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A beautiful mornng for a parade

A long line of vintage tractors make an impressive sight as they rumble along Main Street during the Dairy Fest parade Sept. 7. MORE PHOTOS, PAGE 4.
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Zippel Park playground project fundraising group being formed

BY WARREN BLUHM
News editor

A nonprofit organization is being formed to help fundraising efforts for a new playground at Zippel Park in Gillett.

City officials and volunteers have been working for more than a year to raise money and generate interest in modern, more inclusive equipment to replace the aging playground area.

During the Sept. 5 meeting of the Gillett City Council, Alderperson Jerry Luther said organizers are planning a kickoff event during the Harvest Days and homecoming celebration Oct. 12 at Gillett Secondary School. Raffle tickets are also planned.

The group had contemplated a kickoff event in the high school auditorium but decided something in conjunction with Harvest Days would be a better idea.

"That's when we're going to have the best crowd," Luther said. "We felt this would be probably the biggest group of people from the area, plus alumni, to let it be known that this is taking place."

Luther reported on an Aug. 27 meeting of the city parks committee with Art Bahr, community development manager from MSA, the consulting firm that is working with the city to develop the playground plans and find opportunities for grant money.

Conceptual art for new playground equipment is on display in the Council Chambers at Gillett City Hall.
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The panel walked through the park with Bahr and another MSA consultant to discuss what features the city wants to include in the application, the new playground's location, where restrooms could be located, ADA compliance and other potential issues, according to the meeting minutes.

MSA offered to put a booth up at Harvest Fest and possibly the homecoming game the night before, to put up pictures and answer questions, Luther said.

Suspect pleads not guilty in flight to Texas

Bullock was set to stand trial on child sex assault charges

BY WARREN BLUHM
News editor

A child sex assault suspect who allegedly fled the state a few weeks before his scheduled trial pleaded not guilty Sept. 6 to a felony charge of bail jumping.

Michael James Bullock, 41, of Suring, was slated to stand trial beginning July 31 on two counts of the repeated sexual assault of a child, as well as several counts stemming from allegedly stationing a hidden camera in a bathroom and recording intimate video of a young girl showering.

The criminal complaint said that Bullock disappeared on July 2 and the ankle bracelet he was ordered to wear was found hanging from a hook in the bathroom of the home where he was staying. He was arrested two weeks later at an RV park in Texas after being reported by a concerned citizen who happened to see an Oconto County Sheriff's Department social media post asking for information about Bullock's whereabouts.

During his Sept. 6 appearance before Oconto County Circuit Judge Michael Judge, Bullock waived his right to a preliminary hearing and entered a not guilty plea. Judge scheduled a pre-trial conference for Nov. 4.

The pending charges against Bullock allege that he sexually assaulted two women, who are now 19 and 26 years old, for several years each beginning when they were as young as about 7 and 10. In the case involving the hidden camera, he is charged with three counts each of invasion of privacy using a surveillance device and capturing an intimate representation of a victim younger than 18, in connection with incidents that allegedly occurred when one of the young women was 17 years old.

He is being held in the Oconto County Jail on a $1.5 million cash bond, increased from $40,000 after he was returned from Texas.

Bullock also has a pending case in Kewaunee County, where he is charged with two counts of first-degree sexual assault of a child younger than 13 and a count of second-degree sexual assault of a child, as well as felony bail jumping.

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Fatal crash on state Highway 32 in Mountain

BY NEW MEDIA STAFF

One person was killed and three injured when two sport utility vehicles collided head-on Sept. 8 in the Town of Mountain.

Oconto County Sheriff Todd Skarban said the accident occurred at about 5:30 p.m. on state Highway 32 near Sparky's Lane.

The preliminary investigation indicated an SUV driven by a 15-year-old girl from Lake Tomahawk was northbound on the highway when a southbound vehicle crossed the center line and the vehicles collided, Skarban said.

The driver and a 54-year-old male passenger were transported to area hospitals, but another passenger, a 51-year-old woman, died at the scene. The driver of the southbound car, a 30-year-old Fond du Lac man, was also hospitalized.

No other information was immediately released and the sheriff's office continues to investigate along with the State Patrol and Brown County Medical Examiner's Office.

The sheriff's department was also assisted by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, the Town of Mountain Fire Department, the Town of Riverview Fire Department, Mountain Area Ambulance Service, Lifelink III, and the Oconto County Highway Department, Skarban said.

Drug charges filed after domestic incident

BY NEW MEDIA STAFF

An Oconto Falls man was taken into custody Aug. 28 after he allegedly struck his wife several times and threatened to kill her at gunpoint.

Bond was set at $75,000 cash Sept. 4 for Dontae Damario Combs-Bland, 36, after he was charged with first-degree recklessly endangering safety, manufacture with intent to deliver THC, possession with intent to deliver THC, maintaining a drug trafficking place and misdemeanor counts of battery and disorderly conduct.

Judge Jay Conley adjourned his initial appearance until Sept. 12.

According to the criminal complaint, authorities were called to a Columbia Street home to respond to a domestic incident, where the woman told investigators Combs-Bland had struck her several times and pointed the gun at her at least twice.

She estimated that over the previous three months he had threatened to kill her at least twice a month, according to the complaint.

"This was the first time where she thought he was actually going to do it, though, because his finger was on the trigger and it looked like he was pulling it when their daughter stepped between her and the gun to protect mom," the complaint said.

The woman said Combs-Bland had sustained a brain injury some years ago when he was robbed and then fell out of a moving vehicle. He recently fell and hit his head, reinjuring himself and causing seizures. He has become more violent since the seizures started, according to the complaint.

The responding officers noticed an odor of marijuana smoke, a blue smoking device in plain view on a coffee table, four large marijuana plants and four smaller plants. They also found 23 packages of marijuana apparently packed for sale, ranging from 0.5 to 0.8 grams, court documents said.

Chamber creates Forever Fund

BY WARREN BLUHM
News editor

Funds from the former Revitalize Gillett nonprofit organization have been transferred into the new Gillett Area Chamber of Commerce under the title Forever Fund.

"We are currently accepting applications out of that fund to help beautify the city, maybe do some facade work and things for businesses," Alderperson Jerry Luther said during the Sept. 5 meeting of the Gillett City Council. "Anyone who had applications in before should resubmit them to make sure they're current."

Chris Byars, president of the Gillett Area Chamber of Commerce, said applications are available at gillettchamber.com. Interested parties can either download the form to print out or fill out the application online.

"It's for businesses and organizations for things that are beautifying their facility or make it better for residents and make their businesses better for the community," Byars said.

Applications close Oct. 15 and grants will be announced at the chamber's annual banquet meeting Nov. 14, he said.

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Hillside Assembly wants people to return to church Sept. 15

Back to Church Sunday, part of a national movement of churches across America, will be held at 10 a.m. Sept. 15 at Hillside Assembly of God, 5890 State Highway 22, Gillett.

Since it started as a call to action and invitation for the church in 2009, the National Back to Church Sunday movement marks its 15th year and continues to gain momentum. More than 5 million have participated through 30,000 churches. It is a day focused on uniting the church to equip and empower members to be inviters.

For Back to Church Sunday, Hillside will have a special service that features the start of a new series on being rooted in faith, in prayer and in community. Children will have their own interactive Bible lesson on the lower level.

"When life gets busy, we can easily slip out of healthy habits we know we need," Pastor Jonathan Carlson said. "Being part of a church community is one of them. Our goal with this Sunday is to welcome everyone to experience the love and power of God."

This year's Back to Church Sunday campaign is designed around a celebration theme encouraging current church attenders to invite friends and neighbors to come experience the support, hope and friendship available at a local church. As well as discovering the deeper, spiritual benefits that faith can provide.

For information, go to hillsideassembly.com or call 920-855-2962.

Gillett library to collect Halloween costumes

BY WARREN BLUHM
News editor

The Gillett Public Library is collecting Halloween costumes to share with children whose parents may not be able to afford them.

Shannon Stoner, library director, reported to the Gillett City Council on Sept. 5 that people are invited to drop off gently used, clean Halloween costumes at the library, starting Sept. 17.

"Throughout the whole month of October, kids can come in and choose a costume," Stoner said. "I found out that a couple of libraries actually do this. It's for people who don't have money for a child's Halloween costume, and they can come in and take one."

The program is for infants through young children.

"If you have any of those and your kid either outgrew it or doesn't really need it anymore — some Halloweens, you know, they wear it once and it's done — feel free to donate it to the library because that can help our less fortunate kids have a different Halloween costume this year," Stoner said.

For more information, contact Stoner at 920-855-6224 or gil@gilpubliclibrary.org.

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Teens can participate in poetry contest

Local area poet Carol Lee Saffioti-Hughes is sponsoring a workshop for middle school and high school ages youth to help them prepare to enter their artwork and poetry in the contest sponsored by the Machickanee Players.

Information about the contest is available at all the libraries in Oconto County. Contestants are invited to create artwork, poems, or a fiction piece related to a favorite poem or poet. Books and related materials will be available at the workshop to inspire participants with examples of poetry and art. Deadline for submitting work is Oct. 1, submitted to machickaneeplayers.theatre@gmail.com

Saffioti-Hughes will be working with teens at 3:30 p.m. Sept. 20 at the Suring Area Public Library, 604 Main St., Suring. There will be examples of such poets as Robert Frost, Emily Dickinson, Edgar Allen Poe, Shel Silverstein and others. Materials including paper and samples to draw from will be provided. All participants need is a pencil or pen.

A retired professor of the University of Wisconsin-Parkside, Saffioti-Hughes has been a librarian as well.

Three-time nominee for the Pushcart Prize for Poetry in consecutive years, she is a member of the Wisconsin Fellowship of Poets and other arts organizations. "When Wilding Returns," her most recent book of poetry, is available at local libraries, Amazon and Barnes and Noble online.

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Watch your language on CMN video series

College of Menominee Nation's "Let's All Speak the Language" video series entered its second phase this month. Through partnerships with MenominiYou and Speak Mahican, the first iteration of the multi-year project shared some classroom conversational words in both the Menominee and Mahican languages. This academic year, the series will offer learners a chance to master conversational terms in Oneida and Ojibwe.

Imagined as a way to help turn every classroom into a language classroom, each of CMN's series entries begin preproduction with a similar script in English. A recognized community language teacher then translates the terms and phrases into one of Wisconsin's First Nations' languages. Each teacher is then filmed speaking the words in their Native tongue before offering the English translation. A text version of the Indigenous words then appears on the screen, enabling learners to both hear and visualize what is being taught.

Each series will have eight videos that run between one and three minutes each and cover a logical progression of classroom conversation.

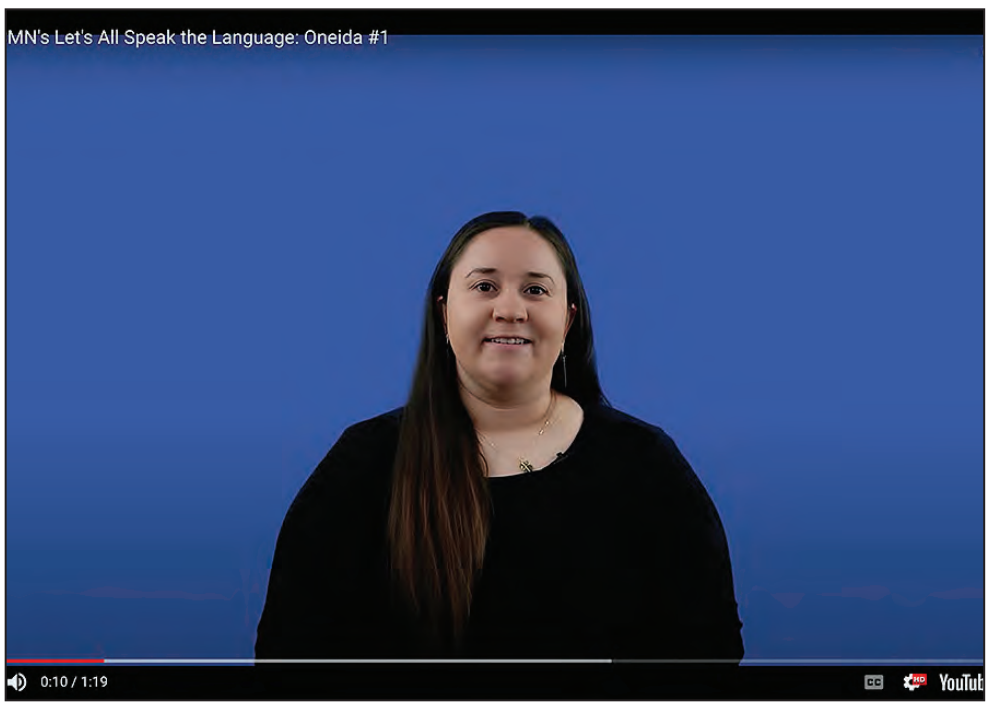
Beginning with a self-introduction and moving through phrases a teacher will likely share during any lesson plan, plus probable answers students will offer, the series takes learners through a typical class meeting from start to finish. Optimally shared throughout a single semester, the course instructor can play the videos in-class and assign them as homework, reinforce them during lesson plans, and ultimately normalize the use of language during class meetings.

Since the summer of 2023, 90 CMN students answered anonymous survey questions that captured their collective thoughts on the series being utilized in their classes. Sixty-seven percent of respondents reported they watched the videos both during and after class meetings, and 64.4% stated they would use the language taught in the videos outside of the CMN classroom. Three out of five stated that the video series should be used in all CMN classes, and 73.3% stated they would be interested in partaking in a similar video series with a different Indigenous language.

One student also shared that using the videos "is a great way to learn some of the language to use in the classroom. Because the teachers speak in the videos you know how to say the words and are not embarrassed about saying them wrong. I think if the videos were used in all classes there may be more students that use the words and could interact with each other that way."

A student who identified as an education major wrote, "I really enjoyed the videos! I have shared them with my coworkers and would like to implement them in my future classrooms."

This past spring, the Scott Zager Venture Fund agreed to sponsor the 2024-25 phase of the series. Beginning this September, Dr. Rosa King's series of Oneida language videos is both debuting in CMN classrooms and being released to the public through the school's social media on a biweekly biases.



Dr. Rosa King teaches a lesson for the College of Menominee Nation's "Let's All Speak the Language" video series.
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King, CMN's Oneida language and history instructor, offered a message for language learners, "We have to start. We have to speak. We have to learn. Whatever we can do. I always tell learners, whatever you can do. Whether it's taking a class here at CMN or attending a community class at the library or being involved in an immersion program. All of that is so necessary. It's all helpful. It all strengthens the language and really influences its ability to thrive into the future."

Over the spring 2025 semester, CMN will continue down the tried-and-true path by utilizing its Ojibwe language series and releasing them to the public simultaneously. Taught by Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe University faculty member Dr. Michael D. Sullivan Sr., the videos will mark another collaboration between the two tribal colleges in Wisconsin.

Sullivan shared one of the reasons why the series is important for language learners. "No matter what we do, the next hundred years are going to pass. As we move into the future as a people, what are we going to bring with us? If there's anything worthy of bringing along on this ride in life and into the future it is our language."

CMN's "Let's All Speak the Language" video series is one way to help get conversations started.

Ryan Winn, Ph.D., teaches communications, English, history and theater at the College of Menominee Nation. Visit www.menominee.edu for more information about the school.

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Lena throws its annual Dairy Fest

PHOTOS BY WARREN BLUHM • NEWS EDITOR

The local veterans color guard leads the way up Main Street to start the annual Lena Dairy Fest parade Sept. 7.

The Lena High School marching band crosses the intersection of Main and Rosera streets.

The Saputo Cheese mascot passes out hugs while his assistants pass out string cheese during the Dairy Fest parade Sept. 7.

While most parade entries were motorized, some riders march the old-fashioned way.

Temporary residents of the Oconto County Humane Society shelter get some exercise during the parade while they wait for a forever home.

Oconto Elks Fly-In set for next weekend

The Oconto Elks Fly-In Show returns to J. Douglas Bake Airport outside Oconto next weekend. The family-friendly event is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 21 at the airport, 2983 Airport Road, with a veterans ceremony at 10 a.m.

The fields around the airport will be filled with over 300 show cars and more than 50 airplanes. The Northern Aces Remote Control air show will be going on throughout the day. Nine food vendors are expected, with large tents with tables to eat and rest in, along with more than 15 craft vendors. The vehicle show includes tractors, cars, trucks modern muscle, as well as hot rods and street rods on display.

A Monster truck will offer rides for $10 per person, and visitors can also take airplane and helicopter rides for $60 per person. Kids activities include a rock climbing wall, bungee jumpers, face painting. Oldies music will be heard throughout the day.

Entry fee is $5 per show car with two people. Admission for spectators is $7 per person, and 12 and younger free.

A line of planes is parked near the runway for the 2021 Oconto Elks Club Fly-In. This year's event is scheduled for Sept. 21 at J. Douglas Bake Airport in Oconto.

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OCONTO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Proceedings of Sept. 6

• Jessica J. Baxter, 27, Marinette, pleaded no contest to possession of methamphetamine, in connection with an incident that occurred June 9, 2021; felony bail jumping, in connection with an incident that occurred May 22, 2022; and another count of felony bail jumping, in connection with an incident that occurred April 6. Judge Michael Judge scheduled sentencing for Nov. 11 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

• A Nov. 19 jury trial was scheduled for Bruce D. Taylor, 31, Oconto, who is charged with fleeing an officer in his vehicle, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred March 4. Judge scheduled a final pre-trial conference for Nov. 4.

Proceedings of Sept. 5

• Christopher Allen Gulledge, 36, Oconto, pleaded guilty to possession of methamphetamine in connection with an incident that occurred Dec. 25. Judge scheduled sentencing for Sept. 30.

• Ryan Richard Delbene, 38, Lakewood, pleaded no contest to two counts of possession of THC and one count of possession of drug paraphernalia, all misdemeanors, in connection with an incident that occurred Nov. 3. The three misdemeanor counts replaced a single felony count in a plea agreement. Judge Jay Conley scheduled sentencing for Sept. 30.

Proceedings of Sept. 4

• Kaz R. Howard, 22, Aniwa, was ruled incompetent to proceed but likely to become competent with treatment. He faces charges of first-degree child sexual assault of a child younger than 13, two counts of repeated sexual assault of the same child, two counts of exposing himself to a child, in connection with incidents that allegedly occurred in 2023 and 2024. Conley scheduled a status conference for Dec. 12.

Proceedings of Sept. 3

• Logan Michael Bishop, 29, Oconto, was sentenced to 18 months in prison, followed by two years of extended supervision, after being convicted of stalking and a misdemeanor count of violating a domestic abuse injunction, March 8. Judge allowed credit for 179 days already served in county jail. At a July 31 trial, the jury deliberated for 23 minutes before delivering guilty verdicts on both charges.

• Douglas Arnold Brown, 63, Oconto, pleaded no contest to operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fourth offense) in connection with an incident that occurred Jan. 5. Judge revoked Brown's bail and remanded him to the county jail to await sentencing, which he scheduled for Nov. 4.

• Judge denied a motion to dismiss charges against Brian A. Blasing, 33, an Oconto man serving a prison sentence at Dodge Correctional Institution after being convicted in Marinette County of first-degree reckless homicide by delivering drugs in the death of Terry Westphal. Blasing is charged in Oconto County with first-degree reckless homicide by delivering drugs and manufacture with intent to deliver heroin in the Sept. 12, 2018, death of Jeffrey Dean Pecha, as well as possession of amphetamine with intent to deliver, misdemeanor possession of cocaine, and two counts of misdemeanor bail jumping, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred April 29, 2019. Since Blasing currently does not have an attorney, Judge postponed a jury trial scheduled for Nov. 19-22 and scheduled a status conference for Dec. 12.

OCONTO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Sept. 4

Deputies responded to 35 incidents, including suspicious activity on East Forrester Road in the Town of Lakewood, fraud on County Road M in the Town of Lena and on Brookside Cemetery Road in the Town of Pensaukee, an ATV accident near West Butler Rock and Airport roads in the Town of Mountain, a drug investigation in Oconto, one traffic stop, one citizen assist, three miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; three 911 hangups and one open line; one ambulance call; two crashes, one involving deer, one involving a turkey.

Sept. 3

Deputies responded to 59 incidents, including a death investigation in the Town of Morgan, harassment on Remus Woods Lane in the Town of Lakewood, suspicious activity on South Krueger Street in Suring, suspicious activity on County Road A in the Town of Spruce, criminal mischief on Brookside Cemetery Road in the Town of Pensaukee, property damage on state Highway 32 in the Town of Townsend, squad damage on South Porcupine Lake Road in the Town of Spruce, harassment on Main Lane in the Town of Mountain, suspicious activity on Green Bay Avenue in Oconto Falls, six traffic stops, two traffic hazards, two traffic offenses, four miscellaneous traffic incidents, two welfare checks; two open-line 911 calls; two crashes involving deer.

Sept. 2

Deputies responded to 37 incidents, including an ATV accident on North Road in the Town of Lakewood, an animal bite on South White Potato Lake Road in the Town of Brazeau, a disturbance on state Highway 32-64 in the Town of Mountain, intoxication on state Highway 32 in the Town of Lakewood, a disturbance on CCC Road in the Town of Morgan, fire on Cross Road in the Town of Little Suamico, a noise disturbance on South Bayshore Road in the Town of Pensaukee, five traffic stops, one traffic hazard, two citizen assists, four miscellaneous traffic incidents, four welfare checks; one 911 hangup and two open lines; one ambulance call; two crashes.

Sept. 1

Deputies responded to 48 incidents, including trespassing on Cook Road in the Town of Oconto, a wanted person on Logtown Road in the Town of Oconto, a noise disturbance on West Shore Drive in the Town of Mountain, a disturbance on state Highway 64 in the Town of Brazeau, an ATV accident near state Highway 32 and Rugg Road in the Town of Lakewood, suspicious activity on Bridge Lane in the Town of Townsend, theft on West Frontier Road in the Town of Little Suamico, trespassing on Loon Rapids Road in the Town of Riverview, an ATV accident near state Highway 32 and Twin Pines Road in the Town of Lakewood, a disturbance on County Road N in the Town of Oconto, fire on state Highway 32 in the Town of Townsend, three traffic stops, three traffic offenses, one citizen assist, three miscellaneous traffic incidents, two welfare checks; three 911 hangups and three open lines; one ambulance call; two crashes, one involving deer.

Aug. 31

Deputies responded to 46 incidents, including suspicious activity near Cross Road and County Road S in the Town of Little Suamico and on Regal Lane in the Town of Chase, an ATV accident on North Branch Road in the Town of Breed, suspicious activity on state Highway 22 in the Town of Stiles, trespassing on state Highway 22-32 in the Town of Gillett, suspicious activity on Landing Lane in the Town of Stiles, four traffic stops, one traffic hazard, one traffic offense, one citizen assist, eight miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; one 911 hangup and four open lines; two ambulance calls; four crashes, two involving deer.

Aug. 30

Deputies responded to 60 incidents, including a weapon offense on County Road EE in the Town of Abrams, drugs in Oconto Falls, a wanted person on Logtown Road in the Town of Oconto, suspicious activity on Pleasant View Drive in the Town of Chase, a disturbance on state Highway 32 in the Town of Townsend, five traffic stops, one traffic hazard, four traffic offenses, one citizen assist, three miscellaneous traffic incidents; six open-line 911 calls; one ambulance call; three crashes, one involving deer.

Aug. 29

Deputies responded to 65 incidents, including an animal bite on Creek Crest Lane in the Town of Little Suamico, harassment on Parkway Road in the Town of Spruce, harassment on Habeck Lane in the Town of Abrams, theft on West Frontier Road in the Town of Little Suamico, a noise disturbance on Lilac Road in the Town of Little Suamico, threatening on Spirea Road in the Town of Stiles, illegal burning on James Way in the Town of Brazeau, criminal damage on Gillett Town Hall Road in the Town of Gillett, nine traffic stops, two traffic hazards, four traffic offenses, two miscellaneous traffic incidents, four welfare checks; two 911 hangups and four open lines; one ambulance call; one crash.

Aug. 28

Deputies responded to 36 incidents, including wanted persons on North Brown County Line Road in the Town of Chase and on state Highway 22-32 in the Town of Gillett, suspicious activity on Maiden Lake Road in the Town of Riverview, a disturbance on Columbia Street in Oconto Falls, an animal bite on state Highway 32 in the Town of Gillett, suspicious activity on Peshtigo Brook Road in the Town of Maple Valley, a noise disturbance on James Way in the Town of Brazeau, threatening on Muehl Drive in Suring, intoxication on East Armstrong Street in Gillett, three traffic stops, one citizen assist, two miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; one 911 hangup and three open lines; one ambulance call; two crashes, one involving deer.

Aug. 27

Deputies responded to 43 incidents, including fire on Snyder Lane in the Town of Pensaukee, a jail incident at 220 Arbutus Avenue in Oconto, trespassing on Ccc Road in the Town of Morgan, drugs in the Town of Oconto, harassment on Country Oaks Drive in the Town of Little Suamico, sexual assault in the Town of Morgan, threatening on Gillette Lane in the Town of Mountain, a disturbance on Lee Lake Road in the Town of Brazeau, one traffic stop, two traffic hazards, three miscellaneous traffic incidents, two welfare checks; two 911 hangups and four open lines; one ambulance call; one crash involving deer.

Aug. 26

Deputies responded to 30 incidents, including fire on South Elm Avenue in Gillett, attempted fraud on Norway Woods Lane in the Town of Abrams, trespassing on Mockingbird Lane in the Town of Townsend, two traffic stops, one traffic hazard, three traffic offenses, one citizen assist, one miscellaneous traffic incident; two 911 hangups and one open line; one crash involving deer.

Aug. 25

Deputies responded to 48 incidents, including underage alcohol in the Town of Stiles, an animal bite on Cross Road in the Town of Little Suamico, drugs in the Town of Mountain, property damage on U.S. Highway 41-141 in the Town of Abrams, theft on Midway Road in the Town of Lena, harassment on Pine Lane in Suring, property damage near Cream City and Maple Grove School roads in the Town of Oconto, two traffic stops, five traffic offenses, two citizen assists, six miscellaneous traffic incidents; one 911 hangup and five open lines; three crashes, one involving deer, one involving a bear.

Aug. 24

Deputies responded to 57 incidents, including a wanted person on Elkey Road in the Town of Riverview, trespassing on Sheep Ranch Road in the Town of Doty, suspicious activity on Gillett Town Hall Road in the Town of Gillett, an animal bite on Yurek Road in the Town of Chase, suspicious activity on East Bass Lake Road in the Town of Townsend, suspicious activity near Doran Street and Collins Avenue in Oconto, harassment on Business 41 in the Town of Oconto, fireworks near County Road W and East Crooked Lake Lane in the Town of Riverview, a missing person on state Highway 22 in Gillett, 10 traffic stops, one traffic hazard, five traffic offenses, one citizen assist, four miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; six 911 hangups and five open lines; one ambulance call; two crashes.

Aug. 23

Deputies responded to 62 incidents, including suspicious activity on Jack Pine Camp Road in the Town of Lakewood, property damage on Cross Road in the Town of Little Suamico, burglary on state Highway 22 in the Town of Stiles, threatening on Gillette Lane in the Town of Mountain, a disturbance near U.S. Highway 41 and Brookside Road in the Town of Pensaukee, 16 traffic stops, one traffic hazard, two traffic offenses, three citizen assists, five miscellaneous traffic incidents, three welfare checks; one 911 hangup and four open lines; two ambulance calls; four crashes, one involving deer.

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Sunday Sept 29th 10 AM

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Iron pot lives on long after most of its owners

Untimely death came calling on a regular basis in the 19th century, especially for women. Pregnancy and childbirth were a common method of culling the human herd. Many men lost their wives to the rigors of labor and delivery, and if a woman survived the ordeal, her child could easily fall victim to a fatal illness or accident. My great-great-grandmother Anna Maria Holzschuh was very familiar with the Grim Reaper's cruel customs. As a Catholic, she most certainly prayed to the Virgin Mary to keep her family safe.

Astonishingly, I learned that Anna Maria had back-up; she dabbled in astrology, an ancient pagan practice designed to thwart Death's wicked ways. I thought that was impossible. Doesn't Catholic doctrine preach that using any form of divination such as horoscopes or astrology is a mortal sin? Yes, but the evidence is right there in her prayer book: a list of each child's name, birth date and sky sign.

Now I read my horoscope occasionally, but I don't take it seriously. I have faith and science. Modern medicine says the key to human longevity is heredity — what happens in your genes, not what happens in your jeans. Good news for me. Anna Maria died at 69, but most of her 11 children, including Great-grandpa Casper, made it way past that. My great-aunt Katarina Jospeha, whose English version of her name is the same as mine, lived to 102.

Now the fact that Anna Maria was into astrology is in itself amazing, but why on earth publish that in your prayer book, of all places? Was she hedging her bets, or was it a mini-mutiny against male-dominated institutions that controlled her life? Whatever, neither prayer nor astrology prevented Death from doing its dirty deeds. In a span of eight years, she lost three daughters, two as infants and her adopted niece, Margaretha.

Even if Anna Maria sinned grievously by secretly consulting the zodiac calendar, she did not deserve what occurred on Sept. 13, 1890. The day began ordinarily enough. She and John George were empty nesters by then, doing very well for themselves. They ate a light breakfast and headed out to pick corn. They worked until noon, then went back to the farmhouse for dinner. Perhaps she used my iron pot to cook that meal.

As they were eating, Anna Maria noticed John George was unusually animated. He laughed loudly as he talked about their long life together and expressed his deep affection for her. Then suddenly, he fell silent. The change was so dramatic she asked him if he was ill. He said no and got up to leave, explaining he wanted to feed the pigs before going back to the cornfield. When he didn't return, she went searching.

The Sheboygan County News of Sept. 17, 1890, reported the rest: "John George Holzschuh, a well-known and well-to-do farmer of the Town of Lima, committed suicide on Monday last by hanging himself in a small workshop back of his house. No cause can be assigned for this taking of his own life. His son Casper, who is engaged in cheese-making near Sherwood, was notified of his death and left for his home on Tuesday."

Like Anna Maria, I couldn't make sense of it. What made John George do such a thing? Apparently, he too had secrets. How did Anna Maria carry on? She had to supervise preparation of his body for burial, sit through the wake in her parlor, attend his funeral Mass filled with holy water, incense and songs of lamentation, and accompany his coffin to the cemetery, all the while believing her husband had condemned himself to eternal damnation. What emotions prevailed during those dreadful days and the 11 years she lived as a widow — rage, despair, loneliness, guilt?

I didn't learn this part of the story until after my father died. I wanted to ask him if he thought I was strong enough to carry such burdens. Then I remembered something he said to me that day in the attic when he shared the story of my golden pot made of iron. "Anna Maria's fortitude was forged in the furnace of life, the same way a blacksmith fashioned that pot you are holding. You come from a long line of gritty women, Katrina Maria. Remember that."

How could I forget? Each time I take out Anna Maria's kettle, I recall that day in Aunt Annie's attic when the past merged with the present in the form of one old discarded cooking pot. People always say things don't matter. Well, I say — sometimes they do.

Kathleen Marsh is a lifelong educator, writer and community advocate. She has published eight books, four on the history of Townsend, where she and husband Jon are happily retired on the beautiful Townsend Flowage.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, SEPT. 13

ONEIDA: College of Menominee Nation Benefit Golf Outing, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Thornberry Creek Golf Course, 4470 N. Pine Tree Road. 9 a.m. shotgun start, raffles, 50/50, President's Challenge. Details at menominee.edu

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

SATURDAY, SEPT. 14

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

SURING: Car Show, Krueger Kustoms, 718 E. Main St. All era cars, trucks, bikes, semis, Jeeps, ATVs, UTVs and race cars welcome. 50/50 raffle, food and drinks, meat raffle.

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BONDUEL: Patriot Day Celebration, 9:30 a.m., Village Park, 214 E. Park St. Fire Department Stair Walk 9:45 a.m., luncheon at the park 11 a.m., followed by short program including music, presentation of colors, guest speaker and recognition of those serving the community including veterans, police, fire and EMS.

LAKEWOOD: Festi-Fall, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., downtown. An outdoor fall celebration with musicians and over 50 vendors featuring handmade items such as jewelry, rugs, jams, paintings, photos, ceramics, and wood carving. Artist demonstrations, food trucks, and wine tasting.

WITTENBERG: Dedication of Veterans Memorial, 1 p.m., Community Park, South Webb Street. Hosted by American Legion Post 502. Ceremony to be followed by a meal in the park served by Wittenberg Fire Department.

SHAWANO: Headstones, 5:30 p.m., Woodlawn Cemetery, 1115 E. Green Bay St. Honoring The Korean War Veterans of Shawano County. Graveside stories and recollections. Free. Presented by the Shawano County Historical Society and the Shawano Parks and Recreation Department in cooperation with the Shawano American Legion and VFW.

KESHENA: 37th Anniversary Celebration, 7 p.m., Menominee Casino Resort, N277 State Highway 47-55. Free show by Sting Ray's Jukebox Rock Show. Special tributes to Elvis and Shake Rattle and Roll.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 15

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

BONDUEL: Farmers Market, 8 a.m. to noon, Mill and Pond streets. Local produce, artisanals, handmade crafts from the Bonduel area.

MONDAY, SEPT. 16

WITTENBERG: Smartphone and iPad Basics, 10 a.m. to noon, Northcentral Technical College, 402 N. Genesee St. $15 fee. 715-253-3500

WITTENBERG: Community Technology Help Deck, 12:30-2:30 p.m., Northcentral Technical College, 402 N. Genesee St. $15 fee. 715-253-3500

SHAWANO: Community Blood Center Blood Drive, 1-5:30 p.m., Zion Lutheran Church, 1254 S. Union St. Make an appointment at 800-280-4102.

OCONTO: Masonic Pine Lodge 188 Special M M Degree, 6:30 p.m., 513 Superior Ave. Open to Master Masons in good standing only. Visit wimasons.org to learn more.

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, SEPT. 17

CECIL: Shawano Recovery Center Golf Outing, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Golden Sands Golf Course, 300 Nabor Road. $85 per golfer. Registration 9 a.m., shotgun start 10:30 a.m. 18 holes with cart, box lunch and dinner included. Basket raffles, silent auction, 50/50 raffle.

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 18

SHAWANO: Nonprofit Showcase 2024, 3-5 p.m., Peace UCC, 208 E. Maurer St. Resource fair and networking event for Shawano's nonprofit organizations.

NEOPIT: Recovery talking circle, 6-8 p.m. The Circle House, W6715 Shawpokasic St. Information: Mindy Thunder at 715-799-3835 or mthunder@mitw.org.

POUND: Line Dancing with the North Country Kickers, 6:30-9 p.m., Equity Hall, W7403 State Highway 64. Lessons 7 p.m. Admission $5. For information, call 920-606-4370 or 920-829-6316.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 19

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.

GILLETT: Sports Night Style Show, 6 p.m., St. John's Lutheran Church, 101 W. Main St. Hosted by Gillett Woman's Club. Door prizes, bucket raffles, refreshments. Advance tickets $8, at the door $10.

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

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Trump has attracted some good allies

I try to avoid writing about politics and government here, because I believe the world could use a lot less of each. I try to focus on the plain fact that our lives are better when we stop looking for the right ruler and work on running our own lives. The dirty little secret is that when we cry "Freedom," we usually are talking about freedom from government or something that government is trying to impose on us.

Since 1992, it has been my firm belief that the U.S. government has been run by the worst president of my lifetime — each occupant of the White House progressively worse than the previous one — but the last four years have been so bad, I have had to re-assess my opinion because I realized things got marginally better under Donald Trump.

I think Trump is an unpleasant man who too often turns needlessly to insulting his political adversaries, and I'm not sure he fully understands how some of his initiatives can backfire and hurt us, like tariffs. The Joe Biden-Kamala Harris administration has been a catastrophe and a threat not just to democracy but to the world with its saber-rattling and incitements to war.

Trump has recently earned the respect of three of the rarest humans in the world — people whom I deeply respect even though they travel in political circles. So I have to take note.

• Long before she was a member of Congress or presidential candidate, Tulsi Gabbard was deployed to Iraq in 2004 as a National Guard specialist with a medical company attached to the 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team.

"Every day we were confronted with that high human cost of war and that sadness, as we boarded the plane when we left, that we were leaving some of our brothers and sisters behind — only to lose others when we got home to suicide," Gabbard said recently to a hushed room full of National Guard Association members as she endorsed Trump for president.

She said Trump takes seriously the commander-in-chief's responsibility for every soul in the military — "We saw this through his first term in the presidency, when he not only didn't start any new wars, he took action to de-escalate and prevent wars."

She praised Trump for "having the courage to meet with adversaries, dictators, allies and partners alike in the pursuit of peace, seeing war as a last resort."

That commitment to peace resonates with me. You've probably noticed by now that I consider the wholesale slaughter of adversaries as the most insane of all human institutions and have written a book called "War IS the Crime." Gabbard is one of my few heroes in contemporary politics, and so I have to take note.

• Then there's Robert Kennedy Jr., who wrote a horrifying and meticulously researched book called "The Real Anthony Fauci" that exposes much of the darkness that has happened since 2020.

When Kennedy suspended his own presidential campaign and endorsed Trump, he eloquently outlined his disenchantment with the political party of his father and uncles, which he said has become "the party of war, censorship, corruption, Big Pharma, Big Tech, Big Ag and big money."

As a liberal Democrat, Kennedy admitted he was a "ferocious critic" of Trump on many policy issues and approaches, but "we are aligned with each other on other key issues, like ending the forever wars, ending the childhood disease epidemics, securing the border, protecting freedom of speech, unraveling the corporate capture of our regulatory agencies, getting the U.S. intelligence agencies out of the business of propagandizing and censoring and surveilling Americans and interfering with our elections."

Did you notice what was the very first "other key issue" that Kennedy mentioned? I sure did. Kennedy is one of my few heroes in contemporary politics, and so I have to take note.

• Finally, Trump picked

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Border crisis brings wave of fentanyl to Wisconsin

To the editor:

"Over the last year, synthetic opioids, primarily fentanyl, were identified in 91% of opioid overdose deaths. Data shows the number of fentanyl overdose deaths in Wisconsin grew by 97 percent from 2019 to 2021. The impact of substance use in Wisconsin is devastating ..." (Wisconsin DHS, Sept. 15, 2023)

The Aug. 26 edition of the Menominee Nation News had an article about fentanyl. The article said: "In 2021, we lost 16 tribal members to overdoses, 17 in 2022 and 19 tribal members who died from drug overdoses in 2023. These issues are what led to the tribe declaring a state of emergency."

The U.S. House Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Oversight andInvestigations, "Biden's Border Crisis" April 10 report stated that "The mass migration crisis instigated by the Biden administration's irresponsible immigration policies has caused incalculable harm to American communities, including those in Indian Country.

"These policies have facilitated the entry of illegal drugs. The result has been a huge spike in deaths, overdoses and poisonings.

"The cartel routinely send large groups of migrants over the border in certain areas to bog down the Border Patrol while they move drugs through the other unguarded areas ..."

The Republicans in Washington passed a bill to gain control of the border. Democrats opposed it.

Why did thepresident and the Democratic Party create this migrant crisis, which precipitated the fentanyl crisis? I asked a poll worker what it takes to register to vote. She said a photo ID (driver's license) and something showing their current address.

States like Minnesota issue driver's licenses to undocumented migrants. The Republican House passed a bill requiring voters to show proof of citizenship. Democrats opposed it.

The census of each state is used to calculate the number of House of Representatives seats it gets and the number of Electoral College votes it get. It is the college that votes for the president of the United States. The Census counts all citizens and non-citizens. The Republican house passed a bill requiring that only citizens be counted in the census. Democrats opposed the bill. More migrants, more Democratic votes, more power.

Many communities, like the Menominee, are paying a high price for President Joe Biden's and the Democrats' open border policy. Had they known in 2020 what they know now, they probably would have voted Republican.

Michael Richter, Shawano

Society should respect every human life

To the editor:

What motivates someone to be pro-life or in favor of easy access to abortion? Most of the pro-life people simply don't want innocent people to be killed. What motivates pro-abortion people was more of a mystery. Some of them profit financially and some feel they will benefit politically, but most pro-abortion people aren't affected by either of these issues. So why are they in favor of easy access to abortions?

Then I read an article about a 19th-century slave holder who argued that slavery was good for all of society because agriculture in the south would not be possible without Negro slaves. It dawned in me that many pro-abortion people feel that easy access to abortion is good for society. Yet slavery and abortion both deny all human rights to a whole subset of people. Both pro-slavery and pro-abortion people use similar arguments — both Blacks and preborn people are not really human, and if they are, they are not equal to others. They couch their beliefs in neutral-sounding euphemisms: property rights, reproductive rights.

We need to show respect for every human life, including our own. Being pro-life is much more than being anti-abortion. It means showing everyone respect and helping each other when needed. You know, feed the hungry. Shelter the homeless. Take care of the widows and orphans, lest your wives become widows and your children orphans. Do not oppress the alien; remember you were once aliens. Love your neighbors, whoever your neighbor may be.

Most of the pro-life organizations and churches live this. They operate homeless shelters, offer job skill training and life coaching. They bring relief to disaster victims, locally and around the world. They need our help.

We can show others that we respect our own life by taking care of our body, our mind, and our spirit — refraining from self-destructive behaviors, excessive drinking, illicit drug use, and sex outside of marriage. If you have done these things or are doing these things, forgive yourself and move on.

Dale Wagner, Krakow

Voters should be selfish in November election

To the editor:

Now that the political conventions are over, it's time to get serious about how to vote. I hope you will read on so I can help you understand why you should vote for your own interests.

I am retired from teaching economics for Northeast Wisconsin Technical College. I previously worked at all of the campuses, including Shawano, Oconto Falls and even temporary satellites in Lakewood and Suring.

The basis of economics is what Adam Smith called "enlightened self-interest." He meant that you can and should consider your own needs when you choose how to use your resources.

Today, I want to encourage you to be selfish. Vote to keep your Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and lower costs for prescription drugs. Vote to keep infrastructure projects and internet development coming from the federal government. Vote to help the farmers in your neighborhood. Vote to keep your taxes fair. Vote to keep our free public education and free public libraries strong.

Donald Trump doesn't want any of that for you, but I do — for all of us.

MaryBeth Ascher, Suring

Going back to county fair was a lot of fun

To the editor:

Not having gone to our Shawano County Fair for a number of years since the COVID, it was time to return and enjoy all the festivities and participate. It was an outstanding year, the weather was great, and all areas were well attended.

Thanks to all the people who make it all happen — visitors, doers and entrants. I appreciated all the many events, animals (especially horses), people, friends you run into, etc. It's amazing how populated the fairgrounds become. My, oh my.

See you all again hopefully.

Patricia Marcks Hesselt van Dinter, Shawano

GUEST COLUMN

Students' mental health needs support from all

As summer winds down and Wisconsin families, educators and staff head back to school in the coming days, I am reminded of the amazing opportunities our public schools provide.

Our public schools are places where every student — regardless of their background, abilities or needs — should have equal access to education and opportunity. Classrooms in Wisconsin are often the most diverse communities in our state. It is critical we understand and work to meet the needs of all students. Our schools must be places where every child feels safe and included.

The unfortunate reality is that not every child feels like they belong.

Survey data my agency released in July gives us a snapshot of our kids' mental health. It tells us that our kids continue to struggle tremendously with the magnitude of their mental health challenges. Nearly six out of every 10 Wisconsin high school students told us they dealt with at least one mental health challenge within the past year. Put that into the full context for a minute — nearly 60% of Wisconsin high school students are telling us that at least some of the time, they feel anxious, depressed or suicidal.

These kids carry with them an incredible burden, and this leads to not just social and emotional disruption, but also compromises their ability to succeed academically. Imagine yourself in their place. If you feel like you are struggling, it's hard to feel like you belong at school or in your community. Without that stability, it's extremely difficult to prioritize learning.

How can we expect our kids to be ready to learn when they are telling us that they need help, and do not feel like they belong?

Just one in five Wisconsin students who participated in our Youth Risk Behavior Survey last year said they received the help they needed, when they needed it. We, collectively, need to promote positive mental health and increase access to these valuable resources and services.

We need an all-hands-on-deck approach to help our kids navigate the challenges they face. They cannot — and should not — do this alone. We need further investment into our kids. We need more trained student mental health practitioners in every school — rural, urban, suburban. It shouldn't matter what ZIP code you're in or what resources your family has. Every child should get the mental health care they need.

Creating and growing a positive school culture is also extremely important to a child's sense of safety and belonging. We need to implement inclusive policies in our schools — policies that support our kids instead of isolating them.

School should be a place of freedom — a place where everyone feels like they belong, where they can learn, become critical thinkers, expand their skills and gain more confidence in themselves. A place where they have every opportunity to achieve and are set up for success.

We, as Wisconsinites, need to do better for our kids.

That is why, as we enter the new school year, I want to get a message across to every student in Wisconsin — you matter.

To every parent, grandparent and guardian, we know that your student matters to you. They matter to their teachers, to their community and to this great state we call home. Let them know that, every day. Be a listener for your student. Ask open-ended questions about their thoughts, feelings and concerns. Let them know they can trust you to help them.

If you listen and care about the "little things," it's more likely they'll come to you when the "big things" are on their minds.

To our teachers and staff, we know that to prioritize kids' mental health needs, we need to help you prioritize your own. We will continue to support you not just because you do important work, but because you are important, too. We cannot say that enough.

Schools have a critical role in supporting our students' mental health and belonging. We need you as partners. Our call to action can no longer go unheard.

Every student in Wisconsin is welcome in our public schools, and it must remain that way. We owe it to our kids and to let them know that they belong. Public education is education for everyone.

Public education is good because it is a public good. It belongs to us all, and we all belong in public schools.

Jill Underly is the Wisconsin Superintendent of Public Instruction.

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Ohio Sen. J.D. Vance to serve as his vice president. I was completely unfamiliar with Vance but intrigued enough by his obvious sharp intellect and calm demeanor that I borrowed his memoir, "Hillbilly Elegy," from the library. It's an amazing story about a man who survived a childhood of poverty and deprivation — aided by a crazy grandmother and a stint with the U.S. Marines — to reach and graduate from Yale Law School.

The book, published in 2016, is so honest and real that it's clear he did not intend a life in politics. He went to Iraq with the Marines, and it also seem clear that he also sees war as a last resort. I found myself thinking it would be good to have this man, who knows what it's like to rise from an unimaginably hard life, in that position of being "a heartbeat away from the presidency."

It's hard not to notice when people of the stature of Gabbard, Kennedy and Vance are willing to align themselves with Trump. I still have little use for politics and government in general, but it's also clear that Trump has gathered a diverse group of very capable supporters.

Don't get me wrong, if you held a gun to my head and forced me to vote for one of these people, I would pick Gabbard, Vance and Kennedy long before I would choose Trump. On the other hand, if you told me the only choices were Harris, Biden or Walz, I'd take one last deep breath and tell you to shoot.

Let my last word on the subject be one I've repeated before: Freedom is not about choosing the right ruler. Freedom is recognizing that I am the boss of me. Of the two main choices on the ballot, it feels like peace and freedom have a better chance under Trump.

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New world record!

Above, barefoot was the style of the day when the Shawano Ski Sharks and other skiers attempted to break the Guinness World Record for barefoot line skiing. At left, a boat's crew is ready for another attempt at the record. Several attempts were made Sept. 8 on the Wolf River at Smalley Park. The Ski Sharks attempted to break their own world record of 38 barefoot line skiers set a few years ago. Officials have yet to review all of the video, but local skiers are claiming at least 41 skiers, which would set a new record. It's possible that under further review, that number could be more. Below, several skiers let go of their ropes after an attempt to set a new world record for barefoot line skiing. Below, at left, some of the skiers attempting to set a Guinness World Record are driven to the starting point on the Wolf Rive

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Lena, Witt-Birn win with shutouts

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Sept. 7

Florence 34, Gillett 0

Gillett dropped to 0-2 overall after suffering a 34-0 shutout at the hands of visiting Florence.

Florence scored in each quarter en route to their lopsided non-conference win.

Sept. 6

Bonduel 34, Southern Door 3

It took a while for Bonduel to get going, but once they did, the Bears kept at it as they topped Southern Door 34-3 in both teams' opening Packerland Conference game.

Bonduel led 8-3 at halftime and then added 13 points in each of the final two quarters.

The Bears will host Kewaunee at 7 p.m. Sept. 13.

Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas 24, Oneida Nation/NEW Lutheran 0

Tyler Shallow scored a pair of touchdowns and Calvin Peters added another as Lena won in a 24-0 shutout.

Peters scored on a 14-yard run in the first quarter.

Both of Shallow's TDs came in the second quarter. He carried the ball in from 27 yards out, and then, fewer than six minutes later, he carried it in from the two-yard line.

There was no scoring in the second half.

Peters carried the ball 18 times for 114 yards. Shallow had 10 carries for 79 yards, and Max Peterson had 12 carries for 47 yards. All told, Lena had 240 yards on the ground.

Next up is a home game against Sevastopol at 7 p.m. Sept. 13.

Tigerton/Marion 26, Three Lakes/Phelps 25

One point was the difference as Tigerton/Marion topped Three Lakes/Phelps 26-25.

Tigerton/Marion jumped out to a 12-0 first quarter lead and held a 12-7 advantage at the half.

Three Lakes/Phelps scored in the third quarter to take a 13-12 lead.

Tigerton/Marion outscored Three Lakes/Phelps 14-12 in the fourth quarter to win by a point.

They will travel to Menominee Nation for a 4:30 p.m. Sept. 13 game.

Oconto Falls 39, Crivitz 7

Isaac Bramer rushed for three touchdowns as the Panthers dispatched their hosts with ease 39-7.

Bramer carried the ball 14 times for 79 yards. He scored twice in the second quarter, both from five yards out. He scored from four yards away in the third quarter.

Wyatt Laughrin aided the Panthers' rushing attack with 12 carries and 106 yards and one TD. He scored on a 46-yard run in the first quarter.

Emerich Skarban tossed seven complete passes out of 11 attempts for 132 yards and a TD. A 34-yard pass to Cole Bozile was good for a score, following Skarban's own 15-yard rushing touchdown, both in the second quarter.

Brayden Majerczyk had an interception for Oconto Falls.

The Panthers will host Crandon at 7 p.m. Sept. 13.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood 35, Weyauwega-Fremont 0

The Chargers started CWC-Large Conference play with a 35-0 shutout at Weyauwega-Fremont.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood spread out its scoring with eight in the first quarter, 14 in the second, six in the third and seven in the fourth.

Bryson Schmid completed 4-of-5 passing attempts for 57 yards and one touchdown. He also returned a kickoff for an 85-yard touchdown.

Jett Rogowski caught two balls for 22 yards and a TD.

On the ground, the Chargers were led by Schmid with 17 rushes and 192 yards. Owen Dickman added 82 yards on 11 carries, as the Charger racked up 341 rushing yards on 39 carries.

Tri-County 44, Menominee Nation 0

Menominee Nation lost its Mideast Conference opener 44-0 at Tri-County High School.

Seymour 44, Shawano 13

Shawano dropped to 1-2 with a 44-13 loss at Seymour.

The Hawks kept it close, only trailing 8-7 at the end of the first quarter. However, Seymour scored 22 unanswered points in the second quarter and another 14 in the third to lead 44-7.

Shawano scored its final six points in the fourth quarter.

The Hawks will host New London at 7 p.m. Sept. 13.

Sevastopol 6, Suring 0

A running touchdown in the fourth quarter was all the scoring in the game, but it was enough for Sevastopol to win 6-0.

Michael Pecanas competed his only pass attempt for 25 yards. Michael Bailey was the recipient of the pass.

Jake Cornell led the rushing game with 32 yards on five carries.

Kroix Kempka recorded 10 tackles for the Eagles.

Sept. 5

De Pere 32, Pulaski 14

Pulaski scored first against De Pere but then gave up 32 unanswered points across three quarters to lose 32-14 in their first Fox River Classic Conference-North game of the season.

With 3:56 to go in the first quarter, Ethan Schmidt completed a four-yard pass to Bohdan Schmidt for a score, followed by a successful extra point kick.

De Pere rattled off 10 points in the second quarter to take a 10-7 halftime lead. A pair of third quarter TDs put De Pere up 24-7, and with another touchdown in the fourth quarter, Pulaski found themselves trailing 32-7 with half a quarter to play.

Their second score came with 2:33 yet to play. Anthony Ficarri ran the ball in from one yard out, and with the extra point kick, the Red Raiders tallied their 14 game points.

Ethan Schmidt completed 16-of-25 for 135, one touchdown and one interception. He also led the running game with 86 yards on 23 carries.

Also with significant yardage on the ground were Bohdan Schmidt, 57 yards on seven carries, and Ficarri, 44 yards on 12 carries.

Bohdan Schmidt was the top receiver, collecting 72 yards on nine catches. Joey Mijal caught three passes for 31 yards.

Shawano Community High School junior Tela Hopfensperger swims the 200-yard individual medley in a meet against Seymour on Sept. 5.
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Chargers swim team wins big

Sept. 5
Wittenberg-Birnamwood 130, Marinette 27

Wittenberg-Birnamwood's swim team had little trouble dispatching the Marinette Marines 130-27 at home. The Chargers won all of the events, including two in which Marinette did not compete.

Starting with the 200-yard medley relay, Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Kelsie Davis, Chloe Hanson, Faith Resch and Addison Schmidt captured first place in 2:09.33. Taking second were teammates Rylee Crick, Ava Hegewald, Reese Dickman and Andrea Powell in 2:14.02.

In the 200-yard freestyle, Brooklyn Beran won in 2:13.96, followed by Claire Timm in second and Elizabeth Behnke in third.

Hegewald won the 50-yard freestyle race, with Powell taking third and Schmidt in fourth.

The 100-yard butterfly was won by Davis. with Crick in second.

Dickman captured the top spot in the 100-yard freestyle. Resch was second and Timm third.

The 500-yard freestyle was won by Olivia Bassette. Powell placed third, and Behnke was fourth.

It was Davis, Beran, Hegewald and Behnke teaming up to win the 200-yard freestyle relay. Dickman, Timm, Powell and Bassette placed second.

Beran won the 100-yard backstroke, with Resch in second and Schmid in third.

Dickman touched first in the 100-yard breaststroke. Hegewald placed second with Hanson in third.

There was no competition in the 200 yard individual medley. Davis won, with Crick in second.

The same was true for the 400-yard freestyle relay. Beran, Bassette, Timm and Hanson won, with teammates Resch, Crick, Behnke and Schmidt in second.

Red Raiders tennis team edges Ashwaubenon Jaguars

BY NEW MEDIA STAFF

Sept. 5
Pulaski 4, Ashwaubenon 3

Pulaski collected three wins in singles play and one doubles match to earn a 4-3 win over Ashwaubenon.

Aubrie Schluessler, at No. 2 singles, had the closest contest. It took her three sets and a tiebreaker to earn her 1-6, 7-6 (2), 10-5 victory.

Ruth Krause, at No. 1, won 6-0, 6-1, and No. 3 player Isabella Skalecki won 6-0, 6-0.

In doubles action, the No. 2 team of Ayla Groteluschen and Linde Lemerond won 6-1, 6-0.

Losses for the Red Raiders were suffered by Anna Krause at No. 4 singles 6-4, 7-5; Alyssa Eggert and Addison Heezen, No. 1 doubles, 6-4, 4-6, 13-11; and Hailey Jansen and Gretchen Rottier, No. 3 doubles, 6-4, 3-6, 12-10.

Sept. 3
Notre Dame Academy 7, Pulaski 0

Ruth Krause fought a hard second set against Notre Dame's Lucy Lawton, but the 7-6 (5) loss was enough to seal Lawton's win following a 6-1 first set at No. 1 singles.

That was the closest any Pulaski player came to earning a win.

Isabella Skalecki lost 6-1, 6-4 at No. 2 singles. Anna Krause was shut out 6-0, 6-0 in the No. 3 spot, and Aubrey Cole lost 6-2, 6-0 in the No. 4 singles.

In doubles play, Alyssa Eggert and Addison Heezen lost 6-0, 6-1, and Ayla Groteluschen and Linde Lemerond lost by identical scores at No. 2. In the No. 3 position, Hailey Jansen and Gretchen Rottier lost 6-1, 6-3.

Aug. 30-31
Wausau West Tournament

Pulaski had good results and some challenges to overcome at the tournament at Wausau West.

Pulaski 5, Madison Memorial 2

After Ruth Krause's loss at No. 1 singles and Aubrie Schluessler's loss at No. 2, Pulaski won the next two singles matches and all three doubles matches to earn the 5-2 win.

Skalecki won the No. 3 singles match 6-4, 6-2, and Anna Krause won 6-1 , 7-6 (6) at No. 4.

Eggert and Heezen won 6-4, 6-4 at No. 1 doubles. Groteluschen and Lemerond won 6-2, 6-3 at No. 2, and Jansen and Rottier won 6-1, 6-3 in the final doubles match.

Wausau West 4, Pulaski 3

The Red Raiders lost a close contest to their hosts, 4-3.

Skalecki was the only singles winner, claiming a 6-3, 6-2 victory at No. 3. Anna Krause, at No. 4, nearly pulled out the win but ended up on the short end, 6-4 2-6, 10-8.

Ruth Krause and Schluessler lost their singles matches.

Groteluschen and Lemerond won 6-2, 6-0 at No. 2 doubles, and Jansen and Rottier won 6-3, 6-4 at No. 3. Eggert and Heezen drooped their No. 1 doubles match.

Pulaski, 4, Wisconsin Rapids, 3

In another close contest, Pulaski was on the winning side of a 4-3 victory over Wisconsin Rapids.

Ruth Krause and Anna Krause won their singles matches in close fashion. Ruth Krause grabbed identical 6-4 wins, while Anna Krause hung in there for 4-6, 6-4, 10-6 scores.

TENNIS, CONTINUED ON PAGE 16

Pulaski places sixth at Ledgeview

BY NEW MEDIA STAFF

Sept. 5
Fox River Classic Conference Mini-Meet #3

Pulaski golfers placed sixth out of seven teams at Ledgeview Golf Course in De Pere.

The Red Raiders scored a 219. Bay Port won the meet with a 176.

Scores for Pulaski were a 49, 53, 58 and 59. Two other Red Raiders scored a 63 and 69.

Sept. 3
Blackwolf Run Invitational

Pulaski golfers placed 15th out of 19 teams competing at the Blackwolf Run/Meadow Valleys Course in Kohler.

The Red Raiders scored a 458. Muskego won the meet with a 362.

Scores for the Pulaski girls were 109, a pair of 115s and 119. There was also a 127.

New season underway at Lakeshore Lanes

BY NEW MEDIA STAFF

A new season for bowlers is underway at Lakeshore Lanes in Shawano, with scores for the first week announced by Lakeshore Masters league officials.

There are a few different teams this season, including Arndt Trucking, Shawano Auto Body and MW Auto Body.

Arndt Trucking didn't waste any time making its mark, going 15-1 the first night and tying with Farmall for the standings lead. Arndt Trucking also had the high team scratch game of 680 and the high team scratch series of 1,868.

High individual scratch game were recorded by Mark Cornish 267, Cody Lindal 239 and Tom Hoffman 236.

High individual scratch series were tallied by Cornish 705, Hoffman 647 and Carson Malueg 628.

Complete results can be found at newmedia-wi.com.

Email game results to sports@newmdia-wi.com

Wondra wins at Green Bay, T-Bird invites

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Five Bonduel runners earned medals at Josten Park in Green Bay. They were Mariah Wondra and Teagan Engel for first and 12th places, respectively. Seidy Blandon earned a medal on the JV team. Earning medals for the boys were Oliver Chitwood and Race Anvelink for 17th and 19th places, respectively. CONTRIBUTED

Sept. 5

Tom Finlan Invitational

Five Bonduel runners earned medals at Josten Park in Green Bay, with the varsity squads competing against six other schools.

The girls took fourth place with Mariah Wondra and Teagan Engel earning medals for first and 12th place, respectively.

Also running for the Bears were Cierra Schnell 27th, Taylor Rank 45th, Kember Frome 47th, Madalyn Sokolski 53rd, Bella Roberts 54th and Alisha Berg 60th.

Also, Seidy Blandon earned a medal on the JV team.

The boys took fourth place with Oliver Chitwood and Race Anvelink earning medals for 17th and 19th place, respectively. Griffin Uelmen placed 22nd, Gage Anderson was 24th, Joah Dwornicczak placed 30th, Garrett Anderson finished 41st, Ben Reisner was 47th, and Dylan Keller placed 53rd.

De Pere Invite

More than 30 teams, including five local schools, competed at the Shorewood Cross-Country Course in Green Bay. Local teams collected a handful of top 10 spots.

Emerson Fabry led the Pulaski contingent and most every other girl as she placed second in 20:07. Olivia Stedl finished in 12th place, followed by Addie Bruckert, Ellie Murphy and Cameran Reiss down the line.

Most of the boys were bunched together. Parker Marshall finished in 25th place, followed by Daniel Augustine in 26th, Arden Gillen in 27th and Dayne Groth in 31st. Grayden Gossen placed 37th, while Mitchell Pilon was 40th. In 64th place was Dayne Nowak, while Peyton Yaw was 69th.

Shawano's girls were led by Bailey Hendricks and her sixth-place finish in 20:38. Adalyn Barkley and Anabelle Schroeder completed the course in less than 23 minutes. Also running were Mikelah Powers and Teagan Powers.

Josiah Kuehl led the boys, finished 21st in 17:37. Also running were Trevor Schwartz, Teagan Harkey, James Lange and Quinten Harkey.

Brooke Hodkiewicz led the Oconto Falls girls with a ninth-place finish in 20:47. Hailey Delzer placed 22nd, and Emma Meissner was 32nd. Also running were Ava Hodkiewicz, Mackenzie Lotto and Josie Holtz.

Ben Adams led the boys, placing 10th in 17:15. Also competing were Griffin Kopke, Isaiah Holtz, Evan Yuma, Brant Lalumerne, Landon Timm and Ethan Zielinski.

Gillett's boys were paced by Bradyn Wendorff, who finished in ninth place in 17:10. Nash Stage, Scott Herroux and Chase Anderson also ran for the Tigers.

Gillett girls were led by Hope Soper, who placed 46th in 22:16. Also running were Lily Hansen, Sophia Limberg and Cilena Guns.

For Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas, Arena Rabas and Aspynn Anderson ran for the girls, while Mason Belongia, Erik Kosch, Dash Comins and Dane Comins competed for the boys.

Marathon Invitational

Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Rory Salveson finished in second place and Harper Kroll was eighth at the Nine Mile Forest in Wausau.

The girls team placed second, while the boys placed eighth.

Salveson's time was 19:52, with Kroll finishing in 20:24. Nora Bushman

Wondra completed the 5,000-meter course in 19:37. Teammate Teagan Engel was also in the top 10, placing eighth in 22:01.

Other Bonduel runners are Cierra Schnell, 30th, 24:26; Kember Frome, 51st, 26:18; Taylor Rank, 53rd, 26:41; Madalyn Sokolski, 60th, 27:38; and Isabella Roberts, 93rd, 30:08.

Rory Salveson led the Chargers finishing second overall in 20:22. Her teammates and their finishes included Harper Krull, sixth, 21:42; Gabrielle Timm, 17th, 22:52; Nora Bushman, 20th, 23:11; and Jayden Zeinert, 101st, 30:49.

Menominee Nation's Urijah Reevis placed 27th in 23:51 and Anisa Peters was 94th in 30:17. Violet Buchholz of Wolf River Lutheran finished 39th in 25:29. Marion's Bridget Much was 68th in 28:11.

Menominee Nation boys were led by Ryan Corn, who finished 11th in 18:25. Barron Waupoose was right behind him in 12th place with a time of 18:28, and Bryant Waupoose III was close behind him in 14th place with a time of 18:32.

Quinn Olson finished in 33rd place in 20:07, followed by Francis Delabrau, 55th place, 21:03; Cashius Reevis, 73rd, 21:58; and Michael Peters III, 91st, 22:34.

Bonduel was paced by Griffin Uelman's 20th place finish in 18:55. He was joined by Oliver Chitwood, 23rd, 19:09; Race Anvelink, 24th, 19:14; Gage Anderson, 27th, 19:30; Joah Dworniczak, 37th, 20:09; Ben Reisner, 68th, 21:47; and Dylan Keller, 72nd, 21:52.

Runners and time for the Chargers were Landon Meronk, 52nd, 20:47; Jonas Bushman, 54th, 21:03; Hayden Miller, 69th, 21:47; Carson Meronk, 71st, 21:49; Milo Salvesen, 83rd, 22:18; Tara Guk, 89th, 22:29; and Dalton Fletcher, 90th, 22:32.

Ryan Drengler of Wolf River Lutheran placed 94th in 22:53.

Aug. 30

Appleton West Terror Invite

Pulaski's boys tallied 134 points and placed fourth at the 14-team race at Winagamie Golf Course in Neenah. Shawano runners placed 12th with 322 points.

Leading the Red Raiders was Arden Gillen, placing 12th in 17:53. He was joined by Daniel Augustine, 20th, 18:01; Grayden Gossen, 30th, 18:24; Dayne Groth, 35th, 18:37; Mitchell Pilon, 41st, 18:52; Peyton Yaw, 56th, 19:35; and Thomas Murphy, 58th, 19:44.

Josiah Kuehl led Shawano, finishing 31st in 18:25. He was followed by Trevor Schwartz, 49th, 19:06; Teagan Harkey, 78th, 20:49; Quinten Harkey, 82nd, 21:01; and James Lange, 94th, 21:34.

Pulaski's girls placed sixth with 176 points and Shawano was eighth with 190. Appleton North won with 52 points.

For the Red Raiders, Emerson Fabry led her teammates with a fifth place finish in 20:05. Olivia Stedl placed 11th in 21:12, followed by Addie Bruckert, 23rd, 21:43; Ellie Murphy, 50th, 23:27; and Estella Vieaux, 91st, 26:02.

Bailey Hendricks led Shawano with a 14th place finish in 21:19. She was followed by Adalyn Barkley in 25th in 21:45; Anabelle Schroeder, 33rd, 22:07; Evelyn Kuehl, 55th, 23:50; Mikelah Powers, 67th, 24:28; Arica Preston, 80th, 25:03; and Teagan Powers, 85th, 25:36.

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Schluessler and Skalecki lost their singles matches, winning six and five games, respectively.

Groteluschen and Lemerond pulled out 6-4, 6-2 wins at No. 2 doubles, and Jansen and Rottier claimed 6-3, 6-3 wins at No. 3. Eggert and Heezen lost 6-0, 7-5.

Pulaski 6, D.C. Everest 1

Pulaski won all four singles matches and two of three doubles matches to soundly defeat D.C. Everest.

Ruth Krause shut out Mila Bublik 6-0, 6-0. Schluessler collected 6-2, 6-1 wins. Anna Krause won 6-4, 6-1, and Cole won 6-3, 6-2.

Groteluschen and Lemerond shut out Kali Rutta and Brynn Kampmann 6-0, 6-0 at No. 2 doubles, while Jansen and Rottier pulled out 6-0, 6-3 victories at No. 3.

Eggert and Heezen faced touch competition in Qiarie Burns and Emily Ringwelski, losing 6-4, 7-5.

Pulaski 7, Rhinelander 0

Everyone fought their way into the win column against Rhinelander.

Ruth Krause, Schluessler and Anna Krause won their singles matches in two sets each. At the No. 4 spot, Cole won 6-3, 3-6, 10-5.

Eggert and Heezen returned to the win column with 6-4, 6-4 victories. Groteluschen and Lemerond prevailed with 7-5, 6-1 wins, and Jansen and Rottier won with identical 6-2, 6-2 scores.

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Oconto Falls wins conference opener

Sept. 6

Gresham/Bowler Invite

Gresham/Bowler and Menominee Nation found themselves in identical situations at the Gresham/Bowler Invite.

Both teams defeated Faith Christian (Wausau) 2-1 but then lost 2-0 to Shiocton.

Marshfield Invite

Shawano won four of its five matches at the Marshfield Invite.

The Hawks opened play with a 2-1 win over Abbotsford.

That was followed by 2-0 victories over Antigo, Ladysmith and Mondovi.

The only came at the hands of their host, Marshfield, as Shawano was beat 2-0.

Oconto Falls 3, Waupaca 2

Oconto Falls made it a thrilling conference opener as they came from behind to beat Waupaca 3-2.

Oconto Falls dropped their first 2 sets, 25-21, 25-21. That did not discourage them as the Panthers did a reverse sweep and won the next 3three sets 25-17, 25-20, 15-11.

"I was very proud of the girls for how they fought all night," coach Rochell Otto said. "It is not easy to be down 0-2, but the girls stayed locked in and kept fighting. It was a great character building match."

Izzy Otto ran the offense with 40 assists. She also had four serving aces with two of those aces being at the start of the fifth set five-point run.

Amber Otto had her first double double, with 20 kills and 17 digs. She also was a threat at the service line with five aces.

Lucy Ripley also dominated in the front row with 19 kills.

Rylie Shallow led the defense with 24 digs.

Hailyn St. Louis added 11 digs.

Ella Jahnke had three blocks including a momentum changing block in the fifth set to help propel the Panthers to a 15-11 win.

Katelyn Kurek played a key role at the service line.

Marathon 3, Wittenberg-Birnamwood 1

Wittenberg-Birnamwood's overall mark stands at 8-4 after a 3-1 dual loss to Marathon.

The Chargers were defeated 25-22, 25-13 before wining the third set 25-21. However, Marathon won the fourth set 25-15 for the match victory.

"We had a very up and down night," coach Becky New said. "Our effort and enthusiasm was great, and we had a magnificent night blocking by racking up 12. However, we dug ourselves some pretty big holes at the beginning of sets. Most of the time we recovered and climbed back into the match to make it competitive but not enough to win the set. If we can eliminate some of those mistakes and play a little more consistently, we will have a great season ahead of us."

Kaitlin Tuskowski led Wittenberg-Birnamwood with 15 serving attempts with two aces and four assists.

Makayla Meronk had six serving attempts with two aces as well as 12 digs. Kendyl Kessen chipped in with 11 serving attempts with two aces of her own.

Brie Ladika notched 20 serving attempts with one ace, and Evelyn Fletcher had 13 serving attempts with one ace, as well as 23 hitting attempts with five kills.

Melaina Granquist recorded 34 hitting attempts with seven kills, and 10 block kills.

Lily Metropulos contributed with 11 assists and 13 digs.

Sept. 5

Bonduel 3, Laona/Wabeno 1

Bonduel's volleyball team defeated a Division 4-ranked Laona/Wabeno in four thrilling sets.

Bonduel took the first set 25-15, lost the second set 24-26 and then rallied back to win the third and fourth sets 25-23 and 25-19.

Bonduel was led by Audrey Weier with 19 kills, 12 digs and three blocks and Juliana Jacobs with 13 kills and seven blocks.

Other strong contributors were Paige Niquette with 23 assists and Jayla Reinke with 15 assists. Josie Anvelink led the team in digs with 18.

Gresham 3, Bowler 0

Gresham topped Bowler in three straight sets at home 25-18, 25-22, 25-15.

Stats leaders for Gresham were Lexi Baddmoccosin-Barnes with six kills, 13 assists and seven service points; Rylie Kakwitch with seven kills, 11 digs and 15 service points; and Janay Pecore-Kirkland with seven service points and six kills.

Gresham improved to 1-1 in conference play at 2-2 overall.

Tigerton 3, White Lake 0

Tigerton defeated White Lake in a Central Wisconsin Conference North match winning three straight sets with scores of 25-13, 25-12 and 25-20.

Tallying digs were Sienna Breaker with 14, Jade Selle with 10, Aaliyah Lederhaus with eight, and Angel Welch and Danika Tiller with six each.

Tiller led the Tigers with 16 assists.

Presley Stewart-Rolfs set the pace with 10 kills, followed by Selle with eight, and Tiller, Lillian Welch and Lederhaus with thee each.

Stewart-Rolfs and Lederhaus each had one block kill.

Angel Welch tallied 11 service points and two aces. Breaker had nine and an ace, Stewart-Rolfs notched eight service points and three aces, Lederhaus had seven service points and three aces, and Selle notched six with three aces.

Oconto Falls 3, Waupaca 2

Xavier 3, Shawano 0

Suring 3, Oneida Nation 0

Marathon 3, Wittenberg-Birnamwood 1

Sept. 3

Bonduel 3, Crandon 0

Bonduel defeated Crandon in three straight sets: 25-8, 25-13 and 25-19.

Bonduel was led by Audrey Weier with nine kills and 11 digs. Josie Anvelink and Audrey Jacobs chipped in six kills each. Paige Niquette had 13 assists and Jayla Reinke had four aces.

Tigerton 3, Marion 0

Tigerton defeated Marion in a CWC North match. They won in three straight sets with scores of 25-8, 25-23 and 25-22.

Aaliyah Lederhaus led the Tigers with 15 digs, followed by Sienna Breaker with 12, Danika Tiller with nine, and Jade Selle and Angel Welch with eight each.

Tiller had 13 assists, while Breaker had two.

As for kills, Presley Stewart-Rolfs led with eight, Selle had five, and Lillian Welch notched four.

Breaker scored 13 service points with three aces, and Stewart-Rolfs had six points.

Tigerton is 1-0 in CWC North play and 4-2 overall.

Northland Lutheran 3, Gresham 1

Gresham fell to 1-2 overall after a 3-1 loss to Northland Lutheran. Scores were 16-25, 23-25, 25-15, 23-25.

Lexi Baddmoccosin-Barnes had 12 assists, eight kills and seven digs. Rylie Kakwitch had 10 kills and 16 digs. Janay Pecore-Kirkland sacred nine kills and 10 digs, and Kiara Cornelius had nine assists.

Aug. 31

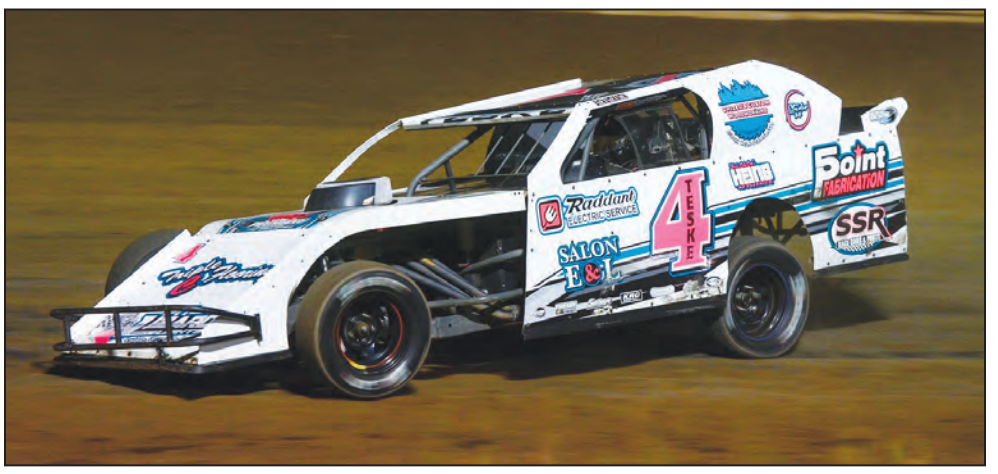
Omro Invite

Bonduel won the Omro Invite, going 5-0 on the day.

Bonduel defeated Eastbrook Academy, Westfield and Wild Rose all 2-0 in pool play. They then went on to beat Omro in bracket play 2-0 to make it into the championship match.

They ended up winning the championship match 2-1 over Saint Mary Catholic in a very close match.

Shawano Speedway champions



Jeffrey Teske, pictured above, won the IMCA sport modifieds championship at the Shawano Speedway in 2024. Other title winners were Jordan Barkholtz, late models; Jordan Bartz, IMCA modifieds; Trent Nolan, IMCA stock cars; and Dalton Nelson, Mighty 4s. CONTRIBUTED

Hawks go 1-1 at Mosinee tourney

Sept. 7

Mosinee Tournament

Shawano 5, Mosinee 1

The Hawks opened action at the Mosinee Tournament with a 5-1 win over their hosts.

Ruben De Gaspari scored two goals for Shawano. Also scoring were Warner Beyer, Grayson Swedberg and Brayden Mead. Dylan Gartner notched one assist.

Communication was key for the team as they battled through some injuries for the win.

Shawano 2, Northland Pines 2

Shawano battled hard against a senior-led Northland Pines squad. With a late blooper from Pines, the Hawks ended the day in a 2-2 tie. Goals were scored by Beyer and De Gaspari.

Shawano's record is 3-1-1.

Pulaski 0, West De Pere 0

The Red Raiders and Phantoms played to a scoreless tie in a non-conference game.

Pulaski (3-0-2) did not allow a shot on goal from West De Pere (0-3-1) but were unable to break through the Phantoms' defense for a winner.

Sam Van Price made five saves in goal for West De Pere for the shutout.

Sept. 5

Pulaski 1, Hortonville 0

Pulaski scored one goal 22 minutes into the first half, and that was all that mattered in the 1-0 non-conference win over Hortonville.

Maddox McKeefry scored on an assist from Nolan Pratt.

The game was called at the start of the second half due to severe weather. By rule, since one half was completed, the result became official. Josh Roth made three saves in goal for Pulaski (4-0-1). Grant Decker made three saves in goal for Hortonville (2-1-1).

Shawano 1, Waupaca 0

A one-score game gave Shawano its second win of the season, as the Hawks are now 2-1 overall.

Shawano defeated Waupaca 1-0 at Waupaca.

This game was an absolute thriller with a tied score of 0-0 going into the 70th minute.

With 10 minutes left ,Warner Beyer scored Shawano's lone goal. Josh Lesperance set up the goal by taking the penalty late in the game

Ryan Buerman and his defense of Kody Popelka, Cooper Boucher and Wyatt Schroeder delivered the first official shutout of the season.

Pacelli/Iola-Scandinavia 8, Gresham/Bowler 1

Gresham/Bowler dropped to 0-2 in the Central Wisconsin Conference standings after losing 8-1 to Pacelli/Iola-Scandinavia (1-1 in conference).

Sept. 3

Pulaski 5, Sturgeon Bay 0

The Red Raiders rolled to a 5-0 win over the host Clippers of Sturgeon Bay in non-conference action.

Pulaski jumped on the board early with a goal in the second minute from Hudson Schultz. Maddox McKeefry scored in the 17th minute to give the Red Raiders a 2-0 halftime advantage.

The lead doubled to four off of two early goals to open the second half. McKeefry got his second of the game in the 45th minute with an assist from Nolan Pratt, and Riley Crocker notched a goal in the 49th minute with the help of AJ Schenk. Schultz got his second goal of the game in the final minutes.

Pulaski (3-0-1) outshot Sturgeon Bay 11-5. Josh Roth had five saves in goal for Pulaski. Ross Spritka made four saves in goal for Sturgeon Bay (2-3-0).

Shawano 4, Merrill 1

The Hawks got their first win of the season, a 4-1 non-conference victory over Merrill.

Warner Beyer scored two goals, while Grayson Swedberg and Ruben De Gaspari each scored one.

Ryan Buerman and his defense of Kody Popelka, Cooper Boucher, and Wyatt Schroeder delivered a shutout during their time together.

Northland Lutheran 10, Gresham/Bowler 0

Gresham/Bowler opened the 2024 season with a 10-0 loss to Central Wisconsin Conference foe Northland Lutheran.

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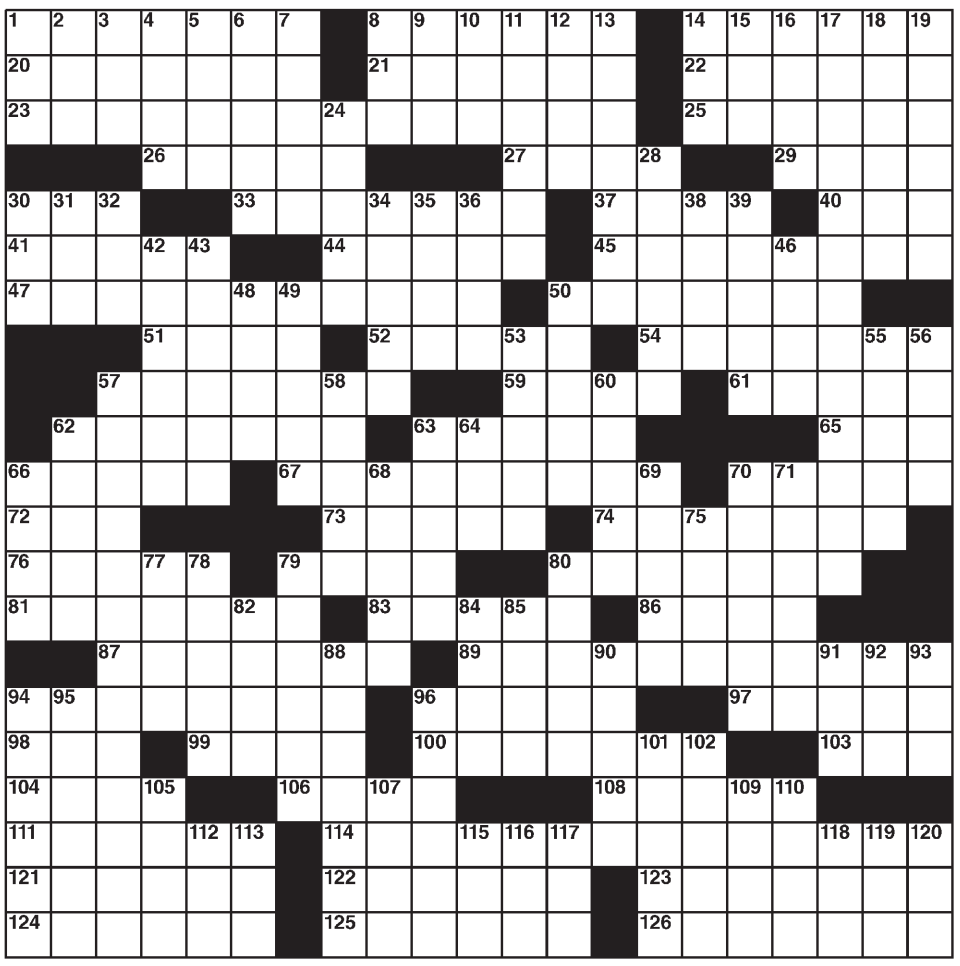

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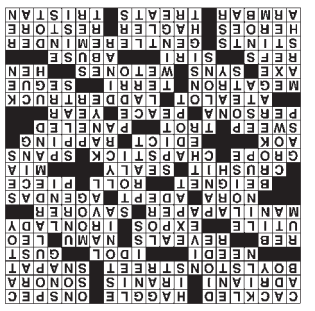

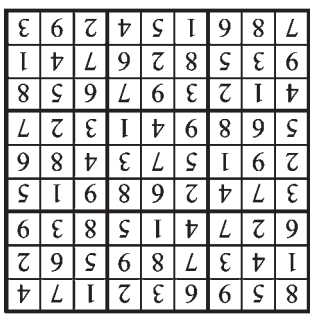

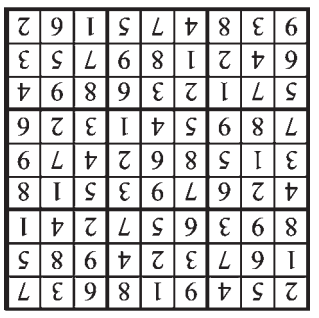

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OBITUARIES

Elaine J. Stage

Elaine J. Stage, 69, of Suring, passed away on Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2024.

Elaine was born on July 8, 1955, to the late Earl and Eunice (Firgens) School. She graduated from Suring High School with the class of 1973.

On June 28, 1974, Elaine married Stephen Stage at St. John Catholic Church in Gillett. The couple spent 36 loving years together before his passing on Dec. 5, 2010.

Elaine was a devoted mother and hardworking woman. She worked for Nu-Line and the canning factory before retiring from Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya after 10 years as camp

manager.

During retirement, Elaine loved being able to babysit her grandchildren. She greatly enjoyed spending time with her family and cooking them meals. Elaine always made sure no one left her house hungry. She was very kind and welcoming, offering a smile to everyone she met. She also enjoyed spending time outside gardening, cutting firewood and picking raspberries.

Elaine was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Breed. Her faith was very important to her, and she wanted everyone to know the Lord. Elaine would often say, "Life is good here, and it's good there; either way we can't go wrong."

Elaine is survived by her two sons, Jason "Gomer" (Trisha) Stage and Kurt "Burt" (Amie) Stage; four daughters, Bobbi (Trevor) Zadow, Billie (Shannon) Flynn, Michelle (Paul) Thomson and Carrie Stage; sisters, LuAnn (Brian) Huebner and Kris (Ron) Christensen; brothers, Marty (Jane) School, Mike (Debbie) School, Steve (Sheelagh) School, Rich (Jane) School and Russ (Angie) School; 16 grandchildren, Shae Stage, Nash Stage, Sharlese Stage, Brandon Zadow, Brookelyn Zadow, Cheyenne Flynn, Dyllan Flynn, Mariah Stage, Bella Westphal, Beau Stage, Angie Isadore, Hailey (fiancé Ian Grosskopf) Thomson, Trent Thomson, Grant Thomson, Gage Krueger and Christian Krueger. She is further survived by many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Stephen; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Henry and Dixie (Wood) Stage.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, Sept. 7, 2024, at Gruetzmacher Funeral Home in Suring from 4-7 p.m. Visitation will resume on Sunday, Sept. 8, 2024, at Gruetzmacher Funeral Home from 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. The funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. at Red Maple Country Club in Suring with Pastor Steven Stoll officiating.

The family asks that everyone wear bright, colorful clothing to honor Elaine's life. Elaine will be interred at Breed Union Cemetery beside Stephen. A meal will follow at Red Maple Country Club in Suring.

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

Gruetzmacher Funeral Home & Cremation Services

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MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE - Public Works Laborer

The Village of Suring is seeking an individual for the Public Works Department, including streets, parks, water & waste water departments & all municipal properties & equipment. The position requires working some weekends, on a schedule, as well as potential for after-hours calls for sewer, water & snow emergencies.

Candidate should hold or be able to obtain a CDL License, and have, or be willing to obtain, the required water & waste water operator licenses. This is a full-time working position with a generous benefit package. Salary will be based on experience. Candidate is to be a self-motivated individual with a strong work ethic.

Job application and job description available from the Village Clerk's office at 604 E. Main Street, Suring, Wisconsin, or online at www.ci.suring.wi.us/employment-opportunities.

A completed application and resume must be received by Noon, Friday, September 20, 2024.

VILLAGE OF SURING
Attn: Village Clerk
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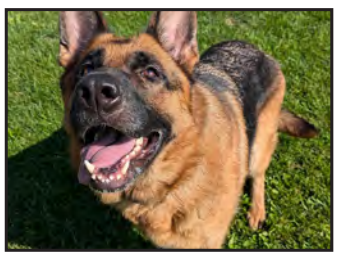

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Meet Lady. She is a 5 year old German Shepherd looking for her forever home. Lady enjoys the outdoors and is an athletic curious dog. She is potty trained and is settling into a shelter routine. She requires a single dog home and would benefit from adopters with shepherd experience.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT SHAWANO COUNTY
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Plaintiff, Case No. 23-CV-168
vs. NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

ALLEN A. REED
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OCONTO FALLS, WI 54154
JAIME L. REED
N5784 GREEN VALLEY RD.
OCONTO FALLS, WI 54154
Defendants.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered on January 15, 2024 in the amount of $33,422.19 the Sheriff will sell the described premises at public auction as follows:
TIME: October 9, 2024 at 9:00 am
TERMS: Pursuant to said judgment, 10% of the successful bid must be paid to the sheriff at the sale in cash, cashier's check or certified funds, payable to the Shawano County Clerk of Courts. (Personal checks cannot and will not be accepted). The balance of the successful bid must be paid to the clerk of courts in cash, cashier's check or certified funds no later than ten days after the court's confirmation for the sale or else the 10% down payment is forfeited to the plaintiff. The property is sold 'as is' and subject to all liens and encumbrances. PLACE: Shawano County Courthouse, main lobby 311 N. Main Street in Shawano, WI 54166 in Shawano County

DESCRIPTION: LOT 1 OF CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP NO. 1281 RECORDED IN VOLUME 4 OF CERTIFIED SURVEYS, PAGES 375-376 AS DOCUMENT NO. 479516, BEING BLOCK 6 OF THE PLAT OF THE VILLAGE OF GREEN VALLEY, LOCATED IN THE SOUTHWEST OF THE SOUTHWEST, SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 27 NORTH, RANGE 18 EAST, TOWN OF GREEN VALLEY, SHAWANO COUNTY, WISCONSIN. THIS IS NOT A PURCHASE MONEY MORTGAGE THIS IS THE HOMESTEAD OF MORTGAGOR PROPERTY ADDRESS: N5784 Green Valley Road Oconto Falls, WI 54154
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Julie Mueller, Procurement Manager
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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY ANN BEAZLEY
DOD: 05/15/2024
Amended
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 24 PR 51
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 09/11/1944 and date of death 05/15/2024 , was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin , with a mailing address of 1255 S. Waukechon, Apt. 2, Shawano, WI 54166 .
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is [Date] November 14, 2024 .
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse,
311 N. Main Street, Shawano ,
Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate Office .
Michael C. Meyer, Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 178, 111 Grant Street
Marion, WI 54950
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NOTICE OF JOINT REVIEW BOARD MEETING REGARDING THE 2023 TID ANNUAL REPORT

FOR TAX INCREMENTAL DISTRICTS (TID) NUMBER 3 AND NUMBER 4IN THE CITY OF GILLETT, WISCONSIN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the City of Gillett will hold a Joint Review Board (JRB) meeting on Sept. 26, 2024, at 3:30 p.m. at the Gillett City Hall, located at 150 N. McKenzie Ave. The purpose of this meeting is for the JRB to review the TID Annual Report for TIDs 3 and 4. The meeting is open to the public. Copies of the TID Annual Report(s) are available for review in the Clerk's office located at the Gillett City Hall, 150 N. McKenzie Ave. and will be provided upon request. Arrangements for either inspection or receipt of a copy of the annual report may be made by contacting the City Clerk, 150 N. McKenzie Ave, Gillett, WI; phone 920-855-2255. Dated this 12 th day of September 2024
Chelsea Anderson Clerk

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Milo's issues eggs recall

Milo's Poultry Farms LLC of Bonduel is recalling all Milo's Poultry Farms and Tony's Fresh Market branded eggs, because the eggs have the potential to be contaminated with salmonella.

Salmonella is an organism that can have serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems.

Milo's Poultry Farms' eggs were distributed in Wisconsin, Illinois and Michigan through retail stores and foodservice distributors.

This recall includes:

- All carton sizes and all egg types labeled with Mike's Poultry Farms, all expiration dates.
- All carton sizes of Tony's Fresh Market branded eggs, all expiration dates.
- All cases of eggs for foodservice distributors, all expiration dates.

This recall was initiated after the U.S. Food and Drug Administration informed the company that environmental samples tested positive for the bacteria. .

Milo's Poultry Farms has ceased production and distribution at this time and will undergo appropriate testing and sanitizing of farms and processing equipment.

Consumers who have purchased Milo's Poultry Farms or Tony's Fresh Market eggs are asked not to consume them. Consumers with questions can call the company at 715-758-6709.

NOTICE FOR ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING
Pulaski Community School District [
Sec. 120.08 (1)]

Notice is hereby given to qualified electors of the Pulaski Community School District, that the budget hearing and annual meeting of said district for the transaction of business will be held in the Meeting Room at the Pulaski District Office on the third Wednesday of September, being September 18, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. A copy of the proposed 2024-2025 budget can be viewed on our website: https://www.pulaskischools.org/business/district-budget.

Dated this 29th day of August 2024
Dennis Kaminski/District Clerk

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Georgia Zernicke stands with Oreo, the goat that belonged to her sister, Chloe Zernicke. Chloe died May 15 from an ATV accident. Her goat generated $40,000 in contributions to her memorial fund from businesses at the Shawano County Fair livestock auction. SHAWANO COUNTY HOLSTEIN ASSOCIATION

Goat auction raises $40K for Bonduel teen's memorial fund

The Chloe Zernicke Memorial Fund was the beneficiary of $40,000 from businesses at the livestock auction at the Shawano County Fair.

Chloe died May 15 from an ATV accident. She was 13.

CHLOE ZERNICKE

Her goat Oreo, which she was going to show at the county fair, was shown by her sister, Georgia. Initially sold for $5,000, the goat was returned to the auctioneer and sold again for $5,500. After that, 53 businesses stepped forward, each donating $500. Another business gave $1,000, and a final business offered $2,000.

Chloe loved horses and goats and was active in 4-H. Her team won first place in the state last year. She was proud to have made the Shawano County Drill Team for the first time.

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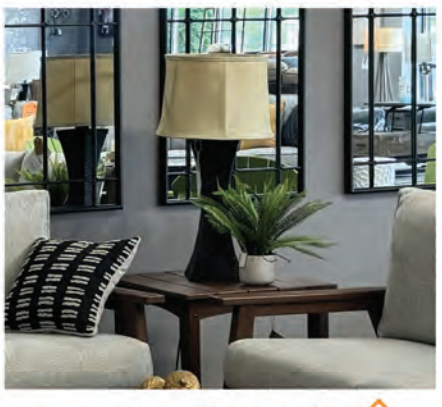

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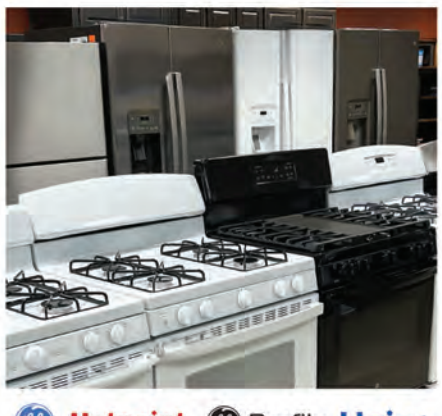

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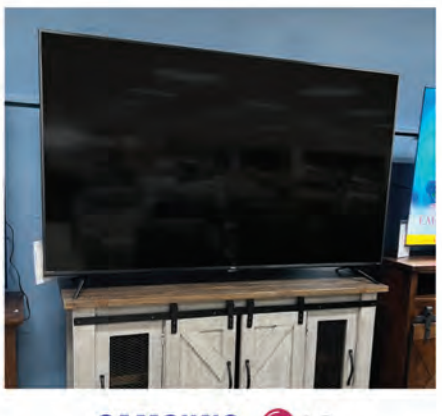

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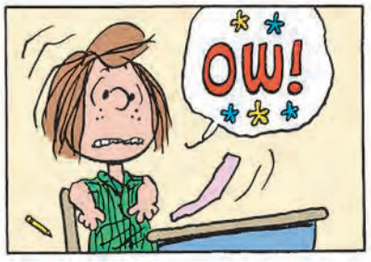

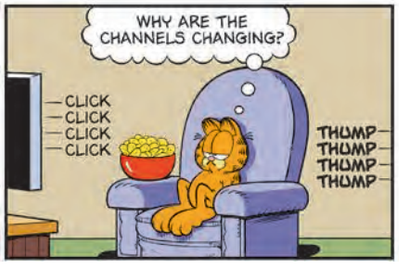

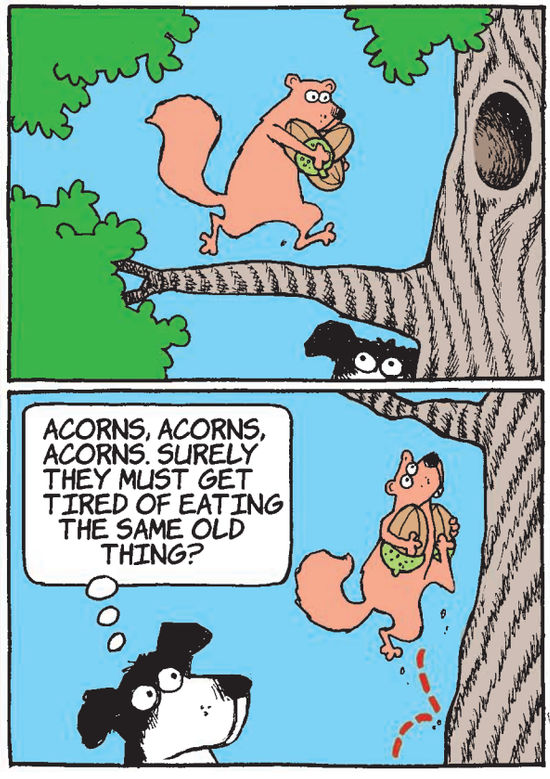

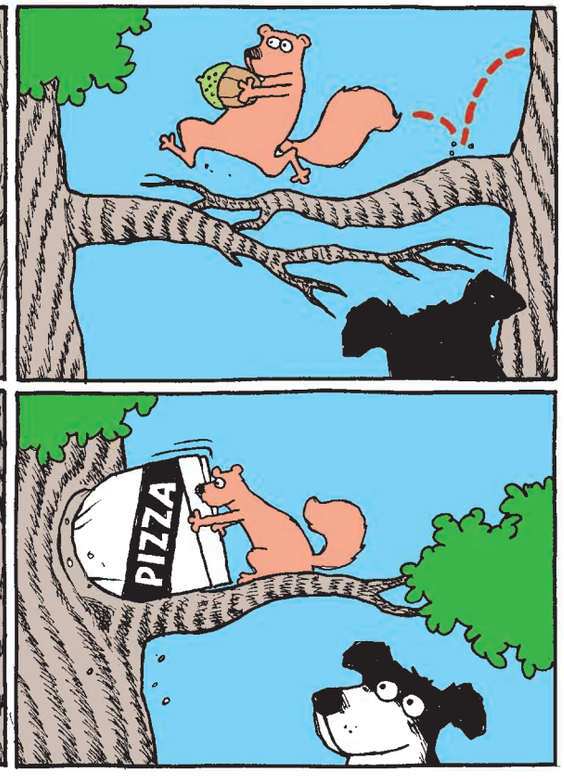

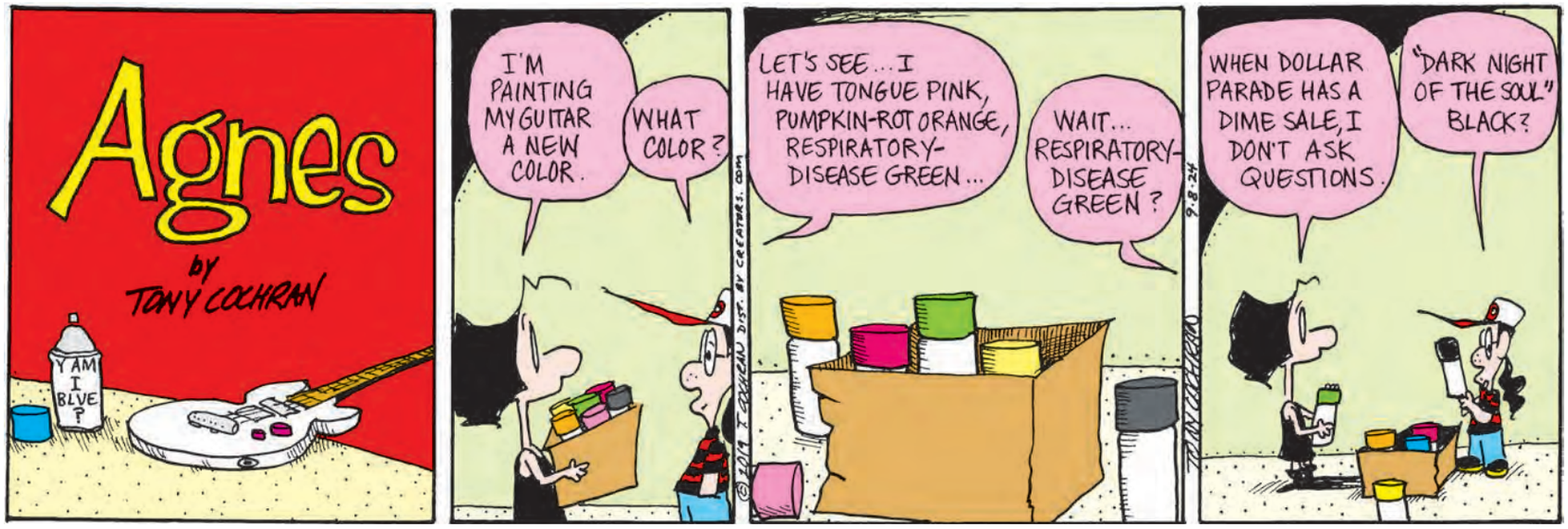
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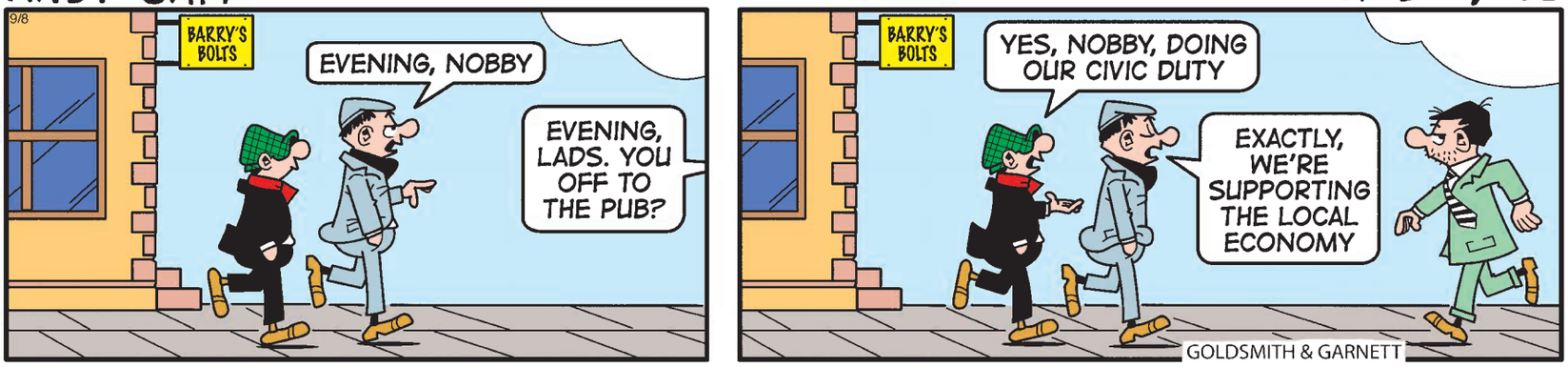

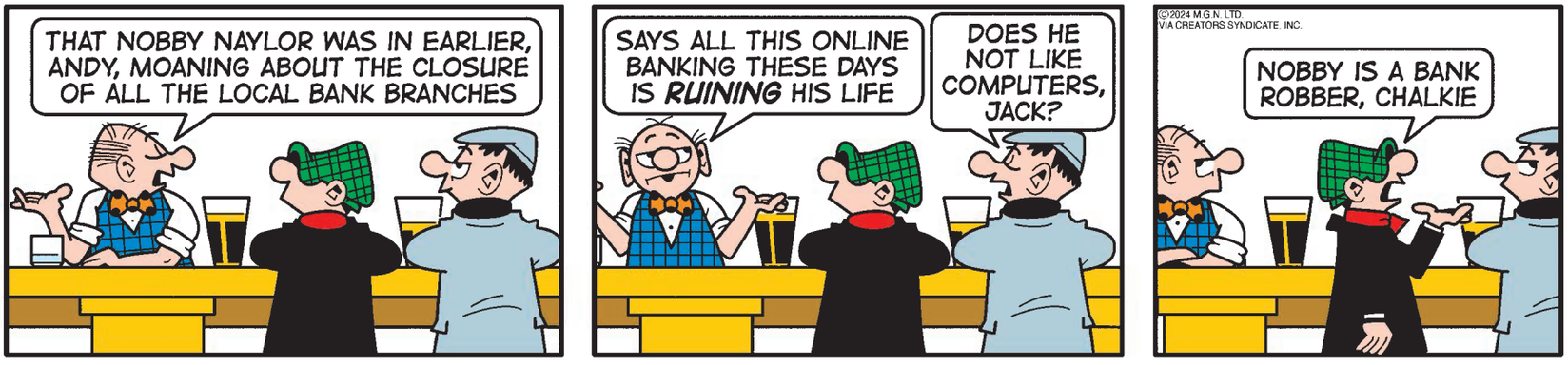

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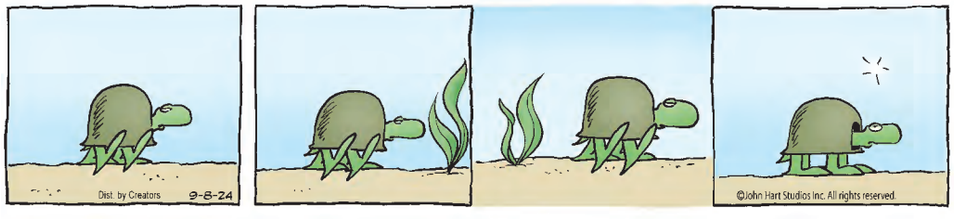

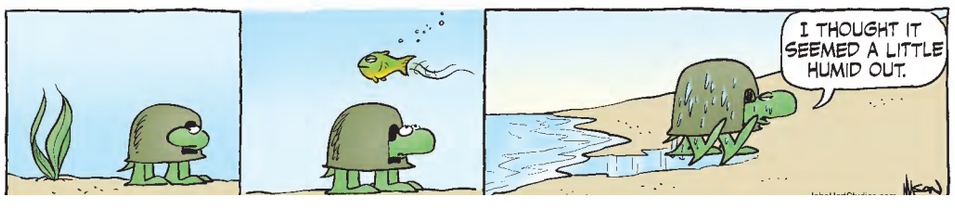

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Young guns: Find ideal hunting bows, crossbows, firearms for youth hunters

BY ROSS BIELEMA
Correspondent

Brock Smejkal still remembers the sting of the 20-gauge single-shot shotgun he used to fire the slug that killed his first deer.

"I was afraid of recoil when I was a kid, too," Smejkal said.

He later switched to a .243 rifle after Wisconsin deer hunting laws changed to legalize centerfire rifles in all counties, and that bolt-action didn't pack quite the same wallop.

Now he's 21 and co-manager (along with Jesse Ketterhorn) of Butch's Archery and Outdoor Sports in Embarrass, helping youths and adults alike find just the right firearms, bows and crossbows to fit their bodies and needs.

On Sept. 3 and with less than two weeks to go before the Sept. 14 archery and crossbow deer opener, both staffers were helping a steady stream of customers and replacing strings, cables and other equipment on bows and crossbows.

Up at Lena Swamp Archery in Oconto Falls, owner Wade Jeske and his son, sales manager James Jeske, were doing the same thing.

Both Jeskes shared their expertise on finding the ideal hunting tools for young hunters. Many youth compound bows are also ideal for some women, who also have shorter arms (and therefore draw lengths) and less strength (so less draw weight).

Butch's also carries a wide selection of firearms and ammunition, including youth guns. Lena Swamp Archery does not carry firearms.

When it comes to a mild recoil (more commonly called "kick"), the .243, 7mm-08 and .350 Legend are top choices for youngsters, Smejkal said.

Several gun makers offer low-cost, bolt-action rifles with stock spacers that can be removed or added as the child grows, accommodating arms of different lengths. Most youth guns are also suited to more petite women. Smejkal showed off a Winchester XPR bolt-action youth gun in the straightwall .350 Legend, a relatively new cartridge recently allowed in some states (like Iowa and Illinois) that previously only allowed shotguns.

Savage offers Axis 2 and 110 Models with removable stock spacers, and includes a scope for $650. Many makers are offering such value-priced "package" guns with a scope for those on a tight budget.

If Dad or Grandpa wants to hand down a time-worn .270 or 30-06, there's the option of reduced-recoil ammo. Several ammunition manufacturers offer these softer loads that won't beat up the delicate shoulders of a child. Just make sure the length of pull — the distance from the trigger to the buttplate of the stock — fits the young shooter well. A stock that's too long won't allow the user to get a firm fit in the pocket of the shoulder, and that leads to painful recoil.

Children and some women who are recoil-sensitive have another option, too. With the statewide legalization of crossbows for all ages in 2014, pro shops have seen a huge increase in crossbow sales. In most cases, archery shops are selling more crossbows than compound bows. The compact crossbow is a perfect choice for anyone who doesn't like the noise and kick of a rifle, Smejkal said.

Wade Jeske said the crossbow is also perfect for young or female bowhunters who are struggling to shoot more than 35 or 40 pounds of draw weight, which could lead to more wounded deer. Most crossbows, even the compact ones, are shooting faster than 300 feet per second, which typically will shoot all the way through a deer's chest and create a quickly fatal hole.

Young archers have never had a bigger selection of compound bows than now. Ever-advancing technology has seen compact marvels that are as short as 27 inches axle to axle (compound bows use cams and cables to create a reduced hold weight similar to a pulley). Leading the way among youth bows is Bear Archery, one of the oldest bow brands that was founded by Fred Bear in 1933.

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Brock Smejkal, co-manager of Butch's Archery and Outdoor Sports in Embarrass, shows off two options for young hunters: a Savage rifle with an adjustable stock and a Bear Royale compound bow that can be adjusted from five to 50 pounds of draw weight and reduced-recoil ammunition for less kick in the shoulder. Smejkal and co-manager Jesse Ketterhoven are busy getting bows and crossbows ready for the Sept. 14 archery deer opener. ROSS BIELEMA

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Enroll in hunter education and get ready for fall hunting in Wisconsin. WISCONSIN DNR

Are young hunters ready for hunter ed class?

By ROSS BIELEMA
Correspondent

When is your son, daughter, grandson or granddaughter ready take a hunter safety class so they can carry a firearm, bow or crossbow on their own?

This is a simple question that often has no easy answers, but patience and empathy are the keys.

I've taught hunter education classes since the mid-1980s, first in Iowa and then in Wisconsin, with more than 20 years in Iola and Waupaca. I've had the privilege of working with one of the largest volunteer instructor groups in the state, led by the capable and award-winning chief instructor, Paul Piencikowski.

I sought out the expert advice of Piencikowski and our Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources outdoor skills trainer, Kayla Sasse of the Green Bay office, who coordinates the paperwork and equipment needed for our Waupaca Hunter Safety Group to field train and test as many as 120 students at a time.

Piencikowski, now in his 15th year as a volunteer instructor, has coordinated more than 100 classes with more than 4,800 students. His group has won Hunter Education Group of the Year honors several times, and the class draws students from as far away as Illinois and Michigan because of its reputation (hunter ed classes have reciprocity in all 50 states).

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When I first taught Wisconsin traditional classes in Iola, our group there was under the false impression that we couldn't fail any student, so we didn't. If a youngster had clear attention problems or otherwise did something wrong, we'd tell the parent about it but then send him or her on their way with a passing grade. This was not only a disservice to the child and family, but also a potential safety issue as this immature or inattentive charge now went afield with a loaded firearm.

Piencikowski's group, which teaches the internet field course, typically fails about 10% of their students. There is a minimum grade on the written test, but the most likely culprit for failing is either sweeping someone with the muzzle of a gun or putting their finger on the trigger. TAB-K is drummed into students' heads throughout the day, and is a simple way to remember four fundamental gun safety rules that would prevent most mishaps if obeyed.

The internet field course is the hands-on portion of the DNR's online hunter ed course, available to anyone for free on their website. The $10 field course teaches safe fence crossings, zones of fire, types of firearms actions, loading and unloading, tree stand safety and overall safe gun handling under the watchful eye of many instructors.

Paul Piencikowski, chief instructor of a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resource volunteer hunter education group that has taught more than 4,800 students, leads a class at the First Assembly of God Church in Waupaca. Maturity, not age, is a key factor in determining if your child is ready for a hunter safety class, he advised.

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The students then test one-on-one to prove what they've learned.

Piencikowski became an instructor shortly after taking a traditional course with his daughter in 2009.

"During one of the teaching sessions, the instructor placed an overhead on the projector and said, 'You can't see this, but if you could ...' These were the exact words I heard nearly 30 years earlier when I had attended hunter education," he said. "I felt that there had to be a more effective way to instruct."

The internet course alone is enough to obtain a hunter safety certificate for those age 18 and up, but it's recommended that everyone takes a field course. During COVID, the state briefly allowed even youngsters to take the online course alone, and Piencikowski's group rallied in Madison to argue against what they felt was an irresponsible and unsafe practice.

Although there's no minimum age limit to take a class, "Curriculum is written at a sixth grade level, and your student will need to be able to comprehend the material and read and pass a written exam," Sasse noted.

Piencikowski puts it this way: "Students under the age of 12 have huge challenges to overcome as the program is designed for the comprehension and physical capabilities of a 12-year old. However, safety is not a factor of age but rather responsibility. Students must understand the magnitude of the responsibility it takes to handle a firearm safely under all circumstances from the moment they pick it up until they set it down."

It's not just about pulling the trigger, he added.

"They need constant awareness of what is in their hands, where their hands are and where the muzzle is pointed at all times," he said. "The moment a person loses focus, they create an unsafe situation."

Mentor hunting — hunting with an adult hunter safety graduate — is an option for anyone who is both too young and immature for a class or even for an adult who hasn't yet learned the safety basics, Sasse noted.

"You can still hunt with your young kid even if they haven't taken hunter safety," she said. "They're required to be on a mentor license until they turn 12 anyway, so there's no need to rush it. And even at 12 and 13 years old, they need to be accompanied within sight and voice distance, so they can't go out truly on their own until they're 14."

This explains the mentor hunting program in detail: https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/Education/OutdoorSkills/mentor.

Parents or other adults can start their youngsters well before an official class to learn TAB-K and carry a BB or toy gun.

"It's never too early to start working on firearm safety at home. Have them start memorizing TAB-K and make them recite it every time you do any shooting," Sasse said. "Practice not only target shooting with a BB gun (or toy gun), but also walking around 'hunting' with it, reinforcing how to keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction at all times."

Parents sometimes force their kids to take a class before they are ready, and this contributes to the failure rate, Piencikowski noted.

"This results in myself personally guiding students and parents through the unsuccessful experience," he said. "At best, it is emotionally devastating for the student. At worst, the student is turned off to anything relating to firearms. We do not experience joy in failing any student, but if we have to make a choice between keeping people happy and keeping people safe, we will default to safety every time. Parents, if your child fails, please do not take it as a personal attack on you. Rather, recognize that instructors want to keep you and the public safe."

The failed test can become a positive "teachable moment" that a parent can use to work on until the next class.

If your child is constantly misplacing things or has difficulty staying focused on tasks for long periods, they may not be ready for a class, or the more important responsibility of carrying a loaded firearm, he advised.

Start here to find a hunter ed class: https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/Education/OutdoorSkills/safetyEducation.

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DID YOU KNOW?

TAB-K stands for

- Treat every firearm as if it were loaded.
- Always point your muzzle (end of the barrel) in a safe direction.
- Be sure of your target and what's in front of and behind it.
- Keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot.

Avoid tree stand tragedies with safety tips

Tree stand accidents are a leading cause of hunting-related injuries, with 300-500 fatalities annually in the U.S., according to the International Hunter Education Association. As archery and crossbow deer hunting season begins this fall, prioritizing safety is essential.

"You're much more likely to get injured from a fall than a gunshot wound," said Dr. Michael Clark, EMS medical director with Aspirus MedEvac. "It's a concern that we should definitely take precautions to avoid."

Falls from tree stands can lead to severe injuries, including fractures and potentially life-threatening conditions.

"Many of these injuries are orthopedic, including wrist, ankle and femur fractures," Clark said, while also emphasizing the risk of head, neck, chest and abdominal injuries. "The higher up you go, the more likely you are to sustain a significant injury."

Falls from heights of more than 10 feet, which is common with most tree stands, tend to result in more severe injuries.

To ensure a safe hunting experience, Clark and Joseph Mulrooney, a recreation warden with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), provide the following tree stand safety practices:

Joseph Mulrooney, a recreation warden with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), said the best ways to prevent tree stand falls is to stay connected to the tree with a tree strap and to wear a safety harness.
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• Stay connected. "Every year, we have dozens of people falling out of trees, which is why we highly recommend staying connected to the tree with a tree strap," said Mulrooney. A tree strap will provide stability while climbing to prevent falls.

• Wear safety harnesses. Wearing a safety harness is critical when using a tree stand. "Not wearing a safety harness is one of the most common reasons we see people falling out of tree stands," Mulrooney said.

• Inspect gear. Inspect your tree stands and related equipment before the season for any wear or damage. "I highly recommend people go out in August or September to make sure your straps are in good shape," said Mulrooney, noting that straps can develop tears or bites from rodents in the offseason. "Straps are cheap. A broken leg isn't."

• Use haul lines. Avoid carrying gear while climbing. Instead, use haul lines to lift equipment safely.

• Know your location. Using a GPS app can provide precise coordinates if needed in an emergency.

They also offer these emergency preparedness tips:

• Develop a safety plan. "Make sure your family knows where you are and when you plan to be back so if something were to happen and you don't return, they know where to look for you," said Clark, stressing the importance of having a clear safety plan before heading out to hunt.

• Prepare for communication. Keep your cell phone fully charged and be familiar with key landmarks. "Many times a text message can go through when a regular phone call can't," Clark said. Text someone and have them make the 911 call for you.

• Bring a first aid kit. Equip yourself with a comprehensive first aid kit, including essentials like a tourniquet and wound-packing materials.

• Assess your situation. If you find yourself injured and alone, Clark advises performing "a quick head-to-toe assessment of yourself." Understanding the severity of your injuries can help you communicate your condition effectively to rescuers.

• Stay in place. In the event of an injury, remaining in place may be your safest option. Conserve energy and avoid worsening your condition while waiting for help to arrive.

By following these safety guidelines and expert recommendations, hunters can significantly reduce the risk of injury and ensure a safe hunting season.

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Wade Jeske, right, owner of Lena Swamp Archery in Oconto Falls, and his son, sales manager James Jeske, are fans of Bear Archery compound bows for young hunters because of their wide range of adjustments and low cost. Their shop received a top 100 dealer award from Bear Archery last year. CONTRIBUTED

"Fred Bear (Archery) is in a league by themselves," Jeske said, referring to their extensive youth bow offerings.

One way to determine an archer's draw length is to measure the "wingspan" from outstretched fingertip to fingertip, then cut that distance in half. Jeske noted that for every two inches of vertical growth, a child typically gains one inch of draw length. A pro shop will use a calibrated arrow for an exact measurement.

Both Jeske and Smejkal recommend the Bear Royale for younger kids (ages 5-7 or so) and the Bear Legit for kids a bit older. Both bows are extremely adjustable (the Royale has draw lengths from 12-27 inches and five to 50 pounds of draw weight, while the Legit boasts 14-30 inches of draw and 10-70 pounds of draw weight). Both could easily be used by adults for deer hunting.

Both moadels represent great value because their low price (the 27-inch Royale is about $300 and the 30-inch Legit is about $400) includes an arrow rest, sight, stabilizer and quiver, which all are often extra on adult bows.

The elder Jeske also noted that these youth bows hold their value, because they fit so many shooters and are top-sellers with his female customers, too.

Other good choices for youngsters include the Diamond Pro 305 (a pro shop only model), Elite Ember, Mathews Image and Prima, and Bow Tech, Smejkal said. The latter brand is among the easiest to adjust, too, he noted.

Youth models typically have cams (wheels) designed for smooth shooting, with slightly less speed than more expensive adult models, Smejkal added. But set to higher weights, they can still shoot an arrow around 300 feet per second or more.

Both shops have indoor ranges for fine-tuning a bow. The elder Jeske said he's catered to youth archers since his shop opened in 1998, with free shooting for kids up to age 18 indoors and a nearby outdoor range with two elevated platforms. His shop has more than 400 kids enjoying April and May leagues, and he supports archery programs for Boy Scouts, middle and high school kids in Oconto Falls, the Shawano County 4-H Shooting Sports program and special needs youths.

"You've got to keep them shooting," he said.

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Some fall hunting seasons already open with more to follow

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reminds hunters to prepare for the opening of several hunting seasons in September. Hunters can once again head to Wisconsin's wild spaces as these seasons open across the state.

There are six dates throughout September when seasons open. Hunters are encouraged to double-check season dates and that they have acquired all necessary licenses and stamps before going out for a hunt.

Already open as of Sept. 1 are seasons for the common gallinule, early Canada goose, early teal, mourning dove, rail and snipe.

Bear season opened Sept. 4.

Coming up and set to open Sept. 14 are seasons for cottontail rabbit (Northern Zone), deer (archery and crossbow), ruffed grouse (Zone A), squirrels, turkey and youth waterfowl.

Regular goose season opens Sept. 16.

Seasons for duck in the Northern Zone and woodcock open Sept. 21, while duck season in the Southern Zone will open Sept. 28.

The DNR also reminds hunters of mobile-friendly online resources — including hunting regulations, season dates, hunting hours and more — available on the DNR's hunting webpage.

Hunters can find information on species population levels and hunting opportunities on the DNR's fall hunting forecasts.

A list of public lands open to hunting is available using the public access lands webpage. This web resource lets hunters plan their next adventure from the comfort of their home.

The fields and forest lands interactive game bird hunting tool provides hunters information on managed dove fields, as well as habitat for hunting ruffed grouse and woodcock.

Anyone born on or after Jan. 1, 1973, must have a hunter education certification to purchase a hunting license unless hunting under the Mentored Hunting Law.

Learn more about safe hunting in Wisconsin and register to take a hunter education course on the DNR website.

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