



Confetti covers children of the community as they dig into the dirt to break ground June 5 for the Shawano Recreation Center. Renovations and expansion of the center will cost about \$5.25 million, 85% of it coming from the state through a Flexible Facilities Program grant the city received last year. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

Recreation center renovations begin with fun groundbreaking

Work begins on biggest upgrade facility has seen in decades

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

T-shirts were flying more than the dirt at the groundbreaking ceremony June 5 for the renovations at the Shawano Recreation Center.

Neon yellow shirts with the words “Wreck the Rec” were shot out to the crowd prior to dozens of children, city staff and other officials shoveling dirt to kick off months of work to modernize and expand the recreation center, a project that has been years in the making.

The renovation project is funded by a \$4.25 million Flexible Facilities Program grant and another \$1 million from the city. That \$1 million comes from reallocat-



Matt Hendricks, left, Shawano parks and recreation director, hands off a T-shirt gun June 5 to Mayor Bruce Milavitz before he sends T-shirts with the words “Wreck the rec” into the air for dozens of local children. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

Vacancies hitting hard at sheriff's department

Jail, dispatch center continue to struggle finding qualified staff

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

The three divisions of the Shawano County Sheriff's Department are facing a combined vacancy total of more than a dozen positions. Even with some of the positions filled by applicants at various stages in the hiring pipeline, the department is still struggling to hire qualified staff, officials told members of the public safety committee June 4.

Ironically, Kasey Cross, communications supervisor, submitted her report in advance, because she had to cover a shift in the dispatch center.

“Currently, we have six vacant full-time positions, as one of our full-time members opted to go to a part-time position only,” Cross said. “The dispatchers have been stepping up to make sure we have coverage where needed; they are all working long hours for multiple days in a row and are giving up days off in order to ensure coverage is provided.

“Even with that sacrifice, we have to operate with only two dispatchers on duty during day and afternoon shifts. Collectively the group is getting tired.”

Troy Beyer, jail administrator, echoed Cross.

“We currently have six vacancies, three applicants in the physical and psych testing phase,” he said, noting that the day before, one of the applicants pulled out of the process.

He said a few others are in the background investigation stage.

Last month, the jail division had four vacancies. One correctional officer transferred to the patrol division, while a second quit the industry altogether.

Cross noted some bright spots on the employment front.

A candidate with experience is expected to start her training June 17. A second candidate was set to complete her testing June 6, and Cross said that if all goes well, the second candidate could start by the end of June.

Chief Deputy Ty Raddant said the officer who transferred from the jail was

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Summer kickoff event draws massive crowd

Johnny Wad band featured at Thursdayz at Franklin

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

Shawano's summer music series kicked off with a bang June 4 when a couple of thousand people gathered throughout Franklin Park to enjoy the sounds of the Johnny Wad band.

Temperatures hovered around 80 degrees, but the park offered plenty of opportunities for shade for those who wanted to avoid the direct sunlight streaming across the two square blocks that make up the park.

The band has a loyal following, including John Van Lanen and Dawn Goffard from Oneida.

"This is our first time here (at the Thursdayz at Franklin concert), but we're very impressed with how nice and clean this park is," Van Lanen said. "We come through Shawano a lot. We like it."

Shawano's summer entertainment series includes four nights of events, said Maddi Stuewer, programming and events coordina-



A crowd estimated at about 2,000 people filled Franklin Park for the first event in the 2025 summer concert series. Coming up June 19 will be Taylor and the Anti-Heroes, an official Taylor Swift tribute band. Music begins at 6 p.m. and runs until 8:30 p.m.

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For a complete schedule of events and concerts at The Naberhood, Franklin Park and Arlington Park, visit www.newmedia-wi.com.

tor with the Shawano Parks and Recreation Department, which coordinates the activities.

"On Tuesdays, our goal is to have some non-music events for families," she said. "Thursdays is for the bigger bands, and Satur-

day at The Naberhood, we have smaller bands to offer a more local hometown feel. Sundays at Arlington Park are again more local musicians, usually just one or two, aimed at the older generation."

The Thursdayz at Franklin series, which runs from 6-8:30 p.m., is in its eighth year, and The Naberhood events are three years in the making. Sunday night music, which used to be held for years at Memorial

Park, is in its third year at Arlington Park.

The June 3 kickoff event at The Naberhood was cancelled due to rain, but Thursday's weather made up for it.

"The event exceeded expectations," Stuewer said. "The weather was phenomenal, the turnout was great, the band was awesome. We were really happy with everything."

The Thursday night events also feature a raffle



Ron and Donna Wuske enjoyed the music and time with friends at Shawano's first Thursdayz at Franklin concert June 5. In addition to the music, the event features raffles and food trucks.

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with the winner taking home half of the proceeds. On June 5, the winner left with \$2,535, with the Shawano Optimists pocketing the other half to be used for its community programs.

"The Optimists and the Shawano Pathways alternate each week on who does the raffle," Stuewer said. "We also have another nonprofits that help out with other events. (On June 5), the humane society offered glitter tattoos."

Food trucks are also part of the Thursday concerts, and Stuewer said there has been talk of having a truck or two at the other events.

Also new this year will be parks and rec T-shirts

and sweatshirts for sale.

"Last year, we had a lot of people ask where they could buy the shirts we were giving away, the ones we got from DotCom Branding," Stuewer said. "People really liked the idea of sweatshirts on cool nights, so we thought we'd offer them for sale this year."

Parks and rec staff enjoy the events as much as the public. And they should for the amount of work they put into planning each year.

Planning for each summer's events begins in November, about seven months before the first show.

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Grant received for new county dive team trailer

Sheriff's department using old ambulance that's costly to fix

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

A new dive team trailer will soon find its way to the Shawano County Sheriff's Department.

The department recently received a \$6,000

Elevate Communities grant that will cover most of the costs of a new trailer.

The grant was applied for by Lt. Jesse Sperberg, who spearheads the dive team.

Also, the public safety committee voted June 4 to reallocate \$2,800 from the crime prevention account to help cover the trailer's costs.

Dana Ritchie, office manager at the department, said the quotes the department collected are

a bit more than the grant amount.

The crime prevention account is from a discontinued program in which \$10 from select forfeitures funded the program. The program has since ended and new funds no longer are directed to the account. However, when the program ended, there were outstanding fines that once collected still had to have the funds directed to the account, which is why there is still a balance in

the account.

Using the funds now would allow the account to be closed permanently, Ritchie said.

The Shawano Area Fire Department has agreed to have one of its trucks pull the trailer when needed. The department will also contribute to some setup costs.

The sheriff's department has tried the past few years to budget money for a new trailer, but officials would eventually pull the request

from the final budget.

"We have an old ambulance that they have been using to respond with. This things has repairs," Sheriff George Lenzner told the committee in 2024. "It's over \$3,000 to repair this, and I can see a future where we're going to be putting more money into this than it's worth."

The ambulance has been used the past nine years.

"We've had good use out of it. The problem

with the van is that we don't use it a lot, but when we do, we need it to be reliable," Sperberg said last year. "We have an old vehicle with lots of miles that sits there a lot. It's not reliable."

Many departments are using trailers for special purposes like a dive team or emergency command center. The fire department uses one for its hazmat equipment.

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Non-metallic mining site to reopen in Town of Fairbanks

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

An Appleton-based concrete and construction business received approval to reopen a non-metallic mining site in the Town of Fairbanks with intentions of removing sand from the two parcels of land.

Approval for MCC Inc. to mine the site was granted June 3 by Shawano County Planning, Development and Zoning Committee.

The 75 acres were previously mined under a conditional use permit that was renewed several times but has also since expired.

"We'd like to renew it and go back in there," said Kieth Doyle, representing MCC Inc. "There's about 50,000 pounds of sand left in there we'd like to extract and then reclaim the site back to wildlife habitat."

The plan is begin excavation in 2025 and complete reclamation of

the site by the end of 2027.

The parcels are bordered on the north by state Highway 45 and are southwest of the highway's intersection with Lone Maple Road.

The initial request included proposed hours of operation of 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday. While the week-

day hours remained the same, committee members changed the Saturday hours to 8 a.m. to noon.

"We only haul like a month out of the year," Doyle said. "We'll get it all out at once. It's not a yearlong process."

An excavator, front end loader or both will be used to excavate and load

trucks, along with a portable crusher and screening plant to process sand and gravel.

Town of Fairbanks officials recommended approval of the plan at their April 14 meeting.

The new permit will expire April 21, 2026.

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Schoemann makes gubernatorial case in Shawano

Republican sees keeping people in Wisconsin as major issue

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

The next election for governor is still 17 months away, but Washington County Executive Josh Schoemann is wasting no time moving around the state in an attempt to garner name recognition.

Schoemann paid a visit to Shawano County Republicans on June 5 to introduce himself to local GOP members and explain why he's running for the seat currently occupied by Tony Evers, who has not announced whether he's running for a third term. Schoemann is the only Republican who has thrown his hat into the ring so far.

His goal is to reach out to as many voters as possible, as he explained in an interview with NEW Media prior to a Q&A session at the GOP's Shawano headquarters, but his plan if he gets to be governor will be to keep people from leaving the state. Schoemann said



Washington County Executive Josh Schoemann talks to members of the Shawano County Republican Party on June 5 in the Shawano headquarters, explaining why he's crisscrossing the state now to talk with people about issues concerning the state as he makes his case to be governor.

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he's seeing far to many people fleeing for other states.

"It's people, especially our kids, leaving our state for opportunities elsewhere," Schoemann said. "Our retirees are leaving because our taxes are too high. I hear all the time from retirees going to Florida, Texas, Arizona and Tennessee to get out of Wisconsin for six months and one day. Too many of our kids leave the state, whether

it's for different colleges and universities or just different job opportunities. If you look at the next 25 years, that's a real problem for us with the demographics we have here."

Schoemann said his goal is to make Wisconsinites happy to be here, not just biding their time. The existing tax system is problematic to that goal, he said, with state income taxes almost double the flat tax that

Illinois has.

"Putting ourselves on a flat tax on a trajectory to eliminate it is a high priority," Schoemann said.

When it comes to youths staying in the state, Schoemann wants to see improvements in public schools and universities, as well as create innovation in workforce development. He also wants to bring down the cost of housing, pointing out it is almost impossible for young families

to buy a home.

"Pretty much everybody throughout the state that I talk to talks about how difficult it is for young people to buy a house and how expensive the old starter home of yesteryear — an 1,100-square-foot house on a quarter-acre lot — is unachievable for most people," Schoemann said. "I think those are some things that we can work toward some reform and changes, something we've done in Washington County."

Schoemann has worked for Washington County for 12 years, five of them as the executive. He noted that the county's tax rate is the same as it was before World War I. Washington County's property tax rate is 1.22%, lower than Shawano County's 1.58% rate and Oconto County's 1.5% rate.

Schoemann putting his hat in so far out from the November 2026 gubernatorial race is becoming a trend across the country, he said. Name identification is one reason for starting the campaign so early, according to Schoemann, but the other factor is money.

"I was just talking to folks out in the hall (at Shawano's GOP head-

quarters), and my advisers tell me the average candidate needs to raise about \$30 million-\$40 million," Schoemann said. "Both candidates combined will spend about \$100 million, and all outside parties combined will spend about a quarter-billion dollars. I'm not an independently wealthy person. There might be other candidates that are wealthy and might have other things, but no one's going to outwork me, and that means I need to start early."

Schoemann said he hopes to restore some harmony in Madison if elected governor. He expressed disappointment about the current budget talks between Evers and the Wisconsin Legislature breaking down and said the talks should have started six months ago.

"It's been headline news the last two or three weeks that, goodness gracious, the governor and the legislative leaders are actually meeting and talking to each other," Schoemann said. "Of course, yesterday it was, 'Just kidding. We can't get along, so we're going to go off on our own.' I mean, that's not what leaders do."

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Conditional release plan OK'd for Renel

Defendant pleads no contest to misdemeanor charges

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

Aaron Renel, the man who caught folks' attention by driving a military vehicle in the wrong direction on state Highway 29 three years ago, will not be serving any more jail time.

A conditional release plan for Renel was approved June 4 by Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Court Judge William Kussel Jr. Renel will be able to remain in his home in Cecil and receive treatment from Lutheran Social Services. According to his attorney, Eric Pangburn, the conclusion of the case means that Renel will once again be allowed to drive, as the ban on operating a motor vehicle was only a condition of the \$10,000 cash bond he posted, which is being returned to him.

However, Renel still faces restrictions under the deal reached with the Shawano-Menominee County District Attorney's Office. The disabled veteran is banned for life from possessing firearms, and he will still be forbidden from leaving the state. He also cannot consume alcohol or drugs except for the ones prescribed to him for his mental illness.

Renel pleaded not guilty due to mental illness on the felony charges of fleeing and eluding officers and second-degree recklessly endangering safety earlier in the year, but the NGI plea could not be applied to the misdemeanor charges of resisting or obstructing an officer and three counts of bail jumping. During the hearing, Renel pleaded no contest to three of the charges, with the last count of bail jumping being dismissed.

For the misdemeanors, Renel will have to pay \$650 in fines plus court costs. Pangburn noted that he and Renel both agreed there needed to be some punishment.

Kussel said he was satisfied with the conditional release plan.

"I think this is a good plan," Kussel said. "It protects the community, and it works toward the rehabilitation of Mr. Renel."

He added that, even



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though Renel is not being imprisoned, the court will be watching the progress of the defendant very closely.

"If you want to reach good mental health, you've got to do what the doctors tell you to do," Kussel said. "You're going to be monitored for this. There's going to be random analysis to make sure that you're complying with this order."

Kussel also acknowledged the turnaround Renel has made since his initial incarceration in 2022. While in jail, there was at least one occasion where Renel refused to meet with a previous attorney before a court hearing. At recent hearings, Renel was very respectful to everyone in the court.

"The court has seen Mr. Renel a number of times. He seems pretty bright eyed and bushy tailed," Kussel said.

Pangburn agreed with Kussel's assessment of Renel.

"Aaron has obviously come a long way since this happened," Pangburn said. "He's involved himself in mental health treatment. He's not using any substances. He's got a conditional release plan so he's going to be closely monitored."

The case came about after the Shawano County Sheriff's Department responded around 5:15 p.m. May 8, 2022, to reports of a heavy truck-type military vehicle on state Highway 29 in western Shawano County traveling down the roadway with a flat tire, thus causing a traffic hazard.

Deputies located and attempted to stop the vehicle, which Renel was driving, but he led them on a short chase, coming to a stop in about a half-mile on the eastbound lane median of Highway 29 near County Road G in the Town of Seneca. Renel would not cooperate and would not exit the vehicle. Because of comments made by Renel and the conditions of this incident, the Shawano County Special Response Team responded to the scene, and officials were eventually able to arrest Renel after using county snowplows to block further escape.

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Neopit celebrates community pride

TOP: Kenew Dickenson, right, interviews Neopit resident Brenda Gauthier about the good things about Neopit on June 5 as Sean King, left, and Sheena Waupoose observe behind the camera during Celebrate Neopit. The interviewing is a new thing for Menominee Tribal School students as they're putting together videos about the community.

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ABOVE: Dana Madosh, of Neopit, flips some burgers June 5 on the grill outside the pavilion of the Neopit Veterans Park as hundreds of people attending Celebrate Neopit await some good food to eat.

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LEFT: Kaneh Krenzke, 13, of Neopit, gets ready to take a shot during a free throw contest June 5 at Celebrate Neopit, which was held at Neopit Veterans Park.

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2 dead in fatal crash on County BE

Two people are dead following a two-vehicle crash in the Town of Waukechon on County Road BE on June 6.

Multiple 911 calls came in at about 1:30 p.m. reporting a crash at the intersection of County Road BE and County Road B.

The preliminary investigation indicates that a pickup truck was traveling eastbound on County Road BE when an SUV

attempted to turn west onto County Road BE from County Road B. It appears the SUV failed to see the oncoming pickup and was struck in the eastbound lane while making the turn, according to a Shawano County Sheriff's Department press release.

The pickup truck was occupied by a single individual who sustained minor injuries and was transported by ambulance

to a local hospital. The SUV contained two occupants — the driver, a 69-year-old female, and a 71-year-old male passenger — both from the Bonduel area. Upon arrival, both occupants were found unresponsive. Despite life-saving efforts, they succumbed to their injuries and were pronounced dead at the scene.

The Shawano County Sheriff's Department was

assisted at the scene by the Shawano Police Department, Shawano Area Fire Department, Shawano Ambulance, Bonduel EMS, Wisconsin State Patrol, Shawano County Highway Department and the Shawano County Coroner's Office.

The names of those involved are being withheld pending notification of family. The crash remains under active investigation.

Traffic stop leads to arrest, recovery of guns and drugs

A June 2 traffic stop led to the arrest of a man and recovery of drugs, guns and other contraband, according to the Menominee Tribal Police Department.

At about 11:15 a.m., officers conducted a traffic stop on a speeding vehicle traveling on state Highway

47 near Camp One Road on the Menominee Indian Reservation.

During the stop, officers observed suspicious behavior from the male driver that raised concerns. A probable cause search of the vehicle was conducted, leading to the discovery of

several illegal items.

Items recovered from the vehicle included:

- Multiple individually packaged bindles of suspected illicit drugs.
- A 9mm handgun with ammunition.
- An AR-style assault rifle with ammunition.

• Additional illegal contraband.

The driver was taken into custody at the scene and transported to the Menominee Tribal Detention Facility. Charges are pending further investigation and analysis of the seized items.

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On the lookout for severe weather



Ominous looking clouds filled the skies over Shawano the afternoon of June 3, while the National Weather Service issued a tornado warning for Langlade, Menominee and Oconto counties. Specifically, the warning covered northeastern Menominee County, central Oconto County and southeastern Langlade County. At 4:52 p.m., a severe thunderstorm capable of producing a tornado was located near Big Smokey Falls, or 21 miles north of Shawano, moving northeast at 35 mph.

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Civic center expands its offerings

The Shawano Civic Center, 225 S. Main St., Shawano, is looking for community members interested in playing cards, cribbage, dice games and board games — all of which are supplied at no charge. Organizers said the games offer a chance to socialize, make new friends, enjoy a cup of coffee and have some fun. Currently, the civic

center offers the Silver Foxes exercise group from 8:30-9:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and Bingo at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Card games are set to be offered from 1-3 p.m. or 2-4 p.m. Monday, Thursday or Friday, depending on the schedules of the players. The civic center is also on the lookout for musicians who want to volun-

tarily share their talent. Singalongs or presentations (mornings or afternoons) are welcome. There is a piano at the civic center. Anyone from beginners to experts interested in joining a painting group are welcome to stop in from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday. For more information, visit the civic center, call 715-526-9311 or email lpas-son@cityofshawano.com.

AbbyBank Foundation donates to Shawano Area United Way

The AbbyBank Foundation Inc. donated \$2,020 to the Shawano Area United Way for the purchase of laptops, wireless mice and a printer. These technology up-grades will enhance the organization’s ability to serve the community and further their mission to improve lives by mobilizing the caring power of individuals

to create positive changes in the areas of education, income and health. “These tools will help increase efficiency and impact as they support families and individuals throughout the Shawano County area,” said Mike Morse, vice president-commercial banking at AbbyBank. The AbbyBank Founda-

tion was formed in 1986 as a private charitable foundation of AbbyBank, which has contributed more than \$1,826,300 to the foundation. Since 1986, the foundation has made donations to Abbotsford, Appleton, Gresham, Medford, Shawano, Wausau, Weston and neighboring area organizations totaling more than \$1,413,830.91.



The AbbyBank Foundation Inc. donated \$2,020 to the Shawano Area United Way for the purchase of laptops, wireless mice and a printer. From left, are Michael Morse, vice president-commercial banking, Shawano AbbyBank; and Uriah Williams, executive director for Shawano Area United Way.

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Golden Boy, Golden Girl selected for 2025

Pair will represent
Twig's Beverage
under Lee's tutelage

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

Grayson Engel and Ava Herrmann are the new youth spokespeople for Twig's Beverage for the next year after being announced as the big winners of the Golden Boy and Girl Contest during Sun Drop Dayz on June 7.

This is the second year of the contest, where students in the fourth grade are invited to send essays about why they'd be the best representatives for Shawano's signature soda pop and how they embody the family and community values that Twig's holds so dear. The contest was started by social media influencer Jaime Lee, who



Jaime Lee, spokesmodel for Twig's Beverage, brings in Ava Herrmann, left, and Grayson Engel for a hug June 7 on the main stage at Sun Drop Dayz after the formal announcement that the children are the new Golden Girl and Boy for the soda bottling company.

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also serves as a spokesmodel for the company. Grayson is a student at Sacred Heart Catholic

School who enjoys 4-H and farming. He shows pigs and cows during the Shawano County Fair. His parents

are Jim and Jessica Engel. "He is a kind, young man and loves to serve in his church," Lee said. "He is a

sweet family member, and we're looking forward to getting to know him."

Ava, a student with St. James Lutheran School, is also part of 4-H, where she raises rabbits. Reading, crafts and fashions are also a part of her life. Lee noted that she and Ava are going to make an appearance this summer at Embarrass Fun Days, as her parents, Rachel and Travis Herrmann, are from the area.

"Looking forward to working with and mentoring these two young people," Lee said. "They won because of their sweetness, their kindness. They live by the Golden Rule, and they exemplify Twig's hometown values."

Grayson is proud to be taking on the mantle of Golden Boy.

"It feels really good to do it," Grayson said. "It feels good because I accomplished something."

Ava said she was looking forward to having fun and doing videos around town.

"I'm looking forward to showing off my community when we do the fun days," Ava said.

During their reign, Grayson and Ava will learn from Lee about public service, communication skills and how to be a representative for a business. They also get a year's supply of Sun Drop.

"I'm so excited to be following along to showcase their unique gifts and talents," Lee said.

Lee would not say how many students entered this year's contest, but she said that all the students who entered would be honored in some way.

"Maybe these two kids are winners. However, all these kids are winners in some way," Lee said.

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Student scribes earn awards from Shawano Area Writers

The Shawano Area Writers handed out certificates of achievement, cash prizes and Writer's Digest magazines to 37 student writers May 18 at the Mielke Arts Center.

This year, the George Putz Memorial Student Writing Contest yielded 177 entries.

Winners in the 2025 contest are:

Fiction

- Grades 1-2: Briella LaRock, first place; Alayah Lyles, second; Ellie Cumberland, third; Emily Nguyen, honorable mention.
- Grades 3-4: Brielle Arndt, first; Marciana Beauprey, second; William Schlais, third; Brielle Arndt, honorable mention.
- Grades 5-8: Skewnik Waukechon-Reiter, first; Bailey Wild, second; Ellie Ford, third; Kynzlee Arndt and Cora Flaig (two), honorable mention.
- Grades 9-12: Camille Gourley, first, second and

third; Willow White and Sera Hyzer, honorable mention.

Poetry

- Grades 1-2: Opal Kaminski, first; Milo Gill- ing, second; Cole Schlais, third; Opal Kaminski, honorable mention.

- Grades 3-4: Xander John, first; Will Schlais, second; Aaliyah Church, third; Logan Jensen and Maddux Mathews, honorable mention.

- Grades 5-8: Elizabeth Schlais, first and second; Grace Ford, third; Elizabeth Schlais and Grace

Ford, honorable mention.

- Grades 9-12: Noah Suehring, first; Alana Estrada-House, second; Alexis Verg, third; Jack Schoen, honorable mention.

Nonfiction

- Grades 1-2: Thomas

Ullmer, first and second; Jordi Wild, third; Lainey Grignon, honorable mention.

- Grades 3-4: Huck Goes, first; Brock Reedy, second; Aaliyah Church, third; Maddux Mathews, honorable mention.
- Grades 5-8: Elizabeth

Schlais, first; Timothy Ullmer, second; Cadence Wildenberg, third; Edward Ullmer, honorable mention.

- Grades 9-12: Elena Ullmer, first and second; Camille Gourley, third; Willow White, honorable mention.

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Bands, more entertain at Sun Drop Dayz



ABOVE: Whiskey and Lace, a band hailing from Stevens Point, kicked off the beginning of Sun Drop Dayz on June 6 on East Elizabeth Street, firing off a mix of rock and country tunes for the crowd. Later in the night, Wet Possum kept people dancing as the first day headliner band. LEFT: Dancers for the Ntxhais Dej Laim from Nkauj Zaj Dance Academy in Green Bay show off some of their Hmong dancing at one of the baseball fields at Memorial Park as part of the second day of Sun Drop Dayz on June 7. RIGHT: Less than an hour in the first day of Sun Drop Dayz, the line was lengthy to get Sun Drop slushies in the food area. BELOW: A 3-on-3 basketball tournament kept Elizabeth Street full of activity June 7 for the second day of Sun Drop Dayz. BELOW RIGHT: Jaylyn Traxler, left, of Shawano, tries to pull away a lifesize jenga piece June 6 in Memorial Park as her friend, Kenna Radomski, of Shawano, watches. This and more made up the kid zone area for Sun Drop Dayz.



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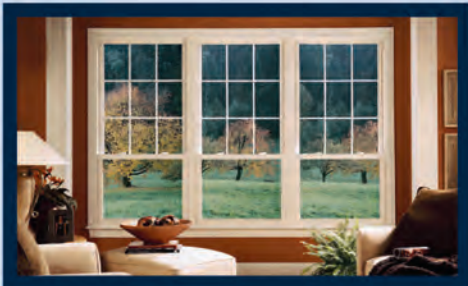
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Plant sunflowers for season of enjoyment

Sunflowers are one of those happy plants many gardeners can't resist planting. Kids love to watch the plants reach for the sky, and everyone enjoys all the visitors. You are likely to see hummingbirds, bees and other pollinators on the flowers, songbirds munching on the seeds, and squirrels practicing acrobatic contortions as they try to gain their fair share of the harvest.

What we call the "flower" is made of 1,000 to 2,000 individual flowers. The large petals are, in fact, infertile ray flowers that do not develop into seeds. The center consists of fertile disk flowers that develop into seeds after pollination occurs.

These versatile flowers tolerate a wide range of soils around the world and are drought tolerant. It is not surprising they have been used by people



for more than 4,000 years. Native Americans used the flowers for pigments, the seeds for food, the dried stems for construction and fuel. Today, millions of acres of sunflowers are grown for the edible seeds, oil and birdseed.

There is still time to plant sunflowers. Just check the seed packet for the number of days from planting seed until bloom. You'll find varieties that mature in as few as 55 days while others need as many as 120 days to flower. Start planting sunflower seeds directly in the garden after the danger of frost has passed and soil is about 60 degrees Fahrenheit. Extend



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the bloom time by making additional plantings, allowing enough time for the plants to flower before the first fall frost.

Protect seeds and seedlings from birds and other critters. Cover the area

with a floating row cover, a spun fabric that lets air, light and water through to the plants, or some type of netting or screen. Plant the seeds 1 to 2 inches deep and 6 inches apart in rows 2 to 3 feet apart. Remove every

other seedling once they are several inches tall.

Protect young plants from deer, if needed. These critters can quickly destroy young plants, so consider using a repellent or fencing if deer are a problem in your area.

Water often enough to keep the soil moist around the seeds and young seedlings. Gradually extend the time between watering to encourage the plants to grow a robust root system. Continue to water thoroughly as needed throughout the growing season. Fertilize at planting and make a second application mid-summer, if needed. Follow the fertilizer label directions for proper timing and rates.

Staking isn't usually needed to support even the taller varieties unless you are growing sunflowers in a windy location or they are overcrowded. Use a metal

or wood stake placed close to the stem if you need to stake the plants. Secure the plant to the stake using twine or soft ties made from cloth.

As the flowers appear, watch them track the sun from east to west and return facing east each morning. Scientists recently discovered the young plant's sun-tracking, also called heliotropism, is tied to the plant's circadian rhythms. One side of the stem elongates during the day and the other side at night, directing the flower toward the sun. As the flowers mature, they stay facing east, helping to attract pollinators like bees to the warmer flower surface.

Enjoy watching your sunflowers sprout, grow and flower. Take time to observe the many visitors to the blooms, and be sure to harvest a few seeds for snacking.

Birds, bees showcase their summer splendor

As a tweener, I heard the phrase "the birds and the bees" quite a few times. Being a sheltered farm kid, I couldn't help but wonder: What are they talking about? Alas, I knew little about reproduction at the time, but when I began my education on the topic, I approached my mother with a simple question. "So where do babies come from? And don't tell me the stork. That's ridiculous."

Seeing my younger sister standing nearby, Mom said we'd discuss it later. The next day we had her version of "the talk." It was a 10-minute, one-sided conversation short on details. Her response to my questions might be summed up in four words: romance (wait) and procreation (don't).

A recent bird-watching experience brought back this memory, and I wondered where the phrase "birds and bees" originated. I learned it was in the 20th century, most likely based



on natural behavior: birds laying eggs (female ovulation) and bees pollinating (male fertilization). And the famous poet Samuel Taylor Coleridge, best known for Rime of the Ancient Mariner, referenced both birds and bees in "Work Without Hope."

*Nature seems at work.
Slugs leave their lair —
The bees are stirring —
birds are on the wing —
And Winter slumbering
in the open air,
Wears on his smiling face
a dream of Spring!
And I the while, the sole
unbusy thing,
Nor honey make, nor
pair, nor build, nor sing.*

I bring this up because summers up north provide nonstop free entertainment if you like interacting with

nature. Fortunately, we have all the usual woodland creatures here at Otter Run. I've even bonded with some of them. My pet doe Sedona, who looks very pregnant right now, came out of the woods this morning when I called her name, and my buddy Sneaky Snake is back to keep the crickets and ticks under control.

As we are launching the pontoon today, Jon and I will enjoy the antics of muskrats, beavers and, of course, otters. We'll cruise alongside super swimmers that summer here: herons, swans, ducks and loons. Ah, geese? Not so much. They make a god-awful racket and cover the lawn with "landmines." As far as bees go, I did see a honeybee last year, but evidently it couldn't coexist with the ginormous bumblebees feasting on my hibiscus.

Our human offspring like to tease us that only old people like to watch birds. Guilty on both

counts. Luckily, the Northwoods provides a virtual aviary of beautiful flying feathered friends. We watch via the patio door as they empty the feeders on our deck, then rudely peck at the glass to request refills. After years of observing them, I conclude that bird behavior closely mirrors that of humans. Case in point: rose-breasted grosbeaks.

Each spring, soon to be dressed to the nines in their tuxedos, males arrive first to check out the place. They test the footing on the feeder and sample the seeds, aggressively pushing rivals away. When females come, males strut their stuff, but the girls ignore them, concentrating on fueling up for the birthing process.

Once females have eggs in their increasingly rounded tummies, male behavior changes. The previously self-absorbed pretty boys take on the role of husband and father. After

the eggs are laid, both sexes take turns incubating them, singing quietly to each other as they exchange places, but only the males sing at full volume from the nest. Sing? Wow. Jon says grosbeaks sound like robins that went to voice school. After the eggs hatch, unlike many birds, male grosbeaks help with feeding and protecting their young.

The fun continues when fledglings come to the feeder. At this stage, youngsters resemble adult females. They perch on the deck rail, shivering, shaking and begging plaintively. Daddies respond by feeding them to stop the crying. As modifying feathers reveal gender, juveniles adopt adult behaviors. Males spar and taunt one another, attaining dominance or slinking off only to return for more mistreatment. The females wait until the fireworks end, then peacefully share space at the feeder.

All of this is training for the mating cycle, which

brings us back to where we started. For the first time ever, we had a ringside seat this morning to grosbeak mating ritual. Jon noticed a male and female acting weird. The dude kept blowing up his chest, gyrating his wings, prancing and dancing around. He tried to cozy up, but she repeatedly spurned his advances until suddenly flying off. He followed her to a nearby maple tree where I assume nature took its course. It's all part of the Creator's plan, or as Coleridge wrote in lines I include for my favorite columnist Kay Reminger:

*He prayeth best, who
loveth best
All things both great and
small;
For the dear God who
loveth us,
He made and loveth all.*

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

Does your child suffer from obstructive sleep apnea?

Have you ever thought about your child's sleep quality?

Questions to consider: Does your child's breathing pause when they are asleep? Does your child breathe through their mouth at night? Do you hear any choking noises or gasping for air during their sleep? Are they having difficulty concentrating at school or have been diagnosed with ADD/ADHD?

If you answered yes to one or more of these ques-



tions, your child may be suffering from undiagnosed obstructive sleep apnea.

OSA occurs when there is an airway blockage in the back of the throat. This airway blockage can be caused by factors such as large tonsils, adenoids

or excess fatty tissue. By blocking the movement of air in and out of the lungs, oxygen levels sink significantly. These abnormal breathing events are called apneas or hypopneas and can appear as choking, snorts or gasps.

While adults and children may snore during sleep, it is important to note that not all children affected with OSA will snore. The following are other physical indicators of OSA: pauses in breath-

ing during sleep, wheezing or squealing, mouth breathing during sleep, snoring, tossing and turning, night sweats, head tilted back during sleep, bedwetting, sleepwalking or stunted growth.

There may also be cognitive and behavioral challenges displayed from a child suffering from OSA: aggression, mood swings, hyperactivity, problems focusing, short attention span or learning disabilities. Sleep allows

for the release of growth hormones that regulate mood, appetite, cardiovascular health and cognitive abilities.

If your child is not getting enough proper, good quality sleep, they can be affected both physically and emotionally.

OSA is less prevalent in children than adults, which is why it can be overlooked and misdiagnosed. The good news is that there is treatment. Some dentists are able to work

alongside a sleep physician or an ENT to make the proper sleep device for your child.

If you have any concerns about your child, feel free to reach out to your pediatrician, or ask your dentist to look for signs within the oral cavity.

Dr. Rebecca Stevens, a general dentist and owner of Shawano Family Dentistry, received her training at Marquette University and is an active member of the Wisconsin Dental Association and the American Dental Association, with a focus on evaluating the overall health of her patients.



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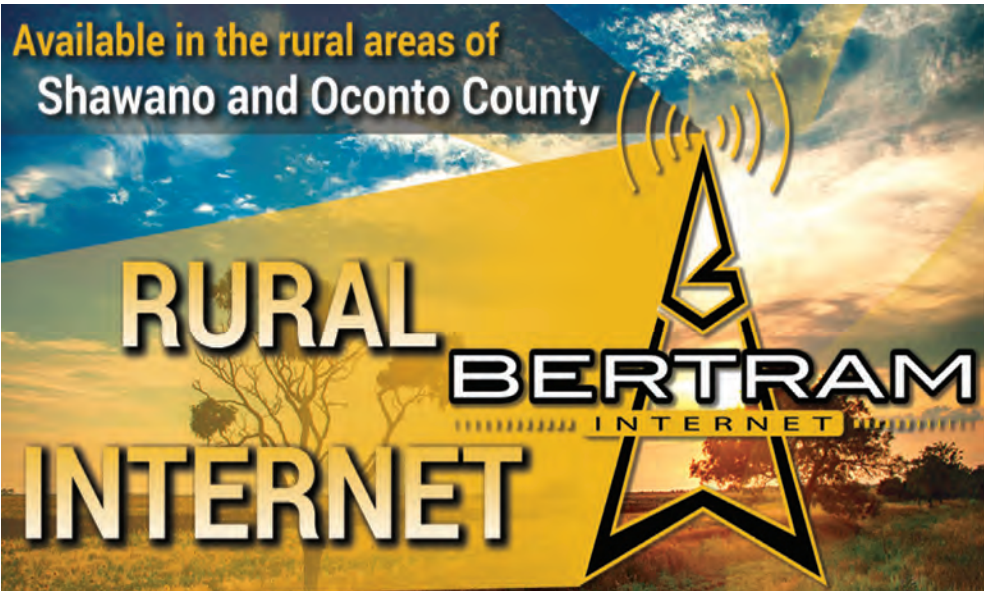
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It adds up for CMN faculty member of the year

Math has been called many things, some of which can't be printed in this column. Yet, CMN's faculty of the year awardee Audra Castonia sees the subject as an attractive means to enrich her students' lives.

"I believe in the beauty of mathematics that surrounds us and the power of numbers to shape our everyday lives," she said. "My goal is to help all students appreciate and understand math by fostering curiosity, using songs and analogies to build strong, relatable connections to the material, and inspiring them to grow, learn and strive for their best."

Teaching at the college since January 2020, Castonia completed her bachelor's degree at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and her master's degree at the UW-Oshkosh. CMN is not her first teach-



Ryan Winn
Columnist

ing gig, thereby giving her a depth of experience to draw from.

"I taught high school math for six years but yearned for a more mature audience," she said. "I started teaching as an adjunct for a couple of the post-secondary institutions in the Green Bay area. The schools were not looking to hire full-time instructors so a couple schools became several schools. One semester, I taught at five different schools."

While her work history proves her commitment to education, she explained how the complexity of part-time employment caused her to keep searching for



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a more permanent position.

"Having to rely on several schools to have enough classes fit into a schedule to pay the bills was stressful," she said. "I was looking for a place to call 'home' while at work."

At CMN, Castonia found a place where she could thrive.

"There are many ways that I am growing with the experiences at CMN," she said. "My teaching style has adjusted along with my approach to students and to adult learning. I want the students to improve their skills and their attitudes toward difficult situations in life so I need to do the same."

Castonia wears multiple

hats beyond teaching at CMN. She is the chair of the math and sciences department, vice president of the faculty committee and a member of the committee of academic quality, which upholds the college's curriculum standards.

At CMN's May commencement, Chief Academic Officer Geraldine Sanapaw listed the additional honors that garnered Castonia this year's award.

"Audra has also served as the CMN faculty representative implementing Carnegie Math Pathways as an initiative within Project Success and Achieving the Dream," Sanapaw said. "She has also assisted the full-time faculty in creating the Regular and Substantive Interaction Training for in-person and online faculty at CMN and has participated in the Quality Matters training to adapt and teach our college

algebra course in the online format."

Still, Castonia did not expect to win this year's award.

"I was very surprised," she said. "Honestly, one doesn't dream of receiving accolades for teaching the subject most students love to hate."

Castonia did share her best advice to faculty, regardless of which subject they teach.

"Make a checklist of everything that needs to be done," she said. "Do your best when completing each step. Review and change 10% of any lesson plan every term."

Her advice to incoming students followed a similar pattern.

"Make a checklist for everything that needs to get done," she said. "Make a schedule and stick to it. Do your best when completing each step. Review and

study 10% of the material each week."

Castonia offered how she plans to take her own advice on both creating task lists and striving for continuous improvement over the next academic year.

"I'm looking forward to tweaking lesson plans so students continue to gain confidence in their abstract problem-solving skills," Castonia said.

Considering the rationale for this accolade, it's easy to see why Castonia was selected for CMN's most distinguished faculty award. Her dedication to her teaching and her students' success makes for a winning formula. One might even call it a thing of beauty.

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, JUNE 13

NAVARINO: Woodland Fairy Day Camp, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. Information at navarino.org; \$40 members, \$50 non-members.

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

GILLET: Roy Hubbard Memorial Truck Show, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Zippel Park. Registration starts 10 a.m., Craft and Vendor Show 3-8 p.m., opening ceremony 5:45 p.m., light show and fireworks at dusk, live music, food and refreshments.

BIRNAMWOOD: Polka Days, 4 p.m. to midnight, Chet and Emil's, 388 Main St. Live music, food and refreshments.

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

LEOPOLIS: Booster Club Annual Kids Free Fishing Day, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Leopold Pond, Fourth and Water streets. Must be accompanied by an adult.

GILLET: Roy Hubbard Memorial Truck Show, 10 a.m. to midnight, Zippel Park. Craft and Vendor Show 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Kids Choice Judging 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., light parade 8:30 p.m., live music, food and refreshments.

SHAWANO: Shawano Area Freemasons Car Show, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., 2324

E. Richmond St. Registration 8-11 a.m. Raffles, brats and burgers.

WITTENBERG: Emerging Talent XI, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., WOWSPACE, 114 W. Vinal St. An exhibit celebrating the creativity and imagination of student artists in kindergarten through 12th grade.

BIRNAMWOOD: Polka Days, noon to 11 p.m., Chet and Emil's, 388 Main St. Live music, craft and vendor sale, food and refreshments.

SHAWANO: Naberhood Block Party, 6-8 p.m., The Naberhood, 214 S. Main St. Live music with Backstage Pass.

SHAWANO: Shawano Speedway, 6 p.m., 990 E. Green Bay St. Gates open 4 p.m. \$12, ages 12-16 \$6, and younger than 11 free.

BOWLER: Jay Mohr, comedian and author, 8 p.m., North Star Mohican Casino Resort, W12180 County Road A. Doors open 7 p.m., tickets at <https://ticketstar.venue.net/events/MNS>

SUNDAY, JUNE 15

SHAWANO: Zurko's Midwest Promotions Flea Market, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Shawano County Fairgrounds, 990 E. Green Bay St. \$2 admission, 12 and under free with adult.

BIRNAMWOOD: Polka Days, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Chet and Emil's, 388 Main St. Church service 9:30 a.m., parade at noon, live music, food and refreshments.

WITTENBERG: Emerging Talent XI, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., WOWSPACE, 114 W. Vinal St. An exhibit celebrating the

creativity and imagination of student artists in kindergarten through 12th grade.

SHAWANO: Music in the Park at Arlington, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Arlington Park, 300 N. Humphrey Circle. Live music with Mike Daley and Bill Hurley.

MONDAY, JUNE 16

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 17

OCONTO FALLS: Oconto County Farmers Market, 4-8 p.m., Memorial Field. Vendors, live music, food trucks.

SHAWANO: Naberhood Block Party, 6 p.m., The Naberhood, 214 S. Main St. Mischief and Magic Show.

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

SHAWANO: Friends of the Library Read In, 11 a.m. to noon, The Naberhood, 214 S. Main St. An event that gets everyone outside with their favorite reading material, to quietly engage in many people's favorite pastime.

WITTENBERG: Drive Up Resource Day, 3-6 p.m., Wittenberg Food Pantry, 702 S. Webb St. Hosted by Shawano

Area Early Childhood Partnership. Organizations such as WIC, Forward Service Corporation, Parent Connection, etc., will be available to give resources to area families.

SHAWANO: Ski Sharks, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Wolf River Beach at Smalley Park, 211 Riverside Park; enter ski site from Third Street.

BONDUEL: Farmers Market, 4-7 p.m., corner of Cecil and Green Bay streets.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 19

NAVARINO: Pirate Day Camp, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. Information at navarino.org; \$40 members, \$50 non-members.

SHAWANO: Thursdayz at Franklin, 6-8:30 p.m., Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St. Live music with Taylor and the Anti-Heroes.

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 20

GRESHAM: Swing Through the Decades Inaugural Golf Outing for SAM 25, 8:30 a.m., Pine Hill Golf Course, N9499 Pine Hills Drive. Registration

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

SHAWANO: Walk to End Alzheimer's, 3-5 p.m., The Cottages on Golden Pond Memory Care, 103 Madison Way. Walk around the pond to support residents and their families affected by the disease; ice cream sundaes, baked goods, Sun Drop shlushies and crafts. All proceeds donated to the Alzheimer's Association.

WITTENBERG: Community Days, 5-11 p.m., Washington Park, 104 Park St. Carnival rides and midway games, food, live music, crafts, vendors.

OCONTO FALLS: Music by the River, 6-9 p.m., East Side Beach, North Main Street. Live music by Carbon Road.

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 21

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

SHAWANO: Rhubarb Fest, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Heritage Park 524 N. Franklin St. Live music, crafts, children's games, pie contest, plant sale and tours, hosted by Shawano Historical Society.



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Brooks wins state title in high jump

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Division 3
Eva Brooks of Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy is a state champion in the high jump after competing in the WIAA State Track and Field Meet on June 6-7 at UW-La Crosse.

Brooks won the high jump at 5 feet, 7 inches. Three other girls tied for second at 5-4. Bonduel's Audrey Weier placed sixth at 5-2.

Bonduel teammate Josie Pawlak was fifth in the triple jump, with Suring Aliya Cox placing eighth.

In the long jump, Pawlak placed 13th with Cox in 14th.

Bonduel's Mariah Wondra was seventh in the 3,200-meter run and 10th in the 1,600-meter run.

Peyton Westrich placed eighth in the 400-meter dash.

Placing ninth in the 4x800 were Wondra, Teagan Engel, Amelia Wilcox and Westrich.

Cox finished in ninth in the 100-meter hurdles and ninth in the 300-meter hurdles.

For the boys, Bonduel's team of Malachi Gray, Sam Roberts, Griffin Uelmen and Mason Ballwahn finished in eighth place in the 4x200-meter relay.

Bonduel's Ryan Westrich was 12th in the



Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy junior Eva Brooks clears the high jump during a June 2024 indoor meet. Brooks, now a senior, won the state championship in high jump at the WIAA state meet in La Crosse.

shot put.

Gillett's Bradyn Wendorff placed 12th in the 800-meter run.

Division 2

The Oconto Falls four-some of Emery Pagel,

Abby Budz, Gracie Miller and Rylie Shallow finished second in the 4x100 in 49.21 seconds, with the winner's time at 48.96.

Shawano's Adalyn Barkley placed fourth in the

400-meter dash and fifth in the triple jump.

Maci Beyer was eighth in the high jump.

In the 4x400, Shawano's team of Maci Beyer, Tela Hopfensperger, Mikelah

Powers and Barkley placed seventh. Witt-Birn's team of Kylee Beversdorf, Nora Bushman, Harper Rogowski and Faith Resch were 10th.

In the 4x800, it was

Shawano's Bailey Hendricks, Beyer, Powers and Barkley placing 11th, and Witt-Birn's Bushman, Harper Krull, Rogowski and Beversdorf finishing 17th.

Resch placed 11th in the triple jump and 17th in the long jump.

In the boys high jump, Menominee Nation's Mikey (Aiden) Chapman finished in seventh place, and Witt-Birn's Landen Schmidt was seventh in the discus.

In the 4x200, Oconto Falls' Brady Bursa, Isaac Bramer, Evan Yuma and Elijah White placed sixth. Bursa was also 13th in the long jump.

Division 1

The Pulaski quartet of Addison Krueger, Lily Urben, Faye Brunke and Olivia Sprangers finished in third place in the 4x200, fewer than two seconds off the leader.

Emerson Fabry finished fifth in the 800-meter run.

In the 200-meter dash, Sprangers placed sixth. She was eighth in the 100-meter dash.

Olivia Stedl was 23rd in the 1,600-meter run.

For the boys, Keaton Dauk placed second in the 300-meter hurdles.

Mitchell Pilon placed 18th in the 800-meter run, and Bennett Vanschynel was 20th in the high jump.



Wittenberg-Birnamwood pitcher Zandyr Barke prepares for another inning against Bonduel in the regional title game June 5. The Chargers beat the Bonduel Bears 1-0.

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Wittenberg-Birnamwood, Lena capture regional titles

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

June 5
Wittenberg-Birnamwood 1, Bonduel 0

Bonduel traveled to Wittenberg for a regional championship game that ended up being an old-fashioned pitchers duel.

Bonduel's Cade Johnson and Witt-Birn's Zander Barke each threw six shut-out innings. In the seventh, Race Anvelink doubled to lead off the Bonduel half of the inning. However, he would not advance as Barke shut down the next three hitters.

In the bottom half, Connor Meverden singled to lead off the inning. After Meverden was sacrificed to second, Hudson Miller singled to left field to score Meverden with the only run of the game.

Anvelink, Beckett Hartlaben and Kody Schroeder had the only hits for the Bears. Barke had two hits to lead the Chargers.

Bonduel end their season at 15-9 overall. The team was third in the CWC East at 10-4.

According to season-



Bonduel first baseman Mason Zuleger tags the bag for an out against Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Hayden Miller. Witt-Birn won the June 5 regional championship 1-0.

TINA BACON

ending stats by wissports.net, the Bears were led by Hartlaben hitting .500 and Kody Schroeder hitting .333.

Joe Felhofer had 22 RBIs, and Schroeder had 16. Cade Johnson had five wins on the mound, and Hartlaben collected three.

Lena 4, Phelps/Three Lakes 1

Lena captured the regional title with a 4-1 win over Phelps/Three Lakes. The Wildcats advance to the sectional games, just two wins away from competing at the state tournament.

Hortonville 5, Pulaski 1

The 2025 campaign for the Red Raiders came to an end with a 5-1 loss to Hortonville in the regional title game.



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Bonduel golf team returns to state tourney

Pulaski, Lena individual golfers qualify

Division 1, Notre Dame

Pulaski's Brady Hayward qualified for the state golf meet as an individual after carding a 76 (tied for third best score) at Thornberry Creek in Hobart for

the WIAA golf sectionals. Hayward led his team to a third-place finish with a 318, just three strokes behind Bay Port, which advanced to the state meet along with sectional champion De Pere. Also scoring for the Red Raiders were Dixon Holewinski and Bradin Schultz, each with an 80, and Casey Medlam with an 82. Nathan Jossie also carded a 90.

Shawano's Blake Knope, who competed at sectionals as an individual, scored an 80. He was among six golfers to hit the mark. Shawano's TJ Smith scored a 102. **Division 2, Seymour** Oconto Falls tied for seventh place with a 361 at Crystal Springs in Seymour. Kadyr Riel led the Panthers with an 82. He was followed by Dylan Clark

with an 87, Carson McDermid with a 94 and Brock McDermid with a 98. Playing as an individual, Menominee Nation/Gresham's Anik Corn carded a 97. **Division 3, Bonduel** Bonduel's golf team advanced to the state meet after winning the sectional championship at Golden Sands in Cecil. The Bears won with a 353. Marathon and Oconto

tied for second with a 354, but Marathon won the tie-breaker and also advanced to state as a team. Lena placed fifth with a 359, and Marion was sixth at 366. Jaxon Bogacz led the Bears with an 83. He was joined by Colin Fischer's 85, Cole Westphal's 87 and Griffin Uelmen's 98. Cory Wussow carded a 100. Lena's Mason Belongia was an individual qualifier

for state with his 81. Also scoring for the Wildcats were Cooper Demmith with a 90, Mason Spice and Tanner Behnke each with a 94. Vance Turecek had a 100. Marion's scores were Elijah Scheef with 89, Brady Malueg with 90, Collin Grogan with 91 and James Nolan with 96. Jarren Faehling ceded a 105. Gillett's Parker Jenerou scored a 111.

BASEBALL, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 14

Pulaski finished the regular season at 11-7 in the Fox River Classic Conference (fourth place) and was 17-10 over the course of the regular and playoff seasons.

June 4 Seymour 3, Shawano 1

Shawano lost 3-1 to Seymour in a WIAA Division 2 regional playoff game postponed one day due to rain. The Hawks, 13-9 overall, ended the season in third place in the Bay Conference with an 11-7 record.

Bonduel 6, Coleman 2

Bonduel started its Division 3 regional game with back-to-back singles by Cade Johnson and Race Anvelink. They both scored on ground balls and so did Beckett Hartlaben as the Bears scored three runs in the first inning.

Bonduel added a run in the second on a single by Jack Zernicke. Coleman scored one in the second on a hit by Alex Meyer. The Cougars cut the deficit to 4-2 on a single

by Gavin Pusick in the sixth. The Bears got two big insurance runs in the seventh inning on a single by Aiden Hillsberg. Cade Johnson shut the Cougars down in the seventh for the 6-2 final.

Bonduel, seeded No. 5, runs its record to 15-8 and will play at No. 1 seed Wittenberg-Birnamwood at 4:30 p.m. June 5. **Wittenberg-Birnamwood 8, St. Mary Catholic 3**

Wittenberg-Birnamwood advanced to the regional final with an 8-3 win over St. Mary Catholic in Division 3 action.

Waupaca 6, Oconto Falls 4

The Panthers lost to Waupaca 6-4 in eight innings as the Oconto Falls team's season came to an end.

Oconto Falls ended the season at 17-7 overall. The team placed third in the North Eastern Conference with a 12-6 record.

Lena 10, Gresham 0 Lena, the No. 1 seed in its Division 4 sectional, shut out Gresham 10-0 in



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Connor Meverden takes a big swing against Bonduel in the WIAA regional championship game June 5. The Chargers advanced to sectional play with a 1-0 shutout victory.

TINA BACON

six innings to advance to the regional final.

Gresham ended the season at 10-6 overall

while tying for second at 6-4 in the CWC North.

Florence 10, Bowler 0

Like Gresham, its neighboring school district, Bowler, was shut out 10-0 to end its season. Bowler lost in five innings to Florence, which advanced to the regional final.

Bowler ended the season at 8-6 overall. The Panthers tied Gresham at 6-4 for third place in the CWC North.

Pacelli 8, Tigerton 1 Tigerton's season came to an end with an 8-1 loss to No. 1 seed Pacelli.

At 15-3 overall, the Tigers won the CWC North with a 10-1 record.

Pulaski 9, Green Bay Southwest 2

Pulaski, seeded No. 6, defeated No. 11 seed Green Bay Southwest 9-2 in the opening round of Division 1 regional games.

The Red Raiders will play June 5 at Hortonville for the regional championship.

June 3 Tigerton 8, Rosholt 1 Tigerton advanced to the regional final game after an 8-1 win over Rosholt.

Pulaski soccer team wins regional crown

June 7 Pulaski 6, Menasha 0

Pulaski's girls soccer team won the regional title in championship fashion, defeating Menasha 6-0 in a shutout. Ruth Krause scored a pair of the Red Raiders'

goals, while Sydney Kunstman, Estalla Vieaux, Any Hasser and Leah Kapla each had one. At 15-5-1 overall, Pulaski's advanced to the sectionals, with the first game being June 12 at Plymouth. Regardless of which team

wins, the sectional final will be played at 1 p.m. June 14 against either Nicolet or Brookfield Central, with the sectional champion moving on to the state tournament. **June 5 Sheboygan Falls 9,**

Shawano 1 Shawano's soccer team watched their playoff chances slowly fall by the wayside as Sheboygan Falls worked its way to a 9-1 victory in a WIAA Division 3 regional game. Sheboygan Falls held a

5-1 lead after the first half and scored another four goals after the intermission. Shawano ended the regular season at 4-4-2 for fifth place in the Bay Conference and 7-11-3 overall. **June 3 Pulaski 6, Menasha 0**

The No. 4 seed Red Raiders shut out No. 13 seed Menasha 6-0 in the opening round of WIAA regional soccer action. Pulaski advanced to the June 7 regional title game and will host No. 5 seed West De Pere at 1 p.m.

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'Covey' left his mark on Navarino Rangers baseball team

Field named in honor of longtime supporter Kevin Conradt



KEVIN "COVEY" CONRADT

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

His name was Kevin Conradt, but most people who knew the Navarino resident called him Covey. Besides serving as the Shawano County town's chairman for nearly 40 years, he was also a big supporter of the Navarino Rangers, the community's Dairyland League baseball team.

The team returned the favor June 8 by naming its home field in memory of Conradt, who passed away in January at age 67.

The field on State Highway 156 is now known as Kevin "Covey" Conradt Memorial Field. The Rangers were scheduled to play their first game on the newly named field by hosting their long-time Dairyland rival, the Bonduel Broncos, but wet field conditions caused the game to be postponed and rescheduled for a later date.

More than 100 of Conradt's family and friends showed up for a dedication ceremony before the scheduled game. They included his brothers, Steve and Terry, and their sister, Joy.

"I want to thank the Navarino Town Board, the Navarino Athletic Association and all the powers that be that made this day possible," Steve Conradt said. "Naming this field in memory of Covey is as fitting a tribute as his family could have ever imagined. It's an honor that we'll forever be proud of and be grateful for."

"As I look around this beautiful ballpark, my mind can't help but go back to days gone by, playing pickup games here with my friends, watching softball games and, of course, games played by the Rangers. This ballpark has always been



Although he never suited up for the Navarino Rangers, the team renamed its home baseball field in honor of Kevin "Covey" Conradt.

GREG SEUBERT

a great place to spend a sunny summer afternoon, whether playing a game or watching one."

The Rangers were an important part of Covey's life. Terry Conradt played for the Rangers, but Steve and Covey didn't.

"We were always fans," Steve said. "These were our neighbors, these were our friends. We watched them grow up. In some cases, those guys who we watched, their grandchildren are playing."

Some area communities lost their amateur baseball team over the years due to lack of interest or for other reasons, but that was never the case with the Rangers. The team is a charter member of the Dairyland League, which was founded in 1959 and currently consists of Navarino, Bonduel and eight other teams: Cecil, Hofa Park, Hortonville, Marinette, Nichols, Pulaski, Shawano and Waupaca.

"We've always had a strong - not only a fan following, but a strong ability to get guys who want to play here," Conradt said. "It's a fun place to play,



Kevin "Covey" Conradt's brother, Steve, spoke June 8 at a ceremony in Navarino to rename the community's baseball field in Kevin Conradt's honor.

GREG SEUBERT

and the fans are great. It's no fun going when there's so few fans in the stands. Here, it's always been a happening every Sunday or Friday with the lights."

Covey was elected town chairman at age 29 and

remained chairman until he died.

"When Kevin passed, I think we all hoped something like this would happen," Conradt said. "Of course, it wasn't our place to push for anything

like that. We were notified toward the end of March to attend a meeting and there was some news they wanted to share with us. This was it."

Conradt admitted details are sketchy about how Covey got his nickname.

"I asked that same question while giving remarks at his funeral," he said. "Apparently, it was an after-hour discussion over a case of beer with myself, Kevin and a few other guys. I guess I was the one who laid it on him. I don't recall it, but there were a couple guys who were present and said, 'No, you're the one that gave him that name.' Most people know him as Covey."

Having the field named in his brother's honor is a big deal for his family, and there's a reason the Rangers decided to honor Covey on the day the team faced Bonduel.

"Bonduel has always been kind of the archrival," Conradt said. "A lot of us living in Navarino, that's where we went to high school. 'Don't get me wrong, there are other

great rivalries, Nichols and Hofa Park are rivals. There's just a real community between all the Dairyland League teams, but Bonduel has always been the one that you wanted to beat."

Conradt said the field has changed over the years, thanks in part to the efforts of his brother.

"A broken-down snow fence in the outfield is now a sturdy chain link fence," he said. "The floodlights of years past have been replaced by a new, modern lighting system. The scoreboard, improved dugouts and a press box are a few more changes. Aluminum bleachers, a protected kids' play area, a basketball court, new washrooms and some of Covey's personal touches like the old railroad sign are a few more. I mention all of these as a gentle reminder to those here today that the man was in some ways the driving force behind many of these improvements. This ballpark was a big part of his life in this special little town that he so dearly loved. After today, this field will carry his name."

Conradt said he and his family will look forward to seeing Covey's name on the top of the scoreboard in right field.

"I know there were attempts to rename this place in Covey's honor while he was still with us, but Covey didn't want any part of that," he said. "That's not surprising to those of us who knew him. He may not be physically present with us today, but rest assured, he's here with us today, and as long as the Navarino Rangers take this field, his presence will be felt. I hope his name on the scoreboard serves as a reminder to each of you of Covey and all the good he did and a reminder as well of all the good times we had with him."



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All-star softball player



Shawano's Ella Stuber has been selected by high school coaches to play in the North-South all-star softball game to be held in the Wisconsin Dells on June 17. She is going to pursue her softball career at UW-River Falls, with plans to major in speech pathology. She is the daughter of Jenny and Tony Stuber.

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Bears get shut out in softball sectional final

June 4
Manawa 3, Bonduel 0
In a game delayed a day due to rain, Bonduel's softball team was shut out 3-0 by Manawa in the Division 3 sectional final. Manawa earned a trip to state with the win.
The Bears finished the season in second place in the CWC East with an 11-3 record, a game behind Manawa at 12-2. Overall,

Bonduel was 19-9 in the 2025 season.
Leading the Bears this year was Lizzie Delzer with a .500 batting average, followed by Emery Thompson with a .440 average.
Jayla Reinke notched 25 RBIs, and Tatum Sporisky had 22.
Thompson led on the mound with 10 wins, and Kallie Wilcox tallied eight.

Rain postpones four BABA games

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

East/West Division
June 8
Gresham 12, Menominee 11
Jerzy Brocker, Cody Riemer and Crew Weisnicht each had two hits to help lead the Gophers to a one-run win over the Indians.
Mitch Vande Walle and Austin Peters led Menominee at the plate with three and two hits, respectively.
Luke Pecore picked up the win on the mound.
Neopit 14, Marion 6
Tass Grignon had three of the Chiefs' hits in the win, including a pair of doubles, while Mike Pecore and Wendell Waukau added two hits each.
Bobby Brunker and Jared Sonnenberg led the Meisters with two hits each.

June 6
Little Falls 10, Caroline 0 (8 inn.)
Parker Gullixon, Kal Fischer and Cam Gruenwald hit home runs for Little Falls as the Loggers stayed undefeated in division play.
Carter Kurki struck out 13 batters and held the Cougars to two hits over eight innings to get the win on the mound.
Jack Yeager took the loss after giving up six runs over five innings.
Klay Barkow and Jared Cartwright had Caroline's two hits.
Tigerton 7, Leopold 4

Jayden Sivertson had two hits to lead the Tigers at the plate, while Hayden Harris got the pitching win.
Anderson Schmidt homered for Leopoldis but also took the loss on the mound. Andrew Kristof had three hits for the Bulldogs.
North Division
June 8
Antigo/Polar 15, Aniwa 0 (7 inn.)
Antigo/Polar needed only seven innings to score 15 runs while holding the Orioles scoreless.
Winning pitcher AJ Kirsch held Aniwa to one hit.
Six of Antigo/Polar's runs came on a pair of three-run homers from Logan Doering.
Eli Fleischman added three hits and Walker Winkleman, Ben Robrecht, Mason Gray and Jake Hanus had two each.
Kody Szews took the loss for Aniwa, and Chris Wiseman had the Orioles' only hit.
Elderon 15, Hatley 2
Ian Zeinert had three of Elderon's 12 hits, while Mike Lehman and Justin Meronk added two each.
Elderon's pitchers held the Braves to three hits.
Nathan Lemanczyk picked up the win and Braxton Olson took the loss.
June 6
Eland 4, Wittenberg 3
No results were available.
South-Central Division
June 8
Scandinavia at Plover was rained out.
Weymont at New London was also rained out.

Waupaca hands Pulaski first Dairyland League loss

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

First place in the Dairyland League standings was on the line June 8, as Waupaca hosted Pulaski.
Both teams headed into the game with identical 5-0 records in league play, but Pulaski ended up on the short end of a 2-0 score.
June 8
Waupaca 2, Pulaski 0
Waupaca pitchers held the Reds to three hits in the shutout win.
Marinette 4, Hofa Park 3
The Redbirds held on for a one-run win over the Panthers.
Both teams scored a run in the opening inning.
The score remained 1-1 until Marinette regained

the lead in the top of the eighth after Adam Lemery hit into a run-scoring fielder's choice.
Hofa Park scored two more runs late in the game, but it wasn't enough.
The Panthers outhit the Redbirds 12-11. Mason Dorn led Hofa Park with two hits each, while Rylie Nelson and Ashton Lebach had three to lead Marinette.
Hortonville vs. Cecil
No results were available from the Stars' win over the Mudhens in Hortonville.
Two other Dairyland matchups - Bonduel at Navarino and Nichols at Shawano - were rained out.
June 6
Cecil 14, Marinette 3 (7 inn.)

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1 Brazilian soccer great

5 Baker's gadget

11 Brown who wrote *The Da Vinci Code*

14 Individually, slangily

18 Poetic green land

19 RN's drip device

20 Ponder (over)

21 Business note

22 Have a large influence on others

25 Disappearing Asian sea

26 Embassy official

27 Alaskan wooden souvenir

28 Actress Woodard

29 Soldier's denial

30 Arabic greeting

34 *Othello* assistant

36 Teapot topper

38 31 gallons of beer

40 Musical dramas

43 CS/ network

46 Do an city cop's job

50 Juilliard deg.

51 "Say again?"

52 French heads

53 Regional flora and fauna

54 Yoga accessory

55 "Without further ____"

56 Knee tissue, for short

57 African adventure

59 Boggy ground

60 "Leave it to me"

63 Gait rates

64 Rise sharply

66 Nostalgic fashion

67 Settle accounts with coded paper

70 Tequila source

73 Exclusion worry, in texts

75 Bête ____ (bugaboo)

76 Nostrils, for instance

78 Go separate ways

80 Tune out

82 Places using a 19-Across

83 Garland of flowers

84 Ages ____ (time long past)

85 Aerodynamically designed

86 Lava, before its exit

89 Measure of energy

90 "Dee-lish!"

91 Emulate Diana and Charles in '82

95 IRS ID

96 Zen enlightenment

98 Respectful

99 Hasty escape

101 Philly-area hero

104 Bright fires

106 Supercharged engine

110 Prone to bungling

112 Emergency kit light

114 Pittsburgh-based metal maker

116 Mineral hardness scale

117 Allow aggressive pursuit

121 Others, in Latin

122 Filmmaker from India

123 Biblical dancer

124 To ____ (perfectly)

125 Act sulky

126 Tense of "to be"

127 Engraved deeply

128 Croquet venue

6 "Poison" plants

7 Where St. Pete is

8 Metal in pewter

9 Suffix for absorb

10 Boot up again

11 Hex- doubled

12 Fragrance

13 Without precedent

14 Charlotte ___. VI

15 Do seemingly impossible things

16 Poet Khayyám

17 Gondolier's propeller

20 Encouraging touch

23 Bitter-smelling

24 Ballpark big hit

28 Pet protection org.

31 Help feloniously

32 Doily fabric

33 Portion of 50-Across

35 "Yes, indeed"

37 Waterless moat

39 Chem class cost

41 A long way off

42 Fill to excess

43 Orchestral furniture

44 Move a little

45 Speak impulsively

47 Historic souvenir

48 Total flop

49 In favor of

56 Minimal magnesium

57 Henri's "holy"

58 Dull discomfort

59 Nativity trio

61 Equestrian gait

62 Soaked up rays

63 Slacks purchase

65 Clumsy people

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69 Krispy ____ (Dunkin' competitor)

71 Takes a sudden turn

72 Endorse digitally

74 Offshore drilling structure

77 Train track beam

78 Proves worthwhile

79 Mexican water

81 Prefix for thermal

85 Nursery rhyme dieter

86 Mother of Hermes

87 Insect-filled animated film

88 Butter of India

92 Hooded snake

93 Italian sportswear brand

94 ____ Rizzo (Dustin Hoffman role)

97 "My mistake!"

100 Two-way, as affection

102 "It's my concern..."

103 Kemper of *The Office*

105 Defiant challenge

107 Oscar de la ____

108 Moisten lightly

109 TV twins' surname

110 Muslim cleric

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113 Prefix like atm-

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CMN official says federal education cuts could destroy some tribal colleges

The College of Menominee Nation (CMN) strongly opposes the proposed changes to the federal Pell Grant program in the current reconciliation bill, in addition to the funding cuts recommended in the recently released Department of the Interior's 2025-26 budget.

The recommendations, including raising the full-time enrollment threshold and eliminating Pell Grants for students who are enrolled less than half-time, would cause increased and irrecoverable challenges to students both local and abroad, CMN officials said. These challenges would also disproportionately

affect the rural communities that are entwined with Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCU).

As expressed in the Tribal College Journal 1, "Pell grants are the foundation of college affordability for TCUs, which serve predominantly low-income, first-generation and American Indian and Alaska Native students. In the 2022-23 academic year, nearly 69% of first-time, full-time TCU students nationwide received Pell support, far above the national average for two-year public institutions."

"Since the beginning of this new administration, CMN and other TCUs have seen constant potential and real impacts on the tribal sovereignty work we engage in through our higher education missions. Early on, we addressed issues with regards to the administration misconstruing tribal sovereignty with diversity, equity and inclusion, as well as the unnecessary disruptive OMB funding freeze," said CMN President, Christopher Caldwell.

"Now, we are dealing

with proposed changes to the Pell formula in the reconciliation bill that could potentially exclude, on average, 70% of our student population, as well as all other TCUs. Earlier this week, we also saw detrimental proposed cuts in the federal FY2026 budget recommendations. If these recommendations go through, it would end many TCUs outright and create dire situations for others. This not only impacts CMN itself, but also the \$16 million local economic impact that was reported in our economic

impact study released earlier this year."

Federal funding critical to TCU higher education is slated to be reduced by 83%, from \$127.4 million in FY2024-25 to \$22.1million in FY 2026, while an "annual program dedicated to construction and capital improvements at 1994 Tribal Land Grant institutions is proposed for a 100% reduction — from \$8 million to \$0."

The proposed funding reduction would be catastrophic, forcing many TCUs to close their doors entirely, officials said.

Already operating on bare minimum budgets, TCUs cannot absorb further cuts without eliminating programs, student services and staff. Such losses would reverse decades of progress in education, economic development and self-determination for tribal nations and their communities.

The College of Menominee Nation joins its voice to the urging of AIHEC in asking Congress to recognize the essential commitments of these previously established funding sources.

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Valeria E. Bork, 91, formerly of Marion, passed away June 4, 2025.

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Kirk A. Hoffman

Kirk A. Hoffman, 65, of the Town of Dupont, passed away June 5, 2025.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Barbara J. Kosmal DOD 03/06/2025
Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No. 25 PR 30
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 07/15/1940 and date of death 03/06/2025, was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 725 Randall ST Shawano, WI 54166.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is September 10, 2025.
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano , Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate Office - James E. Aschenbrenner P.O. Box146, Shawano, WI 54166, USA 715 524 6258 1008896
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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT SHAWANO COUNTY

Novus Home Mortgage, a division of Ixonia Bank
c/o Cenlar FSB
425 Phillips Blvd., FC-236
Ewing, NJ 08618
Plaintiff,
vs.
Allison Cohoon
618 E Division St
Shawano, WI 54166-2506
John Doe Cohoon
618 E Division St
Shawano, WI 54166-2506
Defendants.

PUBLICATION SUMMONS
Case No. 25-CV-000093
The Honorable William F. Kussel Jr.
Case Code 30404
(Foreclosure of Mortgage)
The amount claimed exceeds \$10,000.00

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.
Within 40 days after June 6, 2025 you must respond with a written demand for a copy of the complaint. The demand must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is 311 N. Main Street, Shawano, WI 54166-2145 and to Gray & Associates, L.L.P., plaintiff's attorney, 16345 West Glendale Drive, New Berlin, WI 53151-2841. You may have an attorney help or represent you. If you do not demand a copy of the complaint 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 this 22nd day of May, 2025.

Gray & Associates, L.L.P.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
Robert M. Plette
State Bar No. 1018058
Case No. 25-CV-000093
16345 West Glendale Drive
New Berlin, WI 53151-2841 (414) 224-1987

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STATE OF WISCONSIN COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JANICE E. LARSON
DOD 02/08/2025
Notice Setting Time to Hear Application and Deadline for Filing Claims (Informal Administration)
Case No. 25PR36
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 12/26/1942 and date of death 02/08/2025, was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of c/o Meadow View Assisted Living, 400 W. Mill Street, Bonduel, WI 54107.
3. The application will be heard at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main St. Shawano , Wisconsin, Room 202 , before Gwen Hoffman , Probate Registrar, on July 15, 2025 at 10:00 am.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is September 14, 2025 .
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main St, Shawano , Wisconsin, Room 202 .
6. This publication is notice to any persons whose names or address are unknown.

Dated: June 3, 2025
Electronically signed by Gwen Hoffman, Probate Registrar
Attorney Magnus Zaunmueller
Menn Law Firm, Ltd.
2501 E. Enterprise Avenue
P.O. Box 785
Appleton, WI 54912-0785
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STATE OF WISCONSIN - CIRCUIT COURT – BROWN COUNTY

CREATIVE FINANCE, INC.
815 Business Park Road
PO Box 454
Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965, Plaintiff,
v.
CORY DEWAYNE REED
W3249 East Slab City Road
Bonduel, WI 54107
Defendant.

Case No. 25CV4040
6-02-2025
SUMMONS
THE STATE OF WISCONSIN
To each person named above as a Defendant:
You are hereby notified that the Plaintiff named above Creative Finance, Inc., by its attorney, Christopher M. Kern, filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you.
Within Forty (40) days the 2nd day of June, 2025, you must respond with a written demand for a copy of the Complaint. The demand must be sent or delivered to the Court, whose address is: Clerk of Circuit Court, Brown County Courthouse, 100 South Jefferson Street, PO Box 23600, Green Bay, Wisconsin 54305, and to Plaintiff's attorney, Christopher M. Kern, 815 Business Park Road, PO Box 454, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin, 53965. You may have an attorney help or represent you.
If you do not provide a proper answer within forty (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 this 2nd day of June, 2025.
General Counsel for Plaintiff
Signed By: Christopher M. Kern
Christopher M. Kern
State Bar Number: 1093883
Creative Finance, Inc.
815 Business Park Road
P.O. Box 454
Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965
Phone: (608) 254-6855
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Notice of Public Hearing
Planning, Development and Zoning Committee Meeting
Wednesday, July 2, 2025 @ 9:00 AM
Shawano County Courthouse, Rooms A & B
Members: Ken Capelle, Jeremy Gretzinger, Lowel Hammett, Kathy Luebke, Theresa Serrano
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Shawano County Planning, Development and Zoning Committee under the Shawano County Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 40, in Rooms A/B of the Shawano County Courthouse on July 2, 2025 at 9AM, to consider the following application:
CU-4-25: Tabb R and Sarah J Magee request conditional use permit for the purpose of establishing a Commercial Animal Services and Boarding (land use) in the OAR, Open Lands, Agriculture and Residential Zoning District on approximately 10.23 total acres. Property is located and described as part of the SW ¼ of the NE ¼, Section 10, T27N R14E located in the Town of Herman. Tax Parcel #024-10130-0010. Property Address: N6750 County A Road, Gresham, WI 54128.
CU-5-25: Christopher T and Sandra J Lecher Revocable Trust of 2024 request conditional use permit for the purpose of constructing a 40' x 80' Hunting, Fishing or Recreational Shelter (land use) in the FP, Farmland and Forest Preservation Zoning District on approximately 35.80 total acres. Property is located and described as part of the SE ¼ of the NW ¼ lying East of Road, Section 11, T26N R12E located in the Town of Fairbanks. Tax Parcel #014-11240-0000. Property address: N4336 Spiegel Road, Tigerton, WI 54486.
Any interested person may address the Planning, Development and Zoning Committee by letter or appear in person, or by agent, and be heard at the public hearing. Written correspondence must bear a legible signature of the author a well as the primary address of the signer. The Committee will accept and review all previously received pertinent information relative to the above listed item(s) during the open session of the public hearing on July 2, 2025. Notice is further given that printed copies of these proposals are available for public inspection in the Planning and Development office during regular business hours. Please note that upon reasonable notice, effort will be made to accommodate the needs of any person wishing to attend who, because of disability, requires special accommodation through appropriate aids and services. Call 715-526-6766 to leave a message for arrangements.
Dated this 4th day of June, 2025.
For: The Shawano County Planning, Development and Zoning Committee
By: Kyle Vaelchli, Zoning Administrator
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
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STATE OF WISCONSIN COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Edward Grunewald
DOD 05/15/2025
Notice Setting Time to Hear Application and Deadline for Filing Claims (Informal Administration)
Case No. 25PR35
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 09/04/1960 and date of death 05/15/2025, was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 1046 S Sawyer St, Shawano, WI 54166
3. The application will be heard at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main St, Shawano , Wisconsin, Room 202 , before Gwen Hoffman , Probate Registrar, on July 8, 2025 at 10:30 am.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is September 11, 2025 .
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main St, Shawano , Wisconsin, Room 202 .
6. This publication is notice to any persons whose names or address are unknown.
Atty Jerry Zimmerman
385 Williamstowne, Ste 207, Delafield, WI 53018
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ing \$275,000 of savings already achieved this year in capital projects, reallocating \$525,000 from its 2026 capital project budget to the recreation center and borrowing an additional \$200,000 beyond \$4.5 million for this year.

Since notions of creating a joint building with the Shawano School District fell apart in 2019, the city's focus has been on improving the existing building on Division Street.

The center was built in the 1960s, but only minimal upgrades to the building have taken place. The grant the city secured will allow the center to be renovated for the addition of telehealth offices, an expanded exercise room, family friendly locker rooms that are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act, plus high-speed internet access.

The renovation work is being done by Shawano-based 8-Pine. MSA Professional Services is also contributing to this project, as it has with a number of other additions to the city over the years.

City Clerk Lesley Nemetz praised the milestone for the recreation

center, which is expected to take almost a year to finish.

“While today seems like maybe a long time coming, it also feels like we got to this point really fast,” Nemetz said. “We are excited to see all this amazing support for this project. Looking at all the amazing kiddos in the crowd today proves these updates are not only for our current users but are for future generations, as well.”

The need to update the recreation center goes back at least 30 years, according to Mayor Bruce Milavitz, noting that the debate was well under way when he first moved to Shawano.

“Here we are, all of a sudden, at that point,” Milavitz said. “It really is about the youth. That’s why there are so many kids here.”

The work being done is well overdue, according to Milavitz.

“For me, as the community cheerleader, I am so grateful to be able to say I’m part of this community, and we’re all part of this together,” he said. “It’s going to take a little bit of time for this building



City Administrator Eddie Sheppard stands with construction equipment and renderings as he speaks June 5 about the work that’s going to be done on the Shawano Recreation Center. The facility will be closed for almost a year as updated equipment plus additional facilities for technology and health needs are added, in addition to other improvements.

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to go down and be rebuilt, but it’s going to be better, bigger and more useful to us.”

City Administrator Eddie Sheppard said major projects like this one can be challenging for municipalities to put together, especially the financial aspect. When the city discovered the bids for the project were about \$1 mil-

lion over budget, officials brainstormed how to keep it alive and avoid having to return the grant to the state.

“These types of improvements are all part of the economic development that is vital to the city of Shawano,” Sheppard said. “When you have quality infrastructure in places where people like and the

developments that we’ve had in this community, you become a place where people want to start a business. You become a place where people want to raise a family, and you just kind of change the mood of the community where they’re proud to live in a community that’s doing those types of things.”

The construction company 8-Pine is fairly new to the community, and its president and chief executive officer, Bert Peiper, sees the recreation center project he’s working on as the foundation of something bigger for the community.

“This is something that will serve families, kids, neighbors and generations to come,” Peiper said. “At 8-Pine, we’re builders by trade, but we believe that what we build should always serve a greater purpose, and this recreation center does exactly that. It’s more than just walls and a roof. It’s a space where our community will come together, where kids will play, where families will connect, where health and wellness will be made a priority and where memories are made.”

The city is hoping to expand the recreation center again down the line to include a large gym space, but that is expected to cost another \$3.5 million, which is not covered under the grant. Officials are looking into ways to fund the second phase without using taxpayer dollars.

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CMN, high school join for Pathways Program

The College of Menominee Nation, in collaboration with the Menominee Nation High School, announces the initial iteration of its Pathways Program, designed to provide a convenient and efficient path for high school juniors and seniors to begin their collegiate pursuit of an associate degree in liberal studies.

Actively attending high school students, with approval of their guidance counselor and successful completion of freshman- and sophomore-level high school courses, can weave college courses into their junior and senior years, saving money and time while improving their sense of academic preparation. The Pathways Pro-

gram is designed to allow the student to be in communication with staff and faculty from both CMN and MNHS, including routine check-ins to stay on top of their education and academic pursuits.

Dual enrollment programs like the Pathways Programs can save students, on average, \$18,000 toward the pursuit of a bachelor’s degree.

As a facilitator of the program, CMN Dean of Student Success Kayla Diamond said, “As an alumna of the College of Menominee Nation and a mother of future scholars, I am honored to celebrate this incredible milestone by launching our new academic pathway in partnership with the Menominee

Indian School District.

“This initiative represents more than a dual enrollment opportunity. It is a transformative investment in our youth, families and the future generation. For students to graduate with both a high school diploma and an associate degree is a powerful step. It reflects our shared commitment to providing accessible, culturally grounded and rigorous academic experiences right here at home.”

MNHS principal Kate Mikle said the new guided academic pathway between the College of Menominee Nation and the Menominee Indian School District marks a powerful step forward for students and families.

“This guided academic pathway at CMN for MNHS students is another milestone signifying our commitment to working together to enhance academic excellence and promote student success,” added CMN Chief Academic Officer Geraldine Sanapaw. “Together, we are committed to creating opportunities for the

students of MNHS.”

With more than 400 MNHS students having already participated in dual-credit opportunities — and more than 90 graduates earning college credit while still in high school — this expanded pathway offers a clearer, more affordable route to an associate degree. It’s designed to support student

success from high school through higher education, while keeping learning rooted in the community and culture.

The College of Menominee Nation expects to have the initial cohort of Pathways students ready for the fall 2025 semester, with plans to expand its degree options as time and project success allows.

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second in his class. The department is talking with one of his classmates about a job in the jail and then transferring to the patrol division when a position opens.

“Since our last meeting, we held interviews for our last patrol position that we had an opening in ... we made an offer to our top candidate pending his psychological and medical (tests), which are coming up very soon here,” Raddant said.

He hopes the candidate will be on board by the end of June.

Raddant acknowledged the difficulty in finding

qualified staff for the department, particularly the dispatch center.

“The hard part about in there is the training just doesn’t take a couple days and you’re ready to go. You’re talking two, three months, and you only have so many trainers,” he said. “We’re not getting a whole bunch of applicants. A lot of our applicants really don’t meet the qualifications. The last couple we hired just didn’t make it through the training.”

“It takes a special person to be in there to be able to handle all the computer stuff and everything that goes on in there. You

just can’t have a guy off the street do it.”

Julie Hasser, county human resources director, said there are a variety of reasons for the vacancies and wages are among them.

When the county switched to its current wage scale, many dispatchers found themselves on the lower end.

“We struggle bringing in a brand new dispatcher,” Hasser said. “We can’t necessarily start them above all of the ones that have a lot of experience here.”

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NEWS RELEASE

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

MOUNTAIN BAY TRAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY

TOWN OF RICHMOND, SHAWANO COUNTY

PROJECT ID: 1009-44-58

Informational Meeting News Release

Shawano County, in partnership with the Friends of the Mountain Bay Trail, invites the public to attend an informational meeting regarding the Mountain Bay State Trail Feasibility Study. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 25, 2025, from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM at the Shawano County Courthouse – Meeting Room A, located at 311 N. Main Street, Shawano, WI.

The purpose of this meeting is to present findings and collect public input on for the feasibility study evaluating five potential trail routes between Maple Avenue and County Trunk Highway (CTH) M. The study aims to improve safety, accessibility, and connectivity for all trail users.

Displays will showcase existing conditions, proposed trail alignments, and environmental considerations. Attendees will have the opportunity to review the routes and provide feedback to project planners.

Public input is a vital part of the planning process. Feedback gathered during the meeting will help shape the final design and guide future funding and construction efforts. Wheelchair accessibility is available at this meeting site. Hearing impaired people may request an interpreter at the meeting if they plan to attend by contacting Dan Rammer, PE at 920-931-0095 or drammer@msa-ps.com at least one week prior to the meeting date.

Representatives from MSA Professional Services, Shawano County Parks and Recreation, and Friends of the Mountain Bay Trail will be present to answer questions and receive comments.

MSA Professional Services, Inc.
1500 N Casaloma Dr Ste 100
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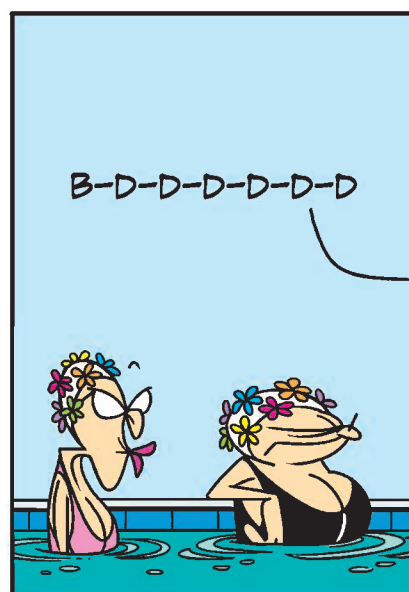
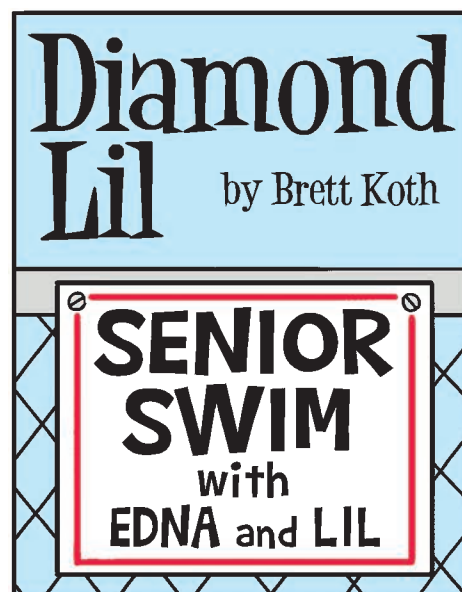
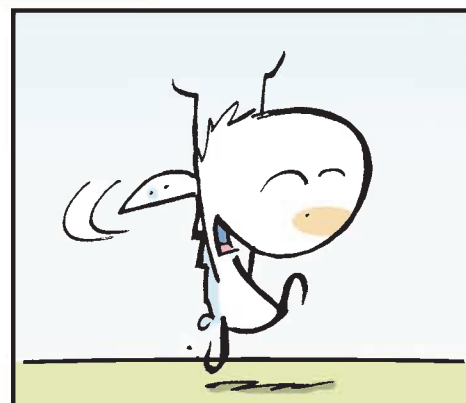
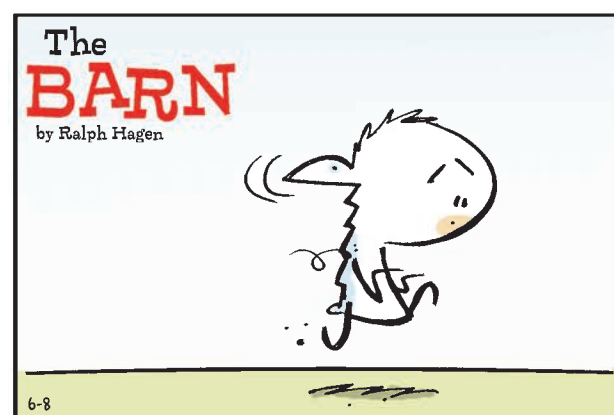
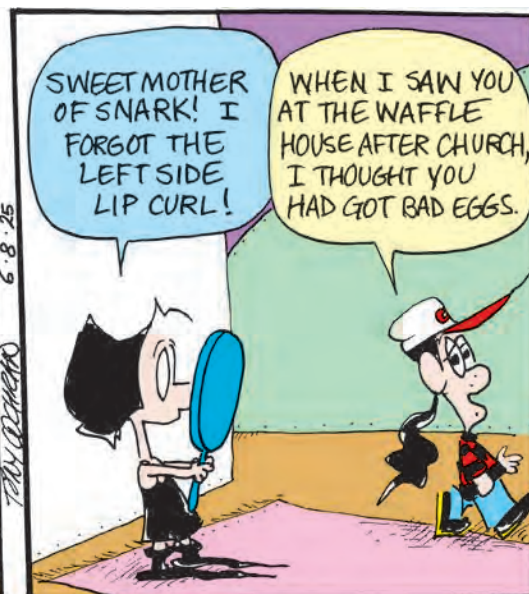
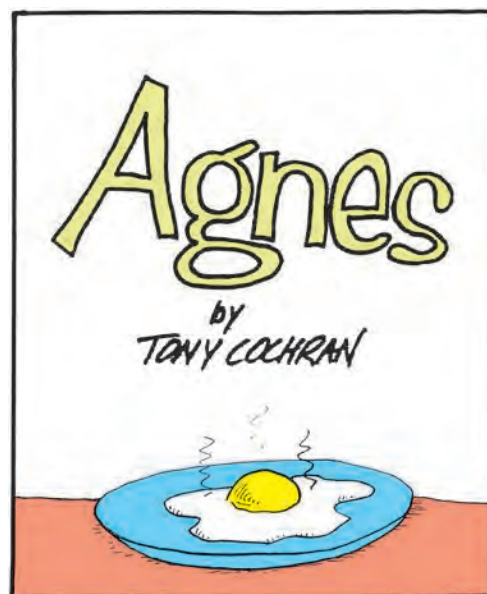
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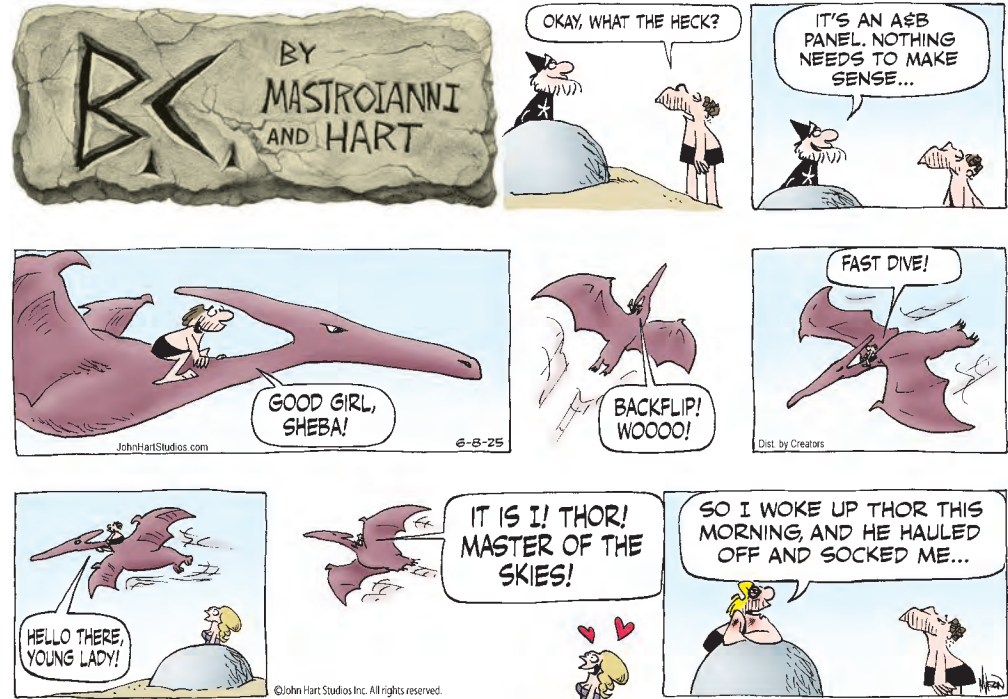
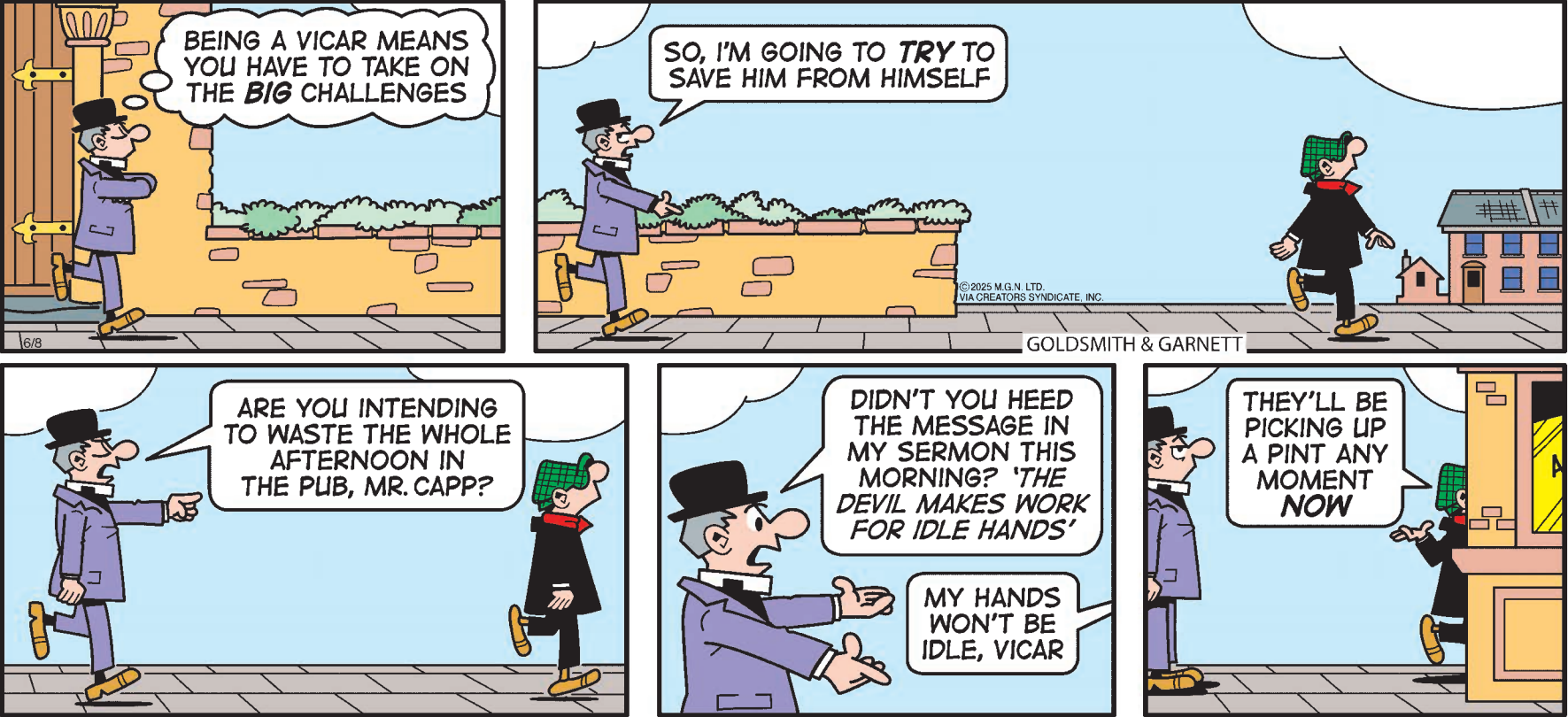
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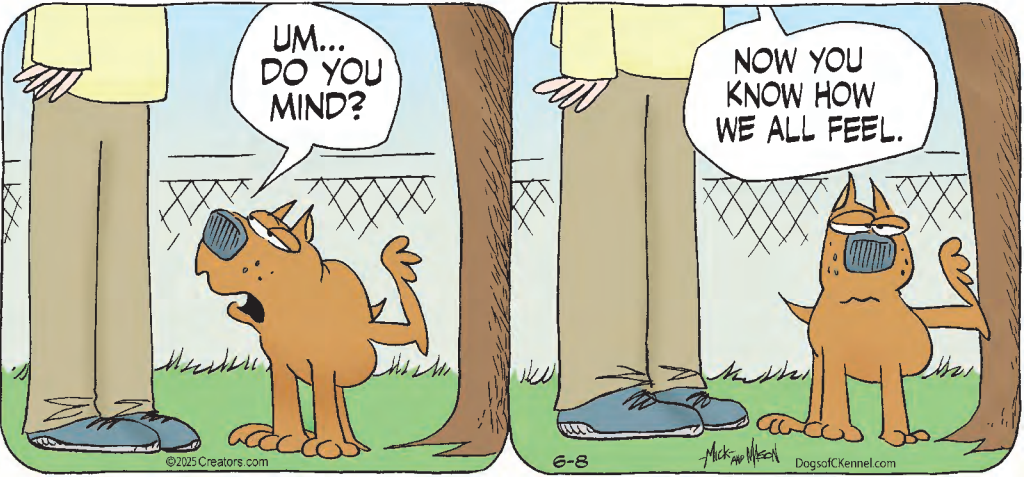


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The sen sets over Shawano Lake, one of the waterways preserved and protected by the Shawano Area Waterways Management nonprofit organization. GREG MELLIS | NEW MEDIA

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New weed harvesting equipment paying off

The new weed harvester purchased last year by the Shawano Area Waterways Management group has proven to be a huge success.

“We’ve got a full year under our belts, and things are going well,” said Todd Dobberstein, president of SAWM’s board of directors.

The custom-built weed harvester and transportation barge, were purchased at a cost of about \$500,000, was purchased by SAWM with matching funds from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

SAWM operated two separate weed harvesters and two separate weed barges for mechanically harvesting and removing nuisance weeds from area waterways for several decades.

One harvester and one barge unit were used for weed harvesting in the lake. The other was used for harvesting in the channel and the upper Wolf River. The two separate harvesting tandems were necessary due to the height limitations of the County Road HHH bridge. The units were unable to navigate under this bridge.

SAWM assisted in successfully lobbying the Wisconsin Department of Transportation in 2019 and 2020 to raise the bridge height when it was slated for reconstruction so that the units could safely navigate beneath the bridge.

The new harvester has GPS capabilities, allowing operators to accurately locate their work. Accurate location is essential as SAWM permits from the DNR are very specific on location and types of plants that can be cut.

SAWM supplements its mechanical weed cutting with chemical treatment of weeds, mainly along seven buoy lanes to keep navigation open. A special focus is the invasive Eurasian milfoil.

SAWM members can pay for cutting around docks on the lake and the channel.

The crew also skims floating weed beds from the lake to reduce the amount of weeds that would otherwise gather on shore or interfere with boat navigation. This also removes an additional source of nutrients that would promote undesirable plant growth.



One of the 2025 goals of the Shawano Area Waterways Management nonprofit organization is to provide consistent, high-quality private and public nuisance weed harvesting. With help from the DNR, a new weed harvester and transportation barge was purchased in 2024, replacing equipment that had been in use for decades.

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Do you know what to do when you see a buoy?

Anyone slicing, sailing, skimming or steering your boat through the Shawano Lake will undoubtedly come across some buoys. Shawano Area Waterways Management places buoys on the lake, chan-

nel and river for safety reasons. The purpose of a slow no wake buoy is obvious, but they are an important part of safe boating on the lake, channel and rivers. If you see black and white

vertical striped buoys, keep them on your left (port) side. Think of them like a centerline of a two-way road. The black and white vertical stripe buoys are designating a channel through shallow or

excessively weedy areas. Staying near them will get you through these areas safely. On Shawano Lake they are located in the north-west corner and south-west area (west of the

Bamboo Bar). If you see red and green buoys, stay between them. The cost of maintaining the buoys and lights is a significant expense covered by SAWM. The cost of a buoy is \$146,

and the cost of a single light for a buoy or bridge is \$277. Use caution when navigating near the buoys. Running over a buoy is an offense that will result in a fine.



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Boaters and anglers are encouraged to drain their livewells and fish buckets before leaving boat launches. Shawano Area Waterways Management is dedicated to preserving and protecting the waters of Shawano Lake, the Wolf River and the channels connecting them.

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Anglers play key role in aquatic invasive species prevention

Draining water from livewells and equipment makes a difference

Among the many projects of Shawano Area Waterways Management is coordinating the local Clean Boats, Clean Water program.

The total project cost is more than \$5,000 each

year. In 2023, the local group received a \$3,000 grant, and in 2024, the grant totaled \$4,000. A similar grant was applied for in 2025.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

urges anglers to help prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species by draining water from their boats and equipment.

Some Wisconsin lakes and rivers are known to contain aquatic diseases or small invasive species like spiny water fleas and zebra mussel larvae.

SAWM officials applied for more than \$16,000 in grant money for Eurasian water milfoil mapping and a point intercept survey

More than \$12,000 was received in 2023, with a final payment of \$1,610 received in 2024.

Wisconsin law requires boaters and anglers to drain livewells, motors and containers before leaving a boat launch or fishing spot to prevent the transport of diseases and invasive species from one waterbody to the next. Because water cannot be used to transport fish away from the shore, it's

recommended to use ice instead.

If you are using live bait, Wisconsin fishing regulations state that minnows can only be purchased from a licensed Wisconsin bait dealer, and no more than two gallons of water may be used to transport them.

Minnows may only be used on a different waterbody if no lake or river water or previously used minnows have been added

to the container.

No other fish can be held in the minnow container, and dead bait must be preserved in ways that do not require freezing or refrigeration.

Never dispose of unwanted bait in a lake or river.

If you have worms that you will not use before they die, dispose of them in a closed container in the trash, never on the ground.

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At left, Todd Dobberstein, president of the board of directors of Shawano Area Waterways Management, addresses members during the group’s recent annual meeting. At right, members and non-members prepare to enjoy the 2024 golf outing to raise funds for the nonprofit organization.

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Walleyes for Tomorrow releases nearly 10 million fish into local lakes

Shawano Area Waterways Management is a big supporter of the Walleyes For Tomorrow Shawano Chapter and its effort restock area lakes with through spawning habitat construction, enhancement and rehabilitation.

“We support them, and they support us,” said Todd Dobberstein, president of SAWM’s board of directors. “We all have a passion for the local waterways system.”

Across the state, thou-

sands of volunteers and members have donated their time and talents to raise funds for projects that will benefit walleye, said Mike Arrowood, WFT president.

“WFT is a totally volunteer organization with a penchant for project implementation,” he said. “Projects require funds to complete, and the WFT chapters are the backbone of this effort.”

Ken VanDenPlas, chairman of the Walleyes

for Tomorrow Shawano Chapter, noted on the group’s Facebook the local group recently released nearly 10 million eggs into local lakes.

In the 1990s, Shawano Lake was a premier walleye lake, but then, reproduction plummeted.

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources fisheries biologist Elliot Hoffman said earlier this year a study of the movement of the local walleyes showed that a third of the popula-

tion is running up to Loon Creek and then Loon Lake. They’re spawning up there as well.

The remaining fish are on Rose Nose Point and Schumacher’s Island, the historical areas where they’ve always spawned.

In April, crews gathered fish from about half a dozen sites around the 6,200-acre lake, nurturing eggs in a portable hatchery.

The local chapter has been doing this for more

than a decade. Fewer than a million eggs were collected that first year. This year, nearly 10 million were collected and released in Shawano, Washington and Loon lakes.

Eventually, when the walleyes are a few days old, they are released. The last of the fish were released May 5, according to the chapter’s Facebook page.

Less than one-half of 1% will make it to the spawning age.

Some numbers from the 2025 Shawano hatchery:

- Number of walleyes eggs in hatchery: 10,480,000.
- Female walleyes used: 131.
- Average size of females: 18.99 inches.
- Male walleyes used: 339.
- Average size of males: 17.89 inches.
- Number of walleyes netted in five days: 1,240.
- Total number of walleyes used: 470.

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