earned a bachelor of music education from UW-Stevens Point in 1972. She taught music, later supporting her husband's chiropractic practice as an office manager while raising their three children. Her humor, faith and devotion touched many lives.

Proud of her Norwegian heritage, Sherrie and Doug were active in Sons of Norway and enjoyed trips to Norway to explore family roots.

A memorial service was held Saturday, July 12, 2025, at Grace Lutheran Church in Nasonville. Burial followed at Bethel Lutheran Cemetery in Cecil.

The family thanks Cassie of Compassus Hospice for her compassionate care.

Condolences may be shared at www.lifetributesfuneralhome.com, and memorial gifts may be given in honor of Sherrie to Grace Lutheran Church in Nasonville.

Boyd; brothers, Dale, Bob (Nancy) and Fred; sisters, Rena (Elger) Hoffman, Betty Kopatz and Alice.

A graveside service with military honors was held on Friday, July 11, 2025, at Hickory Cemetery.

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

The family would like to thank the staff of Unity Hospice for the wonderful care and compassion offered to Rod and his family during their time of need.



Funeral Home and Crematory, Clintonville.

Floyd Spice

Floyd Joseph "Joe" Spice, of Lily, formerly of Oconto Falls, passed away peacefully on July 6, 2025, at the age of 76.

Joe was born Aug. 12, 1948, to Floyd "Bud" and Marilyn "Jean" (Nemojeski) Spice. He married Faith "Faye" on Aug. 16, 1975, at St. Anthony's Church, and they continued to live in the community for many years, until moving to Lily.

Joe was a beloved husband, father, grandfather and cherished friend, who lived a life dedicated to family, community and the joy of sharing stories with everyone around him. Later in his life, Joe and Faye were the proud owners of Joe's Place, a local bar in Lily, where he combined his love for



cooking and bartending with his passion for connecting with people. Joe will be remembered for his willingness to lend a helping hand to everyone, his kind heart to live life fully and his positive inspiration to his family.

Joe is survived by his wife of nearly 50 years,

Faith; daughter, Tamarara Smith; son, Joseph (Kimberly) Spice; grandchildren, Sean, Courtney and Hannah; father, Floyd "Bud" Spice; siblings, Gerald Spice, Judy Ellie, Calvin Spice, Robert (Jenny) Spice, Harry Spice, Janet (Todd) Schmidt and Janice (Robert) Schmidt; and brother-in-law, Kenneth Spice.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Marilyn; son-in-law, David Smith; brother-in-law, Dennis Ellie; and parents-in-law, Donald and Pearl Spice.

Celebrating Joe's life, family and friends will gather at Jones Funeral Home in Oconto Falls on Saturday, Aug. 2, 2025. Please see Jones Funeral website for more information.

David Young

David Wilbur Young, born May 27, 1955, in Oconto Falls, passed away peacefully on July 9, 2025, surrounded by loving memories of a life well-lived. A proud father to his son, Cole, and a cherished grandfather to Samantha, John and Millie, Dave always made time for his family and was always there when needed.

Dave graduated from Oconto Falls High School in 1973 before serving in the Coast Guard from 1974-76. He later earned an associate's degree from NWTI, specializing as a machinist and quality control specialist.

A true outdoorsman at heart, Dave had a passion



for hunting and fishing, often teaching Cole the ropes and spending countless hours in nature. He was an animal lover but especially enjoyed spending time with and walking his dogs, Sam and Dusty.

Dave was preceded in

death by his parents, Donald and Elizabeth (Bitters) Young; brother, Daniel (Buster) Young; and his beloved nieces, Anna and Angie Young.

He is survived by his son, Cole (Jackelyn) Young; and grandchildren, Samantha, John and Millie. Dave is further survived by his siblings, Denise (Craig) Way, Debra (Gary) Young and Dean (Erin) Young; and nieces and nephews, Jason (Heidi) Young, Amanda Kratz, Brenda (Ron) Ausloos, Nick Way and Tom Way.

Services for Dave and his brother, Buster, will be held Thursday, July 17, 2025, at Jones Funeral Service in Oconto Falls.

John and Katherine Ford

Town of Wescott.

Mickelson Funeral and Cremation Service Inc. of Shawano is assisting the family with arrangements. Please share online condolences at www.mickelsonsfunerals.com.



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Sizzling ShawanoFest



James Maltbey, one of the co-owners of Old Glory Candy, serves up roasted almonds, cashews and pecans during ShawanoFest on July 12.



Riding the 8 Second Mechanical Bull is Mirella Tousey, of Shawano. The mechanical bull was a highlight of the children's activities at ShawanoFest, held July 12 in the 100 and 200 blocks of South Main Street as well as at Franklin Park.



Al Kuck, of Shawano, admires his car and the hand-woven quilt of the car made by his wife, Pamela, at the car show that was part of the the July 12 ShawanoFest. The car is a 1933 Plymouth PD Coupe.



Performing at ShawanoFest on July 12 was Nathan Grajeda. Shawano Downtown and Shawano Parks and Recreation Department presented ShawanoFest 2025. ShawanoFest, sponsored by Qualheim's True Value, included a car show, craft vendors, children's activities, music, the farmers market, food trucks and more family activities.

PHOTOS BY KEVIN PASSON



At left, there were plenty of vendors with a variety of items for sale in the 100 and 200 blocks of South Main Street as part of ShawanoFest on July 12. Shawano Downtown and Shawano Parks and Recreation Department presented ShawanoFest 2025, which was sponsored by Qualheim's True Value. At right, Austin Schmidt enjoys the cool water in the dunk tank at ShawanoFest. Proceeds from the event benefited the Shawano Community High School Rocketry Club.





Whiskey and Lace, a band hailing from Stevens Point, kicked off the beginning of Sun Drop Dayz on June 6 on East Elizabeth Street, firing off a mix of rock and country tunes for the crowd. Music is considered something that helps to ease physical and mental health, so events like this one can be just what the doctor ordered. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

Music festivals help to aid community well-being

Aurora expert recommends music, whether inside or outside, to ease mood

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

Communities have concerts and music festivals to attract people to town and to entertain them, but it turns out they also have health benefits.

That turns northeast Wisconsin into a giant treatment facility, as communities have music nights and weekend festivals regularly throughout the summer. Shawano held its annual Sun Drop Dayz the first weekend in June, bringing out thousands of people to witness area bands crank up the noise. However, the music continues throughout the summer with Thursdayz at Franklin, regularly filling up Franklin Park, as well as smaller concerts on Saturday nights during the Naberhood Block Parties.

Shawano also has performers at Arlington Park on Sundays, a tradition that precedes the block parties and Thursdayz. This summer, a touch of jazz was added as the NEW Jazz Ensemble is popping up at multiple times during the summer to add even more music to Franklin Park. In August, the Shawano County Arts Council will hold its folk music festival at Mielke County Park.

Of course, Shawano is not the only place to get a musical booster shot. Wittenberg has concerts on the second Tuesday of the month in the art park next to the WOW-SPACE, while Oconto Falls brings musicians to the water on select Friday nights. Even at festivals designated for other purposes, such as Bonduel's Independence Day, musicians can fill parks and other venues with good feelings.

There are also a number of Indigenous powwows filled with unique music. The Menominee Nation Contest Powwow comes up the first weekend in August, and



Fourth of July revelers dance in Village Park in Bonduel as the band Bad Habitz plays nearby. From the smiles, it's clear that endorphins were available in abundance when Bad Habitz and other bands played during the holiday. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

the following weekend has the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohicans playing host to singers and dancers.

Stacy Luedeman, behavioral health nurse practitioner with Aurora BayCare Medical Center, says she has seen the benefits of people listening to music, whether it's at a big event or just sitting back at home and listening to some tunes.

"Music is a non-pharmacological treatment option that can affect mental and physical health in many positive ways," Luedeman said. "Studies have found that listening to music, even just 11 minutes per day, can positively impact mental health by reducing anxiety, depression and stress."

Listening to music can trigger the release of endorphins, natural mood boosters, Luedeman said. It all depends on what kind of music a person likes, or performers that are considered to be favored.

"The key is to choose genres of music and artists you enjoy and love," Luedeman said. "Music can be a powerful way to motivate someone to exercise, improve focus and even help heal in times of loss and grief."

While music festivals can be a great place to feel good and help deal with mental and physical health, Luedeman recom-

MUSIC, CONTINUED ON PAGE 17

Panfish don't get the credit they deserve

Ask 100 anglers what they think of when the term "gamefish" is mentioned, and you'll probably get one of four answers.

Nationwide, it's going to be the largemouth bass. Ol' bucketmouth has more than his own cheering section. Ray Scott founded the Bass Anglers Sportsman Society,

and about a half million members spend most of their free time chasing bass. Maybe it's a guy

thing, but men had to take an otherwise relaxing sport and turn it into a competition. Competitive bass fishing has created well-paid, well-sponsored tournament anglers who fish for cash and bass boats.

Speaking of pro anglers, there are folks who also fish for walleyes and earn a good living doing so. If you like to eat fish, the walleye is a good choice.

In Wisconsin and on other northern waters, the next two heavy hitters are northern pike and muskies. I am grouping these two together, partly because they are related, have sharp teeth, grow to frightening size and can require enormous time, patience and gear to catch.

Trout are in a class of their own. There are wild, native trout and the put-and-take stocked variety. We also have two types of trout anglers: Those who want fish to eat and show up with a can of corn to meet the DNR stocking trucks, and those who hope to land a trophy native trout and prefer fly fishing or finesse spinning tackle to find hidden streams and solitude a la "And a River Runs Through It."

Yet chances are good that the first fish you ever caught weren't bass, walleyes,

PANFISH, CONTINUED ON PAGE 17



Kalispell Bielema, 19, of Waupaca, caught this slab bluegill June 23 on Lily Lake near Pickerel, using a worm, bobber and trusty Barbie rod and reel. It was the only fish caught in four days of fishing during a family vacation that included columnist Ross Bielema, his wife and father-in-law. The large number of invasive rusty crayfish is one reason fishing has been poor on this lake in recent years. ROSS BIELEMA

IN THE KITCHEN WITH FRANCESCA

No need to go west to enjoy some cowboy cuisine

July is a special month, not only because of summer, but also because it is the home of the birthday of the United States of America — July 4. What if it was also something more?

In February, America commemorates Black History Month. It is a time to learn more about what Americans who were originally from Africa contributed to the rich history of America. While it is a good thing to learn more about history, particularly the history of our country, it is puzzling that there is no white history month. There were many amazing white people in American history, too. Damon Imani, who makes satire videos on YouTube, suggested July as white history month. Why not?

One interesting chapter in American history is the story of the American West, with its exciting tales of cowboys, Indians, cattle barons, settlers and outlaws, is fascinating. Although interest in the story of the West has waned, it used to be a huge deal. There were many movies and TV shows made about the West, starring famous actors like John Wayne and Roy Rogers. So, the two recipes in this article are in honor of this interesting chapter in American history.

Cowboy beans are an incredibly versatile dish. There are so many ways to make it. I really enjoy this version of the dish as it is simple while still delicious. You can use what-



Whether by a cookfire or in the comfort of your home, cowboy beans are a tasty dish, especially when you enjoy the meal with a piece of bread.

FRANCESCA ULLMER

COWBOY BEANS

6 cans assorted beans (kidney beans, butter beans, pinto beans, Great Northern beans, pork and beans)
1 bottle Sweet Baby Ray's (hickory and brown sugar flavored) barbecue sauce
1 lb. ground hamburger or pork
1 lb. bacon
Ketchup and mustard, optional
Cook the bacon until well done. Cool, and cut into small pieces. Drain any beans that need to be, reserving some of the liquid. Brown the ground meat. Mix in the beans and bacon pieces, adding some of the reserved bean liquid if needed. Mix in some of the barbecue sauce until desired flavor; adding a little ketchup and mustard if desired. Heat through, serve with bread or biscuits.



ever beans you have in the house, bacon, and hamburger or ground pork, or a mixture of the two. I have

had cowboy beans without bacon before, but obviously it tastes better with the bacon included. The kind of barbecue sauce is also optional. I grew up on Sweet Baby Ray's hickory and brown sugar flavored barbecue sauce, so that is the kind that I use. I like to add a little ketchup, for flavor,

and mustard, to cut the sweetness, to my individual portion, but that is entirely optional. Also, I like to eat cowboy beans with a slice of bread, or a biscuit on the side. This dish is so hearty and rich that something plain is needed to fully enjoy it. If you are looking for a quick dinner that uses



It's unclear why these cookies are billed as cowboy cookies, but adding chocolate chips and oatmeal to these peanut butter cookies is enough to satisfy any appetite.

FRANCESCA ULLMER

COWBOY PEANUT BUTTER COOKIES

1/2 cup butter, softened
1 cup sugar
2 eggs
2 cups unsifted flour
1/2 tsp. baking powder
1 1/2 cups quick cooking oats
1/2 cup peanut butter
1 cup brown sugar, lightly packed
1 tsp. vanilla
1 tsp. baking soda
1/2 tsp. salt
1 package chocolate chips
Cream the butter, peanut butter, sugar, and brown sugar together until light and fluffy. Beat in the eggs and vanilla. Combine the flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt; stir into the creamed mixture. Mix in the oats and chocolate chips, the mixture will be slightly crumbly. Chill the dough for about 30 minutes (optional). Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly grease baking sheets. Roll cookie dough into 1-inch balls, place on the baking sheets, and flatten slightly with a fork. Bake for 7-9 minutes or until lightly browned.

ingredients that you most likely have in the house, Cowboy beans are the way to go. Cowboy peanut butter cookies are also delicious. I have no idea why the word "cowboy" is attached to these cookies, as this recipe is from a rather old cookbook of mine. This recipe starts out as a standard peanut butter cookie, but changes into something different with the addition of chocolate chips and oatmeal. These cookies are so good, and you

can feel less guilty about enjoying them as they have oatmeal in them — adding both heartiness and fiber. The original recipe did not call for vanilla, but as I feel that almost every cookie could benefit from a little vanilla, I added it. The amount of chocolate chips is optional, use as much or as little as you like.

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

FARM LIFE FROM A FARM WIFE

Fears of prison prove to be unfounded after traffic stop

The blue and red lights flashing in my rear view mirror weren't noticed until I heard a short warning that sounded curiously like a siren. Glancing up, I realized indeed it was a siren. It was for me. Stopping immediately, I could not imagine what on earth prompted the officer to pull me over. Did I forget to turn my lights on? It was getting dusky. Did I speed through town? I was coming out of Clintonville on a side street. My heart pumping out of my chest, I waited for the officer to approach my car. "Good evening. Where're you come from tonight?" "I was at a garden party. With a church group. I drank water." (Goodness gracious sakes alive, did I really say that?) He didn't blink an eye. "Where are you headed?" "Home. To Leopoldis." "There was a four-way stop you just ran a little way back. Busy day; you were



distracted? A little tired?" "Actually, I'm retired, and I wasn't that busy today. I have no excuse." (Seriously, must I always tell the truth?) He managed a smile, asked me for my driver's license and proof of insurance and walked back to his squad car with a promise it wouldn't be long. I had time to think. I remember the road-block signs up along Greentree Road in Clintonville had distracted me, yet I'd driven that road many times and absolutely know there's a four-way stop right there by the high school. Praying for favor: "Please God, we don't need a fine because of a stupid, really stupid mistake that never should have happened, and

yet I surrender to any sort of punishment for what was really an inexcusable mistake." Because my thoughts were going back and forth faster than a ping-pong ball, I resorted back to one of my favorite verses, "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to You, oh Lord, my Rock and Redeemer." It calmed me down. Presently, the officer came back to my car. I couldn't quite discern his expression. He fingered a piece of paper and began explaining. "You have the squeakiest, cleanest record I've ever seen. I wouldn't want to mar it by giving you a citation, so tonight I've just written you a warning." I exhaled and, to my credit, remained quiet. He continued, "But that being said, if you run a stop sign in the future, you'll need to attend a mandatory eight-hour class and if you

do not, you will be served a severe fine." "Oh, rest assured officer. First off, I won't ever run a stop sign again, and if I do I will most definitely complete the class. As to my record, I did get stopped one time in 1975 for a speeding ticket. I was on my way to my first job after high school and I got pulled over by a state patrolman and my heart was pumping just as fast as it is now." Honestly. Just shut it, Kay. I mean, word salad, anyone? Why on earth do I feel the need to explain myself? In my defense, I was extremely nervous and when I'm nervous I talk fast, and a lot. This man was incredibly polite and kind and respectful. And had a sense of humor. He listened patiently and intently with a soft grin spread across his face, which encouraged me to continue. "Before you let me go, officer, I want to tell you my husband and I pray for

all you guys in law enforcement. We back you 100% and appreciate all you do to keep us safe. So thank you very much." I wasn't piling it on with any false humility. I had waited to tell him we pray for him after receiving the verdict. I honestly would have thanked him either way, fine or no fine. Whenever we see the men and women who keep us safe at sporting events or concerts or in airports, we always thank them and tell them that we value their service. And it's the truth. "Well," he said with a tender smile, "I appreciate hearing that. Thank you, ma'am, and you have a good night. Drive safe, and next time, how about you stop twice?" "Oh, I will." We both left laughing, and I literally crawled home. In the twilight of the evening, there were deer out all over the place. My only thought was I need to get home in one piece, and

I can't wait to tell my husband what happened. My son texted me after he heard the news: "I'll be seeing your mug shot around town." All three children asked if I cried my way out of it. I cry. I am a crier. I cry when I'm mad, sad, happy, hungry or grateful. I tear up during a commercial, a movie, a brilliant sunrise, a stunning sunset, a baby's birth, a wedding, reading a good book, when I'm praying, when I'm talking, when I'm quiet — I cry. I keep my eyes as squeaky clean as my driving record. ("Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to You, oh Lord, my Rock and Redeemer." Psalm 19:14) Kay Reminger was born and raised on a dairy farm, and she married her high school sweetheart, who happened to farm for a living in Leopoldis. Writing for quite a few years, she remains focused on the blessings of living the ups and downs of rural life from a farm wife's perspective.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, JULY 18

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

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

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

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

LAKEWOOD: Mardi Gras, 4-11 p.m., Memorial Park, 17258 North Road. Pig roast 6 p.m., music with Broken Arrow, 50/50 raffles, food booths, carnival rides and games, softball, pickleball, cornhole tournaments.

WITTENBERG: "Elderon - A Look Back" opening reception, 4-8 p.m., WOWSPACE, 114 Vinal St. A pictorial exhibit about Elderon's history. Free admission, donations accepted.

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

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

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

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trout, pike or muskies. If they weren't bullheads, they were panfish.

My first memories of fishing with my dad in northern Illinois involved cane poles, worms, bobbers and bluegills, with an occasional bullhead tossed in. My dad had a giant, metal possum-belly tackle box full of oddball tools, terminal tackle and lures, but I never once saw Dad use a lure. We bought or caught nightcrawlers, and that was a given when we went fishing.

A small kid doesn't need a giant fish to produce a giant smile. Those first tugs at the bobber and then seeing it disappear below the surface are magical, and both the fish and kid are instantly hooked.

Dad helped my younger brother, Brent, and I remove the fish from the line, put them on the stringer and cleaned them. As I grew older, I enjoyed removing my own fish from the hook. Brent and I often wanted to keep every fish, and Dad would groan as he added another small fish to the stringer.

I don't know of any formal panfishing organizations, but I think there should be. This may be because panfishing is just fun,

SATURDAY, JULY 19

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

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

WITTENBERG: "Elderon - A Look Back," 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., WOWSPACE, 114 Vinal St. A pictorial exhibit about Elderon's history. Free admission, donations accepted.

LAKEWOOD: Mardi Gras, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Memorial Park, 17258 North Road. Kids fishing pond, music with Jay Cruz and Brent Bel & the Boys, meat raffles, 50/50 raffles, food booths, carnival rides and games, softball, pickleball, cornhole tournaments.

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

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

SHAWANO: Shawano Speedway, 6 p.m., 990 E. Green Bay St. Gates open 4 p.m. \$12, ages 12-16 \$6, and younger than 11 free.

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

BOWLER: Comedian Nick Swardson, 8 p.m., North Star Mohican Casino and Resort, W12180 County Road A. Doors open 7 p.m. 21 and older. \$39-\$62.

SUNDAY, JULY 20

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

SHAWANO: AirVenture Cup Race Viewing Party, 7-11 a.m.,

Shawano Municipal Airport and Seaplane Base, 248 Airport Road. Free admission; airport is Checkpoint No. 1 for this year's race. Racers and ground commentary on loudspeakers.

SHAWANO: Fox Valley Sports Car Club Autocross, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., USAir Motorsports Raceway, W5901 County Road BE.

SURING: Brat Fry and Ice Cream/Pie Social, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Riverside Park, Main Street. Hosted by Friends of the Suring Area Public Library and the Suring Area Historical Society. Brats, burgers, hot dogs, root beer floats, many varieties of pie and ice cream. In case of rain, activities move to the Suring Veterans Park shelter, 414 E. Brook St.

LAKEWOOD: Mardi Gras, noon to 4 p.m., Memorial Park, 17258 North Road. Parade at noon, music with Beachfront Avenue Band, meat raffles, 50/50 raffles, food booths, carnival rides and games, softball, pickleball, cornhole tournaments.

PULASKI: Polka Days, noon to 6 p.m., Community Park, 429 E. Pulaski St. Live music and dancing, food and beverages. Free admission. Parade at noon. Polka Mass 9:30 a.m., porkie and pancake breakfast, arts and crafts fair.

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

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

MONDAY, JULY 21

GILLETT: American Red Cross blood drive, noon to 5 p.m., Hillside Assembly, 5890 State Highway 22 West. Appointments at RedCrossBlood.org or 800-733-2767.

LENA: American Red Cross

blood drive, 1-6 p.m., Lena High School, 304 E. Main St. Appointments at RedCrossBlood.org or 800-733-2767.

SHAWANO: Recovery talking circle, 6-8 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, Room 4, 100 W. Presbyterian St. Information: Dallas Gast, 715-701-5388 or dallasgast8@gmail.com.

TUESDAY, JULY 22

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

SHAWANO: Naberhood Block Party, 6 p.m., The Naberhood, 214 S. Main St. Raptor Education.

OCONTO: Tunes on Tuesdays, 6-8 p.m., Beyer House and Carriage Museum, 916 Park Ave. Live music with Jesse Aron (Roy Oribson Night). Bring your own food, beverages and chair.

CECIL: Shawano Paddlers Evening Paddle, 6 p.m., White Clay Lake, Boat Landing Road. Check Facebook page for latest information.

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

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

BOWLER: Lunch with a Cop, 11 a.m., Athletic Park and Playground, South Almon and East Wall streets. Lunch and games with local officers.

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

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

KESHENA: Recovery talking circle, 6-8 p.m. Omaeqnome-newak Wetohkatikamek

Center, 2700 Mianaceqtawak Road. Information: Mindy Thunder at 715-799-3835 or mthunder@mitw.org.

THURSDAY, JULY 24

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

CAROLINE: Shawano Paddlers Morning Paddle, 9 a.m., Cloverleaf Lakes, N2754 County Road Y. Check Facebook page for latest information.

LENA: Sloth presentation, 1 p.m., Lena High School, 304 E. Main St. Lena Public Library presents a 90-minute program to meet Stella, a Linnaeus's two-toed sloth, and learn about these creatures.

BREED: American Red Cross blood drive, 1-6 p.m., Breed Community Center, 11155 State Highway 32. Appointments at RedCrossBlood.org or 800-733-2767.

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

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

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

FRIDAY, JULY 25

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

SHAWANO: SMEC Lightning on the Wolf, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., USAir Motorsports Raceway, W5901 County Road BE. \$20.

SHAWANO: American Red Cross blood drive, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., City Hall, 127 S. Sawyer

St. Appointments at RedCrossBlood.org or 800-733-2767.

CECIL: Sunflower Fest, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Bergsbaken Farms, W2095 County Road E. Live music noon to 4 p.m., family-friendly activities, local vendors, sunflower trails, wagon rides, concessions available.

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

LENA: Thunder On Main, 5:30-8 p.m., Main Street. Race cars, food trucks, vendors, live music.

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

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

OCONTO: Movie Night Under the Stars, dusk, Joel's Reel Inn, 400 Holtwood Way. Adult Night: "The Great Outdoors."

SATURDAY, JULY 26

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

LENA: Dirt City Off-Road Nationals, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Dirt City Motorplex, 414 E. Main St. All-pro and sportsman truck, buggy, SXS and kart champ off-road classes. Admission \$37.95 daily, \$64.25 weekend, military discount.

MARION: Heritage Day, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Marion Historical Society, 620 E. Ramsdell St. Car show, live music, buildings open to tour, basket raffles, silent auction, food and refreshments.

CECIL: Sunflower Fest, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Bergsbaken Farms, W2095 County Road E. Live music noon to 4 p.m., family-friendly activities, local vendors, sunflower trails, wagon rides, concessions available.

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mends lyrical healing at home, too.

"It really doesn't matter where or how you listen to music," she said. "You can have it quietly playing in the background when driving or blasting loudly in the kitchen when cooking or cleaning. Just listening to and enjoying music during your daily activities is just as beneficial as going to a concert or a festival. If you don't mind crowds, a summer festival can be a great way to also get some fresh air, listen to live music and connect with others."

For many people, the musical medicine of choice can change, with jazz music one day giving way to country the next and pop the day after that.

"All music can be beneficial. Your mood on any given day can dictate your music choice," Luedeman said. "Upbeat music may help someone feel a bit more positive or happy. Listening to slower, softer music may help someone process and express their feelings, which can decrease anxiety or insomnia."

Luedeman recommends making playlists when listening at home or while exercising outside.

"Making a playlist for different moments can be a fun activity," Luedeman said. "Once created, you can enjoy it over and over alone, or

and it is hard to get serious about it. Other than some ice fishing tournaments, panfishing pro competition would frankly ruin the fun. I did discover a Facebook page called Panfish Fanatics Group with 35,000 followers.

A family trip to Lily Lake near Pickerel the last week of June helped me rediscover the pure joy of panfishing. In living up to the long tradition of outdoors writers failing to catch much of anything, I thoroughly enjoyed watching my daughter, Kalispell, catch what I believe was the biggest bluegill I have seen in person.

Using a Barbie rod and reel outfit she bought for \$11 recently at Walmart (even though Dad owns at least 25 rods and reels), a trout worm and a bobber, she giggled and squealed as she fought the scrappy 'gill.

When the fish cleared the water, I saw its size and thought it might be a crappie. Then I saw the distinctive bluish hue and dark spot on the gill cover to confirm this slab bluegill's identity.

Technically, a bluegill is in the sunfish family.

Crappies are panfish, too, but they tend to be a bit harder to catch (unless you find a school

of them) and have an almost cult following in some circles.

I'm not sure why I didn't try to measure or weigh the trophy, but I wanted to release it right away. Fishing at Lily Lake where my father-in-law has a home is always a challenge, mainly because of an infestation of rusty crayfish. The lake association has tried everything to get rid of the invasive species, including professional trapping, but nothing has helped.

Kali, 19, fished more intently this year than ever, trying her best for parts of four days. I had fun just sitting next to her, talking and soaking up the sun while listening to the loons call.

Fishing can be very relaxing, if you allow it. No competitive buddies, no run-and-gun searches, not even any fish to disturb the solitude.

Fishing can be a lot like bow-hunting. If not for a fishing rod or bow in hand, I'd just be communing with nature and watching this uncivilized world float slowly by.

Maybe that should be the ultimate goal anyway. With panfishing, it is.

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Nichols comes from behind late to beat Pulaski Reds in Dairyland action

By **GREG SEUBERT**
Correspondent

July 13
Nichols 7, Pulaski 6
Justin Krull had four hits in the Nitros' comeback win over the Reds.

Nichols trailed 6-2 in the bottom of the seventh inning but wrapped up the win with five unanswered runs.

Krull's hits included singles in the first, third and eighth innings and a double in the fifth.

Nichols opened the scoring in the first inning on Lucas Leisgang's RBI double, but Pulaski tied the game in the third on Bo Bramschreiber's RBI single.

The Nitros regained the lead, 2-1, in the bottom of the fourth inning on Mason Patz's single.

Pulaski came up with a pair of runs in the next inning on a run-scoring error and another RBI single from Bramschreiber.

The Reds added to their

lead in the seventh inning on Easton Vertz's three-run home run over the right-field fence.

Singles from Jace Midbon, Patz and Krull gave the Nitros a 7-6 lead in the eighth inning.

Patz picked up the win on the mound; Vertz took the loss despite striking out 10 batters.

The Nitros outhit the Reds 15-10. Leadoff hitter Reese Berg led Pulaski with three hits.

Cecil 7, Hofa Park 5
The Mudhens headed to Hofa Park and returned home with a win over the Panthers.

Cecil scored a pair of runs in the top of the first inning on a single from Easton Engel and a double from Brodie Hartmann.

The Mudhens added another run after Braden Uelmen and Noah Beilfuss led off the third inning with singles. Uelmen later scored on Engel's single.

Hofa Park took a 4-3 lead with a pair of runs in



Beckett Hartlaben bats for the Bonduel Broncos on July 13 in the top of the fifth inning of a Dairyland League game with the Waupaca Lakemen.

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the third and two more in the fifth.

The score remained 4-3

until the seventh inning. Reese Stoltenow reached on an error for Cecil, Beilfuss walked and Engel tied the game with a single. Jake Sager added a two-run single in the inning to give the Mudhens a 6-4 lead.

Cecil loaded the bases in the eighth inning, and pinch runner Mason Zuleger scored from third base on Uelmen's fly ball to center field to give the Mudhens a three-run lead.

Hofa Park came up with a run in the bottom of the ninth inning but ended up stranding a pair of runners.

Beilfuss allowed three hits and four runs over six innings to get the win on the mound. Heinrich Walder took the loss for the Panthers.

Easton Engel led the

Mudhens at the plate with two hits.

Bonduel at Waupaca
No results reported.
Marinette at Hortonville

No results reported.
Navarino at Shawano
No results reported.

Upcoming schedule
Friday, July 18: Hortonville at Navarino, 7 p.m.

Sunday, July 20 (all games 1:30 p.m.): Shawano at Cecil; Hofa Park at Bonduel; Hortonville at Waupaca; Pulaski at Marinette; Nichols at Navarino.

Bonduel Invitational:
Cecil won the 46th annual Bonduel Broncos Invitational on July 11 with a 16-6 seven-inning win over the Shawano Lobos. Cecil's Garrett Engel was named the tournament's MVP.



Jack Reinke warms up on the mound between innings for Bonduel during the Broncos' Dairyland League game in Waupaca.

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Clintonville cruises to BABA win over Tilleda

By **GREG SEUBERT**
Correspondent

East/West Division
July 13
Clintonville 16, Tilleda 3 (7 inn.)

Jaden Doornink went the distance and struck out nine batters to get the win on the mound for the A's.

Zach Schafer, Austin Hoffman and Turner Doornink led Clintonville with three hits each, while Andy Lederer added a three-run home run.

Landon Kroening had two hits to lead Tilleda at the plate. Zach Fehrman took the loss for the Woodchucks.

Caroline 14, Shawano 2

Klay Barkow, Neil Hoffman and Gavin Christopherson each had

three hits to help lead the Cougars over the Lakers, while Jack Yaeger added two hits, including a triple.

Kade Rosenow picked up the win on the mound, and Mike Korth took the loss. Korth and Jon Englehardt had hits for Shawano.

Neopit 10, Leopoli 0 (7 inn.)

Sam Tourtillott, Wendell Waukau and Ray White had three hits each for the Chiefs in a win over the Bulldogs.

Anderson Schmidt and Brayden Carpenter had two hits for Leopoli.

Jamison Beasaw picked up the win, and Jaden Stuhr took the loss.

Little Falls 3, Gresham 2

Kyle Finger's walkoff hit in the bottom of the ninth

inning gave the Loggers a win over the Gophers.

Winning pitcher Chris Dunn had two hits for Little Falls.

Paul Murphy took the loss for Gresham, and Trayvon Granquist had two hits to lead the Gophers at the plate.

July 11
Tigerton 7, Marion 6
Hayden Harris picked up the win for the Tigers, while Joe Weyenberg took the loss.

Tyler Steinbach and Kaden Jueds had two hits to lead Tigerton and Marion, respectively.

North Division
July 13
Birnamwood 17, Aniwa 5

The Kings scored 17 runs to help Logan Thieux get the win on the mound.

Kody Szews took the loss for the Orioles.

Eland 7, Elderon 3
Tyler Nelson, Jacob Ligenza, Ryan Richter and Charlie Woida had two hits each in the Engineers' win over the Whiskey Jacks.

Brandon Groshek led Elderon with three hits, while Casey Kerstner, Ian Zeinert and Thomas Lemanczyk added two each.

Nelson got the win and Kaleb Schulist took the loss.

July 11
Antigo/Polar 7, Wittenberg 6

Eli Fleischman, AJ Kirsch and Carter Wassen each had two of Antigo/Polar's nine hits in a win over the Pilots.

Nathan Waupekenay led Wittenberg with two

hits and also took the loss on the mound.

South-Central Division
July 13
Scandinavia 10, Plover 3

Ben Lee had a big day for Scandinavia, as he struck out 12 Plover batters over eight innings to get the win on the mound while adding three hits and three RBIs.

Logan Moe had a pair of doubles and scored three runs, R.J. Rosenthal had three hits, and Landon Moe had two hits.

Zach Houston and Matt Haertl led Plover with two hits each.

Kaden Thauer took the loss for the Pterodactyls and finished with eight

BABA, CONTINUED ON PAGE 19

Student-athletes honored as WIAA leaders

The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association has selected 16 high school student-athletes from across the state who are entering their junior years to serve on the 27-member Student-Athlete Leadership Team for 2025-26.

The WIAA received 150 applications this spring.

Gillett junior Hope Soper was chosen as a new member, while Suring senior Ginger Gerndt will continue to serve after being appointed a year ago.

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Hope Soper, Gillett High School junior, has been selected to serve on the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association's (WIAA) 2025-26 Student-Athlete Leadership Team. Soper's selection not only highlights her athletic and leadership talents but also reflects her deep commitment to the values of teamwork, integrity and service that interscholastic athletics aim to instill.

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Oconto Falls girls earn softball honors

Two Oconto Falls girls were named to the North Eastern Conference all-conference second team for softball, and a teammate earned honorable mention status.

Junior Amelia Danielczak was named to the second team as a catcher, and Katelyn Kurek was honored for her outfield play.

Honorable mention was earned by Izzy Otto in the infield.

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A standout three-sport varsity athlete since her freshman year, Soper competes in cross country, track and field, and basketball.

Her dedication, leadership, and commitment to excellence — on and off the field — have earned her a place among the top student-athletes representing their schools in the WIAA's leadership initiative.

The purpose of the Student-Athlete Leadership Team is to serve as ambassadors for their peers and the WIAA while

learning more about the sports industry. The team engages in an advisory role.

Members on the team will engage in four meetings per year, attend WIAA State Tournaments each season, plan and participate in the Fall Area Meetings for student-athletes, as well as organize and participate in an annual student-athlete leadership conference.

The team's orientation meeting will be scheduled in August at the WIAA executive office in Stevens Point.

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strikeouts.

Weymont 6, New London 2

New London 14, Weymont 5

Weymont and New London split a double-header that included a rescheduled game.

Luke Schwenn got the win on the mound for the White Bass in the first game.

Brock Wilde had two hits to lead Weymont at the plate.

Ethan Hertzfeldt took the loss, and Tyler Gerrits

led the Irish with two hits.

Gerrits led New London with two hits in the second game.

Chevyn Aus picked up the win.

Trevor Wetzel had two hits for Weymont, and Chris Gunst took the loss.

Upcoming schedule East/West Division Friday, July 18:

Tilleda vs. Little Falls at Marion, 7 p.m. (rescheduled game)

Sunday, July 20 (all games 1:30 p.m.): Clintonville at Menominee;

Welch, Junk claim checkered flags

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Cars were back on the track July 12 after a rainout at the Shawano Speedway the prior week.

Clintonville's Lucas Lamberies claimed the checkered flag in the 20-lap modifieds feature race. He started 10th and crossed the finish line in front of second-place finisher Jordan Bartz, of Shawano, and third-place driver Konnor Wilinski, of Seymour.

Shawano's Mike Schmidt won the division's

first heat, and Sussex's Ben Godlewski won the second heat.

In the sport modifieds, it was Freedom's JJ Vanderloop getting the checkered flag after 20 laps. He topped a pair of Shawano drivers — Jeffery Teske in second place and Tommy Rindt in third place.

Teske won the first heat, and Gresham's Charles Hoffman won the second.

Four drivers showed up for the late model division. Mosinee's Andy Karl



Shawano's Taylor Junk won the checkered flag in the Mighty 4's feature race July 12 at the Shawano Speedway.

BACKCOUNTRY CAPTURES

won the heat race and the 12-lap feature. In the feature, Rindt was second, Wausau's Matt McEathron was third and Shawano's Steve Kasting placed

fourth.

Travis Welch, of Gillett, started third but finished first in the 20-lap stock car feature race. He placed in front of Shiocton's Vern Stedjee (second) and Kyle Stedjee (third).

Shawano's Will Hoefs won the first stock car heat race, and Welch won the second heat.

In the Mighty 4's, Taylor Junk, of Shawano, won the 12-lap feature race. He bested Clintonville's Seth Collar who placed second and Shawano's Landon Braatz who placed third.

Wrestling for Team Wisconsin



Bonduel's Alisha Berg earned the opportunity to wrestle for Team Wisconsin at the Junior & 16U National Championships on July 12-13 in Fargo, North Dakota. At the WIAA state wrestling meet earlier this year, Berg, then a sophomore, placed fifth at 165 pounds. She pinned Amerrah Kayon of Shoreland Lutheran in 3:21.

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NWTC restructures academics to create 6 colleges

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College (NWTC) is announcing an academic restructure, marking a significant step forward in how the college delivers education and workforce training across the region.

As of July 1, NWTC will recognize its academic affairs and workforce development divisions into six newly established colleges. This change is designed to create stronger pathways into and beyond the institution — aligning programs with industry needs, expanding student opportunities and ensuring long-term success for graduates and the communities they serve.

“This is about more than reorganizing departments — it’s about making it easier for students to start, stay and succeed,” said Kathryn Rogalski, NWTC’s vice president of academic affairs and workforce development. “By aligning programs into six focused colleges, we’re creating clearer pathways through NWTC and into meaningful careers — while strengthening the connection between education, workforce and community.”

The six new colleges will include: the College of Advanced Manufacturing

and Skilled Trades; College of Allied Health; College of Business, Communication and Social Sciences; College of Nursing; College of Public Safety; and College of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math).

This academic restructure reflects NWTC’s commitment to delivering career-focused education that is evolving with the needs of students, employers and the region.

At NWTC, STEM is among the most common transfer areas to four-year universities. Previously, programs like engineering technology were housed within the trades and engineering department, while much of the supporting coursework was spread across different academic areas. This sometimes made it harder for students to see how their courses connected or to navigate a clear academic path.

With the launch of the new College of STEM, students will have a more connected and supportive experience — with well-defined course plans, coordinated guidance from faculty and advisers and better access to transfer opportunities in their areas of study.

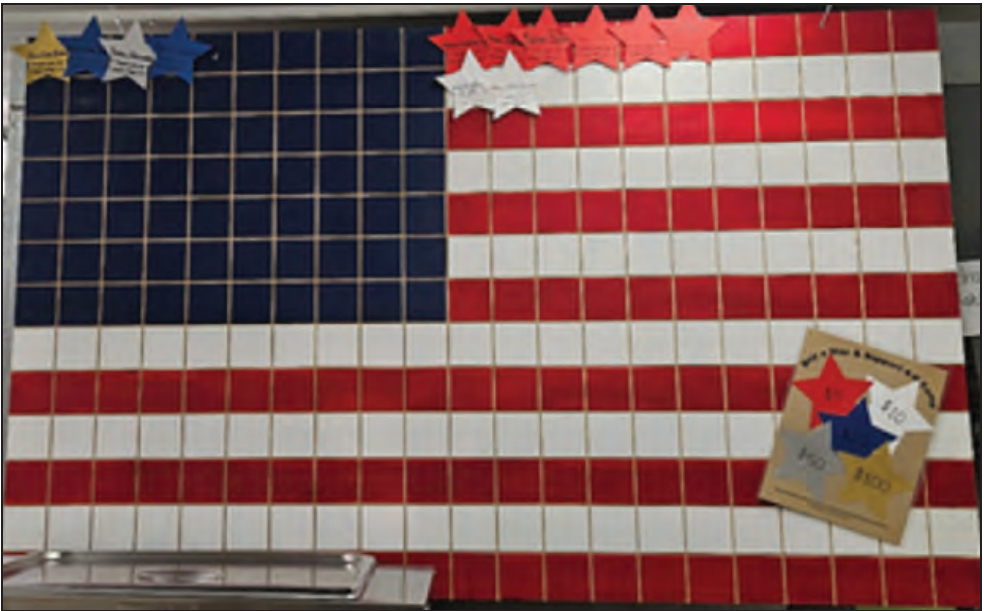
“This kind of alignment will now be possible across

every college — helping students make informed choices earlier, connect more deeply with industry and graduate with the confidence and credentials to succeed,” Rogalski said.

For students currently enrolled at NWTC, this transition will not affect tuition, financial aid eligibility, program-specific accreditations or transfer agreements. The change is designed to enhance — not disrupt — their academic journey. Students can expect clearer guidance as they move through their programs, as well as stronger connections to future careers through more focused academic and industry alignment.

Community and employer partners will also benefit from the change. By more closely aligning academic programs with workforce demands, NWTC is unlocking new opportunities for collaboration, talent development and regional economic growth.

“It’s a strategic investment in our future — one that positions NWTC to continue delivering exceptional education, strengthening workforce readiness and driving regional progress for years to come,” said Kristen Raney, NWTC president.



The Shawano County 4-H Leaders group is selling flag stars through the end of summer. The supporter’s name will be printed on the star. It is then attached to a large flag prominently displayed on the 4-H food stand wall throughout 2025. Proceeds will benefit youths participating in educational experiences.

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4-H leaders raising funds for youth experiences

The Shawano County 4-H Leaders Inc. is raising money to help offset the cost of local 4-H youths attending overnight 4-H camps in Wisconsin and throughout the United States.

Made up of one adult representative from each of the 20 4-H community clubs in Shawano County, the group has a goal of keeping costs down, so the ability to pay for camp or an educational experience doesn’t keep a youth from participating.

In 2025, Shawano County will have more than 180 youths participating in several educational experiences:

- 4-H Youth Summer Academy, Madison, two youths.
- 4-H American Spirit Trip, eastern U.S., seven youths.
- 4-H Discover Wisconsin, eastern Wisconsin, five youths.
- Herb Kohl trip, Washington, D.C., five youths.
- 4-H Camp MarOco-

Sha, Crivitz, 150 youths.

- Teen Winter Leadership Camp, Rosholt, 14 youths.
- ArtBeat, Wisconsin Dells, six youths.

Educational experiences, including camp, are the largest single annual expense that 4-H Leaders Inc. supports.

They also contribute to other 4-H activities in Shawano County, including Spark Saturdays, a movie day at the Shawano Cinema, financial support for a variety of project meetings, targets for shooting sports and display tables for the rabbit and poultry fair barn.

The 4-H Leaders group has also financially supported two after-school 4-H clubs in the Gresham and Shawano school districts.

4-H Leaders Inc. has a new way for community members to support these 4-H activities for Shawano County youths.

The group is selling flag stars through the end of

summer.

The supporter’s name will be printed on the star. It is then attached to a large flag prominently displayed on the 4-H food stand wall throughout 2025.

The cost for the stars is \$5 for a red star, \$10 for a white star, \$20 for a blue star, \$50 for a silver star and \$100 for a gold star. If all of the stars are sold, \$3,495 will be raised.

Donations to the flag star project can be done at the 4-H food stand during flea market (Sundays through August) or at the county fair (Aug. 27 to Sept. 1).

Donation checks can also be sent to the Shawano County 4-H Leaders Inc., c/o Extension, Room 109, Shawano County Courthouse, Shawano, WI 54166.

Community members can also make monetary donations for specific project areas, after-school or community clubs, or the 4-H endowment fund.

ThedaCare offers new cancer treatment option

ThedaCare is the first health care system in Wisconsin to offer a new, minimally invasive procedure to help treat soft tissue cancers.

The treatment, the Aliya Pulsed Electric Field (PEF) with the INUMI Flex Needle, uses an electrified needle to direct high voltage, high-frequency electrical pulses into cancerous tumors.

The procedure is performed by a bronchoscopy — that is, through the use of a thin, tube-like instrument with a light and a lens.

“We use an image-guided technique to insert a needle into the target area and deliver the electrical pulse,” said Dr. Harsha Poola, ThedaCare oncology and hematology specialist. “The pulse destabilizes the target by essentially poking holes into the cancerous cells. This tactic helps keep healthy tissue intact while helping to kill the targeted cancer cells.”

ThedaCare performed the first Aliya procedures for patients in April 2025. The organization is using the Aliya System to help treat certain patients with advanced soft tissue cancers such as pulmonary, prostate, urinary and other cancers. Soft tissue cancers are those originating in the body’s tissues — muscles, fat, tendons, nerves, blood vessels and more.

“This new option helps illustrate our continued efforts to evaluate and incorporate innovative technologies that help enhance the quality of medical care we provide the people in and around the communities we serve,” Poola said. “It is another tool we can use to support identified patients as they undergo treatment for soft tissue cancer.”

Dr. Scott Parrish, pulmonary medicine specialist with Fox Valley Pulmonary Medicine, said incorporating such new

technologies helps the health system continue to provide patients treatment options that are tailored to them as individuals.

“It is a concerted, ongoing effort to help provide the individualized care our patients need and deserve,” he said.

Parrish envisions the technology becoming a standard part of care for certain patients needing treatment for advanced soft tissue cancers.

“A long-term goal is to make the Aliya System a regular part of our cancer treatment options,” he said. “This is another tool that our team can access as a treatment option for those who have been diagnosed with cancer.”

Early studies suggest an added benefit to this new treatment option, Parrish said.

For information about ThedaCare Cancer Care services, visit ThedaCare.org/services/cancer-and-blood-disorders.

4-H livestock, horse and dairy members earn high marks

Several Shawano County 4-H teams and individuals earned awards as 4-H members from around Wisconsin participated in two Area Animal Science Days events to showcase their judging skills on June 30.

More than 300 4-H members in the livestock, horse and dairy projects judged several classes and answered questions along with giving sets of reasons as to why they placed the class the way they did.

In the dairy judging division, the Shawano County Junior team took first place. Emily Nooyen was second, Avery Conradt was third, and Javen and Payton Prickette were the other members.

The Senior team placed

fourth, Hailey Fischer placed fifth in reasons, Madison Harbaugh was 10th overall.

Both teams advanced to the state contest.

Senior team members include Addison and Hailey Fischer, Madison Harbaugh and Izzy Race.

In livestock, highlights included Amelia Sikorski taking 10th place in Senior individual and Charlotte Johnson placing second in Junior individual.

The Senior team placed seventh and comprised of Amelia Sikorski, Faith Posbrig, Jenna Posbrig and Porter Morack. The Junior team boasted fifth place with youths Charlotte Johnson, Ivan Hintz, Stella Hintz and Hayes Morack. Area Animal Science

Days is a series of day-long events held around the state in June where youths in the horse, beef, dairy, horse, sheep and swine projects increase their decision-making skills and knowledge of animals through judging and grading experiences.

Events include dairy cattle evaluation, livestock (beef, sheep, swine and meat goats) evaluation, oral reasons contests for senior members and dairy showmanship contests. In addition, a poster and photography contest was also held.

For a complete listing of the results, visit <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/area-animal-science-days/>.

Shine and sparkle, show and swap

Car lovers celebrate 53rd year at Iola Car Show

Cars filled with attendees arrive at the crack of dawn at the opening of the 53rd Iola Car show on July 10. Volunteers collect the admission fees for both cars and attendees.



Among the 4,000 swap spaces, attendees browse through a sea of custom license plates on the car show grounds.



Wally Messner of Fond du Lac prepares his 1934 Lincoln K-Limo for the three-day event. At the time, the car would have sold for \$5,500, about 10 times more than the average Chevy, Messner said.



The "General Lee," a 1969 Dodge Charger, was a hit on the TV series "Dukes of Hazzard." The replica owned by a Wausau collector was also a favorite at the three-day event.



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Joe Gonzalez and his spouse, Adrana, spent three years restoring the 1957 Chevy Bel Air convertible he brought from his home in California. He shared restoration tips with attendees during the three-day event in Iola.



The event reports 2,500 cars and trucks are on the Iola Car Show Grounds for the three-day annual event.



Car show friends and neighbors gather at the back of a 1946 Chevy truck from Wild Rose. The 1946 pick up was included in the Post-War Show Car category.



On the Iola Old Car Show grounds, a 1958 DeSoto Firedome sits in front of the replica retro Mobil service station.



Swap show vendor Matt Laszinski, of Plover, treated his daughters to ice cream at the end of the show on July 11.



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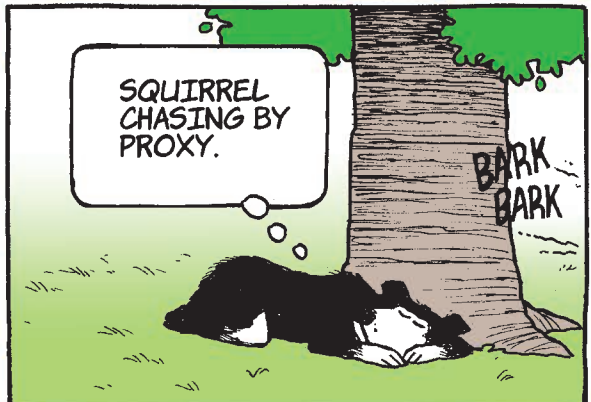
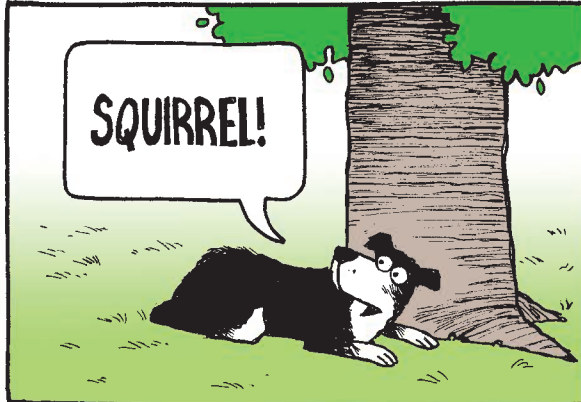
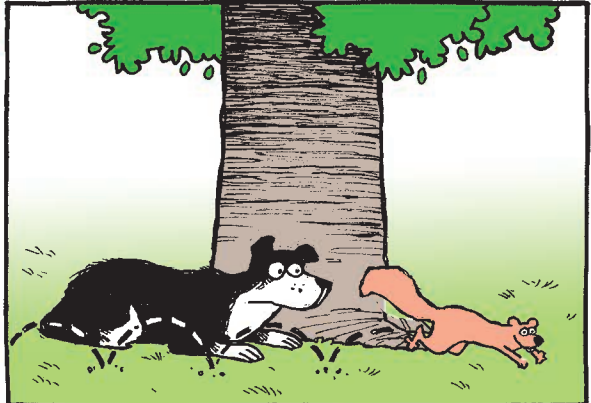
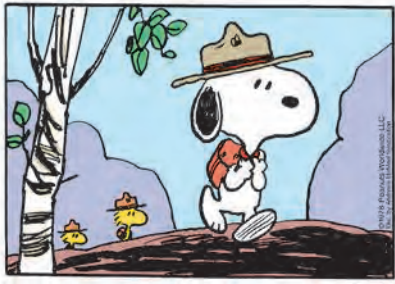
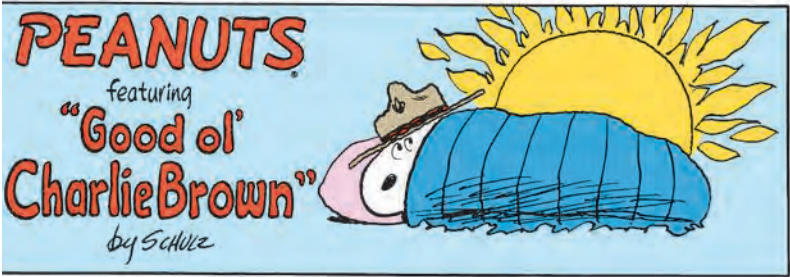


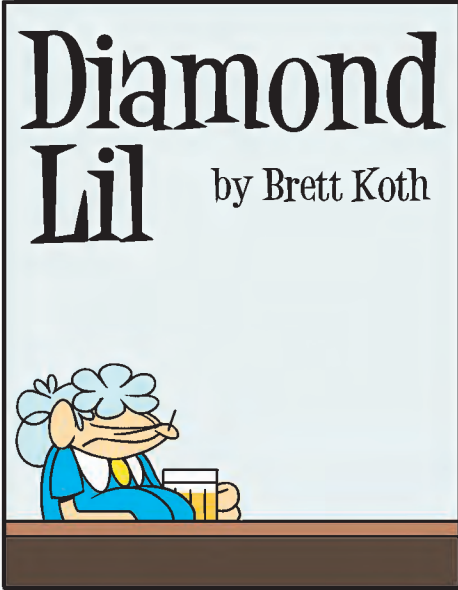
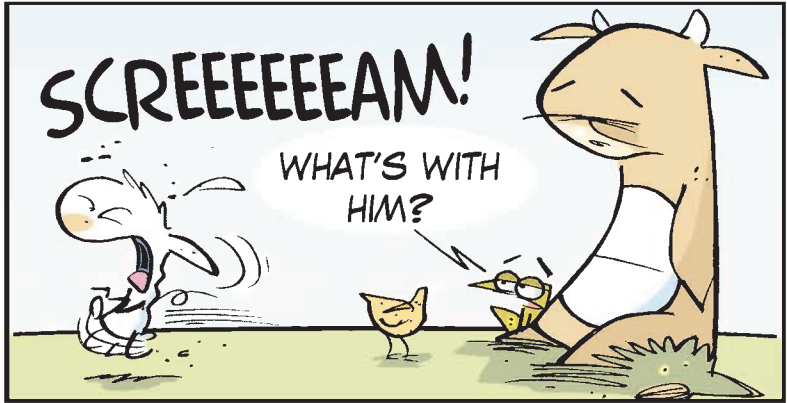
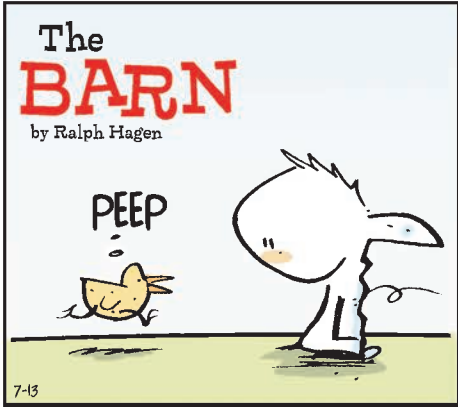
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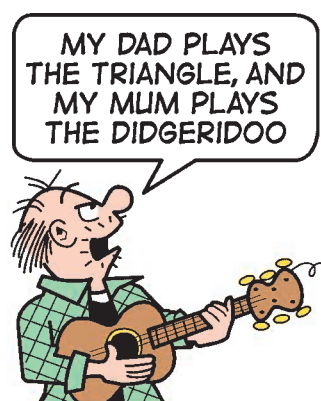


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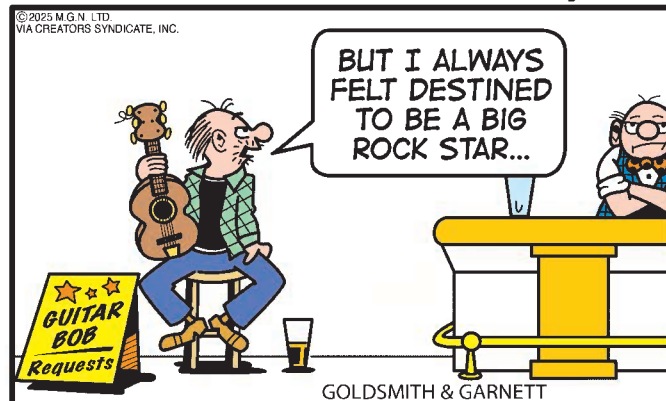




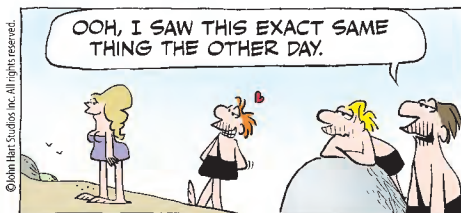
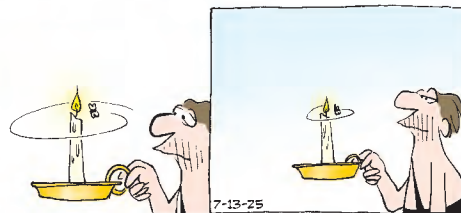
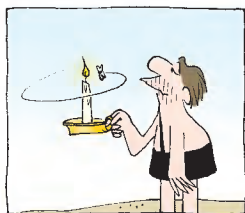
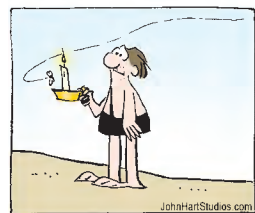
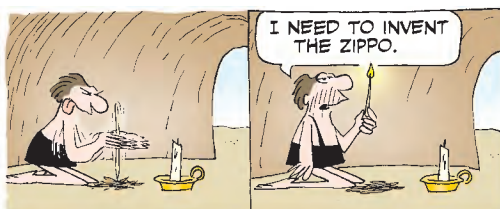
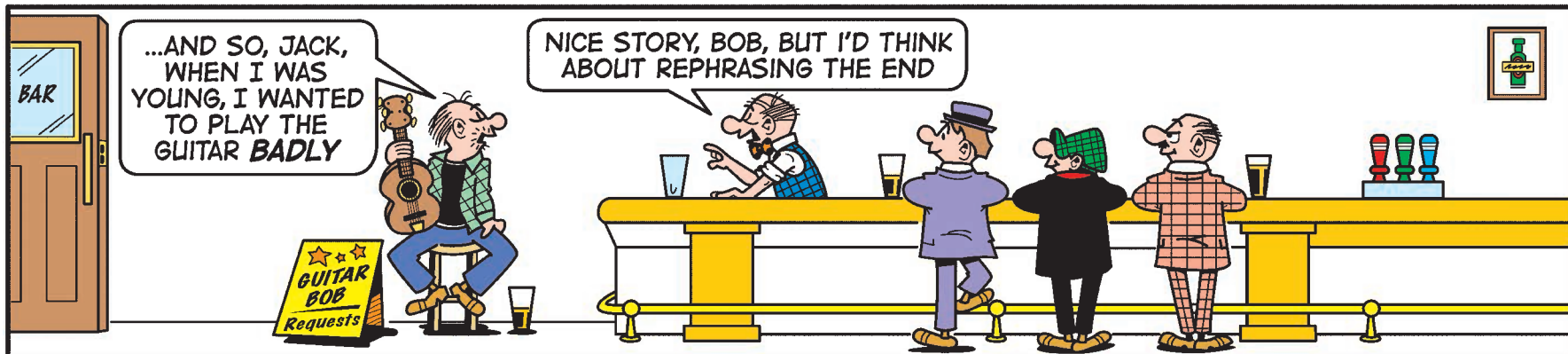
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