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Oconto Falls area crews handle two house fires in one night

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The home at 6307 Chestnut Road in the Town of Oconto Falls was gutted in an Aug. 11 fire, one of two structure fires that crews from several departments battled simultaneously.

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Middle school name, bids approved

New name seen as more consistent for Oconto Falls School District

By **WARREN BLUHM**
News Editor

The name of the new Oconto Falls middle school will be Oconto Falls Middle School.

The school board voted Aug. 14 not to retain the name Washington Middle School for the new structure, which is due to open in the fall of 2025. Voters approved replacing the aging middle school in a \$37.3 million referendum last November.

The question of the school's name was brought up at the July board meeting and placed on the agenda for a decision this month. Superintendent Dean Hess said changing the name will entail changing a variety of things from forms and letterhead to the uniforms worn by student athletes.

"The things that we miss will irritate people, but we'll work through it," Hess said. "It is what it is."

Hess acknowledged that there is sometimes confusion, at interscholastic tournaments for example, whether a reference to Washington Middle School is to the one in Oconto Falls.

"It was brought to me that if it was Oconto Falls Middle School, then there'd be no question if you were in the right place or not," he said.

The other argument in favor of the name change was consistency — the other district buildings are called Oconto Falls High School, Oconto Falls Elementary School and Abrams Elementary School.

"I like the idea of a more universal, community-type name," said board member Bryan Baumler. "Washington obviously has history and things like that behind it, but it can be a little ambiguous."

Board member Sarah Schindel asked if it was called Washington Middle School after Founding Father George Washington or simply because it's located on Washington Street.

"Nobody knows," longtime board member Ken Harter said. "I asked that question years ago."

Hess said title documents show a number of names — the structure began life as Oconto Falls High School — but the question of why it got the name Washington is apparently lost to history.

Board member Emilie Trudell said changing the name would add work for the administrative team but she found a lot of community support for the change.

"In talking in the community, it seemed very, 'Well, why wouldn't you call it Oconto Falls Middle School?' Trudell said. "I got a lot of that and also a lot of comment that 'Washington Middle School' is tied to that particular building."

Board President Clint Gardebrecht said the matter has received a lot of conversation and urged the board to make a decision.

"Unless someone has a violent objection, I don't think we need a deep philosophical discussion on this,"

Gardebrecht said.

At that, Carrie Hill moved that the new building be Oconto Falls Middle School, Baumler seconded the motion, and it was passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Earlier Brent Warren, director of construction management for Nexus Solutions, briefed the board on the latest round of bids for construction of the new school. The latest bid package included companies interested in doing site work including footings for the new building, as well as utilities into the site such as the water main, sanitary and storm sewers and bringing natural gas into the building.

The five bids, which the board approved, totaled \$3.421 million, which is \$131,870 or about 4% over the original budget for this phase of construction, which Warren said is good news.

Over budget is not ideal but this particular overrun is "not catastrophic," Warren said.

"This is a small amount of money for what the grand scheme of this whole project is," he said. "This day and age, with inflation, the construction industry the way we are, to be under 5% is good news. I'm ecstatic, I think that's great. That's 0.3% of the whole referendum; that's not a lot of dollars."

Warren also asked the board for flexibility in authorizing change orders. He recommended giving the administrative team the authority to approve change orders up to \$25,000,

with larger amounts needing the board's OK.

"The intent of this is to try to avoid a situation where a decision is timely in nature and they're wanting to make that decision within a couple days, and we don't have a board meeting for two or three weeks," Hess said.

There was some discussion whether to change the limit to \$10,000, but ultimately the board agreed with the recommendation on a 6-1 vote, with board member Chad Earley dissenting.

The main bids for the project are due in September and October. Warren said the job trailer, where the project manager and crew will be headquartered for the next two years, arrived on site the morning of Aug. 14 and construction should begin in earnest in September.

"We ought to be pouring concrete by mid-October," Warren said.

The plan is to complete the building by June or July 2025 to give the district staff time to move in by the start of the 2025-26 school year.

A handful of smaller projects approved in the referendum has been completed, Warren said. Secure entrances to the high school and elementary schools will be ready when classes begin Sept. 5, and roof work at the high school and Abrams Elementary School is finished. The roof of Oconto Falls Elementary School is on tap for the summer of 2024.

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Abrams man accused of making, selling meth

Bond was set at \$75,000 cash on Aug. 8 for an Abrams man charged with running a methamphetamine business.

Brad A. Vickman, 50, was charged in Oconto County Circuit Court with four counts of manufacturing with intent to deliver amphetamine, four counts of maintaining a drug trafficking place, 10 counts of felony bail jumping, manufacturing with intent

to deliver amphetamine or methamphetamine, possession of an electric weapon, five counts of misdemeanor bail jumping, and misdemeanor counts of possession of THC and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Judge Michael T. Judge adjourned Vickman's initial appearance until Aug. 17.

According to the criminal complaint, authorities arranged for confi-

dential informants to purchase meth from Vickman on April 20, May 5, June 1 and June 23.

Oconto and Marinette deputies working together made a traffic stop Aug. 3, allegedly seizing more than 15 grams of methamphetamine from Vickman's car along with hydrocodone pills and marijuana, according to the complaint.

Vickman was already facing a Nov.

28-29 jury trial on charges of possession with intent to deliver amphetamine and misdemeanor battery, bail jumping, disorderly conduct, and possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred June 16, 2021, and two counts of bail jumping and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Aug. 5, 2021.

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Andy Mercier turns 60

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

It's been a big year for Andy and Jenny Mercier, and not just because Andy is turning 60 this weekend.

The Merciers were honored as grand marshals of the 2023 Oconto Falls Memorial Day Parade for their longtime commitment to the city and its Memorial Day Celebration in particular.

Married in 1988, Andy and Jenny were owner-operators of Mercier's Hotel and Sports Bar, running two citywide softball and volleyball leagues until they sold the business in 2006. Their base of operations since 2007 has Mercier's Fastop, the Shell gas station and convenience store at 221 N. Chestnut Ave., Oconto Falls.

A graduate of Oconto Falls High School, Andy worked with Duane Rogatski to run the softball tournament that is one of the centerpiece of the Memorial Day festivities, at a time when the Jaycees ran the concession stand and the local Kiwanis Club headed up the carnival. He started helping out full time after Rogatski retired, and the Merciers have been active with the celebration and local business leaders for more than 30 years.



Andy and Jenny Mercier ride as grand marshals in the Oconto Falls Memorial Day parade May 29. CONTRIBUTED

Fall prevention class scheduled in Oconto

The Oconto County Commission on Aging is offering a three-week program designed to empower older men and women to reduce falls at home and in the community, starting in late September.

Age Well Without Falls is scheduled to run weekly from 9-11 a.m. Sept. 26, Oct. 3 and Oct. 10 in the council chambers of the Oconto Municipal Building, 1210 Main St., Oconto.

The small-group instruction sessions feature a variety of topics, and are designed to be fun and interactive. A \$20 suggested donation per person covers all three sessions, supplies and snacks.

Space is limited. Interested people are urged to call Carol at 920-373-1441 for more information or to register. If this location does not meet your needs, call to be placed on a waiting list for future classes.

Historical society to hold homecoming dinner

The Suring Area Historical Society is sponsoring its annual homecoming dinner again Sept. 3 at Romy's Holiday Inn, 9600 County Road G, Suring.

Doors open at 4:30 p.m. with a dinner of chicken and tips being

served at 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$30 per person, and registration is due by Aug. 20. Registration can be mailed to SAHS, P.O. Box 85, Suring, WI 54174.

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One-mile radius school bus limit remains

Oconto Falls doing all it can to avoid expanding the limit to two miles

By **WARREN BLUHM**
News Editor

Because of the ongoing school bus driver shortage, the 2023-24 school year will likely get underway with bus service still not available for students within one mile of Oconto Falls schools, the school board learned at

its Aug. 14 meeting.

The board's transportation committee met several times in the past month to discuss driver compensation and brainstorm different ways to get the word out about the need for school bus drivers, Superintendent Dean Hess reported.

The one-mile restriction was implemented a year ago because, like many school districts, Oconto Falls has been unable to recruit enough drivers to provide full bus service to all students. State law allows districts to withhold bus service to students within two miles if deemed necessary.

"We're in the process of creating a video, which we will get out as soon as it's ready, which identifies the possible perspective of drivers, what it is to be a driver for the Oconto Falls School District," Hess said.

One new driver is about to begin training, in addition to an existing trainee, and the district has two or three substitute drivers with limited

availability, Hess said. On the down side, one driver is currently on medical leave and may not be available to start the new year. The first day of class is Sept. 5.

"The committee's consensus was, based on all of this information, we want to make sure we're as up front and candid as we can," he said. "At this point we don't feel that it's reasonable to think that we're going to be able to re-establish transportation service inside the one-mile radius for the '23-24 school year."

The district is doing everything it can to sustain existing service, Hess said, adding that given the age of the current group of drivers, newly recruited drivers are essentially helping to sustain the status quo.

"Obviously it would be great if at some point we were surprised and able to change that trajectory," he said.

Board member Sarah Schindel, who chairs the committee, said the shortage remains despite a "valiant effort" by administration and staff to bolster the school bus driver force.

"The one thing that really resonated with me in the discussions was

that at this point, we're obviously working toward getting more drivers, but we're almost at the point where we're trying to prevent (implementing) a two-mile radius," Schindel said.

New board member Carrie Hill said she was pleased to see the district working on one perceived disincentive for drivers, misbehavior on the school buses.

"There is a very good plan in place and a very good followup right now," Hill said. "If there is an issue on the bus, the communication is immediate, the parents are brought into the situation, and that is a big step in the right direction for everybody involved."

Hess reminded the board that the school bus driver shortage is not unique to Oconto Falls. School districts across the state and country are grappling with the challenge, he said.

"In a lot of ways, we're actually leveraged in a little bit better situation," he said. "A lot of that has to do with the support of the board and the community for drivers to retain what we have."

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Please take notice that a public hearing will be held before the Village Board of the Village of Lena, Wisconsin on August 21, 2023, at 5:45 p.m. at the Village of Lena Municipal Building located at 117 E. Main Street, Lena, WI.

The Village of Lena Code of Ordinances have been updated, including Part 1: Administrative Legislation, Part 2: General Legislation, and Part 3: Land Use Legislation.

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Fires gut two Oconto Falls area homes

Determining the causes expected to take some time

By **WARREN BLUHM**
News Editor

Close to a dozen area fire departments responded the evening of Aug. 11 after two home fires broke out within an hour of each other just outside the City of Oconto Falls.

Crews were called to Lot 32 in the Oconto Falls Mobile Home Park, 7792 County I, in the Town of Stiles, just after 6 p.m., for a blaze that began in the kitchen area of the home occupied by Faith Gunderson, according to Oconto Falls Fire Chief Tim Magnin.

Gunderson was not home when the fire broke out, and investigators suspect it had been burning for a while before it was discovered, Magnin said. A 3-month-old puppy lost its life in the fire.

As they were cleaning up after that fire, another call came in just after 7 p.m. at the Jacob Nicklaus residence, 6307 Chestnut Road in the Town of Oconto Falls, Magnin said.

"It was a basement fire, and we contained it to a small area of the basement," he said. "But after a couple hours, we were called again for a rekindle."

Most of the damage to the home, which Nicklaus shared with his three young sons, occurred during the second flareup, Magnin said.

"It extended itself really fast, and



Warning tape remains in place Aug. 14 and fire damage can be seen through the front door of the mobile home at 7792 County I, Lot 32, in the Town of Stiles, after an Aug. 11 fire destroyed the home's interior.

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the wind had picked up," he said.

Fire crews were at the Chestnut Road scene from about 7:15 p.m. until after 6 a.m. Aug. 12.

Investigators were at both scenes for many hours Aug. 12, working to determine a cause of the fires.

"It will probably take some time to figure out the causes," Magnin said Aug. 14. "We've determined the area of origin in both fires, but finding the exact cause will probably take a while."

Brother-in-law Brandon Barth started a Go Fund Me page for the Nicklaus family to help with clothes and temporary housing. Go to GoFundMe.com and search for "Brandon Barth" or "House fire assistant."

Riverview Alliance Church said the family needs clothes in "boys size 8 slim and medium/large shirts, and maybe coat size 10/12 winter coat; boys size 6 slim and small/medium shirts, coat size 8/10; and size 3T for a toddler

who is still in diapers."

Magnin said the Oconto Falls Fire Department received assistance from several departments — including Lena, the City and Town of Gillett, Green Valley-Morgan, Oconto, Little River, Suring, Underhill, Pensaukee and Pulaski. The Oconto Falls and Gillett Area Ambulance Services also stood by. No one was injured.

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Metallica gives NWTC \$100K in scholarships

Metallica Scholars Initiative has awarded Northeast Wisconsin Technical College \$100,000 in scholarships to make college possible for students pursuing high-wage careers.

The goal of the initiative is to support students looking to fill workforce shortages in skilled careers. Celebrating its fifth year, MSI was created through the rock band's philanthropic foundation, All Within My Hands, and the American Association of Community Colleges as an opportunity to build sustainable communities through quality workforce training. Today, MSI supports 42 colleges and more than 6,000 students nationwide to pursue

high-paying careers in growing fields.

"The Metallica Scholars Initiative is so important to us because we are seeing results. Five years in, with the help of community colleges across the country, we are helping people fill these essential jobs which require skills and training. We are so proud and grateful that we can facilitate this program," said Lars Ulrich, Metallica.

Up to 100 NWTC students are eligible to receive a \$1,000 scholarship toward programs in health sciences, construction, transportation, human services and manufacturing.

"NWTC is honored to be a part of the Metallica Scholars Initiative and

join this collaborative partnership to transform, strengthen and inspire lives through higher education," said Crystal Harrison, NWTC foundation director. "This generous contribution paves the way for our students to explore high-paying, in-demand careers that will positively impact their lives and community. This is more than just a donation; it's a gift that keeps on giving."

NWTC is one of the three colleges from Wisconsin joining the MSI roster. The applicants are competitively selected from a pool of applicants from across the country to transform the futures of students in their communities.

"The Metallica Scholars Initiative is a strong and cooperative assemblage of the nation's best community colleges, creating a supportive climate for participants to communicate directly and share best practices. As a result, our Metallica Scholars leave the program well-trained and confident," said Peter Delgrosso, All Within My Hands executive director.

These newly added colleges join 31 veteran institutions that were invited to continue in the program and to help play an important role in guiding the success of the new colleges.

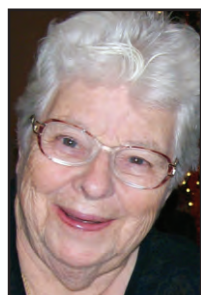
NWTC students can apply for the scholarship at nwtc.edu/scholarships.

OBITUARIES

Mary Oninski, 97, Oconto Falls, died Monday morning, Aug. 7, 2023, at Rennes West in Peshtigo. She was born June 16, 1926, in the city of Souris on Prince Edward Island, Canada, to Henry and Anna (McCor-mack) Mallard.

Following graduation from high school, she met her future husband. On Feb. 24, 1955, she married Felix Oninski. Because of her husband's job, the family moved to Oconto Falls where they raised their seven children together. "Mary O," as she was affectionately known by many, was a dedicated wife, mother and grandmother while always being active in her community.

Along with her late good friend Marie Magnin, they started the annual Avenue of Lights in Oconto Falls. Mary was at one time active in the Altar Rosary Society at St.



Anthony Catholic Parish in Oconto Falls and helped serve meals for funerals and their elementary students.

She was also employed by the Oconto Falls Public School District

for many years as a custodian and crosswalk guard, where she loved looking out for the kids' safety.

She was also once very active in the local Girl Scouts Troop. Living close to Memorial Field in Oconto Falls, she loved the annual Memorial Day weekend celebrations as well as hosting chili tailgates prior to high school football games. Mary enjoyed gardening, canning and serving regular turkey dinners for her family and

Mary Oninski

friends, as well as making her special brownies for her many friends and co-workers. Baking cookies for her grandchildren brought her great joy.

Mary will be lovingly remembered as someone always willing to help a friend and make others smile.

Survivors are her seven children, Robert "Nin," Kay, Brenda, Ronald (fiancé Marie Schwartz) Oninski, Joanne (Troy) Drews, Gail Oninski (Jaime Jastab) and James "Jimbo" (Anna) Oninski; 11 grandchildren, Mike (Jolene) Maedke, Pam Maedke, Kim (Jon) Land, Shannon (Jeff) Minzlaff, Amanda (Jacob Brooks) Oninski, Miriah (Kevin Provencher) Oninski, Jennifer (Sean) Brazzell, David (Jennifer Christensen) Drews, John LaTona, Zack (Claire Nate) Oninski and Grace (Nate Sauter) Oninski; nine great-grandchildren, Brylee, Lane, Harper, Charlie,

Alfred, Emmitt, Tessa, Jaxon and Kylee; her Canadian family, Daniel Stanley and Karen (Brian) McClintock; two sisters, Helen MacDonald and Isabelle McDonnell; nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Felix, in 1995; four brothers, Joe, Charlie, Leo and Jim Mallard; and one sister, Gerri Jenkins.

Visitation was held from 3-7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 11, 2023, at Jones Funeral Service in Oconto Falls, followed by a prayer service. Graveside services took place 10 a.m. Saturday in St. Anthony Catholic Cemetery, Oconto Falls.

The Oninski family would like to thank Rennes West in Peshtigo, in particular CNA Nicole and daughter-in-law Anna for the care and concern given Mary over the years.

Robert L. McDowell, 88, of Gillett, passed away on Tuesday, Aug. 8, 2023. Robert was born on April 5, 1935, to the late Roland McDowell and Edna (Ruege) Coopman.

He graduated from Gillett High School with the class of 1953. On Sept. 24, 1955, Robert married Dorothy Quandt at St. John Lutheran Church in Gillett. Robert worked as a machine operator at Scott Paper Mill for over 39 years until his retirement. He was an avid sports fan and loved the Milwaukee Brewers and the Green Bay Packers. Robert also enjoyed gardening and getting breakfast with his friends.

Robert is survived by his wife, Dorothy; four children, Rhonda Ropella, Brenda (Jeff) Kadlec,



Mark (Lisa) McDowell and Michael (Vickie) McDowell; grandchildren, Ryan, Travis, Tara and Rachel (Andy) Van Bostel, Nicole, Adam (Tina) and Andrew (fiancée

Miranda) Kadlec, Ashley (Nathan) Tilley, Michael (Ashley) McDowell, Taylor (Anthony) Vandehei and Emily Konitzer; great-grandchildren, Carter, Kiley, Cayden, Carley, Ella, Leah, Tanner, Blake, Maci, Mariah, Malayha, Makenzi, Madisen, Olivia, Ava and Gavin; sisters-in-law, RoJean Quandt and Phyllis

McDowell; and brother-in-law, Donald Schultz.

He is further survived by many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; stepfather, Charles Coopman; son, James; brother, John McDowell; sister-in-law, Donna Schultz; brother-in-law, Marvin Quandt; two infant grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

Visitation was held on Saturday, Aug. 12, 2023, at St. John Lutheran Church in Gillett from 9 a.m. until

the funeral service at 11 a.m. with Pastor Chris Byars officiating.

Special thanks to Rita Barke,

Faye Koenig Wagner, Jennifer Kaempf, Mary Krueger, the nurses of ThedaCare at Home Hospice and Gillett Area Ambulance for the care and compassion offered to Robert and his family during their time of need.

Gruetzmacher Funeral Home in Suring

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



Robert L. McDowell

Bruce Paulson

Bruce K. Paulson, 74, passed away at The Bay Nursing Home in Suring on June 29, 2022. He had been ill for some time. Bruce was born on Sept. 23, 1947, to the late Kenneth and Doris (Johnson) Paulson.

He was a man of many interests and hobbies. In his younger years, Bruce worked as a VISTA volunteer on the Menominee Indian Reservation where he learned to speak the Menominee language. Later on, he worked in Minneapolis. There he was active in the Norwegian community and participated in a Norwegian



Dane Troupe. Other interests included collecting old 78 vinyl records and piano rolls for his player piano.

Bruce had a beautiful tenor voice and he and his friend, LouAnn

Tousey, sang for weddings, funerals, church services and other local events.

Bruce was well known for his

quick wit. With a love for genealogy, he traced his Swedish heritage back to the 1500s. Bruce compiled two books important to the Town of How area, which includes Suring. The first book, "Glimpses Into Suring's History," published in 1973, included a series of articles from the Oconto County Reporter. Arnold Perlick, a friend, saved original glass plate negatives taken by A.C. Cato, an early Suring photographer, which helped immensely for the pictures in this book.

Paulson's next book was a Town

of How Scrapbook with news items from 1875 to 1907. This publication included records for the Town of How, Oconto County. Paulson worked with many people to establish their personal family genealogies.

Bruce donated his body to the University of Wisconsin for medical research.

His remains will be buried in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery at a later date. Per Bruce's request, no service will be held.

He is survived by two sisters, nieces and nephews.

Post office renamed for longtime postmaster

Brzezinski was Krakow postmaster for 40 years

By **WARREN BLUHM**
News Editor

Romuald “Bud” Brzezinski was honored during the 1998 Wisconsin Sesquicentennial as the longest-serving postmaster in the Badger State.

He retired the next year after 40 years in charge of the U.S. Post Office in Krakow, having spent a total of 46 years working for the U.S. Postal Service.

These facts were recounted Aug. 8 as the post office building in Krakow was officially dedicated as the Romuald “Bud” Brzezinski Post Office in his memory.

U.S. Rep. Mike Gallagher introduced the bill two years ago and shepherded the measure through Congress after being approached by Brzezinski’s nephew Michael Poradek, director of administration for St. Norbert Abbey in De Pere.

A lifelong resident of Krakow, Brzezinski set a legacy of service to the community, Poradek said.

“He loved the people in the community. He loved learning about the people, talking to them, being able to work with them at the post office, and being involved in so many civic organizations, being a poll worker locally, which he took so seriously, and all the different ways that he contributed to the life of this Krakow community and beyond,” Poradek said. “So it’s a great privilege to all of us in the family to be able to recognize him and for this community to recognize him in this way.”

Poradek said “faith, family and the Green Bay Packers” were his uncle’s greatest passions. Gallagher noted that Brzezinski held Packers season tickets for 50 years, attended the famous Ice Bowl game and missed only three Packers games during one 40-year stretch. He started going to games with his father in the 1930s and saw all of the legendary team leaders play, from Curly Lambeau to Aaron Rodgers.

“But the true legend of Bud may be in the way he served his family and his community,” Gallagher said. “Bud was one of three original commissioners of the local sanitary district, where he started as secretary and later became treasurer. He was a member of the Pulaski Knights of Columbus and an active member of St.



The U.S. Post Office in Krakow is renamed Aug. 8 in honor of its longtime postmaster, the late Romuald “Bud” Brzezinski. Celebrating the unveiling are, from left, U.S. Rep. Mike Gallagher, Brzezinski’s brother George, his widow Delores, nephew Michael Poradek and son Bob Brzezinski. WARREN BLUHM | NEW MEDIA



Several dozen friends, family members and colleagues turn out Aug. 8 as the U.S. Post Office in Krakow is renamed in honor of longtime postmaster Romuald “Bud” Brzezinski. WARREN BLUHM | NEW MEDIA

Casimir Parish. He was secretary of not one but two bowling leagues, and he bowled for three different teams in a Wednesday night league, all this in addition to being secretary of the sportsmen club for 15 years. Bud lived an absolutely incredible life.”

It literally takes an act of Congress to rename a post office. The honoree must be a person of significant stature from within the community, and a member of the indi-

vidual’s family must make a formal request to a member of Congress, Gallagher said.

Even then, the process that began with Poradek’s inquiry to Gallagher took two years to get through the House and Senate.

“Even simple, common-sense bills and measures like this can sometimes take a little while to nudge across the finish line,” the congressman said. “At times it felt like it may take

“A true public servant, Bud became postmaster in 1958 after working for six years as a substitute rural carrier and clerk here in Krakow.”

JEFF DRAKE, United States Postal Service district manager for Wisconsin

as many years to pass this as Bud served for the Postal Service, but finally at the end of last Congress, we were able to get it across the finish line and pay tribute to Bud’s life.”

Jeff Drake, USPS district manager for Wisconsin, said naming the post office after Brzezinski was particularly fitting.

“A true public servant, Bud became postmaster in 1958 after working for six years as a substitute rural carrier and clerk here in Krakow,” Drake said. “Only those individuals held in high esteem are considered for this honor. Bud is one of those individuals. By dedicating this building, we pay tribute to Bud and all the public servants who make significant contributions to our country and our communities.”

New middle school eyed for Shawano

Facility expected to take up much of the \$93M referendum that could go to voters

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Plans are solidifying for a capital referendum that could go before Shawano School District voters in April 2024, and they could include building a new middle school.

The new school building is the cornerstone of an overall referendum project that could cost around \$93 million to complete, if voters approve. The middle school alone is expected to cost \$60 million and would be built adjacent to Olga Brener Intermediate School, according to a presentation from Jody Andres, the K-12 consultant with Hoffman Planning, which was hired to develop potential referendum plans for the district.

"We talked about sharing a site," Andres said. "We also talked that it would make sense to share some of those elements as a consolidated complex. In reality, they would be two separate buildings. You're not talking about putting middle school students into Brener or younger students into the new middle school. There would be a connection that would allow staff, resources and other things to flow back and forth without having to go outside, but you'd have two schools."

Among the employees that would be moving between the two schools would be social workers, psychologists and others that already hop from one school to another, Andres said, but the new setup would allow them to move between them without having to travel far.

"They would have a home base at Brener," Andres said. "What that means is they would have resources and space at the middle school."

He added that the new middle school would likely not include a full media center, the modern term for a library, but allow for any materials and equipment to be housed at Olga Brener and then taken to the middle school when needed.

"That would save some space," Andres said.

Currently, the district's community education program is located at SCMS. The new plans would put it at Olga Brener, according to Andres, who said that there's room for community education the same as for the Shawano Boys and Girls Club.



Jody Andres, K-12 consultant for Hoffman Planning, lays out the current plans for an April 2024 referendum, which includes a new middle school to be built adjacent to Olga Brener Intermediate School.

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"It's a pretty good fit and pretty good utilization of Brener's space," Andres said.

The current middle school building, which is just down the road from Olga Brener on South Union Street, would be demolished due to it being about 70 years old and becoming increasingly more expensive to maintain, according to Andres. Shawano Community Middle School was part of a successful voter referendum in November 2015 for \$9.5 million, which is still being paid off by the school district. It was also part of a discussion in 2022 for closure on its own and consolidating students in the three remaining schools as part of a plan to close up a \$2 million deficit.

Eight years later, though, district officials and Shawano School Board members are acknowledging that their plans to improve and develop all of its schools can't include the existing SCMS. Whether the voters agree, however, will depend on the success of a community survey ex-

pected to go out in the fall and gauge support for all the projects planned to move forward.

Besides the new middle school, a 2024 referendum could include renovations at Hillcrest Primary School for a day care facility and moving the Achieve Academy for at-risk high school students to Shawano Community High School itself instead of keeping it at Olga Brener. There are also massive improvements planned for SCHS, according to Andres.

"We're going to do updates at the high school, including academics, performing arts, tech ed and fitness," he said. "We're going to talk about the pool and our athletic fields area."

For performing arts, Andres said, the SCHS plans include more space for music education, scene shops and costume storage. There's also a green room in the plans and updating the auditorium for rigging, lights, a sound system and more. The 700-plus seats in the auditorium would also be replaced, he said, and an orchestra pit would be installed for

when the school performs musicals.

On the athletic side, plans include renovating the locker rooms and adding a fitness center, according to Andres. However, a big question remains on what to do about the school's pool and athletic fields, which hasn't been decided yet.

"If we fix the pool, that would be about \$5 million," Andres said. "If we move the athletic fields, that'd be about \$9.1 million, and if we don't fix the pool and turn that into the fitness center, that would be about \$2.3 million."

The high school improvements, even without the pool and athletic fields, are expected to cost around \$22.8 million, Andres said.

Preliminary estimates indicate that the \$93 million project could cost taxpayers \$1.60 to \$1.70 per \$1,000 of equalized valuation, which means that the owner of a \$200,000 home would be paying an additional \$320 to \$340 in school taxes.

PSC approves Pulaski water main project

Riesterer and Schnell can tap into village water supply without property annexation

By **KEVIN MURPHY**
Correspondent

State utility regulators have approved a village of Pulaski request to extend a water main into the town of Angelica to serve an expanding John Deere dealership.

The 8-inch main would extend less than a mile up state Highway 32 to the Riesterer and Schnell John Deere dealership, which is building a large sales and service building and needs more water to adequate fire protection, according to documents filed with the Wisconsin Public Service Commission.

The PSC has 45 days to act on requests to extend municipal water services into unannexed areas beyond its boundaries. However, the construction application the village filed in January didn't detail who would be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the main, delaying the approval process.

The project is to be paid for and installed by the developer, KT Van, LLC, owner of Riesterer and

Schnell, and then owned and operated by the village, according to Robert E. Lee and Associates, the project's engineers.

The village is not requiring the Riesterer and Schnell to annex its property into the village in exchange for being served with Pulaski water.

Pulaski water customers won't pay for any part of the project, Village President Keith Chambers said Aug. 8.

The water main has an estimated cost of \$233,000, according to the PSC's Aug. 2 order approving the project. It will provide 700 gallons of water per minute to the new building at N2909 State Highway 32.

The village's two wells produce 1,530 gpm, and this spring, village concluded an agreement with the city of Green Bay to extend a water main to the village at an estimated cost of at least \$11.5 million. That project is subject to Department of Natural Resource and PSC approval.

Chambers hoped to have Green Bay piped to the village by the fall of 2025.

Riesterer and Schnell had begun construction of its new sales and service building earlier this year but efforts to contact the company this week were unsuccessful.

Riesterer and Schnell choose to seek water from the village as it is a less costly option of providing it themselves. The cost of a private well, storage tanks and associated infrastructure is an estimated \$500,000, according to the PSC order.

The installation of the main along the Highway 32 right-of-way was initially scheduled to begin in May. However, the incomplete application caused delays, preventing authorized construction until August. Once underway, the project is expected to be completed in about two months.

Earlier this year, Chambers said that he didn't expect the new water main to promote much other economic development. The area is

largely farmland and the only commercial business, Performance Body Shop would have to pay \$69,000 to tie into the village's water and sewer systems, said Chambers.

The PSC order noted that since 2017, the water utility has problems typically associated with leaky mains. Last year, it received no revenue for 32,420 gallons of water that it pumped, treated and distributed at a \$96,195 loss of revenue. Adding depreciation expenses boosted the amount of revenue loss to \$127,494, according to the order.

The PSC conditioned approval of the Riesterer and Schnell water main project on the village conducting a detailed water audit that identifies real from apparent water losses.

The agency said it would help the water utility identify and evaluate measures for reducing non-revenue water.

Chambers said the village has inspected every foot of water main but expects that its water loss is in locations where it's undetectable.

Shawano County tourism has record year in 2022

Chamber's tourism manager reports room tax brings in millions to area for visitor promotion

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

More and more people are making the trek to Shawano County, according to a report on the county's room tax presented Aug. 9 to the Shawano Common Council.

Michelle Eron, tourism manager for the Shawano County Chamber of Commerce, said the county had a record-breaking year in 2022, generating millions in room tax revenues.

"We work hard to promote our area as a destination to increase travel and expenditures in both Shawano and Menominee counties," Eron said. "As a result of our advertising and marketing efforts, visitor spending was up 15.2% in 2022."

According to the city of Shawano figures, \$132,445.25 was collected in



MICHELLE ERON

2022, with more than \$76,000 of it coming in between April and September. Of that amount, \$39,403.64 went to the city for its own promotional efforts, while the remainder was earmarked for

further tourism advertising.

A key marketing effort is the annual visitor guide, of which Eron said the chamber distributes 55,000 copies where needed at local businesses, to organizations and at events that promote tourism. Besides the print copies, there's also a digital version on the chamber's website.

Eron noted that the chamber uti-

lizes one billboard on state Highway 29 to direct traffic to its office, where a vestibule is open 24 hours to provide tourism information to visitors.

"We will be continuing the directional billboard on Highway 29 and changing the design in the coming months," Eron said.

Tourism also got a little boost from the installation of the county's 400th barn quilt last year, according to Eron, as area media spread the word about the state's largest conglomeration of the wooden quilt squares.

"We saw an increased interest in this project, and visitors came in to purchase barn quilt books, T-shirts," she said, adding that visitors "wanted to obtain more area (information) about Shawano Country and what else there is to do here."

Eron also touted the explosion of attention to the chamber's Facebook page for tourism. She said the site saw more than 101,600 post impressions last year, up from 18,661 in 2021.

"This effort will continue to be a strong marketing tool in the future," Eron said.

She added that the chamber office's location near the junction of state highways 29 and 22 makes it the "front door" for area information. Highway 29 connects Wausau and Green Bay, Eron noted, so it allows the chamber to entice new businesses and residents to the county.

Eron said the chamber is planning to revamp its website to further improve the stream of information to visitors.

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"As a result of our advertising and marketing efforts, visitor spending was up 15.2% in 2022."

MICHELLE ERON, Shawano County Chamber of Commerce tourism manager

Cultures combine as Koreans visit tribe

Stockbridge-Munsee tribe has hosted visitors for 12 years, sharing best of both worlds

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

The Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians has spent almost a week playing host to 40 Koreans currently living in Washington, D.C. The chance to share values and traditions culminated into a Korean Cultural Exchange night held Aug. 10 at the Mohican Family Center in the Town of Bartelme.

Members of the tribe and other visitors were treated to a variety of traditional Korean dishes served up by the women of the delegation in Korean attire, with the line winding long into the family center's gymnasium. After some food and fellowship, the packed gymnasium got the chance to see demonstrations of Korean traditional drums, dances like the flower crown dance and Korean fan dance, tae kwon do, an orchestral performance that included Korean and American songs and, finally, the newer Korean tradition known as K-Pop.

The visit from Koreans is an annual treat for the tribe, something that has been done for 12 years now.

Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal President Shannon Holsey enjoys the opportunity to learn new things about her Korean friends and continuing to impart knowledge about her people on the visitors.

"We're so incredibly happy to have you here and so blessed," Holsey said to the visitors prior to dinner being served. "This represents, much like our culture, a communal environment where we share our language and our culture and our traditions. We have so much more in common than we do different, and our core values are always aligned."

Holsey noted the Korean visits are intergenerational, giving her and other tribal members the chance to meet new people. Some tribal members have seen the Korean culture on display for all 12 years, she said, while for others, this is the first year they've been able to see it.

"I can't say enough about your graciousness and your hospitality," Holsey said. "The world has so much to learn from your culture. You are always welcome here. You are our brothers and sisters."



A pair of Korean dancers perform a traditional flower crown dance during the Korean Exchange Night hosted by the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians on Aug. 10 at the Mohican Family Center.

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A demonstration of Korean traditional drums was very colorful and interesting during the Korean Exchange Night hosted by the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians on Aug. 10 at the Mohican Family Center.

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Tribal Councilmember Joe Miller Jr. presented blankets to James Kim, who has been involved with every cultural exchange since the beginning, along with Isaac Kim, who has assumed more responsibility for the

exchanges over the years and noted that the blankets are only reserved for special dignitaries and honorees "that mean very much to us."

Miller also recognized the women in the Korean delegation, recog-

nizing them as the "big sisters" who have been caring for people during the cultural exchange.

"The loveliest of the lovelies," Miller said. "When we walk in in the morning, the first thing we do is sit down, and we barely get in the chairs and there's two plates of food in front of us."

James Kim presented Holsey with a sewing kit, which he explained represents the continuous connection for the relationship between the Koreans and the Stockbridge-Munsee.

"We always try to bring new young people here," he said.

Isaac Kim noted that the yearly exchanges have been a positive experience for him.

"I'm just so honored and blessed to be here," he said. "You thanked us for our hospitality, but your hospitality is always so overwhelming every single year. Thank you for your support, thank you for your friendship, and thank you for everything you do for us."

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Vacation was excellent, even without duffle

Our recent cruise around the coast of Alaska has no words to adequately describe the beauty. When I see God's creation in all its splendor and take it in with every sense of my humanness, I still can't comprehend the majesty and grandeur. As I told my husband, "We don't see mountains like this in Leopolis."

As a continuation of the last column's story, we had a wonderful time despite the trauma of the left-behind duffle. Read on.

Royal Caribbean's Radiance of the Seas ship had 4,000 guests taken care of by 850 crew from 62 different countries, serving us with endless smiles, professionalism and detailed courtesy. At every meal, my chair was pulled back for me, a crisp cloth napkin laid across my lap and my chair politely pushed back in. Oh, please. My husband laughingly told the waiter: "Hey, you're making me look bad."

One of the last days there, representatives from each country came out during a parade of nations. Flags were held high and occasionally, crew members would participate in their country's dance, accompanied by music. The balconies above our head were spilling over with people watching. It was a magnificent spectacle.

Besides the beautiful scenery, we met some beautiful people from around the world and within the United States. When the subject of our faith in Jesus arose, we discovered many brothers and sisters in Christ, developing an immediate bond. My husband discussed hunting with one guy, and they exchanged buck pictures. I began a conversation with another and discovered she and I had a mutual love of books and so exchanged titles.

During our first three days, we had no internet service. While it baffled our family back home — all of our adult children were ready to contact the cruise director if they couldn't reach us by a deadline — it was rather sweet. No one had their face in their phone.

Most people are kind, and we were met with smiles and offers of help in many places. Once in a while, we were able to repay the favor.

In one terminal, we had just gone through security when we came across a young mother and her small daughter, who was clutching a little pink backpack. She had on sparkly shoes that lit up when she moved. Her mother was desperately searching through a bag on the floor looking ter-



One of the last days aboard Royal Caribbean's Radiance of the Seas ship, representatives from each country came out during a parade of nations. Flags were held high and occasionally, crew members would participate in their country's dance, accompanied by music.

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ribly distressed.

"Are you OK?" we asked.

"I can't find my phone. It has everything in it, our tickets, everything."

She was hyperventilating with anxiety. I felt God tell me to bend down by her.

Making eye contact, I cupped her cheek in the palm of my hand and whispered, "It's gonna be alright. It's gonna be alright. You'll find it."

My sister-in-law exclaimed, "I'll call her phone!"

Just then this precious woman collapsed in a heap (she had been kneel-

ing) and exhaled. "Here it is!"

"See? Good, good!" we all shouted.

Later, as we boarded the plane, I noticed the momma and her girl already tucked into their seats. We were on the same plane. Waving like long-lost friends she said, "Oh, hello." Laughing, we made our way past her to our seats. We never saw them again, but it was a heartfelt connection.

Onboard ship cruising along about four days in (by then reception was restored), we received avoicemail from Dreier Pharmacy in Shawano. They informed us someone from Vancouver had discovered our wayward duffle bag. After peering inside, they noticed a prescription from Dreier Pharmacy with our name on it and left a contact number with Dreier's. We were astounded and immediately called the contact.

"Is it a grey duffle with no name on the outside?" they asked.

"Yes, and it has an orange-red rain-



The Remingers' big cruise and Alaska adventure went according to plan for the people, but not for this duffle bag, but fortunately, it found its way home a few days after the Remingers did.

KAY REMINGER

coat along with four buck magazines, various vitamins and prescription drugs along with some other personal items."

"We have it. I will walk it across the street at the place where they will try to get it back to you." She did, and they called, verifying our home address.

Radiance of the Seas promised to try to return, at no cost even though it was entirely our fault. This duffle had to go through customs with no outside identifying information. The representative from the cruise ship went over and beyond, itemizing everything, giving each a value, totaling \$209 — nowhere near that, but they wanted to cover bases. A pouch attached to the duffle included: "Declaration for free entry of unaccompanied articles" which contained nine pages of custom's forms. Nine.

FedEx delivered it all to our door three days after we arrived home. What a miracle.

Astonished, I told him as I reached for the bag, "I could hug you. I won't, but I could."

He backed away slowly.

My sister-in-law never gave up, was anticipating confidently, all the while praying, we'd get the duffle back. Never mind it came three days after we got home, I was astounded it made it back at all.

Beautiful scenery and some extraordinarily beautiful people made this once-in-a-lifetime cruise to Alaska a memorable experience.

("Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." Galatians 6:10)

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.

Panicle hydrangeas easier to grow in Wisconsin

Hydrangeas begin to peak in color during August and September, transforming from near white to wonderful shades of pink and red.

There are many varieties of easy-to-grow panicle hydrangeas that transform color during late summer into fall. The panicles, as well as a few of our smooth hydrangeas, showcase these colors best.

There are several varieties of big leaf hydrangeas, those in the Endless Summer family, that also boast pink coloration during the summer and fall. These, however, are more difficult to grow here in our area and require some extra care over the winter.

The panicles, those that grow exceptionally well here in our area, provide the finest color transformation during late summer into fall.

Panicle hydrangeas are those that feature large, cone-shaped flower heads on sturdy upright branches or stems. Most of the panicle hydrangeas begin the year in July with beautiful, full, lush flowerheads in pure white. Over the weeks of summer, these begin to transform, often from the bottom up, into shades of pink and deeper red.

From September and into October, these hydrangeas are at their peak, boasting breathtaking spires of colorful blooms.

Some of the classic pink hydrangeas of August and September are Vanilla Strawberry, Strawberry Sundae, Pinky Winky, Berry White, Quick Fire, Limelight, Little Lime, Bobo, Candelabra, Torch and others.

These are all very similar, except in size. There are smaller, dwarf hydrangeas such as Bobo and Little Lime that may only grow 3 to 4 feet tall and wide. Some of the others, such as Quick Fire, Pinky Winky, Vanilla Strawberry, as well as Limelight, that easily grow 6-7 feet tall and wide over several years.

There are also several of the smooth hydrangeas that bloom in shades of pink. These begin the year in pink and remain pink all summer long. Some of the pink smooth hydrangeas include Incredible Blush, Invincibelle Mini Mauvette, Invincibelle Garnetta, Invincibelle Spirit and Pinkerella.

Each of these is a smooth hydrangea, or a member of the



One of the quickest hydrangeas to turn pink and reddish in summer is Quickfire.

ROB ZIMMER



Annabelle hydrangea family. This makes them easy to grow here in our area, and each of these provides lush, massive, ball-shaped clusters of blooms.

Unlike the Annabelles, which bloom white and then transform to lime green, this selection of pink smooth hydrangeas begin the season pink and remain pink into fall.

If you're looking for colorful hydrangeas that will survive our Wisconsin winters, any of the panicle or smooth hydrangeas will get the job done.

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Pinky Winky is a classic, large, cone-shaped or panicle hydrangea that provides months of beauty, peaking in August and September.

ROB ZIMMER

Shawano Pathways sponsors another barn quilt

The nonprofit organization Shawano Pathways has sponsored Shawano County's 405th barn quilt.

Named Happy Trails, the barn quilt is on display on a farm owned by Brad and Vicki Krueger at W8371 Oak Ave., Shawano.

Shawano Pathways was formed in 2011 in response to a growing need for biking trails and green spaces in Shawano County. Its mission is to plan for and facilitate the development, implementation and maintenance of a greenway and trails network within Shawano County and adjacent areas for recreation and alternative transportation while preserving and restoring natural areas and resources connected with the trails.

Another goal of Pathways is to sponsor and provide opportunities for healthy outdoor activities for people of all ages, including developing and improving safe and accessible trails and routes for people to walk, hike, snowshoe, paddle and cycle.

"Because the Mountain Bay trail passes the Krueger farm, we hope those who use the trail will see the beautiful bike-themed barn quilts and feel a warm welcome," said Nancy Brown-Koeller, a Shawano Pathways member.

Local photographer Jim Leuenberger started the Shawano County barn quilt project in 2010, and 96 barn quilts were put up throughout the county in 2011. It was then that Matty Mathison proposed to Shawano Pathways members the idea of hosting a Bike the Barn Quilts event. For the next two years, Mathison and several others created and mapped nine bike rides ranging from 17-70 miles, which provided the opportunity for riders to view



Shown with Shawano County's 405th barn quilt are, from left, John Koeller, Nancy Brown-Koeller, Dick Karth, Jan Lewellyn, farm owners Vicki and Brad Krueger, Matty Mathison, Mary Lewellin, Harlan Pygman, Mary Jo Albrecht, Riley Vigue, Tom Thomas, Cathy Sunday-Karth, Tom Albrecht and Marti Matyska.

JIM LEUENBERGER

the beautiful barn quilts along the way.

From 2013 through 2022, more than 100 bikers participated in the event each year.

"Our friendly and helpful staff

and our great routes were identified year after year by our riders as creating a safe and most enjoyable experience," Mathison said.

For more information on Shawano Pathways, go to its website at

www.shawanopathways.org.

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

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

SATURDAY, AUG. 19

SHAWANO: FRESH Project Farmers Market, 8 a.m. to noon, Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St. More than 45 local food and craft vendors.

GILLET: Oconto County Youth Fair, 8-11 a.m., Zippel Park, McKenzie Avenue. Small animal/caged bird show 8:30 a.m., horse show 9 a.m., cat show 9:30 a.m. followed immediately by the dog show.

OCONTO: Summer Vendors Market, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., 516 Brazeau Ave. Local creators and crafters, food available.

SHAWANO: Fly-In and Car Show, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Shawano Airport, N5468 N. Airport Road. Antiques, classics, warbirds, show cars and sky divers. Free admission; rain date Aug. 20.

LUNDS: Sno-Birds Corn Roast, noon to 6 p.m., Lunds Corner, W6102 County Road T. \$10 per person includes beer, soda and corn; kids 12 and under, free. Music by Nitehawk. Paddle wheel, kids' games, raffles, 50/50, corn hole tournament.

MOUNTAIN: Hidden Bear Trail ATV/UTV Fun Day, 1-5 p.m., Animal's Bear Trail Inn, 16895 State Highway 64. Meat raffles, 50-50 raffles, food, refreshments.

SHAWANO: The Naberhood Block Party, 1:30-3 p.m., The Naberhood, 214 S. Main St. Music by Hannah Rose.

SHAWANO: Summer Jam 2023, 4-10 p.m., Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St. Free event featuring live music, craft beer, car show, food and family fun.

SUNDAY, AUG. 20

SHAWANO: Zurko Outdoor Flea Market, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Shawano County Fairgrounds, 990 E. Green Bay St. Admission \$2.

OCONTO: Culpepper and Merriweather Circus, 2 and 4:30 p.m., Copperfest Grounds, Arbutus Avenue and Madison Street. Tent raising and tour 9:30 a.m., midway opens 1 p.m. Sponsored by Oconto Area Chamber of Commerce. Advance tickets \$13, child (2-12) or senior (65-plus) \$8; box office tickets \$16 and \$9.

SHAWANO: Summer of Music, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Arlington Park, 300 N. Humphrey Circle. Music by the Dynamos. Bring a lawn chair.

TUESDAY, AUG. 22

OCONTO FALLS: Oconto County Farmers Market, 4-8 p.m., Highland Plaza, 323 E. Highland Drive. Produce and homemade product vendors, food trucks, community programs, live music.

LAKEWOOD: NorthLakes Clinic

Community Appreciation Event, 5-6:30 p.m., 15396 State Highway 32. Barbecue pork from Jungle Jim's, music by Box'd Wine.

SHAWANO: The Naberhood Block Party, 5:30-6:30 p.m., The Naberhood, 214 S. Main St. Downtown Bash.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 23

SHAWANO: Friends of the Mountain Bay Trail ride, 5:30-7 p.m., meet at Bonduel trailhead, North Depot Street and West Flambeau Road.

GILLET: Mini-tractor pulls, 7 p.m., Zippel Park grandstand.

THURSDAY, AUG. 24

GILLET: Oconto County Youth Fair, 9 a.m. to 11 p.m., Zippel Park. Swine show 9 a.m. followed by sheep. Opening ceremony hosted by American Legion Post 74 6 p.m., music by Homegrown 6:30-10:30 p.m., Ag Olympics 7 p.m.

KESHENA: Beading Vibes Only, 2-5 p.m., Omaeqnomenewak Wetohkatikamek Center, W2908 Tribal Office Loop Road.

SHAWANO: Thursday at Franklin, 6-8:30 p.m., Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St. Music by Star Six Nine.

FRIDAY, AUG. 25

GILLET: Oconto County Youth Fair, 9 a.m. to 11 p.m., Zippel Park. Rabbit, beef, goat shows, music by Randy Peterson 12:30 p.m., Ken and Kris 3-7 p.m., Rapid Transit 7-11 p.m. 4x4 truck pulls 7 p.m.

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

OCONTO FALLS: Summer Sunset Concert Series, 6-9 p.m., East Side Beach, North Main Street. Music by The Bandits. Bring a lawn chair. Food and refreshments will be available for purchase on the grounds. No carry-ins.

SATURDAY, AUG. 26

SHAWANO: Big Pull 2023 Skiing for Kids Sake, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Smalley Park, 211 Riverside Drive. Shawano Ski Sharks in cooperation with MACC Fund and Big Pull will be attempting a new

national record with proceeds going to fight childhood cancer. The record attempt is open for public viewing all day long with an entertaining ski show to end the day at 6 p.m.

SHAWANO: FRESH Project Farmers Market, 8 a.m. to noon, Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St. More than 45 local food and craft vendors.

NAVARINO: Sporting Clay Shoot, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., J and H Game Farm, W5810 J and H Road. \$30 per person, re-entry \$20. Proceeds benefit Navarino Nature Center educational programs.

GILLET: Oconto County Youth Fair, 9 a.m. to 11 p.m., Zippel Park. Dairy, poultry shows. Music by Randy Peterson 12:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., TNT Polka Band 1-5 p.m., Nick Gonnering Band 3:30-6:30 p.m., Fire on High 8 p.m. to midnight. Draft horse pull 9 a.m., cake auction 3 p.m., tractor pull 6 p.m., exhibitor/animal formal show 7 p.m.

SHAWANO: The Naberhood Block Party, 1:30-3 p.m., The Naberhood, 214 S. Main St. Open mic — sign up ahead of time by messaging the Shawano Park and Rec Facebook page..

SUNDAY, AUG. 27

SHAWANO: Zurko Outdoor Flea Market, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Shawano County Fairgrounds, 990 E. Green Bay St. Admission \$2.

GILLET: Oconto County Youth Fair, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Zippel Park. Kiddie showmanship 10 a.m., Sale of Champions noon, music by Sugarbush Boys Polka Band 1-5 p.m.

SHAWANO: 30th annual Sacred Heart Parish Golf Outing, shotgun start 1 p.m., Shawano Lake Golf Course, W5714 Lake Drive. \$75 per person includes golf, cart, dinner and two drink tickets. Just dinner, \$25.

WITTENBERG: Everclear in concert, 8 p.m., Ho-Chunk Gaming, N7198 U.S. Highway 45. Doors open 5 p.m., Infrared takes the stage 6:30 p.m. and back in the casino 9 p.m. to midnight.

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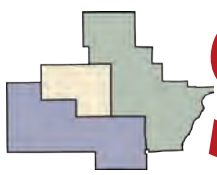


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AUTO RACING



Johnny Whitman wins the IMCA Modified feature race Aug. 12 at Shawano Speedway.

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Whitman, Springborn score feature wins

Drengler, VanStraten, Sobiesczyk also take 1st

Mother Nature provided a beautiful Aug. 12 evening for racing at Shawano Speedway, where the first "Retro Night" was held. Jasper Drengler, Johnny Whitman, Troy Springborn, Trey VanStraten and Tyler Sobiesczyk all came away with feature wins.

In the IMCA Northern Sport Mod feature, pole sitter and former limited Late Model champion Dave Lytie and fellow competitor Andrew Engels — who had his dad's No. 33 on the side of his normal No. 29 machine — set the pace for what would become a very caution-plagued feature.

Taylor Sorenson used his fourth-place starting spot to jump out to an early lead. Michael Springborn was on the move to contest for a bid for the win as well.

The hot shoes of Sobiesczyk and point leader Jeffery Teske found their way to the front. As Sobies-

czyk grabbed the lead, the top four of Sobiesczyk, Teske, JJ Vanderloop and Bryce Clements started to break away from field.

As the laps ticked away, Sobiesczyk and Teske found themselves battling lap traffic. As the checkers flew, Sobiesczyk picked up his seventh feature win of the year.

In the IMCA Stock Car division, Kurt Olson and regular street stock driver VanStraten would be the ones to set the pace for the 20-lap main event.

Olson got out to an early lead at the drop of the green flag, followed by Travis Welch. As that battle continued, VanStraten would run down the leaders, eventually passing both for the lead.

Once out front, VanStraten and Welch battled back and forth for several laps, with Dylan Stedjee and last week's feature winner Jeremy Christians starting to catch the front two. Shawano's Trent Nolan was up to a hard charging fifth from 11th position.

By the time the checkers flew, it

was VanStraten picking up his first feature win in an IMCA Stock Car.

Shawn Miller and Andy Karl were the front row show for the 20-lap Late Model event. When the green flag dropped, Karl made it a point to get to the point.

As Karl led the first seven laps, Springborn was glued to his back bumper lap after lap. Springborn put his MB customs No. 81 on the low groove through the corners as Karl stuck to the middle of the track. On lap eight, Springborn would throw his machine into the corner and was able to pass Karl cleanly on the bottom.

Springborn went on to pick up the win. Ron Berna would settle for third, and Lucas Postl took home fourth place.

IMCA Modifieds provided an amazing show, as Paul Thorpe and Jerry Muenster led the field to green.

On lap two, Marcus Yarie put his Banshee chassis out front and started to pull away. A caution on lap six bunched the field up. Muenster, Jerry Wilinski, Konnor Wilinski, Jordan

Bartz, Whitman and Mike Schmidt would all have as good a chance as any to claim the victory.

At the drop of the green, Yarie and Whitman battled it out, with Whitman eventually making the pass for the lead, as the rest of fellow competitors swapped positions as the closing lap was getting close. Jerry Wilinski closed the gap, but Whitman would hold off the charge and claim the win.

The Mighty 4 division saw another new face in victory lane. Taylor Junk and Shayne Collar led their competitors to the start of the 12 lap A main.

Calvin Stueck quickly used his sixth spot to make quick work to get to the front. As Stueck began his march to the front, former Late Model and street stock driver Drengler was making his own plans to get his photo taken in victory lane.

Stueck, Drengler, Dalton Nelson and Brad Wedde and Tanner Westphal would all have a car to compete to win. But in the end, it was Drengler taking home the victory.

Drengler completes milestone in racing

Shawano man first to race in all 50 states

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

Jasper Drengler, of Shawano, has done what no other race car driver has done before — he has raced on tracks in all 50 states.

In late April, Drengler raced in West Virginia to mark the end of a goal about eight years in the planning.

Drengler has been racing since 2000, but it was only around 2016 or 2017 that he decided to try to race in every state.

“We’ve checked off a whole bunch; let’s go for all of them,” he recalled thinking at the time.

He didn’t place any time restraints on when he wanted to reach that goal, so he said it never felt like a work project that had to be completed. But, after COVID-19 limitations were lifted in 2022, he said he became more determined.

“This spring, we finished off the last state, which was West Virginia,” he said. “The last track was Tyler County Speedway.”

Over the years, Drengler has built, bought and rented the race cars that he’s used. Entering and racing on some tracks was as simple as registering and showing up; others were more of a challenge. Among the challenges were the races in Hawaii and Alaska.

“In Hawaii, I couldn’t find anyone that would reply to me and think that I was serious about renting a car,” he said. “Finally, a track promoter reached out to me.”

With the track promoter’s help, he bought a car, sight unseen.

“When I got to the track, the car has a lot of more dents than the picture showed,” Drengler said. “It wasn’t quite as immaculate, but ... it was going to start and get around the track. I spent half a day in a Walmart parking lot working on it.”

He finished in third place. After the race, he left the car with the promoter. A week later, the car was sold, and he received a check for more than he paid for the car.

He had trouble finding a car to race in Alaska as well but eventually connected with one.

“The car looks great. There was no deceiving, but it didn’t have any power. And again, it was a car that never finished very well,” Drengler said.

He finished in third place on the



Jasper Drengler holds the trophy he received after completing his goal of racing in all 50 states. His last race needed for the accomplishment was at the Taylor County Speedway in West Virginia in April.

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first day of a two-day event and has since been invited to return.

Among his greatest thrills behind the wheel was the first time he raced at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, where he finished sixth.

“I got goosebumps driving across the yard of bricks,” Drengler said. “I’ve been to the Indianapolis 500 17 times and never thought I’d race there.”

Drengler has raced on dirt tracks, asphalt tracks, road courses, 24-hour endurance tracks and more. He’s raced a regular weekly schedule with heats and features.

Once, on the East Coast, he showed up to discover his car was too powerful for all the classes of cars that were racing that day. Track promoters gave him his own expo race at the end of the night to take on anyone who wanted race against him.

His personal record in a 24-hour endurance race was set in Indiana, where he was behind the wheel for

seven continuous hours. Most tracks require drivers to switch after two hours behind the wheel, but this track had no such limits.

“Sebring (Florida) is my nemesis,” Drengler said. “I love and I hate that place. I had a lot of second-place finishes there. I’ve been in contention to win a lot of races, but bad stuff happens.”

Drengler grew up watching the races in Slinger and Shawano, often from the front row. He sold popcorn at the Shawano Speedway and spent a lot of time hanging out and watching local driver Tom Naeyaert on a weekly basis.

“My very first race was at Slinger Speedway,” Drengler said of his 2000 debut. “I started out doing Spectator Eliminator racing.”

He said he rented a car at the track, won a few races and decided to build his own car for the Spectator 200. The car barely finished the race,

he recalled. The track promoter in Beaver Dam said that track was going to feature those cars on a weekly basis and encouraged Drengler to build another and compete there.

“I won the very first race in Slinger with that car, and then I won a couple of races my very first year, and then I was hooked,” he said.

At one time, Drengler owned upwards of 50 cars. That number is closer to 20 today, with plans to trim it back to about five or so.

“The majority of the racing I’ve done has been in cars that I’ve owned,” he said.

Drengler started racing Chevys and then switched to Hondas. Today, the majority of his stable is made up of Hondas, Acuras and BMWs.

Drengler considers himself a workaholic, so racing provides him the opportunity to take vacation. It also gives him an excuse to travel the country, which he enjoys.

“It gave me a reason to actually take off from work ... and gave me an excuse to go and see all 50 states,” he said.

Former NASCAR driver Kenny Schrader has raced in 49 states, the closest anyone has come to Drengler’s mark. He has yet to compete in Rhode Island, and Drengler said he may enter the race with him.

“Making it a passive thing made it enjoyable,” Drengler said. “I think if I was in a hurry to do it, it wouldn’t have been as fun.”

Drengler raced Aug. 12 in Shawano. Competing against him was his son, Ryan, a 16-year-old junior at Wolf River Lutheran High School. It would mark the first time father and son were on the track together. In the feature race of the Mighty 4’s, Jasper Drengler started 10th and won the checkered flag. Ryan Drengler started in the 15th spot and ended one position better, crossing the finish line in 14th place.

Prior to Aug. 12, Drengler hadn’t been on the Shawano Speedway for a year.

“My favorite track is the next one,” he said. “I got bored doing weekly racing, going to the same tracks every single night, same people. There was one year in Shawano where I won 10 of 14 races for the year. Nobody likes it when the same guy wins every single week.”

Having completed the goal of racing in all 50 states, Drengler has set his sites overseas. He’s already competed in a few countries and said he would like to add a few more to his list.

Emanuel Wilson steals show in Cincinnati

Packers beat Bengals 36-19 to win first preseason game

By **LUKE REIMER**
Correspondent

While all eyes were on Jordan Love, it was Packers running back Emanuel Wilson who stole the show in Cincinnati.

The undrafted free agent accounted for 111 yards on six carries in Green Bay's preseason win over the Bengals on Aug. 11. Two of those six carries went for touchdowns. Late in the third quarter, Wilson put the Packers up 30-19 with an 11-yard rushing touchdown. For good measure, Wilson scored an 80-yard rushing touchdown midway

through the fourth quarter to seal the game, 36-19. Wilson came into the game deep on the Packers' depth chart, but with a game like this, it seems impossible for the front office and coaching staff to not give him another chance.

"That was by far the best that I would say he looked," said Matt LaFleur, Packers head coach. "Any time you rip off an 80-yarder, that's a pretty good deal, and he had two touchdowns — one on a counter play that we ran. It was a big night for him."

It was an emotional day for Wilson as he tweeted earlier in the day that it was the anniversary of his father's death. For it being an emotional day for Wilson, LaFleur was more than happy to see the player succeed.

"Fourteen years ago, he lost his father, so I am happy for him to come out in his debut and rip off 100 yards

and two touchdowns," said LaFleur.

Wilson's scores were just extra though to what Love and Sean Clifford were able to accomplish against Cincinnati. Love went first. Starting the game, Love looked poised and ready for his introduction as the Green Bay Packers starting quarterback. The Utah State alum recorded 70 passing yards on seven completions, including a beautiful lofted touchdown pass to Romeo Doubs in the middle of the first quarter.

"All in all, I thought it was a good first performance," said LaFleur.

"There is a lot to learn from and lot of good came from it. The poise he showed, the command he showed; I thought that we were getting in and out of the huddle quickly. I thought it was a really good first exposure for him for this season."

Clifford supplemented Love and

saw the most time out of the Packers' three quarterbacks. He completed 20 of 26 passes for 208 yards and one touchdown. He also threw two interceptions in the game. Clifford's only touchdown came on the back of a 5-yard pass to Tyler Davis, before the game went to halftime. Given the lack of time the coaches gave to quarterback Alex McGough, it seems that Clifford is the leading candidate for the team's back-up quarterback spot.

"He did awesome," said Love, talking about Clifford. "Obviously, it is tough as a quarterback to have that next play mentality after (throwing multiple interceptions), but he was able to bounce back and go put that two-minute drive in the end zone to finish with a touchdown before half. And then came out in the second half rolling ... He did a really good job."

Offensive line, defense at forefront against Pats

Joint practices, preseason game to be used as another audition

By **LUKE REIMER**
Correspondent

Now that coaches, fans and the front office got the first look at the 2023-24 Green Bay Packers in preseason, adjustments and roster-building are on the horizon.

While Green Bay was able to score 36 points against the Cincinnati Bengals on Aug. 11, the offensive line is still on the minds of many around the organization. The expected starting offensive line is, from left to right, David Bakhtiari, Elgton Jenkins, Josh Myers, Jon Runyan and Zach Tom. While it

seems Bakhtiari, Jenkins and Runyan's positions are set, that can't be said for the entire offensive line. Myers, at center, has struggled at times in training camp, both with overall performance and with something as simple as the snap. Tom has filled in multiple times to see if he would be a better fit.

"I think that we still have a ways to go, certainly," said Packers head coach Matt LaFleur. "We have two more preseason games, and this will be a big week for our guys, in terms of it being the most exhausting week of the preseason."

"There is a lot of ball in front of us, and we will let these guys battle over the course of training camp. Quite frankly, you can never rest easy in this business."

LaFleur's comments seem to signal that both the center position and right

tackle position are up for grabs. While it is likely that Tom will fill one of the positions, who will fill the other? If Tom were to start at center, it seems likely that back-up tackle Yosh Nijman would see the promotion, given his experience in the NFL. If Tom stays at the right tackle position, it seems likely that Myers will retain his spot at center. The offensive line is a story to watch, and with the New England Patriots coming to town, it seems likely that we will have an answer by kickoff.

On the defensive side of the ball, the Packers are still without pass rusher Rashaan Gary and defensive back Eric Stokes. Through the start of training camp and the first preseason game, however, some names are starting to emerge, including in the defensive backfield.

"I thought our guys did a really good job of playing tighter coverage, challenging the receivers more and playing physical, so I thought that there was a lot of good out of that," said LaFleur, on the defensive backs' performance against Cincinnati. "Again, it's one game. I thought that those guys have shown along the way that they will challenge and compete. They have to continue to do that."

Among the names that made plays last Friday, Carrington Valentine (four tackles and one interception) and Dallin Leavitt (three tackles and one interception) were those making the biggest impact. With Bill Belichick coming to town, the defense is likely not going to see a better opposing coach this season, making this week of practice and preseason one of the most important all year.

DAIRYLAND HIGHLIGHTS

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

Pulaski 8 Bonduel 6

Pulaski rallied to a playoff win over Bonduel on Aug. 13 in Bonduel.

Cody Pangrazzi earned the win on the hill after pitching the final three innings. Drew McDermid started and struck out eight batters over six innings.

Jason Infusino and Ethan Bemowski each homered for Pulaski.

Jarrett Olson tied the game with a two-RBI hit.

Bonduel scored four times in the opening inning but was limited to two runs the rest of the way.

Hortonville 3 Cecil 2 (11 inn.)

Tommy Dugandzic plated the game-winning run in the bottom of the 11th inning, lifting Hortonville past Cecil on Aug. 13 in Hortonville.

Kyle Stuewer scored a pair of runs for Hortonville. Mason Thiel was the

winning pitcher after coming on in relief of Chris Atwood.

Garrett Engel and Andrew Schroeder each posted three hits for Cecil. Schroeder took the loss on the hill after coming on in relief of Tucker Bouche.

Waupaca 10 Navarino 0 (7 inn.)

Waupaca cruised past Navarino in a playoff clash on Aug. 13 in Waupaca. The hosts scored all 10 runs in the opening inning.

FYI

More details on Dairyland games can be found by visiting teams' Facebook pages.

Luke Behm drove in two runs on two hits to lead Waupaca at the plate. Johnny Popham scored two runs.

Cam Seidl, Adam Kennedy, Jim Nighbor and Jake Pankratz all pitched for Waupaca in the win, with Seidl striking out five over three frames.

James Muchie took the loss on the hill.

BABA HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

East Division

Gresham 4

Neopit 3 (10 inn.)

Gresham edged Neopit in extra innings in an East Division divisional playoff game on Aug. 13 in Gresham.

Paul Murphy pitched all 10 innings for Gresham to earn the win, striking out six along the way.

Nate Ejnik led Gresham at the plate with three hits, while Chase Quinney had two.

Alex Peters took the loss on the hill, also pitching 10 innings. Pete Bruette and Mike Pecore posted two hits each.

Clintonville 9

Marion 5

Clintonville rallied past Marion in another playoff contest on Aug. 13 in Clintonville. The hosts scored six times in the sixth.

Hunter Vollmer, Jordan Koeppen and Brock Smejkal all tallied two hits for Clintonville. One of Smejkal's hits was a home run.

Jaden Doornink was the winning pitcher, while Jaden Stuhr took the loss.

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Alex Elandt and Nate Reynolds and Blake Weatherwax all had two knocks for Marion. Jake Westphal hit a three-run homer.

West Division

Caroline 11

Tigerton 3

Caroline eased past Tigerton in a West Division divisional playoff matchup on Aug. 13 in Tigerton.

Mike Weatherwax led Caroline with four hits, while Braiden Behnke homered among his three knocks. Tyler Marquardt added two hits as Caroline posted 15 as a team.

Klay Barkow picked up the win on the mound for Caroline.

Paul Sellner was dealt the loss on the bump. He homered among his two hits.

Little Falls 16

Tilleda 0

Little Falls routed Tilleda in a playoff matchup on Aug. 13 in Little Falls.

Chris Dunn and Carter Kurki combined to throw the shutout for

Little Falls. Dunn struck out 12 batters over six frames, while Kurki had four strikeouts in three innings.

Hunter Gruenwald homered twice for Little Falls. Kyle Finger belted a grand slam among his two hits, while Cam Gruenwald homered among his two hits. Drew Radies and Dunn also had two knocks each. Nate Korb also homered for Little Falls.

Zach Fehrman took the loss on the hill.

Northern Division

Eland 3

Elderon 1

Eland toppled Elderon in a Northern Division playoff battle on Aug. 13 in Eland.

Jacob Ligenza tallied two hits to power Eland at the plate. Tyler Nelson was the winning pitcher.

Casey Kerstner took the loss on the bump. Marvin Meronk posted two hits at the plate.

Antigo/Polar 14

Aniwa 6

Antigo/Polar took down Aniwa in a playoff game on Aug. 13 in Aniwa.

AJ Kirsch was the winning pitcher, while Kody Szews was dealt the loss.

South Central Division

Scandinavia 8

Green Lake 2

Scandinavia knocked off Green Lake in a South Central Division playoff game on Aug. 13 in Scandinavia.

Marcus Jaworski got the win on the mound after striking out eight batters over five innings. Ben Lee picked up the save.

RJ Rosenthal tallied three hits for Scandinavia, while Braden Hunkins homered among his two knocks. Jake Hoffman also homered for the hosts.

Hunter Netzler was dealt the loss on the bump.

New London 15

Plover 1

New London cruised past Plover in an Aug. 13 playoff clash in New London.

Noah Hanson, Gabe Wohlt and Myles Parker each delivered three hits for New London. Andrew Parker, Dylan Moeller and Ryan Muskevitch all tallied two hits.

Myles Parker was the winning pitcher, while Wyatt Blaskowski took the loss.

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High school football season begins this week

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Shawano's 2023 football season will begin with four non-conference games — Aug. 18 at Little Chute, an Aug. 25 home game against Denmark, Aug. 31 at Fox Valley Lutheran in Appleton and a Sept. 8 home game against Luxemburg-Casco.

Five games in the Bay Conference follow.

The Hawks first conference opponent of 2023 will be Wausau, with a 7 p.m. kickoff Sept. 15. Shawano will travel to Winneconne on Sept. 22 and then travel to Xavier High School in Appleton on Sept. 28 (a Thursday night game). The last home game of the season will be Oct. 7 (1 p.m. Saturday) against New

London, and the last game of the regular season will be at Seymour on Oct. 13.

Also, on Aug. 18, Bonduel will travel to Two Rivers. Oconto Falls will host Oconto, Pulaski will host Notre Dame, and Wittenberg-Birnamwood will host Antigo.

Other season openers will be held later this month.

Lena will host Wausaukee in 8-man football on Aug. 25, and Tigerton/Marion will play Wabeno/Laona at Marion that same night.

Menominee Indian will host Wonewoc-Center on Saturday, Aug. 26. Suring will host Gibraltar in 8-man football on Thursday, Aug. 31.

Finally, Gillett's 8-man team will host Suring on Sept. 8.

Shawano takes second at season-opening golf meet

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

High school sports are underway, with Shawano and Bonduel girls golf teams taking part in a Bay Conference meet Aug. 10 at Lake Breeze Golf Course, hosted by Winneconne.

Xavier earned top honors with a 165, followed by Shawano with a 192, Winneconne with a 199, Seymour with a 209, West De Pere at 217, Bonduel with a 226 and Green Bay N.E.W. Lutheran ending with a 245.

Shawano junior Sophia Eggert's 40 was second best among all golf-

ers. Sophomore Madelyn Moesch tied for 11th with a 49, senior Ali Johnson's 51 placed her 13th and senior Braylyn Babino carded a 52 for 14th place.

Junior Lily Glysch had a 61 for 28th place.

Bonduel senior Colette DeVeau tied for 17th with a 54. She was followed by teammates senior Kailea Van Der Linden with a 55 for 19th place, junior Gabi Krause with a 56 for a tie for 20th place, junior Raina Dworniczak with a 61 for a 28th place tie and sophomore Ella Thornborrow with a 75 for 34th place.

Lena celebrates race with 'Thunder on Main'



Charlie Denor is all smiles as he gets to sit in the race car of his favorite race driver, Johnny Holtger. The youngster was among those who gathered July 28 at the start of the Dirt City race weekend for "Thunder on Main" in Lena.

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Fun with guns brings 350 to event

Pair of clay shooters talk about the sport at state tournament in Navarino

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

Evan Guttormson and Ben Klein don't know each other, but they have at least one thing in common.

They joined more than 350 other competitors at the Wisconsin Sporting Clay Association's annual state meet, held Aug. 2-6 at J&H Game Farm near Clintonville.

Guttormson lives in Grafton and is a senior at Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa, where he competes on the school's trap shooting team.

"I'm trying to train for the school year," he said. "I love sporting clays. It's my favorite of all the shooting disciplines. I started my freshman year at Marquette University High School (in Milwaukee) and didn't know shotgun sports existed until then. Halfway through my freshman or sophomore year, I finally got to go out and try sporting clays for a practice and a meet. I excelled at that more than I did at trap."

Sporting clay shooting is different than trap or skeet shooting, in which clay birds are thrown from standardized distances. In sporting clay shooting, targets of different sizes are thrown from any angle or distance.

"It's very similar to golf," Klein said. "It's a lifelong sport and everyone that competes gets a relatively even playing field. You're actually going from station to station like you go from hole to hole on a golf course."

"It's different because it's reactive," Guttormson said. "There is no one right way to do it. You can shoot your own way, whatever works for you. The way I shoot might not work for somebody else. It changes every time, so it's a lot more exciting. No two courses are the same. I'm here doing the main event, but I'm also doing the FIT-ASC event. FITASC is an international version of sporting clays, and it's a little different."

Guttormson returned to J&H for the first time since competing in an event with Marquette's trap shooting team. Klein got his start in the sport at J&H while growing up in Oshkosh.



Lance Hurd, of Le Mars, Iowa, waits for a target during the Wisconsin Sporting Clay Association's state tournament at J&H Game Farm near Clintonville. Hurd competed with Jon Giese of Muskego.

GREG SEUBERT

"A friend I went to school with got me into it," Klein said. "He was quite the shooter at the time, and I like hunting and fishing and all that stuff. I got into it that way. They have a youth program here at J&H, and that's where I started. I was in seventh or eighth grade and would come up from Oshkosh."

J&H has hosted the state meet six times since 1993.

Klein now lives in New Berlin and also competed at last year's state meet at the Waukesha Gun Club.

"The first day was pretty rusty for me, but I figured it out a little the second day," he said. "Nothing amazing, but it was better. I'm getting back into it and I'm enjoying the process. I was out of it for a few years with school and work. I finally have a little more free time, so it's an opportunity to get back into it."

Although Klein stepped away from the sport for a few years, Guttormson hasn't stopped since joining Marquette's trap shooting team.

"It's changed the course of my life 100%," Guttormson said. "I

went to college for it and changed my degree to business because of the sport. I've gotten more into competition shotguns. Hopefully, after college I can find a sales position somehow related to shotguns or even competition shooting."

"It's something that allows you to continually get better," Klein said. "You're not only competing against others, you're competing against yourself. It's a relatively simple sport, but it's also wildly maddening."

"There's a lot of a mental game to it. You have to pay attention (to the targets) on how they're set up and things like that. It's one of those things where you start out and it's like, 'Oh, I'm kind of good at this.' When you do that, you start realizing that you can be better. It's not as simple as just seeing a bird and shooting it. It's making sure you're sticking to your routine and making sure that you're being consistent. The nice thing is sometimes you get paired with groups and folks you don't know and you get to create potentially lifelong friendships."

Shooters are divided into classes.

The top competitors are in the Master class, followed by AA, A, B, C, D and E.

"This is one of the fastest-growing sports in the nation," Guttormson said. "The competition has increased in size and in skill. The size of high school teams from when I was in high school has more than doubled. It's interesting to see how much it's growing despite the sport itself, which is starting to get quite expensive. I'm definitely starting to see a lot of young shooters who have \$20,000 shotguns. If their parents are getting into it and are shooters themselves, I'm seeing a lot more dedicated families: fathers and sons, fathers and daughters."

Klein and Guttormson plan to stick with the sport for years.

"The only thing that matters is your skill, being safe and having fun," Guttormson said. "I've made a lot of new friends just in the past few weeks coming to these meets. I can walk around and say, 'Hey, I know this guy.' It's a completely different world and you make new friends at every competition. It's a very tight-knit community."

COLUMN

Taxpayers shouldn't pay for Brewers upgrades

It's never a good sign when a professional sports organization is holding its hand out for money. However, that's what the Milwaukee Brewers are doing right now, panhandling for legislators to fork over \$290 million in taxpayer funds for renovations to its stadium.

According to an article from The Badger Project, the Brewers need \$400 million to update American Family Field over the next 20 years, and the ballclub has spent \$575,000 just in the first six months of 2023 to sit down with our representatives in state government to convince them that public dollars are needed to keep a wonderland for its fans glorious and up to date.

I have a bit of an issue with the notion that organizations that pay many of their players eight-figure salaries annually — Christian Yelich alone is getting paid \$22 million in 2023, according to Spotrac — can't come up with the cash to keep their stadiums from caving in on themselves, and I especially can't fathom why a sports stadium should take priority over the infrastructure, such as roads, that we're supposed to be paying taxes for.

There's a surplus, Brewers advocates note, of over \$4 billion, so it's not like the state isn't bleeding green. The reason the state has so much money has more to do with the fact that lawmakers haven't funded our needed services like they should, and while an updated stadium would benefit those among us who can afford the price of

Lee Pulaski
City Editor



admission, the rest would have to live with paying for a stadium while never getting the chance to see what's inside.

Sadly, there's precedent for this, as the Milwaukee Bucks wheeled and dealt in 2016 and got the state to join forces with Milwaukee County to cough up \$250 million to build a new arena. That was an entirely new building, and yet the Brewers plan to spend \$400 million to upgrade an existing facility. There's something wrong with this picture.

Of course, that's only one factor when it comes to providing public funds to the Brewers.

Consider the roads I mentioned earlier. Most of us tend to rock and roll while traveling to our destinations without having to turn the radio on. Shawano County Highway Commissioner Grant Bystol has consistently said that roads need to be rehabilitated every 20 years, but the funding that the county receives from the state for road work is minimal, and as a result, only so much can be done each year, and many of our roads have passed their expiration date.

Yet the Brewers want \$290 million in state funds.

Our municipalities recently got a bump in the amount of shared revenue they receive from the state, along with a plan to provide more in future years, depending on how the economy holds. However, this was after decades of not keeping pace. It seems more appropriate to dole out taxpayer money to keep emergency services running, power systems in good repair and picking up our trash so our communities don't look like Dumpsters.

Yet the Brewers think they deserve the money more.

Our schools have to go to a referendum regularly to build new facilities, upgrade existing buildings, providing technology to help students to learn and, in some cases, just to pay for the necessary staff to keep the school running. Menominee Indian School District convinced voters to pay for a \$35 million high school being built as we speak. Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District got voters to fund upgrades to its three schools in 2018 to the tune of \$13.1 million. Shawano School District is pondering referendum to go to voters next spring.

Yet the Brewers want the governor and the legislature to sign a check with more zeroes than a losers' club, and the public doesn't have a say.

The Nancy Byng Community Theater in Abrams just finished putting a new roof on its building to the tune of \$50,000. This was

done by asking individual people and charitable organizations to donate money, which means folks had a choice about whether to give or not.

We're going to be forking over the cash to the Brewers under this proposal, whether we like it or not.

There are a lot of things that the surplus billions could be spent on to better improve society, too many to mention. Look at the number of organizations like the FRESH Project, Shawano Area Matthew 25 and Safe Haven that could use state funding, not to mention our libraries, with the one in Shawano falling apart and the one in Lakewood bursting at the seams because it's too small for community use and demand.

Once the roads are paved, schools have enough funding to educate, people can feed themselves and afford to live in homes, and cities can pay for police and fire departments without breaking the bank, I'd have no problem with the state pondering whether to give the Brewers a helping hand. However, the Brewers are not starving children or battered spouses, so the idea of giving hundreds of millions for building repairs ahead of those who truly need a hand up makes as much sense as taking a bath in nuclear waste.

As baseball fans say, wait until next year.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Advisory referenda ban will face day in court

To the editor:

Hidden in the recently passed shared revenue legislation was an unconstitutional provision to ban local advisory referenda questions on everything except those for certain projects that would be funded with property tax money. This bill prohibits the questions on issues that many grassroots activists have put forth, such as calling for fair maps and overturning Citizens United.

In America, citizens should be able to use their voice in this way. In fact, Wisconsin's Constitution re-

quires it. Article I, Section 4 states: "The right of the people peaceably to assemble, to consult for the common good, and to petition the government ... or any department thereof, shall never be abridged." Disallowing the freedom of speech was buried into the text of this bill.

What was the motivation for the Republicans in the legislature to make this a part of the agreement they negotiated with Gov. Tony Evers (who couldn't use his veto pen here)? It has been said, "It is not power that corrupts but fear. Fear of losing power corrupts those who wield it."

Conservative rule in Wisconsin began with the election of

Gov. Scott Walker in 2010. After the Republicans had their hand in drawing gerrymandered maps, they began to control both the Wisconsin Senate and Assembly. Wisconsin is now only one of only 10 states still refusing to expand its Medicaid programs. It also has an 1849 abortion law, which the legislature refuses to nullify.

In recent times, when conservatives have been in control, they have done whatever they wanted. It did not matter the results of opinion polls or local referendums. Legislation they championed had detrimental impacts on schools, the environment, middle class families, the poor, health care, university educa-

tion, local government funding, job development and road conditions.

Now that Janet Protasiewicz is sworn in as a Supreme Court Justice, things will be changing and Republicans don't like it. The new court can change voting districts. New unbiased maps will give candidates other than far right conservatives a chance to make their voices heard.

You can be sure the ban on advisory referendums will be litigated. In the meantime, we need to continue to make our voices heard by contacting our elected officials and holding them accountable to us, the electorate.

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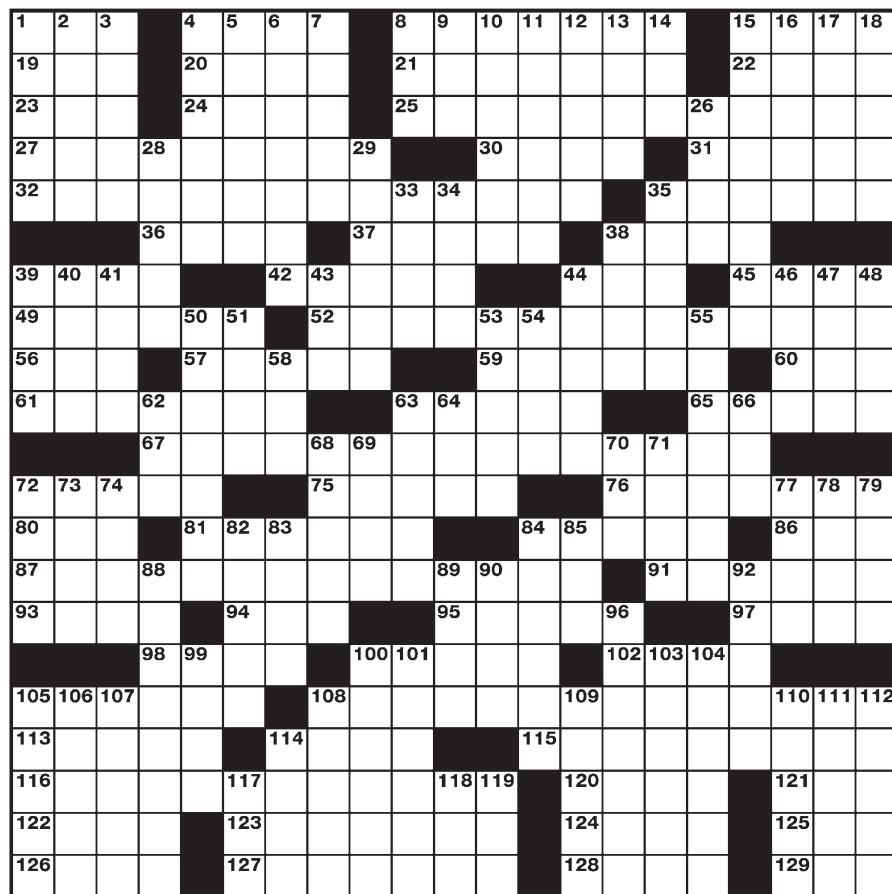
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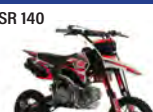


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Oconto Falls launches effort to form TIF district

Designation aims to help fund economic development, infrastructure improvements

By **WARREN BLUHM**
News Editor

Oconto Falls has scheduled a public hearing for Sept. 6 on plans to create a tax incremental financing district to cover much of the city.

The city council on Aug. 8 approved a contract with MSA Associates, a consulting firm with offices in Appleton and 16 other cities, to develop the tax increment district (TID) and guide the city through to

implementation.

"There's very strict rules that we have to follow," City Administrator Peter Wills told the city planning commission in a meeting that preceded the regular city council session. "It's like doing your taxes, you can do them yourself but it helps to have an adviser ... These guys will basically take a look at it and say here's how you really need to do it and make sure you're not going to miss anything."

Tax increment financing is a tool that cities can use to raise money for infrastructure improvements to attract economic development or redevelopment, Wills said. He cited other area cities like Shawano and Oconto that are seeing a resurgence in their downtowns largely because of the way they are utilizing TIF districts.

Ben Andrews, a community development specialist with MSA, explained to the council that property tax revenues are usually spread among the municipality, county, local school district and local technical education district, and each shares in any increase or decrease as a property's value rises or falls.

In a TID, the property taxes are set at a base rate, and as development increases a property's value, the municipality is allowed to keep all of the increased tax revenue for a period of 20 years, using the money to fund infrastructure improvements and other costs of running the TID.

After those 20 years, all of the tax-

ing entities share all of the revenues again, to their benefit assuming the TID has been successful, Andrews said.

"You can imagine that during the period of the TID, the community can make improvements," Andrews said. "At the end of the day, it's going to be beneficial to all underlying taxing jurisdictions at this point because it's going to grow everyone's tax base."

A joint review board oversees the tax increment district, comprised of representatives from each of the taxing entities plus a citizen member from the Planning Commission. The commission appointed Chique Tousey-Tabor to serve as its representative on the board.

After the public hearing, which is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Sept. 6 in the city council chambers at City Hall, 500 N. Chestnut Ave., the council plans to hold a special meeting Sept. 21 to approve the final plan for the TID.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND JOINT REVIEW BOARD MEETING REGARDING THE PROPOSED PROJECT PLAN AND BOUNDARY FOR TAX INCREMENTAL DISTRICT (TID) NUMBER 3 IN THE CITY OF OCONTO FALLS, WISCONSIN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the City of Oconto Falls will hold an organizational **Joint Review Board (JRB) meeting on September 6, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Oconto Falls City Hall**, located at 500 N Chestnut Avenue. The purpose of this meeting is to organize a JRB to consider the proposed Project Plan for TID 3. The meeting is open to the public.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Plan Commission, of the City of Oconto Falls, will hold a **Public Hearing on September 6, 2023 at 6:30 p.m., at the Oconto Falls City Hall**, 500 N Chestnut Avenue, Oconto Falls, WI regarding the proposed Project Plan and Boundary for TID 3 in the City.

Contact Ben Andrews - email: bandrews@msa-ps.com; ph: (920) 592-9630 - to request accommodation or access assistance. Access meeting online: <https://tinyurl.com/OcontoFallsMeeting> or by phone number +1 262-771-1345 with access code number: 724060096. Contact Ben Andrews - email: bandrews@msa-ps.com; ph: (920) 592-9630 - to request accommodation or access assistance.

City of Oconto Falls TID 3 is generally located in various areas located within the City's limits.

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As part of the Project Plan, cash grants may be made by the City of Oconto Falls to owners, lessees, or developers of property within TID 3.

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 3 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, 500 N Chestnut Avenue, Oconto Falls, WI; Phone (920) 846-4505. Any person wishing to attend the meeting who requires special accommodations because of a disability should contact the Clerk's office at 920-846-4505 with adequate notice so appropriate accommodations can be made.

Dated this 8th day of August, 2023

Jenny Friedman
Deputy Clerk

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The following resolution has been passed by the Common Council for the City of Oconto Falls at a meeting held on August 08, 2023. A full text of said resolution may be obtained from the Oconto Falls clerk's office located at 500 N. Chestnut, Oconto Falls, WI 54154. Phone: 920-846-4505.

RESOLUTION 23-004: COMBINED AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION FOR URBAN FORESTRY GRANT AND URBAN FORESTRY CATASTROPHIC STORM GRANT PROGRAMS

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OCONTO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Proceedings of Aug. 8

• A Dec. 5-6 jury trial was scheduled for Kenny D. Carter, 28, an inmate at Racine Correctional Institution, on a charge of first-degree sexual assault of a child younger than 13, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Dec. 19, 2018. Oconto County Circuit Court Michael T. Judge scheduled a final pre-trial conference for Nov. 20.

• A bench warrant was authorized for Nathan A. Sibert, 22, Green Bay, after he failed to appear for a preliminary hearing on charges of possession of THC (second or subsequent offense) and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred April 23.

• Chelsey Jean Raymond, 31, Oshkosh, waived her right to a preliminary hearing and was bound over on charges of bail jumping and misdemeanor counts of operating a motor vehicle while her license was revoked and violating an ignition

interlock order, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred May 5. Judge scheduled arraignment for Sept. 14.

• Bond was set at \$2,500 cash for Robert T. Albert II, 51, Oconto, after he was charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of narcotic drugs, maintaining a drug trafficking place, and misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct and possessing THC, drug paraphernalia and illegally obtained prescription drugs, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Aug. 7. Oconto County Circuit Court Judge Jay N. Conley adjourned his initial appearance to Aug. 17.

Proceedings of Aug. 7

• Carl H. Strege, 59, Oshkosh, was sentenced to one year in the county jail and assessed \$3,264 in fines and court fees for fleeing an officer in a vehicle and a misdemeanor charge of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (third offense), in connection with an incident that occurred Oct. 14, 2022. Judge

credited Strege for 298 days already served and revoked his driver's license for 33 months.

• Alexander Michael Heagle, 34, Oconto Falls, was placed on three years' probation for possession of methamphetamine and a misdemeanor count of possession of THC, in connection with an incident that occurred Nov. 2. Judge ruled that among other conditions, Heagle will serve up to a year in the county jail with Huber work-release privileges.

• Phleecee K. Young, 22, Oconto, was placed on three years of probation beginning with nine months in the county jail, for possession of methamphetamine with intent to deliver, in connection with an incident that occurred June 16, 2021, and possession of methamphetamine, felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of possession of THC, in connection with an incident that occurred March 18. Judge credited Young with 150 days already served.

• Nicholas J. Charles, 25, Suamico,

pleaded no contest to misdemeanor charges of criminal trespass, criminal damage to property and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Feb. 4. The criminal trespass count was amended from felony burglary in a plea agreement. Judge placed Charles on two years of probation with conditions, including four months in the county jail.

• Angela A. Roberts, 47, Suring, waived her right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fourth offense), in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred July 1. Judge scheduled a pre-trial conference for Sept. 14.

• Bond was set at \$5,000 cash for Brad D. Coopman, 50, Oconto Falls, after he was charged with two counts of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Aug. 4. Judge adjourned Coopman's initial appearance to Aug. 17.

OCONTO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Aug. 10

Deputies responded to 56 incidents, including suspicious activity on Safian Road in the Town of Chase, suspicious activity near Military and Tower Drive roads in the Town of Stiles, suspicious activity on South Bayshore Road in the Town of Pensaukee, fraud on Schroeder Road in the Town of Morgan, a disturbance on North Maple Avenue in the City of Oconto Falls, an ATV crash on County Road R in the Town of How, suspicious activity on North McKenzie Avenue in the City of Gillett, an animal bite on Knapp Street in the Village of Suring, suspicious activity on South Bayshore Road in the Town of Pensaukee, fireworks on Park Avenue in the City of Oconto, 13 traffic stops, one traffic hazard, seven traffic offenses, one citizen assist, two miscellaneous traffic incidents; seven open-line calls; two ambulance calls; one crash.

Aug. 9

Deputies responded to 37 incidents, including suspicious activity near U.S. Highway 41-141 and County Road D in the Town of Abrams, theft on Bloom Road in the Town of Underhill, fire near County Road EE and Oak Orchard Road in the Town of Abrams, theft on County Road I in the Town of Stiles, three traffic stops, one traffic hazard, one traffic offense, one citizen assist, one miscellaneous traffic incident, two welfare checks; one 911 hangup and five

open lines; one deer-related crash.

Aug. 8

Deputies responded to 37 incidents, including suspicious activity on state Highway 32 in the Town of Lakewood, suspicious activity on East Anderson Lake Drive in the Town of Breed, suspicious activity on Elm Avenue in the City of Oconto Falls, a death investigation in the Town of Gillett, suspicious activity near Cooley Lake and White Lake roads in the Town of Bagley, fire on County Road J in the Town of Little Suamico, fireworks on Adams Way in the Town of Little Suamico, two traffic hazards, two traffic offenses, two citizen assists, two miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; one 911 hangup and four open lines; two ambulance calls; one crash.

Aug. 7

Deputies responded to 39 incidents, including drugs in the City of Oconto Falls, an unwanted party on Columbia Street in the City of Oconto Falls, suspicious activity near Allen Road and Tanglewood Drive in the Town of Little Suamico, a missing person on Weller Road in the Town of Mountain, harassment on Lund Lane in the Town of Mountain, a disturbance on Robin Hood Lane in the City of Gillett, harassment on Pickerel Lake Road in the Town of Townsend, harassment on County Road C in the Town of Chase, a wanted person on Maple Leaf Trail in the Town of Little Suamico, squad damage near Cross Road

and Kawula Lane in the Town of Little Suamico, suspicious activity on Hougaard Road in the Town of Maple Valley, three traffic stops, one traffic offense, four miscellaneous traffic incidents, three welfare checks; three open-line calls; two deer-related crashes.

Aug. 6

Deputies responded to 62 incidents, including a noise disturbance on South Bayshore Road in the Town of Pensaukee, property damage near state Highways 32 and 22 in the Town of Oconto Falls, harassment on West Main Street in the Village of Lena, suspicious activity on Section 4 Lane in the Town of Mountain, a disturbance on Main Street in the City of Oconto, animal neglect near Sunny Slope and Daly Creek roads in the Town of Oconto Falls, a disturbance on Trails Nook Road in the Town of Oconto, suspicious activity on County Road F in the Town of Lakewood, a death investigation in the Town of Little Suamico, fire on Vandehei Lane in the Town of Riverview, a disturbance on North Pineview Circle in the Town of Breed, drugs in the City of Oconto Falls, 12 traffic stops, five traffic offenses, one citizen assist, five miscellaneous traffic incidents, five welfare checks; two 911 hangups and four open lines; one ambulance call; one crash.

Aug. 5

Deputies responded to 64 incidents, including suspicious activity on Pickerel Lake Road in the Town of Townsend,

property damage near Haywood Lane and County Road C in the Town of Chase, a disturbance on South Main Street in the City of Oconto Falls, a disturbance on North Pineview Circle in the Town of Breed, harassment on Pine Lane in the Village of Suring, a noise disturbance on County Road K in the Town of Spruce, eight traffic stops, three traffic hazards, four traffic offenses, two citizen assists, three miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; eight 911 hangups and six open lines; one ambulance call; three crashes, two involving deer.

Aug. 4

Deputies responded to 63 incidents, including harassment on Jacklin Court in the Town of Breed, an unwanted party on County Road A in the Town of Lena, trespassing on Diamond Roof Road in the Town of Townsend, fire near U.S. Highway 141 and Sunnybrook Road in the Town of Lena, an animal bite on Tom Post Road in the Town of Brazeau, an unwanted party on Whiffen Lane in the Town of Mountain, harassment on Emma Lea Lane in the Town of Lakewood, suspicious activity on state Highway 32 in the Town of Riverview, fireworks on Pritchard Lane in the Town of Riverview, six traffic stops, two traffic hazards, two traffic offenses, two citizen assists, five miscellaneous traffic incidents, two welfare checks; three 911 hangups and three open lines; one ambulance call; two crashes, one involving deer.



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Welcome to the county fair

The Oconto County Youth Fair is scheduled a week later than usual, the weekend of Aug. 24-27, at Zippel Park in Gillett. Activities are planned nearly every day beginning Aug. 19, with the formal opening ceremony scheduled as usual at 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 24, observed by American Legion Post 74.

A complete schedule of the week's events can be found on Page 5 of this special section.



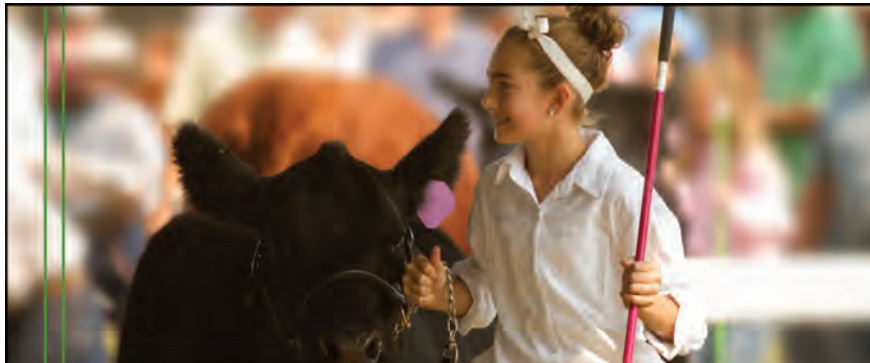
Members of American Legion Post 300 in Gillett present American flags before the opening ceremony of the 2022 Oconto County Youth Fair.

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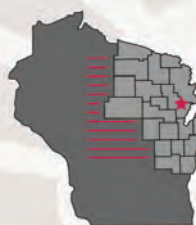
Judge Bob Peter directs entries in the goat show during judging at the 2022 Oconto County Youth Fair.

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Having been judged and earned their ribbons, farm animals in the exhibition barns remain curious and enjoy the company. FILE | NEW MEDIA

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Events calendar for Oconto County Youth Fair Week

All events take place at the Oconto County Fairgrounds, Zippel Park, Gillett

SATURDAY, AUG. 19

8 a.m. Small Animal/Caged Bird Registration
8:30 a.m. Small Animal/Caged Bird Show
9 a.m. Horse Show
9 a.m. Cat/Dog Show Registration
9:30 a.m. Cat Show, followed immediately by
Dog Show (approximately 10-10:15 a.m.)

MONDAY, AUG. 21

4-7 p.m. Open Class Exhibits (Non-Animal) Check In

TUESDAY, AUG. 22

9-11 a.m. Open Class Exhibits (Non-Animal) Check In
1 p.m. until completed - Open Class Judging (Non-Animal)
1-8 p.m. Junior Class Check-In/Judging (Non-Animal)
(Dinner Break 4:30-5 p.m.)

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 23

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Junior Class (Sheep, Goats, Swine, Beef) Check In
1-8 p.m. Junior Class (Poultry and Rabbit) Check In
1:30-4:30 p.m. Weigh Ins (Starting with Hogs, Sheep, Goats and Beef to follow)
5 p.m. until completed - -Ultrasounds 1) Beef, 2) Hogs 3) Goats 4) Sheep
7 p.m. Mini Tractor Pulls

THURSDAY, AUG. 24

9 a.m. Swine Show
Sheep to Follow Swine Show

1-5 p.m. Junior Class (Dairy) Check In
6 p.m. Opening Ceremony
6:30-10:30 p.m. Homegrown Band (Beer stand)
7 p.m. AG Olympics

FRIDAY, AUG. 25

9 a.m. Rabbit Show
10 a.m. Beef Show
12:30 p.m. Randy Peterson Music for Kids
2 p.m. Mischief and Magic Show
3 p.m. Goat Show
3-7 p.m. Ken and Kris Band (Beer stand)
4 p.m. Rabbit Kiddie Showmanship
5-6:30 p.m. Truck Pull Registration
5 p.m. Randy Peterson Music for Kids
6:30 p.m. Mischief and Magic Show
6:45 p.m. Driver Meeting
7 p.m. 4x4 Truck Pulls
7-11 p.m. Rapid Transit Band (Beer stand)

SATURDAY, AUG. 26

9 a.m. Dairy Show
9 a.m.-noon Cake Registration
9 a.m. Poultry Show
9 a.m. Draft Horse Pull
10 a.m. Mischief and Magic Show
12:30 p.m. Randy Peterson Music for Kids
1-5 p.m. TNT Polka Band
2 p.m. Mischief and Magic Show
3 p.m. Cake Auction

3:30-6:30 p.m. Nick Gonnering Band (Beer stand)
4 p.m. Poultry Kiddie Showmanship
4-5 p.m. Tractor Registration
5 p.m. Mischief and Magic Show
6 p.m. Tractor Pull
6:30 p.m. Randy Peterson Music for Kids
7 p.m. Exhibitor/Animal Formal Show
8 p.m.-midnight Fire On High Band (Beer stand)

SUNDAY, AUG. 27

9 a.m. Mischief and Magic Show
9:30 a.m. Kiddie Showmanship Registration
10 a.m. Kiddie Showmanship
11 a.m.-noon Bidder Registration
Noon Sale of Champions
1-5 p.m. Sugarbush Boys Polka Band (Beer stand)



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Pre-sale tickets are \$15 each; during the fair they will be \$25 each. Families can buy them at Peshtigo National Bank locations in Gillett and Oconto Falls, NEW Credit Union in Oconto Falls, and Gillett Handiworks.



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Reese Windus, left, explains how he raised Gibby to judge Heather Tetzlaff during the cat show at the 2022 Oconto County Youth Fair. FILE | NEW MEDIA

Small animals, horses go first

The Oconto County Youth Fair is so big, it can't be contained in a single weekend.

A few years back, some of the competitions were spun off into a separate exhibition that takes place on the Saturday before the main event. This year those shows are scheduled for the morning of Aug. 19 at Zippel Park in Gillett.

The small animal and caged bird show is set to begin at 8:30 a.m., the horse show at 9 a.m., the cat show at 9:30 a.m. and the dog show at 11 a.m. Registration for the smaller ani-

mal shows begins 30 minutes before the program.

How do the judges decide which house pet gets a blue ribbon? After awarding the 2022 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.



The TNT Polka Band performs during the 2022 Oconto County Youth Fair. The group is scheduled to return Saturday afternoon of this year's fair. FILE | NEW MEDIA

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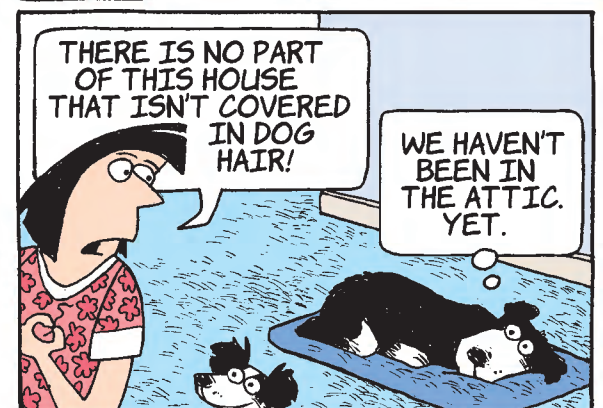
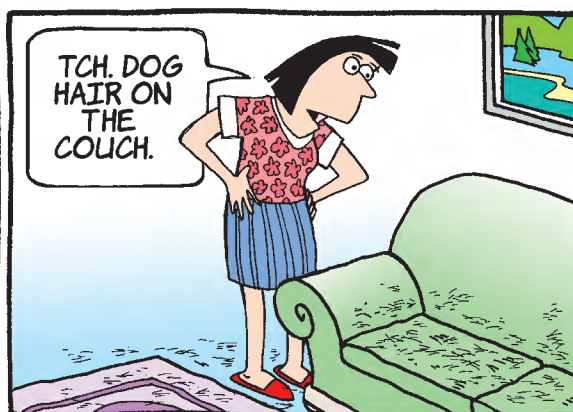
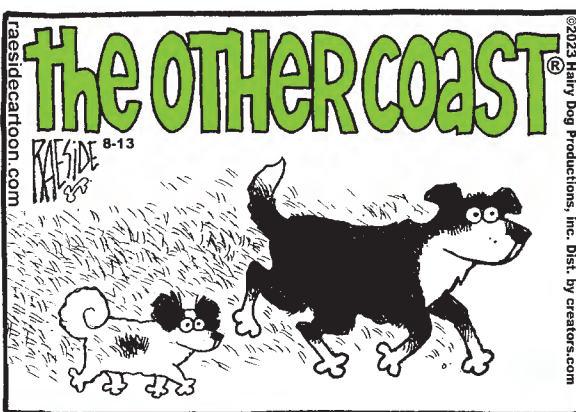
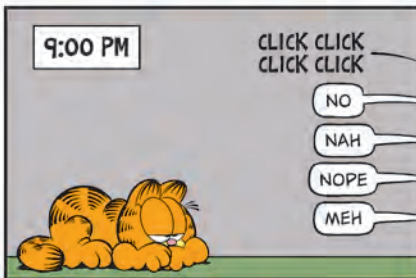
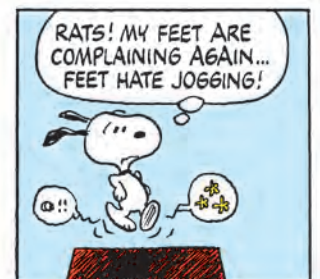
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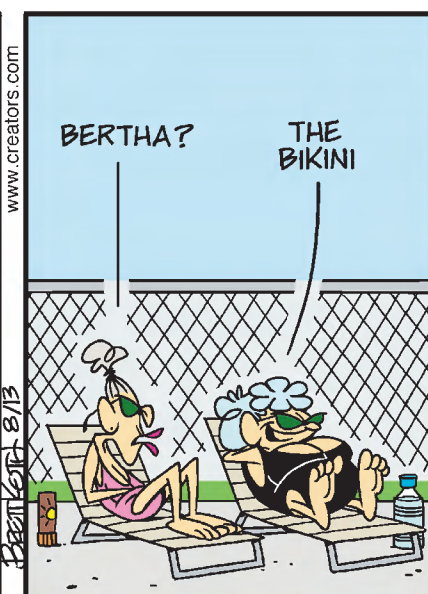
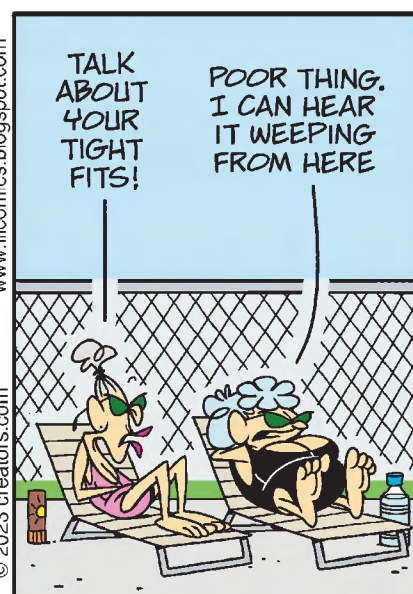
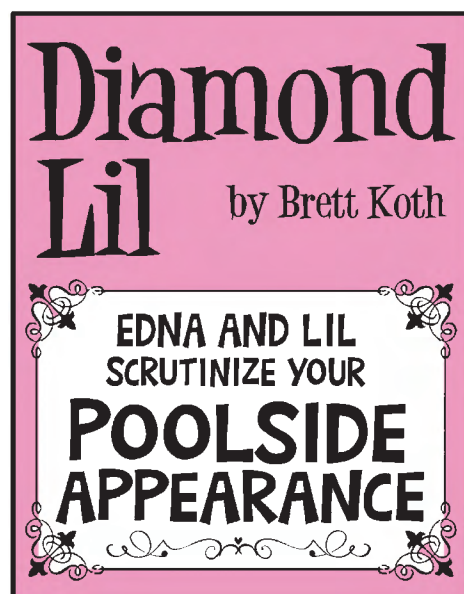
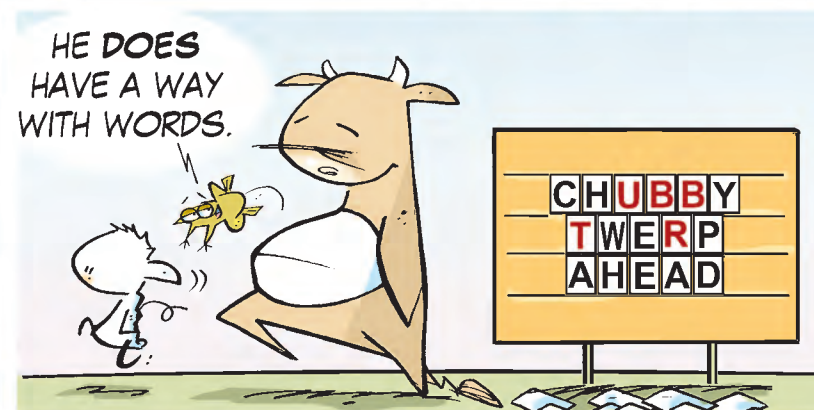
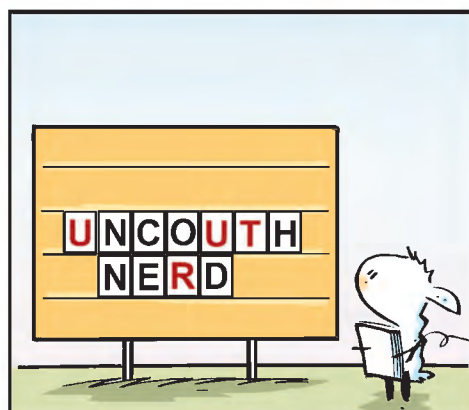
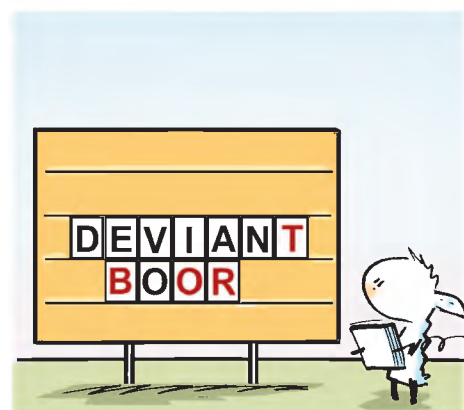
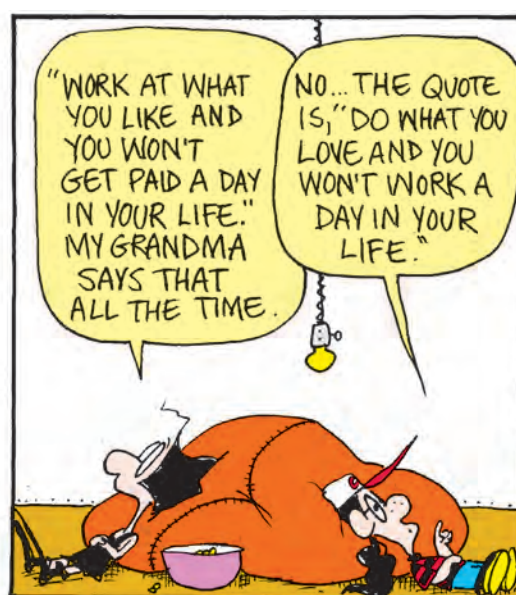
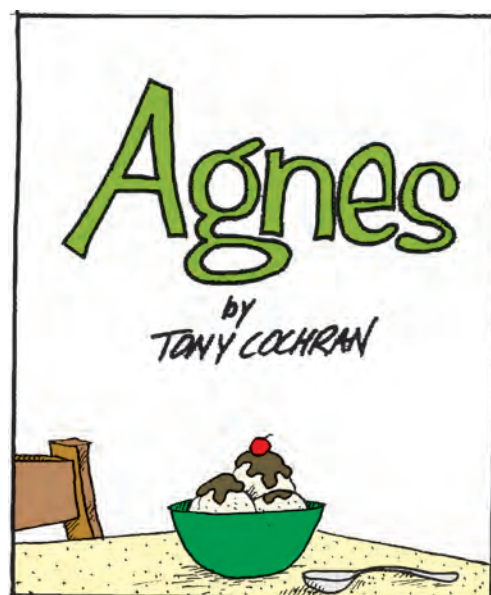
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FOX	FIFA Women's World Cup Final Postgame (N) (Live)		65 Fox News (N) 11 News (N)		11 Sharyl Attkisson		63 Invest. 11 Fox News (N)		65 Paid Programming		65 Paid Prog. 11 Retire		Paid Programming		Basketball USA Basketball Showcase: United States vs. Germany Exhibition game. From Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. (N) (Live)				FIFA Women's World Cup 2023 Final: Teams TBA From Accor Stadium in Sydney.				NHRA Drag Racing Lucas Oil Nationals From Brainerd International Raceway in Brainerd, Minn. (N) (Live)															
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ABC		9 News 9 (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	The Bachelorette A woman meets a number of men and tries to narrow them down to one who could steal her heart. (N) (SF)						9 News 9 (N)		(35) Jimmy Kimmel Live!		(35) Nightline (N)													
9 WAOW		2 Action 2 News at Six (N)								2 Action 2 News at 10 (N)																	
2 WBAY																											
CBS		5 Local 5 News at 6:00 (N)	5 Local 5 News at 6:30 (N)	Neighbor "Welcome to the Other Neighborhood"	Bob Hearts Abishola "Keep That Under Your Gele"	NCIS "The Good Fighter" When an agent turns up dead, the team searches for a killer.		NCIS: Hawai'i "Nightwatch Two" Lucy receives a strange call on night watch.		5 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N)		(35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert		(35) The Late Late Show With James Corden													
5 WFRV		7 NewsChannel 7 at 6 (N)	7 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)																								
7 WSAW																											
FOX		5.5 Big Bang	5.5 Big Bang	Stars on Mars "Distress Signal" The crew must investigate a distress signal. (N)		MasterChef "Dodgers Stadium Field Challenge" The chefs prepare lunch for over 100 kids at Dodger Stadium.		5.5 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N)		5.5 Seinfeld "The Pitch"	5.5 Seinfeld "The Subway"		5.5 Last Man "He Shed She Shed"	5.5 Last Man "Outdoor Woman"	5.5 Goldbergs												
5.5 WZAW		11 Jeopardy!	11 Wheel					11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)			11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) (Live)		11 (35) Seinfeld "The Pitch"	11 (35) King "Mean Streak"	11 (35) King												
11 WLUK																											
NBC		26 NBC26 News at 6pm (N)	26 Family Feud	American Ninja Warrior Las Vegas Finals 1 Competitors from all across America take on the world's most challenging obstacle course. (N)				Weakest Link "That's Supposed to Be My Line!" Contestants play trivia and vote each other off one by one.		26 NBC26 News at 10pm (N)		26 (35) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon (N)		(35) Late Night With Seth Meyers													
26 WGBA		12 Newswatch 12 at 6 (N)	12 Wheel of Fortune "Grand Get-aways"							12 Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)		12 (35) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon															
12 WJFW																											
PBS		PBS NewsHour Amna Nawaz and Geoff Bennett offer in-depth analysis of current events. (N)		Antiques Roadshow "Vintage Baltimore 2021 Hour 2" A Johnny Unitas Baltimore Colts championship jacket; a B. J. O. Nordfeldt two-sided oil.		Great Performances "Leonard Bernstein's Kaddish Symphony" The Chicago Symphony Orchestra performs Bernstein's "Kaddish" Symphony at the Ravinia Festival. (N)		How Saba Kept Singing		American Experience "American Oz" The life of author L. Frank Baum, creator of the classic novel "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz."																	
28 WHRM																											
35 WLEF																											
38 WPNE																											
32 WACY		Family Feud	Two Men	Dateline "Spy Games"		Chicago "The Thing About Heroes"		My News at 9 (N)	Tonight (N)	Two Men	Housewife	Housewife	Mom														
45 WTPX		FBI "Leverage"		FBI "Checks and Balances"		FBI "Brother's Keeper"		FBI "Fathers and Sons"		FBI "Short Squeeze"		FBI "Trigger Effect"															
CW		14 Big Bang	14 Big Bang	Son of a Critch "Candyland" (N)		Run the Burbs "Let's Go to the Movies" (N)		Children Ruin Everything "Road Trip" (N)		Bump "Superwoman" (N)		14 Last Man "He Shed She Shed"		14 Seinfeld		14 The National Desk (N) (Live)		14 National (N)		14 Last Man		14 Young Sheldon					
14 WCWF		34 Divorce	34 Divorce																					34 black-ish "Johnson & Johnson"		34 black-ish	
34 WYOW																											

TUESDAY				EVENING								AUGUST 22									
				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 (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	Celebrity Wheel "Melissa Joan Hart, Tituss Burgess and Lacey Chabert" Melissa Joan Hart, Tituss Burgess and Lacey Chabert. Melissa Joan Hart		Jeopardy! Masters "Games 11 & 12" Contestants continue the race to win the grand prize.		Jeopardy! Masters "Games 13 & 14" Contestants continue the race to win the grand prize.		9 News 9 (N) 2 Action 2 News at 10 (N)		(35) Jimmy Kimmel Live!		(35) Nightline (N)					
9 WAOW 2 WBAY																					
CBS				5 Local 5 News at 6:00 (N) 7 NewsChannel 7 at 6 (N)	5 Local 5 News at 6:30 (N) 7 Inside Edition (N)	FBI: International "Imminent Threat -- Part One" An American architect is abducted in Rome.		FBI "Imminent Threat -- Part Two" Remy aids Scola in the search for terrorists.		FBI: Most Wanted "Imminent Threat -- Part Three" The teams unite to hunt down fugitive terrorists.		5 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N) 7 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)		(35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert		(35) The Late Late Show With James Corden					
5 WFRV 7 WSAW																					
FOX				5.5 Big Bang 11 Jeopardy!	5.5 Big Bang 11 Wheel	Beat Shazam "Hip Hop or Country?" Band teachers, cousins, and a married couple compete. (N)		Don't Forget the Lyrics! "Strike It Rich!" A bowling executive and a glitter loving dad compete. (N)		5.5 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N) 11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)		5.5 Seinfeld "The Ticket"		5.5 Seinfeld "The Pez Dispenser" 11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) (Live)		5.5 Last Man Standing "Tattoo" 11 (35) Seinfeld "The Ticket"		5.5 Last Man 11 (05) King		5.5 Goldbergs "Colors" 11 (35) King "Lost Vegas"	
5.5 WZAW 11 WLUK																					
NBC				25 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 6 (N)	25 Family Feud 12 Wheel of Fortune "Grand Get-aways"	America's Got Talent "Qualifiers 1" Eleven performers take the stage live as judging is turned over to the audience. (N) (Live)			That's My Jam "Taraji P. Henson & John Stamos vs. Quinta Brunson & Craig Robinson" John Stamos, Taraji P. Henson			25 NBC26 News at 10pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)		(35) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon		(35) Late Night With Seth Meyers					
25 WGBA 12 WJFW																					
PBS				PBS NewsHour Anna Nawaz and Geoff Bennett offer in-depth analysis of current events. (N)		Finding Your Roots "DNA Mysteries" DNA detective work solves mysteries in the family trees of Ann Curry, Téa Leoni and Joe Madison. Guests Ann Curry, Téa Leoni		American Experience "Flood in the Desert" The 1928 St. Francis Dam collapse and the flood that claimed the lives of more than 400 people.		American Experience "Fatal Flood" The story of greed, power and race during the 1927 Mississippi River flood.		Inside the Court of Henry VIII				NOVA "Killer Volcanoes" The hunt for a volcanic mega-eruption that plunged medieval Earth into a deep freeze.					
20 WHRM 35 WLEF 38 WPNE																					
62 WACY 46 WTPX				Family Feud	Two Men	Dateline "Collision"		Chicago P.D. "Promise"		My News at 9 (N)	Tonight (N)	Two Men	Housewife	Housewife	Mom						
CW 14 WCWF 34 WYOW				Chi. Fire "Apologies Are Dangerous"		Chicago Fire "The Nuclear Option"		Chicago Fire "Madmen and Fools"		Chi. Fire "Nobody Touches Anything"		Chicago Fire "Chopper"		Chicago Fire "Arrest in Transit"							
				14 Big Bang 34 Divorce	14 Big Bang 34 Divorce	Penn & Teller: Fool Us "P & T Could Die Any Minute" Jandro; Ben Krantz; Judge Gary Brown; Puck.		Whose Line Is It Anyway? "Penn & Teller 2"	Whose Line Is It Anyway? "Rachel Bloom 2"	14 Last Man Standing "Tattoo" 34 The Liquidator	14 Seinfeld "The Pez Dispenser" 34 Chicago P.D. "Promise"	14 The National Desk (N) (Live)	14 The National Desk (N) (Live) 34 black-ish "Super Rich Kids"	14 Last Man 34 black-ish	14 Sheldon 34 Family Guy						

FRIDAY				EVENING								AUGUST 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 9 WAOW 2 WBAY	9 News 9 (N) 2 Action 2 News at Six (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	Will Trent "Bill Black" Will goes under cover to take down a drug organization.		20/20				9 News 9 (N) 2 Action 2 News at 10 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live!		(:35) Nightline (N)			
CBS 5 WFRV 7 WSAW	5 Local 5 News at 6:00 (N) 7 NewsChannel 7 at 6 (N)	5 Local 5 News at 6:30 (N) 7 Inside Edition (N)	NFL Football Detroit Lions at Carolina Panthers From Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte, N.C. (N) (Live)						5 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N) 7 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert		(:35) The Late Late Show With James Corden			
FOX 55 WZAW 11 WLUK	55 Big Bang 11 Jeopardy!	55 Big Bang 11 Wheel	WWE Friday Night SmackDown The Superstars of World Wrestling Entertainment do battle in elaborate, long-running rivalries. (N) (Live)				55 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N) 11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)	55 Seinfeld "The Bubble Boy"	55 Seinfeld "The Fix-Up" 11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) (Live)	55 Last Man 11 (:35) -Huddle- (N)	55 Last Man 11 (:05) King	55 Goldbergs 11 (:35) Seinfeld			
NBC 25 WGBA 12 WJFW	25 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 6 (N)	25 Family Feud 12 Wheel of Fortune "Grand Get-aways"	American Ninja Warrior Semifinals 2 The semifinals continue in L.A. as ninjas race head-to-head.		Dateline NBC (N)				25 NBC26 News at 10pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)	(:35) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon		(:35) Late Night With Seth Meyers			
PBS 29 WHRM 55 WLEF 58 WPNE	PBS NewsHour Amna Nawaz and Geoff Bennett offer in-depth analysis of current events. (N)		Washington Week With The Atlantic (N)	Here and Now (N)	Agatha and the Curse of Ishtar			(:35) John McGivern's Main Streets "Amana Colonies, Iowa"	POV "Unapologetic" A Chicago administration is challenged about violence against its Black residents.		Songs at the Center "Encore Episode"				
62 WACY	Family Feud	Two Men	Dateline "The Phony Rockefeller"		Chicago P.D. "Fallen"		My News at 9 (N)	Tonight (N)	Two Men	Housewife	Housewife	Mom			
45 WTPX	Hawaii Five-0 "Ka Makuakane"		WNBA Basketball Los Angeles Sparks at Atlanta Dream (N) (Live)				Hawaii Five-0 "Kanalou Hope Loa"		Hawaii Five-0 "Ka Noe'au"		Hawaii Five-0 "Ho'oilina"				
CW 14 WCWF 54 WYOW	14 Big Bang 54 Divorce	14 Big Bang 54 Divorce	Family Law "Family History" Jerri's daughter won't let Jerri meet her grandchild. (N)		Moonshine "So Long, Farewell, You're Staying" The Finley-Cullens attempt to save the Moonshine. (N) (SF)		14 Last Man "Boyd Will Be Boyd" 54 Liquidator	14 Seinfeld "The Fix-Up" 54 Chicago P.D. "Fallen"	14 The National Desk (N) (Live)	14 National (N) 54 black-ish	14 Last Man 54 black-ish	14 Sheldon 54 Family Guy			

WEDNESDAY				EVENING						AUGUST 23			
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 WAOW 2 WBAY	9 News 9 (N) 2 Action 2 News at Six (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	Abbott Elementary	Abbott Elementary	Abbott Elementary	Abbott Elementary	The Rookie "Death Sentence" Officer John Nolan and Bailey search for a mystery gunman.		9 News 9 (N) 2 Action 2 News at 10 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live!		(:35) Nightline (N)	
CBS 5 WFRV 7 WSAW	5 Local 5 News at 6:00 (N) 7 NewsChannel 7 at 6 (N)	5 Local 5 News at 6:30 (N) 7 Inside Edition (N)	Big Brother "The houseguests compete to win the power of veto. (N)		Superfan "Gloria Estefan" Gloria Estefan fans vie for a prize. Guests Gloria Estefan (N)		So Help Me Todd "Long Lost Lawrence" Margaret's family inadvertently helps her crack a case.		5 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N) 7 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert		(:35) The Late Late Show With James Corden	
FOX 55 WZAW 11 WLUK	55 Big Bang 11 Jeopardy!	55 Big Bang 11 Wheel	MasterChef "Military Rations Mystery Box; Tag Team" The chefs must prepare a gourmet meal out of Army rations and face a tag team challenge. (N)			55 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N) 11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)	55 Seinfeld "The Wallet"	55 Seinfeld "The Boyfriend" 11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) (Live)	55 Last Man "The Shortcut" 11 (:35) Seinfeld "The Wallet"	55 Last Man "Papa Bear" 11 (:05) King "Oxy Moron"	55 Goldbergs 11 (:35) King		
NBC 25 WGBA 12 WJFW	25 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 6 (N)	25 Convention (N) 12 Wheel "Grand Getaways"	America's Got Talent "Qualifiers 1 Results" Two acts move on to the final round of competition. (N) (Live)			Carol Burnett: 90 Years of Laughter + Love			25 NBC26 News at 10pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)	(:35) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon		(:35) Late Night With Seth Meyers	
PBS 29 WHRM 55 WLEF 58 WPNE	PBS NewsHour Amna Nawaz and Geoff Bennett offer in-depth analysis of current events. (N)		Nature "Big Bend: The Wild Frontier of Texas" Exploring the wildlife and serenity of the Rio Grande's Big Bend National Park.			NOVA "Killer Hurricanes" Researching the Great Hurricane of 1780 and the potential for future mega-storms.		NOVA "Killer Floods" Efforts to uncover the geologic footprints of colossal megafloods in Iceland.		When Disaster Strikes "Paradise Lost: Bahamas" Government and international aid workers help hurricane survivors in the Bahamas.		Finding Your Roots "DNA Mysteries" DNA detective work solves mysteries in the family trees of Ann Curry, Téa Leoni and Joe Madison. Guests Ann Curry, Téa Leoni	
62 WACY	Family Feud	Two Men	Dateline "Heart of Darkness"			Chicago P.D. "Snitch"		My News at 9 (N)	Tonight (N)	Two Men	Housewife	Housewife	Mom
45 WTPX	Blue Bloods "Cursed"		Blue Bloods "Stomping Grounds"			Blue Bloods "The Road to Hell"		Blue Bloods "Fresh Start"		Blue Bloods "Help Me Help You"		Blue Bloods "Friends in Need"	
CW 14 WCWF 54 WYOW	14 Big Bang 54 Divorce	14 Big Bang 54 Divorce	Nancy Drew "The Light Between Lives" The Drew Crew's mission comes to an epic conclusion. (N) (F)			Riverdale "Chapter One Hundred Thirty-Seven: Goodbye, Riverdale" Betty relives her last day of senior year. (N) (F)		14 Last Man "The Shortcut" 54 The Liquidator	14 Seinfeld "The Boyfriend" 54 Chicago P.D. "Snitch"	14 The National Desk (N) (Live)	14 The National Desk (N) (Live) 54 black-ish "Good-ish Times"	14 Last Man "Papa Bear" 54 black-ish "VIP"	14 Sheldon 54 Family Guy

THURSDAY				EVENING						AUGUST 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 WAOW 2 WBAY	9 News 9 (N) 2 Action 2 News at Six (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	Generation Gap "Get Outta My Dreams, Get Into My Fridge" Special guest Donny Osmond. Guests Donny Osmond		Jimmy Kimmel Live! "20th Anniversary Show" George Clooney, Snoop "Doggy" Dogg		Miley Cyrus: Endless Summer Vacation (Backyard Sessions) (N)		9 News 9 (N) 2 Action 2 News at 10 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live!		(:35) Nightline (N)	
CBS 5 WFRV 7 WSAW	5 Local 5 News at 6:00 (N) 7 NewsChannel 7 at 6 (N)	5 Local 5 News at 6:30 (N) 7 Inside Edition (N)	Young Sheldon "A Resident Advisor and the Word 'Sketchy'"		Big Brother Following a vote, a houseguest is evicted and interviewed. (N) (Live)		The Challenge: USA (N)		5 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N) 7 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert		(:35) The Late Late Show With James Corden	
FOX 55 WZAW 11 WLUK	55 Big Bang 11 Jeopardy!	55 Big Bang 11 Wheel	I Can See Your Voice "Episode 9: Wanya Morris, Yvette Nicole Brown, Curtis Stone, Cheryl Hines, Adrienne Houghton"		Name That Tune "Fox Legends: Glee!ful Idols" Jordin Sparks; Clay Aiken; Amber Riley; Chris Colfer. Guests Jordin Sparks		55 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N) 11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)	55 Seinfeld "The Watch"	55 Seinfeld "The Boyfriend" 11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) (Live)	55 Last Man 11 (:35) Seinfeld	55 Last Man 11 (:05) King	55 Goldbergs 11 (:35) King	
NBC 25 WGBA 12 WJFW	25 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 6 (N)	25 Family Feud 12 Wheel of Fortune "Grand Get-aways"	Password "Yvette Nicole Brown, Joel McHale, Chrissy Metz & Jimmy Fallon" Yvette Nicole Brown, Joel McHale		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "The Steps We Cannot Take" A home invasion leads the SVU to a shocking discovery.		Law & Order "Land of Opportunity" Cosgrove and Shaw discover a mysterious cover-up.		25 NBC26 News at 10pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)	(:35) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon		(:35) Late Night With Seth Meyers	
PBS 29 WHRM 55 WLEF 58 WPNE	PBS NewsHour Amna Nawaz and Geoff Bennett offer in-depth analysis of current events. (N)		The Travelling Auctioneers "Pattie and Tricia" An 88-year-old widow needs to down-size and declutter her home.		Agatha Christie's Poirot "The Big Four" Poirot is pitted against a dangerous group of dissidents responsible for a series of murders.		Mr. Bean "Tee Off, Mr. Bean"		Weekend in Havana		Nature "Big Bend: The Wild Frontier of Texas" Exploring the wildlife and serenity of the Rio Grande's Big Bend National Park.		
62 WACY	Family Feud	Two Men	High School Football					Tonight (N)	Two Men	Housewife	Housewife	Mom	
45 WTPX	Chicago P.D. "Thirty Balloons"		Chicago P.D. "Conventions"			Chicago P.D. "The Price We Pay"		Chicago P.D. "Different Mistakes"	Chicago P.D. "A Material Witness"		Chicago P.D. "At Least It's Justice"		
CW 14 WCWF 54 WYOW	14 Big Bang 54 Divorce	14 Big Bang 54 Divorce	Fight to Survive "This Is War" Resource deprivation motivates the remaining competitors. (N)			FBoy Island "I Did Not Say That" A game leaves some guys high and dry, others wet and wild. (N)		14 Last Man 54 Liquidator	14 Seinfeld "The Boyfriend" 54 Chicago P.D. "Home"	14 The National Desk (N) (Live)	14 The National Desk (N) (Live) 54 black-ish "God"	14 Last Man 54 black-ish 54 Sheldon 54 Family Guy	