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Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Reese Rogowski takes off during the girls 400-meter dash during the Division 2 WIAA State Track and Field Championships on June 25 at Veterans Memorial Stadium in La Crosse. Rogowski, one of four area athletes competing in the state meets, had a strong showing in four individual events. **FOR A STORY ON HOW THE ATHLETES PERFORMED AT STATE, SEE PAGES 26-27.**

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Fourth of July celebration has changed in Tigerton

Celebration will only feature fireworks, no block party

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

One village in Shawano County is bringing back its annual Fourth of July celebration.

The village of Tigerton will once again celebrate Independence Day in their village, although this year, the festivities will look a little different. Instead of holding their normal block party with music, followed by fireworks, there will only be a fireworks

show this year.

Tigerton did not hold a celebration last year due to concerns with the COVID-19 pandemic, but Fourth of July celebrations in Tigerton in recent years have consisted of silent auctions and polka music, with food vendors.

Tigerton Main Street Director Andrea Graham attributes not running the block party to finances involved with the event.

"We are not holding the block party this year because it has not been working financially for Tigerton Main Street in the past," said Graham.

Graham added that, due to Tigerton having a small population, there hasn't been a very big attendance at the block party in recent years.

"I don't know if the block party will

be missed," said Graham. "It is not a heavily attended event."

With the block party not being particularly popular, Graham said that the fireworks show is often admired.

"People really do like seeing the fireworks," said Graham. "It is a great show."

She mentioned that a good amount of people often come out to see the fireworks show.

"I would estimate that there are probably 300 people that are usually there," said Graham. "I am expecting to see a number around that mark this year."

The fireworks will be displayed for Tigerton residents at dusk on July 4 and they will be shot off at the high school.

Birnamwood Village Board amends pet licensing ordinance

Residents will now receive notice on April 30, not April 1

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

The Birnamwood Village Board has updated their pet licensing fee policy.

A proposal of changing deadlines for late fees was introduced at the June 14 board meeting. Because the proposal was not on the June 14 agenda, the board waited until the June 28 meeting to pass the amendment.

The previous licensing fee for pets was \$5 for neutered male or spayed female dogs and cats, unneutered or unspayed female would be \$10.

It also stated that late fees would be issued if owners did not comply with the ordinance.

"A second notice will be issued, and a late fee of \$5 will assessed for each dog or cat not licensed by March 31," said board member Jody Dombrowski, explaining the old policy. "A third notice will be issued and an additional fee of \$10 will be assessed for each dog or cat not licensed by April 1."

Confusion arose from the fact that

the second notice is March 31 and the third notice is April 1.

"If they have not paid by March 31, they are late," said clerk Lauri Klumpyan. "At that point, we have to send them a warning notice and they have two weeks to do something. If they don't, then we have to send them a certified letter."

Dombrowski asked if the board wants to keep April 1 as the date of the third notice.

"That is only one day," said board member Ron Resch. "You are only giving them one day and then sending a letter."

Klumpyan said that she cannot send the second letter until after March 31, which gives them two weeks to license their pets.

Board president Mike Sprague suggested giving residents until the end of April as the deadline.

"So they get the first \$5 after March 31, and by April 30, they get another 10," said Klumpyan.

"April 30 is a long way from April 1," Resch said.

Klumpyan said that residents get notices of the licensing ordinance throughout the year.

"We put it in the newsletter and post it," she said.

Because Klumpyan can't send residents a letter until after March 31, giving them two weeks to take action, board member Don Schmidt suggested that they make the deadline April 15, two weeks after April 1.

The board discussed difficulties that surround that date, as it could land on a weekend and Klumpyan would not be able to send letters out until the following Monday.

The board decided that April 30 would be the best time to send the third notice.

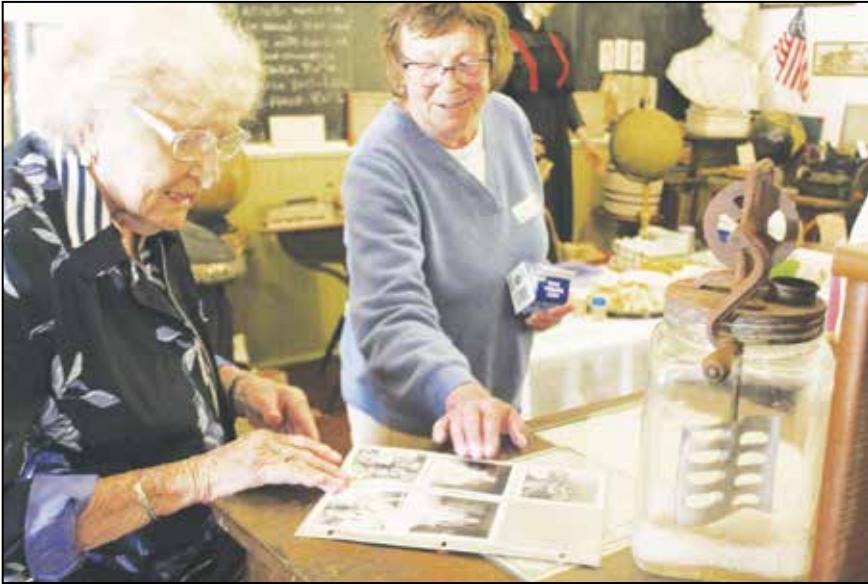
The third notice will include a \$10 late fee and a certified letter. If the fee is not paid by then, the county will be notified.

The motion passed unanimously.

CORRECTIONS

Accuracy is important to the Enterprise & News, and it wants to correct mistakes promptly. Call errors to our attention by phone at 715-526-2121, ext. 7018.

Sunday at the museum



Jean Heimann, left, a visitor from Florida staying at a campground in Shawano County, gets a helping hand looking at some artifacts June 27 at the Wittenberg Historical Museum from Carla Strassburg, president of the Wittenberg Area Historical Society. Strassburg said the society is looking for more volunteers to help run the museum, which will be open again on July 25 to showcase the community's military history.

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Susan Paisar, of Wittenberg, thumbs through some publications at a table at the Wittenberg Historical Museum. The museum has been in operation since 1973, while the Wittenberg Historical Society, which operates the museum, formed in 1970.

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LEFT: Marshall Firkus, 11, of Polonia, and his sister, Abby Firkus, 8, vigorously shake cylinders full of cream to make butter during a Dairy Month event June 27 at the Wittenberg Historical Museum. Besides the butter making, the museum also had a variety of cheeses for people to sample.

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SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

June 28

Deputies responded to 56 calls including, a domestic disturbance on Cedar Avenue in the Town of Wescott; a controlled substance problem on West Express Way in Bonduel; a disturbance on County Road Q in the Town of Birnamwood; reckless driving on State Highway 29 in the Town of Wittenberg; a threat on South Webb Street in Wittenberg; reckless driving on South Airport Drive in Shawano; a missing person on Sunshine Court in Bonduel; a disturbance on Bartelt Street in Gresham; six crashes, one involving deer.

June 27

Deputies responded to 46 calls including, reckless driving on County Road C in the Town of Angelica; a disturbance on First Street in Eland; reckless driving on County Road D in the Town of Almon; reckless driving on County Road CC in the Town of Waukechon; reckless driving on U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Aniwa; two crashes.

June 26

Deputies responded to 50 calls including, reckless driving on County Road G in the Town of Red Springs; reckless driving on Swamp Road in the Town of Pella; a disturbance on Main Street in Gresham; reckless driving on Main Street in Shawano; reckless driving on State Highway 29 in the Town of Seneca; a controlled substance problem on East Green Bay Street in Shawano; reckless driving on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; reckless driving on Pioneer Drive in the Town of Wescott; a threat on Main Street in in Gresham; reckless driving on State Highway 29 in the Town of Herman; a burglary on State Highway

29 in the Town of Morris; trespassing on South Line Road in the Town of Wescott; five crashes.

June 25

Deputies responded to 60 calls including, harassment on County Road M in Tigerton; a controlled substance problem on Mulberry Lane in the Town of Richmond; property theft on Willow Road in the Town of Angelica; criminal damage Maple Grove in the Town of Maple Grove; reckless driving on State Highway 29 in the Town of Herman; a disturbance on Lawn Road in the Town of Lessor; a threat on Main Street in Birnamwood; property theft on Crest Drive in the Town of Maple Grove; a disturbance on Main Street in Shawano; one crash.

June 24

Deputies responded to 46 calls including, reckless driving on State Highway 47 in the Town of Lessor; trespassing on Evergreen Road in the Town of Pella; reckless driving on State Highway 29 in Bonduel; reckless driving on U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Fairbanks; reckless driving on State Highway 29 in the Town of Hartland; property theft on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; reckless driving on State Highway 29 in Bonduel; trespassing on State Highway 22 in the Town of Green Valley; a domestic disturbance on County Road S in the Town of Lessor; a controlled substance problem on West Vinal Street in Wittenberg; four crashes, three involving deer.

June 23

Deputies responded to 38 calls including, operating while intoxicated on State Highway 22 in the Town of Washington; reckless driving on River Bank Road in in the Town of Belle Plaine; a controlled substance problem on Lake Drive in the Town of Washington; reckless driving on Old Lake Road in the Town of

Wescott; a weapons offense on Rosenow Lane in the Town of Morris; a disturbance on Plum Lane in the Town of Richmond; three crashes, one involving deer.

June 22

Deputies responded to 40 calls including, criminal damage on East Pleasant Street in Gresham; identity theft on North Main Street in Shawano; harassment on Red River Road in the Town of Hutchins; harassment on West Railroad Street in Bowler; reckless driving on State Highway 47 in the Town of Lessor; a disturbance on U.S. Highway 45 in Tigerton; reckless driving on State Highway 29 in the Town of Morris; a disturbance on South Webb Street in Wittenberg; a disturbance on South Second Street in Bonduel; disorderly conduct on South Mill Street in Wittenberg; property theft on Loken Road in the Town of Morris.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

June 28

Officers responded to 23 calls including, reckless driving on South Main Street; property damage on South Lincoln Street; child abuse or neglect on West Richmond Street; a disturbance on Bartelt Street.

June 27

Officers responded to 20 calls including, a disturbance on East Richmond Street; a hit-and-run at Kwik Trip, 1241 E. Green Bay St.; a disturbance on South Main Street; property theft on South Washington Street; a disturbance on South Sawyer Street.

June 26

Officers responded to 25 calls including, a disturbance at Brickstone Inn, 622 E. Green Bay St.; a disturbance at People's Express South, 716 S. Main St.; a disturbance on South Franklin Street;

reckless driving on Waukechon Street; an automobile theft on South Sawyer Street; harassment at Memorial Park, 901 S. Lincoln St.; disorderly conduct on South Main Street.

June 25

Officers responded to 22 calls including, an automobile theft on South Sawyer Street; a hit-and-run on Mountain Bay Trail Drive; a weapon offense at Shawano Ski Sharks, 211 N. Riverside Drive; harassment at ThedaCare Medical Center, 100 County Road B; property theft on East Division Street; disorderly conduct on South Union Street.

June 24

Officers responded to 23 calls including, a disturbance at Sharona's Bar, 111 S. Washington St.; an automobile theft at Auto Select, 1229 E. Green Bay St.; a drug offense on West Pine Street.

June 23

Officers responded to 22 calls including, a disturbance on West Pine Street; property theft on South Sawyer Street; bailjumping on East Green Bay Street; a theft attempt at the Fairgrounds Office, 990 Green Bay Court; a threat on Main Street; a controlled substance problem on Evergreen Street; a missing person on South Washington Street; operating while intoxicated on West Fourth Street; a drugs offense at Walgreens, 401 E. Green Bay St.; a disturbance on South Washington Street.

June 22

Officers responded to 24 calls including, a disturbance on East Green Bay Street; a domestic disturbance on South Park Street; criminal damage on Olson Street; a controlled substance problem on South Sawyer Street; property theft at Family Dollar, 413 S. Main St.; multiple disorderly conducts on Waukechon Street; property theft on East Richmond Street.

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• Joshua S. Springstube, 35, Greenleaf, was charged June 21 with two counts of bail jumping, two misdemeanor counts of bail jumping, one misdemeanor count of operating while revoked, one misdemeanor count of possession/ illegally obtaining a prescription and one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a cash bond of \$1,000 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for June 23.

• Samantha J. Shawanokasic, 33, Keshena, was charged June 21 with four counts of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of operating while intoxicated (second). Sloma set a cash bond of \$1,000. This case will resume at a later date.

• Stephan M. Nemetz, 37, Eland, was charged June 21 with one count of possession of methamphetamine, one misdemeanor count of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of operating while revoked. Judge Katherine Sloma set a cash bond of \$500 and scheduled a

resumed initial appearance for July 12.

• Marcus T. Evans-Green, 17, Wittenberg, was charged June 22 with one count of taking and driving a vehicle without consent. Sloma set a signature bond of \$5,000 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for August 5.

• Lucas I. Giebel, 21, Whitehall, pleaded no contest June 22 to one count of burglary, one count of criminal damage to property (over \$2,500) and one misdemeanor count of theft of movable property greater than or equal to \$2,500. Two counts of interfering with child custody and four counts of contributing to delinquency were dismissed, but read into the record. Sloma sentenced Giebel to 90 days in jail and three years of probation.

• Beverly A. Alexander, 37, Shawano, was charged June 23 with three counts of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of operating while revoked. Sloma set a signature bond of \$1,000 and scheduled a resumed initial appearance for July 9.

• Charges against Kevin D. Drake, 44,

Antigo, were dismissed on prosecutor's motion June 23. The charges that were dismissed were one count of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of battery.

• George E. Gift, 47, Shawano, pleaded no contest June 23 to one count of disorderly conduct. One count of substantial battery was dismissed on prosecutor's motion. Sloma fined Gift \$150. • Robert J. Brewer, 38, Keshena, pleaded no contest June 24 to one count of fleeing/eluding an officer in a vehicle and one misdemeanor count of operating while revoked. One count of second degree recklessly endangering safety was dismissed but read into the record. Sloma sentenced Brewer to nine months in jail and revoked his license for six months. • Kayla A. Suvanto, 30, Shawano, was charged June 25 with one count of possession of narcotic drugs, one count of possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), one misdemeanor count of hit and run and one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma

set a signature bond of \$2,500. This case will resume at a later date.

• Denise G. Syvertsen, 47, Wittenberg, was charged June 25 with one count of possession of methamphetamine, one count of battery or threat to a judge, prosecutor, or law enforcement officer, two count of bail jumping, one misdemeanor count of possession of THC, one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia and two misdemeanor counts of bail jumping. Sloma set a cash bond of \$500 and scheduled a resumed initial appearance for July 6.

• Richard J. Krystof, 27, Green Bay, was charged June 25 with one count of attempted battery or threat to judge, prosecutor, or law enforcement officer, one misdemeanor count of resisting arrest, one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct, and one misdemeanor count of operating while revoked. Sloma set a cash bond of \$1,500 and scheduled a resumed initial appearance for June 30.

OBITUARIES

Maryann M. Buchkowski

Maryann M. Buchkowski, 70, of Hatley, passed away on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, at home. She was born July 3, 1950, the daughter of the late Hilton and Genevieve (Atkins) Rusch. She married Larry "Smooch" Buchkowski on Sept. 10, 2002. He survives.

Maryann will be remembered for the love she shared with her friends and family. She was an avid seamstress. She made all of her children's clothes when they were young, including Kristine's dresses and Brent's cowboy shirts. Friends, family, and neighbors came from miles around to have Maryann patch and sew clothing for them. She also really enjoyed sewing pillowcases for the children at Camp Hope in Rosholt with her sister, Dorothy. She and Larry also really enjoyed doing stained glass projects and going to the casino.



Maryann enjoyed playing in the dirt planting flowers, cross-stitching, card stamping, baking, playing checkers with her grandson Carter. Many Sunday mornings were spent having

breakfast at Lisa's at Lakeside with family and friends.

Survivors, besides her husband, Larry, include her children, Kristine (Andrew) Trotter, Brent (Melissa) Obernberger, Loyd Buchkowski, Brenda (Clint) Cebula and Jill (Kevin) Damask; six grandchildren, Nathan Scheider, Brennan Obernberger, Rowan Obernberger, Carter Buchkowski, Mitchell Krause and Elizabeth Krause;

a great-grandson, Jaycen Scheider; and her sister, Dorthy (Art) Tautges.

She was preceded in death by siblings, Frank, Harvey (Pat) Rusch, Walter Rusch, David Rusch, Florence Pagel, Joyce Litke, Erma Butzlaff, and Rosemary Schleif.

On behalf of Maryann's Family, we would like to give a special thank you to everyone who cared for her during her final moments of life. It has given our family much needed peace about her passing.

A special thank you to Ascension at Home, Compassus Home Health and Hospice, Kandace, Brandy, Stephanie, Denise and Julie Mieska, Art and Dorthy Tautges, Nathan Scheider, Tommy and Nicole Buchkowski, Kevin and Jill (Buchkowski) Damask, Loyd Buchkowski, Yvonne Wilkowski, Grant Kastning, Kesi

Johnson, Dale and Lynn Pflughoeft, Tina Stauske, Steve and Amy Hartlich, Andy Kasper, and Nick Ficken with Beste Funeral Home.

Maryann wanted a special thank you for her husband Larry for enriching her life with his love and care until her last day. Larry, I ask for you to please be good to yourself, you deserve every bit of grace that allows you to enjoy life to the fullest. I will be your angel until we meet again.

A celebration of life was held on Wednesday, June 30, 2021, from 4-7 p.m., followed by a prayer service at 7 p.m. at Beste Funeral Home, Mosinee. The Sister Mary Ellen officiated.

Online condolences can be directed to the family at www.bestefh.com.

Gardens, school forest enhance children's education

As we continue to prepare for the start of the upcoming school year, I would like to draw our residents' attention to a very positive endeavor we have recently initiated in our district.

I'm sure a number of you have driven down Birnamwood Road and have noticed raised garden beds to the south of the school, or perhaps during your stroll down Webb Street in Wittenberg have observed the same between the playground and cafeteria.

Thanks to the vision and initiative taken by Ashley Hegewald, both schools now have their very own



GARRETT ROGOWSKI

tary students at both schools, and although both are in their infancy as gardens, the excitement for outdoor learning and environmental educa-

tion is here to stay. raised garden vegetable beds and pollinator gardens that will include many native Wisconsin plants and flowers. Already, these projects have involved the support and working hands of our elemen-

tion is here to stay.

In addition to both of these grant-funded projects, Ashley has led environmental education lessons to all of our students in grades K-2 at our nature center and school forest north of Birnamwood.

In this setting, our students are getting a very hands-on experience with many aspects of being in the outdoors, including developing an appreciation and respect for nature. Here, she supports our teachers in integrating their curriculum in an outdoor setting once a month throughout the school year.

Our K-2 students spent nine days

at the school forest this past year.

Next year, we intend for the environmental curriculum to expand in a similar way to all students in grades 3-5, as well. One thing's for sure, you can bet none of them will have a cellphone in their hand during these sessions.

We look forward to the continued use of our amazing nature center resource that will give our students a one-of-a-kind experience that they will cherish and look back on fondly for years to come.

Garrett Rogowski is superintendent for the Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District.

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Sixth grade: Austin P. Carlson, Kendall K. Lex, Gabrielle M. Timm, Kaitlin Tuskowski, Colin F. Tutaj

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Eighth grade: Jordyn R. Bergner,

Sage F. Blum, Ella Gagnon, Patricio Galan, Kolton M. Greely, Olivia Habeck, Sophia Lemieux, Karina Rubio, Boone Schairer, Logan Tuskowski

Seventh grade: Carter M. Cieslewicz, Henry P. Egging, Evan L. Fuller, Lily G. Holbach, Saige F. Kennedy Jr., Kendyl M. Kessen, Carson Meverden, Connor Meverden, Landon Praslowicz, Jacob

N. Resch, Lexis Scheurer, Jamie D. Zmudka

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A dinosaur lurks in an Oregon lake

While surfing Infosoup I came across "Dinosaur Lake" by Kathryn Meyer Griffith. What kid didn't want to be an archaeologist?

Henry Shore had that dream, but life sent him in another direction, and he became a New York police officer. After being shot, Henry knew it was time to move on and took the job of chief ranger at Crater Lake National Park in Oregon.



JAN JONES

At first Ann missed the hustle of working at a city newspaper, but both she and Henry loved the park. Since Henry's salary isn't enough to live on, Ann works for the struggling Klamath Falls Journal.

Their daughter Laura had dropped out of school to married, got pregnant and got dumped. Now she's ready to rebuild her life.

One early spring morning Ranger George Redcrow tells Henry that he's found some unusual animal carcasses. He's concerned about the savage way the animals were killed. Later that day a small earthquake rocks the area, and Henry discovers it has exposed a large field of what appear to be dinosaur bones.

Fascinated, he requests a paleontologist. By the next morning Dr. Justin Malin is at the site, and they soon become friends.

That afternoon one of the tour boat operators mentions seeing some sort of 'sea monster' on the lake. Days later only pieces of the man's boat are found. Soon another operator disappears.

Henry refuses to believe in monsters but tries to keep an open mind. When Justin shows him some massive tracks, he is half-convinced.

When an encampment of homeless families is attacked, Henry orders the

AT A GLANCE

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park evacuated. His supervisor is furious, but Henry only cares about safety.

After three reporters sneak into the park and become a dino-snack, Henry strongly urges the scientists to leave the bone site, but the monster arrives leaving death and destruction in its wake.

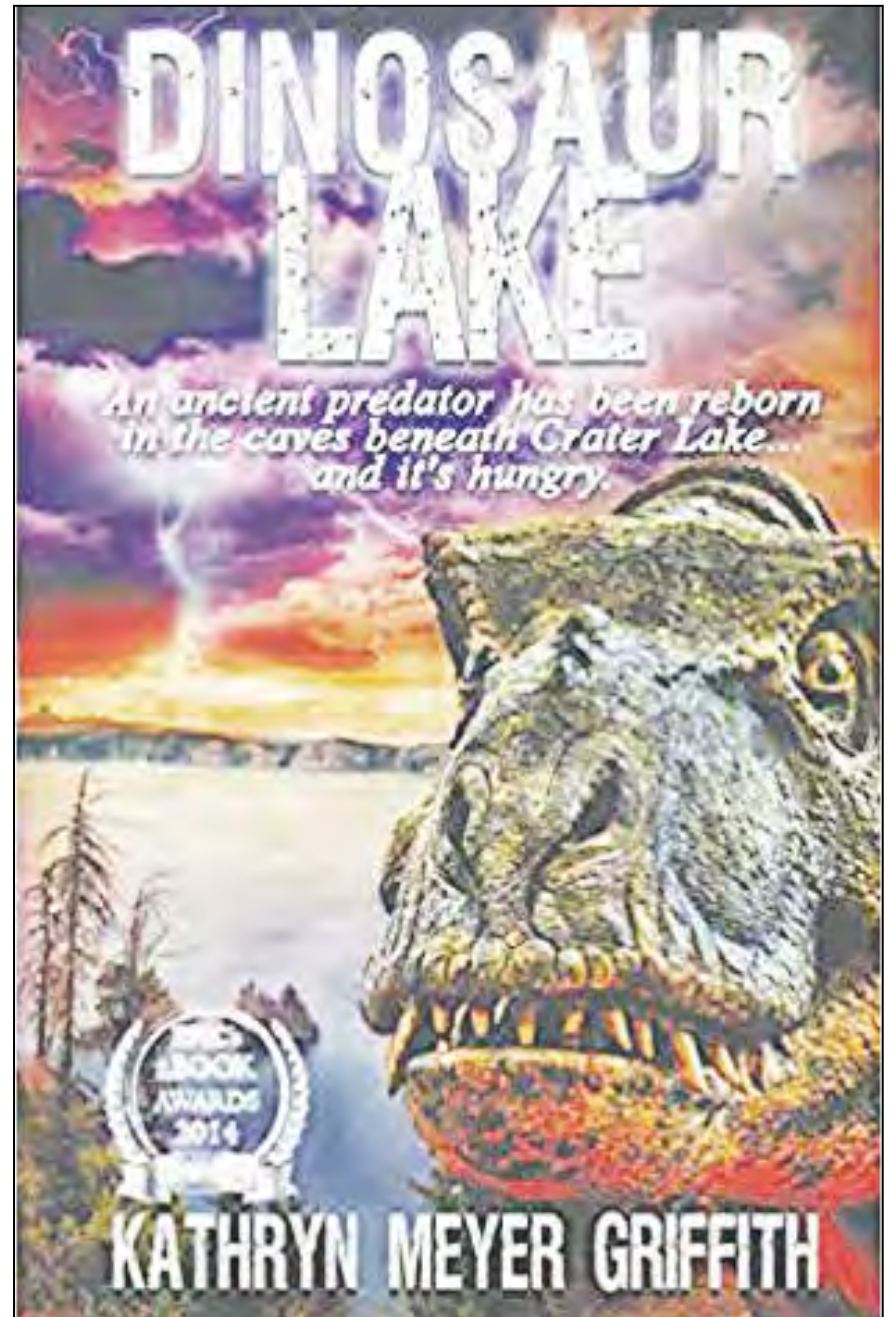
Justin explains that this may be a juvenile that hatched in one of the many tunnels beneath the lake. The quake must have opened a passage into the lake. And the youngster has learned that humans are easy prey. He believes that this creature is much smarter than any known dinosaur.

With few campers in the park, the monster hunts further from the lake. Henry sends his family to live in town and assembles a crack team to do battle with the monster. His boss, the governor and several scientists want it captured alive, but Henry and his team are determined to destroy it.

After several more good people are killed by the beast, a four-person sub is brought in. Henry, Justin and two others explore the caves at the bottom of the lake. After an arduous hunt they find its lair as well as what appear to be a clutch of viable eggs. Another quake is predicted, and they feel tremors as they dispose of the eggs.

As they leave the cave the monster attacks, so they limp back to the cave and prepare to do battle there. The men will need nerves of steel and massive firepower to survive. Luckily, they have both.

As the quake tears the cave apart, the wounded monster tumbles into a lava flow, taking one of their team with it. The remaining men agree to tell others about the lava, but not mention the weapons.



Months later the park begins to return to 'normal' with even more visitors wanting to see where the dinosaur once lurked. Ann's reporting saved the paper, Henry hired more rangers, and Laura and Justin got married. They all know that things may appear normal, but beneath the surface they all carry

the pain of guilt and 'what ifs' for the rest of their lives.

Some things just cannot be 'unseen,' but we each deal with them in our own way. Sometimes getting lost in a book works best. Head for your public library and check it out.

COLLEGE NOTES

Saint Mary's

Logan Hanus, son of Arlene Hanus, Wittenberg, received a Bachelor of Arts in human services from Saint Mary's University of Winona, Minnesota, in May.

UW-Oshkosh

Elizabeth Muscha of Birnamwood earned a spot on the dean's list for spring semester 2021 at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

LIBRARY NOTES

Hatley Library

Marathon County Public Library's Hatley Branch, 435 Curtis Ave., Hatley, is hosting Beach Party Story Time, an outdoor beach-themed event, from 10:30-11 a.m. July 13. Hear stories and songs, play games, and pick up a free craft. For more infor-

mation, call 715-446-3537.

The Hatley Book Club is scheduled to discuss "The Tattooist of Auschwitz" by Heather Morris when it meets at 1 p.m. July 13. The group plans to decide closer to the gathering about the safest way to meet.

Davel's post as administrative coordinator permanent

ADA promoted to take charge of county's legal affairs

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Shawano County has filled two of its top positions from within after months of interim staffing, allowing for full-time leadership.

The Shawano County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved James Davel as administrative



JAMES DAVEL

coordinator and Larenda Maulson as corporation counsel on June 23. Davel replaces Brent Miller, who resigned in October 2020 to become county administrator for Sauk County,

while Maulson takes over the post previously held by Tony Kordus, who left in March of this year for personal reasons after serving the county for more than 12 years.

Davel, who previously served as the county's emergency management coordinator, had been serving part time as the interim administrative coordinator for several months after several failed attempts to recruit other potential candidates.

"We did hold several interviews. We made offers, and a couple of those offers were used, I believe,

to go back to where they were employed and get a raise, because none of them accepted it," County Board Chairman Tom Kautza said. "We then went back to see if Jimmy would be interested, and he jumped right on it."

Prior to being hired by the county, Davel had served for 30 years in the U.S. Army.

Supervisor Jerry Erdmann, an Army veteran himself, had some positive praise for Davel.

"Stay motivated, and get 'er done," Erdmann said.

Davel will receive an annual salary of \$105,165, slightly less than the \$106,081 that Miller received. However, the real savings to the county will come from the fringe benefits, according to Kautza. Because Davel is receiving benefits from the military, the county is expected to save more than \$25,000 having Davel in the position.

"I think he's doing a pretty good job," Kautza said. "There's still a lot to learn, but I haven't heard much in bad comments from anybody. In the interim, whenever you asked for something to be done, he'd do it."

Supervisor Gene Hoppe endorsed making Davel's appointment permanent, saying he's watched Davel in action.

"I've noticed through the days that he's been dealing with people really, really good," Hoppe said.

With Davel becoming the administrative coordinator, that leaves

the emergency management coordinator position open. However, the county board won't have to approve filling that position as it passed a resolution during the meeting putting the emergency management office back under the sheriff's department. This reverses a decision from 2016 to make emergency management its own agency, receiving oversight from the county's public safety committee.

Maulson will officially take over as corporation counsel July 6 after



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serving as an assistant district attorney for the last five months. She has also worked in the public defender's office in Wausau for six months and received her juris doctorate

from the University of Wisconsin Law School.

"I thoroughly look forward to working with you all," Maulson said to the board.

Maulson will receive an annual salary of \$90,147, which will save the county an additional \$25,000 compared to what the county was paying Kordus, according to Kautza. The resolution that the board approved also stipulates that if she decides to resign, she must give a 90-day notice.

"She is going to, hopefully, be

a longtime employee for Shawano County," Kautza said, noting that Maulson will be on time for future county board meetings. Maulson had to fit in her attendance at the board meeting between two court hearings.

Because Maulson is still fairly green in her law career, the \$25,000 in salary savings will be used this year to retain Von Briesen to assist her as she becomes acclimated to her new post, Kautza said.

Kautza noted that the hiring was rushed through with a recommendation from the administrative committee prior to the board meeting.

"The executive committee approved making an offer to her (earlier in June), and when she accepted, I thought we should hurry up and do the whole thing, because she's going to start in early July," Kautza said. "There's no point postponing it until the executive committee next month; that's almost a whole month from now."

Kautza said that the committee did not receive any applications from municipal attorneys or other experienced professionals, noting the labor market is extremely tight. Still, he feels Maulson will serve the county well.

"You now have 27 bosses instead of one," Kautza said to Maulson after the vote. "Welcome to the group."

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Organic food producers can get reimbursed by USDA

Organic food producers and processors have until Oct. 31 to apply for reimbursement of costs related to organic certification through the USDA National Organic Program.

In Wisconsin, this federal funding is administered through the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP).

Farms and businesses that produce, process or package certified

organic agricultural products are eligible to be reimbursed for 50% of certification-related costs (up to \$500 per category of certification) for expenses paid from Oct. 1, 2020, to Sept. 30. Farms and businesses must be located in Wisconsin and currently certified as organic or actively seeking certification through an accredited organization during that time.

Applications materials and in-

structions can be found online at the DATCP's Organic Cost Share Program webpage: https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Growing_WI/OrganicFarmingAndFood.aspx

Applications must be mailed to DATCP-DAD, Organic Cost Share Program, P.O. Box 8911, Madison, WI 53708 or emailed to datcporganic-costshare@wi.gov. For information, contact Andrew Bernhardt, DATCP

organic agriculture programs specialist, at datcporganiccostshare@wi.gov or 608-572-0512.

The funding for this popular program originated in the 2002 Federal Farm Bill and was renewed in the 2014 Federal Farm Bill. Funding comes from the federal government through the USDA National Organic Program. DATCP administers the funding for Wisconsin.

Shawano Area Matthew 25 to open clothing resale store July 2

Shawano Area Matthew 25 Inc. (SAM25) has announced the grand opening of its resale shop, Sam's Closet, will be at 11 a.m. July 2, at the

shop, 105 E. Richmond St., Shawano.

Sam's Closet is a clothing resale store, open to the public 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. The orga-

nization hopes to expand its hours in the future as it gets more volunteers. People interested in helping may stop in to inquire about volunteering.

The store is volunteer-run, allowing proceeds to benefit SAM25 Emergency Homeless Shelter, resource center and future community health clinic.

Dealing with CRPS unnerving for Shawano woman

Steinbach trying to educate community, medical officials about rare and painful condition

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

A simple bicycle ride in 2020 triggered the start of a lifetime of pain for Shawano resident Sarah Steinbach, who has since learned that she has complex regional pain syndrome (CRPS).

However, instead of letting the pain overtake her, Steinbach is turning that pain into awareness about an issue that few people are aware of. To that end, she held her first CRPS awareness walk June 26 at Heritage Park, spreading the word at the Shawano Farmers Market and other downtown areas about a rare condition that affects fewer than 200,000 people in the United States per year.

CRPS is when someone has chronic arm or leg pain developing after an injury, surgery, stroke or heart attack. What makes the pain CRPS is when it feels greater than someone would expect from the injury that caused it. It can last for years, and for many, it can last a lifetime.

For Steinbach, the CRPS started on that ride July 7, 2020, with her son, Isaac, and her golden retriever, Bennet. The trio stopped for a drink of cold water when a blue butterfly fluttered in front of them, and Bennet wanted to chase the butterfly, jerking the leash enough to cause Steinbach to fall off her bike. She immediately felt an intense burning pain in her elbow, and she knew she needed to get medical care for it, a challenge at the time due to the coronavirus pandemic causing restrictions at health care facilities.

"It took about four months. I'd seen three different specialists and all they found at first was a bone bruise, marrow deep," Steinbach said. "I had no idea that was even a thing, but I kept saying that it hurts too much for it to be just a bone bruise."

The doctors recommended giving it six more weeks, but in the meantime, Steinbach went to another pain specialist, who immediately saw that she had CRPS and prescribed her oral nerve medication. The specialist had her come into his office in December 2020 for a trial spinal cord stimula-



Friends, family and colleagues of Shawano resident Sarah Steinbach walk June 26 on the sidewalk near the Shawano County Sheriff's Department en route to downtown Shawano in order to get the word out about complex regional pain syndrome.

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tor, which was expected to relieve the debilitating pain she had experienced for months, although there's nothing that can cure it.

"I got a lot of relief," Steinbach said, noting that she had her permanent spinal cord stimulator implanted in January of this year. "The purpose of the spinal cord stimulator is to change the brain waves that my body is sending the pain signals. It's actually a symphonic nervous system disease and autoimmune, so my body is attacking itself, and it causes the pain."

CRPS is sometimes referred to as the "suicide disease," according to Steinbach, because one out of two people with the condition opts to take their own life because the pain is so great.

"CRPS is the most painful condition known to humans, and it actually spreads through your nervous system," Steinbach said, noting that medical experts show CRPS creates higher pain than childbirth or amputation. "It started in my elbow and went to my wrist, my hand, went up to my shoulder and mid-shoulder. In mid-

March, I had a test confirming it has spread to my leg."

With the CRPS, Steinbach has lost a lot of the function in her arm and is uncertain how she will be able to work again, noting she did office work before her injury with a lot of typing, and doing the repetitive motion now would just increase her pain.

When asked what has allowed her to endure, Steinbach said having a support system made all the difference. Her family has been supportive, and Steinbach also found a CRPS support group that covers much of northeast Wisconsin. Not even the emotional support can cripple the physical pain, though, she said.

"There are nights when you wish to the stars that the pain would subside a little," Steinbach said. "Then the break of dawn comes. We warriors get excited about morning because we've made it through another day."

The walk continued in spite of the rainy weather. For some people suffering with CRPS, a simple touch can cause pain, even from a drop of moisture.

Steinbach and her support group

are trying to communicate with doctors and nurses about CRPS. It is so uncommon that many medical professionals are not aware of its existence and, therefore, unable to diagnose it when a patient comes in with symptoms.

"You just can't believe that medical professionals would just dismiss your symptoms and how we feel and how it affects us," Steinbach said. "Every day is different. You don't know if you're going to be able to get out of bed, if you're going to be stiff, if you're going to work, how much pain you have."

The money raised from the weekend's awareness walk will go into a fund to help others dealing with CRPS. Steinbach said she knows one person with CRPS who is living off of Social Security and cannot afford a cane.

"I am so thankful to be in a community that loves me," Steinbach said. "I have been here, and my family has been here, for a long time, so I know that I will get through this disease OK."

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OPINION

Fight for Independence Day like you do Christmas

We always hear about the so-called War on Christmas, where people feel that they can't say "Merry Christmas" for fear that you might be considered insensitive to those who celebrate other holidays, such as Hanukkah. If retail workers or others dare to say the all-encompassing "Happy holidays," it's seen as an affront to Christians.

However, there is another holiday out there where folks don't dare to say its name, although it baffles me as to why. This holiday doesn't have other competing days, and it's not one that's limited by faith. It's a day that we revere as the birth of this country and the freedoms that we enjoy today.



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Independence Day. There. I said it. Sue me. Why is everyone so afraid to call the holiday we have coming up Independence Day, instead relegating it to the mundane declaration of the date that it falls on? Everywhere you look, advertisements show that we're going to be having "July 4th" activities and "Fourth of July" festivals.

We're going to have parades, baseball games, barbecues and flags galore to celebrate the day, and we're going to light up the night with dazzling fireworks.

We're going to be doing things that folks in less-developed countries only dream of, yet those two beautiful words — Independence Day — seem to be akin to shouting "Fire!" in a crowded theater. We'll say everything else under the sun on this day and probably do a few things that we might regret later, but yet when it comes to announcing what day it is, Independence Day is considered to be a dirty phrase.

We used to be proud to broadcast our patriotism. We used to have beaming smiles when people spoke of independence. However, independence is rarely spoken on broadcast television. Businesses tout their big red, white and blue sales for "the Fourth of July." It's like we're a nation that's ashamed of our freedom instead of flaunting it like a snazzy, sexy sports car.

Why are we so unwilling to say two words that sum up the decision 245 years ago where American colonists signed a Declaration of Independence and essentially told the king of England that they weren't going to put up with his tyranny anymore and were venturing out on their own? Why are we denying that the ensuing Revolutionary War that took place after the document was signed was a battle for our freedom and for our independence to be who or what we want to be?

Instead, we call this holiday by its date. There's another day in history we call by its date, but it's



not celebrated with red, white and blue and hot dogs — Sept. 11. That's when our little hamlet of freedom was shaken to its core by foreign terrorism that reminded us that freedom is not simply given to us. We have to fight for it, and many folks do that for America every day, whether they wear a military uniform, a police uniform or a three-piece suit in the courtroom.

After what happened earlier this year when our nation's Capitol was besieged by people intent on disrupting a democratic process laid out in our United States Constitution, it's highly likely that the date Jan. 6 will be another one that Americans speak with bitterness on their tongues — another dark day in our history. With this tendency for specific dates to become unpleasant to think and speak of, why do we relegate one of the biggest celebrations of the year for America to a mere Fourth of July?

What kind of reaction do you think people would have if we called Veterans Day "Nov. 11," or if we simply called Thanksgiving "the fourth Thursday of November"? It makes little sense for us to make our proud holiday of patriotism into something we should be ashamed of. We should embrace our freedom and our civil liberties and not glance around for fear someone might change our status to dictatorship

simply because we dare to say the words "Independence Day."

By not saying the words, we're indicating that the people who fought and died to maintain the infancy of our nation are not important, that they're an afterthought. We're acting like our fun times on the lake and parties in our backyards are prepackaged and given to us like food in a grocery store, not acknowledging that there was a long and laborious process to get our country to where it is. That's wrong. That's half a step away from despicable.

I hope that we all take a little time to remember that our way of life exists because our ancestors took steps to secure our independence. We're so ferocious when it comes to protecting the holiday of Christmas from being watered down, but I believe we should fight just as hard to keep Independence Day from becoming a faint memory. Americans are proud of who they are, and they should be proud that they have their independence, as well.

Happy Independence Day, one and all, and just in case I forget to say it in six months, have a merry Christmas.

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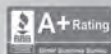
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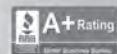
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Volunteers were kept quite busy dishing out scrambled eggs, sausage, cheese curds and more June 27 during the Shawano County Brunch on the Farm at Back 40 Acres in the Town of Angelica. The Shawano County Farm Bureau was expecting more than 4,500 people to attend this year, and despite the rainy weather throughout the event, traffic on Cedar Road was backed up for most of it as vehicles waited to get on the farm.



Cassidy Baumann with the Bonduel FFA turns over some sausage links in preparation for long lines of hungry people June 27 during the Shawano County Brunch on the Farm.



Lyle Process, 1, watches curiously as a dairy cow chows down on some feed June 27 during the Shawano County Brunch on the Farm at Back 40 Acres. The young boy and his family came from Howard to enjoy some down home agricultural cooking.

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BUSINESS

Twig's sodas go from glass to aluminum

Bottling company tries canned beverages of select flavors to get into other markets

By **LEE PULASKI**

City Editor

Twig's Beverage Company has been bottling delicious Sun Drop soda for decades, and a few years ago, the company started developing its own specialty sodas to quench locals' thirsts.

Now, those flavors have been canned.

Twig's has decided to put its root beer, black cherry, orange and grape flavors into aluminum cans in the hopes of getting into additional markets beyond the current grocery stores and other places that sell specialty sodas.

"We find that a lot of events and venues cannot have glass because of the liability of breakage and stuff," said Lucas Hartwig, who operates Twig's with his family and was the one spearheading putting the sodas in cans. "That was an opportunity to get into other markets by having cans. Also, some people prefer cans, especially the people who travel here. People visiting here might not want the fragility of the bottles. The cans are a little more durable."

The project took a little more effort, due to the fact that Twig's is set up for glass bottles. Hartwig brought in a mobile canner who processed 800 cases of soda in 16 hours.

"They drove up here, and they have all their machinery on wheels, so they just wheeled it all in and hooked it up to our system," Hartwig said. "It's all the same soda. We batched it all here and stuff. We did that all in a day."

Hartwig hopes to have the cans available for sale at the Shawano County Fair and other fairs in the region. The canned soda could also potentially be sold at the Resch Center in Green Bay and other sports arena, he said.

"With Twig's vs. Sun Drop, there are no territories or regulations," Hartwig said. "With Twig's, we can go wherever we want. We can go outside of our territory to other events, and maybe retailers (outside Twig's Sun Drop territory)."

Whether plans to do more canned



Lucas Hartwig grabs a four-pack of Twig's Forget-Me-Not Grape soda for a customer June 26 at Twig's Beverage Company in Shawano. The cans are a new twist to the flavored sodas that Twig's batches, as customers are used to seeing them in glass bottles.

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soda materialize remains to be seen. A big unveiling planned to be in an outdoor tent had to be moved inside June 26 after the rainy weather changed those plans, but Hartwig is hopeful that once the word gets out, the demand will go up.

"We didn't want to invest in machinery and stuff, because we don't know how it's going to go," Hartwig said. "We just did a minimum run, and I took a survey to find out the four most popular flavors, and that's why we've got the black cherry, grape, orange and root beer."

Hartwig noted that some of Twig's regular distributors have already scooped some of the cans up for retail sales, setting up a waiting game to see if the canned soda takes off.

"We're just kind of rolling with it," Hartwig said. "If it works, great. If it turns out to be less than ideal, then we didn't invest too much in machinery or stuff like that."

Of course, if the popularity sky-rockets, it'll take some time to can some more soda, as Hartwig noted the mobile canner is booked up for several months.

Hartwig said that Twig's was considering going with a black can for the sodas to match with its labels versus the standard silver aluminum, but finding someone that made black cans that was available was difficult as the state continues to recover from the coronavirus pandemic.

"It was a little pricier, so we went with the (standard) aluminum cans," Hartwig said. "We got some black tack packs on top that contrasted well, so we might just stick with this style."

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The deadline to submit pieces is Aug. 13 at 10 a.m., and the winning pieces will be displayed in the stadium's club level during the upcoming season.

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Sunset theme decorates newest barn quilt

The nation's largest trail of barn quilts in Shawano County continues to grow with the addition of number 367.

The quilt, called Sunset Memories, is on a barn owned by John and Vicki Spiegelberg at N3525 Lone Maple Road, Tigerton. The quilt was put on display June 21, which was especially meaningful, since it was John and Vicki's 41st wedding anniversary.

"The quilt pattern represents our interests, including our love of trees, lumber, hunting and farming with antique tractors," Vicki said.

John and Vicki, who live in Hortonville, purchased the 80-acre parcel of land in 2004, using the land for cropping and the barn for storage. The barn, built in the early 1900s, was in poor condition, but John and Vicki fixed it up well enough to have several barn dances there for family and friends. As time allows, they continue to make improvements in the barn, including adding metal siding and repairing some of the inside.

At their home in Hortonville, they raise some beef steers and chickens. John also has a collection of about 30 antique tractors that he has restored. He also built a saw mill and Vicki enjoys woodworking and making crafts.

John and Vicki have three sons. Clayton, Cole and Charlie, who with his wife, Lindsey, has two boys. They also have a daughter, Karen, who is married to Ben Cate, and they have two daughters.

Vicki and John said they have thought about getting a barn quilt for quite some time and are thankful to Jim and Irene Leuenberger for making it happen.

"It really is amazing what they



John and Vicki Spiegelberg, of Hortonville, stand with their barn quilt at N3525 Lone Maple Road near Tigerton.

JIM LEUENBERGER

have done to make the old barns in Shawano County look beautiful again," Vicki said.

The Spiegelberg barn quilt was painted by the Shawano County barn quilt committee and was put up

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Hostas provide many forms of artistic grace.

There is amazing texture, vertical interest in some plants, color, form, sculpture, symmetry, asymmetry, and so many varieties are available that you can create a virtual tapestry of beauty.

Some of my favorite hostas are those that are heavily corrugated, or seer-suckered, providing incredible texture in the garden not available from any other plant. As some varieties of hostas mature, this corrugation becomes especially intense, creating quite the display in the garden. Some examples of hostas with especially beautiful corrugation are World Cup, Abiqua Drinking Gourd, Big Daddy, and Rainforest Sunrise.

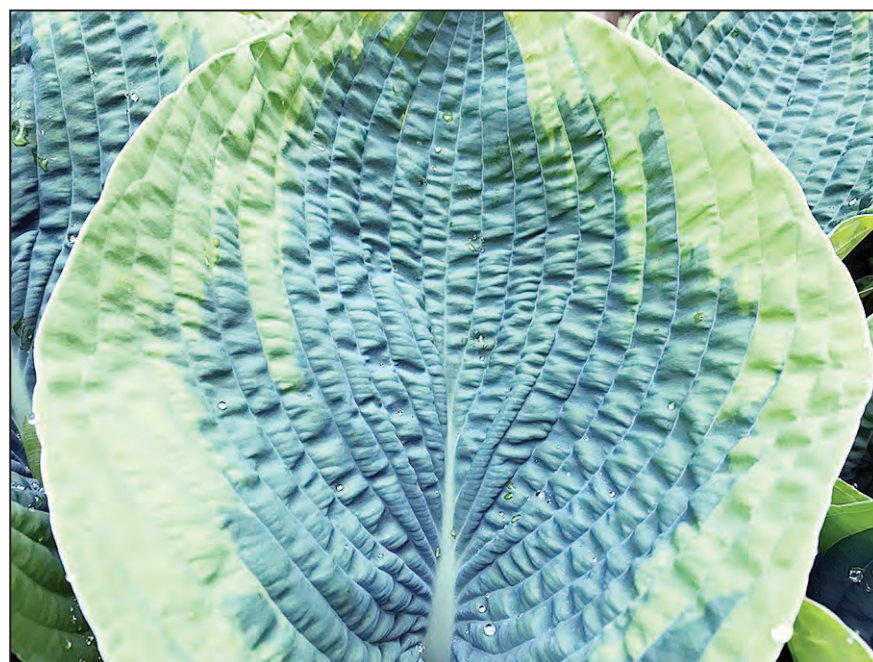
Many gardeners refer to hostas that blend several shades of color together as “painted” hostas. Indeed, this is exactly how they appear, as the colors are blended on the leaves, almost like brushstrokes from an artist’s paintbrush. Depending on the variety, this color can become more intense and more beautiful when the hosta is placed in the sun or shade.

Form is another characteristic of hostas that lends itself beautifully in the garden. Some hostas are small, barely 6 inches across with tiny leaves. Others are quite massive, reaching up to 8 feet across and 4 feet high, spectacular specimen plants in the summer garden. Some hostas are round and symmetrical, while others may take on unruly forms that provide a bit of



Hosta of the Year for 2021 is this beauty called Rainbow’s End.

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Many hostas provide exceptional texture in the summer garden, as well as intense coloration, form and elegance.

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mystery and enchantment.

Because of their versatility and adaptability, many varieties of hostas can be grown in either sun

or shade. An increasing number of newer hostas, especially, are perfectly adapted for up to full sun, especially some of the gold hostas,

variegated hostas and green hostas. The best blue hostas are still wisely kept in the shade, where their blue coloration remains the most intense.

Some hostas have wide, massive, elephant-ear type leaves, while others have long, narrow, strap like leaves that create a fireworks display in the garden. The same is true of hosta flowers. A closer look at the blooms of hostas reveal spectacular beauty among the blossoms. Some are streaked in purple and white. Some are heavily fragrant and massive in size. Others are a rich purple or even blue. There is even one hosta that boasts yellow flowers.

Gardening with hostas is much like creating artwork. Choosing varieties that mix well together and provide a pleasing combination of colors, textures, forms, heights and leaf shape is a fun way to explore your gardening hobby.

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Crash on Main Street injures Shawano woman

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Injuries were reported following an accident involving a vehicle and a pedestrian on Main Street in Shawano.

The Shawano Police Department was notified of the accident and responded at 5 p.m. on June 23.

The crash involved a car driven by Joseph Black, a 66-year-old man, and Rita Trinko, a 78-year-old woman, according to Lt. Michael Musolff.

According to Officer Ryan Atkinson, Trinko was shopping at Charlie's County Market and was crossing Main Street when Black, whose vision was blocked by a parked car, hit her with his vehicle.

Trinko suffered significant injuries, but they are reportedly non-life threatening.



Rita Trinko, shown at home in this 2014 file photo, sustained injuries after she was hit by a car on June 24.

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HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Witt-Birn season ends game shy of state

Chargers eliminated by Peshtigo in sectional final

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School softball team had its memorable season come to a close after a 12-0 loss to Peshtigo in a Division 3 sectional final June 23 in Oconto Falls, but not before earning another thrilling win against Amherst in a sectional semifinal on June 21 in Wittenberg.

The Chargers capped the spring with a 17-2 record. Witt-Birn was defeated 6-1 by Shiocton in its season opener before rattling off 17 straight wins.

"It's amazing," said senior Abi Fraaza on having a team led by seven seniors have the season it did. "It's all the girls I've played with since 12U, so it's nice to just see all the hard work pay off and that we could enjoy it together one last time."

"To have this solid of a (senior) class in a sport and be successful in it when nobody was really expecting it, it just means a lot," said Emma Herb, another senior. "It means a lot to me that we struggled together, and we won together. We've done everything together through the past couple years and looking back on this season, I'm really proud of what we did."

Sectional final

Against Peshtigo, Witt-Birn was toppled 12-0 in six innings.

Peshtigo scored once in the first before scoring three runs in the second on a home run. All of the traffic on the basepaths in the second came with two outs.

Peshtigo added a run in the fourth before a seven-run sixth brought the 10-run rule into play.

Witt-Birn had a couple opportunities to score, but couldn't come through with the key hit when needed.

Fraaza singled with two outs in the bottom of the first but was stranded there. The Chargers had two batters reach in the fourth, but Fraaza was stranded at third and courtesy run-



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Jasmin Duranceau, left, makes a throw to first as third baseman Amara Schoepke looks on during the team's Division 3 sectional final game against Peshtigo on June 23 in Oconto Falls.

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ner Emily Niles at second to end the frame.

McKenna Foster got on base in the sixth but eventually was doubled off to end the game on a line drive by Fraaza.

The final outs were another example of tough luck for the Chargers, who made good contact throughout the contest but never could find an opening in the Peshtigo defense. Peshtigo, on the other hand, had several well-placed hits during its win.

"This game definitely did not go in our favor, but I mean, I honestly still thought we had it in the sixth because we always pull it off in the end," said

Foster. "It was a good season, none of us are hanging our heads about it. We're all proud of it, we love each other. It just didn't go our way. I mean, they earned it, they're a good team so good luck to them."

Jasmin Duranceau was dealt the loss in the circle for the Chargers. She pitched all six innings.

Along with Fraaza, Herb, Foster and Duranceau, Amara Schoepke, McKenna Metropulos and Paige Kurth filled out the team's senior class.

"It's very special because we've known and worked with these girls since early on, 12U," said Witt-Birn coach Charity Fraaza. "They can

safely say that they've tried different positions and tried multiple positions before they got to their senior years. I give a lot of credit to them because they're super coachable, they love the game, they just love to be out on the field with each other. It (this season) really came from them deep down and what they wanted to do."

Sectional semifinal

Metropulos came through with a single in the 11th inning to score Fraaza and give Witt-Birn a 3-2 victory over Central Wisconsin Conference-Large Division foe Amherst in the sectional semifinal game.

Fraaza led off the bottom of the 11th with a triple before Metropulos ripped a single to right field to plate the winning run.

"I'm just like, 'OK, all I need to do is put it in play. Just watch the ball, drive it through.' Trying not to stress too much because I realize when I stress I just lose track of everything," said Metropulos of her mindset in the at-bat. "But I really just thought about driving it through and hitting it out, and that's what I did."

The sectional semifinal was a pitcher's duel between Duranceau and Amherst's Haley Peskie.

Both pitchers had little trouble working through the other team's lineup, with neither team scoring in the first eight innings of play.

Amherst scored twice in the top of the ninth, meaning Witt-Birn had to answer with at least two runs to keep its season alive. The Chargers did just that.

Herb tripled to open the frame before scoring on a wild pitch. Fraaza then singled before stealing second and moving to third on a groundout. Duranceau then hit a groundball to plate Fraaza and tie the game.

The clutch RBI gave Duranceau more confidence as she headed back to the circle and she tossed two more scoreless innings before her team walked it off.

"It definitely helped bring the spirits up and get the head up and not be down on myself," said Duranceau. "To be able to make that play and keep it going was awesome."

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK

Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Rogowski has strong showing at state meet

Gresham/Bowler's Kietlinski makes podium in triple jump

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School sophomore Reese Rogowski turned in a big day at the Division 2 WIAA State Track and Field Championships on June 25 at Veterans Memorial Stadium in La Crosse.

Competing in four individual events, Rogowski earned three podium (top six) finishes and qualified for the finals in every event.

Rogowski's top finish came in the 400-meter dash, placing third. She was fifth in the 200, sixth in the 100 and 10th in the long jump.

"I feel like I competed pretty well," said Rogowski. "I didn't do as well as I hoped to place, but I got on the podium, which I'm happy with."

"It was a long day, so my legs are definitely tired after all that and all the runthroughs and prelims, so I'm happy with how I placed after doing four events."

The sophomore opened her day at the long jump pit. Her first jump of 16 feet, 6½ inches was her best of the day before back-to-back leaps of over 15 feet. The 16-6½ jump was good enough to advance her into the finals.

After her third prelim long jump attempt, she made her way over to the track to compete in the 100 prelims. She placed third in her heat with a time of 12.54 seconds to qualify for the finals. That time was good enough for the fifth-best between the two heat races.

Rogowski then went back to the long jump pit to take her three finals jumps. She was unable to bump up her distance after scratching on the three attempts.

After taking the three jumps, she worked her way back to the track to run the 200 prelims.

Rogowski turned in a time of 25.8 to take second in her heat



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Reese Rogowski, center, races Mosinee's Kate Fitzgerald and Clinton's Sylvia Johansen to the finish line during the 200-meter dash finals during the Division 2 WIAA State Track and Field Championships on June 25 at Veterans Memorial Stadium in La Crosse. Rogowski finished third in the 400, fifth in the 200, sixth in the 100 and 10th in the long jump at state.

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and qualify for the finals with the fourth-fastest mark.

After getting a much-needed break, the sophomore returned to the track to run the 100 finals, where she placed sixth in 12.47 for her first podium finish of the day.

A little while later, Rogowski took the track for the 400, which was a timed final split into two heats. Racing in the faster of the two heats, she finished third in 57.56.

Rogowski capped the day competing in the 200 finals, posting a time of 25.6 to claim fifth.

"It means that my work has paid off," said Rogowski of her three podium finishes. "It shows that I came to compete and I wanted to show that I belonged here."

Two of Rogowski's teammates, Simon Schairer and Jalynn Horacek competed in the triple jump at state.

Schairer just missed out on qualifying for the finals in the boys competition, and finished in 11th place.

The junior opened his day with a leap of 41-1¼ before increasing his jumps by three inches on consecutive jumps to end on a mark of 41-7¼.

"I think I did OK in my triple jump but I could have done better," said Schairer. "And from this experience I will be more prepared next year by knowing how well I need to jump to make state and place higher."

Horacek did not place in the girls competition after scratching on her three attempts.

"I would like to think that my jumps were a good distance, however since none of them were recorded I don't actually know," said Horacek. "It was a huge disappointment for me to not be able to

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record a distance."

Despite the tough day at state, the junior is hoping to use it as a positive going into next track season.

"I think that this year's state experience will help me for next season because I will have the motivation to work hard so I can make it to state again and actually get a recorded distance for my jumps," said Horacek.

Gresham/Bowler

Gresham/Bowler's Emmitt Kietlinski took part in the boys triple jump and high jump events at the Division 3 state meet on June 24.

He tied for 14th in the high jump



Gresham/Bowler's Emmitt Kietlinski competes in the boys triple jump during the Division 3 WIAA State Track and Field Championships on June 24 at Veterans Memorial Stadium in La Crosse. Kietlinski claimed fourth in the triple jump and tied for 14th in the high jump. MORGAN RODE | NEW MEDIA

and made the podium after placing fourth in the triple jump.

"I was a little disappointed in my struggles with the high jump at state, but was thrilled to have placed fourth in triple jump, make the podium, and finish the season as the top sophomore triple jumper in Division 3," said Kietlinski.

Kietlinski competed in the first of two triple jump flights, but turned heads with a leap of 43 feet on his final prelim jump.

In the finals, he upped his mark to 43-5¼ on his second of three attempts before a leap of 43-8¾ on his last attempt helped him cement his

fourth-place finish.

In the high jump, Kietlinski cleared 5-8 on his first attempt before clearing 5-10 on his second of three attempts. The sophomore was unable to clear 6 feet after three attempts.

With some state experience now on his side, he's hoping it helps him moving forward as an athlete.

"I always value the time I get in the offseason to work on athletics, and making it to state this year will only push me to become an even better athlete next year," said Kietlinski.

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BABA HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

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East-West Division

Caroline 5

Clintonville 2

Caroline topped Clintonville in the lone East-West Division game of the ninth week of the regular season. The game was held in Caroline on June 25.

Bryson Bernarde struck out six batters over seven innings to pick up the win on the mound. Eric Kroening struck out six batters while pitching the final two innings.

Austin Hoffman and Presley Rosenow each tallied two hits to lead Caroline at the plate.

Jordan Koeppen homered for Clintonville, while Jayden Doornink and Matt Morse had two hits each. Morse was dealt the loss on the hill.

Northern Division

Aniwa 11

Wittenberg 7

Aniwa took down Wittenberg in a high-scoring contest on June 25 in Wittenberg.

Andrew Heinzen led Aniwa with three hits, while Hunter Gipp and Kody Szeus chipped in two hits each.

Jake Thomes was the winning pitcher, while Brad Knoblock was dealt the loss.

Knoblock had two of Wittenberg's seven hits.

Antigo/Polar 2

Birnamwood 0

Antigo/Polar edged Birnamwood on June 27 in Antigo.

Nick Marshall earned the win for Antigo/Polar, while Jed Weix led the team with two hits.

Zach Bembenek had a pair of hits for Birnamwood. He also was dealt the loss.

South Central Division

Scandinavia sweeps Green Lake

Scandinavia earned 7-1 and 7-2 victories over Green Lake during a doubleheader on June 27 in Green Lake.

In the 7-1 win, Logan Moe earned the win and led Scandinavia with two hits. RJ Rosenthal reached base four times.

In Scandinavia's other win, Jeremy Dunihoop picked up the win. Gus Turner-Zick led the team with three hits, while Jesse Dickert and Joe Stengel had two each.

Green Lake's Hunter Netzler suffered the loss in the 7-1 setback, while Carter Rohde took the loss in game two. Jared Danke had three hits, while Jordan Bucholz added two for Green Lake in the 7-2 loss.

75th anniversary

An alumni game and all-star game took place June 19 in Marion to celebrate the Badger Amateur Baseball Association's 75th season.

The West-North alumni team earned a 7-3 victory over the East-South Central team.

In the all-star game, the West-North team picked up an 8-3 win over the East-South Central team.

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YOUTH SWIM

Wittenberg Area Swim Program dominates on way to 1st-place finish at home meet

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The Wittenberg Area Swim Program hosted and won a meet on June 25 in Wittenberg.

WASP accumulated 1,600 points to take first, comfortably ahead of the Woodson Y Northern Swimmers.

8-and-under

Kaydence Crick: second, 25-yard backstroke (23.19 seconds); third, 25 freestyle (21.44) and 25 butterfly (30.44); fourth, 25 breaststroke (30.23). Peyton Crick: first, 25 backstroke (22.06), 25 butterfly (27.04) and 25 breaststroke (28.66); second, 25 freestyle (21.0).

Evelyn Hegewald: fifth, 25 breaststroke (34.39); seventh, 25 backstroke (33.92) and 25 freestyle (27.0).

Halley Innes: second, 25 breaststroke (29.29) and 25 butterfly (28.23); fourth, 25 freestyle (23.31); sixth, 25 backstroke (26.9).

9-10

Grace Hegewald: first, 50 butterfly (55.38); third, 50 backstroke (46.95) and 50 breaststroke (57.2); fifth, 50 freestyle (44.29).

Millie Hegewald: second, 50 breaststroke (49.78).

11-12

Brooklynn Beran: first, 50 backstroke (37.14); third, 100 breaststroke (1:36.01), 100 IM (1:24.53) and 50 freestyle (31.93).

Rylee Crick: first, 50 breaststroke (42.62); second, 50 backstroke (38.35) and 100 IM (1:20.17); fourth, 50 freestyle (32.08).

Reese Dickman: first, 100 IM (1:13.88), 50 butterfly (34.45) and 100 breaststroke (1:14.73); second, 50 freestyle (28.71).

Priya Stefonek: second, 50 breaststroke (44.63); fifth, 50 backstroke (52.11); seventh, 50 freestyle (41.84).

Gabby Timm: second, 100 backstroke (1:26.53);



Representing WASP at its home meet was, from left, back row, Ava Hegewald, Faith Resch, Claire Timm, Kalee Gilmeister, Andrea Powell, Megan Gilmeister, Laura Gilmeister, Cenia Stefonek, Ella Budleski, Priya Stefonek; middle row, Reese Dickman, Millie Hegewald, Rylee Crick, Adreonna Bessert, Brooklynn Beran, Gabby Timm; front row, Kaydence Crick, Halley Innes, Evelyn Hegewald, Grace Hegewald and Peyton Crick.

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fourth, 50 backstroke (41.24) and 100 breaststroke (1:41.75); sixth, 50 freestyle (33.84).

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Ella Budleski: second, 50 freestyle (29.92); third, 100 breaststroke (1:35.65); fourth, 100 IM (1:23.65); fifth, 50 butterfly (36.83).

Megan Gilmeister: second, 100 freestyle (1:12.84); fourth, 50 butterfly (36.4); fifth, 100 IM (1:24.22) and 50 freestyle (32.79).

Ava Hegewald: first, 100 breaststroke (1:27.82) and 100 IM (1:16.82); fourth, 50 freestyle (30.82).

Andrea Powell: third, 50 breaststroke (48.65); fourth, 100 freestyle (1:16.48); seventh, 50 butterfly (40.7); eighth, 100 IM (1:29.09). Faith Resch: first, 50 freestyle (26.73), 50 backstroke (31.31), 50 butterfly (30.43) and 50 breaststroke (38.22).

Cenia Stefonek: first, 100 freestyle (1:09.09); second, 100 breaststroke (1:28.58); third, 50 butterfly (35.4) and 100 IM (1:20.27).

Claire Timm: second, 50 breaststroke (48.11); sixth, 50 freestyle (33.11), 50 butterfly (39.26);

seventh, 100 IM (1:28.09).

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Adreonna Bessert: second, 50 butterfly (41.37) and 100 breaststroke (1:40.19); third, 100 freestyle (1:24.44); fourth, 50 freestyle (37.2).

Kalee Gilmeister: first, 100 backstroke (1:12.43) and 50 breaststroke (40.87); second, 50 freestyle (29.35) and 100 butterfly (1:19.96).

Laura Gilmeister: first, 50 freestyle (29.25), 100 butterfly (1:18.56) and 100 freestyle (1:04.15); second, 50 breaststroke (41.84).

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Taylor Johnson, Tynea Johnson named to All-Star rosters

By MORGAN RODE
Sports Editor

Shawano's Taylor Johnson and Bowler's Tynea Johnson were each named to rosters for the Wisconsin Fastpitch Softball Coaches Association All-Star Games this summer.

Taylor Johnson is on the Division 2/3 white team, which will be coached by Shawano softball coach Brian Johnson, Taylor's father.

Tynea Johnson is on the Division 4/5 red team.

"It's incredibly special to earn a spot on that team, especially under the coaching of my dad," said Taylor Johnson. "This one last ride together will be a great closure on my high school career."

"It will be a really great moment for Taylor and I," said Brian Johnson.

"She and I have spent so much

time on the diamond together for so many years. There have been a lot of laughs, some tears from both of us, and a lot of great memories. The chance to spend one more day together on the diamond is very special to me."

The Division 2/3 white team will take on the D2/3 red team at 9 a.m. before facing the D2/3 green team at approximately 1:30 p.m.

The Division 4/5 red team will

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More information and rosters for the all-star games can be found at <https://www.wfsca.org/>.

face the D4/5 blue team at 9 a.m. before a game against the D4/5 gray team.

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A rundown of this week's family fun

MOUNTAIN: Mountain Fire Department Auxiliary Fireworks Celebration, 9 a.m. to close Friday, July 2, fire station, 13412 State Highway 32-64. Rummage sale 9 a.m., food at noon, meat raffle starting at 5 p.m., fireworks at dusk.

SHAWANO: Zurko Promotions flea market, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 3 and Sunday, July 4, Shawano County Fairgrounds, 990 E. Green Bay St.

SHAWANO: Shawano Farmers Market, 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 3, Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St.

GRESHAM: Independence Day Celebration, Veteran's Park on Main Street, Saturday, July 3. Parade at 11 a.m., lineup at 10:15 a.m. at Gresham Schools. Free entry. Little League game (Gresham vs. Leopold) following parade. Kids activities/bounce houses, Bike raffle (intermission - between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m.), 50/50 raffles, Food vendors, live music by Adam Trask Band 6:30-10:30 p.m., fireworks at dusk.

GILLET: Independence Day Celebration, 4 p.m. to midnight Saturday, July 3, and 9 a.m. to midnight Sunday, July 4, Zippel Park.

SATURDAY - Lawn chair concert with music by Back When 4 p.m. Kim Thompson Songbook 6 p.m. Truck pull at 7 p.m. Country Outlaws 7 p.m.

SUNDAY - Antique & classic car and truck show 9 a.m., Horse pull 10

a.m., Fourth of July parade 2 p.m., music by Jess Hav'n Phun 3 p.m., Antique tractor pull 5 p.m., music by Rapid Transit 8 p.m., fireworks at dusk.

OCONTO: "Waterfest" 4-11 p.m. Saturday, July 3, at Oconto Breakwater Park and Harbor. Fireworks over the Oconto River at 10 p.m. Live music, lumberjack show, aerial dancers, vendor booths, concessions, kids activities.

SHAWANO: Fireworks at Shawano City/County Airport, after dark Saturday, July 3.

MOUNTAIN: Everbreeze Fireworks at Chute Pond, dusk Saturday, July 3.

LEOPOLIS: Triathlon 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, July 4, three divisions: Under 16, Beer Belly and Jock.

OCONTO FALLS: Oconto Falls Flea Market, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 4, Memorial Field.

BONDUEL: Independence Day Celebration, Village Park, Sunday, July 4. Parade 11 a.m., Nu Tymes Polka Band following. Dairyland and Legion Baseball games begin at approximately 1:30 p.m. Bike raffle at 3 p.m., FFA Chicken Poop Bingo and free yard games to play. Music by Boombox 5 p.m. Fireworks at dusk.

TOWNSEND: Independence Day Celebration 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the fire station on Front Street. Crafters, music, beverages, raffles. Parade at noon, Front Street to School Street



Shawano kicks off the July 4 celebrations with fireworks on July 3. Shot off from the Shawano Municipal Airport, they can be seen around Shawano Lake. In 2020, firework watchers at the Shawano County Park anticipated the show with a few fireworks of their own.

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to Pickerel Lake Road to Timberedge. Fireworks at dusk by the Townsend Ball Park.

BREED: Sportsman's Club Independence Day Celebration, noon-5 p.m., 13436 County Road AA.

TIGERTON: Fireworks at dusk, July 4, Community Park.

OCONTO FALLS: Oconto County Farmers Market, 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, July 6, Highland Plaza, 323 E. Highland Drive.

OCONTO: Tunes on Tuesday featuring Gabriel Sanchez, 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, July 6, Beyer Home Gazebo, 917 Park Ave.

SHAWANO: Shawano Ski Sharks, 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 7, Smalley Park. Pre-show 5:30 p.m.

SHAWANO: Thursdayz at Franklin featuring Wasted Stay, 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 8, Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St. Food and beverage vendors.



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Kids From Wisconsin returns to Shawano

The Kids From Wisconsin's 53rd year will present "Live! In Living Color" at 7 p.m. July 10 at Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St., Shawano. Admission is free.

This year's Kids From Wisconsin troupe features two Shawano Community High School graduates — Nathan Edwards on woodwinds and Sarah Bergmann on piano.

Bergmann will be a sophomore this fall at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, where she is studying business. She began playing the piano at a very young age and started working as an accompanist six years ago. Since then, she has enjoyed playing many different styles of music in a variety of instrumental and vocal ensemble settings.

This is Bergmann's first summer with the Kids program.

Edwards is a graduate of Shawano High School. He loves all things music. Tenor sax, alto sax, and clarinet are some of the instruments he plays. Edwards had played in the pit orchestra for school musicals and is a member of the Tri-M musical honor society. He has competed all over the



Sarah Bergmann and Nathan Edwards, two graduates from Shawano Community High School, will be returning home for one night only as they perform with the Kids From Wisconsin on July 10 at Franklin Park in Shawano.

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country with the school's jazz band.

Edwards was asked to be part of the Honor Band during the Louisville Jazz Festival. He will be attending

UW-Stevens Point to pursue a degree in music education.

An iconic Kids From Wisconsin performance is a professional, fully

staged Vegas-style performance designed for a multi-generational audience. The group tours the Midwest and will perform to more than 120,000 people during a summer. "Live! In Living Color" will highlight the greatest live music venues throughout the history of this country and the musical artists that helped define their legacies — including The Ed Sullivan Theater, Caesars Palace, The Grand Ole Opry, House of Blues and Broadway, just to name a few.

Prior to the show, there will be an Arts Spotlight starting at 4:30 p.m., featuring music, dance and culture groups from across the Shawano area.

Arts organizations that would like to participate can sign up at <https://www.kidsfromwi.org/event-details/sign-up-your-arts-organization-to-participate-in-a-community-arts-spotlight>.

The Shawano performance is being sponsored by the Shawano Community High School Music Boosters. For information, visit www.kidsfromwisconsin.org.

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RIGHT: Hanna Smyth dances in front of the crowd. See more photos at newmedia-wi.com.



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Local Independence Day Events

The following Independence Day celebrations have been scheduled. Events may be subject to change based on the weather or other factors.

FRIDAY, JULY 2

Mountain

Mountain Fire Department Auxiliary Fireworks Celebration, 13412 State Highway 32-64, Mountain. The day starts at 9 a.m. with a rummage sale, food at noon, meat raffle at 5 p.m., fireworks at dusk. All proceeds aid the Mountain Fire Department.

SATURDAY, JULY 3

Clintonville

Festivities at W.A. Olen Athletic Field 6-10:30 p.m. Live music, food, fireworks at dusk.

Cloverleaf Lakes

Fireworks will be set off from a barge on Pine Lake at dusk. Free. "King" or "Queen" of the Lakes contest, kiddie and boat parade activities through the day.

Gillett

Festivities at Zippel Park. Lawn chair concert with music by Back When 4 p.m. Kim Thompson Songbook 6 p.m. Truck pull at 7 p.m. Country Outlaws 7 p.m. Civic Club Stand and Beer Stand open 4 p.m. to midnight.

Gresham

Veterans Park on Main Street in Gresham. Parade at 11 a.m., lineup at 10:15 a.m. at Gresham Schools. Free entry. Little League game (Gresham vs. Leopolis) following parade. Kids activities/bounce houses, Bike Raffle (intermission between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m.), 50/50 raffles, food vendors, live music by Adam Trask Band 6:30-10:30 p.m., fireworks at dusk.

Oconto

"Waterfest" 4-11 p.m. at Oconto Breakwater Park and Harbor. Fireworks over the Oconto River at 10 p.m. Live music, lumberjack show, aerial dancers, vendor booths, concessions, kids activities.

Shawano

Fireworks at Shawano City-County Airport after dark.

SUNDAY, JULY 4

Bonduel

Parade starts at 11 a.m. Prizes will be awarded. Starting at the high school on West Green Bay Street and proceeding east to Washington Street and then to Village Park. The Wisconsin Marching Band will be appearing. Nu Tymes Polka Band following the parade at Village Park. At 5 p.m. Boombox will take the stage.

Food by Freedom Foods, S.O.S. K9 group with pulled pork, kettlecorn stand, lemonade and ice cream stand, soda, water and slushies by St. Paul Youth Group, and beer stand. Dairyland and Legion

Baseball games begin at approximately 1:30 p.m.

Bike raffle at 3 p.m., FFA chicken poop bingo and free yard games to play.

Fireworks at dusk.

Gillett

Festivities at Zippel Park. Antique and classic car and truck show 9 a.m., Horse pull 10 a.m., Fourth of July parade 2 p.m., music by Jess Hav'n Phun 3 p.m., Antique tractor pull 5 p.m., music by Rapid Transit 8 p.m., Civic Club Stand and Beer Stand open 9 a.m. to midnight. Fireworks at dusk.

Leopolis

Triathlon 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Three divisions: Under 16, Beer Belly and Jock.

Tigerton

Fourth of July Block Party at Community Park, 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Fireworks at dusk. Music, food and games.

Townsend

Fourth of July Celebration 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the fire station on Front Street. Crafters, music, beverages, raffles. Parade at noon, Front Street to School Street to Pickerel Lake Road to Timberedge. Fireworks at dusk by the Townsend Ball Park.



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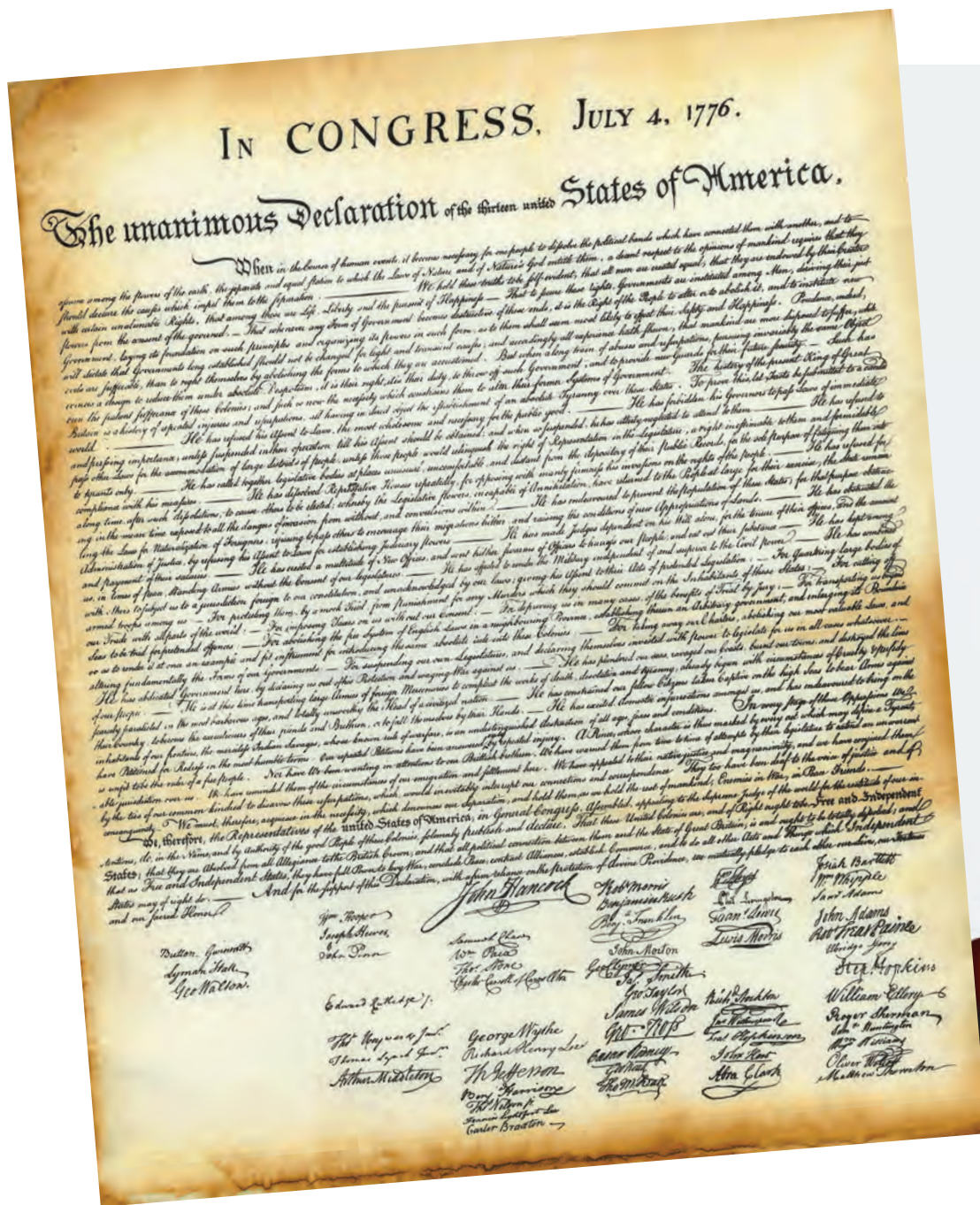
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John Trumbull painting: Signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Nine surprising facts about the Declaration of Independence

1. The Declaration of Independence wasn't signed on July 4, 1776.

On July 1, 1776, the Second Continental Congress met in Philadelphia, and on the following day 12 of the 13 colonies voted in favor of Richard Henry Lee's motion for independence. The delegates then spent the next two days debating and revising the language of a statement drafted by Thomas Jefferson. On July 4, Congress officially adopted the Declaration of Independence, and as a result the date is celebrated as Independence Day. Nearly a month would go by, however, before the actual signing of the document took place. First, New York's delegates didn't officially give their support until July 9 because their home assembly hadn't yet authorized them to vote in favor of independence. Next, it took two weeks for the Declaration to be "engrossed"—written on parchment in a clear hand. Most of the delegates signed on August 2, but several—Elbridge Gerry, Oliver Wolcott, Lewis Morris, Thomas McKean and Matthew Thornton—signed on a later date. (Two others, John Dickinson and Robert R. Livingston, never signed at all.) The signed parchment copy now resides at the National Archives in the Rotunda for the Charters of Freedom, alongside the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

2. More than one copy of the Declaration of Independence exists.

After the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, the "Committee

of Five"—Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Roger Sherman and Robert R. Livingston—was charged with overseeing the reproduction of the approved text. This was completed at the shop of Philadelphia printer John Dunlap. On July 5, Dunlap's copies were dispatched across the 13 colonies to newspapers, local officials and the commanders of the Continental troops. These rare documents, known as "Dunlap broadsides," predate the engrossed version signed by the delegates. Of the hundreds thought to have been printed on the night of July 4, only 26 copies survive. Most are held in museum and library collections, but three are privately owned.

3. When news of the Declaration of Independence reached New York City, it started a riot.

By July 9, 1776, a copy of the Declaration of Independence had reached New York City. With hundreds of British naval ships occupying New York Harbor, revolutionary spirit and military tensions were running high. George Washington, commander of the Continental forces in New York, read the document aloud in front of City Hall. A raucous crowd cheered the inspiring words, and later that day tore down a nearby statue of George III. The statue was subsequently melted down and shaped into more than 42,000 musket balls for the fledgling American army.

4. Eight of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence were born in the U.K.

While the majority of the members of the Second Continental Congress were native-born Americans, eight of the men voting for independence from Britain were born in the United Kingdom. Button Gwinnett and Robert Morris were born in England, Francis Lewis was born in Wales, James Wilson and John Witherspoon were born in Scotland, George Taylor and Matthew Thornton were born in Ireland and James Smith hailed from Northern Ireland.

5. One signer of the Declaration of Independence later recanted.

Richard Stockton, a lawyer from Princeton, New Jersey, became the only signer of the Declaration of Independence to recant his support of the revolution. On November 30, 1776, the hapless delegate was captured by the British and thrown in jail. After months of harsh treatment and meager rations, Stockton repudiated his signature on the Declaration of Independence and swore his allegiance to King George III. A broken man when he regained his freedom, he took a new oath of loyalty to the state of New Jersey in December 1777.

6. There was a 44-year age difference between the youngest and oldest signers.

The oldest signer was Benjamin Franklin, 70 years old when he scrawled his name on the parchment. The youngest was Edward Rutledge, a lawyer from South Carolina who was only 26 at the time. Rutledge narrowly beat out fellow South Carolinian Thomas Lynch Jr., just four months his senior, for the title.

7. Two additional copies of the Declaration of Independence have been found in the last 25 years.

In 1989, a Philadelphia man found an original Dunlap Broadside hidden in the back of a picture frame he bought at a flea market for \$4. One of the few surviving copies from the official first printing of the Declaration, it was in excellent condition and sold for \$8.1 million in 2000. A 26th known Dunlap broadside emerged at the British National Archives in 2009, hidden for centuries in a box of papers captured from American colonists during the Revolutionary War. One of three Dunlap broadsides at the National Archives, the copy remains there to this day.

8. The Declaration of Independence spent World War II in Fort Knox.

On December 23, 1941, just over two weeks after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, the signed Declaration, together with the Constitution, was removed from public display and prepared for evacuation out of Washington, D.C. Under the supervision of armed guards, the founding document was packed in a specially designed container, latched with padlocks, sealed with lead and placed in a larger box. All told, 150 pounds of protective gear surrounded the parchment. On December 26 and 27, accompanied by Secret Service agents, it traveled by train to Louisville, Kentucky, where a cavalry troop of the 13th Armored Division escorted it to Fort Knox. The Declaration was returned to Washington, D.C., in 1944.

9. There is something written on the back of the Declaration of Independence.

In the movie *National Treasure*, Nicholas Cage's character claims that the back of the Declaration contains a treasure map with encrypted instructions from the founding fathers, written in invisible ink. Unfortunately, this is not the case. There is, however, a simpler message, written upside-down across the bottom of the signed document: "Original Declaration of Independence dated 4th July 1776." No one knows who exactly wrote this or when, but during the Revolutionary War years the parchment was frequently rolled up for transport. It's thought that the text was added as a label.

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Statue of General Warren at the top of Little Round Top, Battle of Gettysburg.
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JULY, 1-5 1863

July 1. Maj. Gen. Henry Heth marches toward Gettysburg to seize supplies. In an unplanned engagement, they confront Union cavalry. Brig. Gen. John Buford slows the Confederate advance until the infantry of the Union I and XI Corps under Maj. Gen. John F. Reynolds arrives. Reynolds is killed in action. Soon Confederate reinforcements under generals A.P. Hill and Richard Ewell reach the scene. By late afternoon, the wool-clad troops are battling ferociously in the sweltering heat. Thirty thousand Confederates overwhelm 20,000 Federals, who fall back through Gettysburg and fortify Cemetery Hill south of town.

July 2. On the second day of battle, the Union defends a fishhook-shaped range of hills and ridges south of Gettysburg. The Confederates wrap around the Union position in a longer line. That afternoon Lee launches a heavy assault commanded by Lieut. Gen. James Longstreet on the Union left flank. Fierce fighting rages at Devil's Den, Little Round Top, the

Wheatfield, the Peach Orchard, and Cemetery Ridge as Longstreet's men close in on the Union position. Using their shorter interior lines, Union II Corps commander Maj. Gen. Winfield S. Hancock and others move reinforcements quickly to blunt Confederate advances. On the Federal right, Confederate demonstrations escalate into full-scale assaults on East Cemetery Hill and Culp's Hill. Although the Confederates gain ground on both ends of their line, the Union defenders hold strong positions as darkness falls.

July 3. Believing his enemy to be weakened, Lee seeks to capitalize on the previous day's gains with renewed attacks on the Union line. Heavy fighting resumes on Culp's Hill as Union troops attempt to recapture ground lost the previous day. Cavalry battles flare to the east and south, but the main event is a dramatic infantry assault by 12,500 Confederates commanded by Longstreet against the center of the Union position on Cemetery Ridge. Though undermanned, the Virginia infantry division of Brig. Gen. George E. Pickett constitutes about half of the attacking force. Pickett, ordered by Lee to advance his division toward the enemy through a mile of unprotected farmland, replies, "General, I have no division,"

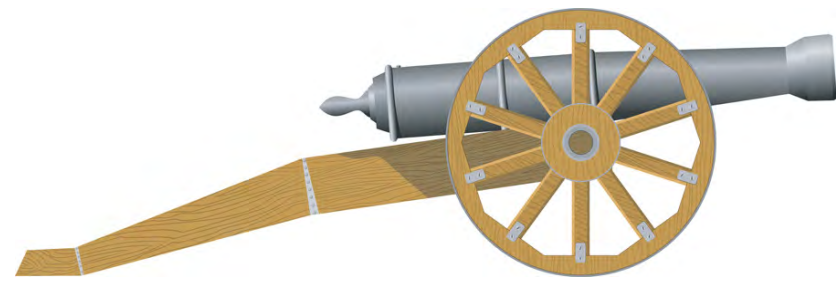
but the order stands. During Pickett's Charge, as it is famously known, only one Confederate brigade temporarily reaches the top of the ridge—afterwards referred to as the High Watermark of the Confederacy. This daring strategy ultimately proves a disastrous sacrifice for the Confederates, with casualties approaching 60 percent. Repulsed by close-range Union rifle and artillery fire, the Confederates retreat. Lee withdraws his army from Gettysburg late on the rainy afternoon of July 4 and trudges back to Virginia with severely reduced ranks of wasted and battle-scarred men. As many as 51,000 soldiers from both armies are killed, wounded, captured or missing in the three-day battle. The carnage is overwhelming, but the Union victory buoys Lincoln's hopes of ending the war. With Lee running South, Lincoln expects that Meade will intercept the Confederate troops and force their surrender. Meade has no such plan. Even as Lee's escape is hampered by flooding on the Potomac, Meade does not pursue them. When Lincoln learns of this missed opportunity on July 12, he laments, "We had only to stretch forth our hands & they were ours." Months later, in November 1863, a portion of the Gettysburg battlefield becomes a final resting place

for the Union dead. President Lincoln uses the dedication ceremony at the Gettysburg's Soldiers' National Cemetery to honor the fallen and reassert the purpose of the war in his historic Gettysburg Address:

"Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth, upon this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation, so conceived, and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met here on a great battle field of that war. We are now have come to dedicate a portion of it as the a final resting place of for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But in a larger sense we can not dedicate—we can not consecrate—we can not hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember, what we say here, but can never forget what they did here. It is for us, the living, rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they have, thus far, so nobly carried on. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to the that cause for which they here gave gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation shall have a new birth of freedom; and that this government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

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Wisconsin born man awarded Medal of Honor for actions during the Battle of Gettysburg

There were over 64 men awarded the Medal of Honor for their actions during the Battle of Gettysburg. The last one, Lt. Alonzo H. Cushing was awarded the award by President Obama on November 6, 2014. Cushing was born in Delafield, Wisconsin but was raised in Fredonia, New York.

The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress, March 3rd, 1863, has awarded in the name of Congress the Medal of Honor to 1st Lt. Alonzo H. Cushing, United States Army.

Medal of Honor Citation reads; "... Confederate forces led by Gen. Robert E. Lee began cannonading 1st Lt. Cushing's position on Cemetery Ridge. Using field glasses, 1st Lt. Cushing directed fire for his own artillery battery. He refused to leave the battlefield after being struck in the shoulder by a shell fragment. As he continued to direct fire, he was struck again -- this time suffering grievous damage to his abdomen.

Still refusing to abandon his command, he boldly stood tall in the face of Maj. Gen. George E. Pickett's charge and continued to direct devastating fire into oncoming forces. As the Confederate forces closed in, 1st Lt. Cushing was struck in the mouth by an enemy bullet and fell dead beside his gun.

His gallant stand and fearless leadership inflicted severe casualties upon Confederate forces and opened wide gaps in their lines, directly impacting the Union force's ability to repel Pickett's charge. First Lt. Cushing's extraordinary heroism and selflessness above and beyond the call of duty at the cost of his own life are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself, Battery A, 4th U.S. Artillery, Army of the Potomac, and the United States Army."

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Lt. Alonzo H. Cushing

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Other interesting facts on the Battle of Gettysburg

1. The Battle of Gettysburg was fought in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, because the town was easily accessible. Ten different roads led in and out of the small town.
2. More generals were killed at Gettysburg than in any other battle of the Civil war. By the end of the day on July 3, nine of the 120 generals present were dead.
3. It is believed that Lee suffered a heart attack the night prior to the battle. Some believe this caused the Confederate loss as it may have impaired Lee's judgement, specifically his ordering of Pickett's charge.
4. Prior to the battle, President Lincoln gave Davis permission to send a negotiator across the Union line to discuss prisoner exchanges as well as more expansive peace terms. However, after his victory, Lincoln retracted his permission upon realizing he had the upper hand.
5. Lee wanted to fight a battle on Northern territory because he thought that it would have a higher chance of leading to a peace treaty. He also knew that if he did not win the Battle of Gettysburg, he would likely not win the war. Lee expected that this battle would be an easy win for two reasons: President Lincoln had just appointed General Meade to command the Army of the Potomac, and Lee's spirits were high after his victory at Chancellorsville just two months prior.
6. Though Meade was victorious, President Lincoln was angry that he did not attack Lee as he and his troops retreated across the Potomac River back into Virginia. Lincoln believed that if Meade would have chased the Confederate troops, he could have demolished them and ended the war.
7. After his loss at Gettysburg, Lee sent a letter of resignation to Confederate President Jefferson Davis. However, Davis refused the request because he believed that Lee was most qualified to lead the Southern army.
8. Many historians consider this battle to be "the high water mark of the rebellion," as the Confederacy's momentum peaked right before this battle, and they were never able to push into Northern territory again with a large army.
9. Confederate President Jefferson Davis dubbed Gettysburg the "most eventful struggle of the war" because it raised Union morale. Prior to the battle, public support for the War in the Union was lagging, but the timing of the Northern victory – just before the Fourth of July – peaked Union spirits.
10. The Battle of Gettysburg utterly destroyed the town of Gettysburg. Prior to the battle, it was quite prosperous, but afterwards it was never able to recover due to the focus on preserving the battlefield. In addition, after the battle, the corpses in the town outnumbered the residents four to one.
11. One of the heroes at Gettysburg was Union General George Custer, the same general who was killed by the Sioux during the Battle of Little Big Horn. At Gettysburg, Custer defeated a troop of Confederate soldiers who had been charged with destroying the Union's supplies.
12. Though the town of Gettysburg itself was under attack and all were in danger, only one civilian was killed – a woman named Jennie Wade.

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