



The intersection of state Highway 117 and County Road BE sees a healthy amount of traffic during the late morning hours of Aug. 8 as new signals keep things moving through the village.

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Highway 117 project in Bonduel finishes on time



The state Highway 117 project ended at Mutzy Lane in the village of Bonduel as seen from the Mountain Bay Trail crossing, and traffic is returning to the village on Aug. 8.

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Traffic patterns return to normal with signal installation

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

After four months of barricades, detour signs and orange barrels, folks in Bonduel can take any road they choose to get to their destination.

The village announced Aug. 6 on its Facebook page that state Highway 117 was fully open to traffic, with the last item being the traffic lights returning to the intersection at County Road BE. It did not take long for the highway to become busy again, a welcome sight to businesses and homes along the route that had been impacted by the work.

Besides the new pavement and sig-

Public safety committee sticks to guns

Panel prefers differential pay rather than increasing ranks

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

Members of the Shawano County Public Safety Committee believe it's wiser to offer differential pay for night and weekend work than it is to hire additional staff.

Wiser, and easier to accomplish. "It's a no-brainer," Supervisor Tess Serrano said at a meeting Aug. 7. "You can't fill (the new positions), so why ask for them? You aren't going to find two additional positions for the jail and for dispatch before you find somebody who's willing to take 50 cents more an hour to work whatever shift."

In July, the committee recommended the Executive Committee consider a differential of 50 cents an hour for staff who are scheduled to work nights or weekends. This would cost \$30,825 for jail staff and \$12,592 for dispatchers.

Instead, the Executive Committee said the solution is to add one full-time employee to each unit to allow for more flexibility in scheduling.

Chief Deputy Ty Raddant told the Public Safety Committee that option would cost about \$167,000 per year compared to the differential pay of about \$43,000.

"I don't believe ... adding more workers is the answer to our problem," he said. "I think it's unrealistic to think that (we can add) more people when we can't even fill the openings that we have."

The last time the jail was at full staff was 2014.

"To add another one isn't going to do anything," Raddant said. "We can't fill what we have open now. We have the same thing with dispatch. We're trying to fill one right now. We have another one that's going to be open at the end of the month. We actually have a possibility of having three retirements next summer."

The jail and dispatch center each have minimum staffing requirements 24 hours a day every day of the year.

"Right now, law enforcement is not a popular job," Raddant said. "What we need to do is try to make the job more attractive somehow so we can get young people to come in."

He said that years ago, 70-80 people would apply for an opening. Now, the county might get 20 applicants, and half of those don't meet the minimum qualifications.

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Rudnick's bond in sex assault cases reduced

Attorney argues court hasn't posted high bond in other cases

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

Jacob Rudnick, accused of sexual assault in two separate cases, is getting a lowered bond that could allow him to be released before his first trial in November.

Rudnick, 30, has been charged with two counts of third-degree sexual assault and one count of second-degree sexual assault for an attack that allegedly took place in a park in the Town of Lessor on Halloween night in 2022. The case is scheduled for a three-day trial Dec. 3-5.

Rudnick is facing another case involving a sexual assault that reportedly took place in July 2023 in Lessor. In that case, he faces two counts of second-degree sexual assault. The trial for that case is also scheduled for three days, from Nov. 6-8.

Rudnick was free on a \$100,000 cash bond from the 2023 case when he was arrested Sept. 12, 2023, in Seymour. Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Court Judge Katherine Sloma assessed a \$200,000 cash bond against Rudnick.

Rudnick is currently in the Shawano County Jail and has been for about a year, which makes it difficult to prepare for trial, according to his attorney,



Jacob Rudnick looks over some paperwork from his attorney, Christopher Van Wagner, prior to a bond hearing Aug. 9 in Branch II of the Shawano County Courthouse.

Christopher Van Wagner. He said he has waited hours at times to see his client, and that Rudnick has not yet been able to see a thumb drive with the defense's evidence to help prepare.

"The way I gave it to him is I gave it to them (jail personnel)," Van Wagner said. "When you approach trial, things come up. Trial preparation produces more information and more need to talk freely and talk, as you may know, at ridiculous times of the night or day. That thumb drive was sent to the jail on Monday (Aug. 5). He has yet to get access to it."

Van Wagner proposed making the bond \$50,000 cash for both cases, noting that Rudnick's parents plan to post the bond. He said that some conditions would include being required to remain on his parents' farm except for medical appointments and meetings with his attorney, as well as not being allowed to drive outside of the farm and not being allowed to use the internet except when it came to viewing the digital evidence.

Van Wagner said that a five-year review of court cases in Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Court showed that

no other second-degree sexual assault cases in the counties had a six-digit cash bond attached to it. Two of the cases have \$50,000 bonds, according to online court records, with one from this year coming from a previous offender with a felony record and domestic violence being part of the case, and the other case in 2020 involving a defendant previously convicted of a first-degree sexual assault.

Among the eight second-degree sexual assault cases besides Rudnick's is one in May where the defendant is out on a signature bond, battery

is also charged and there was a prior record of felony theft. Another one from 2022 only assessed \$3,500 and resulted in a failure to appear in 2023; that case is still open.

Even when including first-degree and third-degree sexual assaults, Van Wagner said there was only one case of first-degree assault that resulted in a six-figure bond, but there was a homicide charge attached to that case. He said that, by contrast, Rudnick had no prior criminal record and no other extenuating circumstances before his first arrest.

In a letter to Judge

William Kussel Jr., Van Wagner wrote that Rudnick has no job and no assets to post the bond on his own, and that the chart he submitted shows that the sexual assault cases that had lower bonds included any kind of "house arrest" like he was proposing.

"At this point, Jacob is as frustrated as I am that our inability to do the kind of work that we need to," Van Wagner said.

Assistant District Attorney Laura Nelson told Kussel that she had been ready to object to any kind of reduction in bond, but she understood the circumstances. She was not comfortable with \$50,000 bond for both cases and requested \$50,000 for each case and asked that, in addition to the house arrest proposed by Van Wagner, requiring an ankle bracelet to provide GPS monitoring of Rudnick to make sure he's not leaving to meet women.

"Certainly, law enforcement cannot be monitoring and doing drive-bys every hour on the hour," Nelson said. "That's just not practical. I think there has to be some objective mechanism to ensure that Mr. Rudnick is not leaving that house, except for those very limited circumstances that Attorney Van Wagner indicated."

Kussel reduced the bond to \$100,000 total between the two cases with the restrictions Van Wagner and Nelson requested.

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LaRock pleads no contest in 2023 stabbing

Sentencing scheduled for Oct. 14 after victim no longer wants to pursue case

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

Royce LaRock, 32, agreed to plead no contest Aug. 6 to a count of aggravated battery with a dangerous weapon for a stabbing that took place in 2023 in Shawano, canceling a planned trial for the week of Aug. 12.

The Shawano man originally faced one count each of attempted first-degree intentional homicide with the use of a dangerous weapon, one count of aggravated battery with a dangerous weapon, disorderly conduct and resisting or

obstructing an officer.

LaRock had originally been scheduled to stand trial Feb. 26 in Shawano County Courthouse Branch II. However, that jury trial was adjourned on a joint motion between the district attorney's office and the defense, because additional discovery presented covered defense attorney Carly Krueger to ask for more time to review the evidence.

According to court records, a demand for a speedy trial was submitted May 17.

A pre-trial conference held Aug. 6 revealed the

victim no longer wanted to pursue the case, so the district attorney's office pushed for a plea deal. LaRock's no contest plea is not admitting guilt but conceding that the state has enough evidence to almost guarantee a conviction. A pre-sentencing investigation was ordered as a sentencing hearing was scheduled for 8:15 a.m. Oct. 14 in Branch II.

According to the criminal complaint, Shawano police officers were dispatched April 25, 2023, to Acorn Street for a reported stabbing. When officers arrived,

a victim was allegedly laying at a neighbor's front step with a stab wound to the stomach area, with intestinal protrusion from a stab wound. The victim said LaRock was the person who had stabbed him, according to the complaint.

Law enforcement located LaRock about 30 minutes later on Richmond Street, where he told officers that he did not recall fighting with the victim but admitted to drinking alcohol beforehand, according to the complaint. The knife of the alleged crime was found in the front yard of

the residence.

When searching the scene, law enforcement reported blood in the kitchen, on the inside of a screen door, on the driveway and also saw a trail of blood leading to the neighbor's residence.

When interviewing LaRock, he had cuts and scrapes on his body that were consistent with running through the woods and being scraped by branches and bushes. According to the complaint, LaRock told law enforcement that nothing had happened and that he was dropping the victim off at the residence and left. LaRock told law enforcement that he had

anger issues but stated that he did not have a fight with the victim.

If he had been convicted at trial, LaRock faced up to 60 years in prison for attempted first-degree intentional homicide, \$50,000 in fines and 15 years for aggravated battery, \$10,000 and nine months for resisting or obstructing an officer and \$1,000 and 90 days for disorderly conduct. Details of the prescribed sentence from the plea deal are unknown.

LaRock is currently being held in the Shawano County Jail on a \$500,000 bond.

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County parks staff in no rush to see summer end

Campsites available all year, not just traditional season

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

Seasons come and seasons go, but the Shawano County Parks Department staff aren't in any rush to close out the summer. High school athletics are already underway, and Keith Marquardt, county parks director, has to start shuffling the workers' schedules to accommodate athletes. "I have two or three girls that are tennis players," he said. "They can only work after 3 right now and then it switches to evening practices, so then they can only work up till 3." At Shawano Community High School, practice is underway for tennis, golf, swimming, football and more. Games will be played next week even though classes don't begin until Sept. 3. "It's nice that school doesn't start until after Labor Day," Marquardt said. "It certainly helps us out staff-wise, especially Labor



The Shawano Lake County Park store and snack shop is mostly staffed by teenagers and college students. The county parks crew is headed up by the parks department director, who has two other full-time employees. Part-timers include 17 in the snack shop, four in the store and eight for the grounds crew.

LISA PASSON

Day weekend. We're always scrambling Labor Day weekend." The county parks crew is headed up by Marquardt, who has two other full-time employees. Part-timers include 17 in the snack shop at the Shawano Lake County Park, four in the store at that park and eight for the grounds crew. "On our grounds crew, you have to be over 18 to run our lawnmowers, to run our wood splitters," Marquardt said. "It's not a necessity, but we like them to be. In our snack shop, they don't have to be. We hire 14-, 15-year-olds. In the store, you have to be over 18 to sell beer, or they'll have to call somebody." In years past, the pavilion, snack shop, store and campground used to be leased to an individual to operate. "The county used to just run the beach and the picnic area," Marquardt said. Now, the county operates everything.

Even when it gets too cold to swim, the campground at the park remains open. Technically, people can camp there any day of the year, but the traditional season runs from May 1 to Oct. 31. There are nearly 100 sites for campers and half a dozen for tents. The camper sites include 23 seasonal sites. "We used to have 25 seasonal sites," Marquardt said. "As people are leaving our seasonal sites, we're

not filling them. We're opening them up to daily campers. We are a public campground. Most of these people were grandfathered in when the county leased out the campground. They've been here more than 15 years." Electricity runs to the campsites all year, and one of the shower houses is heated, so campers could use the site in the middle of winter. "We've tried for hunting season ... we just don't get a lot of campers for that," the parks director said. "The electricity is always on. If somebody wants to come in the middle of January, we'll plow a spot off for them." There were 10,989 nights of camping at county parks last year, up slightly from the 10,730 in 2022 and 10,645 in 2021. "I think because of COVID, a lot of people started camping," Marquardt said. The number of booked nights has steadily increased the past 10 years. "Our total number of campers kind of exploded quite a bit in 2020, 2021," he said, noting the total number of booked nights first topped 10,000 in 2020. The numbers in 2024 will be skewed because of a new online reservation

website and system. Some reservations were on the old system, and some are on the new system; not everything transferred correctly. Marquardt said the old website software was being deleted, so he chose to use a site more compatible with other county technology. "We had no choice," he said. "Either we could have went to a different one on their platform or we could look for something else." The new site is also compatible with a new point-of-sale system in the store at the lake park. The new site, www.shawanocountyparks.com, was launched in spring, officials said. The site can also be used to rent any county shelter, the pontoon boats at the lake park, the pavilion, campsites and boat slips. "(Pontoon rentals) are going much better, because we have pictures of them online," Marquardt said. "Before, when people would call, you didn't know what you were getting until you got here." Reservations can also still be taken by phone. Call 715-526-4986 for information.

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County fairgrounds lease gets committee approval

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

A new 10-year lease for the Shawano Area Agricultural Society to operate the Shawano County Fairgrounds took a step forward earlier this month. The Shawano County Public Property Committee on Aug. 8 approved

the deal, which will be forwarded to the Shawano County Board for approval at its Aug. 28 meeting. Operation of the fairgrounds was subject to a 10-year deal that ran through Dec. 31, 2025. However, the updated lease will run from Aug. 28, 2024, to Dec. 31, 2033. Revenue of about \$35,000 from the county's cropland will be used for necessary repairs and maintenance of the fairgrounds. If the cropland is sold or revenue is less than \$35,000, county officials will determine alternate methods to fund the repairs. However, the ag society must abide by county prac-

tices of seeking approval for repair and maintenance projects before they are completed when using those funds. Projects performed without approval may be the sole financial responsibility of the ag society. At the Aug. 1 meeting of the Shawano County Ag and Extension Com-

mittee, members refused to pay a \$393 invoice from Peters Concrete Company. Members agreed the job did not follow the set procedures. Also, the committee

noted it wants to know of all improvements to the fairgrounds, even if the project does not require financing.

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The Store in Shawano staying open

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

Only five of the expected more than two dozen The Store convenience stores and gas stations closed at the end of July. Locally, the Lena store has closed, while the Oconto and Shawano operations remain open for business as usual. In the spring, it was announced all operations of The Store would cease as of July 31, following the declaration of bankruptcy by Mountain Express Oil Co., the company that owns its buildings and land. At this time, the only stores to close are the Lena operation as well as select stores in Stevens Point, Appleton, Rosholt and Marshfield. The Store entered into an agreement with Mountain Express to purchase its land and buildings in 2022.

Mountain Express took ownership of the land and buildings while The Store maintained all operations — including equipment, inventory, maintenance, employment of all associates and collaborations with local vendors. Mountain Express initially filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy and officially

ended operations in August 2023. The Store has 20 places in Wisconsin and Michigan.

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HOUSING AUTHORITY OF SHAWANO COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The HASC (Housing Authority of Shawano County) will hold a Public Hearing on September 30, 2024 from 10:00AM – 12:00PM.

At this time the public will have the opportunity to comment on proposed changes to the Authorities ACOP (Admissions Through Continued Occupancy) to comply with HOTMA (Housing Opportunity Thru Modernization Act) revisions.

- Revised sections include
- Section 102 involving Income Reviews
 - Section 103 involving income limitations after in public housing
 - Section 104 involving asset limitations.

The Authority will hold an open public comment period from August 16, 2024 to September 30, 2024 where the proposed changes to the ACOP can be reviewed at the office of HASC. Please call ahead to schedule an appointment at 715-526-6960.

The office is located at 1259 Engle Drive in Shawano Wi. 54166. The office hours are Monday – Thursday from 8:00AM – 4:00PM and on Friday from 8:00AM – 12:00PM.

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Engagement Announcement Issabella Stueck and Erik Johnson

Tommy and Denise Stueck Jr of Clintonville are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Dr. Issabella Stueck to Erik Johnson, son of Mike and Laurie Johnson, of Shawano.

Issabella is a 2017 graduate of Shawano Community High School, UW-Stout (2021) and Palmer College of Chiropractic (2023), and is currently employed by The Chiropractic Advantage, Appleton. Erik is a 2019 graduate of Shawano Community High School and Advanced Welding Institute (2020), and is currently employed by American 3 Fab, Green Bay. The couple will be wed November 9, 2024, 1:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Shawano.

Music and more at Mielke Park



Musicians from near and far gathered at Mielke Park on Aug. 9-11 for the 46th annual Shawano Folk Music Festival. Among the opening acts Aug. 10 were Dorothy and Julie Zerbe, the O'Darby Irish Pub Band, Heather Styka and Synchronicity. Performers sang and played on multiple outdoor stages during the day, and select performers provided evening concerts Aug. 9-10. KEVIN PASSON | NEW MEDIA



Dorothy and Julie Zerbe, the O'Darby Irish Pub Band, Heather Styka and Synchronicity were all encouraged to join in the day's opening songs Aug. 10. They were among the many performers participating in the 46th annual Shawano Folk Music Festival. KEVIN PASSON | NEW MEDIA



Audience members enjoy songs from a variety of musicians at the 46th annual Shawano Folk Music Festival on Aug. 9-11 at Mielke Park. In addition to musicians performing throughout the day, there were evening concerts, a craft fair, and food and drink options. KEVIN PASSON | NEW MEDIA



Tammy Watters, of Shawano, and her Cubes Custom Crochet and Crafts booth made an appearance at the Shawano Folk Music Festival at Mielke Park. Other crafters' booths featured jewelry, soaps, baskets, paintings and more. KEVIN PASSON | NEW MEDIA

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NEW Media's news editor is about to retire. We seek talented journalists who can seize some-one's attention by being a talented wordsmith and photographer in a fast-paced news environment where digital comes first.

The news editor candidate would spend much of the time covering Oconto County, although occasionally a story could take them to Shawano County or Menominee County. The editor also works with freelancers to help out with additional stories when needed and seek out potential writers to add to the papers' richness.

While the office is a base of operations, we want someone who'll be out in the community gathering the news. All are welcome to apply, including recent or pending college graduates. Photography and copy editing skills are a must. Experience laying out pages is also helpful, but we can train in-house.

Send a resume, cover letter explaining why you want the job and four to six samples of your work to editor Kevin Passon at kpasson@newmedia-wi.com.



DATCP taking watershed protection grants applications

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) is accepting applications for 2025 Producer-Led Watershed Protection Grants through Sept. 13.

These grants are awarded to producer-led groups to help support and advance producer-led conservation solutions and farmer participation in local watershed conservation efforts.

The total program budget for 2025 is \$1 million. Eligible groups that apply can receive up to \$40,000. The grants aim to help farmers find and promote conservation solutions best suited for their watershed, based on topography, soil, types of operations, and other factors that differ among regions of the state.

"Across Wisconsin,

producers maintain and improve the state's soil and water resources," said DATCP Secretary Randy Romanski. "The producer-led program is yet another tool that producers can utilize as they maintain and improve those efforts. The positive outcomes of these conservation efforts will continue to have a positive effect for years to come."

Applicants must be groups of at least five farmers whose farms are in the same or adjacent watershed. Each farm must have produced at least \$6,000 in gross farm revenue last year, or \$18,000 over the past three years. Each group must partner with a county land conservation department, the University of Wisconsin-Extension or a nonprofit conservation organization. Both newly formed and established

groups are eligible to apply.

Grant information and application materials are available at https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/ProducerLed-Projects.aspx and must be submitted by email in Microsoft Word format. For more information, contact program manager Dani Heisler at dani.heisler@wisconsin.gov or 608-640-7270.

The Producer-Led Watershed Protection Grants program is the first state program of its kind in the nation. Since the program first began in 2015, DATCP has awarded more than \$6.2 million to 47 producer-led watershed groups across the state.

Requests for funding since the program's inception total nearly \$8.3 million.



Carl Boettcher, left, serves up a dollop of ice cream with pie during the annual Pie and Ice Cream Social at the Bonduel Community Archives on Aug. 4. WARREN BLUHM | NEW MEDIA

Bonduel holds pie, ice cream social

By WARREN BLUHM
News Editor

Volunteers were kept busy serving sloppy Joes, pie and ice cream Aug. 4 during the annual Pie and Ice Cream Social at Bonduel Community Archives.

The old-time event is one of the major fundraisers of the community organization, a research-based facility that collects local church records, family records, photographs and documents from businesses that used to be in

Bonduel, volunteer Linda Buss said. “We have transferred more than 5,000 pictures to computer, with more to come,” Buss said. Visitors could choose from a variety of homemade pies — including apple, cherry, raspberry, rhubarb, blueberry, coconut cream and banana cream, with an optional side of vanilla ice cream. Longtime volunteer Darlene Heller, who was helping collect donations at the door, said the



A scrumptious selection of homemade pies greets visitors at the annual Pie and Ice Cream Social hosted Aug. 4 by the Bonduel Community Archives. WARREN BLUHM | NEW MEDIA

archives provide a gathering place to share a love of local history and preserve the Bonduel of days gone by. “These are people who appreciate the past and the values we had then,” Heller said. “Bonduel still

has some of that left.” Bonduel Community Archives, 108 S. First St., is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays. wbluhm@newmedia-wi.com

OBITUARIES

Jayne Joyce Deering (nee Hanke)

Jayne Joyce Deering (nee Hanke) left her earthly bonds on Aug. 5, 2024, after 97 years to join her Lord in heaven.

She lived a life of service to her family, her community, her church and her country. Born near Underhill in 1927, Jayne was raised in a single parent home with her six siblings during the Great Depression. The poverty of the times taught her the value of hard work, thrift, gratitude and the importance of family. Jayne graduated valedictorian from Shawano High School in 1945.

In 1947, she married Norman Deering and followed him to Platteville, Arizona, New Mexico and Mexico as he pursued a career in mining engineering. They returned to Wisconsin in 1964 with four children and settled in Wisconsin Rapids to welcome their fifth child, build their careers and live out the remainder of their lives.

Jayne became active in municipal government, serving on the Common Council from 1973-79. She also served on the Planning Commission, the Redevelopment Authority Commission, the Police and Fire Commission and the Industrial Park Commission. Jayne was the personnel operations manager at Pranges, retiring in 1989.

After her retirement, Jayne took up golf and became a formidable competitor. She found joy in travelling with her husband, visiting their children and grandchildren and wintering in the Rio Grande Valley. Jayne was an avid volunteer at church, the library and

the retirement home. She served as a member of the Priscilla Circle, the Reception Committee and the Funeral Committee at St. Luke’s Lutheran Church, where she also taught Sunday School and adult Bible studies. Throughout her life, Jayne was a vociferous reader of political thought. She could quickly get to the crux of a matter. She was also kindhearted and a wonderful friend. She had the gift of making everyone feeling special. Jayne took a personal joy in being a secret benefactor to many people. It was one of her holy moments. Jayne is survived by her five children, Neil Deering (Rosemary) of Kalispell, Montana, Kelly Jansen (Larry) of Viroqua, Kenneth Deering (Renee) of Gardnerville, Nevada, Robert Deering (Shelly) of Juneau, Alaska, and Tamra Presley of Kalispell, Montana. She is also survived by nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. She was deeply loved by her family and friends and will be remembered at her church of almost 60 years, St. Luke’s Lutheran Church in Wisconsin Rapids.

Her funeral service was held on Monday, Aug. 12, 2024, at St. Luke’s Lutheran Church. Her interment followed at Woodlawn Cemetery in Shawano on Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2024, where she was laid to rest next to her mother, husband, and brothers and sisters.

A memorial is established at St. Luke’s Lutheran Church. Herman Taylor Funeral Home is assisting the family.

William H. Berwig Jr.

William H. Berwig Jr., 72, of Clintonville, passed away Thursday, Aug. 8, 2024.

Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory, Clintonville.

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NTC offering respiratory therapy, funeral service degrees

Northcentral Technical College announces two newly developed programs based on industry and community feedback that begin during the fall 2024 semester. There will be a respiratory therapy associate degree, which will prepare

learners to work in a team of health care professionals to evaluate, treat and manage patients of all ages with respiratory illnesses and other cardiopulmonary disorders in a variety of clinical settings. Learn how to assess patients, provide respiratory care and evalu-

ate patients’ responses to care. The second program will be a funeral services associate degree, which is offered in partnership with Milwaukee Area Technical College and prepares learners to enter the funeral profession. Learn about the

compassionate care needed to assist individuals and families after the death of a loved one, including embalming and restorative art. For information or to apply to one of NTC’s new programs, visit www.ntc.edu or contact the admissions office at 715-803-1645.



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Family of Earl W. Schmidt

Celebrating 150 years of faith, worship

Navarino church has been on same plot of land since 1879

By LYNN ZAFFRANN
Correspondent

Ascension Lutheran Church of Navarino is celebrating a milestone anniversary this year.

The small congregation will commemorate its 150th anniversary this fall. The church has been on the same plot of land since 1879. The current church building was built at W6101 Navarino Road in 1977, just south of the Navarino Nature Center.

"Obviously, it's a huge milestone, and we've got all kinds of things lined up," said co-pastor Mark Sabin. "On Sept. 15, we have a Remembrance Sunday, going through old records, photographs, videos, and in October, a polka fest is coming up. Nov. 3 is actually our 150th anniversary. Everything is working well, and we're excited."

Planning for the anniversary celebrations hasn't stopped them from continuing the numerous events this very active community holds on a regular basis. They hold fellowship gatherings with a meal after Sunday services, host a Vacation Bible School and will hold a brat fry in September. The popular monthly Birthday Sundays to honor parishioners continue, as well as Sunday School, support of a mission in Nairobi and various fundraising events.

In addition, Take Your Tractor to Church Day was held Aug. 4 after Sunday services.

Five church members drove their tractors to the church, one taking an hour and a half to make the trip. Joining the tractors was one motorcycle, an ATV and even a Can-Am Spyder owned by co-pastors Marcia and Mark Sabin. One church member quipped that it was really "Take Your Unique Vehicle to Church Day."

The Sabins were called to serve the parish in July 2017.

"We still have a lot of Norwegians, northern Europeans, generally," Mark Sabin said. "I'm a Wisconsin native, German. Marcia is Norwegian, but I forgave her a long time ago."

The Norwegian heritage of the church actually dates back to Dec. 7, 1869, when Martinus and Bertha Anderson hosted a worship service in their home for the Norwegian settlers in the area. The Rev. E.J. Homme conducted the worship service. He would go on to charter the Scandinavian Evangelical Church of Navarino in No-



Praise and worship team members, from left, Denise Klemp, Maddie Daniels, Darrel Klemp, and Toni Klemp in the background, lead church members in a song Aug. 4 at Ascension Lutheran Church of Navarino, W6106 Navarino Road. They are in the planning stages for music for the church's 150th anniversary celebrations this fall. LYNN ZAFFRANN

vember 1874, which grew into the current community of Ascension.

A list of charter members of the church includes the Klemp family, which includes Darrel Klemp, a current member, who brought a tractor to church on Aug. 3.

"I grew up on a farm in Readfield, near Fremont," Klemp said. "My dad died when I was 15 and left money to purchase a tractor for the farmstead."

Even though he doesn't farm, he's held on to the tractor, which is kept on his wife's family farm. That farm is just one and a half miles from the church, so Darrel was able to drive it to the tractor event easily.

Klemp's wife, Toni, is director of Christian music on the church's praise and worship team. Music for the Remembrance and actual anniversary events is still in the planning stage, according to Toni Klemp.

Dean Rueden has been a church member for just about seven years. The John Deere tractor he brought to the tractor event was bought new by his parents in 1951.

"They had just started farming in Seymour and it was their first, and only, tractor for a long time," Rueden said.

He still lives on the home property.

In about 1990, the tractor still ran, but was in rough shape. With Rueden's dad and a friend, they tore it down and worked on it for about 3 1/2 years, a complete rebuild and repaint. Rueden, one of 10 children, inherited the tractor.

In 2013, Rueden drove the John Deere to Rantoul, in central Illinois, and back for a working vintage farm show. It was more than 350 miles one way.

"I wouldn't do it again," he said.

Committee members for the 150th anniversary are Bonnie Weyers, Jean Conradt, Everett Olson, Kris Jensen, Glen Peebles, Phyllis Peebles and Denelle Daniels.

Daniels' son, Scott, drove a Farmall tractor to the church from their family farm. Daniels grew up in the church, with both of her parents and their families being members. She livestreams Sunday services each week for about 100 church members.

In addition to compiling historical research, she helps her aunt, Kris Jensen, gather historical information to display at anniversary events.

Daniels said that the Remembrance Sun-

day is open to anyone with a current or past connection to the church. They are planning to play videos from the 125th church anniversary and will also show black and white movies from even further back.

A special recording of the Lord's Prayer said in the Norwegian language as read by Mabel Christianson Prestrud will be featured. Prestrud is remembered by current church members for her interest in preserving Ascension's history.

Church Council President Glen Peebles and his wife, Phyllis, prepare the food for the weekly Fellowship Meal after Sunday services. His family moved to Navarino in 1959; Phyllis was from Krakow.

They are organizing the meals for the anniversary celebrations, including traditional Norwegian food for the Remembrance Sunday on Sept. 15. Old church cookbooks will provide recipes for vintage treats from original church members. The meal is planned as a potluck, and everyone is encouraged to bring a dish to pass.

More information can be found on Ascension's website, www.ascensionnavarino.com.

FARM LIFE FROM A FARM WIFE

Friendships with other women are a blessing

There's something about the blessing of women friendships. For support, bonding and a sounding-off board, along with encouragement and a promise of prayer, we women need each other. Men need each other, too, I suppose, but I'm not an expert in that alfalfa field. (Everything in my brain has a farm analogy.)

In 2014, when our last one graduated high school (after a few schmaltzy tears), I exhaled a sigh of relief and inhaled a breath of expectation. Now it was



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my turn. Immediately, I contacted a friend inquiring if she'd like to start a book club. Enthusiastically agreeing, she asked a few of her friends and I asked a few of mine and voila, GAB (Girls and Books — quite appropriate) was formed.

During the years since,

our membership has ebbed and flowed going at any point from an even dozen to our present seven faithful, which is very conducive to a roundtable discussion during our monthly meets at a local restaurant, discussing one book a month. Not only do we discuss the book, we hash over issues in our lives, celebrating victories and sympathizing with defeats. It is balm for my soul.

Another group I am blessed to be a part of is called DAG's (these acro-

nyms), which stands for Dorito Ann Girls. There are three of us who've been childhood friends, one since kindergarten and the other (whom we lovingly call a transplant) since seventh grade. In high school, the transplant lived in a small community where she was bussed into Marion, attending school with us.

Living in an A-frame home that bordered a small creek in her backyard, it reminded me of a fairy tale setting. Coming from a lumbering, old-

fashioned farmhouse, this quaint little home was a marvel to me. The other friend had a simulated wood grain paneled station wagon (another marvel). She'd park it out behind the A-frame facing the creek, tailgate and back seat down. Lying on our bellies squished together, we'd inhale a bag of Doritos in one sitting while discussing the woes of high school.

Laughingly years later, we discovered we all had the same middle name — Ann — hence, DAG's was

formed. We make a point to meet every so often and always pick up just where we left off. We've had breakfasts, lunches, dinners out; a few pedicures and a pontoon boat ride along with visits to each of their beautiful cabins in the Northwoods. Catching up with each other, we discuss everything from soup to nuts. I am blessed for knowing them.

Yet another little threesome is my Marion-girls group. Alas, no acronyms

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for this one. We meet approximately once a month depending on their schedules as they, apart from me, have not yet entered the “retirement community.” As with the DAG’s, I’ve known these girls since kindergarten. What a rich history. We discuss Jesus with a passion and pray together, bringing our concerns and joys before His throne of majesty. We laugh ‘til our eyes water.

Alongside the blessings of childhood friends is my sister group; my younger blood sister and my sister-in-law, the beautiful woman my dear brother had the foresight to choose for his soulmate. We love each other deeply; our lives are connected intimately. Staying in touch daily, we chat on a personal message group we call “Warriors” because we storm the gates of hell as prayer warriors. All one of us has to type is “Prayer needed!” and we spring into action. We try to physically get together as often as possible.

One outing found us going for breakfast at Farm Inn on Main in Shawano, then heading to Lakewood to peruse the shops there. Driving into Cecil early that afternoon, we stopped for an ice cream treat at Dairy Cove.

Not wanting to leave each other that day we saw a matinee at the Shawano Cinema, and after deciding we were hungry enough for a supper, dined at the Torch

Lite in Shawano. I mean, truly, I rolled home not needing to eat for a year. Pulling in at 9 p.m., we’d been yakking for 12 hours straight.

My husband said, “Didn’t you run out of things to talk about?”

“Heck no, we were just getting warmed up.”

All of these relationships are dear to me; every woman friend contributes a sweet portion of my life. It’s an inclusion thing. I am included, which is foundational to the human heart. I have a place at their tables, anytime.

Hanging in my living room is a picture called, “The Invitation” and displays an ornate table set with fine china and beautiful silverware, showing God’s open, inviting hands welcoming those in. The poem reads, “You are invited to come dine with Me from now through all eternity. Believe in the Father, Son and Holy Ghost and dine with Jesus as your Host. To live in heaven eternally, all you have to do is RSVP.” I love that. I have a place at His table for eternity.

In the meantime, I will enjoy my women friends. They have a place at my table, too.

“A friend loves at all times.” Proverbs 17:17)

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

August showcases dynamic, dramatic blooms

The colors of August are now showing. Some of the most dynamic and dramatic blooms of the year show off their brilliant colors and elegant forms during the month of August. From native wildflowers and prairie grasses to voluptuous flowering shrubs, August is a spectacular time in the yard and garden.

One of my favorites of the August bloomers is hardy, or perennial, hibiscus. With dinner-plate-sized blooms in shades of pink, red and white, hardy hibiscus blooms for weeks during late summer, its spectacular beauty and large size capturing the attention of garden lovers and bloom watchers.

In addition to their spectacular blooms, hardy hibiscus often feature incredible foliage in shades of purple, near black, green, even variegated pink, green and white. The large leaves are a showpiece in the garden, even when the plant is not in bloom.

Another August bloom that truly captures the eye is cardinal flower. Native to Wisconsin, especially right here along the banks of the Wolf River and its floodplain, cardinal flower may grow 3-5 feet tall and blooms in glowing, scarlet red.

Joe-Pye weed and ironweed are closely related plants that bloom in pink and rich purple throughout the month of August. Both are exceptional pollinator plants and excellent for attracting tiger swallowtails, black swallowtails, monarchs, bumblebees and



Ironweed blooms in rich, deep purple and is loved by bees, butterflies and hummingbirds.

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Columnist

more. Even hummingbirds love the lush, feathery plumes.

Coneflowers are also classic August blooms. Native purple coneflower, along with its many garden hybrids in a variety of colors, bloom well during the heat of August, attracting butterflies, songbirds and more.

By the end of August, the turtleheads are in

bloom. Rose turtlehead and classic white turtlehead bloom in our gardens, as well as wetland edges and ditches. These are another hummingbird favorite, blooming about the time hummingbird migration starts.

The many varieties of hydrangeas are also at their peak during August. By now, many of the classic panicle hydrangeas are beginning to transform to shades of pink and red. This transformation will continue throughout the month, well into September, even October.

In our prairies and native wildflower gardens,

look for the many varieties of wild sunflowers that are now in full bloom. Giants such as Prairie Dock, Cup Plant and Compass Plant, most of which may grow 7-10 feet tall, as well as smaller varieties such as Prairie Coneflower, Rosinweed, False Sunflower, Woodland Sunflower and others glow in our prairies and along the forest edge.

Enjoy the beauty of August blooms for the next several weeks.

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Nolan wins Too Tough to Tame race

BY NEW MEDIA STAFF

Fans at the Shawano Speedway honored Warren “Corny” Schmidt on Aug. 10.

Schmidt died unexpectedly doing what he loved the most – watching the races at the Shawano Speedway — on May 4.

It’s said he spent nearly every summer Saturday night at the speedway, from 1963 to 2004. He was a driver and then a flagman.

The first feature race of the night was the IMCA sport modifieds. Hedi Fleischmann and Andrew Engels set the pace for this race.

Engels was the early leader but the hard charges of Cole Slezewski, Tommy Rindt, Logan Fleischmann and Jeffery Teske made it a challenge.

The car to beat was Teske’s No. 4, as he quickly found the front and began to pull away. As laps wound down and after a few cautions for spins and debris, Teske had the field in check. Even as the white flag came out, Teske had a several car lengths advantage over Fleischmann and Rindt.

But as Teske came out of turn 4, the mechanical bug bit the No. 4 as he had transmission troubles and lost a few spots as he crossed the finish line. That allowed Rindt to pick up the win.

IMCA stock cars had the fourth and final Too Tough to Tame series with Jared Siefert and Jerry Wilinski starting on the front row. As the green flag dropped, Siefert dropped the hammer on the rest of

the field.

Trent Nolan, Kyle Frederick, Jeremy Christians and Nate Michonski all had a different idea how this 25-lap event would end. Travis VanStraten navigated his machine up 13 spots when this was all said and done. Nolan, Siefert, Christians and Nate Michonski all had a shot at winning this race even on the white flag. As the checkers flew, it was Nolan grabbing the win again.

The Shawano late model feature was pretty much an open and shut case right from the drop of the green. Brett Swedberg used his outside front row starting spot to shoot off like a cannon and didn’t look back for 20 laps. He was unchallenged for the lead.

The IMCA modified feature saw Marcus Yarie and Adam Abbey on the front row, with Austin Winkel and Jerry Muenster directly behind them.

Yarie led in the early stages as Mike Schmidt and Lucas Lamberies made their way to the front. Jordan Bartz and Wyatt Block had a battle going on for fifth around the halfway point. On lap 17, Lamberies pulled even with Yarie down the back stretch but was never able to make the clean pass and had to settle for second.

In the Mighty 4s, Jason Ebert and Andrew Yaeger sat P1 and P2. Brad Wedde was the man to beat as he moved up eight spots. Past feature winner Dalton Nelson moved up six spots and was looking to repeat. However, Tanner Pari found the fast line around the track and went on to



Trent Nolan, of Shawano, won the IMCA stock cars feature race Aug. 10 at the Shawano Speedway. He has won five feature races at the track this year. Nolan is in first place in the points standings, nine better than Travis VanStraten.



Don Berna of Abrams captured the dirt late models feature race at the Shawano Speedway on Aug. 3. It was his second feature win of the season, also his eighth top five finish and his 14th top 10 finish.

bring home the win.

Teske, Berna take checkered flags Aug. 3

Wausau’s Kevin Feck started 10th out of 12 cars but fought his way through the traffic to win the IMCA modifieds feature race at the Shawano Speedway on Aug. 3.

Feck beat out Konnor Wilinski, of Seymour, who

started ninth and finished second, and Shawano’s Jordan Bartz, who placed third after starting fourth.

Marcus Yarie of Wausau won the first modifieds heat race, topping Shawano’s Mike Schmidt in second and Wilinski in third. Bartz won the second heat, beating out Feck in second and Cody

Hokenstad in third.

Shawano’s Jeffery Teske won the sport modifieds feature race, moving up from a seventh-place start. Gresham’s Charles Hoffman placed second, after starting third, and Pulaski’s Cole Slezewski placed third after starting on the pole.

In the first heat, Sha-

wano’s Tommy Rindt won, followed by Pulaski’s Taylor Sorenson in second and Iron River, Michigan’s, Joshua Fleischmann in third. Teske won the second heat, ahead of Shawano’s A.J. Springborn in second and Slezewski in third.

Ron Berna of Abrams captured the checkered flag in the dirt late models, crossing the finish line before Mosinee’s Andy Karl in second place and Shawano’s Butch Thiel in third place.

Karl won the heat, beating out Berna in second and Thiel in third.

The IMCA stock cars feature was won by Travis VanStraten of Hortonville. Trent Nolan of Shawano placed second, and Dylan Stedjee of Shiocton was third.

VanStraten was the winner in the first heat, beating second-place finisher Mitch Stankowski of Wausau and third-place finisher Nolan. Mark Eswein of Wisconsin Rapids won the second heat. He bested Shiocton’s Kyle Stedjee, who placed second, and Dylan Stedjee, who placed third.

In the Mighty 4s feature race, it was Clintonville’s Brad Wedde taking the checkered flag. He was followed by Sobieski’s Braden Allen and Shawano’s Dalton Nelson in second and third, respectively.

Marion’s Justin Haufe was the first heat, with Nelson in second and Clint Malueg of Bonduel in third. In the second heat, Shawano’s Alexis Michonski won, followed by Wedde in second and Allen in third.

BADGER AMATEUR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

Eland, Caroline, Neopit advance to division finals

BY NEW MEDIA STAFF

Division semifinal games were held Aug. 11 for the Badger Amateur Baseball Association, with several local teams advancing to the division finals.

East-West Division Aug. 11
Division semifinals, play in games
Marion 7, Menominee 2 (fourth place)

WP: Joe Weyenberg
9IP, 4K, 2BB
LP: Pete Bruette
Marion, 10 hits, 12 walks
Blake Weatherwax 2x3
Dave Jueds 2x3 w/2B
Ryan Mortensen 2x4
Kaleb Rath 1x3 w/2B
Menominee, 6 hits, 2 walks

Bryce Dixon 2x4
Mitch Vanderleven 2x3
Will Corn 1x4 w/2B
Playoffs
East
Clintonville, 6, Marion 4
WP: Jaden Doornink
7IP, 2R, 5H, 7Ks
LP: Blake Weatherwax
4IP, 4R, 5H, 2Ks
Clintonville hitters
Turner Doornink 2x3
w/2-run HR, 3-run HR
Jake Van Allen 3x4
Austin Hoffman 2x4
Marion hitters
Dave Jueds 2x4 w/2B
Nick Schoen 2x4 w/1
RBI
Neopit, 7, Gresham 6
WP: Walker Miller
LP: Luke Pecore
Neopit hitters
Mequan Freschette 2x5

Ray White 2x3 w/2B, 3B
Gresham hitters
Nate Ejnik 2x4
Joe Ejnik 2x4 w/2B
Luke Pecore 2x4 w/2B, HR
Chase Quinney HR
West
Little Falls 7, Crandon 1
WP: Chris Dunn 7IP, 11K, 3BB, 2H
LP: Curtis Paschen 7IP, 3K, 2BB, 8H
Little Falls hitters
Cam Gruenwald 2x4 w/2B, 2 RBIs
Drew Radies 2x4
Chris Dunn 1x3 w/HR, 2 RBIs
Carter Kurki 2x4 2b
Kyle Finger 1x4 2b
Kasey Morgan 1x4
Crandon hitters
Tyler Sprink 2x5

Matty Schallhorn 1x4
Wyatt Wheeler 1x4
Marc Seils 2x5
Caroline 7, Tigerton 0
WP: Klay Barkow
5IP, 2H, 4BB, 4K
LP: Caleb Dahlstrom
4.2IP, 10H, 3K
Caroline, 15 hits
Klay Barkow 2x3
Jared Cartwright 3x5
Braiden Behnke 3x5
Mike Weatherwax 3x4
Tigerton, 2 hits
Isaiah Hidde and Pat Provoast had the 2 hits.
Northern Division Aug. 11
Division semifinals
Eland 9, Wittenberg 8
WP: Charlie Woida
LP: Nathan Waupekenay
Eland, 14 hits
Tyler Nelson 5x5

Peyton Flees HR
Jarod Richter HR
Shane Larson 3x5
Wittenberg, 16 hits
Pierston Potrykus 3x6
Nathan Waupekenay 3x5 w/2 2B
Zach Urquadt 2x5
Aaron Heyworth 2x4
Dominik Anderson 2x4
Preston Bagley 2x5
Antigo/Polar 2, Birnamwood 0
No details available.
South Central Division
Division semifinals
Scandinavia 15, Winneconne 0
WP: Ben Lee
LP: Carter Rhode
Scandinavia hitters
Landon Moe 3x5
Marcus Glodowski 3x4
Logan Moe 3x5

Winneconne hitters
Jaydon Peplor 1x3
Cody Behm 1x2
New London 7, Plover 3
WP: Noah Hanson
LP: Zach Hintz
Plover hitters
Gavin Renwick 3x4
New London hitters
Ethan Herzfeldt 3x4
Tucker Kohl 3x4
Evan Muskevitch 2x3
Division Finals Aug. 18, 1:30 p.m.
North Division
Antigo/Polar at Eland
West Division
Caroline at Little Falls
East Division
Neopit at Clintonville
South Central Division
New London at Scandinavia

DIVISION 2 NATIONALS

Ski Sharks capture trio of firsts

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

The Shawano Ski Sharks won three first-place awards at the National Ski Show Association Division 2 tournament held Aug. 2-4 at Smalley Park in Shawano. The local ballet won with 207 points, with the Badgerland team from Oconomowoc next with 189. Shawano's pyramid team also won, edging out Badgerland by a single point, 195-194.

Shawano also won the tow boat driving category with 445 points, followed by Badgerland with 435.

For the grand total, the Ski Sharks were edged out of first place by Badgerland, 1,501.83 to 1,478.63.

In the dock and equipment personnel category, the Ski Sharks were second to Badgerland, 53-51.

Shawano's pick-up boat crews placed fifth with 125 points, trailing the Ski Sprites with 139, the Waterboard Warriors with 131, Silver Lake with 130 and Aqua Skiers with 128.

Badgerland topped Shawano in showmanship (537-535), sound crew total (546-502), production (575-565) and overall show (1,101-1,090).

In the high individual club act, Shawano placed third with 207 points. Aqua Skiers won with 215 points, while Ski Sprites placed second with 211 points.

The Ski Sharks finished third in the barefoot event with 171 points. Aqua Skiers won with 215, and Ski Sprites placed second with 211.

Badgerland and Shawano tied for first with 170 points in the doubles category.

Shawano collected 138 points for a fourth-place finish in the jump. Silver



Water skiers prepare for the next round of competition the morning of Aug. 3 at Smalley Park. The Wolf River was the site for the Division 2 national championships, with the Shawano Ski Sharks placing second overall.

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Members of the Silver Lake team take off from the dock in their first team event at the Division 2 National Ski Show Association tournament Aug. 2-4 in Shawano. The local Ski Sharks won first place in three categories.

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Lake placed first with 171 points, followed by Badwater Ski-Ters with 170 and Chain Skimmers with 146.

In the swivel category, Shawano also garnered a fourth-place finish, this time with 132 points. Badgerland's 171 points were

enough for first place, with Silver Lake and Five Seasons tying with 164 points. Ava Pleshek and Carsten McHugh placed

sixth with 9.90 points in the strap doubles competition for the Ski Sharks.

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Spring waterfowl survey shows positive results

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) announced that data from the annual spring survey of breeding waterfowl is available. The survey indicated stable population numbers and habitat conditions for migratory birds.

The information from this survey is part of the overall survey of breeding waterfowl in North America. It aids the DNR in making management decisions about waterfowl in Wisconsin, including hunting season structure and harvest limits.

The spring waterfowl breeding survey has been conducted every year since 1973, except for 2020. Survey results are best interpreted as trends over several years rather than year-to-year comparisons.

Surveyors estimated the state's breeding duck population to be 502,058 birds, a 3.7% decrease from the 2023 estimate but above the long-term average.

The mallard breeding population estimate is 146,561 birds, 7.9% lower compared to 2023 and lower than the long-term average. The wood duck population estimate was 96,711 birds, similar to last year and above the long-term average.

The Canada goose population estimate was 153,402 birds, similar to 2023 and significantly higher than the long-term average.

"In addition to positive survey results, the wet conditions across the state should provide excellent brood-rearing opportunities for waterfowl throughout the remainder of the summer," said Taylor Finger, DNR game bird ecologist.

DAIRYLAND LEAGUE

Hofa Park Panthers defeat Cecil Mudhens in ninth inning

Playoff competition also continues for Hortonville Stars, Navarino Rangers

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Dairyland League baseball playoffs are underway, and Hofa Park started the games with a bang in its ninth-inning win over Cecil.

Hofa Park 6, Cecil 5

Rob Schuettpelz hit an infield single with one out in the bottom of the ninth, and Brinton Anderson walked to put two runners on base.

With runners on second and third and two out, Trevor Cornell hit a full-count single to plate the tying and winning game runs as the Hofa Park Panthers defeated the Cecil Mudhens in

the first round of the Dairyland League playoffs 6-5.

Hofa Park advances to the second round and will travel to Waupaca on Aug. 18 for a 1:30 p.m. start.

Cecil scored two runs in the top of the first, but the Panthers tied it in the bottom of the inning with Anderson and Cornell both knocking in a run.

Cecil went ahead 3-2 in the top of the second and the score stayed there until the bottom of the seventh when Hofa Park scored on an error and a single by Anderson to take the lead 4-3.

Cecil took the lead back in the top of the eighth 5-4 to set up

the heroics in the bottom of the ninth.

Kyle Olson earned the win on the mound, throwing four innings of relief, allowing two hits and no earned runs while striking out four.

Hortonville 12, Nichols 2

The Hortonville Stars defeated the Nichols Nitros 12-2.

It was an all-around solid team effort, with seven Stars contributing hits and an unstoppable pitching tandem on the mound in Chris Atwood and Colan Trembl.

Brett Kramer and Dan Wunderlich barreled up two balls, going 2x4 and 2x3 on the day with 3

RBIs to pace the team. David Sell contributed 3 RBIs as well.

Atwood and Trembl combined for 10 strikeouts on the day.

Wunderlich ended the day hitting 2-for-3 with three RBIs, a double and three runs. Kramer was 2-for-4 with three RBIs and a double.

Will Salaman hit 2-for-4 with an RBI, a run and a walk. Connor Roesler hit 1-for-5 with an RBI and a run. Kyle Stuewer was 1-for-4 with an RBI, two runs and walk, while David Sell hit 1-for-4 with 3 RBIs and a sacrifice bunt.

With this win, the Stars advance to the Aug. 18 semifinals against Navarino.

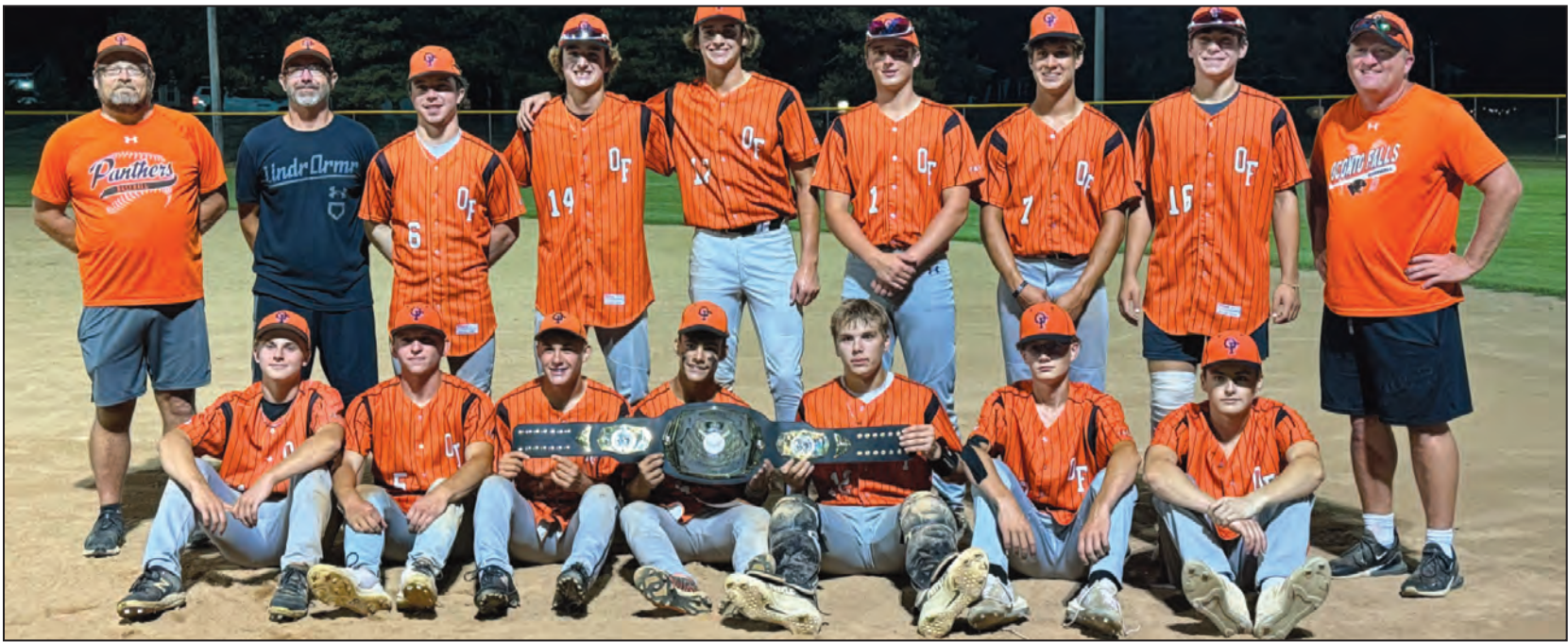
Navarino 9, Shawano 3

Solid defense behind the arms of Spencer Dauphinee and James Mutchie advance Navarino into the semifinals.

The 9-3 win over Shawano was scoreless until the fifth when Brett Krull and Dawson Schmidt drew leadoff walks. After a fielder's choice, Matt Krause doubled down the line to score the first run of the game. Bailey Dingeldein's RBI groundout gave the Rangers a 2-0 lead.

The Lobos answered with two runs of their own in the bottom of the sixth.

Wood Bat League Champs



Oconto Falls Senior Babe Ruth team retained its traveling “trophy” by finishing in first place in the Green Bay Area wood bat league. They finished the season with a 12-1 record. Seated, from left, are Logan Berg, Trace Brehmer, Hunter Bozile, Cole Bozile, Grayson Cahak, Braden Holl and Gavin Sutrick. Standing, from left, are coach Rick Belanger, head coach Jesse Delfosse, Wyatt Laughrin, Easton Engel, Jack Adler, Chase Belanger, Alec Krejcarek, Landon Delfosse and coach Nick Berg. Not pictured are Luke Gilbertson and Isaiah Radart.

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Suring athlete named to WIAA leadership team

A Suring High School athlete is one of the Wisconsin students named to serve on the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) inaugural Student-Athlete Leadership Team in 2024-25.

Ginger Gerndt, a Suring junior, will be one of three District 2 members. In total, there are seven districts with 27 students.

The purpose of the team is to serve as ambassadors for their peers and the WIAA while learning more about the sports industry. Their involvement will provide a student-athlete voice in the WIAA and will assist in supporting, educating and advancing the purpose of interscholastic athletics. The team will engage in an advisory role without rule-making

authority, but their input will be conveyed and have an impact at the various levels of the committee process.

Additional benefits to being on the leadership team include instilling leadership skills; compiling diverse ideas and perspective from different areas of the state; learning more about the career opportunities in sports professions; getting a better understanding of how the WIAA functions; sharing the positive, life-enriching experiences the association creates each season; and creating the interest and growth of student-athlete leadership groups at local schools.

Student-athletes submitted an application form and a short introductory video to express their

interest in serving on the team. The WIAA received 289 applications.

The number of representatives from each district is determined by a percentage of member schools in each of the seven districts.

It is anticipated that student-athletes on the team will engage in four meetings per year, attend WIAA State Tournaments each season, plan and participate in the Fall Area Meetings for student-athletes, as well as organize and participate in an Annual Student-Athlete Leadership Conference that will merge with and envelop the Sportsmanship Summit beginning in 2025.

The Leadership Team’s orientation virtual meeting is scheduled for Aug. 18.

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Schmidt led off the seventh with a walk followed by Ryan Boettcher getting hit by a pitch. Krause sacrificed the runners over, setting up another Bailey Dingeldein RBI groundout.

In the eighth, Mutchie led off with a walk as Krull singled. Schmidt’s hard hit ground ball forced an error as Boettcher walked

to make it 4-2. A throwing error by the Lobos made it 5-2 as Nathan Gramms singled in the sixth run for Navarino.

The lead was extended in the ninth after walks to Beilfuss and Mason Dingeldein. Schmidt hit a single. Boettcher and Krause each singled in a run.

Shawano scored one in

the ninth.

Boettcher ended up hitting 2-for-4 with three RBIs. Krause hit 3-for-5 with two RBIs, and Mutchie hit 2-for-4.

The Rangers will travel to Hortonville for a game at 1:30 p.m. Aug. 18.

Bonduel at Waupaca

No score or game details were made available.

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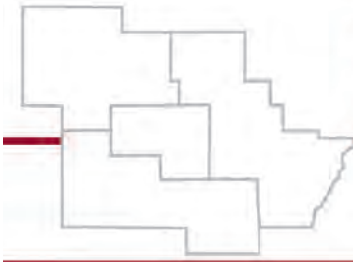
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YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW

Guides help public navigate openness laws

You ask for a record from your local government, you get it. You want to attend a meeting of a public body, you can walk right in.

Much of the time, it's that simple. Wisconsin's open records law entitles citizens to most records regarding the affairs of government, and its open meetings law creates a default presumption that all governmental meetings are open.

But what happens when things get complicated? Say your request for records is denied or delayed, or you are asked to pay exorbitant fees. What if you arrive at the meeting only to be told the discussion on the topic you're interested in is closed?

Fortunately, Wisconsin citizens seeking to understand the open records and meetings laws have at their fingertips a valuable resource: the Wisconsin Department of Justice's Public Records and Open Meetings compliance guides.

These guides have been maintained across the administrations of several Wisconsin attorneys general, updated every few years. In May, for the first time since 2019, the guides were updated again, under Attorney General Josh Kaul.

That's good news, because the law as set down in statutes and case law has in some cases changed since 2019. So has the technology that government agencies use to keep records and store information.

The guides for records and meetings — 99 and 50 pages, respectively — provide basic information, from what is a "record" to the definition of a "governmental body" subject to the open meetings law. They include citations to statutes and case law, as well as links to where readers can access the source documents for themselves.

But the guides go further. For example, the public records guide explains when records requests can be denied, whether and how people discussed in records must be notified before release, and special issues related to electronic records, fees and enforcement.

The open meetings



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guide delves into how governmental entities must give notice of upcoming meetings, when and how they can go into closed session and the requirement that meetings be accessible to members of the public. It also includes a verified open meetings complaint form that can be filed with the district attorney, which is the first step in seeking enforcement of an open meetings violation.

Do the guides answer every question? No. The laws are continually being amended by legislation and tested by litigation, and the courts have not sorted out every problem area. But the guides do serve to answer a lot of questions, and they assist the attorney general in his or her statutory duty to interpret these laws.

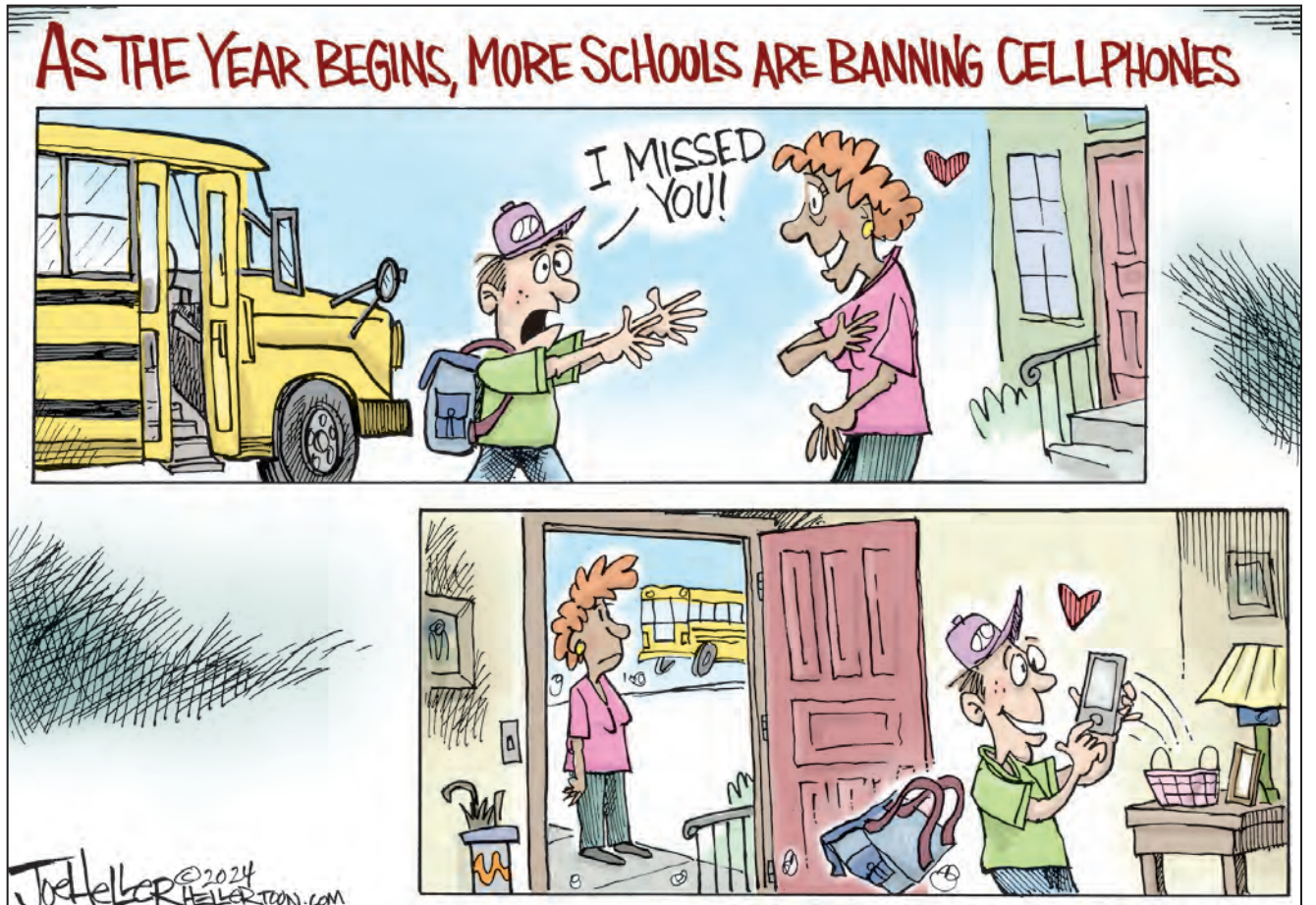
Other resources are available on the department's website, courtesy of its Office of Open Government. Under a unique feature of Wisconsin law, citizens can also seek advice from the AG's office and most of the time receive a written reply. You can contact the office by phone, email or letter.

Could the attorney general do more to strengthen these laws? Certainly. No attorney general has filed an enforcement case since approximately 2006, and it sometimes takes months or even years to get responses to requests for interpretation or enforcement.

That is why it is so valuable to have the public records and open meetings compliance guides, which discuss the laws and their interpretation in great detail.

So before throwing up your hands when your request is denied or your meeting is closed, check out the compliance guides. They might just have the answers you're looking for.

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GUEST COLUMN

New name just one change at UW

Last fall, I announced a new identity for Wisconsin's 13 public universities — the Universities of Wisconsin.

The goal was to shift the emphasis from our system to our universities, which create opportunities for students and improve communities all across our state. It's been an exciting change that will take time to fully take effect but that our state is embracing.

The new identity is only one of many changes we have been making at the Universities of Wisconsin. Over the first two years of my tenure, we have been effecting change at all of our universities, consistent with our strategic plan, to ensure Wisconsin can compete and win the War for Talent.

We set an ambitious goal to increase the number of graduates our universities produce each year from 37,000 to 41,000. To do that, we need to enroll and retain more students at a time when there are fewer high school graduates coupled with a lower percentage of them enrolling in college.

That's why we launched Direct Admit Wisconsin, a new program that admits students capable of succeeding at our universities — before they even apply. We hope to encourage some students to think



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Guest columnist

about obtaining a four-year degree who might otherwise have passed on the opportunity. Meantime, we're also seeing promise in dual enrollment programs, so students can earn college credit while in high school.

Enrollment initiatives have been front and center in our strategic plan, including:

- Reviving the Wisconsin Tuition Promise to help more low-income students attend our universities.
- Establishing agreements with the state's technical colleges to smooth the transfer between the tech colleges and our four-year universities.
- Revamping the Wisconsin Online Collaborative, our exclusively online delivery portal, and increasing our industry-focused credentialing offerings.

I've also asked our universities to address their structural deficits. While this process is resulting in difficult decisions today, including layoffs, academic and organizational restructuring, and service changes, it will ensure our

universities remain vibrant for decades to come.

At the same time, we are consolidating some administrative functions, with a goal of achieving savings of up to 15% through 2028. These shared services in areas of human resources, technology and cybersecurity, and regulatory compliance continue to provide opportunities for expense reductions.

University leaders are also assessing their branch campuses. Because the status quo isn't working, we need creative solutions to address declining enrollment and underutilized facilities.

We know that we need to couple hard choices and enrollment strategies with more investment to take advantage of the opportunities ahead of us — and to continue to improve the lives of individuals and communities. Wisconsin ranks 43rd of 50 states in public funding for higher education, according to the latest State Higher Education Executive Officers Association study of public higher education financing.

The Universities of Wisconsin remain nationally and internationally respected — but a lack of adequate resources will eventually undermine our well-deserved reputation

for academic excellence. We will soon ask the state to help us get up to the middle of those rankings after years of neglect.

Finally, universities serve a critical role in our society by fostering an exchange of ideas that build knowledge. To do it best, we must repair the culture of free speech and civil dialogue on our campuses. I have committed myself personally by regularly holding private civil dialogue discussions with students on our campuses and by hosting public conversations with politicians and public figures with a range of viewpoints.

This work can be especially challenging in a polarized society, yet it is incumbent upon us to prioritize it. That is why fostering civic engagement and serving the public good are highlighted in our strategic objectives at the Universities of Wisconsin.

So, yes, we have a new name and identity — the Universities of Wisconsin, but a closer look reveals much more change at our 13 public universities. These changes are all in service to improving lives and communities, being strong financial stewards, and helping Wisconsin succeed economically.

Jay Rothman is president of the Universities of Wisconsin.

OPINION PAGE POLICY

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PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Aug. 11
Deputies responded to 25 incidents, including a probation violation on state Highway 117 in the Town of Washington; animal bite at Shawano Lake County Park, W5785 Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; vicious animal on Liberty Estates Road in Tigerton; threatening on Highview Road in the Town of Herman; property damage on Red Oak Lane in the Town of Wittenberg; animal bite on Maple Leaf Circle in the Town of Belle Plaine; four 911 calls; two reckless driving incidents; two traffic hazards; three crashes, two involving deer.

Aug. 10
Deputies responded to 26 incidents, including fleeing and pursuit on Kolpack Road in the Town of Almon; warrant on County Road A in the Town of Red Springs; four 911 calls; three reckless driving incidents; two welfare checks; four crashes.

Aug. 9
Deputies responded to 31 incidents, including vehicle theft on Richards Street in Gresham; warrant at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main St., Shawano; warrant at the Menominee Tribal Jail, W3272 Wolf River Road, Keshena; illegal burning on Priem Avenue in the Town of Wescott; five 911 calls; four reckless driving incidents; two traffic hazards; one welfare check; seven disabled vehicle calls; two crashes.

Aug. 8
Deputies responded to 34 incidents, including trespassing on Spruce Road in the Town of Angelica; harassment on County Road N in Birnamwood; trespassing on West Summit Street in Wittenberg; scam on state Highway 156 in the Town of Maple Grove;

criminal damage on Hemlock Road in the Town of Aniwa; operating without a license on state Highway 47 in the Town of Lessor; animal bite on Country Lane in the Town of Washington; death investigation on South Warrington Avenue in Cecil; threatening on Little Road in the Town of Red Springs; two 911 calls; one traffic hazard; one crash involving deer.

Aug. 7
Deputies responded to 31 incidents, including a scam on County Road J in the Town of Seneca; property theft on Cedar Street in Tigerton; internet sex crime at an undisclosed location; warrant at the Menominee Tribal Jail, W3272 Wolf River Road, Keshena; property theft on County Road M in the Town of Fairbanks; shoplifting at Wagner Shell, 504 E. Grand Ave., Wittenberg; two 911 calls; two reckless driving incidents; three welfare checks; one crash involving deer.

Aug. 6
Deputies responded to 27 incidents, including five courthouse security calls at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main St., Shawano; harassment on Sarah Street in Birnamwood; criminal damage at Wittenberg Corner Laundry, 515 S. Howard St., Wittenberg; harassment on County Road A in the Town of Richmond; found property at Shawano County Jail, 405 N. Main St., Shawano; warrant on Highview Avenue in Shawano; warrant on state Highway 22 in the Town of Green Valley; three 911 calls; five reckless driving incidents; two traffic hazards; one welfare check.

Aug. 5
Deputies responded to 29 incidents, including drugs on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; warrant on state Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; assisting with a fire on

Fourth Street in Mattoon; criminal damage on Azalea Drive in the Town of Wescott; criminal damage on Beach Boulevard in the Town of Wescott; fraud on Forest Haven Road in the Town of Richmond; property theft on County Road MM in the Town of Richmond; trespassing on River Bend Lane in the Town of Green Valley; found property on Range Line Road in the Town of Pella; drugs at Ho-Chunk Casino, N7198 U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Wittenberg; drugs on Lakeland Road in Shawano; five 911 calls; one reckless driving incident; two traffic hazards; one welfare check; one crash.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Aug. 11
Officers responded to 14 incidents, including traffic hazard at Qualheim's True Value, 1345 E. Green Bay St.; noise at Sturgeon Park, 811 S. Water St.; welfare check on East Green Bay Street; welfare check at Memorial Park, 901 S. Lincoln St.; neglected animal on East Maurer Street; drugs at an undisclosed location; welfare check on South Main Street.

Aug. 10
Officers responded to 23 incidents, including a restraining order violation on North Main Street; found property at Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St.; welfare check at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; harassment at an undisclosed location; welfare check at People's Express South, 716 S. Main St.; juvenile problem on East Fifth Street; noise on West Fifth Street.

Aug. 9
Officers responded to 26 incidents, including juvenile alcohol at an undisclosed location; noise at Sturgeon Park, 811 S. Water St.; attempted theft on East Lieg Avenue; found property at Shawano Police Depart-

ment, 125 S. Sawyer St.; juvenile problem at an undisclosed location; drugs on North Hamlin Street; identity theft on Oak Hill Court; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in Bonduel; welfare check on South Lafayette Street.

Aug. 8
Officers responded to 18 incidents, including shoplifting at Kwik Trip, 1241 E. Green Bay St.; assisting the fire department on South Main Street; welfare check at Charlie's County Market, 521 S. Main St.; assisting the fire department on South River Street.

Aug. 7
Officers responded to 18 incidents, including welfare check on North Main Street; welfare check on East Elizabeth Street; operating while intoxicated on South Lincoln Street; found property at Shawano Police Department, 125 S. Sawyer St.; welfare check at Shawano Police Department, 125 S. Sawyer St.; hit-and-run on East Division Street; noise on South Water Street; welfare check on Madison Way.

Aug. 6
Officers responded to 18 incidents, including noise on Acorn Street; animal noise on Fairview Way; found property on East Green Bay Street; crash at Walgreens, 401 E. Green Bay St.; reckless driving on North Humphrey Circle; welfare check at Aldi, 1253 E. Green Bay St.

Aug. 5
Officers responded to 29 incidents, including welfare check on Madison Way; traffic hazard on Engel Drive; crash with property damage on North Main Street; trespassing at Kobussen Buses, 1208 E. Green Bay St.; vandalism on South Union Street; traffic hazard on East Green Bay Street; drugs on South Main Street.

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curb ramps and crossings, as well as water and sewer repairs took place. Although businesses remained open throughout the process, other access points had to be used by many.

Jesse Rankin, Bonduel's municipal operations director, said that, aside from some minor changes, things went well with the road work.

"While, in everybody's opinion, it probably could have been done a little bit quicker — everybody wants it done quicker, but it was done on time — overall, the perception of the project is that it's good to go for the village," Rankin said.

The first and second phases of the project started ahead of the original schedule, but the rainy weather for the late spring that continued into summer slowed things



A sign warning about a one-lane road ahead lies on the sidewalk, no longer needed Aug. 8 as traffic returns to normal on state Highway 117 in Bonduel.

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down a bit, Rankin said, but not enough to give local businesses one month of easy access before the Labor Day weekend that

tends to signal the end of the summer travel season. He noted that the rain impacted concrete work like the sidewalks and curbs

most of all.

"With concrete work, you really can't do it in the rain, and we've had a very wet year," Rankin said.

"That was a controlling factor that slowed it up a little bit."

Rankin said residents and business owners seemed to take the changes and occasional delays in stride, even though they expressed the desire for it to be done faster.

"They did express their concerns a few times, which I don't blame them," Rankin said. "If I was a business owner, I'd be 100% upset, too, because that's their livelihood, but there was nothing we could do because we can't control the weather."

Rankin noted that one mishap that frustrated residents along the highway was when they weren't properly notified when the paving would take place and were cut off from their homes during the work.

"That was a tension point in the process," Rankin said. "It was the

fault of the process of not notifying all the residents what was going on, but it was a one-day inconvenience. There was some heartache with that, but everybody worked through it."

There were also occasional instances where semis went down residential roads and causing the occasional clog in traffic, according to Rankin. The Department of Transportation detour took highway traffic to Shawano via state Highway 29 and then state Highway 22 into Cecil. Regular vehicles were able to navigate village detours just fine, he said.

"Now that it's open, the traffic is flowing steadily from the minute we opened it," Rankin said. "Now, there's steady cars going down it every day."

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manufacturing jobs are competitors for the sheriff's department jobs. Most have differential pay, and Oconto County has \$2 an hour more than the base salary for night and weekend work.

"We can't compete with manufacturing, like the paper mill in town," Radant said. "They still have the union. They close up for Christmas, some other holidays. We can't do that. ... We're stuck here. Our weekend people have to work, and our night people have to work."

The chief deputy, filling in for Sheriff George Lenzner who was out of

town at a conference, said he didn't buy the argument that differential pay for the sheriff's department would affect all other county departments.

"This is the only office that has regularly scheduled hours for overnight and weekends," he said. "We have on-call pay for maintenance. We have on-call pay for IT. We have on-call pay for DHS. We have on-call pay for detectives. They all get paid just to be available to answer the phone. We spend roughly \$36,000-\$37,000 a year, the county does, just to make sure somebody answers the phone. And

then, if they do come in to do some work, they all get paid time and a half."

Raddant reminded the committee that all courthouse employees can work summer hours, which includes a half day on Friday. Highway department staff works four 10-hour days in the summer. This means longer weekends for all of them.

"People working nights at the sheriff's office, we can't do that," he said. "Somebody's got to be here to work."

Raddant said summer hours are a great benefit, and differential pay is a little bone for corrections

and dispatch staff. Communications Supervisor Kasey Cross agreed.

"What we're trying to do is give a little something to the people that are here now," she said.

Supervisor Jeremy Gretzinger asked about sign-on or year-end bonuses.

Julie Hasser, human resources director, opposes sign-on bonuses and said year-end bonuses would have to be done for all departments.

"I think there was some conversation that the 50 cents wasn't maybe enough, but I think it is more of a statement than

the actual dollar amount, just the understanding and knowing that they're being somehow compensated," she said.

Troy Beyer, jail administrator, said that from when the jail was built in 1994 through 2014, there were 77 employee resignations and retirements. In the decade since then, there have been 115 resignations and retirements.

Lt. Chris Madle, also the emergency management director, said the quality of applicants in the past decade has also declined, with many not possessing the minimum qualifications.

"For applicants for

Shawano County, we're pretty drained of anybody that lives in the area — has applied already or has been here," Gretzinger said.

"So, we need to pull them people that are living in Green Bay, Pulaski, wherever. So, I'm going to work in Oconto because they pay \$2, and they're closer to my house."

Madle noted that Walmart online shoppers get paid \$26 per hour.

Committee members reached a consensus that they will continue to request the pay differential be added to the 2025 budget.

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Notice Of Public Hearing

The Housing Authority of Shawano County will hold a public hearing regarding a significant change to its 5-year capital plan for years 2020 – 2024 and its initial 5-year capital plan for years 2025 – 2029. The Authority will have available information on both plans at the office located at 1259 Engel Drive in Shawano Wisconsin until the time of the public hearing. The Hearing will be held at the office on Tuesday September 24, 2024 from 10:00AM – 12:00PM. Please call the office (751)526-6960 with any questions.
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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a judgment of foreclosure made in the above-entitled action on September 25, 2018 in the amount of \$212,805.33, I will sell at public auction, located in the main lobby of the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano, WI 54166, on

September 11, 2024

At 9:00 AM, all of the following described premises, to wit:
THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (NE 1/4 OF THE SW 1/4) OF SECTION THREE (3), TOWNSHIP TWENTY-SIX (26) NORTH, RANGE THIRTEEN (13) EAST, IN THE TOWN OF GRANT, SHAWANO COUNTY, WISCONSIN.
Street Address: N4601 County Road G, Leopoldis, WI 54948
Tax Key No. 018-03310-0000

THE PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD AS IS AND SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL REAL ESTATE TAXES, SUPERIOR LIENS OR OTHER LEGAL ENCUMBRANCES.

TERMS OF SALE: CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK or CERTIFIED FUNDS, payable to the Clerk of the Courts (10% down payment at sale, balance due within ten (10) days of Court approval; down payment to be forfeited if payment not received timely). Buyer must comply with minimum bidder qualifications as set forth in Wis. Stat. § 846.155. Buyer to pay applicable Wisconsin Real Estate Transfer Tax in addition to the purchase price.

George Lenzner
Sheriff of Shawano County, Wisconsin

Codilis, Moody & Circelli, P.C.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Shawano Plan Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, August 28, 2024, at 5:00 PM at Shawano City Hall, 127 S. Sawyer St., Shawano, WI to consider the following:

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT to allow Miracle 58 LLC, dba: Jimmy Johns, to have a restaurant with a drive-up window at 811 E. Green Bay Street, Shawano, WI per City of Shawano Municipal Code Section 10-58(9) In-vehicle sales or service, as a conditional use. The property is located in the Urban Mixed Use (UMU) zoning district. (Legal description: City of Shawano Assessors Map Th Prt of Lot2 & Th. Prt of Lot 3 Blk 4 known as Lot 1 Certified Survey Recorded V.12 P.309 Map #3018)

At the above time and place all interested persons will be given the opportunity to be heard.

Lesley Nemetz, City Clerk
City of Shawano

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CIRCUIT COURT SHAWANO COUNTY

STATE OF WISCONSIN
BREWERY CREDIT UNION,
Plaintiff,
Vs.
SALENA L. LOVE,
Defendant.
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
SHAWANO COUNTY
REPLEVIN
PUBLICATION SUMMONS
Case No: 24SC000348

TO: Salena L. Love 527 Prospect Circle Shawano, WI 54166

You are hereby notified pursuant to Sec. 799.16(2), Wis. Stats., that an amended replevin action has been issued to recover the possession of the following described goods and chattels, to-wit:
First Cause of Action: 2011 Chevrolet Cruze ID# 1G1PF5S96B711211
Second Cause of Action: 2017 Chevrolet Traverse ID# 1GNKVGD1HJ103055 which the plaintiff is entitled to possess, but which you have unlawfully detained.

Now, unless you shall appear in the Circuit Court of Shawano County, located in the courthouse in the City of Shawano, before the presiding Court Commissioner/Judge on the 27th day of August, 2024, at 1:00 p.m., judgment will be rendered against you for the delivery of said property to plaintiff and for damages for the detention thereof and for costs.

We are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Dated this 7th day of August, 2024.

DARNIEDER & SOSNAY
BY: Michael A. Sosnay
State Bar No: 1059549

P.O. ADDRESS
735 North Water Street
Suite 205
Milwaukee, WI 53202

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Piontek Storage UNIT Auction
Saturday August 17th 10:00AM at Piontek Storage, 3931 Hwy 22 Oconto WI. Contents of 3 units will be auctioned off to satisfy storage liens.
Unit 12: Lessee Danny Baeten
Unit 19: Lessee Larry Rogers Jr.
Unit 29: Lessee Laurie Bateman. Mix of multiple items including the late owner of Little River Bar "Big John's" pool table.
Items sold "as is" CASH ONLY.

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Our File #W150796
Case No. 24CV000010
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MENOMINEE COUNTY
CREDIT ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION
Plaintiff,
VS
JENNIFER WILBER
Defendant.
AMENDED SUMMONS
THE STATE OF WISCONSIN
TO
JENNIFER WILBER
W2619 CHIEF JOSETTE ST
PO BOX 774
KESHENA WI 54135-0774

You are hereby notified that the Plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you.

The Complaint, which is also served on you, states the nature and basis of the legal action. Within Forty (40) days after August 2, 2024, you must respond with a written answer, as that term is used in Chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the Complaint. The court may reject or disregard an answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The answer must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is: CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT, MENOMINEE COUNTY, 311 N MAIN ST, SHAWANO WI 54166 and the Kohn Law Firm, Plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 735 N. Water St., Suite 1300, Milwaukee, WI 53202. You may have an attorney help or represent you.

If no Complaint accompanies this Summons you must respond within the said 40 day period with a written demand for a copy of the Complaint by mailing or delivering said written demand to the court and to the Plaintiff's attorneys at their respective addresses listed above.

If you do not provide a proper answer to the Complaint or provide a written demand for said complaint within the 40 day period, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property. Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin July 18, 2024.
KOHNS LAW FIRM S.C.
ELECTRONICALLY SIGNED BY: JOHN DANNER
State Bar No. 1125953
Attorney for Plaintiff

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 24-PR-46

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DOLORES R. VERKUILEN
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth October 13, 1936 and date of death June 3, 2024 was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 604 S. Webb St., Wittenberg, Wisconsin 54499
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is November 6, 2024
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N Main St Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202 Probate Office
Completed by Robert W Zimmerman, Hurtado Zimmerman SC
227521 Harrier Ave., Suite D Wausau, WI 54401
715-203-1401
Bar No. 1017839

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08/02/24, 08/09/24, 08/16/24
STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Marie E. Brown
DOD 6-23-2024

Notice Setting Time to Hear Application

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 2-24-1930 and date of death 6-23-2024 was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin , with a mailing address of N6811 Forest Haven Road, Shawano, WI 54166 .
3. The application will be heard at the Shawano County Courthouse, Shawano , Wisconsin, Room 202 Probate , before Gwen Hoffman ,Probate Registrar, on [Date] August 29, 2024 at [Time] 10:00 a.m..
You do not need to appear unless you object. The application may be granted if there is no objection.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is [Date] 10-23-2024 .
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, Shawano , Wisconsin, Room 202 Probate .
6. This publication is notice to any persons whose names or address are unknown.
* The names or addresses of the following interested persons are not known or reasonably ascertainable:
Katie M. Brown
Form completed by:
James E. Aschenbrener
PO Box 146, Shawano, WI 54166
Telephone Number 715-524-6258
Bar Number 1008896

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08/16/24, 08/23/24, 08/30/24
STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT SHAWANO COUNTY

NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing
Plaintiff,
v.
Ronald F. Zittlow Jr., et al.
Defendants.

Plaintiff, Case No. 2023CV000146

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a judgment of foreclosure made in the above-entitled action on June 5, 2024 in the amount of \$237,752.18, I will sell at public auction, located in the main lobby of the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano, WI 54166, on

September 11, 2024

At 9:00 AM, all of the following described premises, to wit

LOT 1, VOL. 10 CERTIFIED SURVEY MAPS, PAGE 289, DOC. NO. 577553, MAP NO. 2724; SAID MAP BEING PART OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 26 NORTH, RANGE 18 EAST, IN THE TOWN OF ANGELICA, SHAWANO COUNTY, WISCONSIN.
Street Address: W1873 Church Drive, Pulaski, WI 54162
Tax Key No. 004-174200020

THE PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD AS IS AND SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL REAL ESTATE TAXES, SUPERIOR LIENS OR OTHER LEGAL ENCUMBRANCES.

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George Lenzner
Sheriff of Shawano County, Wisconsin

Codilis, Moody & Circelli, P.C.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
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08/16/24, 08/23/24, 08/30/24
STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT SHAWANO COUNTY

Cascade Funding Mortgage Trust AB2
Plaintiff,
v.
The Estate of David G. Pranke Sr., et al.
Defendants.

Plaintiff, Case No. 2024CV000028

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a judgment of foreclosure made in the above-entitled action on May 16, 2024 in the amount of \$116,741.21, I will sell at public auction, located in the main lobby of the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano, WI 54166, on

September 11, 2024

At 9:00 AM, all of the following described premises, to wit:

THE WEST 211.2 FEET OF THE SOUTH 412.5 FEET OF THE EAST ONE-HALF (E 1/2) OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW 1/4) OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (NW 1/4) OF SECTION NUMBER TWENTY-TWO (22), TOWNSHIP NUMBER TWENTY-EIGHT (28) NORTH, RANGE NUMBER TWELVE (12) EAST, SHAWANO COUNTY, WISCONSIN.

Street Address: W15640 Old County D Road, Wittenberg, WI 54499
Tax Key No. 222300050

THE PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD AS IS AND SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL REAL ESTATE TAXES, SUPERIOR LIENS OR OTHER LEGAL ENCUMBRANCES.

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George Lenzner
Sheriff of Shawano County, Wisconsin

Codilis, Moody & Circelli, P.C.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
(414) 775-7700
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08/09/24, 08/16/24, 08/23/24
STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT SHAWANO COUNTY

PUBLICATION SUMMONS
CASE NO. 24-CV-143
HON. KATHERINE SLOMA
Money Judgment: 30301 The amount claimed exceeds \$10,000.00
Other Contracts 30303:
Wis.Stat. §810 Replevin

COVANTAGE CREDIT UNION
PO BOX 107
ANTIGO, WI 54409 Plaintiff,

v.

JEREMY KAZYNSKI
W6748 CURT BLACK ROAD
SHAWANO, WI 54166 Defendant.

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN,
To each person named above as a defendant:

You are hereby notified that the plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The Complaint, which is attached, states the nature and basis of the legal action.

Within 40 days after the date of first publication, you must respond with a written answer, as that term is used in Chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the Complaint. The Court may reject or disregard an answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The answer must be sent or delivered to the Court, whose address is Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano, WI 54166, and to Galanis, Pollack, Jacobs & Johnson, S.C., plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 413 North 2 nd Street, Suite 150, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53203. You may have an attorney help or represent you.

If you do not provide a proper answer within 40 days, the Court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

DATED at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on July 31, 2024 .

GALANIS, POLLACK, JACOBS & JOHNSON, SC
Attorneys for Plaintiff

P. O. Address:
413 N. 2 nd Street, Suite 150
Milwaukee, WI 53203
Telephone: (414) 271-5400 WI

/S/ Electronically signed
Joshua J. Brady State Bar No. 1041428

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF AARON M. SIBILSKY
DOD: 6/17/2024

Notice to Creditors
Case No. 24 PR 47

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 8/21/1976 and date of death 6/17/2024 , was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of W1934 State Highway 156, Pulaski, WI 54162 .
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is November 6, 2024 .
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano , Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate Office.
Attorney Travis T. Schreurs
Law Firm of Conway, Olejniczak & Jerry, SC
231 S. Adams Street/PO Box 23200
Green Bay, WI 54305-3200
(920) 437-0476
Bar Number 1081055

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08/02/24, 08/09/24, 08/16/24
STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAN L. ATKINSON
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 24 PR 43

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 03/02/1952 and date of death 05/26/2024 ,was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin , with a mailing address of 301 N. Hunter Street, Wittenberg, WI .
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is October 31, 2024 .
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano , Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate Office .
Form completed by:
Amy J. Eddy
Anderson O'Brien, LLP
1257 Main Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481 715-344-0890
Bar Number 1036113

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Notice of Public Hearing
Planning, Development and Zoning Committee Meeting
Wednesday, September 4, 2024 @ 9:00 AM
Shawano County Courthouse, Rooms A & B
Members: Ken Capelle, Jeremy Gretzinger, Lowell Hammett, Kathy Luebke, Theresa Serrano
Z-8-24: Lamar and Linda Yoder request zone change on a 3 acre parcel from FH, Farmland and Forest Holding Zoning District to OAR, Open Lands, Agriculture and Residential Zoning District pursuant to the Shawano County Zoning Ordinance No. 7-14, Section X.1.10(4) Zoning Map and Interpretation of Zoning District Boundaries for the purpose of combining land to parcel #044-29440-0010 that is currently zoned OAR. Property is located and described as Lot 2 of Certified Survey Map #4839 being part of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 and part of the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 all in Section 29, T27N R17E. Tax parcel #044-29440-0030. Town of Washington. Currently vacant land.
Z-9-24: Thomas A and Lois McClone request zone change on a 2.12 acre parcel from FP, Farmland and Forest Preservation to R-R, Rural Residential Zoning District pursuant to the Shawano County Zoning Ordinance No. 7-14, Section X.1.10(4) Zoning Map and Interpretation of Zoning District Boundaries for the purpose of combining land to parcel #044-14410-0021 that is currently zoned R-R. Property is located and described as beginning at the Southeast corner of Lot 2, CSM No. 3412, Document No. 628868, Shawano County registry; thence S38°37'35"W, 173.01 feet; thence N68°44'07"W 285.89 feet; thence N57°02'24"W, 103.45 feet; thence 26°57'36"E, 259.14 feet; thence S51°12'30"E, 94.34 feet to the Southwest corner of said Lot 2; thence S50°59'01"E along the South line of said Lot 2 a distance of 333.88 feet to the place of beginning. This rezoned description contains 92,500 square feet more or less (2.12 acres more or less) being part of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 14, T27N R17E, being part of Tax parcel #044-14410-0010. Town of Washington. Currently vacant land.
NOTE: Any person may appear at the public hearing and be heard and/or submit comments to be read into the record for Committee consideration. Correspondence must bear a legible signature of the author as well as the primary address of the signer. Accommodations due to disability can be made by calling: 715-526-6766
Meeting notice emailed/posted: Shawano County Courthouse, Department of Human Services, Shawano County Library, Shawano Leader, WTCH Radio, Shawano County Civic website @ coshawanowl.civicweb.net

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COURT NEWS

▪ Tyler J. Martinez, 34, Green Bay, pleaded no contest May 15 to five counts of burglary and one felony count each of theft and bail jumping. Judge William Kussel Jr. sentenced him July 31 to 42 months in state prison, consecutive to a sentence he is currently serving, followed by five years of extended supervision with conditions.

▪ Yonakwala O. Scow, 33, Oneida, pleaded no contest Aug. 7 to possession of methamphetamine, possession of narcotic drugs and two counts of felony bail jumping. Kussel withheld sentencing and placed her on three years of probation with conditions including up to 120 days in county jail.

▪ Timothy L. Teetzen, 57, pleaded no contest Aug. 8 to operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fourth offense). Kussel levied fines, sentenced him to seven months in county jail with Huber work-release privileges and revoked his driver's license for 24 months.

▪ Eric A. Premeau, 50, Schofield, was charged Aug. 5 with possession of methamphetamine, three counts of misdemeanor bail jumping and misdemeanor counts of possession of THC and possession of drug paraphernalia. Kussel set a \$750 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for Sept. 30.

▪ Cynthia J. Funderburg, 67, Wittenberg, was charged Aug. 5 with possession of methamphetamine, six counts of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Kussel set a \$750 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for Sept. 27.

▪ Nicole A. Kaquatosh, 40, Shawano, was charged Aug. 5 with possession of THC (second or subsequent offense). Kussel set a \$500 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for Oct. 14.

▪ Navada L. Whitewing, 27, Wittenberg, was charged Aug. 5 with possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor counts of possession of THC and possession of drug paraphernalia. Kussel set a \$2,500 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for Oct. 8.

▪ Cornell J. Zhuckkahosee, 32, Keshena, was charged Aug. 7 with fleeing an officer in his vehicle, four counts of first-degree recklessly endangering safety, possession of THC (second or subsequent offense) and misdemeanor counts of operating while revoked and possession of drug paraphernalia. Kussel set a \$10,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Aug. 16.

▪ Shane C. Nigl, 35, Cecil, was charged Aug. 8 with possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), two counts of possession of narcotic drugs and a misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Kussel set a \$1,000 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for Sept. 24.

▪ Leonard J. Pecore, 31, Gresham, was charged Aug. 8 with possession of THC (second or subsequent offense) and three counts of felony bail jumping. Kussel set a \$1,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Aug. 15.

▪ Annalise L. Parker, 20, Shawano, was charged Aug. 9 with felony bail jumping, two counts of misdemeanor bail jumping and a misdemeanor charge of driving without a valid license. Kussel set a \$500 cash bond and set a status conference for Aug. 21.

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NEW MEDIA INC.

Mattoon veneer, plywood manufacturer closes doors

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

Forty-two employees at a Mattoon veneer and plywood manufacturer are without a job after the company gave a one-day notice of its closure.

Wisconsin Veneer and Plywood, 610 Railroad St., Mattoon, was closed effective Aug. 2.

Also shuttered that day were two other facilities owned and operated by Besse Forest Products Inc. Goodman Veneer & Lumber Company in Goodman employed 48 workers, and Birchwood Manufacturing in Rice Lake employed 46.

Besse Forest Products sent letters Aug. 1 to the

Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD), informing the state agency of the closures.

“We are sorry we were not able to give you more notice,” wrote Timothy Turek, chief restructuring officer, in a letter to the DWD regarding the Mattoon operation. “However, due to an unprecedented industry downturn, it has recently become clear to the company that the revenues of the company will no longer support its operations. After exploring restructuring alternatives, we have determined that (each company) will cease operations. Therefore, we are providing as much notice of the closing as is practicable in the

circumstances, pursuant to federal and state WARN laws.”

There are no bumping or transfer rights to other jobs or locations, officials noted.

Certain employees at the Mattoon location are represented by the North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America.

The union has since reportedly filed a complaint with the Wisconsin Department of Justice, claiming Besse Forest closed its Mattoon facility on such short notice that it put employees in a difficult position of managing their next career steps without adequate warning.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BONDUEL

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the **School District of Bonduel** that the **Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting** of said district for the transaction of business will be held in the **High School Commons** on the **19th day of August, 2024, at 6:00 pm**. Detailed copies of the budget are available for inspection in the district office.

Dated this 8th day of August, 2024

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Greg Borowski, Clerk

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BONDUEL

BONDUEL, WISCONSIN 54107

Regular Board Meeting

7:00 PM MS/HS LMC

July 15th, 2024

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Board President Dennis Bergsbaken at 7:00 p.m. All Board members were in attendance. Also in attendance were administrators, staff, and members of the public.

The following motions were made, seconded, and carried to approve:

-For Approval of Minutes of the July 1st, 2024, Regular Board Meeting.

-For Voucher approval of checks numbered 112237 through 112236 for the period of 6/28/24 through 7/12/24 in the amount of \$220,457.15.

-To approve the 2nd grade teaching hire as presented.

-For the Elementary Handbook Approval as presented.

-For the Before and After School Parent Handbook Approval as presented.

-For the Employee Handbook Approval with recommended changes as presented.

-To approve a **Resolution Authorizing the School District Budget to Exceed Revenue Limit by \$450,000 Per Year for Six Years for Non-Recurring Purposes:** BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the School District of Bonduel, Shawano County, Wisconsin that the revenues included in the School District budget be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$450,000 per year for six years, beginning with the 2025-2026 school year and ending with the 2030-2031 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of operational and maintenance expenses, including for technology, safety and security upgrades with the following change:
To approve a **Resolution Authorizing the School District Budget to Exceed Revenue Limit by \$450,000 Per Year for Six Years for Non-Recurring Purposes:** BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the School District of Bonduel, Shawano County, Wisconsin that the revenues included in the School District budget be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$450,000 per year for six years, beginning with the 2025-2026 school year and ending with the 2030-2031 school year, for non-recurring purposes for technology, safety, and security upgrades.

-To approve a **Resolution Authorizing the School District Budget to Exceed Revenue Limit by \$300,000 Per Year for Six Years for Non-Recurring Purposes:** BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the School District of Bonduel, Shawano County, Wisconsin that the revenues included in the School District budget be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$300,000 per year for six years, beginning with the 2025-2026 school year and ending with the 2030-2031 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of operational expenses for support staff salary and benefits with the following change:
Approval of a **Resolution Authorizing the School District Budget to Exceed Revenue Limit by \$300,000 Per Year for Six Years for Non-Recurring Purposes:** BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the School District of Bonduel, Shawano County, Wisconsin that the revenues included in the School District budget be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$300,000 per year for six years, beginning with the 2025-2026 school year and ending with the 2030-2031 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of operational expenses for support staff benefits and salary.

-To approve a **Resolution Providing for a Referendum Election on the Questions of the** Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the School District Budget to Exceed Revenue Limit by \$450,000 Per Year for Six Years for Non-Recurring Purposes and a Resolution Authorizing the School District Budget to Exceed Revenue Limit by \$300,000 Per Year for Six Years for Non-Recurring Purposes.

-To adjourn to closed session as authorized under Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(c) for the purposes of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility and for the purpose of deliberating as a quasi-judicial body in a matter concerning student disciplinary action.

-To reconvene to Open Session.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

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Board Clerk, Greg Borowski

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Shawano Plan Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, August 28, 2024, at 5:00 PM at Shawano City Hall, 127 S. Sawyer St., Shawano, WI to consider the following:

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT to allow Shawano Municipal Utilities to install 90 solar panels on their office roof at 122 N. Sawyer Street, Shawano, WI per City of Shawano Municipal Code Section 10-36(5)(c) small solar-energy system, as a conditional use. The property is located in the Urban Mixed Use (UMU) zoning district. (Legal description: City of Shawano Sawyer and Andrews Plat All Lot 1-2-8-9-10-W 2' Lot 3-Prt Lot 4 All Blk 29 Incl Lot 1 & 2 CSM V10 P280 Map #2719 and Lot 1 CSM V3 P215 #868 Ex Doc #729829)

At the above time and place all interested persons will be given the opportunity to be heard.

Lesley Nemetz, City Clerk
City of Shawano

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SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BONDUEL

BONDUEL, WISCONSIN 54107

Regular Board Meeting

7:00 PM Bonduel High School/Middle School Library Media Center

August 19, 2024

Agenda

1. Call to Order— (Posting Notice: **August 16, 2024** the agenda for the meeting was sent to the Shawano Leader, WTCH radio, and the clerks of the municipalities within the District's boundaries. Copies were also posted on the bulletin boards in the District Office, Bonduel High School office, Bonduel Elementary School, the Bonduel State Bank, and the Village of Bonduel Office). Please visit our District website on the Fridays before Board meetings at www.bonduel.k12.wi.us for the most up to date agenda.

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public Appearances:

4. Approval to Deviate from the Order of the Items on the Agenda.

5. Approval of Minutes.

6. Approval to Pay Bills.

7. New Business—Action Items

8. Discussion:

9. Reports.

10. Meetings to Attend.

11. Adjourn to Closed Session.

12. Reconvene to Open Session.

13. Adjourn.

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BUDGET PUBLICATION - 2024- 2025

Required Published Budget Summary Format

A budget summary, notice of the place where the budget in detail may be examined, the time and place for a public hearing on the budget must be published or distributed under s.65.00. The required minimum detail for the published summary is as follows:

GENERAL FUND	Audited 2022 - 2023	Unaudited 2023 - 2024	Budget 2024 - 2025
Beginning Fund Balance	1,570,257.70	877,363.67	1,362,048.41
Ending Fund Balance	877,363.67	1,362,048.41	(63,935.59)
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Transfers-In (Source 100)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Local Sources (Source 200)	3,631,113.25	3,738,987.91	3,534,884.00
Inter-district Payments (Source 300 + 400)	1,021,438.74	1,164,752.61	1,426,168.00
Intermediate Sources (Source 500)	22,022.46	23,339.60	49,500.00
State Sources (Source 600)	5,833,931.06	5,910,055.74	6,395,609.00
Federal Sources (Source 700)	1,164,457.57	312,341.89	292,290.00
All Other Sources (Source 800 + 900)	131,018.85	788,363.07	0.00
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	11,803,981.93	11,937,840.82	11,698,451.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES			
Instruction (Function 100 000)	5,471,048.57	5,665,012.35	5,911,955.00
Support Services (Function 200 000)	4,905,113.17	4,505,806.90	4,633,394.00
Non-Program Transactions (Function 400 000)	2,120,714.22	1,282,336.83	2,599,086.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	12,496,875.96	11,453,156.08	13,144,435.00

SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND	Audited 2022 - 2023	Unaudited 2023 - 2024	Budget 2024 - 2025
Beginning Fund Balance	247,697.86	235,475.49	(527,927.99)
Ending Fund Balance	235,475.49	(527,927.99)	(1,008,238.99)
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	1,822,563.61	842,923.82	2,306,185.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	1,834,785.98	2,001,327.30	2,391,496.00

DEBT SERVICE FUND	Audited 2022 - 2023	Unaudited 2023 - 2024	Budget 2024 - 2025
Beginning Fund Balance	323,433.40	271,333.11	220,950.64
Ending Fund Balance	271,333.11	220,950.64	211,240.64
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	983,839.62	884,407.53	910,850.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	1,035,939.91	934,790.00	920,560.00

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	Audited 2022 - 2023	Unaudited 2023 - 2024	Budget 2024 - 2025
Beginning Fund Balance	12,162,543.29	334,521.17	2,557.48
Ending Fund Balance	334,521.17	2,557.48	2,557.48
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	4.14	42.00	0.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	11,828,026.26	332,005.69	0.00

FOOD SERVICE FUND	Audited 2022 - 2023	Unaudited 2023 - 2024	Budget 2024 - 2025
Beginning Fund Balance	272,724.32	337,570.72	584,309.15
Ending Fund Balance	337,570.72	384,309.15	317,584.15
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	507,165.09	501,179.53	473,769.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	442,318.69	454,441.10	540,494.00

COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND	Audited 2022 - 2023	Unaudited 2023 - 2024	Budget 2024 - 2025
Beginning Fund Balance	6,581.03	131,385.76	324,330.34
Ending Fund Balance	131,385.76	324,330.34	505,593.34
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	421,911.00	445,052.31	448,000.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	297,106.27	252,107.73	266,737.00

PACKAGE & COOPERATIVE PROGRAM FUND	Audited 2022 - 2023	Unaudited 2023 - 2024	Budget 2024 - 2025
Beginning Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ending Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	0.00	0.00	0.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	0.00	0.00	0.00

Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	Audited 2022 - 2023	Unaudited 2023 - 2024	Budget 2024 - 2025
ALL FUNDS			
GROSS TOTAL EXPENDITURES -- ALL FUNDS	27,935,053.07	15,427,827.90	17,263,722.00
Interfund Transfers (Source 100) -- ALL FUNDS	853,519.24	(3,783.75)	1,248,517.00
Refinancing Expenditures (FUND 30)	0.00	0.00	0.00
NET TOTAL EXPENDITURES -- ALL FUNDS	27,081,533.83	15,431,611.65	16,015,205.00
PERCENTAGE INCREASE - NET TOTAL FUND EXPENDITURES FROM PRIOR YEAR		-43.02%	3.78%

PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY	Audited 2022 - 2023	Unaudited 2023 - 2024	Budget 2024 - 2025
Levy Summary			
General Fund	\$3,499,260	\$3,796,942	\$3,498,184
Referendum Debt Service Fund	5926,923	5849,768	5852,900
Non-Referendum Debt Service Fund	556,753	559,950	557,950
Capital Expansion Fund	50	50	50
Community Service Fund	\$411,911	\$410,000	\$410,000
Prior Year Levy Chargeback	50	50	50
Other Levy	50	50	50
TOTAL SCHOOL LEVY	\$4,894,847	\$5,116,660	\$4,769,034
PERCENTAGE INCREASE - TOTAL LEVY FROM PRIOR YEAR		4.53%	-6.79%

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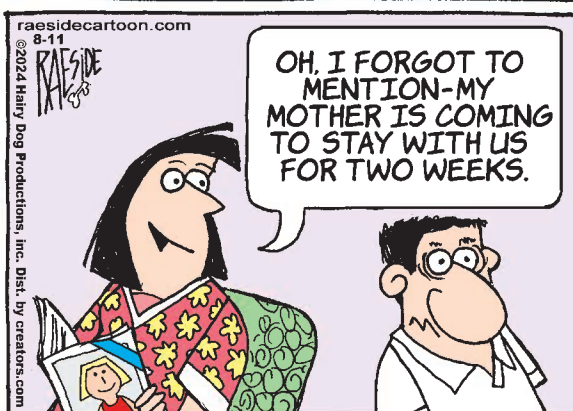
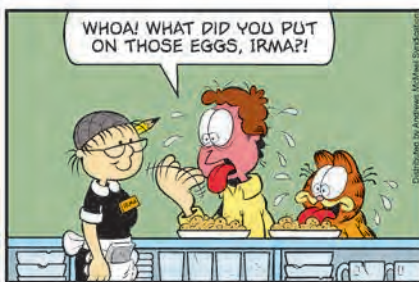
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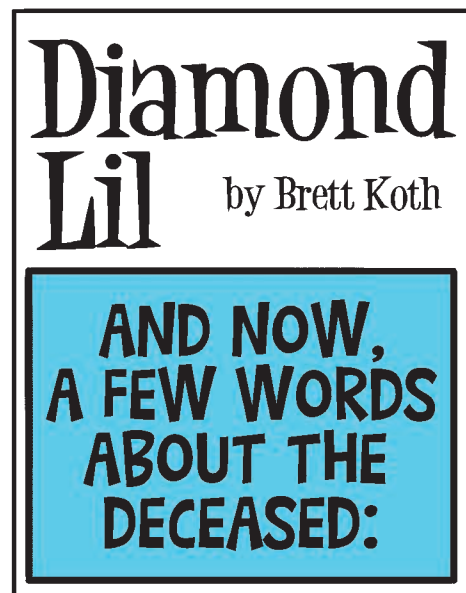
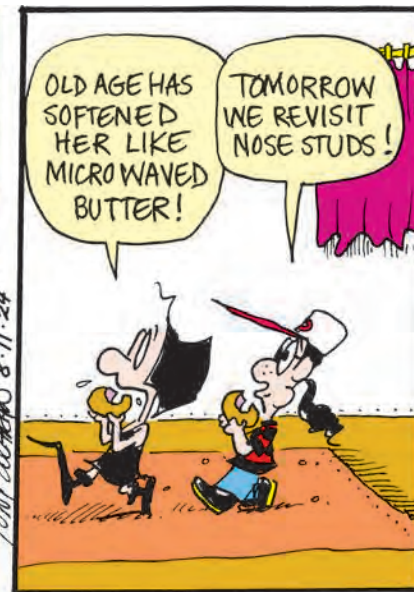
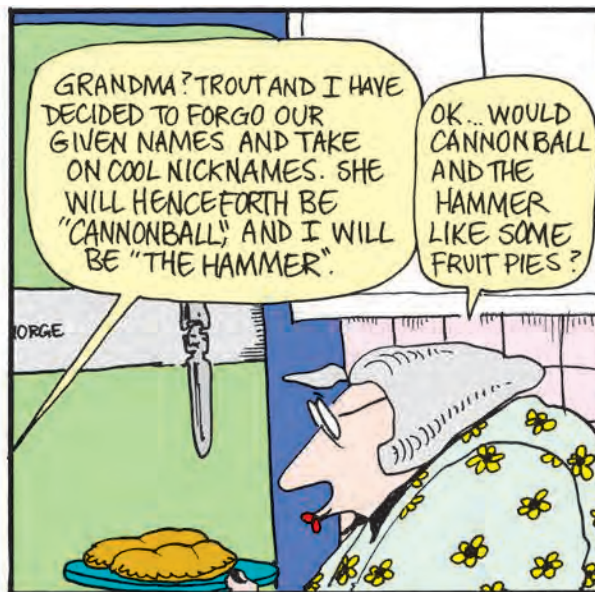
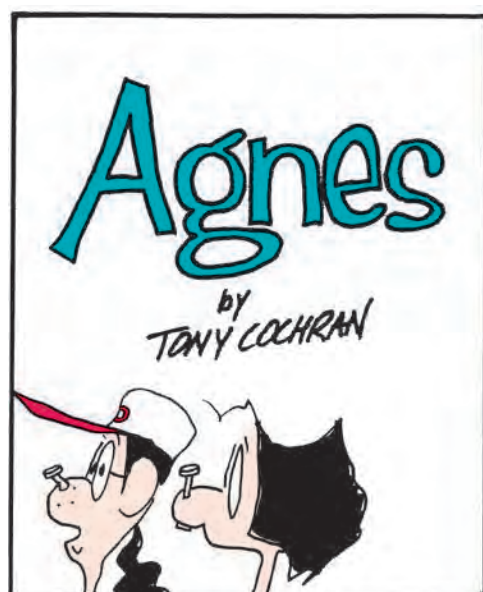
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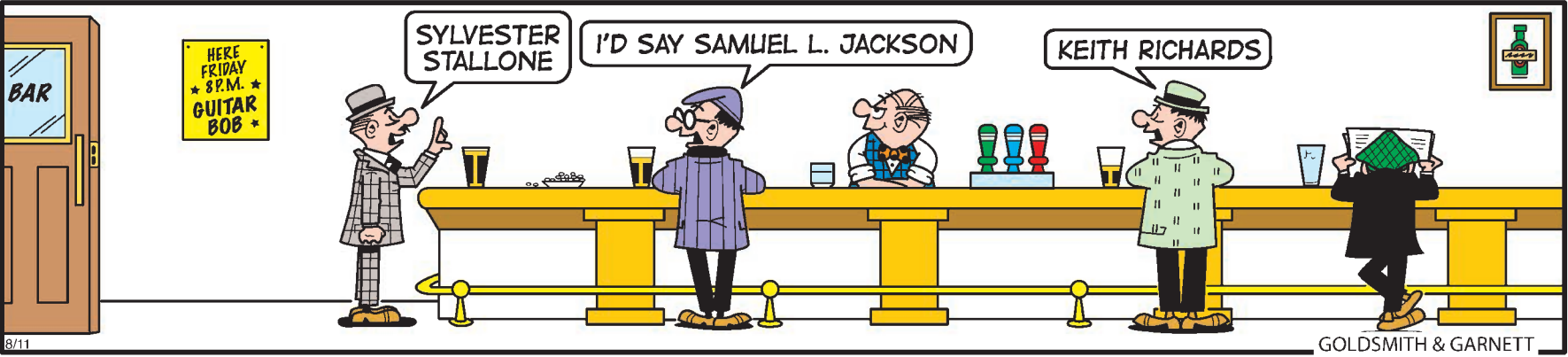
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