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The governor made a stop Aug. 16 in Oconto to announce the funding would be available to create a well compensation program.

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Fire station plans draw some concern

The city of Oconto Falls plans to build a new fire station, but neighbors around the chosen site don't think it's a good idea.

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Abrams Spotlight Productions is looking for a few good actors for "White Christmas."

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THE COUNTY FAIR COMES TO TOWN

Reese Windus, left, explains how he raised Gibby to judge Heater Tetzlaff during the cat show Aug. 13 at the Oconto County Fairgrounds in Gillett. The main Oconto County Youth Fair runs Aug. 18-21. SEE STORY AND MORE PHOTOS, PAGE A5.

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Evers announces expansion of well protection program

Governor says clean water is 'no longer a luxury, it's a basic human right'

By **WARREN BLUHM**

Editor-in-chief

Gov. Tony Evers and other state officials traveled to Oconto on Aug. 16 to announce the expansion of the program that provides grants for the replacement, reconstruction, treatment or abandonment of contaminated private wells.

"Improving water quality is as much of an environmental issue as an economic issue," Evers said during the announcement at Copper Culture State Park in Oconto. "Clean water is no longer a luxury, it's a basic human right, and this program will help families all across our state stay healthy and safe."

The newly announced plan uses \$10 million in federal American Rescue Plan Act funds to create a supplemental well compensation program for families who would otherwise not be eligible under the current plan. Evers estimated the funds could help improve or replace about 1,036 wells across the state.

"Every Wisconsinite should be able to trust the water coming out of their tap, but we've all seen the stories of families who turn on their tap only to see water running brown and they've had to rely on water coolers and plastic water bottles for clean drinking water," the governor said. "Relying on the Culligan man for clean drinking water isn't a solution."

The Legislature provided some additional funding for well compensation grants in the last budget, but it did not go far enough, Evers said.

"For years the well compensation grant program has needed some updates, like lowering the nitrate and arsenic threshold to be in line with public health standards, increasing the family income limit which has not been raised since 1995, and eliminating the requirement that wells are only eligible for land that is used to water livestock," he said. "These requirements are outdated, but more than that they're preventing folks from accessing critically needed funds to clean up their water supply and keep their families healthy and safe."

Department of Natural Resources



Gov. Tony Evers, right, chats with Oconto Mayor John Panetti as he walks to a news conference in the Copper Culture State Park shelter Aug. 16.

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Secretary Preston Cole said the existing requirements are so stringent almost no one is eligible.

"It's my belief you have to stand on one foot, do a backflip and a circle to qualify under the old standards," Cole said. "Our responsibility is to make it easy for clean water, for folks to replace those wells, and that's what this is going to be able to do."

The new plan provides grants of up to \$16,000 with no cost-share requirement on the land owner, Cole said. The grants will be available starting the first week in October. Families with an income of up to \$100,000 are eligible, as opposed to \$65,000 under the existing program.

In 2021 nitrates were the most common contaminant in private wells across the state, he said.

"Too much nitrogen winds up in places that it shouldn't be, in well water systems," Cole said. "What we're finding out is that nitrates need to be put on (land) at a certain time for corn. More isn't always a good idea."

Even 200 public well systems exceed federal standards for nitrate contamination, he added. "This pro-

gram is a much-needed shot in the arm for clean water."

State Rep. Katrina Shankland, D-Stevens Point, said her constituents in Portage County have been asking for changes to the well protection program for a decade.

"I've tracked multiple times, and I'm unaware of anyone in my county that actually qualifies for a grant under the existing stringent and outdated requirements," Shankland said. "As a result we have homeowners not only in my community but yours across the state who have to buy bottled water for drinking because they just can't afford to spend the thousands of dollars that it would take to treat or replace their contaminated wells."

Shankland said she has been unable to get support for bills or budget measures that would expand the program and she is glad the executive branch took action.

"People can't afford to wait for other politicians to get off the sidelines and decide that it's finally time to pass some legislation, and they shouldn't have to wait for clean drinking water," she said.

New fire station site under scrutiny

Public hearing planned for next week

By **WARREN BLUHM**
Editor-in-chief

Oconto Falls officials have settled on a site for a proposed new fire station, but neighbors at that location are not convinced they made the right decision.

The city obtained a \$7 million grant from the state Department of Administration Neighborhood Investment Fund, one of several programs created to distribute federal American Rescue Plan Act funds allocated to Wisconsin.

During an informational session at Oconto Falls City Hall on Aug. 11, Fire Chief Tim Magnin said the grant comes with some strict requirements, including that the department must move into the new building by the end of 2024. The city has until Aug. 25 to approve and submit a grant agreement to the state.

The plan is to build an approximately 19,000-square-foot fire station at the intersection of Union and Chestnut avenues and Columbia Street, on the south side of Memorial Park. A site plan was on display during the informational meeting in the city council chambers.

The existing fire station is located on the corner of Jackson Street and Cherry Avenue. It was built in 1986 and is still sound, but the department has outgrown the space, and expanding the building on the present lot doesn't work, Magnin said.

The city's emergency management committee approved the plan July 19, the City Council bought into the concept July 25, and a public hearing is scheduled for 6 p.m. Aug. 22 before the paperwork is shipped to Madison.

Magnin said the city was taken by surprise when the DOA sent notification May 31 that the grant funds were allocated. Officials had been told grant recipients would be notified by the end of December last year, and when they heard nothing from the state, they had assumed no grant was forthcoming.

He ran through a list of the properties they considered before settling on the Memorial Field site. The grant required a parcel that was "shovel ready," which meant city-owned land because the funds couldn't be used to buy property, Magnin said.

The former BMO Harris bank location was close to ideal, but the city would have to find a way to acquire



The new Oconto Falls fire station is proposed at the intersection of state Highway 22 (Union Avenue and Chestnut Avenue) and Columbia Street.

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the property and officials have not received any response regarding whether it's even available, he said.

Other options include the following:

- A parcel on Hank Marks Drive in the Oconto Falls Industrial Park. Magnin said wetland areas make it a tight fit for the proposed building.
- The former U.S. Plant Foods site across the street from the existing fire station – that land features more wetlands issues “plus come to find out a good chunk of that property still is owned by U.S. Plant Food, so that ended that real quick,” Magnin said.
- North Chestnut Avenue across from City Hall, which was “a little tight” and has since been sold for a 14-unit apartment project.
- What Magnin described as the “ice rink site” at the end of Adams Street, which was deemed too small without buying adjacent property.
- Land behind the existing fire station, but building a fire station on a dead-end road, and again BMO Harris owns part of that parcel.

The proposed station was placed on the south end of the park to have a minimal impact on green space and the existing sports fields, Magnin said.

“The whole football field is still usable,” he said. “We’re just taking part of that area where the long jump would have been back in the day.”

A study of potential response times — both the time it would take volunteers to reach the station and the time it would take for crews to reach major infrastructure in the city — led fire officials to conclude the Memorial Park site is ideal, Magnin said.

“There’s limited amount of stop signs, and you’re on the main drag, so that really helps us a lot for response times for our members and the response to the infrastructure,” he said. “We’re not going through all those turns and stops and moving and turning, we can shoot straight out.”

Estimated response times to the city library, city hall, ST Paper, Meadowlands Cottages, schools, HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital, were better

other sites including the existing station.

Neighbors expressed concern about noise from sirens and other activity around the station, with several people worried about the possibility of collisions about fire engines leaving the station and entering the intersection.

“That’s a busy intersection,” Pat Delaney said. “If you pull a squad out of there, someone’s going to hit you. You gotta have lights going or you gotta have noise going, or you’re going to get it.”

Magnin said the plan includes signs along the street with lights to alert drivers that the truck is about to enter the roadway.

A spokesman for consulting firm Five Bugles Design added that the building would be 70 feet back from the street so people can see the vehicles coming.

Alderman Mat McDermid acknowledged that the city council had a long discussion before agreeing with the Memorial Park site July 25.

OCONTO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Proceedings of Aug. 12

• Bond was set at \$25,000 cash for Adrian Avila, 22, Green Bay, after he was charged with possession with intent to deliver amphetamine or methamphetamine, bail jumping and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Aug. 9. His initial appearance was adjourned until Sept. 15.

• Bond was set at \$7,500 cash for Clayton R. Frehse, 18, Suring, after he was charged with second-degree recklessly endangering safety and three misdemeanor counts of bail jumping, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Aug. 10. His initial appearance was adjourned until Sept. 15.

Proceedings of Aug. 11

• A Dec. 13-14 jury trial was scheduled for Joey J. Vandewettering, 59, formerly of Gillett, on charges of attempted first-degree intentional homicide, first-degree reckless endangerment, battery to a law officer and misdemeanor battery, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred May 1. A final pre-trial conference was scheduled for Nov. 15.

• An arrest warrant was issued for

Minogheezhig Sandman-Shelifoe, 37, Baraga, Michigan, after he failed to make a court appearance for possession of narcotic drugs and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Dec. 3, 2020.

• Mark J. Verhagen, 58, Lakewood, was ruled not competent to stand trial on charges of first-degree reckless endangerment and misdemeanor counts of intentionally pointing a firearm at a person, resisting or obstructing an officer and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred April 23. Judge Jay N. Conley ruled there is a likelihood Verhagen could regain competency with treatment. Conley scheduled a review for Nov. 1.

• Carla Renee Cooper, 44, Mountain, pleaded not guilty to felony bail jumping, possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred May 20. She is also awaiting trial on charges of burglary and misdemeanor theft of movable property, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred June 12, 2020. A pre-trial conference in both cases was scheduled for Oct. 13.

• Melissa M. Wolf, 38, Oconto, waived her right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to possession of methamphetamine, bail jumping and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred July 23. She also faces allegations of bail jumping, possession of methamphetamine, possession of THC (second and subsequent offense) and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred March 19. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for Oct. 17.

• Daniel R. Williams, 29, Keshena, pleaded not guilty to felony bail jumping, criminal damage to property and possession of burglarious tools, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred April 2. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for Oct. 13.

• Philip J. Zenisek, 36, Kaukauna, pleaded not guilty to the manufacture of THC with intent to deliver and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Oct. 13, 2021. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for Sept. 15.

• Michelle D. Sturdevant, 56, Oconto, pleaded not guilty to second-degree recklessly endangering safety, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred April 30, and bail jumping, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred June 18. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for Sept. 15.

• Ben E. Noack, 46, Lena, pleaded not guilty to second-degree sexual assault of an unconscious victim and misdemeanor bail jumping, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred April 24, and three counts of felony bail jumping, in connection with incidents that allegedly occurred June 27 and July 7. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for Oct. 13.

• Crystal Lynn Peterson, 47, Marinette, pleaded not guilty

to possession of cocaine with intent to deliver, possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred May 19. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for Oct. 13.

• Bond was set at \$5,000 cash for Suzanne Louise Heroux, 63, Crivitz, after she was charged with operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fourth offense) and misdemeanor operating while revoked, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Aug. 10. Her initial appearance was adjourned until Sept. 15.

Proceedings of Aug. 10

• Christopher M. Early, 47, Oconto, pleaded no contest to misdemeanor charges of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (first offense) and disorderly conduct, in connection with a crash that occurred Jan. 26, 2019. A related felony count was dismissed in a plea agreement. Judge Jay N. Conley imposed fines and costs totaling \$1,992.

• A Jan. 18-19 jury trial was scheduled for Joey E. Kingsley, 41, Oconto, who is charged with escape from criminal arrest, two misdemeanor counts of resisting or obstructing an officer and misdemeanor disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred May 12, 2021. A final pre-trial conference was scheduled for Dec. 20.

Proceedings of Aug. 8

• A jury trial was rescheduled for Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 for David W. Parmentier, 71, Suring, on charges of second-degree reckless endangerment and misdemeanor charges of resisting or obstructing an officer and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred June 27, 2019. A final pre-trial conference was set for Nov. 18. Brown County Judge Beau Liegios is hearing the case because the defendant is an Oconto County Board supervisor.

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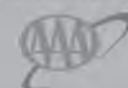
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Judging underway at county fair

Oconto County Youth Fair runs Aug. 18-21

By **WARREN BLUHM**
Editor-in-chief

A soaking rainstorm interrupted the horse show Aug. 13 at the fairgrounds in Gillett, one of the advance events connected with the Oconto County Youth Fair.

The four-day fair officially was scheduled to begin with an opening ceremony at 6 p.m. Aug. 18, led by local veterans. However, due to a lack of space, four judging events traditionally take place the previous weekend: horses, dogs, cats and small animals.

The storm, which dropped up to 2 inches of rain in some areas, turned the horse ring into a muddy mess. Fair organizers and parents met in the exhibition building as rain pounded the roof and agreed to postpone the Riding Class events until Aug. 16. Halter Class and Showmanship were moved into one of the barns, which have concrete floors in addition to shelter.

The other competitions went on as usual. In the beef barn, where 1,000-pound animals are being kept this weekend, the focus was on much smaller beasts, from caged birds to spaniels.

How do the judges decide which house pet gets a blue ribbon? After awarding Best of Show to Gibby, Reese Windus' tabby cat, judge Heather Tetzlaff said there are a number of factors.

"Grooming, of course, is important — the ears, the nails, how clean the cat is and its body condition," Tetzlaff said. Reese also had to describe the cat for the judge, and that presentation is a factor in determining the top prize.

That kind of judging has been going on all week. Non-animal exhibits such as crops, flowers and crafts were entered in Aug. 15-16, and youth checked their various farm animals into the barns during the afternoon and evening of Aug. 17 for their weekend stay. Judging is in progress Aug. 19-20, with the sale of champions planned for noon Aug. 21.

Mid-State Amusements opens its carnival rides and midway 5-11 p.m. Aug. 18, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Aug. 19-20 and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Aug. 21. Service clubs will be serving food all weekend, and music is planned each evening and weekend afternoons.

Admission to the fair is free, except for grandstand events that include a truck pull at 7 p.m. Aug. 19,



TOP: Horses and riders wait out a summer storm Aug. 13 at the Oconto County Fairgrounds in Gillett. The outdoor portion of the horse show was delayed until Aug. 16.

RIGHT: Cooper, a Welsh springer spaniel, left, and Riffi, a blue picardy spaniel, get some playtime in before the dog show Aug. 13 at the Oconto County Fairgrounds in Gillett. They were shown by brothers Reese and Riley Windus, respectively.

BOTTOM: Kaitlyn Borkovec, left, and Emilie Sanders prepare May and Rose for competition Aug. 13 at the Oconto County Fairgrounds in Gillett.

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horse and draft pony pull at 9 a.m. Aug. 20 and tractor pull at 6 p.m. Aug. 21. Those events are \$9 adults, \$5 ages 7-13 and free under 6.



OBITUARIES

Terris D. Umentum

Terris "Terry" Umentum, 76, Oconto Falls, died Wednesday evening, Aug. 10, 2022, at a Green Bay hospital, surrounded by his family. He was born April 11, 1946, to Emanuel "Chick" and Fern (Jensen) Umentum.



Terry grew up in Oconto Falls and attended public schools, graduating from Oconto Falls High School with the Class of 1964. Following graduation, he

attended UW-River Falls and worked for Jim Schaub Construction and Midland Co-op. In 1965, he enlisted in the US Marine Corps, serving during the Vietnam War in Da Nang as part of the transportation company.

On May 7, 1966, he married Beverly Hayes at the Oconto Methodist Church. Upon his honorable discharge

from the military, the couple made their home in Oconto Falls, where Terry worked for the local lumber company. A few years later, they moved to Oshkosh where Terry was employed by Badger Concrete. Upon returning back to Oconto Falls, Terry worked in residential construction for Hanson Construction, which later became Associated Construction. In 1995, he joined his sons Randy and Michael as part of Umentum Construction until retiring in 2010. Terry was a lifelong and dedicated member of the Oconto Falls American Legion Eick-Sankey Post 302, where he served as Legion Commander for over 20 years.



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In 2011, Terry, along with his wife Bev and their good friend Marie Magnin, initiated the Oconto Falls Area Veterans Memorial project and held leadership roles through its completion in 2019.

As a longtime advocate of American Legion Baseball, he served as a coach and District 3 Legion Director for over 35 years, taking area teams to state and all-star games until 2021. Terry enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping and making maple syrup with his family and many friends.

Survivors include his loving and devoted wife of 56 years, Bev Umentum; their three sons, Michael (Amy), Randy (Tami) and Scott (Kellee) Umentum; six grandchildren, Mitchell and Emily, Holly and Ryan, Hunter and Harper Umentum; one great-granddaughter, Payton Umentum; five siblings, Connie Anderson, Faye (Duane) Janik, Robert

Umentum, Wendy (Gerry) Hickey, and Mark Umentum; his mother-in-law, Florence Hayes; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Ron (Kathy) Hayes, Kathy Noren, Ken (Cindy Evans) Hayes and Debi (Mike) Jackson; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, son Patrick in 1997, two sisters, infant Alice Umentum and Carol Blazek, his father-in-law, Harvey Hayes, and two brothers-in-law, Duane Anderson and Jim Blazek.

Visitation was held from 3-8 p.m. on Aug. 17 at Jones Funeral Service in Oconto Falls. Visitation continued at 9 a.m. Aug. 18 at the funeral home until the service at 11 a.m., which was conducted by Eick-Sankey Post 302 and current American Legion Commander, Robert Maloney. Burial with military honors will follow at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Oconto Falls.

Gerald W. Pagenkopf

Gerald W. Pagenkopf, 74, of Green Valley, passed away on Sunday, Aug. 7, 2022, with family by his side. Gerald was born on Nov. 26, 1947, to the late Arthur and Alvina (Hintz) Pagenkopf in Oconto Falls. He spent



his childhood on the family farm, attended Grandview Elementary School and graduated from Gillett High School in 1965. Gerald enlisted in the U.S.

Navy in 1967 and was stationed at Naval Station Pearl Harbor until 1971. On May 11, 1968, Gerald married Ann Schaal, and they spent 54 years together.

After leaving the Navy, Gerald and Ann returned to Wisconsin. He attended Northeast Wisconsin Technical College's auto mechanic program and received his associate's degree in 1973. Gerald worked as a mechanic until 1978 when he and Ann bought the Pagenkopf family farm. He became the fifth generation of Pagenkopf sons to own and work the farm. In 1988, they sold the cows, and Gerald started working off the farm as a maintenance mechanic for several

different companies until his retirement in 2010.

Gerald was a faithful and active member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Green Valley, serving on many church boards and participating in the choir. He was also a member of American Legion Post 300. Gerald



loved music and was an avid amateur musician. He could play many instruments, including the accordion, guitar, piano, trombone and French horn. In high school, Gerald participated in the marching band. He was one half of the two-man polka band, Harbor Lights, providing lead vocals and playing various instruments.

Gerald enjoyed building, tinkering and carpentry. He was a jack of all trades with a large tool collection. Gerald greatly enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He enjoyed movies and playing cards. He also had a sweet tooth and loved all desserts, especially chocolate. Gerald

will be remembered as a quiet guy with an easy smile and a man of few words.

Gerald is survived by his wife, Ann; three children, William Jake (Tammy), Jessica (David) Daul and Gerrod (Cole); four grandchildren, Henry, Sawyer, Sasha and Elizabeth; and two sisters, Karen (Arthur) Langhoff and Kay Pagenkopf. He is further survived by many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and in-laws, Zip and Liz Schaal.

Visitation was held on Saturday, Aug. 13, 2022, at St. John's Lutheran Church, W1294 Nauman Road, Cecil, from 9 a.m. until the funeral service at 11 a.m. with Pastor John Laatsch officiating. Gerald will be interred at St. John's Lutheran Cemetery.

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

The family would like to thank the staff of Unity Hospice, especially Leah, Sarah and Cheryl, for the wonderful care and compassion offered to Gerald and his family during their time of need.



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Play me some mountain music



ABOVE: Sea shanties were the songs of choice as the acapella group Bounding Main performed in the theater at the Mielke Arts Center for the Shawano Folk Music Festival on Aug. 12. The group was originally to perform outside for its afternoon sessions, but rainy weather forced the group to take its act below decks.

ABOVE LEFT: Scott Buettner plays in the lobby of the Mielke Arts Center on Aug. 12 for the second day of the annual Shawano Folk Music Festival in Mielke County Park.

BELOW LEFT: Richard Sarnwick, of Shawano, put away the violin for a moment and broke out the bagpipes as he entertained a crowd in the lobby of the Mielke Arts Center during an afternoon session Aug. 12 at annual Shawano Folk Music Festival. Even though the Scottish instrument entertained visitors in the lobby, another performance group in the lobby found it difficult to perform acapella as the bagpipes were overpowering.

BELOW: Wade Fernandez, left, and his son, Quinton, keep spirits high despite the downpour of rain Aug. 12 for the annual Shawano Folk Music Festival in Mielke County Park.

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Shawano County gets new veterans service director

Pionke hopes to improve outreach, build strong relationships with area veteran organizations

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

Shawano County residents can expect to see a new veterans service director, as Paul Pionke has taken over the position.

"I have been in the veterans service office business for about five years," said Pionke. "My first position was in Portage County, Ohio. I did that for about 3½ years, and then I got an opportunity to join the Brown County staff and then this opportunity presented itself."

Pionke said that when he first started in the business, he was looking at moving into a director role in the future.

"That doesn't happen very often, because we only have 72 counties in Wisconsin," said Pionke. "I am in one of 72 spots with 11 tribal nations."

He said that having 23 years of experience in the U.S. Air Force and having experience in supervising roles, attracted him to wanting to be a director.



PAUL PIONKE

"I am a good grunt in the trenches, but I think that I am a better leader," said Pionke.

Pionke added that, with his past leadership positions in the Air Force and in other jobs, he is

prepared to serve this role in Shawano County.

"I did nine years of security in field conditions and 14 years of administration," said Pionke. "Then I got some background working at the National Security Agency and Defensive Intelligence Agency after I retired, working in mobility and budgeting. That made me very well-rounded for this position."

Pionke said that his day-to-day duties are not the same every day.

"I have to do budgeting, file the compensation claims, pension claims and claims for veterans," said Pionke.

"There is no normal day here in the office. I always say that we are like Pawn Stars, you never know what is going to come through that door."

In regards to how this position differs in comparison to Pionke's other positions, he pointed to the size of the Veterans Service Office in Shawano County.

"There is just myself and one part-timer here," said Pionke. "In previous positions, I was the benefits councilor with a larger collection of co-workers and staff. It is very positive to be smaller. This way, you can get more involved and build stronger relationships with veterans."

Pionke's initial thought of what he wants to accomplish in this role, includes getting more outreach and becoming more visible in communities around Shawano County.

"Shawano County is a humongous county — I want to let everybody know that we are trying to outreach to every service organization that is out there," said Pionke. "I don't want to just hover around Shawano either. I

know Shawano is the county seat, but it is not the only municipality in the county."

In order to reach this goal, Pionke said that he plans to send out letters and attend meetings.

"I know there are events that are coming up that I want to make an appearance at," said Pionke. "I just want to explain what we have and reach out to those veterans who are in rural communities that may not have internet or get the newspaper."

Overall, Pionke said that assisting veterans is very important to him, due to his prior experiences, as well as just wanting to help those who deserve it.

"A lot of veterans don't know their benefits," said Pionke. "When you can reach out to a veteran and explain their benefits, it's very rewarding to them. If a veteran passes, due to a service-related illness, their spouses are entitled to programs as well. You can explain to a veteran all of the benefits and some of them will take it and some won't. An educated veteran is a compensated veteran."

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CBS WFRV WSAW	Local 5 News at 6:00 (5:59) NewsChannel 7 at 6	Local 5 News at 6:30 (N) HD Inside Edition (N) HD	FBI "Fostered" A string of jewelry store robberies. HD		FBI: International "One Kind of Mad-man" Raines must prove his field skills. HD		FBI: Most Wanted "Gladiator" A famous lifestyle guru is murdered. HD		Local 5 News at 10:00 (N) NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert "Jonathan Karl; BJ Novak; St. Vincent" Jonathan Karl; BJ Novak; St. Vincent. HD		(:37) The Late Late Show With James Corden (N) HD	
FOX WZAW WLUX	The Big Bang Theory HD Jeopardy! (N) HD	The Big Bang Theory HD Wheel of Fortune HD	So You Think You Can Dance "Head 2 Head" The top six take the stage once again. HD (DVS)		(:02) Fantasy Island "Día de los Vivos" An artist wants to see his mentor again. HD (DVS)		NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N) Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)	Seinfeld Jerry gets residual checks from Japan. HD	Seinfeld "The Pie" HD Fox 11 News at 10 (N) HD	Last Man Standing HD (:35) Seinfeld HD	Modern Family HD (:07) Daily-MailTV HD	Modern Family "Tough Love" (:35) DailyMailTV	
NBC WGXA WJFW	NBC26 News at 6pm (N) HD NewsWatch 12 at 6 (N) HD	Family Feud HD Wheel of Fortune "Great Outdoors"	America's Got Talent "Qualifiers 3" (N) (Live) HD			(:01) Password "JB Smoove & Jimmy Fallon" Contestants play a word game. (N) HD		NBC26 News at 10pm (N) NewsWatch 12 at 10pm (N)		(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon HD		(:37) Late Night With Seth Meyers HD	
PBS WHRM WLEF WPNE	PBS NewsHour (N) HD		Finding Your Roots With Henry Louis Gates, Jr. "Fashion's Roots" Diane von Fürstenberg. HD		American Experience "The Murder of Emmett Till" Killing of Emmett Till, 14. HD		Frontline "Supreme Revenge: Battle for the Court" The U.S. Supreme Court. HD		Josephine Baker: The Story of an Awakening The career of Josephine Baker. HD		NOVA "Eagle Power" Up-close footage of eagles. HD		
WACY WTXP	Family Feud HD Chicago Fire HD	Two/Half Men	Dateline "At the Edge of Town" HD		Monk A teacher's death. HD		My News at 9 NBC 26 Tonight		Two/Half Men	Mom HD	Mom HD	2 Broke Girls HD	
CW WCWF WYOW	The Big Bang Theory HD Family Guy HD	The Big Bang Theory HD Family Guy HD	Leonardo "Episode 102" Leonardo pays the price for his actions. (N) HD		Devils "Episode 2" The truth behind Brexit's aftermath. (N) HD		Last Man Standing HD The Goldbergs HD	Seinfeld HD The Goldbergs HD	The National Desk (N) (Live) Bob's Burgers HD	The National Desk (N) (Live) Bob's Burgers HD	The King of Queens HD black-ish HD	Young Sheldon HD black-ish HD	

WEDNESDAY				EVENING						AUG. 24			
		6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
ABC		9 News 9 WAOW at 6PM (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N) 100	The Conners Robin and Darlene take a career risk. 10	The Goldbergs Geoff scrambles to fix an oversight. 10	Abbott Elementary Janine's college friend is hired. 10	(31) Home Economics Tom struggles to finish his book. 10	Press Your Luck "Oh Mylanta!" Wisconsin; California. 100 (DVS)		9 News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N) 9 Action 2 News at 10 (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel Live! 100		(37) Nightline (N) 100
WBAY													
CBS		9 Local 5 News at 6:00 (N) 100	9 Local 5 News at 6:30 (N) 100	Big Brother Houseguests compete to win a veto. (N) 10 100		The Challenge: USA (N) 10 100		S.W.A.T. "Safe House" An undocumented woman is abducted. 10 100		9 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N) 9 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)	(35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert Jon Favreau; Jon Lovett; Tommy Vietor. 10 100		(37) The Late Late Show With James Corden (N) 10 100
WFRV		9 (5:59) NewsChannel 7 at 6											
WSAW			9 Inside Edition (N) 10 100										
FOX		55 The Big Bang Theory "The Citation Negation" 10 100	55 The Big Bang Theory 10 100	MasterChef "Gas Station Gourmet; Winner's Mystery Box - Gerron Hurt" The chefs face a Mystery Box Challenge. (N) 10 100				55 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N) 10 Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)	55 Seinfeld New neighborhood bistro opens. 10 100	55 Seinfeld "The Stand-in" 10 100 10 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) 100	55 Last Man Standing 10 100 10 (35) Seinfeld 10 100	55 Modern Family 10 100 10 (07) Daily-MailTV 10	55 Modern Family 10 100 10 (35) Daily-MailTV 10
WZAW													
WLUK		11 Jeopardy! (N)	11 Wheel of Fortune 10 100										
NBC		12 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) 100	12 Family Feud 10 100 12 Wheel of Fortune "Great Outdoors"	America's Got Talent "Qualifiers 3 Results" (N) 10 (Live) 100	(01) Chicago Fire "Halfway to the Moon" A friend asks Herrmann for advice. 10 100 (DVS)			Chicago P.D. "House of Cards" Voight is forced to lie to Anna. 10 100 (DVS)		12 NBC26 News at 10pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)	(34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon 10 100		(37) Late Night With Seth Meyers 10 100
WGWA													
WJFW		12 Newswatch 12 at 6 (N) 100											
PBS		PBS NewsHour (N) 10 100		Wild Shetland: Scotland's Viking Frontier Scenery and wildlife of Shetland. 10 100		NOVA "Operation Lighthouse Rescue" Efforts to save Gay Head Lighthouse. 10 100 (DVS)		American Experience "Fatal Flood" The 1927 Mississippi River flood. 10 100 (DVS)		Finding Your Roots With Henry Louis Gates, Jr. "Fashion's Roots" Diane von Fürstenberg. 10 100	Frontline "Supreme Revenge: Battle for the Court" The U.S. Supreme Court 10 100		
WHRM													
WLEF													
WPNE													
WACY		42 Family Feud 10	Two/Half Men	Dateline "Out of the Darkness" 10		Monk The death of a skydiver.		My News at 9	NBC 26 Tonight	Two/Half Men	Mom 10 100	Mom 10 100	2 Broke Girls 10
WTPX		46 Blue Bloods "Greener Grass" 10		Blue Bloods "Nightmares" 100		Blue Bloods "Higher Education" 10		Blue Bloods "Secrets and Lies" 10		Blue Bloods "Fathers and Sons"	Blue Bloods "Front Page News"		
CW		11 The Big Bang Theory 10 100	11 The Big Bang Theory 10 100	Mysteries Decoded "Phoenix Lights" (Season Finale) A mysterious UFO event. (N) 10 100		Wellington Paranormal Footage of a large creature is found. 10	Wellington Paranormal People are attacked by their nightmares.	11 Last Man Standing 10	11 Seinfeld 10 11 The Goldbergs 10	11 The National Desk (N) (Live) 11 Bob's Burgers 10 100	11 The National Desk (N) (Live) 11 Bob's Burgers 10 100	11 The King of Queens 100	11 Young Sheldon 10 11 black-ish 100
WCWF													
WYOW		11 Family Guy 10 100	11 Family Guy 10 100					11 The Goldbergs 10					

THURSDAY				EVENING								AUG. 25		
		6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	
ABC		Ⓜ News 9 WAOW at 6PM (N)	Ⓜ Packers-Pregame	Ⓜ NFL Preseason Football Green Bay Packers at Kansas City Chiefs. Arrowhead Stadium. (N) (Live)		Ⓜ Generation Gap "Hewi, Dewy or Chewy?" (N) Ⓜ 🗯️ (DVS)		Ⓜ The Con "The Coupon Con" (N) Ⓜ 🗯️		Ⓜ News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N) Ⓜ Action 2 News at 10 (N)		(:(35) Jimmy Kimmel Live! Ⓜ 🗯️		(:(37) Nightline (N) 🗯️
WBAY		Ⓜ Action 2 News at Six (N)	Ⓜ Ent. Tonight	Ⓜ Press Your Luck (N) Ⓜ										
CBS		Ⓜ Local 5 News at 6:00	Ⓜ Local 5 News at 6:30 (N) 🗯️	Young Sheldon Sheldon copes with the death of a hero. Ⓜ		Big Brother A houseguest is evicted and interviewed. (N) Ⓜ (Live) 🗯️		CSI: Vegas "In the Blood" An abandoned horse is covered in blood. Ⓜ 🗯️		Ⓜ Local 5 News at 10:00 (N) Ⓜ NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)		(:(35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert "Charlamagne tha God; Brett Gelman; St. Vincent" Charlamagne tha God; Brett Gelman. Ⓜ		(:(37) The Late Late Show With James Corden (N) Ⓜ 🗯️
WFRV		Ⓜ (5:59) NewsChannel 7 at 6	Ⓜ Inside Edition (N) Ⓜ 🗯️											
WSAW														
FOX		Ⓜ The Big Bang Theory Ⓜ 🗯️	Ⓜ The Big Bang Theory Ⓜ 🗯️	MasterChef "Tag Team" The chefs face a tag-team cook-off. Ⓜ 🗯️		(:(02) Welcome to Flatch "Ghosted; Merry Flatchmas" Kelly and Shrub get lost in the woods. Ⓜ 🗯️ (DVS)		Ⓜ NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N) Ⓜ Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)		Ⓜ Seinfeld "The Raincoats" Ⓜ Fox 11 News at 10 (N)		Ⓜ Last Man Standing Ⓜ Ⓜ (:(35) Seinfeld Ⓜ		Ⓜ Modern Family Ⓜ Ⓜ (:(07) Daily-MailTV Ⓜ
WZAW		Ⓜ Jeopardy! (N) Ⓜ 🗯️	Ⓜ Wheel of Fortune Ⓜ 🗯️											Ⓜ Modern Family Ⓜ Ⓜ (:(35) Daily-MailTV Ⓜ
WLUK														
NBC		Ⓜ Packers Pre-Game Show	Ⓜ Packers Pregame Show	Ⓜ NFL Preseason Football Green Bay Packers at Kansas City Chiefs.		Ⓜ Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Did You Believe in Miracles?" The squad searches for a missing girl. Ⓜ 🗯️ (DVS)		Ⓜ Law & Order: Organized Crime "Lost One" Stabler and Benson must find kidnappers. Ⓜ 🗯️ (DVS)		Ⓜ NBC26 News at 10pm (N) Ⓜ Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)		(:(34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon Ⓜ 🗯️		(:(37) Late Night With Seth Meyers Ⓜ 🗯️
WGBA		Ⓜ Newswatch 12/6	Ⓜ Wheel of Fortune Ⓜ 🗯️	Ⓜ Law & Order An off-duty NYPD detective is murdered.										
WJFW														
PBS		PBS NewsHour (N) Ⓜ 🗯️		Jerry Apps: One Room Schoolhouse Jerry Apps's time as a student. Ⓜ 🗯️		Frankie Drake Mysteries "A Sunshine State of Mind" Frankie and team must outcon a conman. Ⓜ 🗯️		Shakespeare and Hathaway -- Private Investigators "Teach Me, Dear Creature" Sebastian reunites with an old mate. Ⓜ 🗯️		Wild Shetland: Scotland's Viking Frontier Scenery and wildlife of Shetland. Ⓜ 🗯️		Wild Travels: America's Oddest Museums Unusual collections across the U.S. Ⓜ 🗯️		
WHRM														
WLEF														
WPNE														
WACY		Family Feud Ⓜ	Two/Half Men	Dateline Ⓜ 🗯️		Monk Death of a circus ringmaster.		My News at 9		NBC 26 Tonight		Two/Half Men	Mom Ⓜ 🗯️	Mom Ⓜ 🗯️
WTPX		Chicago P.D. "Safe" Ⓜ		Chicago P.D. "The Right Thing" Ⓜ		Chicago P.D. "The Other Side" Ⓜ		Chicago P.D. "Reform" Ⓜ		Chicago P.D. Ⓜ 🗯️ (DVS)		Chicago P.D. "Promise" Ⓜ		
CW		Ⓜ The Big Bang Theory Ⓜ 🗯️	Ⓜ The Big Bang Theory Ⓜ 🗯️	Bump "Sin Salida" Lachie moves on with his life. (N) Ⓜ		Whose Line Is It Anyway? Kyle Richards; Jonathan Mangum.		Great Chocolate Showdown "Veggies for Dessert?" Combining vegetables and chocolate. (N) Ⓜ 🗯️		Ⓜ Last Man Standing Ⓜ		Ⓜ Seinfeld Ⓜ (Part 1 of 2)		Ⓜ The National Desk (N) (Live)
WCWF		Ⓜ Family Guy Ⓜ 🗯️	Ⓜ Family Guy Ⓜ 🗯️					Ⓜ The Goldbergs Ⓜ		Ⓜ The Goldbergs Ⓜ		Ⓜ The National Desk (N) (Live) Ⓜ Bob's Burgers Ⓜ 🗯️		Ⓜ The King of Queens 🗯️
WYOW												Ⓜ Bob's Burgers Ⓜ 🗯️		Ⓜ black-ish 🗯️
														Ⓜ Young Sheldon Ⓜ Ⓜ black-ish Ⓜ

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, AUG. 19

GILLETT: Oconto County Youth Fair, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., Zippel Park. WUMPA Truck Pullers, 7 p.m., music by Rapid Transit 7-11 p.m.

KESHENA: Kehtekaewak Farmers Market, noon to 4 p.m., College of Menominee Nation, N172 State Highway 47-55.

SHAWANO: Smalley Beach Bash, 2-5 p.m., Smalley Park, 211 Riverside Drive. Themed water games and activities, giant inflatables, visits from the Ski Sharks, Shawano Dive Team and the Shawano PD. Sponsored by Shawano Parks and Recreation.

LENA: Music on the Patio featuring Until Dawn, 6-10 p.m., Wooden Shoe Bar and Grill, 100 W. Main St.

SATURDAY, AUG. 20

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

SHAWANO: Shawano Airport Fly-In and Car Show, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Antiques, classics and warbirds. Car show and equipment displays. Learn to fly 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. with EAA Young Eagles flights (ages 8-17). Rain date Aug. 21.

GILLETT: Oconto County Youth Fair, 9 a.m. to 11 p.m., Zippel Park. Draft horse pull 9 a.m., tractor pull 6 p.m., animal/exhibitor formal show 7 p.m. Music by TNT Polka Band 1-5 p.m., Fire On High 7-11 p.m.

NAVARINO: Ducks Unlimited Fund-raiser, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., J&H Game Farm, W5810 J&H Road. "Crush some clays for conservation."

LUNDS: Lunds Sno Birds Corn Roast, noon to 6 p.m., Lunds Corner, W6102 County Road R. Corn, beer and pop included \$10 per person (16 and under free). Cornhole tournament; music by Nighthawk 1-5 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUG. 21

SHAWANO: Zurko Promotions flea market, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Shawano County



Adults and children soak up some sunshine as they swim and eat during the last Smalley Park Beach Bash in July. Smalley Park will be hosting another event Aug. 19 where children and adults can swim, partake in games and enjoy lunch to kick off the weekend.

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Fairgrounds, 990 E. Green Bay St.

GILLETT: Oconto County Youth Fair, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Zippel Park. Sale of champions noon, music by Sugarbush Boys 1-5 p.m.

SHAWANO: Music on the Patio featuring Rocker, 4-8 p.m., The Lighthouse Sports Bar and Grill, W6440 Gumaer Road.

SHAWANO: Music in the Park featuring Patchwork Band, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Memorial Park, 909 S. Lincoln St.

TUESDAY, AUG. 23

OCONTO FALLS: Oconto County Farmers Market, 4-8 p.m., Highland Square, 323 E. Highland Drive. Produce vendors, food trucks, kids' activities, music.

SHAWANO: Friends of the Mountain Bay Trail Bike Ride, 5:30-7:30 p.m., meet at Mielke Arts Center lot, Lake Drive and Airport Road.

FRIDAY, AUG. 26

KESHENA: Kehtekaewak Farmers Mar-

ket, noon to 4 p.m., College of Menominee Nation, N172 State Highway 47-55.

OCONTO FALLS: Summer Sunset Concert Series featuring Adam Trask Band, 6-9 p.m., East Side Beach, North Main Street. Music will continue until the sun sets over the Oconto River. Food and refreshments will be available for purchase; no carry-ins.

LENA: Music on the Patio featuring Todd Wagerin, 6-10 p.m., Wooden Shoe Bar and Grill, 100 W. Main St.

FRIDAY					EVENING					AUG. 26				
6 PM					6:30					7 PM				
ABC					News 9 WAOW at 6PM (N)					Entertainment Tonight (N) (D)				
9					WBAY					Shark Tank Guest shark Emma Grede. (DVS)				
CBS					Local 5 News at 6:00 (5:59) NewsChannel 7 at 6					Secret Celebrity Renovation "Utkarsh Ambudkar" Actor Utkarsh Ambudkar. (N) (D)				
3					WFRV					Blue Bloods "On the Arm" A con artist impersonates Jimmy Buffett. (DVS)				
7					WSAW					Blue Bloods "The Reagan Way" Jamie and his nephew butt heads. (DVS)				
FOX					The Big Bang Theory (D)					WWE Friday Night SmackDown (N) (Live)				
55					WZAW					NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N)				
11					WLUC					Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)				
NBC					The Big Bang Theory (D)					Seinfeld "The Andrea Doria" George wants a better apartment.				
25					WGFA					Seinfeld "The Raincoats"				
12					WJFW					Local 5 News at 10:00 (N)				
PBS					Family Feud					NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)				
20					WHRM					The Late Show With Stephen Colbert "Amanda Seyfried; Stephen Merchant; St. Vincent" Amanda Seyfried; Stephen Merchant. (D)				
38					WLEF					Last Man Standing (D)				
38					WPNE					Modern Family (D)				
62					WACY					The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon (D)				
45					WTPX					Late Night With Seth Meyers (D)				
14					WCWF					Great Performances "Merry Wives" A Shakespearean comedy. (D)				
34					WYOW					Family Feud (D)				
2					WBAY					Two/Half Men				
3					WFRV					High School Football Menasha at Neenah. (N) (Live)				
7					WSAW					Hawaii Five-0 (D)				
11					WLUC					Hawaii Five-0 "Loa Aloha" (D)				
15					WJFW					Hawaii Five-0 "Ma Ke Kahakai" (D)				
19					WHRM					Hawaii Five-0 "Ho'opa'i" (D)				
23					WLEF					The King of Queens (D)				
27					WPNE					The King of Queens (D)				
31					WACY					black-ish (D)				
35					WTPX					black-ish (D)				
39					WFRV					Young Sheldon (D)				
43					WSAW					The Goldbergs (D)				
47					WLUC					The Goldbergs (D)				
51					WJFW					The Goldbergs (D)				
55					WHRM					The Goldbergs (D)				
59					WLEF					The Goldbergs (D)				
63					WPNE					The Goldbergs (D)				

Edwards takes helm of Marion School District

Former Shawano principal eager to pursue new role as superintendent

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Troy Edwards is taking the helm of the Marion School District after James Bena stepped down as the district's superintendent earlier this year.

Bena served as the superintendent and Marion Elementary School principal for the last eight years and took over July 1 as superintendent for the Port Edwards School District.

Edwards, who has been principal at Hillcrest Primary School in Shawano for 12 years, is not inheriting the principal role in Marion in order to focus full-time on the management of the district, but he'll have a familiar face manning the elementary school, as Brian Morstad, who had been a dean of students for Hillcrest, was hired to fill that role. Edwards said he is looking forward to planning the future of an entire school district instead of just one school.

"It's going to definitely be a wider scope to be overseeing," Edwards said. "It's a very exciting change."

Even though most of the students he's had contact with in the last decade were 7 or 8 years old, Edwards has had plenty of experience in his 28-year career dealing with students of all grade levels. Prior to taking the helm of the newly built Hillcrest in 2010, Edwards was an associate principal at Shawano Community Middle School for four years. He also has experience teaching English as a second language for what was then a joint school district for Shawano and Gresham.

With students on summer break, Edwards has spent much of his first few weeks in listening mode, noting that looking at education through a kindergarten through 12th grade lens is different. He's conversed with teachers, members of the community, school board members and more to get a feel for where they want to see the schools go in the future.

"Once that's established, there will be planning on how to lead," Edwards said. "I want to make sure we're all on the same page. I've met a few students, but once school starts up, I'll get to meet more."

The Edwards name should be familiar to longtime residents in Marion, Pella and Caroline, as his uncle, Jerry Edwards, served as superintendent long



Troy Edwards will have plenty of helping hands, as indicated on the wall behind him, to move the Marion School District forward as its new superintendent. Edwards took the position after spending close to 30 years with the Shawano School District. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

ago. Troy Edwards also has other relatives who are school administrators.

"I always looked up to them, and I wanted to be a teacher and work with kids, but I always wanted to work my way up to being a superintendent," Edwards said.

Being in Marion will be a different ball game for Edwards. He noted that his time in the Shawano School District helped him to know all the ins and outs of the system, but he will be turning to the longtime staff members in Marion for guidance on this new venture.

"It's a lot of time learning the new system, learning where things are at, looking at opportunities for growth and knowing that we all want to work together to move things forward," Edwards said. "In a way, it's kind of a refreshing opportunity to take a new look at things."

Edwards likes the small feel of the district, which

boasts about 480 students across all grade levels. He said it creates a "family atmosphere" that larger school districts don't always have.

"It's a very tight-knit community and tight-knit district," Edwards said. "For a smaller school, it has a lot of opportunities for our students. All of those things attracted me to the Marion School District."

The Marion School Board has given Edwards the liberty to try different things in order to see what will help students learn the best, he said.

"I'm a systems thinker," Edwards said. "I'm a very collaborative person and want shared decision making. (The board) wants me to utilize the time freed up from being an elementary principal to spend time and be more available at the high school. I plan to spend more time talking to teachers and listening to teachers, finding out ways I can support them so they can do their jobs better and feel supported and listened to."



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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND ANNUAL MEETING 2022-2023

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the School District of Bonduel that the Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting of said district for the transaction of business will be held in the High School Commons on the 16th of August 2021 at 6:00 pm. Detailed copies of the budget are available in the District Office.

GENERAL FUND	Audited 2020-21	Unaudited 2021-22	Budget 2022-23
Beginning Fund Balance	1,459,211.07	1,746,739.62	2,710,499.87
Ending Fund Balance	1,746,739.62	2,710,499.87	(8,726,297.32)
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Transfers-In (Source 100)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Local Sources (Source 200)	3,609,896.98	3,945,971.11	3,586,437.00
Inter-district Payments (Source 300 + 400)	624,928.67	886,755.59	1,849,318.00
Intermediate Sources (Source 500)	7,441.33	4,886.96	4,500.00
State Sources (Source 600)	5,891,663.72	5,872,266.87	5,861,414.00
Federal Sources (Source 700)	272,554.62	1,589,426.55	494,450.00
All Other Sources (Source 800 + 900)	11,751.90	10,172.00	9,900.00
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	10,418,237.22	12,309,479.08	
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES			
Instruction (Function 100 000)	4,736,940.43	5,313,083.65	5,536,224.90
Support Services (Function 200 000)	3,359,826.49	3,943,495.10	3,887,802.29
Non-Program Transactions (Function 400 000)	2,033,941.75	2,089,140.08	2,012,770.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	10,130,708.67	11,345,718.83	11,436,797.19
SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND	Audited 2020-21	Unaudited 2021-22	Budget 2022-23
Beginning Fund Balance	191,179.09	228,203.81	271,371.13
Ending Fund Balance	228,203.81	275,571.28	174,072.90
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	1,391,996.66	1,636,710.23	1,537,116.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	1,354,971.94	1,589,342.76	1,634,414.23
DEBT SERVICE FUND	Audited 2020-21	Unaudited 2021-22	Budget 2022-23
Beginning Fund Balance	189,124.64	193,052.18	248,808.18
Ending Fund Balance	193,052.18	248,808.18	81,987.79
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	916,892.54	846,041.00	864,179.61
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	912,965.00	790,285.00	1,031,000.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	Audited 2020-21	Unaudited 2021-22	Budget 2022-23
Beginning Fund Balance	2,509.73	2,510.37	9,453,634.20
Ending Fund Balance	2,510.37	9,453,634.20	9,453,634.20
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	0.64	10,137,502.50	0.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	0.00	686,378.67	0.00
FOOD SERVICE FUND	Audited 2020-21	Unaudited 2021-22	Budget 2022-23
Beginning Fund Balance	85,907.48	158,320.28	83,105.26
Ending Fund Balance	158,320.28	83,105.26	187,396.03
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	459,105.84	328,900.00	515,225.77
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	386,693.04	404,115.02	410,935.00
COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND	Audited 2020-21	Unaudited 2021-22	Budget 2022-23
Beginning Fund Balance	(9,790.26)	5,281.59	6,581.03
Ending Fund Balance	5,281.59	6,581.03	34,501.22
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	35,142.00	100,000.00	411,911.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	20,070.15	98,700.56	383,990.81
PACKAGE & COOPERATIVE PROGRAM FUND	Audited 2020-21	Unaudited 2021-22	Budget 2022-23
Beginning Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ending Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	0.00	0.00	0.00

Frontier agrees to \$15M in internet upgrades

Concession part of agreement with state of Wisconsin to improve broadband service

By **HOWARD HARDEE**
For the Badger Project

The phone and internet company Frontier Communications came to an agreement with the state of Wisconsin to improve its broadband service — the latest assurance from the company that its slow internet speeds and potentially dangerous phone outages are being modernized.

Reached following an investigation into the company’s advertising of internet speeds by the Wisconsin Department of Justice and the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, the deal includes a \$15 million commitment by Frontier to improve its DSL internet infrastructure in Wisconsin over the next four years and a “payment” of \$90,000 to the state.

“Wisconsin consumers deserve honest advertising and reliable services related to their internet speeds and telephone services,” said Randy Romanski, secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, in a press release. “This agreement ensures these improved practices for Wisconsinites, as well as upgrades to communications infrastructure so future consumers have better access to the high-quality

products they pay for.”

The agreement requires Frontier to improve its disclosure practices regarding internet speeds when installing new service for customers and requires the company provide opt-out opportunities for consumers who do not receive the advertised internet speed purchased, according to the press release.

It also requires improvements in Frontier’s advertising of telephone service and its handling of service outages in Wisconsin, according to the press release.

The deal mandates semi-annual reporting by Frontier to the state detailing the improvements and expenditures made on its internet infrastructure, said DATCP spokesman Caleb Kulich in an email to The Badger Project.

“The state will thus be able to track Frontier’s fulfillment of this commitment and can bring an action in court for Frontier’s failure to honor this commitment, should that be the case,” he added.

In an email to The Badger Project, Frontier spokesperson Chrissy Murray noted that the issues identified by the state investigation are related to its DSL service, also known as digital subscriber line, a way of connecting to the internet over a phone network, not its fiber optic cable systems.

“The settlement with the state of Wisconsin stipulates that Frontier has admitted no wrongdoing, cooperated with the state and resolved the state of Wisconsin’s concerns related to our DSL services,” Murray told The

Badger Project in an email. “We settled the investigation in good faith to put it behind us so we could focus on our business — that’s in the best interest of all our customers.”

As of February, Frontier had about 137,000 subscribers to phone or internet services in Wisconsin, Kulich said. Much of their customer base is in rural parts of the state.

Frontier declared bankruptcy in 2020. Since 2015, it has received more than \$2 billion in federal funds to upgrade its internet service across the country, according to the FCC. More than \$215 million of those dollars were intended for internet projects in Wisconsin.

Frontier emerged from bankruptcy in 2021 and said in a press release it would upgrade millions of its internet accounts across the country to modern, fiber optic cables from the old and slow copper phone wire.

Also in 2021, Wisconsin, five other states and the Federal Trade Commission sued Frontier on the basis that the company hadn’t delivered the internet speeds it advertised.

The federal court in California dismissed claims brought by Wisconsin and other states, saying they lacked jurisdiction, but allowed the FTC and the state of California to proceed with their case. The parties settled in May, with Frontier agreeing to pay nearly \$9 million to customers and make upgrades. The state of Wisconsin conducted its own investigation, resulting in the recently announced agreement.

Frontier finishes near the bottom of a ratings survey of telecommunica-

tions companies by Consumer Reports, and the Better Business Bureau gives the company a grade of F.

Barry Orton, a telecommunications professor emeritus with the University of Wisconsin-Madison and fierce critic of Frontier, said the payment of \$90,000 is “insignificant compared to the level of the damages to Frontier’s customers.”

“Frontier now promises to improve the speed and quality of its broadband service, about which it has continually lied,” Orton told The Badger Project in an email. “Frontier now also pledges to improve the reliability of its wireline telephone service, especially to elderly and medically fragile customers, even after Frontier deliberately allowed its existing copper-wire facilities to deteriorate, forcing most of its customers to its more profitable wireless services.

Murray responded to the criticism by touting the company’s recent rollout of broadband service to what it says are more than 77,000 rural locations throughout Wisconsin using federal funding.

“It is easy for third parties to be critical of the services Frontier is providing,” she said in an email, “but they often fail to understand the challenges and costs of providing this critical infrastructure to customers in the most rural, underserved areas of the state where other telecommunications providers have intentionally elected to not provide Internet or telephone service.”

The Badger Project is a nonpartisan, citizen-supported journalism nonprofit in Wisconsin.

EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES			
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Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses			
ALL FUNDS	Audited 2020-21	Unaudited 2021-22	Budget 2022-23
GROSS TOTAL EXPENDITURES -- ALL FUNDS	12,805,408.80	14,914,540.84	14,897,137.23
Interfund Transfers (Source 100) - ALL FUNDS	702,918.76	0.00	0.00
Refinancing Expenditures (FUND 30)	0.00	0.00	0.00
NET TOTAL EXPENDITURES -- ALL FUNDS	12,102,490.04	14,914,540.84	14,897,137.23
PERCENTAGE INCREASE -- NET TOTAL FUND EXPENDITURES FROM PRIOR YEAR		23.24%	-0.12%
PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY			
FUND	Audited 2020-21	Unaudited 2021-22	Budget 2022-23
General Fund	3,595,263.00	3,476,824.00	0.00
Referendum Debt Service Fund	843,887.00	851,923.00	0.00
Non-Referendum Debt Service Fund	59,971.00	56,753.00	0.00
Capital Expansion Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
Community Service Fund	35,000.00	411,911.00	0.00
TOTAL SCHOOL LEVY	4,534,121.00	4,797,411.00	0.00
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Construction continues on the bridge on County Road HHH on Aug. 11. The bridge's vertical clearance is being raised to aid boat navigation, and the roadway is being widened to improve bicycle and pedestrian safety.

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OPINION

GUEST COLUMN

Grass doesn't stop growing along roadways

As was discussed at the Shawano County Highway Safety Committee meeting on July 26, the need for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to increase the number of ditch mowings on state and county highways is needed.

The current law only allows one mowing due to funding allowed and must be completed by July 15. This may seem like a favorable decision for some people to do one mowing, but for the safety of the people living in and traveling in the state of Wisconsin, I believe it should be reconsidered to a minimum of two mowings yearly.

We don't need to worry about the winter months, because for six months of the year, we have a non-growing season filled with snow and ice and all the trash that is buried underneath it. However, for the other six months of the year, our state becomes a blooming, and colorful area of many wondrous things.

Fawns and other newly born animals have been allowed to experience their new surroundings away from their animal parents. Trees have leaves beginning to blossom



TESS SERRANO

first week in July.

The grass doesn't stop growing around here usually until October or November, again dependent on the weather we have. By this time, the deer have begun to rut and are running all over without any care to where they travel to or run out from. Mowing that happened by the July 15 date has regrown to higher than it was when initially mowed. Thus, giving all the creatures a great place to hide from motorists as well as unsuspecting motorcycle and bicycle enthusiasts.

Then, crash. You have hit and killed an animal; take your pick; deer, bear, or turkey any one of them is going to do some major

out, and the grass begins to grow. Depending on the rain-fall and warmth of each zone in Wisconsin, you could be looking at high grass needing mowing by early June or as late as the

damage to your vehicle, and hopefully no human injuries are suffered. All because of the weed height being so high that you couldn't see an animal coming from the ditch.

Only one mowing allowed. Thank you, DOT rule makers.

Kevin Conradt, District 13 county supervisor, who is also the vice chairman of the Shawano County Board of Supervisors and serves on the highway safety committee with me, expressed his concerns regarding the mowing at this meeting as well. He stated the area near Navarino had brush touching the road because of being overgrown and was concerned for the safety of his fellow community members stating there was an elderly woman cutting brush alongside State Highway 47.

Well, if that doesn't make you wonder if what I have said is concerning that sure should. I guess it did, because he told me that there was someone from the DOT out there the next day looking at the area he mentioned. Good.

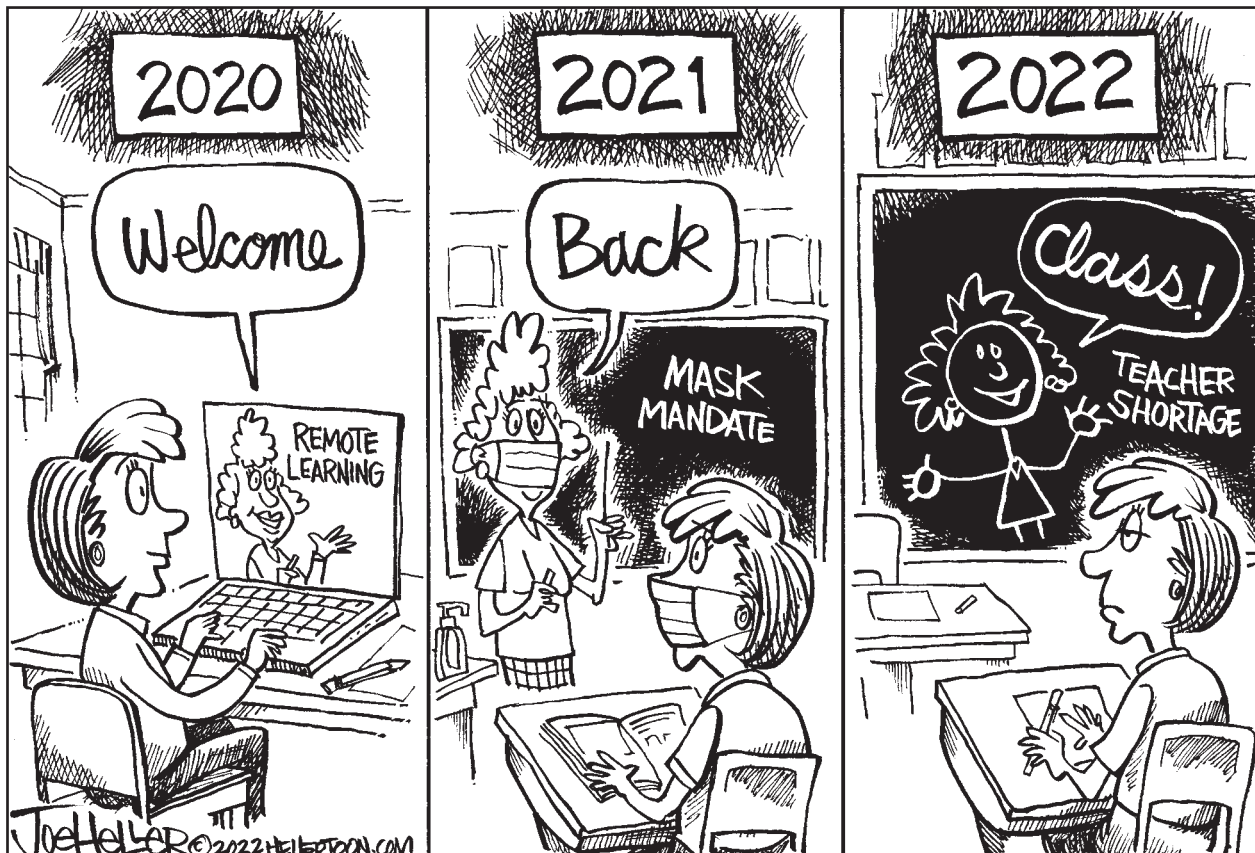
Why would we want to place our fellow human beings' safety at risk knowing that the grass, weeds,

flowers, etc. continue to grow but won't be mowed again for another year? Why is a one-and-done acceptable to anyone? Surely the state has money to assist with additional mowings.

It has closed many of the waysides in the state and doesn't maintain them any longer. No mowing needed there. No upkeep or monitoring of safety needed either. People just throw their trash on the sides of the highways now instead of using the facilities at waysides to dispose of their trash when they took a short break to stretch out, walk their dog around or relieve themselves. I know of three waysides in Shawano County that are no longer operating.

This rule needs to be reviewed and for those in charge of the decision on this to ask the county representatives to aid in the decision to protect the safety of others. Isn't that our main priority?

Tess Serrano is the supervisor for the 27th district of the Shawano County Board of Supervisors, covering Mattoon and the towns of Almon and Hutchins, and chairman for the county's highway safety committee and public safety committee.



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OCONTO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Aug. 14

Deputies responded to 42 incidents, including a disturbance on County Road J in the Town of Little Suamico, a wanted person on County Road I in the Town of Stiles, an animal bite on South Rosera Street in the Village of Lena, suspicious activity on East Frontage Road in the Town of Abrams, theft on Kroll Lane in the Town of Chase, suspicious activity on County Road S in the Town of Chase, a drug investigation at an address in the Town of Little Suamico, fireworks on Weller Road in the Town of Mountain, four traffic stops, one traffic hazard, three traffic offenses, two miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; two 911 hangups and four open lines; one ambulance call; three crashes.

Aug. 13

Deputies responded to 29 incidents, including theft near Safian and Gohr roads in the Town of Chase, a disturbance on County Road I in the Town of Stiles, threatening on state Highway 22 in the Town of Stiles, one citizen assist, one miscellaneous traffic incident; two 911 hangups and two open lines; two crashes.

Aug. 12

Deputies responded to 51 incidents, including a wanted person on Washington Street in the City of Oconto, identity theft on South White Potato Lake Road in the Town of Brazeau, an animal bite on Helen Lane in the Town of Mountain, suspicious activity on state Highway 32 in the Town of Lakewood, sexual assault at an address in the Town of Brazeau, attempted fraud on Pine Woods Road in the Town of Brazeau, burglary on state Highway 22 in the Town of Stiles, a disturbance on South Green Bay Avenue in the City of Gillett, suspicious activity on Robin Lane in the Town of Townsend, five traffic stops, three traffic hazards, one traffic offense, four citizen assists, three miscellaneous traffic incidents, two welfare checks; two 911 hangups and four open lines; two ambulance calls; four crashes, three involving deer.

Aug. 11

Deputies responded to 40 incidents,

including theft on East Frontage Road in the Town of Abrams, fraud on Froelick Road in the Town of Pensaukee, suspicious activity on Tracey Lane in the Town of Riverview, fraud on County Road B in the Town of Brazeau, fraud on Rose Road in the Town of Gillett, property damage on Parkway Road in the Town of Spruce, suspicious activity on Michigan Avenue in the City of Oconto, a disturbance on Sandalwood Road in the Town of Little Suamico, harassment on Lower Dam Road in the Town of Mountain, an animal bite on High Point Lane in the Town of Townsend, one traffic offense, one citizen assist, two miscellaneous traffic incidents, two 911 hangups and three open lines; four ambulance calls; six crashes.

Aug. 10

Deputies responded to 57 incidents, including suspicious activity near Klaus Lake Road and County H in the Town of Gillett, drugs on state Highway 22 in the Town of Gillett, suspicious activity on Union Avenue in the City of Oconto Falls, two traffic stops, two traffic offenses, four citizen assists, two miscellaneous traffic incidents, four welfare checks; three 911 hangups and five open lines; three ambulance calls.

Aug. 9

Deputies responded to 42 incidents, including suspicious activity near Parkway and South White Potato Lake roads in the Town of Underhill, internet crimes against children at an address in the City of Oconto, theft on state Highway 32 in the Town of Townsend, suspicious activity on state Highway 32-64 in the Town of Mountain, two traffic stops, two traffic hazards, four traffic offenses, one citizen assist, two welfare checks; one 911 hangup and one open line; two ambulance calls; three crashes, two involving deer.

Aug. 8

Deputies responded to 45 incidents, including theft on Highland Meadow Trail in the Town of Chase, trespassing near Parkway Road and County Road G in the Town of Brazeau, trespassing on West Frontier Road in the Town of

Little Suamico, a wanted person on Washington Street in the City of Oconto, a weapon offense on Ucil Lake Road in the Town of Bagley, a disturbance on East First Street in the City of Gillett, four traffic stops, two traffic hazards, two traffic offenses, two citizen assists, five miscellaneous traffic incidents, three welfare checks; one 911 hangup and two open lines; two ambulance calls.

Aug. 7

Deputies responded to 40 incidents, including a disturbance on Sheridan Street in the City of Oconto Falls, an assault on Sandalwood Road in the Town of Little Suamico, suspicious activity near County Road C and Sunset Circle in the Town of Chase, an ATV crash on East Shore Drive in the Town of Mountain, harassment on Geano Beach Road in the Town of Abrams, theft on Mosling Road in the Town of Underhill, harassment on Cook Road in the Town of Oconto, a disturbance on County Road A in the Town of Spruce, six traffic stops, four traffic hazards, four traffic offenses, one miscellaneous traffic incident, two welfare checks; one 911 hangup and one open line; one ambulance call; one deer-related crash.

Aug. 6

Deputies responded to 69 incidents, including a noise disturbance on state

Highway 32 in the Town of Lakewood, fireworks on state Highway 32 in the Town of Chase, a disturbance on County Road W in the Town of Mountain, suspicious activity on Champeau Road in the Town of Bagley, a noise disturbance near County Roads A and K in the Town of Spruce, a disturbance on County Road J in the Town of Oconto, five traffic stops, three traffic hazards, five traffic offenses, four citizen assists, six miscellaneous traffic incidents, two welfare checks; seven 911 hangups and seven open lines; one ambulance call; three crashes, one involving deer.

Aug. 5

Deputies responded to 61 incidents, including suspicious activity on Falcon Circle in the Town of Chase, animal neglect on South Rosera Street in the Village of Lena, suspicious activity near Old 64 and Twin Pine roads in the Town of Mountain, an animal bite on Ray Lane in the Town of Chase, theft on Lee Lake Park Lane in the Town of Brazeau, a disturbance on Ball Park Road in the Town of Little Suamico, 19 traffic stops, two traffic hazards, two traffic offenses, one citizen assist, four miscellaneous traffic incidents, three welfare checks; one 911 hangup and two open lines; three crashes, one involving a bear, two involving deer.

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Ebbensgard new VP at Stephenson bank

Michael Ebbensgard has joined The Stephenson National Bank and Trust (SNBT) as vice president and retail market manager.

Ebbensgard brings with him over 22 years of banking experience with a primary focus on strong service delivery and building successful Retail teams and branch locations. His background in project implementation, compliance, and security is fundamental in current and future market growth.

Ebbensgard will be responsible for the development of SNBT's deposit products and services as well as the growth of each banking office in alignment with the bank's vision and culture. Additionally, Ebbensgard assists in furthering the bank's brand and presence within the local community.

"We're delighted to add Michael to our well-rounded banking team as we continue enriching our relationship-driven banking philosophy," said Elisa Rollo, SNBT senior vice president and chief retail officer.

"Michael's leadership inspires a performance culture emphasizing value over price to ensure customers are consistently offered only what they need and at the right time in the financial relationship. His experience and customer-focused attitude align with SNBT's strategy of meeting the financial needs of individuals and businesses throughout every stage of their lives."

Ebbensgard holds an Associate of Applied Science in marketing and is a certified community banking security officer.

NOTICE

Town of Lena

Change of Date

August Monthly Board Meeting

Thursday, August 25, 2022

The Town of Lena will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, August 25, 2022 at the Lena Town Hall at 7:00 PM at 6087 Goatsville Road, Lena, WI.

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Lena Town Clerk
Dawn VanArk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND JOINT REVIEW BOARD MEETING REGARDING THE PROPOSED PROJECT PLAN AND BOUNDARY FOR TAX INCREMENTAL DISTRICT (TID) NUMBER 4

IN THE CITY OF GILLETT, WISCONSIN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the City of Gillett will hold an organizational Joint Review Board (JRB) meeting on August 29th 2022, at 4:00 p.m. at the Gillett City Hall, located at 150 N. McKenzie Ave. The purpose of this meeting is to organize a JRB to consider the proposed Project Plan for TID 4. The meeting is open to the public. To access the Joint Review Board meeting by phone, dial phone number (262) 771-1345 and use access code number: 786527413#. Contact the City Clerk to request accommodation or access assistance.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Planning Committee, of the City of Gillett, will hold a Public Hearing on August 29th, 2022 at 5:00 p.m., at the Gillett City Hall, 150 N. McKenzie Ave, Gillett WI regarding the proposed Project Plan and Boundary for TID 4 in the City.

The Planning Committee Public Hearing will not be offered in a "virtual" or "remote" format. The Hearing will be offered only in an "in-person" format at the City Hall, 150 N. McKenzie Ave., Gillett, WI.

The City of Gillett TID 4 is generally located near the south, east, and north city border, within the City's limits.

TID 4 will be classified as a mixed-use district based on the identification and classification of the property proposed to be included within the District.

Proposed public project improvements may include but are limited to: grading, sanitary sewer system improvements, storm water management system improvements, electric service, gas service, communications infrastructure, street improvements, lighting, sidewalks, professional and organizational services, administrative costs, and finance costs.

As part of the Project Plan, cash grants may be made by the City of Gillett to owners, lessees, or developers of property within TID 4.

The proposed costs include projects within the proposed boundary and within a one-half mile radius of the proposed boundary of the District.

At the public hearing, all persons will be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard concerning the proposed Project Plan. A copy of the TID 4 Project Plan and Boundary is available for inspection and will be provided upon request. Arrangements for either inspection or receipt of a copy of the Project Plan may be made by contacting the City Clerk, 150 N. McKenzie Ave, Gillett, WI; Phone (920) 855-2255

Dated this 12th day of August 2022

Chelsea Anderson

Clerk

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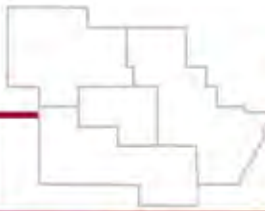
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Obesity in men

While obesity affects men and women in the U.S. nearly equally, I'm writing about men in this article because men often face specific health challenges related to their hormones, prostate and sexual health after becoming obese. Countless studies detail how obese men are more likely to have low sperm counts, high blood pressure, arthritis and heart attacks. Additionally, prostate cancer, which impacts one in eight men, is said to be 20 percent more likely to develop in men who are considered obese.

Men who are classified as obese may find themselves with lowered testosterone levels, erectile dysfunction, diminished fertility rates, and they may also be at

an increased risk of developing kidney stones, heart disease, type II diabetes and certain types of cancer. I can't stress enough how important it is to maintain a healthy weight for many reasons. When an individual drops down to a healthier weight, they can often avoid these health problems – many of which are among the leading causes of preventable, premature death.

Another incentive to keep off or shed extra pounds is that it could save a person money in the long run. A recent study found that medical costs for adults who were obese were on average \$1,861 higher than medical costs for people with a healthy weight.

Having excess weight takes its toll on more than just a person's finances and risk for disease. Extra weight adds undesirable stress on joints, bones and muscles which can lead to increased health problems contributing to asthma and back pain.

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The main reason men suffer from obesity is because they eat too much and move too little. I recommend eating a balanced diet and exercise most days of the week. A balanced diet may consist of fruits, vegetables, grains, water, meat and eggs to help maintain a healthy weight. If you want to maintain a desired weight, or lose some excess pounds, I'd encourage exercising at least 150 minutes a week or at least 20 minutes a day.

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FALL SPORTS GET UNDERWAY

**Bonduel, Oconto Falls girls
golf teams battle at scramble**

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Bonduel's Thea Tauchen takes a shot during an Aug. 11 scramble at River Island Golf Course in Oconto Falls.

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HIGH SCHOOL GOLF

Oconto Falls wins home scramble

Bonduel's Garside, Tauchen duo post top score

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Oconto Falls and Bonduel girls golf teams got their fall seasons off to strong starts during a two-golfer scramble on Aug. 11 at River Island Golf Course in Oconto Falls.

It was Oconto Falls that won the scramble with a score of 92 to edge Bonduel's score of 93, but the Bonduel duo of Sarah Garside and Thea Tauchen posted the top mark of 42 on the day. Luxemburg-Casco and Oconto also competed at the scramble, posting team scores of 98 and 103.

It was a strong team showing for Oconto Falls, with the duos of Kate Pytleski and Kenadee Seidl, and Kloeigh Seidl and Lexi Nelson each posting scores of 46.

"Today was a great start to the season," said Pytleski. "Just being back out on the course competing with my teammates and my best friends was the best, especially with it being my last season. Starting off the season with a win was awesome, even if it is just a scramble. These little victories will give the team more confidence moving forward."

Kenadee Seidl said that while she and Pytleski posted a strong score, things still could have gone better, noting that the duo got better as the day went on.

"I feel as the season progresses we will continue to work on our mistakes and do well as a team," said Kenadee Seidl. "It just felt really good to be competing again, getting back out there and having fun."

Garside and Tauchen were both happy to post the scramble's top score.

"I'm really happy about our score of 42," said Tauchen. "Considering there was no driving range and it being the first meet of the season, I think we did great."

Kerry O'Harrow and Raina Dworniczak turned in a score of 51 for the Bears, while Karlee Ziemer and Charlotte Trudell posted a 56.

"It was really nice just to get out and see the other teams and how they're golfing, and how my new



Oconto Falls' Kenadee Seidl, left, takes a shot as Kate Pytleski watches during a scramble on Aug. 11 at River Island Golf Course in Oconto Falls.

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teammates would react to the golfing scene," said Garside.

Both Oconto Falls and Bonduel were fairly pleased with their play off the tee box, but noted that work in the short game and on the greens was needed.

"I think the girls were great off the tee box today. We pounded the ball," said Pytleski. "However we could definitely clean up our short game moving

forward; lots of practice on the putting greens is needed."

Even though the scramble format makes things a little more favorable for the golfers, there was still plenty of learning lessons from the day.

Tauchen noted that it's important to not always rely on scramble partners and try to make good shots themselves.

"I think we all sort of learned that

we just need to think positively to do well and to just have fun with the game," said Garside.

Kenadee Seidl echoed a similar thought, saying, "Some things we learned today was that even if you have a bad hole, it doesn't define the rest of the match for you. Just leave it in the past and keep moving forward and continue to better yourself."

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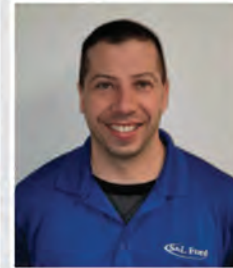
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BABA HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

East Division

Marion 6

Neopit 5

Fourth-seeded Marion knocked off top-seeded Neopit on Aug. 14 in Shawano. The game was moved to Shawano because of unplayable conditions in Neopit.

John Dunlavy earned the win in relief of Joe Weyenberg. Jaden Stuhr picked up the save after tossing an inning. Walker Miller was dealt the loss on the hill.

Dave Jueds had two hits, including a big two-RBI knock for Marion. Dunlavy and Mitch Elandt added two hits each, with a three-run sixth giving the team a comfortable advantage.

Mequon Frechette recorded two hits for Neopit. Ray White delivered a two-RBI hit in a three-run fourth inning.

Clintonville 12

Gresham 11

Adam Morse delivered the game-winning hit to help second-seeded Clintonville edge third-seeded Gresham on Aug. 14 in Clintonville.

The A's used an eight-run seventh inning to go up 10-8, but Gresham answered with three runs in the eighth. Clintonville tied it in the eighth and then won it in the ninth.

Clintonville's Turner Doornink hit a three-run home run among his three hits and finished with four RBIs. Jaden Doornink drove in a pair on three hits, while Keenan Doornink and Morse added three and two hits, respectively. Hunter Vollmer earned the win.

Paul Murphy was dealt the loss for Gresham. Joe Ejnik and Nate Ejnik led Gresham at the plate with two RBIs each. Joe Ejnik had two of the team's eight hits.

Northern Division

Antigo/Polar 5

Eland 1

Third-seeded Antigo/Polar knocked off second-seeded Eland on Aug. 14 in Eland.

Jed Weix homered for Antigo/Polar, while A.J. Kirsch recorded two hits.

Kirsch was also the winning pitcher for Antigo/Polar. Zach Bembenek was dealt the loss.

Jeremy Jensen finished with two hits for Eland.

Aniwa 3

Elderon 2

Top-seeded Aniwa edged fourth-seeded Elderon on Aug. 14 in Aniwa.

Kody Szezs picked up the win on the mound for Aniwa. Casey Kerstner was the losing pitcher.

Wade Farmer and Trevor Block each doubled for Aniwa.

Braeden Groshek finished with two hits for Elderon.

West Division

Tigerton 5

Caroline 0

Second-seeded Tigerton blanked third-seeded Caroline on Aug. 14 in Little Falls. The game was played in Little Falls because of wet field conditions in Tigerton.

Paul Sellner earned the win on the hill for Tigerton. Aaron Hoffman took the loss for Caroline.

Tigerton finished with 12 hits, with Brandon Sivertson leading the way with three knocks. Jayden Sivertson and Pat Provoast both contributed two hits.

Hoffman had two of Caroline's hits.

Little Falls 10

Tilleda 4

Top-seeded Little Falls eased past fourth-seeded Tilleda on Aug. 14 in Little Falls.

Hunter Gruenwald homered twice for Little Falls, while Kasey Morgan clubbed one. Gruenwald had four hits and four RBIs, while Seth Korb chipped in two hits.

Carter Kurki was the winning pitcher, while Zach Fehrman took the loss.

Adin Brei and Adam Strassburg tallied two hits each for Tilleda.

South Central Division

Plover 12

New London 4

Third-seeded Plover rolled past second-seeded New London on Aug. 14 in New London.

Jason Jones led Plover at the plate with two hits. Wyatt Blaskowski earned the win on the mound.

Andrew Parker drove in two runs on two hits for New London. Myles Parker was the losing pitcher.

Scandinavia 5

Green Lake 4

Top-seeded Scandinavia held off fourth-seeded Green Lake on Aug. 14 in Scandinavia.

Braden Hunkins drove in two runs on three hits for Scandinavia. Hunter Lodzinski and Jason Steinbach added two hits each.

Jeremy Duniwoo was the winning pitcher, while Cole Boge suffered the loss.

Derek Zamzow drove in two runs for Green Lake.



Marion's Dave Jueds looks on after hitting the ball during the team's playoff win over Neopit on Aug. 14 in Shawano.

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Neopit's Walker Miller pitches during the team's playoff game against Marion on Aug. 14 in Shawano.

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DAIRYLAND LEAGUE HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Bonduel 3

Cecil 2 (11 inn.)

Third-seeded Bonduel earned a walk-off win over sixth-seeded Cecil on Aug. 14 in Bonduel. Chase Reinke singled in Hunter Van Der Linden for the game-winning run.

Reinke also pitched all 11 innings to pick up the win on the mound. He struck out eight batters while throwing 157 pitches. Tucker Bouche was dealt the loss on the hill after taking over for Isaac Boldt, who pitched nine innings.

Reinke finished his day at the plate with two RBIs on two hits. Adam Frost also had two hits.

Noah Beilfuss tallied three of Cecil's 10 hits and drove in a run. Jake Sager added two hits and the other

RBI. Grant Bouche also recorded two hits.

Pulaski 9

Shawano 1

Fourth-seeded Pulaski took down fifth-seeded Shawano on Aug. 14 in Pulaski.

Drew McDermid earned the win on the mound for Pulaski, tossing six shutout innings. Joe Vandehei and Cody Pangrazzi also pitched for the Reds.

Jack Maastricht tallied four of Pulaski's 11 hits on the day, including two doubles.

Brandan Bushy was tagged with the loss on the mound.

Hortonville 19

Nichols 2

Second-seeded Hortonville rolled to a lopsided win over seventh-seeded

Nichols on Aug. 14 in Nichols. Hortonville finished with 18 hits in the contest.

Will Salaman homered among his three hits and drove in five runs for Hortonville. Kyle Stuewer tallied four RBIs on three hits, while Brett Kramer and Tommy Dugandzic each drove in two runs on two hits. Kole Ellenbecker also had two hits for the Stars.

Mason Thiel earned the win on the hill after working four innings. Colan Treml and Scott Gorsuch also pitched for the Stars.

Nichols was limited to four hits.

Waupaca 10

Hofa Park 2

Top-seeded Waupaca took down eighth-seeded Hofa Park on Aug. 14 in Waupaca.

No other statistics were available at press time.



Pulaski's Mac Cisar looks on after hitting the ball during the team's playoff game against Shawano on Aug. 14 in Pulaski. MORGAN RODE | NEW MEDIA



Bonduel's Chase Reinke delivers a pitch during the team's playoff win over Cecil on Aug. 14 in Bonduel.

Ryan Mahoney makes NABC Honors Court

16 area grads make WIAC Scholastic Honor Roll

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Suring High School graduate Ryan Mahoney, a senior for the Ripon College men's basketball team, earned a spot on the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) Honors Court.

To receive the recognition, a student-athlete must academically be a junior or second who has a grade-

point average of 3.2 or higher.

This was the guard's first season earning the honor. Mahoney majored in exercise science with an emphasis on human performance.

The Ripon men's basketball team also earned the NABC's Team Academic Excellence Award, which requires a team cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better during the 2021-22 school year.

WIAC Scholastic Honor Roll list

Several area graduates earned spots on the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Scholastic Honor Roll list for their work in the classroom during the 2021-22 academic year.



RYAN MAHONEY

To make the list, student-athletes needed to achieve a 3.00 GPA or better.

Five Bonduel graduates earned spots on the list, with Parker Bohm and Isaac Garside (Eau Claire football),

Jessie LaBerge (Whitewater women's golf), Breanna Schnell (Stevens Point track and field) and Brody Wussow (Stout football) recognized.

Four student-athletes from Shawano and Pulaski were honored.

Baylie Hansen (Whitewater volleyball), Ben Smits (Stevens Point football), Crede Timm (River Falls football) and Morgan Weinig (River Falls track and field) were the four Shawano grads.

Vanessa Grunwald (Eau Claire women's soccer), Maggie Hernandez (La Crosse women's soccer), Mackenzie Niespodzany (Stevens Point softball) and Kevin Ruechel (Stout track and field) were the Pulaski athletes recognized.

Oconto Falls' Dakota Carriveau (Stevens Point football) and Tucker Bouche (La Crosse baseball) and Suring's Mitch Stegeman (Eau Claire track and field) also earned spots on the Scholastic Honor Roll.

Wesolowski joining UW-River Falls football team

Flak also playing collegiate football

By MORGAN RODE
Sports Editor

Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School graduate Ben Wesolowski is set to play collegiate football after a sensational senior season for the Chargers.

Wesolowski will join the UW-River Falls football team.

As a senior, the dual-threat quarterback threw for 1,967 touchdowns and 29 touchdowns while rushing for 1,847 yards and 20 more scores. He even caught a touchdown pass on his way to earning the Offensive Player of the Year honor in the Central Wisconsin Conference-Large Division.

He also earned a spot on the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association honorable mention all-state team and played in the WFCB All-Star Games this summer.

Wesolowski accumulated 47 total tackles on defense as a senior, with five going for losses. He also intercepted three passes to help him also make the CWC-Large first team on defense as a defensive back.

Despite the impressive season, Wesolowski said his recruitment process started late in his senior season. He said he had coaches reach out to him via Twitter.

"After visiting multiple schools, I liked the facilities and the coaches at UW-River Falls the best," said Wesolowski, who added he chose playing football over basketball and baseball in college because of his love for the sport.

Wesolowski said that he's

had plenty of conversations with coaches and teammates at UWRF and is ready to take his game to the college level.

"I'm very honored and excited to have the opportunity to be able to play at the next level," he said.

Wesolowski had several memorable moments and feats during his senior football season, but it was a two-point conversion run he had against Amherst in the playoffs that stood out.

Trailing by one with just under 90 seconds to play, Witt-Birn decided to go for the win instead of tying the game up. The coaching staff told Wesolowski to "run around and find someone," and he did just that. He first scrambled to his left, and then back right before hitting Jack Fraaza on a pass to give the Chargers the lead.

Witt-Birn held on for a 29-28

win to advance to level four of the playoffs (state semifinals).

Flak headed to Northern State

Witt-Birn grad Ben Flak will also play football at the college level. He will play for Northern State University in South Dakota.

Flak is listed as a defensive lineman on the team's football roster, which can be found at nsuwolves.com/sports/football/roster.

During the 2021 season, he was credited with 121 tackles, including 16 sacks and 13 tackles for losses. He also forced three fumbles and recovered another. For his play, he was named to the CWC-Large first team.

Flak did not answer a list of questions, which was sent to all athletes playing collegiate sports, before press time.

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Shawano trio moving on to college athletics

All 3 staying in state

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Shawano Community High School graduates Gabi Bukoski, Elizabeth Kary and Abigail Rabideau are all eager to continue playing the sports they love at the college level.

Bukoski is set to join the Ripon College swim team. Kary will play softball for Milwaukee Area Technical College, while Rabideau is on the soccer and cheer teams at St. Norbert College.

Gabi Bukoski

Bukoski said she was getting interest from teams across the country. She had heard good things about Ripon, so Bukoski decided to pursue things further.

"I had many phone calls with the coach, and I decided to tour and have a meeting with him," said Bukoski. "After my tour and meeting, I knew right away that Ripon was the school I wanted to attend. Over the summer and during the high school season I stayed in touch with the coach, and he came to watch me swim at club and high school meets."

Bukoski also enjoys Ripon's smaller size, and she added that "it is a perfect distance from home."

"I also fell in love with the swim program and everything that the coach said," she said. "The main thing was that the coach said we are students first and athletes second. So I knew if I needed to take a day to study or get help with work, I could. Ripon is also very good with letting the students participate in all the things they want to. With this, I am able to play in orchestra and be on the swim team."

Bukoski, who has been swimming since she was 9 years old, said it's been a goal of hers to swim at the college level.

The team doesn't have any specific long-term plans for Bukoski, but she's already gotten quite familiar with



GABI BUKOSKI

the team and its coaches.

"I've had multiple meetings in person and over the phone with the coach," said Bukoski. "I've also met some of the swimmers at one of their meets and at summer orienta-

tion, and I really enjoyed meeting all of them."

When thinking back on her favorite high school swim memory, a tight race early in her senior season came to mind. Bukoski ended up winning the race and beating her personal best time in the process.

"The best part of that was my team yelling and running to me to give me hugs and congratulate me," she said.

Elizabeth Kary

Kary didn't always have a goal of playing collegiate softball, but she couldn't turn down the opportunity after being approached by a college coach during a club tournament of hers.

"The idea of college for me was it is a way to further my education," said Kary. "MATC offers all of the things I need for the career I want, and the idea of playing softball was just another perk added to the school."

Kary served as Shawano's catcher over the past few seasons. She made the Bay Conference's honorable mention team this spring after earning first-team honors as a junior.

Despite some memorable individual and team moments over her high school career, Kary had a difficult time singling out a favorite memory.

"There are way too many good memories. I love every girl I've ever played with," Kary said. "I think I'm going to miss camping during tournaments the most though. It was always such a happy atmosphere, and everyone got along great."

She played under a new head coach



ELIZABETH KARY

as a senior in high school and will be under the direction of a new coach at MATC as well. Despite not playing a game for the Stormers yet, Kary already feels like a part of the team.

"I have had contact with a few girls from the team, and so far they are all super, super sweet," she said. "They've been super inclusive, and the new coach has been amazing. He already has given me so much guidance on my intended major, and I'm so happy to know I have a supportive coach."

Abigail Rabideau

Rabideau was in a similar situation to Kary, not anticipating to play collegiately. She chose St. Norbert "for education purposes first" and was encouraged to try out.

She chose to attend the college in November before contacting the cheer and soccer coaches. She tried out for the cheer team in April and made the roster before finding out in May that she'd also get the chance to play soccer as well.

"After talking to the soccer coach many times, he had went to a couple of games to scout me," Rabideau recalled. "He had told me there was only one open spot on the team, and I was one of three recruits. He then offered me the spot. Kind of a simple recruit decision."

"I feel beyond lucky to not only play soccer but cheer as well. It is not often that people are able to play at the next level after high school, but I am able to continue both. I know that the game is going to be completely different from high school but I am ready for that change and I am ready to better myself and my game."

The Shawano grad said that as a high school freshman, she never would have thought she could play soccer collegiately. Rabideau talked



ABIGAIL RABIDEAU

with Shawano girls coach Emily Stepanek about playing in college and thanked her for all her help in helping her earn the opportunity.

Rabideau called Stepanek her role model, adding that "I've looked up to her since she walked into this program." She added that Stepanek's guidance gave her confidence to keep playing soccer at the college level.

Rabideau said Stepanek and the rest of the team surprised her with a college signing day. "They went out of their ways to make me feel special and included with the other collegiate athletes. It is not something that they had to do, but my coach thought it felt necessary. I am very appreciative of that team, and I am going to miss them a lot."

Rabideau said she's pretty much in constant contact with her new team at St. Norbert.

"I feel like this team and coaches really only have our best interest at heart, and they are here to better us," she said.

Rabideau was voted the Hawks' MVP of the spring season and helped lead the team to 12-9-1 season.

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Kage retires, Britz hired as WIAA's administrative assistant

Julie Kage, administrative coordinator for the executive director at the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association for the past 34 years, retired July 31. Kristin Britz began her position as administrative assistant for Executive Director Stephanie Hauser on Aug. 9.

Kage served as assistant to three different directors during her career, including Doug Chickering, Dave Anderson and Hauser. Since joining the staff in 1988, she had various responsibilities in addition to assisting the executive director in the day-to-day operations of the

association, including assisting the executive director with conference realignment, coaches' ejections and minimum weight requirements in wrestling.

Britz joins the WIAA after most recently serving one year in the Stevens Point Area School District.

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Oshkeshequoam named Menominee Indian AD

Raasch retired from position

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Menominee Indian will have a new athletic director for the first time in over two decades as the 2022-23 school year begins.

Longtime AD Chuck Raasch retired from the position, and James Oshkeshequoam was tabbed as his replacement.

Oshkeshequoam is no stranger to athletics, with a hand in several sports at the school or in the area.

He's served as the varsity boys basketball coach for eight seasons and will continue to lead the team. He also was a softball assistant coach for a season.

Oshkeshequoam also has coached elementary softball for two years and elementary girls basketball for a year. He led the North American Indigenous basketball team in 2017 and 2022.

When the AD position opened up, Oshkeshequoam decided he wanted to pursue it and feels he will excel in the position because of the things he learned from Raasch.

"Chuck Raasch has been an amazing ally and mentor to the athletic department. So while he was here, we were able to soak up a lot of knowledge while we could," said Oshkeshequoam. "The position was open, and it was an opportunity I wanted to endure."

While there are some coaches who take on the athletic director title and step down from coaching, Oshkeshequoam still intends to keep coaching some of the school's teams.

"Menominee has a great team. It's been a blessing working here with the group we have," said Oshkeshequoam. "We're able to work together and lean on one another when needed."

"Leadership, coaches and staff are always stepping up, and it has been an honor to work alongside one another. With this in mind, we have a great support system to assist in every way possible."

With that team mentality in mind, the new AD said that any changes that are made when he's in charge will be done collectively. He added there's always room for improvement, and that he and the rest



James Oshkeshequoam is the new athletic director for Menominee Indian.

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of the athletic department will meet frequently to keep finding ways to get better.

"Like any athletic director hopes, my hope is that our teams, coaches and players conduct themselves like they always have — that is representing themselves in a first-class manner," said Oshkeshequoam. "Throughout the years, we have received so many compliments from other host schools, traveling referees/umpires and even to the extent of host spectators. Our compliments have always circled back to how respectful our athletes have been, and how much it has been appreciated to see how our athletic teams conducted themselves. The hope is to continue this, build on it and recognize these words of encouragement."

Raasch said he's been a part of the athletic department at Menominee Indian on and off for about 25 years.

He began working in the district back in 1990 and served as a teacher, administrator and coach along with serving as the AD.

He said he'd miss the kids — watching the progress they made as athletes and people and the relationships he's built with athletes, coaches and others along the way.

"I see a lot of my former students who are now parents of current students," said Raasch while chuckling. "It's all been good."

As of now, Raasch does not anticipate getting back into athletics, aside from watching his grandson's sporting events, but he didn't

rule out the possibility completely should the right opportunity come around.

The outgoing AD had high praise for his replacement and expects Oshkeshequoam to do a great job leading the department.

"His ability to cultivate (and) maintain relationships, I think that's what the whole gig is about — in education, not just athletics and life," said Raasch. "I think that will serve him well. He's pretty soft-spoken but I do believe that when, not an if, he has to have those difficult conversations, either with coaches or athletes or parents, I think he'll be able to do that to the best of his ability."

Several Pulaski grads ready to play collegiately

Each athlete competing in a different sport

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Pulaski High School's Class of 2022 has several athletes that are moving on to college athletics in the coming years.

Aaron Hawpetoss, Gabrielle DeCleene, Connor Heezen, Ella Sasse and T.J. Shaw are all set to play collegiate sports, with each playing a different spot.

Aaron Hawpetoss

Hawpetoss will compete on the football and track and field teams at the University of Dubuque.

Hawpetoss was looking at multiple schools and made sure to check them all out before making a decision. He landed on Dubuque.

"The first thing I noticed was the coaches," said Hawpetoss of Dubuque. "I've been in sports since I was a little kid, and in my personal experience, coaches that see me as a person more than just a player on their team are the most beneficial. This was exactly how they reached out to me.

"The atmosphere within the school is very connected by sports, clubs and other extracurriculars. The biggest thing for me about Dubuque was it's academic support. They reached out to me based on my high school GPA and wanted me to be a part of their program. It made me feel accepted in a way I didn't have in high school, which I believe will lead to my success."

Hawpetoss had dreams of playing at the next level and put in lots of work to try and make that a reality.

That dream came true, just in two sports instead of one.

"I'm very grateful for my opportunity to play not only one, but both sports," he said. "I give credit to my coaches, my family, the Pulaski community and everyone else who helped me get to where I am today."

Hawpetoss said he's had positive conversations with both the football and track and field coaches at Dubuque and that they've been supportive.



AARON HAWPETOSS

As a senior on the football field, Hawpetoss earned a spot on the Fox River Classic Conference first team unanimously as a defensive end. He was credited with 35 total tackles — nine of which went for losses — two fumble recoveries and a team-high four sacks.

His favorite memory playing high school football came as a senior during the team's deep playoff run. "I was surrounded by people I called my brothers, and we were doing what we loved as a team," said Hawpetoss. "More specifically, our second playoff game against Slinger where our team was playing as a whole. Offense, defense and special teams were connected, and that's what ultimately gives me the love for the game."

Hawpetoss was a thrower for the track and field team. Ironically, his favorite memory came when he and three of the team's other throwers got to run in a relay. "To be able to participate in another event as throwers is something I won't ever forget."

Gabrielle DeCleene

DeCleene was a star for the Pulaski softball team over the past few years, and now she's set to join the team at Carroll University.

The two-time Co-Player of the Year in the FRCC said she emailed a list of schools she was interested in. Carroll was one of her preferred destinations, and she immediately got a response from the team's coach expressing interest in having her.

"I was primarily looking at what they offered for education," said DeCleene. "I'm majoring in physical therapy, and they have an awesome program for that."

Along with getting a degree, DeCleene hopes to help the softball team out, too.

"I think that I will have a lot of fun playing at the college level," she said. "Just being able to meet new teammates and getting to play for a new coach. I'm excited to grow as a player and teammate."

Along with her interactions with the coach, she's also met some of



GABRIELLE DECLEENE

her teammates at a softball camp Carroll hosted. "I really enjoyed the atmosphere that the team had."

While DeCleene's Player of the Year nods came as a junior and senior, her favorite memory during high school came as a freshman when the team made it to state.

In her final season with the Red Raiders, it was more likely that DeCleene got on base than made an out at the plate. She had a .549 average and .605 on-base percentage while clubbing 11 homers and driving in 37 runs in 22 games.

She also earned four wins as a pitcher to add to her incredible season. DeCleene covered 21 innings and struck out 27 batters in those games.

For her efforts, DeCleene was also named to the Wisconsin Fastpitch Softball Coaches Association all-state honorable mention team and played in the WFSCA All-Star Games.

Connor Heezen

After a strong finish to his high school tennis career, Heezen will continue playing the sport at Wisconsin Lutheran College.

Heezen's path to WLC began when his trainer at the Green Bay Tennis Center put him in contact with the coach at WLC. After setting up a meeting with the coach and passing along some film, Heezen decided that WLC was the place for him.

"There were a couple things that led me to choosing WLC," said Heezen. "One was the beautiful campus and really cool environment. It felt just right for me as I wanted a smaller campus."

"Another reason was based on my major. They have a great sports management program there, which is what I want to do with my life."

Heezen said it was always a goal of his to play a sport in college, so getting the chance to do just that is a "dream come true."

When he begins his career with WLC, there aren't any specific goals that Heezen has set for himself.

"I just want to go out and play my best tennis," Heezen said.

Heezen's appearance at state this



CONNOR HEEZEN

spring was the highlight of his high school career. He and Eric Sperduto were special qualifiers for state.

Despite falling in three sets in their lone state match, Heezen called the experi-

ence "a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

Heezen and Sperduto also earned spots on the FRCC honorable mention team this spring.

Ella Sasse

Sasse and the Pulaski girls soccer team also enjoyed a strong spring season, and now Sasse is hoping to also make an impact for the UW-Oshkosh team.

Sasse called her recruitment process "quite stressful, from going to camps, talking to coaches, and having the confidence to get to the level I wanted to be at. I used the recruiting process of NCSA (Next College Student Athlete), which allowed me to reach out and communicate to many schools throughout the divisions and states.

"After much communication to NCAA divisions and NAIA schools, I knew what I wanted in a school and a soccer program. After stumbling across UW-Oshkosh and their women's soccer my junior year, it was one of my top schools to think about."

Sasse first got word that Oshkosh was interested in her after the team's regional final match in 2021. After weeks of communication with the school, Sasse believed Oshkosh would be a good fit for her.

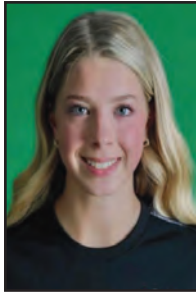
Sasse eventually gave the school a verbal commitment, citing the school's academics and team's coaches, staff and complex as reasons why.

This summer, Sasse got to help run one of the Titans' soccer camps, which allowed her to meet teammates, both experienced players and other incoming recruits.

"After only being with them for a week it truly felt like a home," said Sasse. "We all bonded in a snap, and it felt like a home away from home."

Sasse served as a goalie for the Red Raiders this spring. In 13 matches, she saved 49 shots and

helped the team win or tie eight of those matches. She posted seven shutouts.



ELLA SASSE

Sasse and Pulaski made it to sectionals at the end of the year, with a regional title upset win over West De Pere serving as her top high school memory.

"After 90 minutes and one goal ahead of the Phantoms, I raised the ball in the air as soon as I heard the whistle of the ref, displaying a

well-deserved win for my team," said Sasse.

"Getting to hold that hardware was a feeling of accomplishment and was a core memory for the team and I."

T.J. Shaw

Like the school's other soon-to-be college athletes, Shaw enjoyed a standout senior year, making it to state in a pair of sports, cross-country and swim. Shaw decided to pursue swimming in college and will join the UW-Stevens Point team.

The main reason he chose UWSP was academics.



T.J. SHAW

can't wait to make more memories swimming at the next level."

At the end of his senior swim season, Shaw placed third at the FRCC Tournament in the 200-yard freestyle.

"UWSP has the best program in the nation for conservation, which is what I'll be majoring in," said Shaw.

"Being able to continue my passion for swimming means so much to me. I

It was the 500 freestyle that he qualified for state in, though, after taking fourth in the event at sectionals.

Shaw placed 22nd at state in the 500 freestyle.

Shaw qualified for state in the 200 and 500 freestyles as a junior, which serves as his top memory from high school. He placed 20th in the 500 freestyle and 21st in the 200 freestyle.

The Pulaski grad said he's met the Stevens Point coaching staff and that they were excited for him to join the team and help out as an endurance swimmer.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Kietlinski takes over as Bowler/Gresham coach

By **MORGAN RODE**

Sports Editor

The Bowler/Gresham football co-op will have a new coach leading the way when the team takes the field this fall.



TED KIETLINSKI

Ted Kietlinski was tabbed the team's new coach, replacing Ralph Smith.

Kietlinski has been assistant in the football program for six years, with an additional two years of experience as

an assistant at other schools. Kietlinski also coaches the Bowler boys basketball varsity team and will continue to do so.

"Ted was hired because of his involvement with the football program for the last six years at the middle school and high school levels, as well as his 20-plus years of coaching in our district," said Bowler athletic director Jeff De-

Perry. "Ted knows our kids and will continue to bring passion, insight and leadership to our district."

As Kietlinski takes the reins of the co-op, he has some challenges he needs to overcome — perhaps the biggest being getting enough athletes to join the team.

"For a number of years, the varsity program has struggled with low participation," said Kietlinski. "One of my goals is to continue to encourage kids to give football a try. I want to infuse a sense of pride in the players to keep our team playing every week and every year going forward. We have always had good players, but we need more of them."

While the wins have been hard to come by in recent years, Kietlinski complimented Smith for making the best of things. He also noted that there'd be some changes with him leading the way.

"Coach Smith did a great job keeping the program afloat," said Kietlinski. "As I take over this year, naturally there will be subtle changes. For example, we will in-

corporate weight training into our weekly practice plan."

"I want our team to highly value dedication, teamwork, sportsmanship and integrity. If these are the pillars of our program, good things are sure to follow."

Granted the team has enough players to field a team this fall, the

co-op is set to open its season Aug. 26 at Niagara. The first Bowler/Gresham home game is scheduled for Sept. 2 against Three Lakes/Phelps.

Bowler/Gresham also will scrimmage on Aug. 19 in Gillett.

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2 Gillett graduates eager to continue athletic success at collegiate level

Wagner and Mosconi staying in state to run track, cross-country

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Gillett Secondary School graduates Ryann Wagner and Angela Mosconi are both set to run cross-country and track and field at the college level.

Wagner will join the UW-Eau Claire programs, while Mosconi goes to Ripon College.

"I am super excited to be running track and cross-country at the college level," said Wagner. "It will be a bit of a change, since I will be running indoor track in the winter instead of playing basketball. Running cross-country and track is year-round, but I'm excited for this new change. I am excited to continue doing what I love — running. This is such a great opportunity, and I am so blessed to be able to continue running through college."

"It means a lot to me to be preparing to run for a college team," said Mosconi. "When I started running cross-country, I didn't see myself ever becoming a college athlete, but over the past few years, it has become part of my college experience that I am looking forward to. I grew to love running, and I am happy to be able to continue competing in college."

The path to college athletics was different for each runner.

Wagner had been receiving letters from college teams throughout high school before determining she wanted to run in college as a junior.

She had a number of places she could have gone before landing on Eau Claire.

"I choose UWEC because it was a perfect fit running-wise and, more importantly, school-wise," said Wagner. "I was a little unsure on my major, and UWEC had a great program in both of the majors I was looking at. When I visited, I felt like I was at home at UWEC; I loved



RYANN WAGNER

it there. I am excited to be on a very successful team that will push me to get better every day, as well."

Mosconi used Next College Student Athlete (NCSA) to get her name out

there before coaches and teams began contacting her.

"As I narrowed down my college search, I visited the schools I was interested in and fell in love with Ripon," said Mosconi. "During cross-country season this past year, coach (Corey) Bins actually showed up to a couple of my meets. He let me know he was coming to the first one but surprised me at the meet in Pulaski. I think that his dedication to recruits is unique, and it was neat to see him at those meets."

Wagner began her high school career at Suring High School, where she immediately began piling up top finishes in cross-country and track. She began running for Gillett as a sophomore and continued to be one of the area's top runners.

It was all fairly smooth sailing for Wagner until she sustained an injury, then things got a little complicated.

"I was a little nervous that my injury would affect my recruiting process, but I am very lucky that it didn't," said Wagner. "I think having the goal of collegiate sports in mind kept me going through my rehab. I am so very lucky to continue my running in college, especially with my injury."

"My coaches in high school and my college coaches have been very adapting with my running program due to my injury. I can't wait to see what my future holds, as I think I will be even stronger now after going through my ACL injury."

Wagner capped her high school track career with a Marinette & Oconto Conference title in the 3,200-meter run. She went on to qualify for sectionals in the event.

Mosconi's path to college was a little different, as she wasn't a top runner for her team right from



ANGELA MOSCONI

the onset of high school. But by the time Mosconi was a senior, she was a big part of the team's success.

She placed third at the M&O Cross-Country Meet and second in the 1,600 at the M&O Track and

Field Meet. She qualified for track sectionals in the 3,200 after winning a regional title and finished 37th at the state cross-country meet.

Both Gillett runners singled out their sophomore cross-country season as their favorite high school running memories.

The Tigers qualified for state that fall and ended the season by placing second.

"I had always dreamed of bringing home a state trophy but never

really thought it would happen," said Wagner. "I remember the exact moment when we saw we got second on the screen and the amount of joy that we all felt was just unbelievable. That is a memory that I will never forget, and I am so thankful to be a part of that team."

"It was my first time experiencing the state meet, and I thought it was amazing," said Mosconi. "I got a PR (personal record) at the race that lasted until this past cross-country season. My sophomore year in general was a turning point for me because I learned my race rhythm and started turning into the runner I am now."

Both Wagner and Mosconi said that their interactions with their future teams have been top-notch so far, and that they were each excited to begin their college careers.

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Trio of Panthers to play collegiate sports

All 3 remaining in the state

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Oconto Falls High School graduates Joe Adams, Noah Hirst and Logan Seymour plan on playing collegiate sports in the coming years.

Adams will compete in both cross-country and track and field, while Hirst and Seymour each play football.

Adams running for UW-Stevens Point

After a strong running career for Oconto Falls, Adams hopes to keep turning in strong finishes as a member of the UW-Stevens Point cross-country and track and field teams.

"I chose UWSP due to the program I am interested in. They are a great school for conservation law enforcement," said Adams.

Adams decided to ask about the cross-country team since he wasn't ready to give up the sport, and said he's been in contact with the coaching staff since. While not having the same communication with the track staff, Adams also hopes to carve out a role on that team.

After finishing fourth at the North Eastern Conference Cross-



JOE ADAMS

Country Meet last fall, Adams turned in another fourth-place finish at sectionals to qualify for the state meet. At state, Adams placed 48th.

Qualifying for state as a senior was the highlight of Adams' high school career.

"It was an experience like none other, and I was glad to enjoy the moment with my teammates there cheering me on," said Adams.

Adams also enjoyed a strong senior season on the track team, finishing fifth in the conference in both the 1,600- and 3,200-meter relays. He went on to qualify for sectionals in both events.

Now Adams will turn his attention to trying to continue his success at the college level.

"It truly will be an exciting and new experience to run at the college level," said Adams. "(I'm) Looking forward to getting to be part of a different team and system than I have been with the last four years."

He added that through his communication with the coaches and runners, he's gotten into running and workout programs to "ensure I am ready for the next level."

Hirst to play for WLC

Hirst helped the Oconto Falls football team reach the playoffs for the first time in over two decades with playoff appearances in 2020 and 2021 and now is hoping to make a difference on the Wisconsin Lutheran College team.

"Being able to play college football is a dream," said Hirst. "Ever since I was a little kid, I've always wanted to play college sports and now that I've done that it sometimes still doesn't seem real."

Hirst said his recruiting process "wasn't anything crazy," with a couple coaches contacting him. Cameron Wolf, the defensive line coach for WLC, reached out to Hirst in December and after several conversations, the Oconto Falls athlete had made up his mind.

"Choosing Wisconsin Lutheran felt easy to me," said Hirst. "Everyone there made me feel welcome and are very nice people."

"What eventually led me to choose Wisconsin Lutheran was that it made me feel at home and comfortable. Milwaukee is a big city compared to Oconto Falls so having that feeling when I went on my visit influenced my decision even more."

Hirst said that while there isn't a specific plan laid out for him at WLC, he's ready to put in the work to get on the field in some fashion.

As a senior last fall, Hirst rushed



NOAH HIRST

for 176 yards and a score and totaled 75 receiving yards for Oconto Falls. On defense, he finished with 21 total tackles and was named to the Northwoods Conference first team for his play as a defensive back.

His favorite high school memory was his entire senior season.

"The games that we played and the memories that were created I will never forget — not a lot of things better than high school football on a Friday night," said Hirst.

Seymour headed to Oshkosh

Oconto Falls grad Logan Seymour is headed to UW-Oshkosh to join the Titans' football team.

In his senior season at Oconto Falls, Seymour made an impact on offense and defense. He rushed for 97 yards and caught 15 passes for 237 yards and two touchdowns. Seymour was credited with 23 total tackles on defense, with four going for losses.

Seymour did not answer a list of questions that was sent to athletes playing collegiate sports before press time.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Heimmermann named Menominee Indian coach

Chris Clache steps down from position

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Nick Heimmermann was named the new Menominee Indian High School football coach, replacing Chris Clache.

While this will be Heimmermann's first year in the Eagles' program, he has an ample amount of coaching experience on his side.

He was a varsity coach at Hortonville for five years, and also coached a seventh grade team in that area for five years. He also coached Pop War-

ner in Appleton for three years.

As he takes over the Menominee Indian program, there are a few things working against him.

"The program is in the critical stage with low numbers, young and inexperienced players. We also lack size. It's a triple whammy," said Heimmermann.

"The plan, of course, is to build the program to a consistent competitive team," he added. "Recruiting will be key. I was a late summer hire, which made it difficult to reach out to kids."

Heimmermann is impressed with the school's new weight room, saying that it, "rivals any for a school our size."

"However weight rooms don't

make a difference if not used by the players after the season."

The new coach added he wants his teams to be built on hard work, ball control and an attacking defense.

Clache said he stepped down from the head coaching role because of medical reasons.

"Long story short, my body could use a break after 20 years of being a head coach," said Clache, who stepped down from the position in the beginning of May.

Along with coaching at Menominee Indian, he also spent a couple years at Shiocton.

"It will be hard but necessary to get myself healthy," Clache said of not being able to coach. "Coaching will

always be there. I do plan to coach again someday in some capacity but definitely not right now. I may reevaluate after a year off."

The outgoing coach was most proud of all the relationships he's built with his players and their families over the years. "I will miss that part the most — the sense of family we get as coaches here at Menominee Indian."

"It's been an honor and pleasure to coach here. I will miss it dearly."

Menominee Indian is set to open its varsity season on Aug. 19 at Auburndale. The team's first home game is tabbed for Aug. 25 against Waupun.

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Pair of Lena grads to play college baseball

Whiting, Shallow playing at UW schools

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Lena High School graduates Lane Whiting and Logan Shallow are both hoping to play collegiate baseball in the coming years.

Whiting signed a letter of intent to UW-Eau Claire, while Shallow will go through a tryout with UW-Platteville this fall.

Lane Whiting

While he helped lead Lena on the baseball field, Whiting said his play on a travel baseball team is what helped him get noticed by college coaches.

The UW-Eau Claire coach contacted Whiting and set up a recruiting visit.

It didn't take Whiting long to



LANE WHITING

choose the school for his college destination.

"I chose Eau Claire because I really liked the coaching staff and the campus," said Whiting.

"Playing baseball at the college level has been

a dream of mine since I was little kid. I'm excited to start my college career."

Lena combined with St. Thomas Aquinas Academy for a baseball co-op until Whiting was a senior. In his final season, he made the Marinette & Oconto Conference second team for his pitching.

He was one of the Wildcats' workhorses on the hill, appearing in double digit games and pitching over 40 innings during the spring season. He averaged about two strikeouts per inning.

Whiting said the plan for him at Eau Claire is to continue pitching.

Should the team need him in the



LOGAN SHALLOW

field, Whiting can certainly produce there too. He hit about .350 during his senior season, with over half his hits going for extra bases.

The Lena grad said his favorite memories of high school baseball

were winning regional titles in his junior and senior seasons.

Logan Shallow

Despite turning in a strong high school career on the baseball diamond, Shallow said he didn't get recruited at all.

He chose Platteville because of the school's engineering program before reaching out to the baseball coach to see if he could try out this fall.

"It means a lot to be able to try out for the team," said Shallow. "I love baseball and I want to keep playing in college. I'll definitely work as hard as I can to make it. I'd

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love to represent the Pioneers."

Shallow has said his communication with the baseball coach has been good, and he's even got in contact with a couple other tryout players.

"That will make the adjustment a whole lot easier by knowing some people," said Shallow.

Shallow's favorite high school memories were also winning regionals in his junior and senior seasons.

"It was amazing to see the excitement on the boys faces as well as the coaches," said Shallow. "All around it was a great experience and I'll miss the boys on the high school team a lot."

Shallow made the M&O first team as an infielder as a senior after hitting about .500 for the season. He also pitched in 16 games and covered nearly 50 innings.

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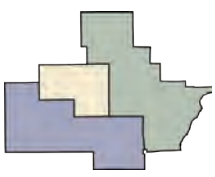


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AN EXCHANGE OF CULTURES

Menominee tribe gets visit
from its Korean 'relatives'

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Korean visitors join with their Menominee relatives, including Miss Menominee Nation Lilly Self, in an intertribal dance during a cultural exchange Aug. 11 at the Omaeqnomenewak Wetohkatikamek Center in Keshena.

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Menominee get visit from Korean 'relatives'

Visiting delegation shows traditions and learns during trip to reservation

The Menominee tribe has many proud traditions in its history, but members got to see the similarities and differences with Korean traditions as Korean-Americans visited the reservation for four days in a cultural exchange showed what makes them unique and special.

The visit culminated in a public event of food and fun held Aug. 11 at the Omaeqnomenewak Wetohkatikamek Center in Keshena. Everything started with a buffet table with traditional Korean dishes like marinated beef, kimchee, spicy rice cakes and fried rice on one end, while wild rice, frybread and other things Menominee enjoy eating sat on the other side. Korean women donned their traditional cultural attire as they eagerly scooped out their food for their hosts and members of the public to enjoy, and Menominee and Korean people dined together at the tables outside the center.

After the meal, everyone gathered in the center's gymnasium for examples of Menominee and Korean culture. The Menominee showcased their pow wow dances and the drum circles that keep the beat going at the event. The Korean visitors eagerly showed off three of their cultural activities — traditional swordfighting, traditional drums and the more modern K-Pop dance phenomenon.

The Korean visitors, who have become known to some Menominee tribal members as their "relatives," also visited the Stockbridge-Munsee and Potawatomi tribes for the week they were in Wisconsin, according to Bryant Doud with the Woodland Boys and Girls Club, which coordinates the cultural exchange. This exchange has been going on for decades, and there is always something new to learn.

"They took a break during the pandemic, but they're coming back now," Doud said. "We have a group of 35 who were here all week doing different stations. They did face painting, hair, haircuts, games, arts and crafts, and they had their food all week."

The Korean relatives reach out to Boys and Girls Clubs and other reservations regularly to travel around the country giving people a taste of what makes their culture interesting and thriving, according to Doud. While they showcase Korean culture, the visitors currently live in Michigan, Maryland and Massachusetts, he said, but they find it's very important to keep their traditions front and center while living in America.

"They're just trying to bring awareness to their culture and their traditions, and in exchange, we show them ours," Doud said. "It's the same thing we try to do in showing our culture and our traditions."

Doud said the Koreans got to learn about the Menominee clan system and a variety of foods. Out of the food offered by the Koreans, Doud particularly enjoyed the shrimp fried rice and the dumplings.

"I think we're taking it back to a long, long time ago when two ethnicities meet together, and they don't know each other, so they do that cultural exchange," he said. "Personally, it's very eye-opening to see what their traditions and their beliefs and their traits are. They align similarly to the Menominee traits, too, their morals and stuff like that, how they carry themselves. I didn't expect to learn so much in a couple of days being with them."

Doud believes the cultural exchange is good for the young people he sees through the Boys and Girls Club,



Tate Zhuckahosee, the 2022 Menominee Nation Brave, takes the floor alone as he demonstrates native grass dancing for a group of Korean visitors and Menominee tribal members during a cultural exchange Aug. 11 at the Omaeqnomenewak Wetohkatikamek Center in Keshena.

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ABOVE: A group of Korean women in traditional attire pull out their cellphones to watch some members of the Menominee tribe demonstrate pow wow dances during a cultural exchange Aug. 11 at the Omaeqnomenewak Wetohkatikamek Center in Keshena.

ABOVE RIGHT: Korean visitors demonstrate their traditional drum playing during a cultural exchange Aug. 11 at the Omaeqnomenewak Wetohkatikamek Center in Keshena.

RIGHT: Menominee Tribal Legislator Rachel Fernandez accepts a gift from a delegation of Korean visitors during a cultural exchange Aug. 11 at the Omaeqnomenewak Wetohkatikamek Center in Keshena.



showing them that while they should be proud of their traditions, there are other ways of life and other cultures that are just as rich and fulfilling.

"We're trying to broaden their horizons and show it's not just here, not the Menominee rez, but there's a whole bigger world out there," Doud said.

Lambert Ham, one of the Korean visitors, said he was very interested to learn more about Menominee history and culture.

"I like to learn first, and then we introduce our culture, too," he said. "We like to make friendships first and then introduce each other to build up those friendships. That's a very important thing, and that's why we came."

Ham and others traveled by bus for 20 hours to arrive in Wisconsin, but it was worth it to make the journey to learn more. It's Ham's fifth

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A photo gallery from the cultural exchange event at the Omaeqnomenewak Wetohkatikamek Center can be found on NEW Media's website, www.newmedia-wi.com.

time participating in the exchange program.

"Every year, we come here, and we make friends," Ham said. "We were so excited to meet friends and the children, enjoy your culture and friends."

Frybread, while not an ancient delicacy, was one of the favorite foods Ham enjoyed that were offered by the Menominee. He said he also enjoyed meeting Gary Besaw, a member of the Menominee Tribal Legislature.

Ham also raved about the Omaeqnomenewak Wetohkatikamek Center, which was built during the pandemic. During his previous four

visits, the cultural exchanges happened at the Boys and Girls Club's main facility in Neopit.

One of the similarities that Ham sees between the Korean and Menominee cultures is their shared struggle to maintain their heritage. Indigenous tribes have been displaced from their ancestral lands and forced to shed their traditions in favor of that of their conquerors, he said, and the Koreans have dealt with that, too, when Japan occupied their country from 1910 to 1945.

"We lost a lot a long time ago," Ham said. "For more than 30 years, the Japanese occupied our country. They got rid of my language. They got rid of my culture. The Menominee and we have a similar cultural background, but we survived. We got back our language, our culture, everything. That's why we pray for the Menominee people, too, as they

get back their language and their culture."

Because the Korean culture has been resurrected, it's more important than ever to share it with people and show the heritage of another group, in Ham's view. He plans to continue coming back and learning more about the Menominee as long as the tribal members are eager to absorb more about Koreans.

"Just one year? No," Ham said. "This is a long-term friendship. I'm 65 years old, and I'm the grandfather, but as long as I'm healthy, I plan to come here another 10 years. Every year, this is my vacation. Next year, I want to come, but not only be in this building. I want to go outside and meet more Menominee, see the scenery and introduce myself to more friends."



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Album inspires author to write sea tale

Langhoff develops 'Cocos Beckons' based on 1988 Blue Öyster Cult album 'Imaginos'

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Authors have some source of inspiration to draw from as they write their books, but a former Shawano resident found his muse through an album that debuted almost 35 years ago.

Brian Langhoff, a 1987 graduate of Shawano High School, had another reason to return to his hometown recently — to show folks his first novel, “Cocos Beckons: The Curse of Yemaya.”

The novel takes readers on the high seas with heroine Rachel Kristiansen and her crew, who must contend with an ancient curse as they break away from making a decent living in Gloucester, Massachusetts, to appease the goddess Yemaya and complete the task that her great-great-grandfather failed to do. On the journey, natural and mystical forces try to thwart her, and she must prove she’s a true daughter of the sea in order to reach her goal.

Langhoff said he developed a story in his mind related to Blue Öyster Cult’s 1988 album, “Imaginos,” and that’s originally how “Cocos Beckons” came into being.

“I heard it on WAPL when we were driving around one night,” Langhoff said. “I was coming home from work, and they were doing an interview with them while playing the music, and I fell in love with the music. Every time I listened to the music, I started seeing these visions and stuff like that. I didn’t know if it had anything to do with the album or not, but I listened to it for years and years and years.”

After the visions continued, Langhoff finally decided in 2000 that he needed to get them out of his head and onto paper. Working full time, he had very little free time available to him, so it took many years to write “Cocos Beckons,” but it wasn’t until he met Albert Bouchard with Blue Öyster Cult that things accelerated.

“We started talking, and I told him about the book,” Langhoff said. “I sent him an early copy of it, and he actually has a master’s degree in English ... he started reading it, and a couple of weeks went by. He sent it back and said, ‘Man, the story’s good but it needs work.’”

Langhoff took Bouchard’s advice



Brian Langhoff signs a copy of his novel, “Cocos Beckons: The Curse of Yemaya,” Aug. 11 at the Sun Drop Museum in Shawano during a trip back to his hometown for his 35-year high school reunion after signing books earlier in the day at Beans and Books.

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Find out more about Brian Langhoff’s books at www.cocosbeckons.com.

to heart and added more to his story. He sent it back to Bouchard for another look, and the musician gave his stamp of approval on it. Bouchard eventually agreed to write the foreword.

“This story features strong female leads and is a cultural, continental and century spanning chronicle,” Bouchard wrote in the foreword. “This author weaves a captivating, complex and thoroughly enjoyable read.”

Langhoff noted that “Imaginos” was re-released as “Re Imaginos” in 2020, with Bouchard and the other founding members of Blue Öyster Cult revising it to its original vision after the record company had required drastic changes to it. The album was originally supposed to be a multi-record set, so the group re-released “Re Imaginos II” the following year, Langhoff said.

“I released this at the same time he released his (second) album,” Langhoff said, noting he’s sold a few

hundred copies already through Barnes and Noble, as well as Amazon. “It’s getting out there, but it’s still early.”

Langhoff, who left Shawano at the age of 20 to join the U.S. Navy and got an electronics degree at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, has lived his life mostly in the southern United States and currently lives in North Carolina. However, Shawano remains in his heart.

“I still come back here on a regular basis to relive the memories and see the area,” Langhoff said during a book signing Aug. 11 at the Sun Drop Museum in Shawano. “It’s a lot of fun. I love the town and its people. I miss it a lot, but it’s just too cold.”

Langhoff is currently working on the sequel, currently titled “Return to Cocos: The Reawakening.” At the same time, he’s also writing a psychological thriller titled, “Dreams of Ambrosia,” as well as a series of children’s books called “The Fantastical Adventures of Denver Sneaks,” with the fifth book set in Shawano.

“I don’t know if I’ll ever get those done because I’m having a hard time finding an illustrator,” Langhoff said

of the children’s series. “They’re just fun, and they’re written on a level just a little above third grade. What I’ve done is I’ve worked with an assistant superintendent and her daughter, and she said that the thing with children’s authors is that they underestimate children. Children like to be challenged, and if they like the story, they want to learn how to read it themselves.”

Langhoff is so fascinated with tales on the ocean that it doesn’t stop with his books. He and his wife, Rebecca, dress up in steampunk attire and goes to festivals, and he is developing a book in the Denver Sneaks series based on Rebecca being an airship captain. The book also features a friend of theirs who joins them at steampunk events as a pirate, and in the book, the two know of each other by reputation but have never actually met.

“She exists along the sunset, and he sails his ship along the sunrise,” Langhoff said. “By doing that, they use their cannons to paint the sunrise and the sunset.”

FARM LIFE FROM A FARM WIFE

Not all memories pleasant on the farm

This past winter from January through May, I took an online creative writing course from University of Wisconsin-Green Bay. Stretching be-



KAY REMINGER

beyond my comfort zone, I wrote and wrote and wrote, with lengthy assignments each week involving lots of reading, watching videos and critiquing other students' work. Included was learning more about poetry than I thought possible.

One week we were tutored via video by a wise, kind, soft-spoken professor named Rebecca Balcarcel, who explained how to come up with original writing ideas based on personal experiences. Since I was literally the grandma of the group (most of my peers were in their early 20s), I had more life experiences than they simply because I had lived longer. So based on Professor Balcarcel's suggestion, I delved into my personal arsenal, remembering things I thought long forgotten.

Growing up on a farm, there have been times I hazily remember misfortunes. Don't all of us tuck those off somewhere and mostly we call to mind only the good? Thinking back, I recalled some less than pleasant memories.

When I was a small girl, I was as round as a Georgia peach, quite pudgy, simply loved to eat. I never thought there would be enough food to go around, watching my mom like a hawk as she dished out the food for breakfast, dinner and supper for a family of six. Never did any one of us go hungry. Why I thought that might be the case is beyond me. There was always more than enough.

One day, I was running through an alfalfa field back from the woods to the farmhouse. I was by myself, a miracle when there were four kids with a span of barely six years between us. I had popped a hard butterscotch in my mouth from my stash secretly hidden within the pockets of my shorts. Taking a deep breath, the partially dissolved candy lodged in my windpipe, halfway down my throat.

I couldn't breathe, in nor out. Bending my head down, I thought I could dislodge it. Sweaty and panicky and

was learning



Kay Reminger's two children (at the time) were always under the watchful eye of their mother and a German Shepherd named Rico when they were little, but every once in a while, they snuck off for some mischief.

KAY REMINGER

seemingly an eternity later, I could feel it like a stone slip down the back of my throat with the sensation of depositing itself all the way to my gut. Dropping to my knees, I sobbed, swallowing several times. I was so relieved, incredulous that I had not simply died right there in the middle of a hayfield. I never told anyone about it because I didn't want to admit a stash of butterscotches were in my shorts pocket. Because, you see, there was never enough to go around.

When I became a mom, I was vigilant, as my own mother had been. Three small children on a farm has Mom with eyes in the back of her head 24-7. We'd have the kids in the barn with us from little on, even in strollers with Rico, our German Shepherd standing guard. As watchful as a young farm mom is, once in a while the littles take off on their own adventure.

One day when our oldest was about 3, he came over to me chewing on something, and because I was the only one supplying any type of snack,

it puzzled me. Taking his small chin in hand, I gently squeezed his mouth open, and with the pointer finger of my other hand, swept through across his tongue and withdrew a slim black bug, all eight legs wiggling. He had tried to eat a bug. A very live bug. I blanched.

Another time my middle one, loving sweets, was about that same age and came to me with telltale white powdered sugar on either side of his mouth. As I looked down at him, he immediately lowered his head, guilty without saying a thing. Just that morning I had thrown mini donuts in the barn cat dish, located at that time in an open-ended shed, in plain view of a little boy who loved sweets. Especially mini white powdered sugar donuts.

I blanched. I gagged. Scooping him up, I ran into the house to rinse his mouth and for days watched intently for serious signs of something deadly. Surely, something deadly. He miraculously survived.

This same one at 5 years old crawled into our pigpen and slipped, gashing his head on a piece of metal

roofing on their pen. Why he was inside the pigpen was a mystery not solved. I was eight months pregnant with our daughter. He ran over to me, crying; blood spurting from the cut near the cowlick at the top of his head. Grabbing a cloth to stop the flow, I awkwardly picked him up, flying to the doctor where, three stitches and a lollipop later, he was smiling again.

These memories are put aside by so many more wonderful ones, working and playing and loving together. A family dairy farm, even with many dangers, is still the very best place to raise a family.

("Praise the Lord. I will extol the Lord with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly. Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all who delight in them." Psalm 111:1-2)

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



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One of my favorite flowering plants of the whole year is the incredible, show stopping hardy hibiscus, also known as rose mallow. Hybrids of native rose mallow found right here in Wisconsin, hardy hibiscus, believe it or not, are perennials here in this state.



ROB ZIMMER

Unlike tropical hibiscus, perennial hibiscus returns year after year, growing larger and larger, putting on a spectacular and flamboyant dance from the middle of July all the way through October.

Perennial hibiscus can grow quite large, reaching a height of 5-6 feet or more in three or four years. While they reach an incredible size and appear shrublike, perennial hibiscus technically are not woody

plants. Growing on fresh, semi-soft, green stems or canes each year, these prolific bloomers can be cut to the ground each year following their flowering stage.

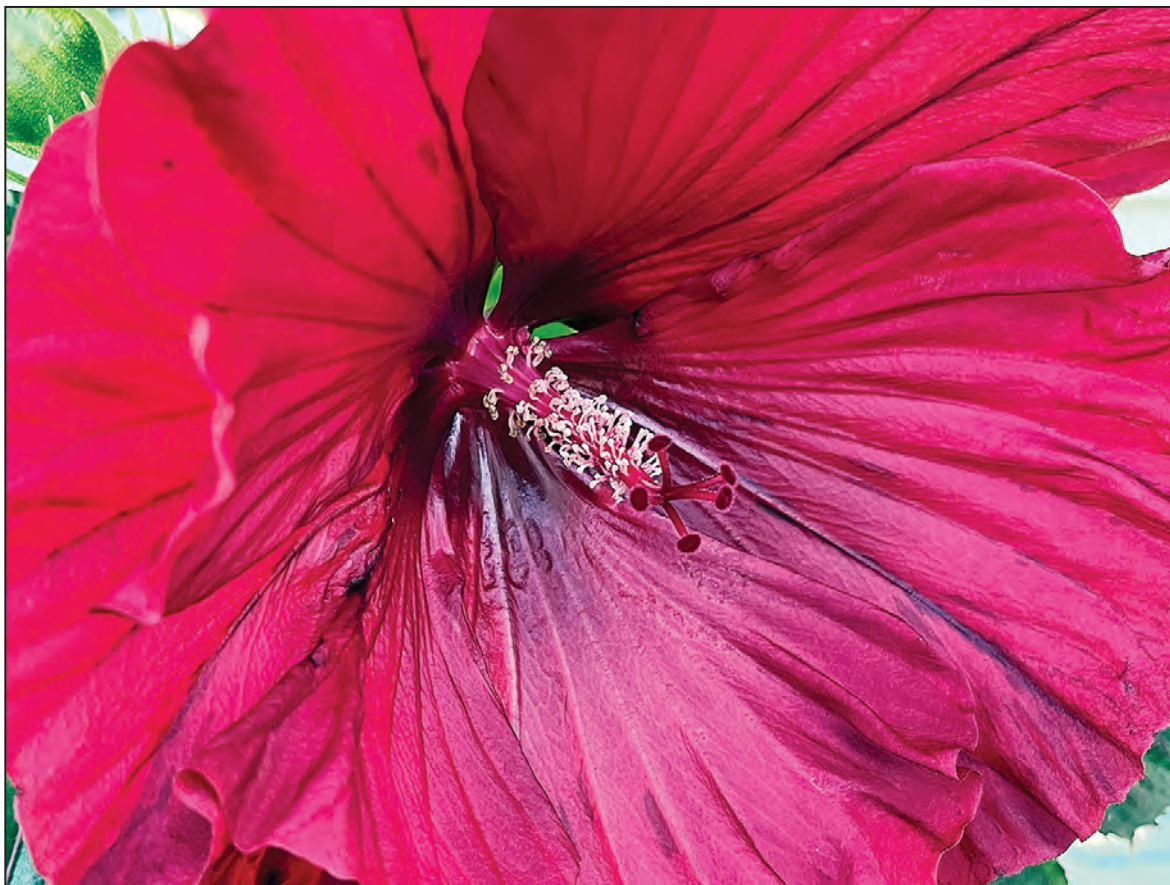
Each year, more and more varieties of hardy hibiscus are introduced to gardeners. Most of these bloom in shades of pink, red, white and fuchsia, sometimes swirled together like peppermint candy.

What gardeners love about these perennial beauties is the sheer size of the spectacular, papier-mâché blooms. In some varieties, these blooms may reach 8-10 inches across, with a dozen or more in bloom at the same time on peak days.

Nothing makes a statement in the late summer garden like hardy hibiscus in full, glorious bloom.

Hardy hibiscus are notoriously late to emerge in the spring. Often, we do not see signs of them until Memorial Day, or even after June 1. This is normal for these plants. Unfortunately, many gardeners who are out in their gardens working in April and May see no growth coming from the plant and incorrectly assume it's dead. Then, they dig it up and toss it. Be patient with these giant floral beauties.

Once they begin to emerge in early June, they quickly grow — their canes rising dramatically and budding in the middle of July. By August and September, the show has begun.



Bright red is a favorite color among gardeners who grow hardy hibiscus.

ROB ZIMMER

In addition to their massive blooms, many people enjoy growing hardy hibiscus for their stunning foliage. Some varieties feature roundish leaves, others feature heavily forked or palmated leaves. The leaves may be bright green, variegated green and white, or rich, dark purple or maroon in color.

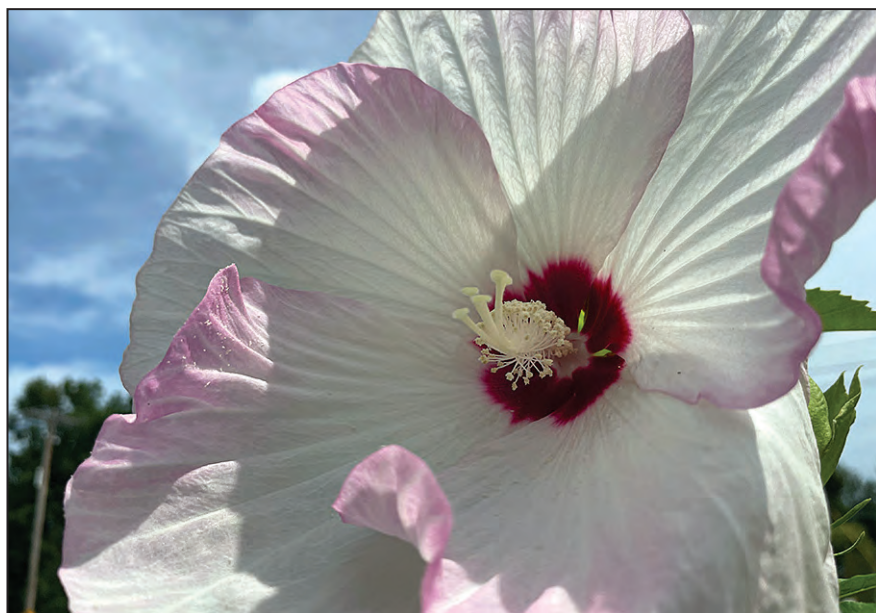
The combination of foliage and flowers make hardy hibiscus a choice perennial for your garden.

Check the plant tag closely on the varieties that you choose. Some hardy hibiscus grow well to Zone 5; others can be grown in Zone 4 gardens. All varieties should be protected in winter to ensure their

survival and their return the following year. Simply covering them with leaves or mulch is all that is needed.

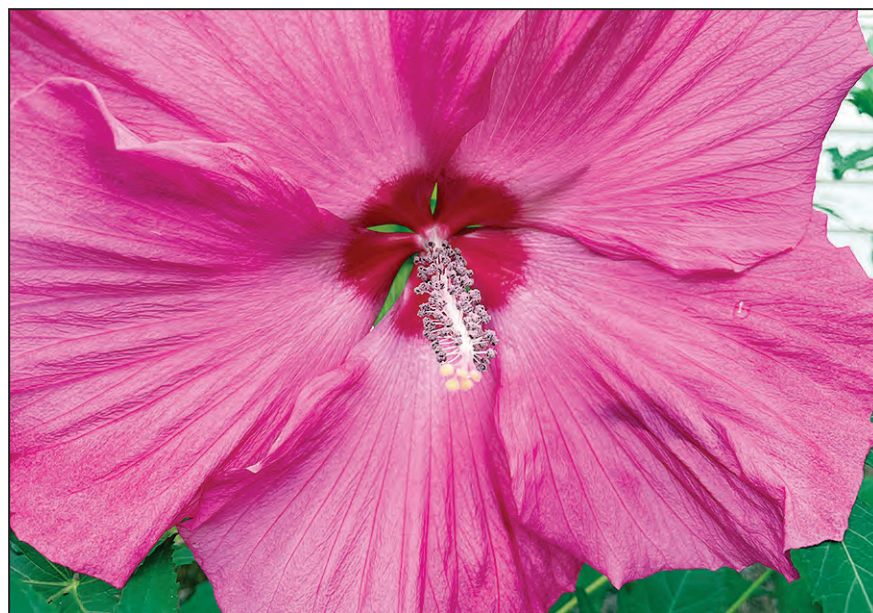
I often recommend gardeners allow their hardy hibiscus to remain standing all winter and wait until spring to cut it back. This is because of its late emergence during the spring season. By leaving the stems standing, you can see where the new growth will appear, even after the rest of the garden has flushed out.

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The massive blooms of hardy hibiscus are stunning in the August garden.

ROB ZIMMER



Hardy hibiscus blooms in shades of pink, red and white.

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Pageant dancers perform under the theater lights in the Woodland Bowl.

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Woodland Bowl ‘where they habitually dance’

‘S kew-nimihaetuaq directly translates as “where they habitually dance.” The Menominee word for the natural amphitheater in Keshena carries a richer meaning than the English moniker — the Woodland Bowl. Yet, despite one’s preferred name, it’s what habitually happens in that space that resonates through the generations.

In 1878, the Menominee nation held their first fair in Keshena, which The Green Bay Advocate noted had a 14-by-20-foot tent erected “expressly for the display of fancy articles, of bead work, bed quilts, &c (sic).” Further, the tribe offered space for oration, as “Speeches were made by two Chiefs, the Catholic Priest, Farmers, and Mr. (Indian) Agent Bridgeman.” The paper summarized, “The exhibition was one that would be a credit to many countries, and was said by many to be far ahead of a good many fairs that they attended this fall.”

The gathering, christened the Keshena Fair, became an annual event in 1910, and in 1913, Chief Oshkosh’s son, Ernest, was named as the secretary of the fair. The Green Bay Press-Gazette quoted Ernest’s recognition that the site was “the beauty spot on the Menominee Reservation.” That



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year’s fair showcased the tribe’s “various games as sports, such as lacrosse, foot races, baseball, pagan dances, etc.,” which affirmed that the tribe was cementing their performances as an unwavering cultural practice to be showcased alongside the typical American fair festivities.

The 1920 Keshena Fair coverage is the first known reportage on the significance of the space that would later be christened the Woodland Bowl. The Press-Gazette stated that “All of the event (sic) were staged in a natural amphitheater. The grounds are shaped like a saucer with a deep arena in the center and the spectators grouped about on the slope of the arena.”

In 1936, President Franklin Roosevelt’s New Deal sponsored an “all Indian crew” of the Civilian Conservation Corps to construct the formal seating for the Woodland Bowl. The tribe referred to the workers as “Wood ticks,” and the following year, the first Menominee Pageant was held before

“Tin Can Tourists” who parked their campers at the fairgrounds.

The bowl was constructed as a staging ground for Menominee theater. Beginning in 1937, the group that became the Pageant Players Guild staged productions as the highlight of the Keshena Fair. These shows included pantomiming to prerecorded stories, live music and dancing, and a multitude of stage lighting and theatrics, but the stories themselves carried messages of Menominee wisdom, perseverance and diplomacy.

The pageants were so well received in their heyday that the Shawano Evening Leader recorded that each showing of the 1958 performance had about 1,200 patrons. Further, journalists from throughout Wisconsin, Minnesota and even Sarasota, Florida, carried news of the productions.

The last of the original shows was produced in the 1970s. In 2016, at the behest of Menominee elders, the College of Menominee Nation led a revival effort that continues to be part of the build-up to the Menominee Contest Powwow to this day. On Aug. 3, CMN staged “The Indian Drum” by Napoose (John “Mani” Boyd). Originally shown in 1967, this year’s revival performance attracted north of 1,000 spectators.

In contemporary times, the Woodland Bowl has come to be known colloquially as the Menominee Powwow Grounds, with this year’s gathering marking the 54th annual celebration. After COVID-19 canceled the previous two pageants and contest powwows, this year’s poster carried the phrase “Kataes maehnoweyah”— “We are all going to be alright, things will be well with us.”

What was written in the 1939 Shawano County Journal still rings true: “The bowl is considered by many to be the most foremost outdoor theater in the Middle West.” It’s in that amphitheater that Menominee people come together with others and share their culture with all who gather in the stands.

Those of you who partook in the pageant or the powwow this year know of the awesome cultural showcases that reverberate within those events. Next August, be sure to return to ‘S kew-nimihaetuaq, as the place “where they habitually dance” is certain to host the power of Menominee performances for generations to come.

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Laurie Matson is shown with Shawano County's 392nd barn quilt on her barn at W17602 County Road M west of Tigerton.

JIM LEUENBERGER

Norwegian heritage featured in barn quilt

The pattern for Shawano County's 392nd barn quilt is a combination of the Norwegian and American flags, and it is called "Heritage."

The quilt was sponsored by Laurie Matson and is on display on her barn at W17602 County Road M, Tigerton.

"Our Norwegian ancestors came to the United States in the late 1800s," Matson said. "I wanted the quilt pattern to symbolize our Norwegian descent."

Matson, who provides home-based nursing care, purchased 10 acres from Adam Latsch six years ago.

"If I tell locals where I live, they say, 'Oh, that's the old Spieth farm,' or 'That's the old Kohler farm,'" Matson said.

The farm was a dairy farm for many years.

Matson grew up near Wittenberg, just half a mile from where she now lives. Her mom worked as a ward clerk at a nursing home, and her dad worked for the DNR. Her brother, Kip, had his own logging business as well.

Matson lived and worked in

south Florida for over 10 years. She later spent three years in Brazil, where she taught English as a second language. She also lived in Norway for three years.

After being away from the area for 20 years, Matson said she wanted a place in the country where she could enjoy some peace and quiet and have a place to raise her animals. Those animals include geese, ducks, chickens, dogs, cats, a miniature donkey and two Norwegian fjord horses.

The quilt was painted by the Shawano County barn quilt committee and was put on display by LeRoy and Keenan Raddant, both of whom work for Raddant Electric in Shawano.

Matson had thought about getting a barn quilt but wasn't sure how to go about it. So she asked her neighbor, Stacy Zimdars, who had a barn quilt, and she told her to contact the Shawano County Chamber of Commerce.

"I am so pleased that I now have a barn quilt," Matson said. "I think my Norwegian ancestors would be very pleased. It's a nice way to remember them."

CLUB NOTES

Shawano Area Writers

The July 21 meeting was held in the Elsie Engel room at the Shawano Public Library. Members attending were Svitlana Podgorna, Lee Pulaski, Manuel Moraleda, Twilla Beyer, John Mutter Jr., Tom Thorstenson, Nick Wudtke, Trudy Bosman, Wendy Goerl, and Barb King.

President Tom Thorstenson called the meeting to order. The minutes and treasurer's report were approved.

We lost a good friend this month. Dennis Vickers was a kind person. His intelligence and sharp wit will be greatly missed by all his friends.

In good news, Lee Pulaski announced that "Night of the Hodag" was published. Lee was also approached by Other World Bookstore in Sturgeon Bay about carrying some of his books, and there may be a book signing in the future.

Manny Moraleda passed around the Wisconsin Poet's Contest Calendar 2023, which contained his poem

"Lake Winnebago Water Monster."

In new business, it was discussed how to get new members. There are writers who would like to attend but will lose money if they leave their job during the day. It was decided that we could hold two meetings, one at the regular time and one at night. The day meeting would discuss business and have readings and the night meeting could have instruction and readings. The problem with a night meeting is that the library and other places with free meeting rooms are closed. Nick Wudtke suggested we meet at Stubborn Brothers and call it Booze and Books. More discussion will follow.

Trudy Bosman started the readings with two poems. The first poem was entitled, "I Don't Count," which showed that everybody counts. The second poem was entitled "It's Okay." This poem was inspired by a woman who sang on America's Got Talent. She was dying of cancer but felt that wasn't an excuse not to be

happy. You can choose to be happy anytime anywhere. She died before she could move on in the contest.

Wendy Goerl read a passage from her book "Heartstone." Kinta is at a pow wow and shows an elder, Old Talk, the crystal.

Barb King read the latest chapter from "The Children in the Garden." Jillian receives a great offer on her condo but would have to close in 30 days. She decides to sell and move into the main floor of her house, even though it is far from being finished.

Lee Pulaski has started a new book in his mystery series situated in Gresham. It is titled "The Tragic Tale of Tabby and Henny." Tabby (Tabitha) runs a chicken operation and Henny (Henrietta) rescues cats.

Manny Moraleda had a tire go flat in Appleton. He was in a parking lot unsuccessfully trying to get the spare from under the car when a stranger drove up and offered to help Manny. The stranger had no trouble removing the spare. Manny

thanked him and the stranger gave him his business card. When Manny got home, he wrote a poem called "The Kind-Hearted Man" and sent it to the stranger. The man was very surprised and happy to receive the poem.

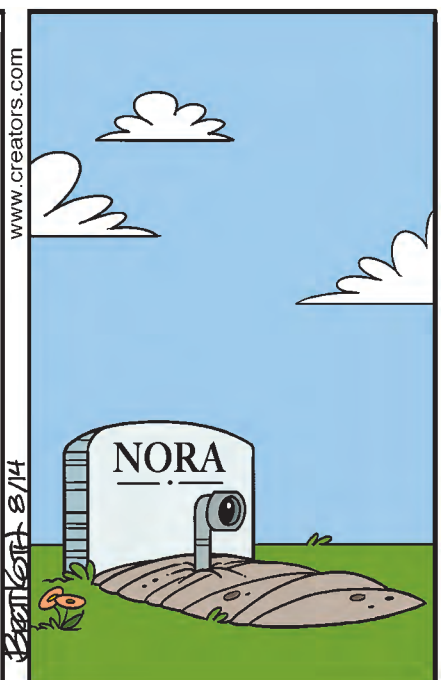
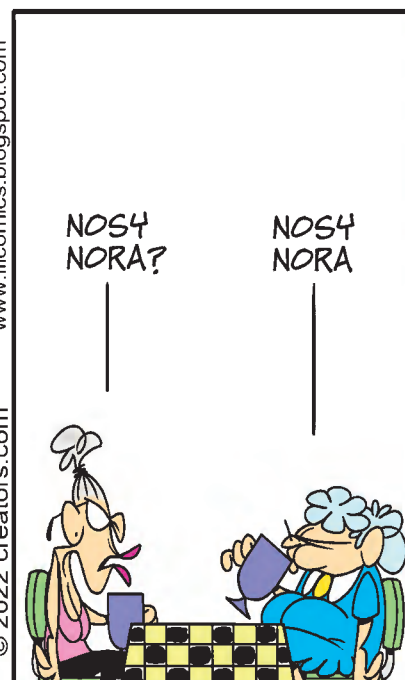
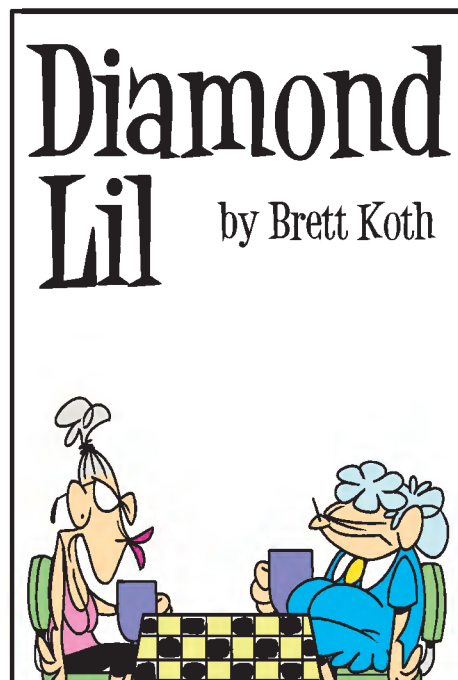
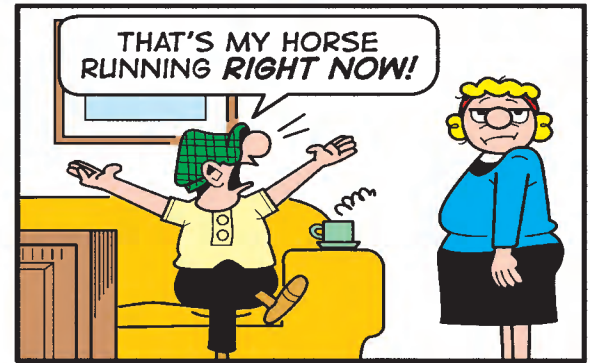
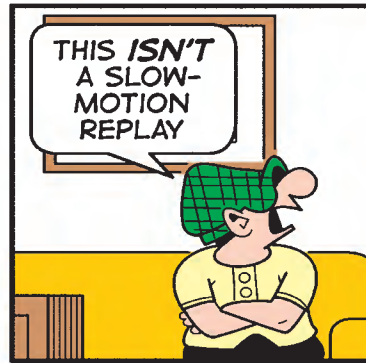
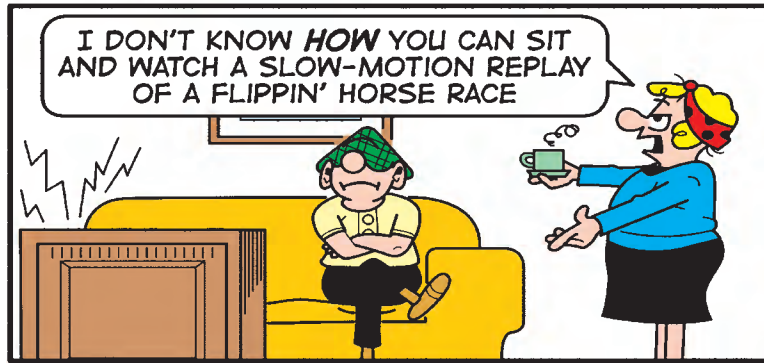
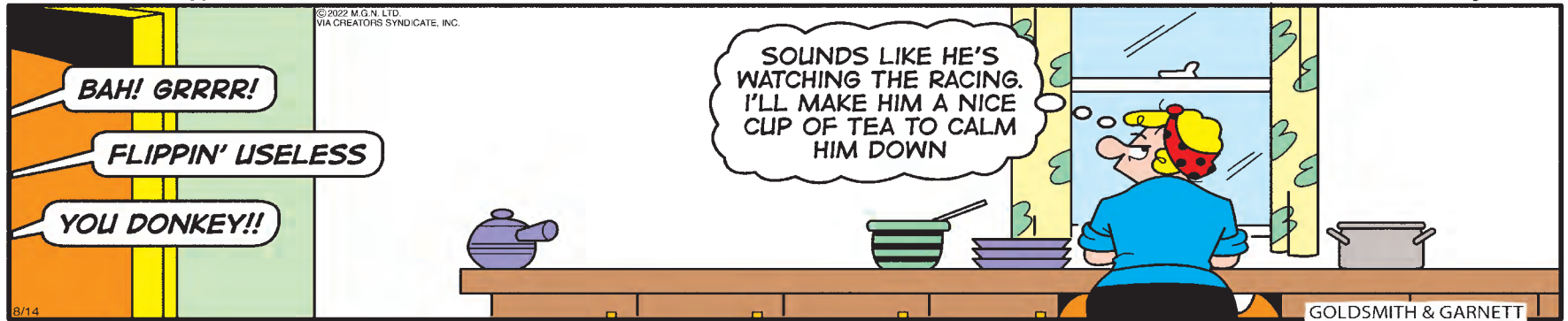
Tom Thorstenson has started writing a book titled "The Mad Scientist and His Spiders." (It's a romance.) A mad scientist has purchased a property near Dubuque, Iowa, that used to be Fort Dodge for his phony company called Leading Edge Science and Logistics. He is trying to make spiders the size of bobcats, about eight feet long.

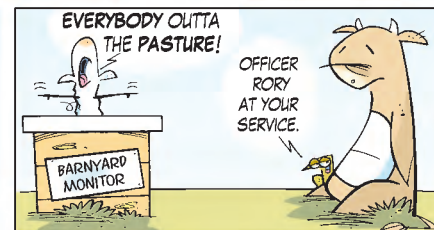
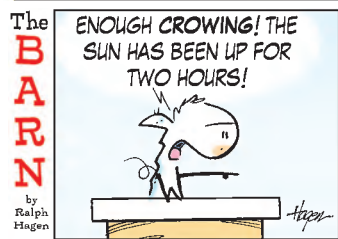
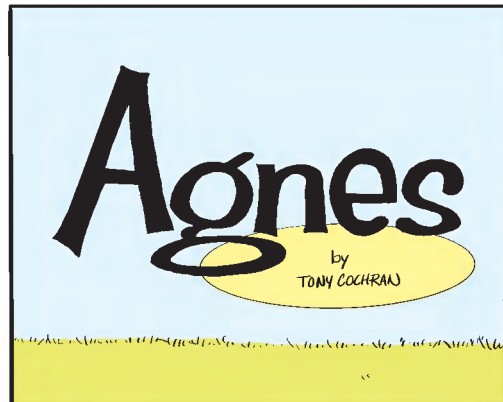
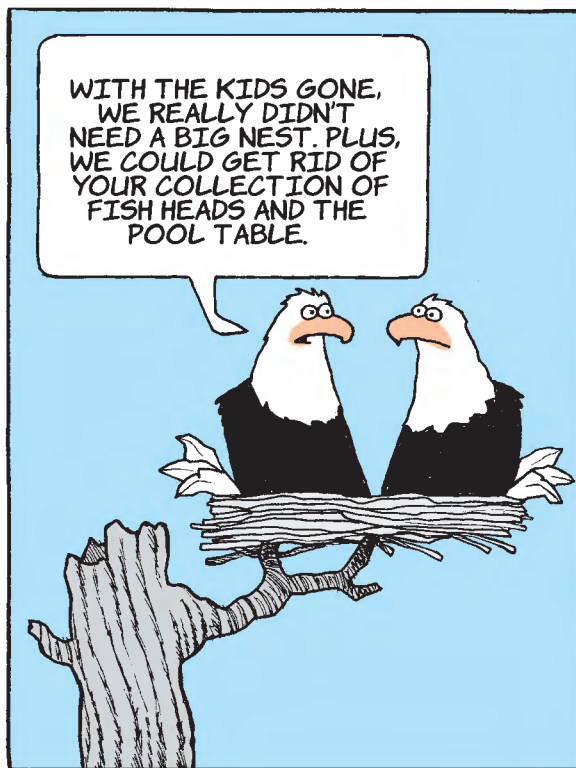
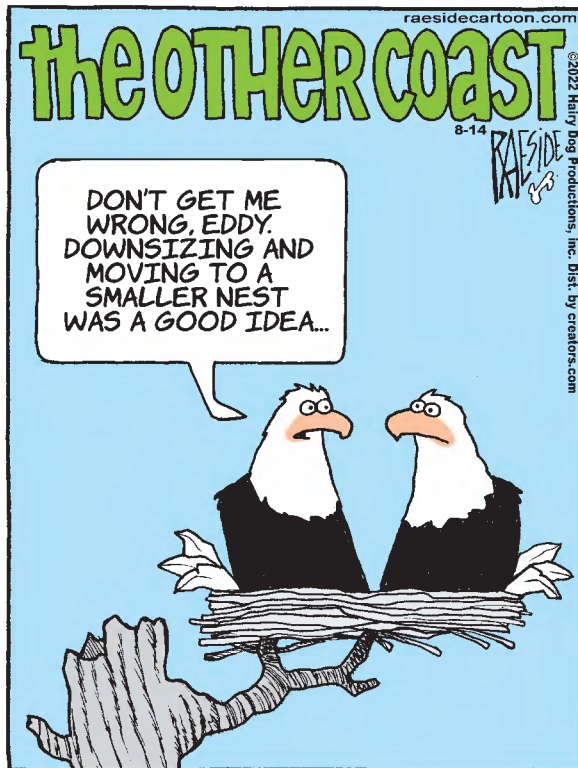
Nick Wudtke read a passage from his book "Parabolic, Magnetic Key." Dave and Mick are in a tavern in Garobansurov and Mick is telling the story of how they got their seemingly magical swords.

Shawano Area Writers meets the third Thursday of every month in the Elsie Engel Room in the Shawano Public Library from 10 a.m. to noon.

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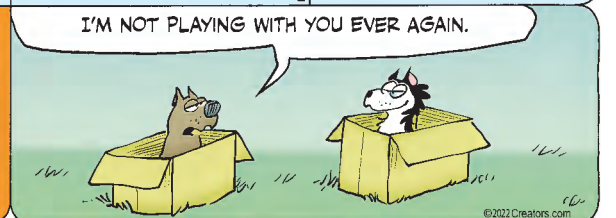
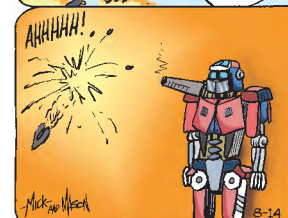
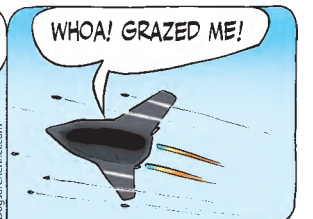
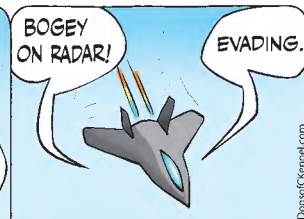
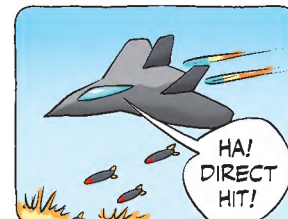
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BY MICK MASTROIANNI AND MASON MASTROIANNI

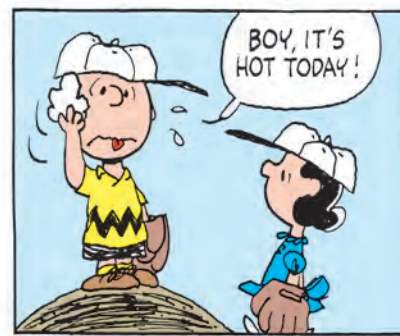
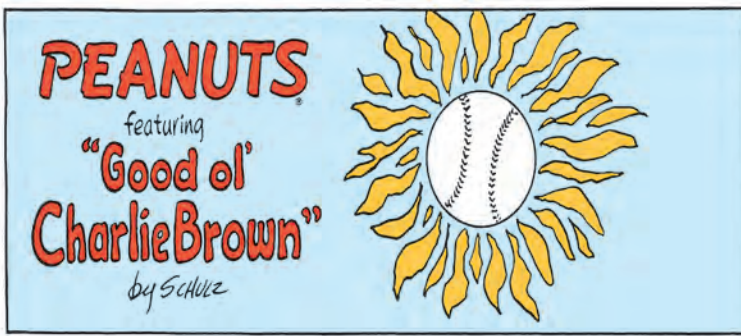


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AROUND THE COMMUNITY

'White Christmas' auditions next week

Abrams Spotlight Productions Inc. will hold auditions Aug. 23-24 for its winter musical "White Christmas," to be presented Dec. 1-4 and Dec. 8-11.

Individuals can audition from 6-8:30 p.m. either day at the Nancy Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple St., Abrams. Individuals who audition should come prepared to sing 24-32 bars of a song, preferably from a musical. They can sing a cappella or play music on their phone. The auditions will also include a reading from the script and a group choreography number. Comfortable clothing and shoes are recommended.

The musical calls for various roles, both male and female, 15 years and older, plus one actress 10-12 years old. No experience is necessary, and all are welcome to audition.

Irving Berlin's "White Christmas" tells the story of a song-and-dance team putting on a show in a Vermont inn and falling for a stunning sister act in the process. The show is full of dancing, laughter and great music. The score features "Blue Skies" and, of course, the unforgettable title song, "White Christmas."

Rehearsals will start during the last week in August and will be mainly on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday nights. Anyone interested in helping out behind the scenes can contact ASPI at 920-826-5852 or theater.aspi@gmail.com. Irving Berlin's "White Christmas" is presented through special arrangement with Concord Theatricals.

Mary Salm returns as VP with Hospital Sisters

Hospital Sisters Health System, which operates St. Clare Memorial Hospital in Oconto Falls, has announced Mary Salm will serve in a new role as vice president of mission and spiritual care.

Salm served in various roles at HSHS for 18 years, most recently as director of spiritual care, mission integration and ethics for HSHS hospitals in Wisconsin and Door County Medical Center. In June 2021, Salm left to work as the director of spiritual care for Ascension Wisconsin. Now, HSHS welcomes her back.

"With nearly two decades of experience within health care, Mary brings such value to our team," says Rachelle Barina, chief mission officer



Suring classmates gather for 60-year reunion

Twelve Class of 1962 Suring High School members met Aug. 3 for lunch at Old Smashin's Bar in Suring. Among the reuniting alumni were, from left, standing, Jim Schuettelz, Al Schuettelz, Jim Wegner, Gloria Moede Brickham, Susan Swan Hammer and Rhoda Bartz Ebersole; center, LouAnn Tousey; seated, Dick Gerndt, Jean Tuschy Breitzman and Dorothy Quandt Witt.

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MARY SALM

of HSHS. "It is such a privilege and honor to welcome her back and continue to represent our core values of respect, care, competence and joy which is lived by all who work at our hospitals."

In Salm's new role, she is a champion of efforts to integrate values and HSHS' mission of revealing and embodying Christ's healing love for all people through high-quality Franciscan health care ministry at HSHS hospitals. She helps weave workplace spirituality into culture and deepen colleagues' connection to purpose through ministry formation.

Friends selling books, raffle tickets Labor Day

The Friends of Suring Area Public Library will be busy with events

during Labor Day weekend, starting with the annual used book sale "Twice Sold Tales" Sept. 1-3 at the Village Municipal Building Learning Center, 604 Main St., Suring.

The sale will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. There will be books for all ages and reading levels, plus puzzles, board games, DVDs, CDs and audio books. VandeWalle candy bars will be sold at these book sales, along with raffle tickets.

The Friends also will be selling raffle tickets at some of the Labor Day weekend activities at the Suring Veterans Park. Raffle tickets will also be sold at the Suring Area Public Library, until 5 p.m. Sept. 3. This raffle will feature many donated baskets and other prizes. Cost of the raffle tickets are \$2 each, or three for \$5. Drawing for these prizes will be held after the noon presentations and music by the Pulaski High School Band, near the band shell at Veterans Park.

All proceeds will be used to pay for extra supplies, snacks and prizes for year-round adult and children's

program activities, special equipment at the library, other purchases and programs.

Library gets \$25K WPS grant for expansion

Wisconsin Public Services awarded a \$25,000 grant July 20 to help renovate and expand the Lakes Country Public Library.

Library Board and BEC member Linda McKenna said the renovation and expansion project will go a long way in assisting an underserved Northwoods area.

"Every other community that has a public library also has two or more schools, while, as the only CLIC (Community Learning and Information Center) we must deliver far more than free and convenient borrowing of materials such as books/periodicals/DVDs," McKenna said. "Other essential services found here range from making copies to job training to high-speed internet to signing up for health care, and so much more."

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DOWN THE ROAD: Of yellow bricks

by Billie Truitt

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5 Scornful shout
9 Coffee order
14 Lock horns (with)
19 Stuck in
20 "___ one objects . . ."
21 Radiate
22 Neighbor of Egypt
23 . . . Oz traveling song
27 Marked like a highway
28 Miss from Mexico: Abbr.
29 "Sprechen ___ Deutsch?"
30 Aleve alternative
31 First Arabic letter
33 Em, in . . . Oz
35 Prefix for comic
37 Kit ___ (candy name)
38 . . . Oz footwear
42 Choose
44 "I'll take that as ___"
45 Film noir investigator
46 Out of the way
48 English county
52 Hosp. sections
54 . . . Oz antagonist
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60 Louis Armstrong nickname
62 Hgt. above sea level
63 "Those two options won't do"
65 Op-ed piece
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70 Exercise iteration
72 . . . Oz heroine
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- 90 Be indecisive
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97 Mexican money
99 French woman
100 Feast on
102 Grp. like CARE
103 Aired, as a TV show
105 . . . Oz traveling companion
110 "Mamma ___!"
113 Overly vivid
115 Water near the Sphinx
116 ___ arms (outraged)
117 Embedded, as tiles
119 Broke ground
121 Toboggan, for instance
123 Goad
126 . . . Oz magic words
130 Snake venom, for instance
131 Censor audibly
132 Bit of a chromosome
133 School cafeteria staple
134 Town, in Germany
135 Thing of value
136 Excitable
137 Begin to awaken
211 Weep loudly
212 Field of expertise
213 Reciprocal actions
214 Unyielding
215 Sister brand of Smucker's jam
216 Lowest grades
217 Lure into wrongdoing
218 Unearth
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220 Former couples
221 Perform OK

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14 Medical centers
15 Daughter of
72 Across' portrayer
16 Taken ___ (startled)
17 Fertile Crescent land
18 "In case you ___ noticed . . ."
24 Keats or Byron
25 Clear-headed
26 Hourly pay
32 Went by plane
34 Time-honored, as folk mus.
36 One of the Furies
38 Bring up, as an objection
39 The Last of the Mohicans character
40 More frosty
41 U-turn from NNE
43 . . . Oz traveling companion
47 "There's no ___ team"
49 Texter's viewpoint introducer
50 Nothing: Fr.
51 Flubs
53 . . . Oz traveling companion
55 Inept one
56 ___ Sabe (Tonto's pal)
57 '70s tennis star
58 Air filter acronym
61 Doglike African beast
64 Do ___ (don't procrastinate)
67 "That's wonderful!"
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106 It's s. of Superior
107 Make a accusation
108 Felt disoriented
109 Illuminates
110 Household hand holders

- 111 ___ water (facing trouble)
112 Amazon assistant
114 Deceives
118 Rarely rained on
120 Merriment
122 Kitchen timer signal
124 Prefix for bus
125 Get closer to
127 Hoops group
128 Likely (to)
129 Most important

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