



The new expansion of the Lakes Country Public Library includes a hearthside area where friends can gather to talk or sit with a good book. In the future, a mural of a painting done by Joan White, shown on the fireplace, will be splashed on the wall.

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County starts to work on 2025 budget

County board's annual public hearing and budget approval scheduled for Oct. 31

BY WARREN BLUHM
News Editor

Work has begun in earnest on the Oconto County budget for 2025, with the county board's approval July 18 of the annual budget guidance letter.

The county is working its way through a 2024 budget that features \$50,157,268 in expenditures and a county property tax levy of \$22,061,436. In addition to the local property tax, other revenues include state aid, state and federal grants, license fees and charges for services.

County Administrator Richard Heath said he and the board's standing committees plan to meet with department heads to begin discussing their budget requests for the new year. As has been the custom in recent years, the managers are asked to start with a zero percent spending increase.

"Then we can have that discussion on pluses and minuses within their budget," Heath said. "Some of the larger departments like health and human services and highway, they do have carryover at the end of the year, that does help our overall budget here in the county."

Budget discussions are also planned with outside organizations that get some of their funding from the county, including the city-county airport, Commission on Aging, and the Tourism and Economic Development Corp. of the Oconto Region (TEDCOR), the rebranded Oconto County Economic Development Corp.

"We're asking them for a zero percent increase and seeing what kind of budgeting they are requesting for 2025, as well," Heath said.

A special library planning committee is wrapping up its work on an updated five-year plan for 2025-29, which will revise the funding process for local libraries. The panel was scheduled to meet July 29 to finish crafting the plan, which is headed for public hearings Aug. 15 and possibly Aug. 20 in two or three locations around the county.

The 2025 county budget will be the second to benefit from nearly \$500,000 in additional state shared revenue to be used

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More breathing room celebrated in Lakewood

Newly expanded library source of pride for northern Oconto County

BY LEE PULASKI
City Editor

Members of four communities in northern Oconto County joined together July 27 to celebrate a hard-fought and long-anticipated expansion of the Lakes Country Public Library in the Town of Lakewood.

The expansion took more than \$1.5 million to complete. There were the large gifts of cash, including \$500,000 earmarked in the 2023 federal budget by U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin; \$300,000 approved by the Oconto County Board of Supervisors; \$50,000 each by the Bond Foundation and the Greater Green Bay Foundation; and \$25,000 from Wisconsin Public Service. However, there were also thousands of smaller donations from more than 300 families in the area.

"We like to say that we're moving forward together," said Tom Thielke, co-chair for the library expansion proj-

ect. "The Lakes Country Public Library is a joint library supported by the towns of Doty, Lakewood, Riverview and Townsend."

Thielke described some of the new amenities during a program at the library's grand opening. Lakes County is offering telehealth services in one room, while other rooms are available for research and quiet study. The children's library has much more breathing room than it did a year ago, and there is now also a specific teen zone for older children to have programs and find the books they want to read. There's also a hearthside with a fireplace for the adults who want to curl up with a good book or talk with friends.

Another big amenity for the library is a meeting room where the library board and other community organizations can use. Meeting space is at a premium, according to Kathleen Marsh, another co-chair for the expansion. She noted that

town hall space can cost as much as \$200 per day to rent.

Marsh was quick to spear critics of the library expansion who claimed it couldn't be done. She noted that the four towns came together six years ago to make Lakes Country a joint library.

"Critics and cynics abounded. One top Oconto County official laughed: 'Seriously? You people couldn't agree on what beer to serve at a church picnic,'" Marsh said. "Really? It wasn't quick, and it wasn't easy, but we made it happen, because as Walter Cronkite said: 'Whatever the cost of our libraries, the price is cheap compared to that of an ignorant nation.'"

Katie Essermann, library director, noted that it wasn't easy on patrons for almost a year as the expansion project was completed, and then the original library was renovated, but she said the final project should be worth all the inconvenience.

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Thunder on Main rumbles into downtown Lena.

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Ready to read some down home tales?
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KAY REMINGER
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Off-road racers thunder into Lena

Village's Main Street packed with racing fans July 26

By WARREN BLUHM
News Editor

The power of Lena's Dirt City Motorplex off-road racing complex was on full display on Main Street on July 26, the night before the AMSoil Off-Road National races. Thousands of people swarmed the main drag from Rosera Street to West Railroad Street for the Thunder On Main event, checking out the line of racing vehicles that would be competing for prizes at Dirt City over the next two days. The Wooden Shoe restaurant hosted a band on its outdoor porch, and food trucks parked along the way did a brisk business. But the stars of the event, and the weekend, were the off-road racers. Troy Schaden, track president, said during the Champ Off-Road livestream that it takes an army of 300 volunteers to stage the event. "Lena does an outstanding job for us, bringing out the welcome mat," Schaden said. "Thunder on Main had a great crowd. It's a great event for the local businesses that put their heart and soul into this." The Dirt City Off-Road National was the fifth in a series of seven off-road racing events sponsored by Champ Off-Road this summer. Still to come are the Off-Road Rumble in the Upper Peninsula on Aug. 10-11 in Bark River, Michigan, and the Polaris World Championships on Aug. 30-31 at Crandon International Raceway.

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Thousands of off-road racing fans check out the vehicles lined up on Main Street on July 26 during Thunder on Main in downtown Lena.

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Thunder On Main gives off-road racing fans an opportunity for an up-close look at the vehicles and interact with the drivers competing in the weekend's AMSoil Off-Road National races.

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Sixx Gunns Loaded belts out "I Just Want to Rock and Roll All Night" for the Thunder On Main crowd July 26 on the porch at the Wooden Shoe Restaurant.

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Fans take full advantage of the opportunity to check out the vehicles that were poised to run in the AMSoil Off-Road National races at Dirt City Motorplex.

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for law enforcement, emergency medical services,

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Town of Lena Residents

The Town of Lena will conduct their public testing of voting equipment on Thursday, August 8, 2024, at 6:00 PM at the Lena Town Hall, 6087 Goatsville Rd. The test is open to the public.

The Partisan Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, August 13, 2024. Polls are open from 7 AM until 8 PM. A photo ID is now required to receive a ballot in all elections.

Dawn VanArk
Town Clerk

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emergency response communications, public works and transportation, Heath said. "While the supplemental aid is welcome and appreciated, the levy caps imposed on local governments and counties are tied to net new construction, which largely offsets this increase in the supplemental aid," he said in the budget guidance letter. "Fortunately,

Oconto County is growing at a consistent rate and has avoided any noticeable reduction in the collection of property tax revenue." The county mill rate decreased from 2023 to 2024, from \$4.167 per \$1,000 of equalized valuation to \$3.583, but that was largely because of a \$17.9 million increase in the county's equalized valuation. The budget guidance anticipates a 2% increase

in salaries for county employees, the same as last year, as well as step increases and merit increases for eligible employees. In response to a question from Supervisor Guy Gooding, human resources director Shelly Schultz said only a small percentage of county employees do not get merit increase, "probably less than 10%." Heath said negotiations with sheriff deputies are

scheduled for this fall, and "we'll know a little bit more as that unfolds." A total increase of \$1,230,997 is expected for salaries and benefits for 2025, including a possible increase up to 9% in insurance premiums, he said. Final budget requests are due in the county administrator's office by Sept. 6, and Heath will be reporting to the county board at its regular meet-

ings Sept. 19 and Oct. 17. The notice of the annual budget public hearing, which includes the administrator's proposed budget numbers, is scheduled to be sent to local newspapers Oct. 2. The public hearing is held just prior to the county board's annual budget meeting, scheduled for the morning of Oct. 31.

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Breakfast Club brings the '80s to East Side Beach



The crowd gathers in front of the city of Oconto Falls' portable stage to listen to Breakfast Club perform during the July 26 Sunset Concert Series event. The last concert of the summer is scheduled for Aug. 16 and features Drive West.

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A young swimmer launches off the East Side Beach pier during the July 26 Sunset Concert Series event in Oconto Falls.

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It is with heavy hearts but gratitude for a life well lived that we announce the passing of Lorraine Marie Olson, 89, who died peacefully at home on July 22, 2024, after a short battle with cancer.

Lorraine was born June 20, 1935, in Oconto, to Rupert and Erma (Kruger) Rasmussen, who preceded her in death. She was also preceded by her husband, Russell, and brother, Allen Rasmussen.

Lorraine was a graduate of Oconto High School, class of 1954. She married Russell on June 5, 1954, and



together they resided on their dairy farm at Stiles Junction. Lorraine also held various jobs, attended nurses aide training at Bellin Hospital and worked at the Oconto Memorial Hospital for many years until her help was needed on the farm.

She attended the Oconto Gospel Chapel where she taught Sunday School, was

a junior and senior youth group leader, headed up the graduation dinner for many years, was active in the Ladies Missionary group and supported the church in any way she could. Lorraine had a special passion for missions and welcomed many missionaries into her home. She also sewed flags of many nations to be displayed at church during mission conferences. Lorraine was a prayer warrior, uplifting family, friends and her church family in prayer.

She was an outgoing person, and no one was

a stranger around her for long. She had a loving and generous nature and many were recipients of one of her creative parties, decorated cakes, handmade quilts or luncheon cloths.

Her steadfast love and devotion for Russell for over the past 70 years was unshakeable. She was able to care for him at home, her greatest desire. Lorraine loved her role as a mother and grandmother again, remembering every birthday of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was happiest when planning her next event, always

looking for a way to make the day memorable for others.

She kept up on the lives of her children, Lori Ann Olson, of Green Bay, and David (Laura) Olson, of Lena. She also had a deep love for her grandchildren, Daniel (Hannah) Olson, Bethany (Nelson) Brubaker, Leah Olson, Johanna (Marcus) Zimmerman, Sara (Lyndon) Zimmerman, Kristina Olson, John (Loryn) Olson and Lydia Olson, as well as 25 great-grandchildren. She is further survived by special "adopted" family, George

and Jane Dowling.

The family will receive relatives and friends at the Oconto Gospel Chapel, Oconto, from 9-11 a.m. on Friday, July 26. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. at the church with the Rev. Adam Sellen officiating. Burial will be at the Stiles Cemetery. Online condolences may be expressed at www.gallagherfuneralhome.net.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be given towards a memorial fund for the Oconto Gospel Chapel and Lake Lundgren Bible Camp.

James A. Schmidt

James A. Schmidt, 88, Gillett, died suddenly Sunday evening, July 21, 2024, at home. His children came quickly to their mother's side.

He was born April 10, 1936, in Oconto Falls to Arthur and Florence "Flossie" (Sorenson) Schmidt.

Jim grew up in the family grocery store in Gillett where he learned the values of working hard, honesty and how to treat people. He attended Gillett public schools, graduating from high school with the class of 1954. Two weeks after graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served during the Korean War. Upon his honorary discharge, he returned to Gillett.

On June 21, 1958, he married Patricia Kuehn at St.



James Lutheran Church in Shawano. The couple have lived in Gillett all their married lives where they raised four children. Jim retired from Seneca Foods in Gillett after many years of dedicated work. Jim enjoyed frequent trips to the casino, gardening, following all sports and caring for his family.

Survivors are his wife, Patricia Schmidt, Gillett; their four children, Karen Haws, Daniel (Julaine) Schmidt, all of Green Bay, Patti (Jim) Cox, Stoughton, Amy (Romy) Schmidt, Kelly

Lake; four grandchildren, Kimberly (Jacob) Rader and Keri (Bruce) Haws, twins Jacob (Allie) and Nicholas (Brittany) Cox; five great-grandchildren, Caleb, Hailey, Lillian and Giovanni Rader, Quinn Cox; special friend and neighbor, Gary Jaeger; nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Arthur Neil; one son-in-law, Bruce Haws; and step-granddaughter, Kerri Pieschek-Ingersoll.

Visitation with the urn present will be held after 9 a.m. Wednesday, July 31, 2024, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Gillett until the time of service. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday at the church with Pastor Chris Byers officiating. Burial, with military honors, will follow in Wanderers Rest Cemetery in Gillett.

Jones Funeral Service is serving the Schmidt family.

Vernon G. Mortier, 92, Oconto Falls, died Wednesday, July 24, 2024, at an area hospital.

He was born July 19, 1932, in rural Oconto Falls to August and Theresa (Loberger) Mortier. When he was 4 years old, the family moved to rural Oconto where Vern graduated from Lena High School with the class of 1950. Following graduation, he attended vocational school in Milwaukee and worked as a machinist for three years.

On Sept. 25, 1954, he married Mary Jane Everard at St. Charles Catholic Church in Lena. Following their marriage, the couple made their home in Oconto Falls where they raised four children of their own and numerous foster children. Always a hard worker, Vern became the assistant manager at Bay Lake Cooperative in Oconto Falls for 36 years.



He was a member of Riverview Alliance Church in Oconto Falls. Vern will be fondly remembered as a tireless volunteer and member of the Oconto Falls Lions Club, the Oconto County Genealogical Society and Kingdom Come Food Pantry in Oconto Falls for many years.

Survivors are his four children, Karen (Fred) Mayer, Bakersfield, California, Michael (Julie) Mortier, Appleton, Donn (Alice) Mortier, Fond du Lac, Lynn (James) Newlun, Racine; 13 grandchildren; 43 great-grandchildren; one brother, Melvin (Jan) Mortier, of Oconto; three sisters, Gloria Blaser,

Oconto Falls, Alleen Finger and Viola Bourassa, both of Oconto; nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Mary Jane, in 2015; and three brothers, Joseph, Monroe and Harold Mortier.

Visitation will be held 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 1, 2024, at Jones Funeral Service in Oconto Falls. Visitation will continue after 9 a.m. Friday, Aug. 2, 2024, at Riverview Alliance Church in Oconto Falls until the time of service. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the church with Pastor Kevin Kuhn officiating. Burial will be in Pine Hill Cemetery, Spruce.

Jones Funeral Service is serving the Mortier family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial funds will be donated to Kingdom Come Food Pantry.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
AND JOINT REVIEW BOARD MEETING
VILLAGE OF LENA, WISCONSIN**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Village of Lena will hold a Joint Review Board meeting on August 13, 2024 at 5:00 PM.

The meeting will be held at the Lena Public School, located at 304 E Main St., Lena, WI

The purpose of the meeting is to organize the Joint Review Board for consideration of the Village's proposal to create Tax Incremental District No. 2.

The Joint Review Board will also review the annual report and the performance and status of each Tax Incremental District governed by the Joint Review Board as required by Wis. Stat. § 66.1105(4m)(f).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Plan Commission of the Village of Lena will hold a public hearing on August 13, 2024 at 6:00 PM.

The meeting will be held at the Lena Public School, located at 304 E Main St., Lena, WI

The hearing will be held to provide the public a reasonable opportunity to comment on the proposed creation of Tax Incremental District No. 2, its proposed boundaries, and its proposed Project Plan.

The District's proposed boundary is identified on the map included in this Notice.

Based on the planned use of properties within the proposed District boundary the Village expects to designate the District as suitable for mixed use development.

Projects to be undertaken within the District and costs to be incurred (Project Costs) will be for the purpose of promoting mixed use development and may include acquisition of property, rights of way or easements, site preparation, installation or rehabilitation of utilities and streets, payment of cash grants as development incentives to owners, lessees, or developers of land located within the District*, professional services and organizational costs, administrative costs, financing costs and other costs as may be necessary to implement the District's Project Plan. Projects may be undertaken within the District's proposed boundary and in areas located in the Village within 1/2 mile of that boundary.

All interested parties will be given a reasonable opportunity to comment on the proposed creation of the District, its proposed boundaries, and its proposed Project Plan. A copy of the proposed District Project Plan, including a description of the proposed boundaries, is available for public inspection and will be provided on request during normal business hours at the office of the Village Clerk at the Lena Village Hall, located at 117 E Main St. This information can also be viewed on the Village's website at VillageofLena.net.

By Order of the Village of Lena, Wisconsin

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“Things have been shifted, moved, wonkied back and forth,” Essermann said. “The dedication and effort is what made it look what it is today.”

Julie Lassa, the U.S. Department of Agriculture rural development director for Wisconsin, where the \$500,000 grant came from, was on hand for the big day and lauded the communities for their hard work and long-term planning.

“We all know that libraries serve as one of the pillars of the community to bring people together,” Lassa said. “Whether it’s a young kid who has the opportunity to check out a book, it opens a world of imagination and thought, and you get to escape into all kinds of different stories, or if you’re a teen who needs some access to Wi-Fi and a computer to work on homework, or an adult who’s looking for their next career opportunity, or the community looking for a gathering space — this is what libraries serve to do.”

Marsh noted the board ignored the usual skepticism when the decision was made to expand the library for the first time since 1996. She said that

“you people” became “we people.”

“We appointed a building expansion committee, and we did what we always do when we identify a need — we rolled up our sleeves, pulled together and worked tirelessly to solve the problem,” she said. “We did it for our patrons, always mindful that a library’s key mission is to serve the most vulnerable among us. If you want to thank us ... use this library. Join the Friends. Include us in your charitable giving. Support the civic and community organizations and local businesses that supported us.”

The library started in the 1980s inside an abandoned U.S. Forest Service building, before being relocated to the former Duffy’s Bar and then to its final home along state Highway 32.

“Through all those changes, one constant overriding principle prevailed,” Marsh said. “The Lakewood library has always welcomed anyone of goodwill, regardless of gender, economic or social status, ethnic background, religious faith or political beliefs. That has not and will not change.



Parents and children check out the expanded children's library July 27 at the Lakes Country Public Library, which includes doors that can be closed to keep the activity from bothering other patrons. To see more photos, see this story at newmedia-wi.com.

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Not now. Not ever.”

Even though the community is proud of its new library, Marsh was not willing to declare it a “miracle.” She said that the dedication and donations made it possible, but it was not a rare convergence in Lakewood, and even against all odds, she said that the library was the community’s “big door prize.”

“Beware. This library has a way of bewitching you,” Marsh said. “Out of the blue, the memory of this day, this crowd, this place may come rushing into your brain, beckoning you to come back, to come home. If that happens, answer the call. You will always be welcome here.”

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC TEST
TOWN OF MAPLE VALLEY
A PUBLIC TEST OF THE ELECTRONIC
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13th, 2024**

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TOWN OF SPRUCE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC TEST
In accordance to Wis Stats 5.84(1),
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Test of the ICE voting machine to be
used at the 2024 Partisan Primary on
Tuesday, August 13, 2024 will be
conducted for the Town of Spruce on
Monday, August 8 , 2024 at 5:30 PM at
the Spruce Town Hall, 9097 County Rd
B, Oconto Falls. The Public Test is open
to the general public.
Lisa Peitersen
Spruce Town Clerk

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**TOWN OF OCONTO FALLS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC TEST**

In accordance to Wis. Stats 5.84(1),
Notice is hereby given that the Public
Test of voting equipment to be used at
the Fall Primary on Tuesday, August 13,
2024, will be conducted for the Town of
Oconto Falls on Wednesday, August 7,
2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the Town of Oconto
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PUBLIC NOTICE: Public Test
In accordance to Wis Stats 5.84(1),
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2024 Partisan Primary in the City
of Gillett will be conducted on Tuesday,
August 6, 2024 at 10:00 AM at Gillett City
Hall, 150 N McKenzie Ave, Gillett, WI.
This test is open to the public.
Chelsea Anderson, Clerk Treasurer
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**CITY OF OCONTO FALLS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING.**

Notice is hereby given, that The City of
Oconto Falls Planning Commission will
hold a Public Hearing on August 19, 2024
at 5:30 PM in the Municipal Building,
Council Chambers, 500 North Chestnut
Avenue, Oconto Falls, Wisconsin. The
purpose of this hearing is for the
consideration of:

1. **Public Hearing on August
19,2024 at 5:30pm Former
Mobil Station 710 County B
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Main St- Slum & Blight
Investigation.**

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room is handicapped accessible. A copy
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**TOWN OF MORGAN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC TEST**

In accordance with Wis Stats 5.84(1),
Notice is hereby given that a Public Test
for the voting machine to be used at the
2024 Presidential Primary election on
Tuesday, August 13, 2024, will be
conducted for the Town of Morgan on
Thursday, August 8, 2024 at 5:00 PM at
the Morgan Town Hall, 3276 County Rd
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test is open to the general public.

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Erin Mooers
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**NOTICE TOWN OF BAGLEY
PUBLIC TEST**

The Town of Bagley will test the
electronic tabulating machine to be used
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PRIMARY ELECTION to be held on
THURSDAY AUGUST 1st. 2024. at 6:00
PM at the Bagley Town Hall 9812
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Village of Lena Residents

Time: 10 am
Date: Thursday, August 8, 2024
Location: 117 E Main Street, Lena, WI
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There will be Public Testing of the
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time and place. This test is open to the
public. The Partisan Primary Election
is scheduled for Tuesday, August 13,
2024. Polls are open from 7 a.m. until 8
p.m.

Jodi Marquardt
Clerk/Treasurer
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vs.
CHRISTOPHER POTTER
Defendant.

AMENDED SUMMONS

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You are hereby notified that the Plaintiff
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APPLETON WI 54911 and the Kohn Law
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Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin July 24,
2024.

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State Bar No. 1118409
Attorney for Plaintiff
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Suring Public School District School Board Meeting – July 2024

The regular meeting of the Suring School Board was held on July 10, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in Room #300. In action items, the board approved the agenda, June 5, 2024, meeting minutes, May and June bills, the 2024-25 Academic Standards, the 2024-25 student handbook changes, policies 2264 and 2266 special updates (Title IX), the Lamers contract, the HVAC duct maintenance bid, and the replacement of the water heaters not to exceed \$29,000 pending local bids. The board accepted the resignation of Erin Hischke as concessions manager and approved the hiring of Mitch Taylor as concessions manager and the hiring of student summer workers.

Public comments were heard from three parents requesting the date for the 2025 graduation ceremony be changed to a weekend. Principal Weidner introduced himself to the board and stated he is excited to work with everyone in the district. Dr. Orlich explained the Unlocking Pathways Grant- Wisconsin and gave an update on the timber sale and stated the SMAC construction is underway. He also gave an update on the summer facilities projects and said the new playground equipment will be installed soon. Suring will continue to partner with the NorthLakes Community Clinic Dental Outreach Program through the Seal-A-Smile program for the upcoming school year.

There was no unfinished business. Items for future board consideration included scheduling a Finance Committee meeting at 4:30 p.m. on August 14, 2024, district calendar date change, SMAC, and transportation savings.

The next regular board meeting will be on August 14, 2024, in Board Room #300 at 5:30 p.m. All official school board publications (school board meeting agenda/minutes) can be found on the school website www.suring.k12.wi.us.

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07/26/24
Public Information Meeting for Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project
Post Date: August 2, 2024

The Kelly Lake Sanitary District is planning the following improvements to the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) during late 2025 through 2026: modification and conversion of the existing Recirculating Sand Filter to a Sequencing Batch Reactor, conversion of the existing sand filter into a sludge storage lagoon, construction of new septage receiving station, installation of vertical screen unit, installation of a fabric building on top of the prosed process, and alteration of the existing building. The improvements are required to meet current Department of Natural Resources (DNR) code, and to replace processes/equipment that is at or past the designed service life. Construction of the project is anticipated to last approximately two (2) years and cost an estimated \$4.0 million. The footprint of the existing plant will be increased to accommodate installation of a septage receiving station.

Please attend

All persons interested in this project are encouraged to attend a Public Information Meeting on Monday August 12, 2024. The meeting will be held from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. at the Kelly Lake Sanitary District office, 9535 Green Acres St, Suring, WI 54174. The meeting will begin with a formal presentation at 5:30 p.m., followed by an opportunity to ask questions in an open house format.

Information available

Representatives from the Kelly Lake Sanitary District, and the design team of General Engineering Company (GEC) will be available to explain the proposed improvements and listen to concerns. Drawings showing the proposed improvements will be on display.

Your involvement

We want your input on the proposed improvements. Please attend the information meeting to review the displays, ask questions, and share your thoughts. If you cannot attend, but would like to receive information about the project, please contact Kelly Lake Sanitary Secretary Sally Blazek at (920) – 842-4527 or email at kellylakesanitary@gmail.com or District Engineer – Lukasz Lyzwa at (608) 742-2169 or email at kellylakewwtp@generalengineering.net

Public Comment Period

If you are not able to make the meeting on August 12, 2024, there will be an opportunity for public comment on at the regular District August meeting Tuesday August 20, 2024, at 6:00pm.

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Ethics committee will soon be busy

3 citizen members appointed to join 2 supervisors to review issues

By **KEVIN PASSON**
Editor-in-chief

A trio of Shawano County residents will join two Shawano County Board supervisors as they delve into ethics cases involving county employees.

County Board Chairman Tom Kautza appointed the three people at the July 24 board meeting. Chris Holewinski will represent the county's east end, former Supervisor Mike Stupecky will represent the central portion,

and Jim O'Neil will represent the western end. They will join Supervisors Kimberly Leffel and Lowel Hammett, who were appointed at the start of the board's current term. "The reason we're finishing this right now is

there is an issue that needs to be looked into, and that's all I can say," Kautza said. "It gets turned over to that committee and the corporation counsel, which will be Tom Martell." Corporation Counsel Larenda Maulson is out

for maternity reasons as of July 19, so Martell will fill that role until her return. The ethics committee reviews and recommends revisions to the Shawano County Ethics Code to the County Board when necessary. The committee investigates complaints of violations of the ethics

code, holds hearings to determine if violations have occurred and recommends actions to proper county authorities, including the district attorney if necessary. The county's website does not indicate the last time the committee met.

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Skin care important during hot summer months

Summer is in full swing, and in Wisconsin, that often means spending as much time as possible outdoors. Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer. With 20% of Americans developing the disease by age 70, it's a serious concern. "We want to make sure that everyone applies sunscreen year-round, not just during the warmer summer months," said Dr. Glenn Vogelsang with ThedaCare. "Ultraviolet radiation, which causes the damage that can lead to skin cancer, is present even in the winter months and on cloudy days." Applying a broad-spectrum sunscreen — one that protects against both UVA and UVB light — with a sun-protection factor of at least 30 is recommended, but 50 or greater would be optimal, Vogelsang said. SPF is a measure of how much ultraviolet radiation is required to produce sunburn on protected skin.

People can choose from two types of sunscreen: chemical and mineral. Both offer similar levels of protection, and choosing one comes down to individual preference. Chemical sunscreens need about 30 minutes to absorb into the skin to be effective, so plan ahead and apply before going outside. Mineral sunscreens provide a physical barrier to UV rays and are especially good for infants and younger children. People should reapply sunscreen at least every two hours. Apply more frequently if you're participating in water sports, sweating a lot, or getting a lot of direct sun. A common guideline for adults is to use about one ounce of sunscreen to cover their skin. That equates to a shot glass.

"The sun-exposed areas of the body are where we find the most skin cancers," Vogelsang said. "Be sure you're protected from head to toe." These parts should be included in application:

- Ears and nose. "The ears and nose are among the most common areas where skin cancer is found," Vogelsang said. "Make sure you apply sunscreen to the whole ear and nose, including the tops and the middle of your ear and tip of the nose." The sun's rays can also reach you through car windows, where your ear and arm can get exposed.
- Tops of feet. If you are wearing sandals or flip-flops, the delicate skin on the tops of your feet gets lots of sun. Don't forget to apply sunscreen here.
- Eyelids. "Your sunglasses are the best way to protect your eyelids from burns," Vogelsang said. "And you should ensure your sunglasses provide 100% UV protection." Special eye creams with SPF or blockers like titanium dioxide or zinc oxide are available. Wearing a hat also can reduce sun exposure to your eyelids.
- Scalp. Here's another time your hat comes in handy. "Your scalp is one of those places you might not immediately think of applying sunscreen, but exposed areas like parts in the hair or bald spots are particularly vulnerable," Vogelsang said. "Wear sunscreen, or make sure you cover your scalp with a hat."
- Lips. Wear a lip balm with SPF, and reapply frequently. The lower lip gets much more exposure to the sun.



Clara Schaal, left, and Henry Schaal, center, with the Little Seedlings 4-H, and Riley Windus with the Lena Rocketeers 4-H attended the 4-H Summer Academy in June in Madison.

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Oconto County 4-H members go to summer academy

In June, youths from across Wisconsin gathered at the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus for the annual Summer Academy event, hosted by UW-Madison Extension's Positive Youth Development Institute and 4-H. Youths had the opportunity to build and learn skills to reach goals and plan for the future. Youth participants explored careers, college and other topics of interest through interactive workshops. They developed connections with other youths and adults through small and large groups activities.

Youth participants chose one of six college or career track options to explore: agriculture, expressive arts, health, baking, transportation or biological sciences. Tracks were led by faculty and staff at both UW-Madison and Madison Area Technical College. Youth participants engaged in goal setting and visualization activities to help them make plans for their future. Youth leadership was also front and center, with Wisconsin Leadership Council youths leading small groups and supporting participants

throughout the experience. There was, of course, lots of time for fun, too. Some of the most popular event elements were the makerspace evening, recreation options hosted by Outdoor UW on Lake Mendota, team trivia, a dance, and the Art Team Art Show and Drama Company performance. Summer Academy focuses on youths from grades 8-11. It helps youths hone their skills as leaders and take a deeper look into their post-secondary journey. For more information, visit go.wisc.edu/4HSummerAcademy.

OFFICIAL NOTICE TO BIDDERS

2024 CITY OF SHAWANO SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS

CONTRACT "A" - SANITARY SEWER SLIPLINING
12" Sanitary Main Sliplining – 1,250 Lineal Feet

CONTRACT "B" – CONCRETE DECANTING PAD W/ CONTROL STRUCTURE
8" Concrete Pad Thickness – 800 Square Feet
Sanitary Control Structure & Pipe Connection – 1 Lump Sum

Separate bids for each contract listed above will be received by the City of Shawano in the office of the Department of Public Works, 2905 E. Richmond St., Shawano, Wisconsin, until 9:00 AM Local Time on August 20, 2024, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Complete sets of Bidding Documents may be obtained in PDF electronic format by calling the Department of Public Works at (715)526-3512 or by email: mpleshek@cityofshawano.com. All bidders shall bid in accordance with and shall bid upon the Proposal Forms provided in the Contract Documents.

Owner requires Bidders to be pre-qualified for this project in accordance with the Wisconsin Statutes 66.29(2). Qualifications shall be delivered to the DPW office, not less than 5 days prior to the bid deadline. The Owner's decision as to the qualifications shall be final.

A Certified Check or Bid Bond payable to the City of Shawano in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid shall accompany each bid as a guarantee, that if the bid is accepted, the Bidder will execute and file the Contract, Performance and Payment Bond, and the Insurance Certificate(s) within ten (10) days after the receipt of the Notice of Award by the City. The City of Shawano Common Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive any informalities in bidding, or to accept the bid or bids which best serves the interest of the City.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days after the scheduled opening of bids without the consent of the City.

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WANNA BE A FOOD COLUMNIST?

There's one thing we all have in common. We all love food. Most of us like to try new things, and collecting recipes is a favorite thing to do for many.

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To offer your services or for more information, email city editor Lee Pulaski at lpulaski@newmedia-wi.com

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Sen. Eric Wimberger, center, received the award July 24 in the Senate Parlor of the State Capitol in Madison from WCA Government Affairs Associates Marcie Rainbolt, left, and Chelsea Shanks. JOE KOSHOLLEK

Wimberger gets Wisconsin Counties Association award

State Sen. Eric Wimberger, R-Green Bay, has been honored by the Wisconsin Counties Association with a WCA Outstanding Legislator Award for his work on behalf of county government during the 2023-2024 Legislative Session.

“Sen. Wimberger has been a valuable partner to counties, not only in the 30th Senate District, but for all of Wisconsin,” said WCA President and CEO Mark O’Connell. “He is a strong leader

who has worked alongside our team to advance legislation and common sense public policy initiatives that keep in mind the fiscal impact on the taxpayers.”

The WCA Outstanding Legislator Award is handed out biennially to a select group of legislators who have represented county interests in the legislature and in their districts. These legislators have demonstrated leadership for counties on key issues, legislation and the

state budget.

“As a member of Joint Finance especially, Sen. Wimberger worked on many issues impacting our state, our environment and our economy,” O’Connell said. “We are grateful for his efforts and incredibly proud to present him with this award.”

WCA represents the interests of county government on the state and federal levels and is in Madison. For more information, visit www.wicounties.org.



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ELECTION 2024

2 current reps fight to stay in state Assembly

Schmidt, Behnke make their cases to keep working

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The Sixth Assembly District has two men currently serving as representatives duking it out in the Aug. 13 Republican primary.

Peter Schmidt, 32, is running for his second term in the district. He currently lives in the Town of Hartland as a dairy farmer and also serves as a town supervisor and town planning commission member. He works as a poll worker in the town, and he previously served on the Shawano County Board of Supervisors.

Elijah Behnke is running for a third term in the Assembly, previously serving in the 89th District before the legislative maps were rewritten earlier this year. He currently lives on the east side of Abrams in Oconto County but is looking at homes in the Pulaski area. He has a small hobby farm and owns a cleaning company, and he attended Toccoa Falls Bible College.

What makes you the best choice for this Assembly seat?

Behnke: Across the board, honesty and transparency are what I hear people want in their elected leaders, and I will be that in the 6th Assembly District. I have proven I serve the people who vote for me, not the lobbyists or any of the Madison power players. I'm a husband of 12 years and a father of two sweet girls. I want this community to thrive so my kids can have the best future possible.

Schmidt: I'm the best choice for Republicans and conservatives, because I'm committed to voting as they would in Madison. I'm not beholden to any party bosses, special interests or Madison elites. I'm a political outsider who will do what's right for my



Peter Behnke looks overly dairy as he hands out candy along the parade route at the Bonduel Independence Day parade. He has served one term in the 6th Assembly District, replacing Gary Tauchen. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

constituents versus what is politically expeditious or advantageous. I would not abandon my constituents to move to another district just to have a political title, which proves they're looking to only serve themselves instead of the people of the 6th Assembly District.

What would be your top priority in the legislature to best benefit the residents of the 6th Assembly District?

Schmidt: My first priority is to ensure the government stays off the back of hard working people so they can achieve their dreams whether its farming like my family, or construction trades, technology or whatever someone's passion is to support themselves and their families, and enjoy the life our Lord and Savior has provided. Lessening taxes and government regulations, creating a pro-life culture, protecting, and expanding private property rights, and ensuring our liberties aren't trampled on like what happened during COVID — that was unacceptable — are my priorities.

Behnke: There are so many. I would prioritize tax cuts to help working families. I am also passionate about protecting Wisconsin farmers and farmland, standing with gun owners to keep their Second Amendment rights, and protecting life. So much of my job in Madison is killing bad ideas and bills in order to

keep our freedoms secure.

What is your stance on working across the aisle to get legislation approved?

Behnke: I have worked with Democrats on a number of bills. I won't compromise on principles, but things like protecting our water are not partisan issues — they are common sense.

Schmidt: Democrats should be the party working across the aisle to advance a commonsense conservative agenda for the 6th District and the state of Wisconsin. The Democratic Party of Wisconsin is out of the mainstream of Wisconsin and is moving further and further to the left toward socialism. They're also undermining the traditional family nucleus, while attempting to create a divide between parents and their children. They're using our school systems to indoctrinate our children with radical, far left ideologies as well as brainwash them into believing there are no biological differences between boys and girls.

What do you think should be the law of the land regarding abortions?

Schmidt: I'm pro-life, and I don't believe in abortion. As a Christian conservative, I believe that life begins at the moment of conception, and I strongly encourage creating a culture life in Wisconsin. My voting records prove my commitment to

protecting the life of the unborn, and I've stood up to party leadership to advance a pro-life agenda. What is sad is there are people and groups wanting to undermine or distort other's records on this issue. My strong commitment to protecting human life and the most vulnerable in society comes from my religious upbringing.

Behnke: I am the Pro-Life Wisconsin endorsed candidate, and I stand by my 100% pro-life voting record. As a Christian, I absolutely believe life begins and conception and should be protected.

Surrounding states have laws permitting marijuana for medicinal

and/or recreational use. What lawful use, if any, do you think Wisconsin should allow marijuana in the state?

Behnke: I stand with our law enforcement on this issue. I know they have serious concern about the current technology and resources available for detection and enforcement from a public safety standpoint. I am always open to discussion on controversial issues.

Schmidt: I oppose legalizing recreational marijuana in any manner. I support medical cannabis only due to the fact people who are in severe pain or have another medical condition, may need it to endure their symptoms or disease. I routinely pray for those who are ill, and in a Christian society, we ought to provide comfort and care whenever possible.

What is your position on Referendums 1 and 2, which will be on the Aug. 13 ballot?

Schmidt: I support the referendums. Only citizens should have the right to vote. Period. Democrats are fighting this commonsense measure at the state and federal level that protects our national sovereignty, because they are purposely flooding America with undocumented immigrants to counter the fact that our nation is a center-right country. If we have no

border, we have no country. America was built by immigrants, but this is not legal immigration — it's an invasion.

Behnke: Yes and yes. The legislature should be involved in the approval of spending. The Assembly is the people's house.

What is your assessment on Wisconsin's open records law? Are there changes you think there should be to the law, and if so, what are they?

Behnke: It should be reformed. It should be easier to get documentation, and fees should be reasonable. Publicly funded entities should be accountable to the public that elects and pays them.

Schmidt: The people of Wisconsin should have complete and total transparency of their governments whether that be local, state or federal. The only way citizens will have faith in their elected officials is if they can have direct access to their activities as representatives. Elected officials and taxpayer employees are public servants and therefore must be held accountable and transparent. A change I would like to see about open record requests is completing them in a timelier fashion. Properly filed requests should not take months and months to fulfill. Sunshine is always the best disinfectant.



Elijah Behnke waves to parade watchers during the Bonduel Independence Day parade. He has served two terms in the 89th Assembly District but plans to move into the 6th District after the change in legislative maps. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

Identification for voting available through DMV

Ahead of the Wisconsin primary Aug. 13, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is reminding U.S. citizens how to obtain identification, free of charge, that is valid for voting.

Valid identification for voting purposes, for those who will be at least 18

years of age by the next election, includes a driver license, identification card, military or student identification card, etc. There is no separate voter identification. A federally compliant Real ID card is not required for voting purposes. Anyone unsure if their identification or qualification meets the

requirements should visit the Wisconsin Elections Commission website to check.

To obtain identification to show at the polls, begin online. A list of the required documents to bring to a DMV Customer Service Center is available at www.wisconsin-dmv.gov. If the required

documents needed for an identification are not readily available, DMV has a process for U.S.

citizens to obtain the necessary information. This process, available free of charge, may be used to obtain a receipt valid to take to the polls for voting while the remaining documents or verifica-

tions are obtained.

Anyone with questions related to obtaining an identification that can be used to vote should call DMV's toll-free hotline at 844-588-1069. Questions regarding voter eligibility, poll locations, voter registration information or other election information can be directed to

the Wisconsin Elections Commission at elections.wi.gov.

Applications can be started now at www.wisconsin-dmv.gov or at a local DMV Customer Service Center. To find a DMV, check hours, services and wait times, visit www.wisconsin-dmv.gov/centers.

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FARM LIFE FROM A FARM WIFE

Cherry picking a Door County tradition

“The cherries are ready to pick,” says he. “When do you wanna go?”

It wasn’t a matter if I wanted to go; it was when I wanted to go. We seem to be making the Door County trek a bit of a tradition, this being the second consecutive year we’ve gone when the cherries are ripe.

The drive to Door County is pleasant. The farmer in him likes noting how far along the corn is — he checks out fields of soybeans



Kay Reminger
Columnist

and how their alfalfa looks compared to ours. We bring a cooler along to store the bounty in while we stop for breakfast on the way home. It’s an event.

When it comes to cherry picking, it’s not that I don’t like to go. It’s just that I don’t have a burning desire to go, compared to my husband.

On the way, I asked him, “Why do you like picking cherries?”

“It’s God’s natural fruit.” Thinking a bit more, he smirked, “Plus I get cherry pies.”

Oh, I see. An ulterior motive. I’ve heard it said the way to a man’s heart is through his stomach. I’ve got his heart for sure.

Setting out early that morning to beat the heat, we chatted pleasantly. He started reminiscing about his childhood berry-picking days. He and a couple of sisters would be appointed to go wild berry picking with their mom. They’d get outfitted with a pail tied around their waist.

Each would be given a piece of chewing gum — not as a reward, but as a means to keep them from eating berries instead of plunking them in the pail. (Wise mama, very wise.) They were instructed they had to fill at least two pails before they could ditch the gum and start eating berries.

Packing a no-frills picnic lunch, they’d have white, sliced, store-bought bread with baloney, ham or thuringer sausage slapped in between and a thermos of cold water. This hard-working farm mama knew her growing, busy children would get hungry and with not a lot of time to spare, threw a few substantial sandwiches



together along with something easy to quench the thirst. No individually-wrapped string cheese sticks or packs of pre-cut veges; back in the day it was straightforward, basic fuel to fill a hole.

From many possible orchards, we chose Meledy Orchard at 1952 Shiloh Road, Sturgeon Bay. Past experience reminded us they offered great produce at affordable prices, charging \$16 per pail.

Parking is convenient and the grove is organized, clean and efficiently staffed with pleasant, smiling, helpful people. Plus they offer an option of getting the cherries pitted for the customers for an extra \$4 a pail. So worth it.

Pulling up, we were greeted by Sue, the smiling owner. “Welcome. Park in an

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ABOVE: Cherries are ripening early this year in Door County, with the fruit ready for picking ahead of the usual August ripening period, but Door County cherry orchard owners have mentioned that the mild winter and rainy spring and summer moved things up.

ABOVE RIGHT: A bunch of cherries from Meledy Orchard in Sturgeon Bay are sprayed off in a sink. Door County proves to be one of the more popular counties in Wisconsin for cherry picking and purchasing.

RIGHT: Cherries come along a conveyor belt of an antiquated but efficient 1904 pitter.



Folk Music Festival returns for 46th year



Mark Dvorak returns to the Shawano Folk Music Festival this year. His concerts are a mix of the familiar and the new, traditional folk and standards from the American songbook. He plays authentic country blues guitar and picks old-time banjo. Dvorak first appeared at the festival in 1994.

Three-day event will feature music, dancing, crafts, food at Mielke Park

By **KEVIN PASSON**
Editor-in-chief

For nearly half a century, music lovers have flocked to the Shawano Folk Music Festival. Organizers said this year’s event, set for Aug. 9-11 at Mielke Park, will be no different.

“We think it’s one of Shawano’s best kept secrets,” said Linda Blohowiak, who is this year’s co-director, along with Julie Heise. “One person told me that even if she has never heard of the performers, they know they’re going to have a good time.”

The 2024 featured performers are John Stano (honorary director), Gaines and Wagoner, Lil’ Rev, Mark Dvorak, Ken Lonnquist and the O’Darby Irish Pub Band, Heather Styka and The Rusty Nails.

Blohowiak said several hundred people attend the event, but it’s difficult to get an

AT A GLANCE

WHAT: Shawano Folk Music Festival

WHEN: Daytime events at the festival will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 10-11. Evening concerts will begin at 7 p.m. Aug. 9-10.

WHERE: Mielke Park, N5649 Airport Road

TICKETS: Weekend passes and a special Aug. 10 combination are available, with all event prices ranging from \$15 for a day pass to \$80 for a weekend pass. Tickets, payable by cash or check only, are available at the Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce, 1263 St. Main St., Shawano, and Music Asylum, 215 N. Main St., Shawano. They are also available online at <https://shawanofestival.ludus.com>. Daytime tickets can be purchased at the gate during the festival, and evening concert tickets can be purchased at the box office.

ONLINE: For information or a downloadable program book, visit <https://www.shawanofestival.org>.

exact count.

“I’d say anywhere from 300 to 500 people,” she said. “A few years ago, we determined average attendance at 723, but that probably included some who attend more than one day.”

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Annabelle provides blooming enjoyment in gardens

One of just about everyone's favorite summer blooms is the classic hydrangea. Among the easiest hydrangeas to grow here in northern Wisconsin are the many varieties of smooth hydrangeas.

Smooth hydrangeas are those in the same family as the classic Annabelle. Many of the smooth hydrangeas are of this type of "mop head" hydrangea. Many of the classic, old hydrangeas are in the smooth hydrangea family.

This includes hydrangeas such as Lime Rickey and White Dome, as well as Annabelle.

Annabelle is simply classic. Still one of the most beloved hydrangeas available, Annabelle features blooms that may be gigantic, pure white, ball-shaped spheres of blossoms.

Annabelle can be seen throughout the area,



especially around older farm houses and historical homes where these shrubs have thrived for decades.

In addition to the classic Annabelle, many newer hybrids have been created that address some of the concerns with the mother plant.

While Annabelle tends to flop over as the blooms grow larger and larger, some of the newer hybrids have been bred to form large, thick stems that don't flop. This means the blooms can be quite large, sometimes the size of soccer balls, and still stand rigid.

Smooth hydrangeas such as Incrediball,



For lovers of pink, Mini Mauvette is a wonderful smooth hydrangea in a rich pink-mauve shade. ROB ZIMMER

Incrediball Blush and others feature these giant blooms on rigid canes.

There are also many varieties of smooth hydrangeas that bloom in

pink. Unlike panicle hydrangeas that transform to pink gradually over the

summer season, smooth hydrangeas that bloom in pink remain this color from the time the blossom opens until the end of the season.

Invincible Spirit is one of these, along with Incrediball Blush, Pinkarella, Bella Anna and others.

Smooth hydrangeas are excellent choices for gardens here in the Midwest as they require little or no winter protection or care. They bloom on new canes or stems each year, meaning you can literally cut them to the ground, if necessary, and they will regrow and bloom beautifully year after year.

I'll talk about panicle hydrangeas in my next column.

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Daytime events include music in three outside locations, with special indoor concerts planned in the evenings.

"The evening concerts have a different feel to them," Blohowiak said. "Each one features four performers at about 30 minutes each, with an intermission. It's a more captive audience."

"In the daytime, there's more movement from people between stages, and the performers are grouped by themes (such as songwriters), so it's interesting to see what they come up with there."

The event started in 1979 as a one-day festival. Blohowiak attended for the first time around 1990.

"I fell in love with it," she said. "I couldn't believe I hadn't heard about it before."

She volunteered for a few hours a couple of years later. That was followed by joining the planning committee and then serving as director



Frogwater performs at a previous Shawano Folk Music Festival. The three-day event is slated to be held Aug. 9-11 at Mielke Park. CONTRIBUTED

from 1996-99. She stayed involved and returned as director in 2008, 2012 and then again each year since 2021.

"It's usually been with another co-director," she noted.

Known initially as the Folk Music Festival,

it was later changed to the Old-Time Music and Craft Festival and eventually to the Shawano Folk Music Festival.

"Old-time music is its own separate genre, and some people thought that was the only type of music played there," she

said. "Even folk music is a broad term. Most people think of singers like Peter, Paul and Mary, but it's really the music of the people."

Folk comes from the German word "volk," meaning "the people," and folk music is often

thought of as being the music belonging to "the people."

The phrase "old-time" describes the music played on fiddles and banjos in the United States before the 1940s.

Blohowiak believes there are several reasons the festival continues to be a success.

"First, we have a beautiful setting with the big woods and pond," she said. "Also, we rarely get a performer that some committee member has not seen, and the musicians enjoy the festival. They want to get in."

For Blohowiak, it's also where she met her husband, Mike Stiefvater. The couple married two weeks ago on July 20.

"My first husband passed away four years ago," Blohowiak said. "I met Mike through the festival. He's been attending longer than I have."

Area resident Joel Kroenke, who has been involved in the festival

since the beginning, began holding house concerts at his place. Blohowiak and Stiefvater, as members of the festival, were invited to attend and eventually discovered a love for more than music.

As in the beginning, the festival is run by volunteers.

"We still believe in the power of music to break down barriers and build connections," according to the festival website. "We still believe that making music together and singing together and dancing together is a good thing for all of us. We still believe that even though the sounds and rhythms of music change with the years, the healing power of music to connect us remains the same. And we're still grateful for the support of musicians, people and businesses who believe the same things."

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, AUG. 2

SHAWANO: Republican Party Gun Show, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., 712 E. Green Bay St. Admission \$10.

SHAWANO: National Show Ski Association Division 2 National Championships, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Smalley Park, 211 Riverside Drive. Individual and team practice.

BONDUEL: Lions Club Corn Roast, 5-10 p.m., Village Park, 214 E. Park St. AYCE grilled corn, also available are hamburgers, brats and french fries. Live music. Event held rain or shine. Tickets \$5 or three for \$10.

BOWLER: Bowler Bash, Bowler Park/Pond, Free admission, AYCE corn roast with a wristband, food, refreshments, raffles, music by Whiskey and Lace 8 p.m. to midnight.

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

KESHENA: 56th annual Menominee Nation Contest Powwow, grand entry 7 p.m., Woodland Bowl. Weekend pass \$15, day pass \$10, 60-plus and 5 and under free.

SATURDAY, AUG. 3

SHAWANO: National Show Ski Association Division 2 National Championships, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Smalley Park, 211 Riverside Drive. Individual competition. Team competition begins after completion of individual competition.

SHAWANO: FRESH Project Farmers Market, 8 a.m. to

noon, Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St.

SHAWANO: Republican Party Gun Show, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., 712 E. Green Bay St. Admission \$10.

LAKEWOOD: Lakes Country Arts and Crafts Show, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Lakewood Town Hall and Activity Center, 17258 N Road. 281 booths occupied by 215 vendors showcasing original work, including painting and prints, fine art photography, jewelry, art glass, stained glass, pottery, woven textiles, carvings, clothing and more.

KESHENA: 56th annual Menominee Nation Contest Powwow, grand entries noon and 7 p.m., Woodland Bowl. Weekend pass \$15, day pass \$10, 60-plus and 5 and under free.

BOWLER: Bowler Bash, 1 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., Bowler Park/Pond, Free admission, parade 1 p.m., Terryoke's Mountain Top Entertainment 2-5 p.m., FFA Alumni cow and horse drop contests 4 p.m., bike giveaway (children 12 and under) 4 p.m., Jerry Schmitt Band 7:30-11:30 p.m., fireworks at dusk.

LENA: Fireman's Picnic, 4-10 p.m., Lena Fire Department, 220 N. Second St. Music, drinks, and food, kids bouncers, DJ, bucket raffles, ATV and cash raffles.

SHAWANO: Naberhood Block Party, 5:30-8 p.m., 214 S. Main St. Music by Zander's Music Raymakers.

SHAWANO: Stock car racing, 6-10 p.m., Shawano Speedway, 990 E. Green Bay St. Admission \$12 17 and up,

\$6 12-16, free 11 and younger with paid adult.

SUNDAY, AUG. 4

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

SHAWANO: National Show Ski Association Division 2 National Championships, 7 a.m., Smalley Park, 211 Riverside Drive. Individual competition. Team competition begins with 20-minute setup.

SHAWANO: Walleyes for Tomorrow Kids Fishing Day, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sand-Bar and Grille, W5045 Resort Road. Ages 5-15. Please bring a life jacket. Kids will receive a rod, reel, jig and lunch. Pre-register at Walleyes For Tomorrow Shawano Area Chapter through Facebook Messenger, at Kuhn's Bait And Tackle in Shawano, or at Hacker's Bait And Tackle on Lake Drive in Shawano.

BONDUEL: Pie and Ice Cream Social, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Bonduel Community Archives, 108 S. First St.

KESHENA: 56th annual Menominee Nation Contest Powwow, grand entry noon, Woodland Bowl. Weekend pass \$15, day pass \$10, 60-plus and 5 and under free.

ABRAMS: Ava Moody Memorial Fundraiser, noon to 6 p.m., Abrams Community Park, 2924 Wisckman Way. Free family event with bouncers, bungee run, K-9 demo, Einstein Project, kickball, face painting, firetruck visit, cornhole tournament, music and yard games. Concessions

available and raffle items.

SHAWANO: Music at Arlington Park, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Arlington Park, 300 Humphrey Circle. Crystal River Trio.

MONDAY, AUG. 5

PULASKI: National Night Out, 5-8 p.m., Memorial Park, 651 S. St. Augustine St.

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

TUESDAY, AUG. 6

OCONTO FALLS: National Night Out, 4-8 p.m., Oconto Falls High School, 210 N. Farm St. Oconto County Farmers Market moves to this location for this week only.

OCONTO: National Night Out, 4:30-7 p.m., Oconto Police Department,

GILLETT: National Night Out, 5-8 p.m., Gillett Public Library, 200 Main St.

LENA: National Night Out, 4-8 p.m., St. Anne Parish, 221 E. Main St.

LITTLE SUAMICO: National Night Out, 5-8 p.m., Little Suamico Ball Park, 1015 County Road J.

SHAWANO: Naberhood Block Party, 5:30-7 p.m., 214 S. Main St. Ventriloquist Barbara Jean, performances at 5:30 p.m. and 6:45 p.m.

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

House, W6715 Shawpoka-sic St. Information: Mindy Thunder at 715-799-3835 or mthunder@mitw.org.

SHAWANO: Shawano Ski Sharks Waterski Show, 6 p.m., Smalley Park, 211 Riverside Drive. Junior show 5:30 p.m. Free admission, donations accepted.

SHAWANO: 100-plus Women Who Care, 6 p.m., Stubborn Brothers Brewery, second-floor Crescent Ballroom, 220 S. Main St. Social hour 5 p.m., meeting 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUG. 8

NAVARINO: Lego Day Camp, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. \$40 members, \$50 non-members, register at navarinonc@gmail.com or 715-758-6999.

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

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

SHAWANO: Thursdayz at Franklin, 6-8:30 p.m., Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St. Music with 7000Apart.

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

FRIDAY, AUG. 9

NAVARINO: Nature Camp, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. \$40 members, \$50 non-members, register at navarinonc@gmail.com or 715-758-6999.

SHAWANO: Community Blood Center Blood Drive, 12:30-5 p.m., ThedaCare Medical Center, 100 County Road B. Schedule appointment at 1-800-280-4102 or communityblood.org/donor.

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

BOWLER: Annual Mohican

Pow Wow, Grand entry 7 p.m., Many Trails Campground, N9125 Moh He Con Nuck Road. Free admission, open to the public.

SHAWANO: Shawano Folk Music Festival, 7 p.m., Mielke Arts Center, N5649 Airport Road. Tickets \$15 to \$80 weekend pass, information at shawanofestival.ludus.com

SHAWANO: Standup Comedy with Johnny Beehner, 7:30 p.m., Stubborn Brothers Brewery, second-floor Crescent Ballroom, 220 S. Main St. \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Doors open 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUG. 10

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

BOWLER: Mohican Pow Wow Fun Run/Walk, 8-10:30 a.m., Many Trails Campground, N9125 Moh He Con Nuck Road. Run info 715-793-3018.

OCONTO FALLS: Trent Maloney Memorial Baseball Tournament, Memorial Field. Rain date Aug. 11.

SHAWANO: Shawano Folk Music Festival, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 7 p.m., Mielke Arts Center, N5649 Airport Road. Tickets \$15 to \$80 weekend pass, information at shawanofestival.ludus.com

SHAWANO: Ice Cream Social, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 100 W. Presbyterian St.

KESHENA: 56th annual Menominee Nation Contest Powwow, grand entries noon and 7 p.m., Woodland Bowl. Weekend pass \$15, day pass \$10, 60-plus and 5 and under free.

BOWLER: Annual Mohican Pow Wow, Grand entries 1 p.m. and 7 p.m., Many Trails Campground, N9125 Moh He Con Nuck Road. Free admission, open to the public.

GREEN VALLEY: WUMPA Truck Pull, 3-8 p.m., N6161 State Highway 32.

SHAWANO: Naberhood Block Party, 5:30-8 p.m., 214 S. Main St. Music by Finding North Band.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 7

SHAWANO: Chamber Coffee Connection, 8-9 a.m., Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St.

SHAWANO: WAMSCO (Waterways Association of Menominee and Shawano Counties) Meat Raffle, 4-5 p.m., Smalley Park, 211 Smalley Park.

NEOPIT: Recovery talking circle, 6-8 p.m. The Circle

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available slot between any trees and come back here to get your ropes and pails.”

Many people that day had the same thought we did, get there early to beat the heat. There were families with small children among older folks; all already filling their pails heaping round with juicy red cherries.

Tying our belts around our waists and clipping the metal snap to the handle of the pail, letting it hang in front to keep two hands free, we started out. We were speechless with amazement of this luscious bountiful crop of cherries; they were literally weighing the branches down so that the fruit drooped chest-high in front of us. We didn't even have to reach up to pluck them off.

Barely moving from one tree before almost completely filling my pail, I looked over at my husband, and he was already working on his second pail.

CHERRY PIE

Pie filling

1 1/2 to 2 cups fresh, pitted cherries

1/2 cup water

2 tablespoons lemon juice

3/4 cup sugar

4 tablespoons cornstarch

- Add ingredients together, cooking 10 minutes. Bring to a boil, stir-folding frequently.

Crumb crust

1 1/2 cups flour

1/2 cup sugar

1/2 cup chilled butter

- Grate into dry mixture. Mix together.
- Pat crumb crust into a pie plate, save a quarter of the mixture to place on top. Bake 45 minutes at 350 degrees. Serve warm with a scoop of vanilla ice cream.

A seasoned pro.

After paying for our produce, we were directed to the pitting station where we learned the machine was a 1904 pitter in pristine condition. Pouring our cherries into a slatted square bucket, we washed them using a large, fine-spray spout, picking out any stems, leaves or

bruised cherries.

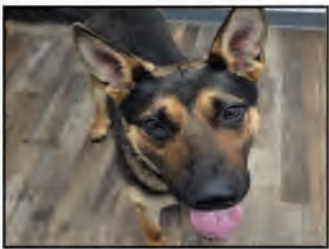
They then were placed in order by customer, awaiting their turn in the pitter. The cherries came gently tumbling down a conveyor belt and into waiting, clean buckets. The employee snapped covers on top and sent us on our way, smiling — her and us.

Later that evening after, I had frozen two cups of cherries in quart freezer bags, we devoured a piece of warm cherry pie topped with a dollop of melting vanilla ice cream.

Yes. He was smiling.

(“There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God.” Ecclesiastes 2:24)

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



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LOBOS TOURNAMENT

Rangers capture another tournament title

BY NEW MEDIA

July 26
Navarino 5, Cecil 1
 The Navarino Rangers won their second consecutive tournament by defeating the Cecil Mudhens 5-1 on July 26 to win the 31st annual Shawano Lobos Invitational Tournament at Bill Krenger Field at Martzke Park.

The weeklong tournament included a day of postponements due to rain and the shuffling of schedules after Neopit withdrew from the six-team event.

Cecil put constant pressure on the Rangers but could not get that needed hit with guys in scoring position. Navarino, on the other hand, scored in the first, third, fourth and sixth innings to lead 5-0.

Mason Dingeldein led off the game with a single as Brett Krull sacrificed him to second, setting up a Ryan Boettcher RBI single.

The score remained 1-0 until the third when Dingeldein singled and Krull doubled to center. Dingeldein later scored on an error.

In the fourth, Spencer Dauphinee reached on an error as Terry Boettcher doubled to left. Dingeldein hit a double of his own to push the lead to 4-0.

Navarino tacked on a run in the sixth on a single by Dawson Schmidt, scoring James Mutchie.

The Mudhens scored a run in the bottom of the sixth. Ken Casper doubled and advanced to third on a wild pitch. Meanwhile, Grant Bouche walked and stole second. Tucker Bouche singled in Casper for Cecil's lone run.

Bouche took the loss for the Mudhens. He pitched six innings giving up five

runs (three earned) on 10 hits, striking out eight and walking two.

Mutchie earned the win for the Rangers. He pitched a complete game, allowing eight hits, striking out five and walking two.

Dingeldein was the tournament MVP going 7-for-10 with two doubles and 8 RBIs.

This concludes tournament play for the Rangers this season as they went 6-0 and were champions of the Bonduel and Shawano tournaments. Navarino outscored their opponents 40-14 in tournament play.

July 25
Navarino 1, Hofa Park 0

The Rangers utilized stellar defense behind a five-hit shutout by Joey Wagester to win Pool A of the Shawano Tournament.

Navarino took the lead in the second as Ryan Boettcher led off with a double and was later driven in on Ben Prodel's sacrifice fly.

Boettcher went 2-for-3 with a double and one run scored.

Joey Wagester was the winning pitcher, going seven innings and allowing five hits.

July 24
Cecil 7, Bonduel 4
 Cecil defeated the

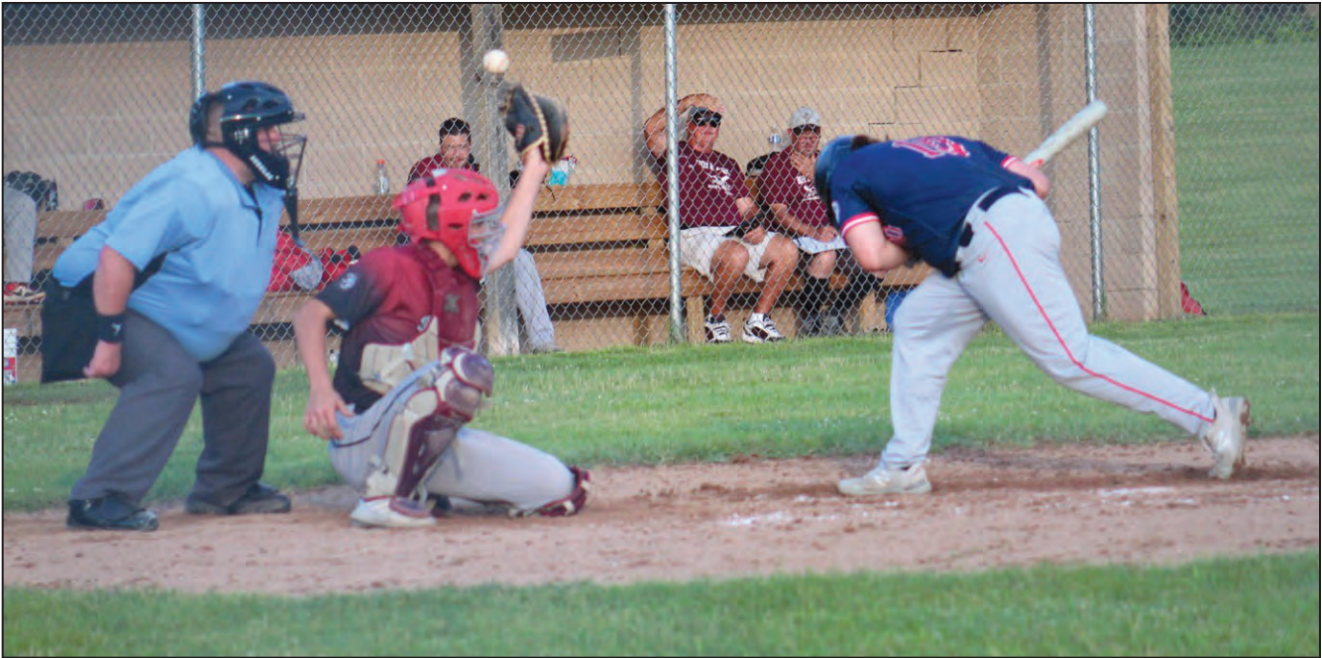
Bonduel Broncos 7-4 to advance to the championship game in the tournament.

The Mudhens were quick to score in the top half of the first on a Garrett Engel single with two outs. Three successive walks later, the score was 1-0.

Bonduel followed suit by scoring one in the bottom half of the innings after two outs to tie it at 1-1.

It remained that way

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A wild pitch causes Shawano's Cole Nelson to duck and Hofa Park catcher Cade Dorn to reach for the ball during the teams' July 24 game. The Lobos won 7-6. KEVIN PASSON | NEW MEDIA



Chase Henning stands at the plate for Shawano as the Lobos take on the Hofa Park Panthers in Shawano's annual tournament last week. Navarino would go on to claim the championship, defeating Cecil 5-1 on July 26. At right, Shawano's Andrew Popp prepares to release another pitch against Hofa Park in the Shawano Lobos annual tournament July 22-26. In the end, it was Navarino topping Cecil for the title.

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July 26
Tigerton 8, Leopold 0
 WP: Caleb Dahlstrom
 LP: Alex Zimmerman
 Tigerton hitters:
 Izaiah Hiddie 3x5
 Conner Harris 2x4 w/HR
 Caleb Dahlstrom 2x3
 Leopold hitters:
 Thomas Kazik 2x3
 Andrew Kristof and Nate Laude each had a hit.

July 28
Clintonville 9, Menominee 0, forfeit
Marion 13, Shawano 0
 WP: Joe Weyenberg 7K
 LP: Ryan Freeland
 Marion hitters:

Alex Elandt 1x2 w/2B
 Joe Weyenberg 2x2
 Kaden Jueds 2x4
 Ryan Mortensen 2x3
 Bobby Brinker 2x4
 Shawano hitters:
 Leland Jones and Garrett Kadonski each had hits.

Gresham 8, Neopit 5
 WP: Paul Murphy
 LP: Walker Miller
 Gresham hitters:
 Joe Ejnik 3x5
 Tom Nietzer 3x5 w/HR
 Neopit hitters:
 Wendall Waukau 2x5 w/HR
 Ray White 2x5
Caroline 11, Tilleda 0

WP: Klay Barkow 4K, 2BB, 4H
 LP: Zach Fehrman
 Caroline hitters:
 Tyler Marquardt 2x5
 Klay Barkow 2x4 w/HR
 Braiden Behnke 2x5
 Klay Finger 2x5 w/3B
 Mike Weatherwax 2x3
 Cole Rosenow 3x4
 Caleb Christopherson 1x4 w/HR
 Pressley Rosenow 2x3
 Tilleda hitters:
 Zach Fehrman, Stephen Reinke, Jay Brei and Ben Smith had hits.

Little Falls 11, Cran-don 0
 WP: Chris Dunn 5IP, 9K

LP: Curtis Paschen
 Little Falls hitters:
 Cam Gruenwald 3x5
 Kyle Finger 2x5
 Chris Dunn 3x4
 Scott Aasen 2x4
 Crandon hitters:
 Matty Schallhorn and Cole Kupfer had hits.
Northern Division
July 26
Eland 4, Wittenberg 0
 WP: Tyler Nelson
 LP: Nathan Waupekenay
 Eland hitters:
 Jacob Ligenza 2x4
 Jeremy Jensen 2x4
 Wittenberg hitters:
 Nathan Waupekenay

1x3
July 28
Antigo/Polar 9, Aniwa 0, forfeit
Hatley 6, Elderon 4
 WP: Ben Cumliffe
 LP: Austin Worzalla
 Hatley hitters:
 John Breske 3x4 w/HR
 Kodie Kocher 3x4 w/2B
 Elderon hitters:
 Casey Kerstner HR
Birnamwood - BYE
South Central Division
July 24
Plover 3, WeyMont 0
 WP: Wyatt Blaskowski complete game, 10K
 LP: Trevor Wetzel

Plover hitters:
 Matt Glodowski 2x3 w/2-2B 2RBI
 Jason Jone 2x3
 Kevin Jastromski 1x4 w/2B
 WeyMont hitters:
 Hayden Timm 2x3 w/2B
 Chris Gunst 1x3
 Trevor Wetzel 1x4
July 28
Scandinavia 7, Win-neconne 4
 WP: Sterling Lutz complete game
 LP: Carter Rhode
 Winneconne hitters:
 Jared Danke 2x4 w/

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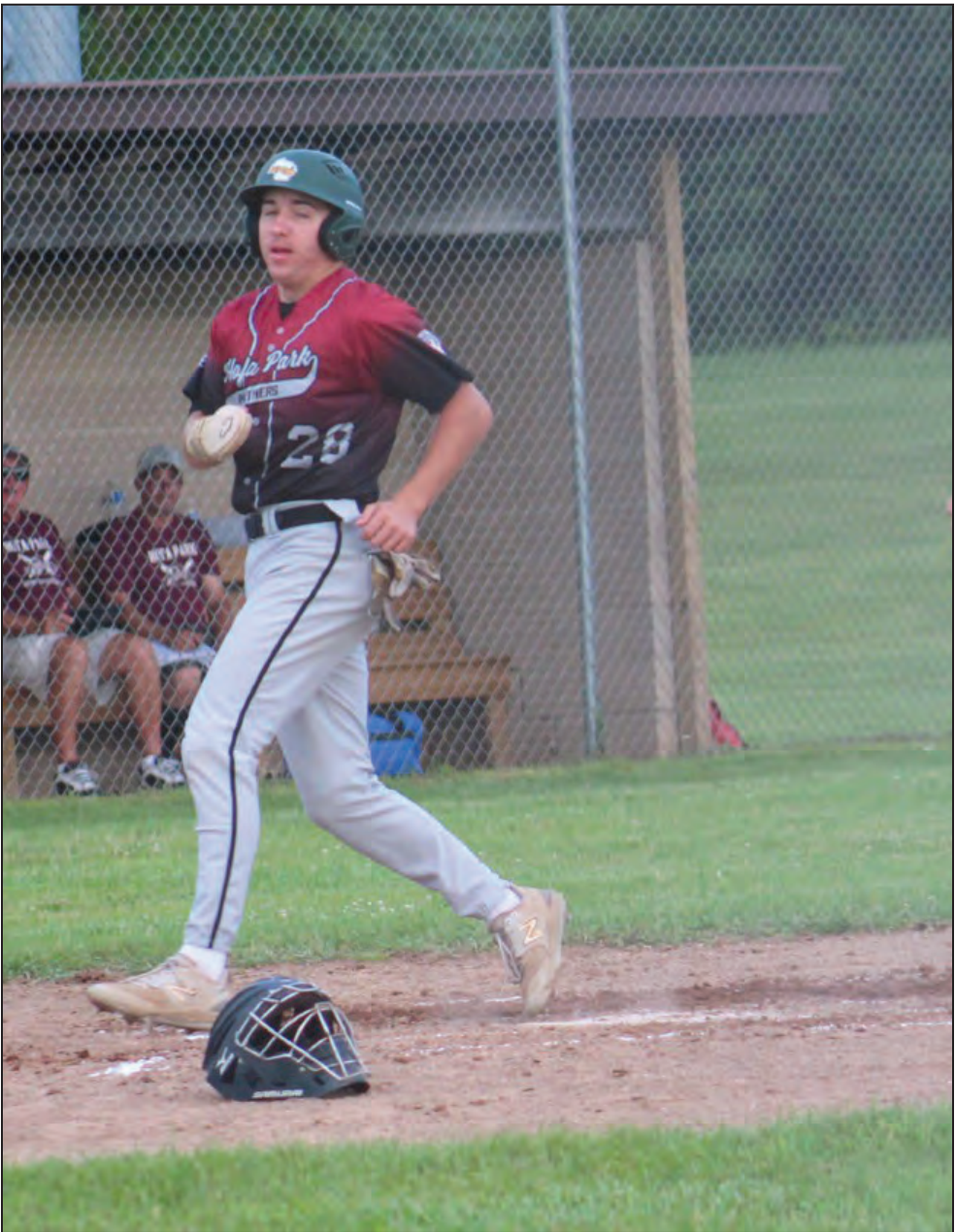
IRBI	Plover hitters:	Scandinavia
Scandinavia hitters:	Kevin Jastromski 4x5	New London at
Gus Turner-Zick 2x5 w/	w/ RBI, 2 runs	Winneconne
2 runs HR	Kaden Thauer 2x4 2B	Plover - BYE
Landon Moe 2x4	WeyMont - BYE	Antigo/Polar at Elderon
New London 12, Plover 3	Final weekend	Hatley at Eland
WP: Noah Hansen	Aug. 2, 7:30 p.m.	Aniwa - BYE
LP: Zack Hintz	Wittenberg at	Marion at Menominee
New London hitters:	Birnamwood	Neopit at Shawano
Briely Johnson 4x5 2B	Clintonville 13, Caroline	Clintonville at Gresham
Andrew Parker 4x6 2	9 (finish)	Tigerton at Caroline
RBI's	Aug. 4, 1:30 p.m.	Crandon at Leopoldis
	WeyMont at	Tilleda at Little Falls

WFCA All-Star Charity Football Game



Members of the Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy Titans football team played in the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association All-Star Charity Football Game on July 19 to benefit the Children's Wisconsin Foundation. The North fought back with just 1:46 left in the game to take a 36-34 lead and held on in the final seconds as the South was driving to score. From left, are assistant coach Ty Beland, co-head coach Dale Lange, Anthony Seefeldt, Colton Skrobek, co-head coach Ed Huberty and assistant coach Greg Huberty.

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Hofa Park's Kyle Olson scores a run. Shawano won the game 7-6.

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until the third when the Mudhens scored two. Engel and Connor Schroeder both reached on infield errors. Both advanced by stealing bases. Mason Zuleger doubled to right center to plate both runs.

The Broncos again answered with a pair of runs in the bottom of the third to knot it back up at 3-3.

Cecil made the score 7-3 in the top of the sixth. Cole Anderson started things off with a single. Tucker Bouche, Brodie Hartmann and Engel followed suit to give them the lead.

Schroeder earned the win for the Mudhens. He surrendered six hits and three runs (two earned) over five innings, striking out seven and walking two.

Luke Kostreva took the loss for the Broncos. He went three innings, sur-

rendering four runs (two earned) on six hits, striking out two and walking none.

Jake Reinke led things off on the mound for Bonduel. He gave up three hits and three runs (one earned) over four innings, striking out two and walking three.

Anderson threw two innings of relief for Cecil.

Cecil accumulated nine hits in the game. Engel and Hartman each collected two hits.

Bonduel had eight total hits led by Easton Reinke and Kostreva with two each.

Shawano 7, Hofa Park 6

In the first game of the night, Shawano defeated Hofa Park 7-6 after trailing early in the game.

July 22
Navarino 6,

Shawano 2
The Rangers scoring started in the second inning as Brett Krull led off with a double and later scored on a Mason Dingeldein single.

Shawano tied it with a run of their own in the bottom half.

Dingeldein then drove in Ryan Boettcher and Krull on a 2RBI single in the fourth. Navarino extended its lead in the fifth on walks to Dawson Schmidt and Krull, followed by a Bennett Schmidt single. Dingeldein's double cleared the bases to make it 6-1.

Shawano tacked on a run in the bottom of the fifth as the game was shortened due to rain. Ervin Stedjee picked up the win, throwing five innings, allowing four hits and striking out three.

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Hofa Park 16, Navarino 5

Brinton Anderson collected three hits in four at bats, as the Hofa Park Panthers defeated the Navarino Rangers 16-5 on July 28 at Hofa Park.

Anderson doubled in the third inning and singled in the first and third innings.

The Panthers scored nine runs in the third inning on the way to victory. Kyle Olson singled, scoring one run; Ty Myers singled, scoring two runs; an error scored one run; Peyton Dorn singled, scoring one run; Anderson doubled, scoring two runs; and Nick Volz singled, scoring two runs.

Hofa Park got on the board in the bottom of the first inning after Anderson singled and Trevor Cornell doubled, each scoring one run.

Navarino answered in the third as Brett Krull singled with one out followed by a Dawson Schmidt two-run home run.

Robbie Schuettpehl hit a solo home run to left field in the bottom of the sixth for the Panthers.

Olson earned the win for Panthers. The reliever gave up three hits and no runs over 3 1/3 innings, striking out one and walking two.

Mike Nompleggi took the loss for Navarino. The starting pitcher went 2 2/3 innings, allowing 10 runs on eight hits, striking out three and walking two.

Heinrich Walder opened the game for Panthers. The starting pitcher gave up seven hits and five runs over 3 2/3 innings, striking out three and walking four.

The Panthers piled up 15 hits in the game. Volz and Anderson were a force together in the lineup, as they each collected three hits. Myers and Anderson each drove in three runs. Cornell and Tyler Jacobson each collected multiple hits.

Schuettpehl stole two

bases. Panthers ran wild on the base paths, accumulating four stolen bases for the game. The host team also turned two double plays in the game and didn't commit a single error.

Navarino amassed 10 hits in the game. Schmidt drove the middle of the lineup, leading Navarino with three RBIs. The 3-hole hitter went 3-for-4 on the day. Ryan Boettcher, Bailey Dingeldein and Ben Prodell each collected multiple hits. The Rangers had patience at the plate, piling up six walks for the game. Brett Krull and Prodell led the team with two bases on balls each.

Cecil 17, Pulaski 12

Cecil and Pulaski battled it out with 32 hits and 29 runs in the Mudhens' 17-12 win over the Reds.

Pulaski took the early lead by scoring one run in the first two innings.

Cecil got on the board in the third on successive singles by Garrett Engel and Braden Uelmen. A sacrifice fly from Ken Casper drove in Engel.

Pulaski immediately answered with four runs in the top of the fourth to lead 6-1.

The Mudhens got three runs of their own in the bottom of the inning on a three-run blast from Uelmen to close it to 6-4.

Pulaski went on to score the next six runs to make the score 12-4 heading into the bottom of the seventh before Cecil mounted a comeback of epic proportions.

The Mudhens scored seven runs on five hits in the bottom of the seventh inning. Andrew Schroeder, Connor Schroeder, Engel and Cole Anderson singled, and Noah Beilfuss homered to left field to bring the Mudhens within one at 12-11.

They flipped the game on its head in the bottom of the eighth, scoring six runs on two hits to take a 17-12 lead. The biggest blow in the inning was a single by Uelmen on a full count that drove in two.

Anderson earned the

win for Cecil. The reliever gave up three hits and zero runs over 2 2/3 innings, striking out two and walking one.

Nick Dagneau took the loss for Pulaski. The righty went one inning, surrendering seven runs on two hits, striking out none and walking two.

Noah Beilfuss led things off on the mound for Cecil. He gave up seven hits and six runs (five earned) over four innings, striking out one and walking three.

Easton Vertz started on the mound for Pulaski. He allowed 16 hits and nine runs over 6 1/3 innings, striking out four and walking three. Connor Schroeder appeared in relief for the Mudhens.

Nichols 26, Marinette 4

Clayton Vanlanen drove in four runs on four hits to lead the Nichols Nitros past the Marinette Redbirds 26-4.

Vanlanen singled in the second scoring one, walked in the second scoring one, singled in the second scoring one and singled in the fourth scoring one.

The Nitros scored 18 runs in the second inning on the way to victory.

Vanlanen singled, scoring one run; an error scored one run; Javon Leisgang singled, scoring two runs; Lucas Leisgang doubled, scoring two runs; Collin Leisgang singled, scoring one run; Nate Senso singled, scoring one run; Vanlanen drew a walk, scoring one run; Justin Krull drew a walk, scoring one run; Will Debrune drew a walk, scoring one run; Leisgang singled, scoring two runs; Jacob Vannett drew a walk, scoring one run; Senso doubled, scoring two runs; Vanlanen singled, scoring one run; and Debrune singled, scoring one run.

Nichols got on the board in the first inning after Todd Olson induced Leisgang to hit into a fielder's choice, but one run scored.

Marinette jumped into the lead in the top of the second when an error scored one run, and Trevor Bloch doubled, scoring three runs.

Nitros scored seven runs on six hits in the bottom of the fourth inning. Debrune singled, scoring one run; Leisgang singled, scoring one run; Leisgang drew a walk, scoring one run; Tyse Leisgang drew a walk, scoring one run; Leisgang singled, scoring one run; Tony Dietzen singled, scoring one run; and Vanlanen singled, scoring one run.

Leisgang earned the

win for Nitros. The starting pitcher allowed nine hits and four runs (zero earned) over seven innings, striking out one and walking one.

Olson took the loss for the Redbirds. The starting pitcher went one inning, giving up 11 runs (nine earned) on seven hits, striking out one and walking three.

Nitros collected 18 hits in the game. Leisgang drove the middle of the lineup, leading the Nitros with five RBIs. The No. 3 hitter went 3-for-6 on the day.

Leisgang, Debrune

and Senso each collected multiple hits. The Nitros had patience at the plate, amassing 15 walks for the game. Krull, Leisgang, Leisgang, Debrune and Tyler Degerard led the team with two walks each.

Vannett stole two bases. The Nitros turned two double plays in the game.

Marinette accumulated nine hits in the game. Tyler Olson, Marinette's No. 9 hitter, led the team with three hits in three at-bats. Bloch led the Redbirds with three RBIs. Marinette turned one double play in the game.

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SHAWANO SPEEDWAY

Bartz, Teske each take a checkered flag

In the IMCA modifiers feature at the Shawano Speedway on July 27, Shawano’s Jordan Bartz moved up from starting 10th to take the checkered flag. Tigerton’s Wyatt Block, who started one spot in front of Bartz, finished one spot behind at the end.

Seymour’s Chuck Carmin placed third.

Wausau’s Kevin Feck won the first heat after starting in third place. He was followed by Green Valley’s Adam Jacobson in second and Bartz in third.

Heat 2 was won by Cody Hokenstad. Block finished in second, with Wausau’s Marcus Yarie in third.

Shawano’s Jeffrey Teske won the IMCA sport modifiers feature, moving up from a ninth-place starting spot. He beat out Tigerton’s Dustin Wudstrack, who started fourth and placed second, and Shawano’s Tommy Rindt, who started 10th and placed third.

In the first heat race, Shawano’s Trace Yaeger crossed the finish line first, followed by Teske and Gresham’s Charles Hoffman.

AJ Springborn, of Shawano, won the second heat. He was followed by Shawano’s Michael Springborn in second and Wudstrack in third.

The Gehm’s Club 117 Kings Classic dirt late model race was won by Waukesha’s Taylor Scheffler, who started on the pole. Shawano’s Troy Springborn captured second, and Hortonville’s Joel Bennett was third.

In the Autoworx Heat 1, it was Shawano’s Brett Swedberg starting on the pole and finishing in the top spot. Hortonville’s Jordan Barkholtz placed second with Bennett in

third.

As for the Klink Equipment Heat 2, Scheffler won from the pole, followed by Bonduel’s Nick Anvelink, coming up from eighth, and Shawano’s Lukas Postl.

Hortonville’s Travis VanStraten captured the top spot in the IMCA stock cars feature race. He moved up from a seventh-place start to get the win.

Shawano’s Trent Nolan moved all the way up from a 16th-place start to garner second place, while Oconto Falls’ Kyle Frederick started 10th and finished third. Marion’s Dan Michonski started 11th and finished in fourth.

VanStraten won the first heat, followed by Frederick and Wisconsin Rapids’ Mark Eswein. Michonski won the second heat, with Oshkosh’s Presley Harrington grabbing second and Shiocton’s Kyle Stedjee taking third. The third heat’s checkered flag was won by Seymour’s Jerry Wilinski. Oshkosh’s Ryan Lujack placed second, and Shawano’s Brekken Kleinschmidt was third.

Clintonville’s Tanner Westphal moved up from ninth to first to win the Mighty 4s feature race. Shawano’s Dalton Nelson was second, with Clintonville’s Brad Wedde taking third.

In the first heat, Lucas Hacker, of Shawano, won after starting eighth. Nelson was second, with Clintonville’s Tanner Pari taking third. Westphal won the second heat, with Marion’s Justin Haufe sliding into second and Sobieski’s Braden Allen nabbing third.

There are five weeks left in the season, which will culminate Aug. 31 during the Shawano County Fair.



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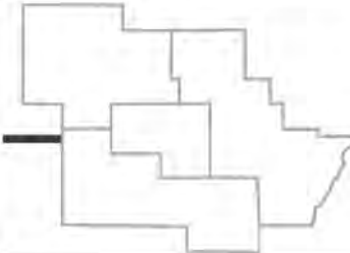
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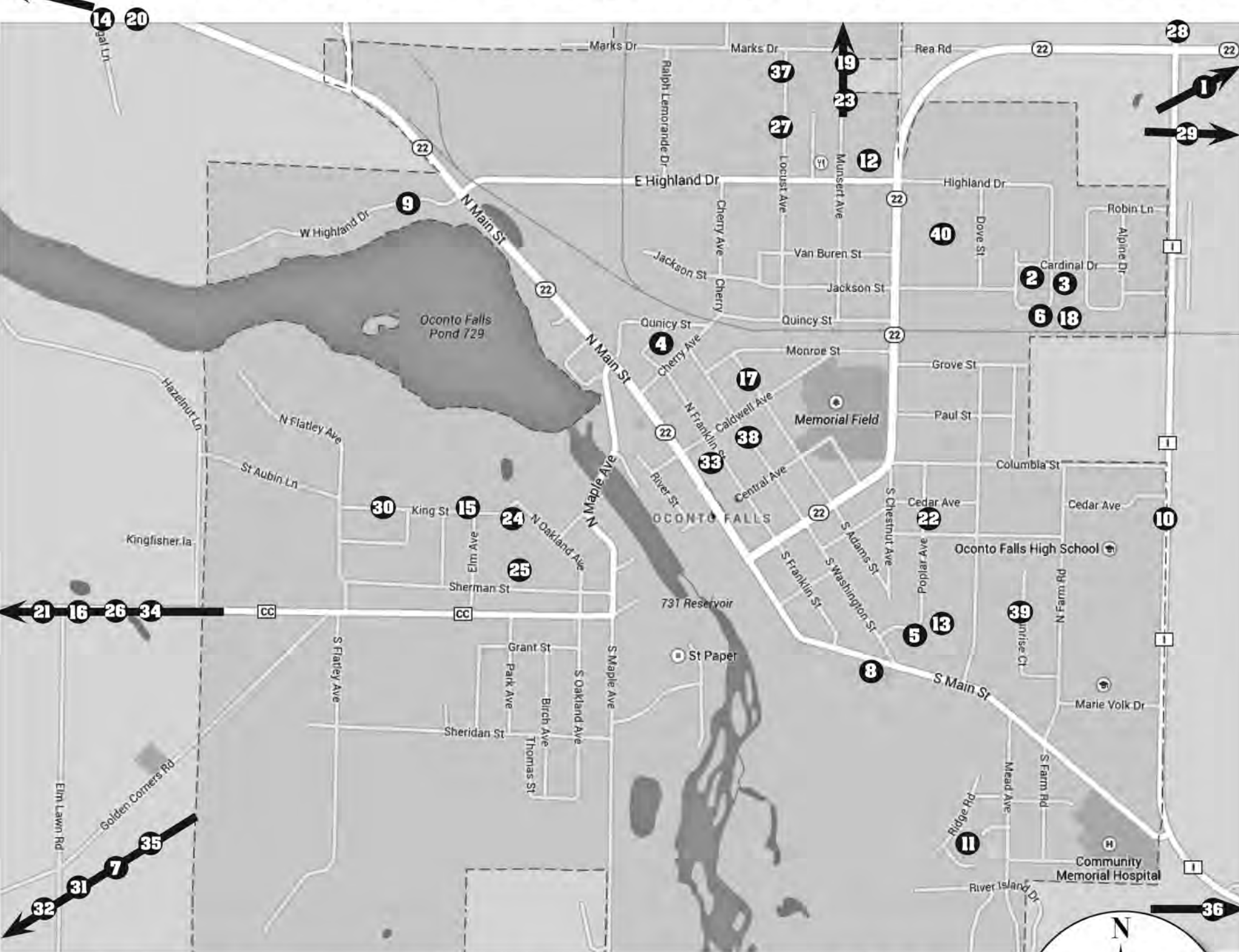
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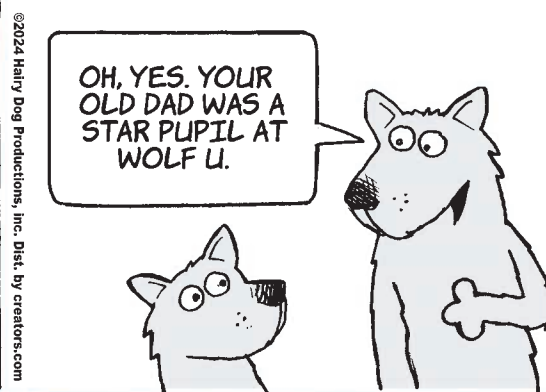
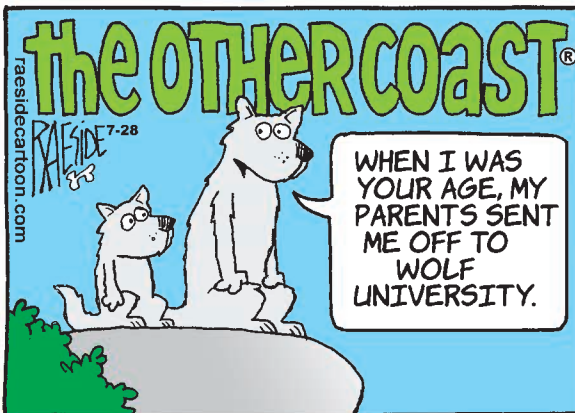
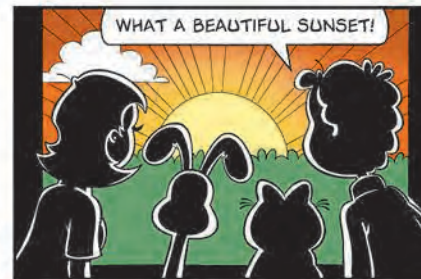
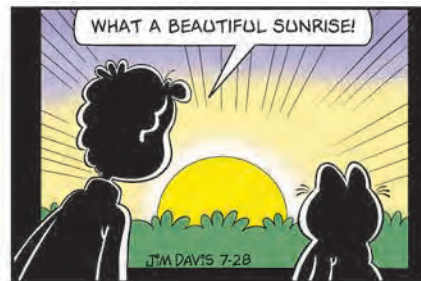
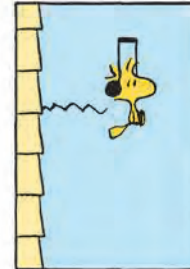
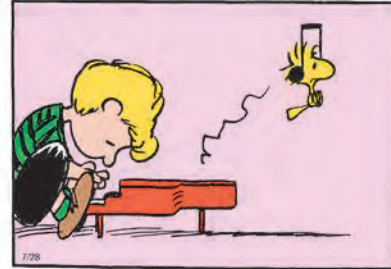
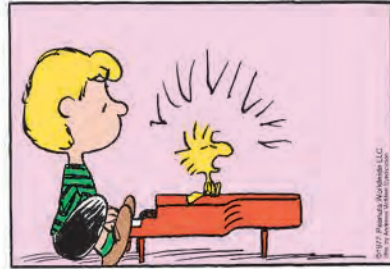
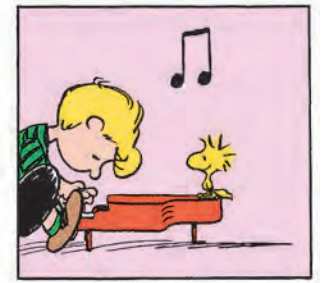
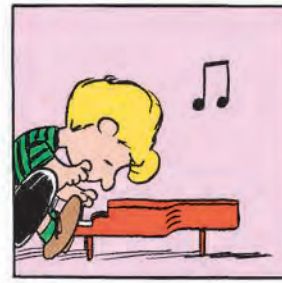
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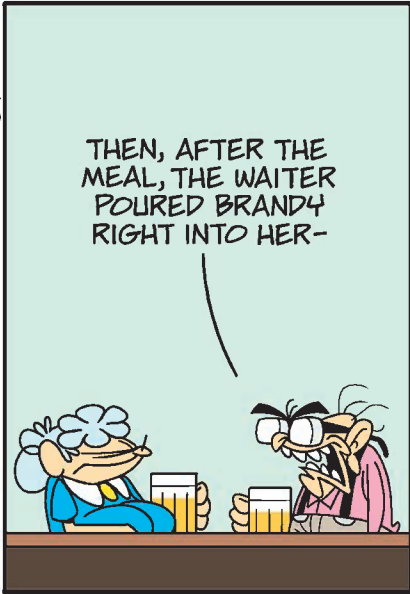
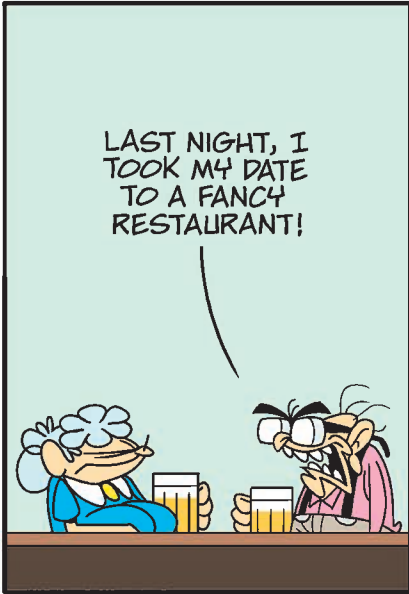
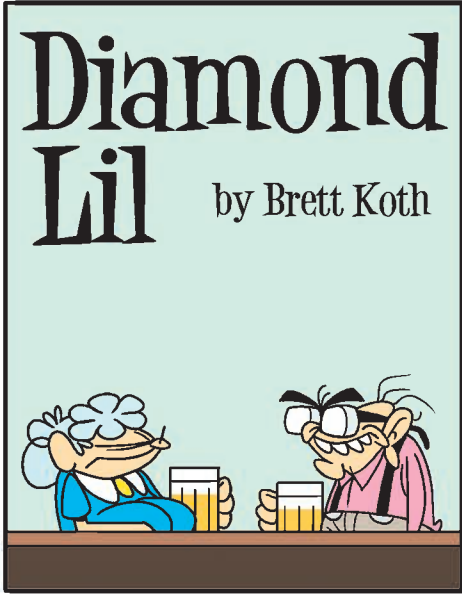
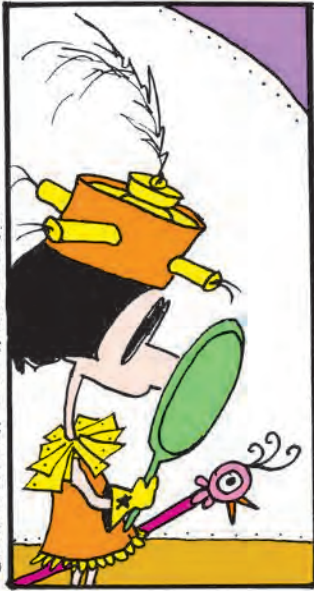
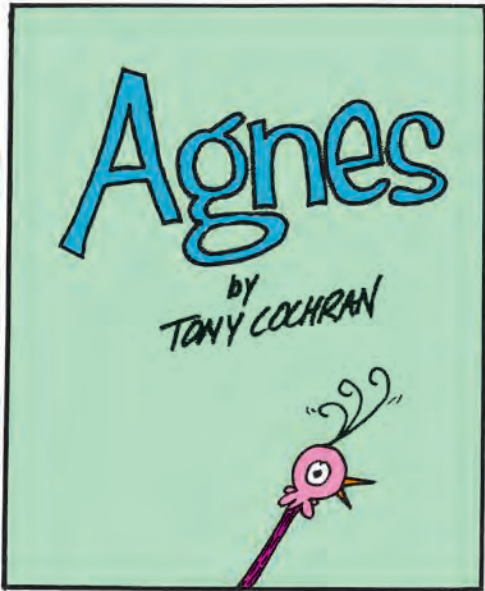
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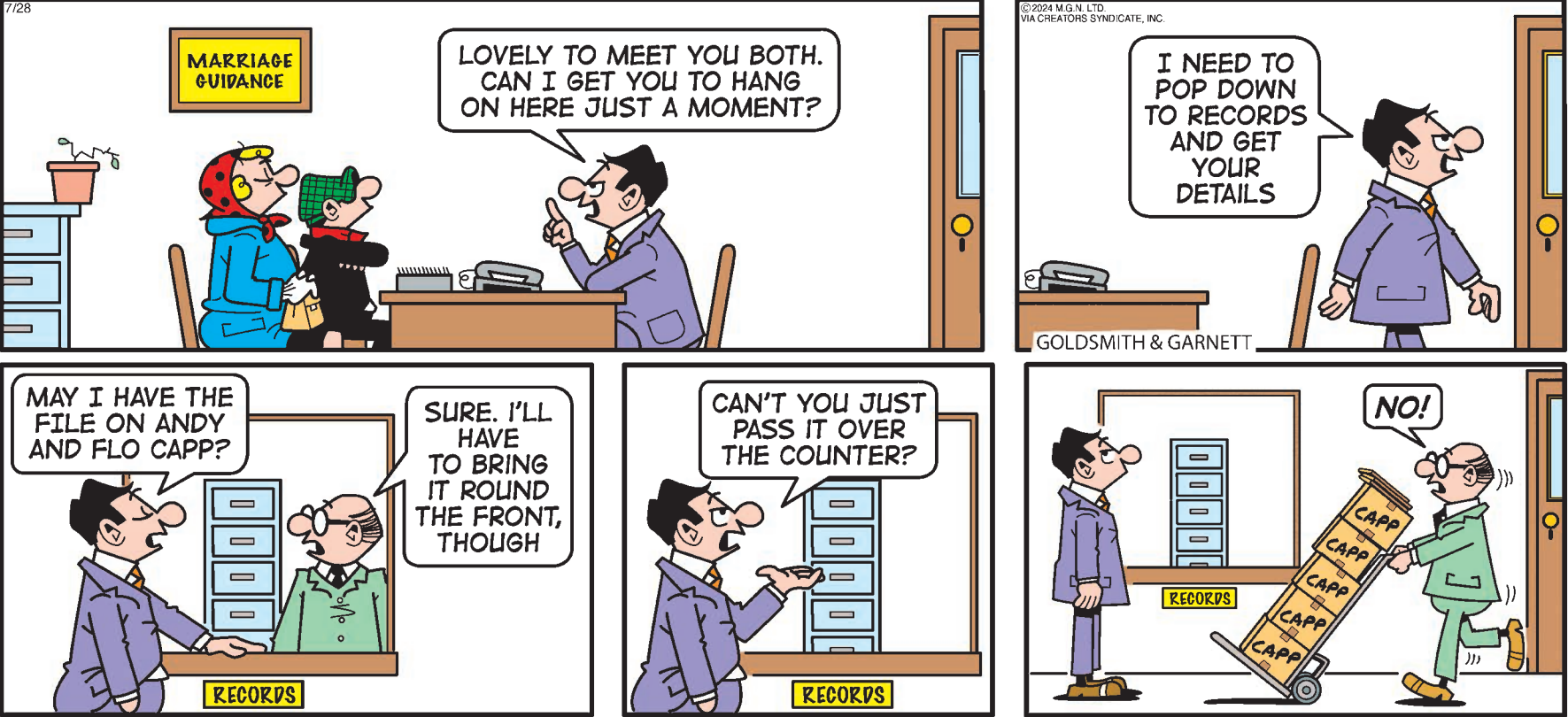
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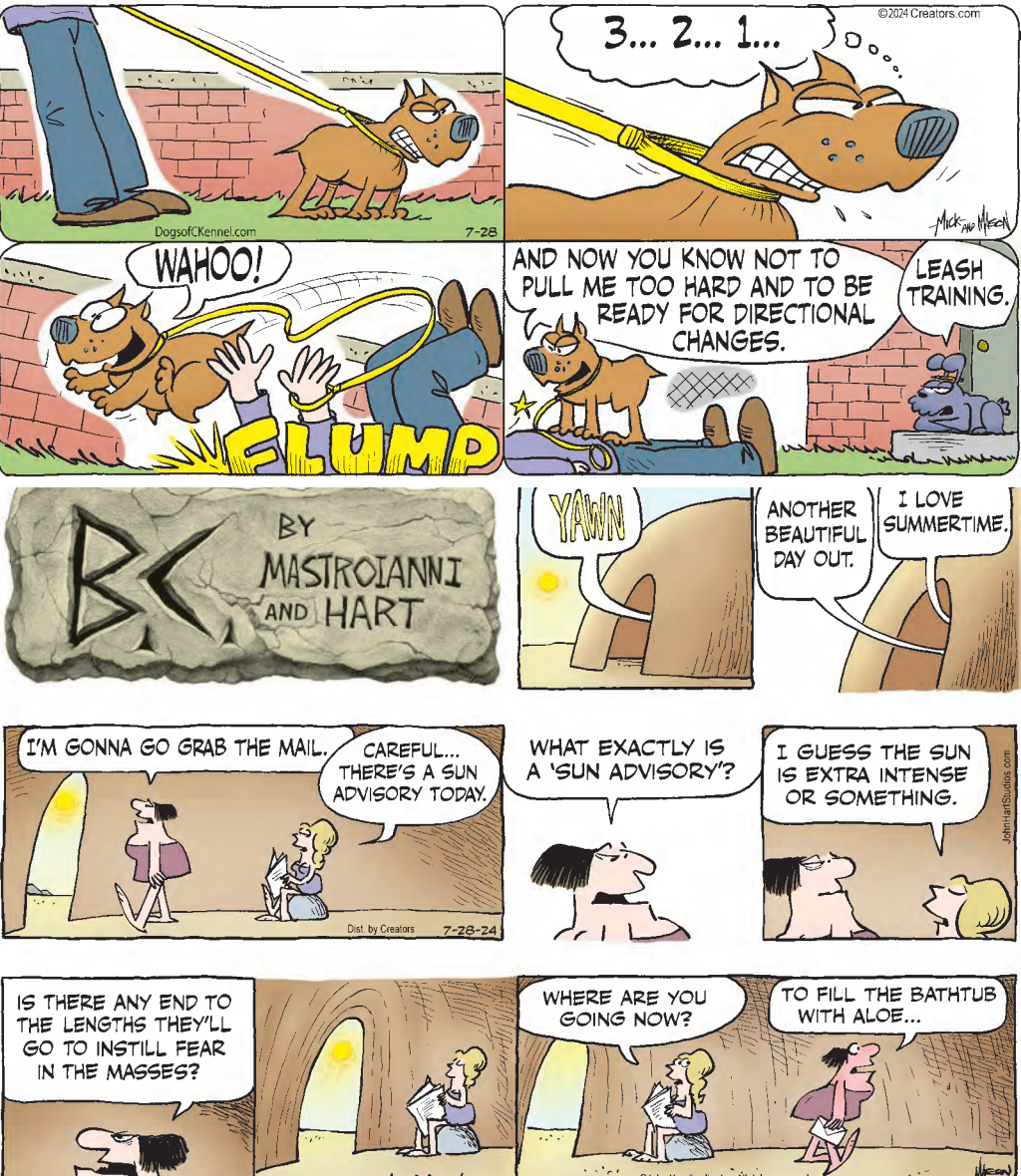


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Shawano to hold national water-ski tournament

Ski Sharks will serve as hosts for individual, team competitions Aug. 2-4 at Smalley Park

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

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“Friday is a full day of individual competitors from swivel skiing, strap doubles, jump, etc.,” said Dave Passehl, Ski Sharks president. “At Division 2, there are more individual disciplines than they run at a D1 tournament. So at this time, we have a full competition of 81 individuals for Friday.”

Events on the weekend also start at 7 a.m. each day, with both days full of team show competitions, similar to what the Ski Sharks perform Wednesday nights throughout the summer.

“Teams that have registered are coming from Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, Minnesota and Wisconsin,” Passehl said. “Individual competitors are from all over the country, including as far away as Florida.”

All events will be held at Smalley Park.

A tentative schedule is as follows.

Aug. 2 – Individual and team practice starts at 7 a.m.; lunch from noon to 1 p.m.; mandatory team meeting with chief judge from 6-8 p.m.

Aug. 3 – Individual competition begins at 7 a.m. (Swivel 180, Swivel Pairs 360, Swivel Pairs Open, Doubles Intermediate, Doubles Open, Swivel

360, Swivel Open, Women’s Freestyle – Intermediate, Men’s Freestyle – Intermediate, Women’s Freestyle – Open, Men’s Freestyle – Open); team competition begins after completion of individual competition; individual awards to follow last team.

Aug. 4 – Team competition begins at 7 a.m.; awards to follow completion of last team.

For the Ski Sharks, Carsten McHugh and Ava Pleshek will compete in strap doubles, and McHugh will also compete in the freestyle jump. The Ski Sharks team jump will compete in team jump.

Judges, secretaries, safety crew and others are selected and provided by the National Show Ski Association.

This is not the first time the Ski Sharks have hosted the national tournament. In 2021, they placed second at both the state water-ski tournament and the Division 2 national tournament.

Bringing thousands of people to Shawano for a weekend event is no small task.

“Our sponsor list is large, and this tournament cannot happen without all of them,” Passehl said.

Anchor partners are BankFirst, American Marine and Shawano County Tourism. Premier partners are Charlie’s County Market, USA Water-ski and Wake Sports and the National Show Ski Association. Supporting sponsors are Brothers’ Pub, Luigi’s and Cellcom/Nsight. There is also a long list of other support levels.

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Road closures, other parking rules in effect during water-ski tournament

Part of Wolf River also closed to through traffic, beach will be closed throughout the event



Camp Onawahs is the theme for the 2024 Shawano Ski Sharks performances. Led by President Dave Passehl, the water-ski team will host the Division 2 national tournament Aug. 2-4 at Smalley Park in Shawano. Parking will be at a premium during the event, so residents are being made aware of road, beach and river closures, as well as designated parking locations.

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By **KEVIN PASSON**
Editor-in-chief

Parking will be at a premium during the BankFirst Division 2 National Water-ski Tournament presented by Visit Central Florida on Aug. 2-4, and residents need to be aware of road closures and other changes.

Parking will be available in the courthouse parking lot at North Washington and West Third streets, Kersten Accounting and Tax Professionals at 610 W. Green Bay St. and a city lot at North Washington and West Fifth streets.

There are several road closures as well.

West Fifth Street from North Bartlett Street west to the Wolf River will be closed to everyone except residents. Water-ski team equipment trailers will be backed down and out of this road for their setup.

The West Fourth Street cul-de-sac will be closed for street parking but accessible to homeowners. Ski teams will use this cul-de-sac for a

personal water-ski equipment drop-off point, but no street parking will be allowed.

West Third Street from Riverside Drive west to the river will be closed to all except tournament officials and handicapped parking.

For those using the Wolf River, there is also an approved partial river closure.

From the trestle to the dam, the river will be closed to through traffic. There will be a designated slow no wake passage way on the far west side of the river. There will be river closure signs posted, a buoy line installed and the area will be patrolled.

No wake will be permitted from the dam to the trestle during this event. This includes boating activities south of the bridge to the dam. Again, this area will be patrolled.

The beach itself will also be closed during the event. Signs will be posted by the city of Shawano.

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How well do you know your water-ski terms?

Here are some popular terms used in waterskiing. You might be familiar with buoy, ramp and wake, but what about bevel, flex and whip?

Barefoot – This is a waterskiing style where the skier glides on the water without skis, using only their bare feet. It requires excellent balance and technique to maintain smooth and controlled movement on the surface.

Bevel – The bevel is the area on the waterski that is between the side and the bottom of the ski. Typically, the rounder the bevel, the deeper the ski will sink in the water, making it harder to control.

Binding – The foot attachment on the waterski or wakeboard that secures the skier's feet in place.

Boat speed – The velocity of the boat towing the water skier, crucial for creating the right conditions for different skiing

activities. Faster speeds are used for slalom skiing, while slower speeds suit beginners or trick skiing.

Bridle – The bridle is a part of the rope that connects the handle to the rest of the rope, and is usually in a "Y" shape.

Buoy – In a competitive waterski tournament, buoys are used as markers that float on the surface of the water, indicating the path that the skier (and boat) has to take.

Cross wake – The action of moving from one side of the boat's wake to the other while skiing. It's a fundamental skill that can be used for gaining speed and preparing for jumps or tricks.

Cut – This refers to shortening of the rope length in a water ski competition.

Deep water start – A method to begin waterskiing where the skier starts submerged in the water

with skis on, then is pulled up to the surface as the tow boat accelerates. It's a foundational technique for all skiers.

Dock start – A dock start is the opposite of a deep water start and refers to a skier who begins the competition by standing on a dock or dry ground. The skier will be pulled into the water by the boat. This method is less common than deep water start as the skier is more likely to sink in the water if the boat is not fast enough.

Drop ski – In slalom skiing, this refers to the action of dropping one of the double skis in the water to continue skiing with the remaining single ski. It's a transition step for skiers moving to slalom skiing.

Double skis – Also known as "combo skis," these are a pair of waterskis used for beginner and intermediate levels, providing stability and easier learning.

Skiers often progress to a single ski as their skills improve.

Figure eight – A pattern skied by athletes, characterized by carving a figure-eight shape on the water's surface. This maneuver requires skill in managing turns and maintaining momentum while crossing the boat's wake.

Flex – Flex refers to the flexibility of the ski. Typically, softer skis help a waterskier perform tighter turns. Stiffer skis are frequently used by beginners as it does not have as much movement in rougher waters, hence making it easier to control.

Handle pass – During a trick or wakeboarding, a handle pass is the act of passing the tow rope's handle behind the back or over the head to switch hands. It is integral for

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Above, a "jump" typically refers to an event or maneuver where the skier launches off a ramp to achieve distance and perform aerial tricks. In competitive settings, skiers are judged on the length of the jump and the execution of any aerial maneuvers. At left, a team of girls performs during a Wednesday evening show at Smalley Park.



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Several hundred people gather each Wednesday night to watch the Shawano Ski Sharks perform at Smalley Park. The water-ski team has been a mainstay for Shawano's summer entertainment for more than 40 years. GREG MELLIS | NEW MEDIA

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Kneeboard – A type of water sports equipment similar to a wakeboard but designed for the rider to kneel on it rather than stand. Kneeboarding involves being towed on a hydrodynamically shaped board at planing speed behind a motorboat.

Monoski – A type of waterski where both feet are placed inline on a single board, providing greater speed and maneuverability for slalom skiing. Preferred by advanced skiers for its aggressive carving ability through the water.

Observer – In majority of competitions, at least three people will have to be involved – the skier, the boat driver and the observer. The role of the observer is to sit behind the boat driver and pass on any signals that the skier might produce, as well as notifying other water skiers if a partici-

pant has gone under water.

Perfect pass – A speed control system used in boats to maintain a constant and precise speed desired by the water skier. This technology helps create optimal conditions for consistent skiing and timing during courses and tricks.

Ramp – An inclined surface on the water used in jump events, where skiers accelerate toward and launch off to achieve distance in the air. The ramp height and angle are critical for maximizing jump length safely.

Rudder – The fin-like device located at the rear of the ski boat, which helps steer and stabilize the craft. In skiing, rudder adjustments are crucial for precise boat handling and creating ideal wake conditions.

Slalom – A competitive form of skiing involving a single ski, where the skier navigates through a course of buoys, making tight, controlled turns. Slalom highlights a skier's balance, precision, and timing.

Speed control – A system or technique used to regulate the speed of the boat consistently, providing a steady and predictable pull for the water skier. Effective speed control

is essential for matching the skier's skill level and minimizing falls.

Spray – The cascade of water generated by a ski cutting aggressively through the surface. The size and shape of the spray serve as a visual indicator of a skier's speed and edge control.

Tow rope – The tow rope is the line used to connect the skier or rider to the boat. The rope must be strong, flexible and of appropriate length to ensure safety and optimal performance during skiing or boarding.

Trick ski – A short, wider ski with no fins, allowing for maximum maneuverability during tricks. Trick skis are designed to enable skiers to perform spins, jumps, and other stunts with agility.

Wake – The wave that is created by a boat as it moves through the water. The wake can be used by skiers and riders to perform tricks, jumps and maneuvers. The size and shape of the wake are influenced by the speed of the boat and its hull design.

Wakeboard – A small, mostly rectangular board ridden similarly to a snowboard but on water. It is typically used in

wakeboarding, where the rider is towed behind a boat over its wake and especially up off the crest to perform aerial maneuvers. Wakeboards feature bindings that secure the rider's feet to the board.

Waterski – A water sport activity where an individual is pulled across the water on skis by a motorboat or a cable ski installation. It combines balance, strength, and the thrill of gliding on water.

Wetsuit – A close-fitting neoprene suit worn by water sports enthusiasts to maintain body warmth in cold water conditions. It's essential gear for extended periods of water skiing in cooler climates.

Whip – A sharp, fast turn of the boat that translates into a quick, wide swing for the skier. It challenges the skier to maintain control and use the energy for stunts or a rapid change in direction.

Zigzag – A pattern of alternately cutting left and right behind the boat, often to traverse the wakes and showcase control. This action requires skill in quick directional changes and edge control on the skis.

This information was compiled from various waterskiing websites.



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Ski Sharks place second at state tournament

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The Ski Sharks are a Division 2 team.

“The team skied an amazing show, and our production was so fun,” said Dave Passehl, Ski Sharks president. “We put our best foot forward at the tournament and fell just short by 60 points.”

Passehl said the results were still considered a success for the water-ski team.

“We skied clean, bringing home the largest pyramids of Division 2

(the end pyramid of 4-3-4 was the third-largest pyramid of the entire tournament, including Division 1 teams) and had the highest scoring act in Division 2 with our girls ballet line of 22 ladies.”

That same ballet act also won the best ballet line in Division 2.

The Ski Sharks placed second in most other categories.

“The team that beat us was Badgerland from Waukesha, and they will be at the D2 national tournament as well,” Passehl said.

The Ski Sharks scored 348 for first place in the high individual club act and 348 for first place in ballet.

In the dock and equipment personnel category, the Ski Sharks placed second with 81 points, while Badgerland tied for first with 83.

The Ski Sharks scored a 573 for second place in the tow boat driving category, behind Badgerland’s 606 for first place.

Badgerland topped the Ski Sharks in showmanship (828-795), sound crew total (812-773), production (876-845), overall show (1,715-1,664) and grand total (1,420.06-1,360.42).

The local team was second with 245 points in doubles, second in jump with 260 points and second in pyramid with 315 points.

Shawano’s pick-up boat crews placed third with 209 points. Badgerland was first with 245, and Water Walkers team was second with 234.

The Ski Sharks tied for third with 212 points in the barefoot category. They also tied for third in swivel with 231 points.

The BankFirst Division 2 National Water-ski Tournament presented by Visit Central Florida from Aug. 2-4 will be hosted by the Ski Sharks at Smalley Park in Shawano.

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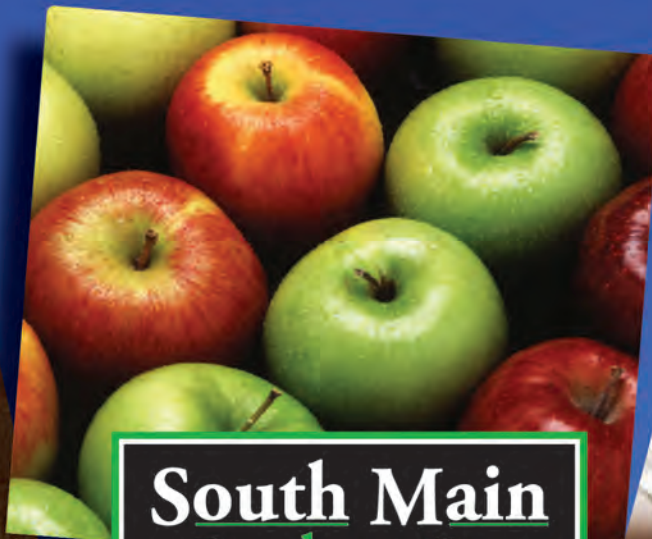




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