



Daylan Engers plays the concertina with the Polka Connection June 16 on the final day of Birnamwood Polka Days in Birnamwood. The Wausau-based band was one of several groups that performed during the annual festival.

GREG SEUBERT

Beat goes on for polka event in Birnamwood

Clark gets 2 years for sex registry violation

Situation started from defendant having conflict with probation agent on residence

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

A registered sex offender caught out in the woods in Birnamwood was sentenced to two years in prison after pleading guilty to violating the sex offender registry.

Shawn Clark was credited for the 338 days he has been incarcerated. He is currently in the Stanley Correctional Institution, a medium security prison in Clark County, after his probation was revoked on another matter. His prison sentence in this case will run concurrently.

Clark will also be on probation for three years following his time in prison.

Shawano-Menominee County District Attorney Greg Parker said the two-year prison sentence was needed to protect the public.



SHAWN CLARK

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Loah Horton and Keith Alft of Tigerton listen as the Polka Connection warms up June 16 during the band's soundcheck at Birnamwood Polka Days. Horton and Alft have enjoyed polka music for years.

GREG SEUBERT

Tigerton friends enjoy the music and festivities at three-day festival

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

While hundreds of people had a front-row seat for the annual Birnamwood Polka Days parade June 16 in Birnamwood, Keith Alft and Loah Horton had something else in mind — taking in the sights and sounds of the music they grew up listening to as kids.

The Tigerton residents, now senior citizens and best friends, set up their chairs in the three-day festival's music tent and listened as members of the Polish Connection set up their instruments and ran through a soundcheck before taking the stage for a four-hour set.



This was the clandestine fort in the Town of Norrie where fugitive and registered sex offender Shawn Clark was arrested on July 11, 2023, after community information revealed he was hiding in the area. CONTRIBUTED

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Proposed adolescent recovery center gets public hearing.

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Myles Sauter, 8, placed 12th in the 25-yard freestyle in 29.36 June 1 at the Howard-Suamico Summer Swim Meet. CONTRIBUTED

Wittenberg swimmers earn several top spots at Howard-Suamico

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Members of the Wittenberg Area Swim Program (WASP) collected several top 10 finishes June 1 at the Howard-Suamico Summer Swim Meet.

In the 8 and Under division, Lucy Wierzba, 6, placed sixth in the 25-yard backstroke in 24.72, third in the 25-yard breaststroke in 30.35, seventh in the 25-yard freestyle in 21.74 and second in the 100-yard individual medley in 2:04.9.

Brinley Wierzba, 9, competed in the Girls 9-10 division and placed sixth in the 50-yard backstroke in 46.92 and sixth in the 50-yard freestyle in 38.15.

In the Girls 11-12 division, Aislyn Sauter, 12, was ninth in the 50-yard fly in 37.84, seventh in the 50-yard breaststroke in 40.92, fourth in the 100-yard

freestyle in 1:14.97 and 10th in the 100-yard individual medley in 1:27.71.

Megan Gilmeister, 16, competed in the Open 15 and Up division. She placed seventh in the 100-yard fly in 1:17.6, 17th in the 50-yard backstroke in 38.22, 16th in the 50-yard freestyle in 30.57 and third in the 200-yard individual medley in 2:52.63.

In the 8 and Under division, Myles Sauter, 8, placed 15th in the 25-yard backstroke in 36.47 and 12th in the 25-yard freestyle in 29.36.

Competing in the Girls 11-12 division, Peyton Crick, 11, finished 11th in the 50-yard fly in 38.38, 12th in the 50-yard backstroke in 40.57, 14th in the 50-yard breaststroke in 45.68, 14th in the 50-yard freestyle in 34.37 and 12th in the 100-yard individual medley in 1:29.16.



In the 8 and Under division, Lucy Wierzba, 6, placed sixth in the 25-yard backstroke in 24.72 at the Howard-Suamico Summer Swim Meet. CONTRIBUTED

Winter wheat production down 10%

Winter wheat production in Wisconsin is forecast at 15.8 million bushels, 10% below last year's 17.5 million bushels according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – Crop Production report.

Based on conditions as of June 1, the state's winter wheat yield is forecast at 79.0 bushels per acre, 3.0 bushels above last year.

Wisconsin winter wheat growers intend to harvest 200,000 acres for grain, down 13% from 2023.

Across the United States, winter wheat production is forecast at 1.29 billion bushels, up 1% from the May 1 forecast and up 4% from 2023. The complete report can be found on the USDA NASS website at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications.



Gabe Pospyhalla, a lineman with Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative, shows fourth-grade students at Bowler School what would happen if a kite string would touch power lines. CONTRIBUTED

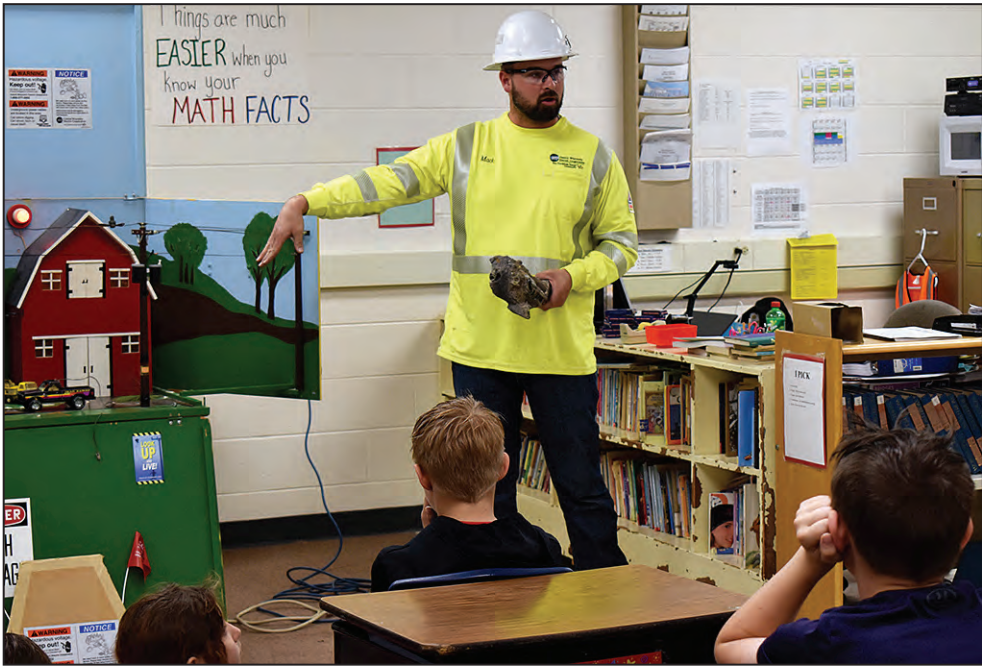
CWEC talks to fourth grade students about electrical safety

During May, to help promote Electrical Safety Month, Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative (CWEC) once again provided electricity safety demonstrations to fourth-grade students at six elementary schools in the CWEC service area.

Elementary schools included those in Birnamwood, Bowler, Iola, Rosholt, Tigerton and Wittenberg.

The demonstrations were conducted by CWEC linemen and showed students the dangers that could occur if they aren't safe around electricity. Students learned about some of the safety equipment a lineman has to wear when they work around power lines. They were also shown examples of what overhead and underground power lines look like, and learned why they are constructed the way they are. Linemen also showed the students what happens if a tree branch, kite string and fishing line come in contact with a power line.

"It's important for students to understand how dangerous electricity can be, and that they should never go near a downed power line or something that is in contact with a power line," said Bert Lehman, member relations specialist at CWEC. "During the classroom demonstrations, students see smoke, sparks and flames, which help to reinforce that they



Mack Yarbrough, a lineman with Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative, shows fourth-grade students at Birnamwood Elementary-Middle School a glass rock that was formed when a power line fell onto sand. CONTRIBUTED



Josh Wick, a lineman with Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative, shows fourth-grade students at Wittenberg Elementary-Middle School an example of what an overhead power line looks like. Wick is a former student of the Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District. CONTRIBUTED

need to stay away from power lines."

To help convey how dangerous electricity is, one of the demonstrations used

a hot dog to simulate what would happen if a human contacted a power line.

"Students are always amazed by the hot dog por-

tion of the demonstration," Lehman said. "They generally have a lot of questions about electricity after that."

Finally, students were informed about what to do if they are involved in a vehicle accident that resulted in a downed power line, and if need be, how to properly exit a vehicle in that situation.

"Our linemen enjoy giving back to the community by providing these demonstrations to students," Lehman said. "They feel it is important for kids to know why linemen take so many precautions when working around power lines, and why the public needs to stay away from power lines."

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Adolescent recovery center gets mixed reviews

Stockbridge-Munsee gets support for concept, but less for location

BY LEE PULASKI
City Editor

A public hearing June 15 to gather input on a proposed adolescent recovery and wellness center for Indigenous people showed most supporting the concept, but people were split on the location.

The proposed site would be on Elm Road in the Town of Bartelme adjacent to the Mountain Bay Trail, which has a number of homes nearby. Neighbors in that area are concerned about increased traffic, the potential for decreasing property values and whether it is safe for families with children to walk along that road.

The rehab center is something that has been in the works for the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council for the past 20 years. There is \$20 million available to build the facility, but GLITC officials warned there is a limited time to find a permanent site before the money is no longer available.

Shannon Holsey, president of the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council, noted that the goal originally was not to put the center on tribal land. A feasibility study done years ago pointed to putting it in nearby Marathon County, but after examining more than 1,000 sites across Wisconsin, GLITC felt putting it in Oneida County was best and purchased a land tract there.

After efforts to locate the center in Oneida County were met with backlash from town and county officials, GLITC started searching for tribal land to place it. Besides the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohicans, there were offers from the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa and the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa. The Stockbridge-

Munsee site was deemed to be a more centralized location for Wisconsin's 11 federally recognized tribes and Michigan's Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, since the goal was to help Indigenous youths.

"At that point, the tribal nations decided that we would have to, what I like to call, make lemonade, and so we decided we would look at other tribal nations for potential spaces to build our recovery center," Holsey said.

There are only 10 other adolescent recovery centers in the nation that have an Indigenous cultural component, according to Holsey, and none of them are in Wisconsin. Although the current plan is for a 36-bed facility at the Bartelme site, GLITC officials said that might only be a start, and other sites might need to be considered in the future.

Holsey tried to reassure the crowd of 40 or so people that steps will be taken to keep the facility secure with fencing, security cameras and the latest locking mechanisms, and it would not pose a risk to residents, pointing out that clients coming into the center would do so voluntarily.

"It is not a Homme Home; it is a recovery center," Holsey said. "The time frame for most children in recovery are between 30 and 90 days. It will be a contained and safe center. There isn't (an) open campus. The children won't be able to just roam throughout the community. There are safety measures in place that you would find in any other recovery center."

Some at the three-hour public hearing were not convinced by Holsey's assurances, especially those who would be living near the center. One parent noted that her autistic son utilizes Elm Road, and she worried for his safety due to



Stockbridge-Munsee tribal member Kim Vele, standing, speaks June 15 at a public hearing at North Star Mohican Casino Resort and said that she will not be shamed into believing that her view that a proposed adolescent recovery center planned for the Town of Bartelme should be placed elsewhere translates to not supporting the concept or need for the center.

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the increased vehicle traffic necessary to run a center, like vehicles transporting clients in and out, and trucks providing food and other living necessities.

Kim Vele, who also opposes the center at the proposed site, suggested finding a site in the Town of Red Springs, which also has Stockbridge-Munsee land. She pointed out that it would put the adolescent center closer to Maenowesekiyah, the adult alcohol and drug treatment center the Menominee have on its tribal land north of Gresham.

Vele noted she's seen the impact of drugs and alcohol on families during her 37 years with the tribal court system, as well as the signs within her own family. She noted that she has a niece and nephew currently in prison for drug and alcohol abuse, and she finds herself taking care of a 17-year-old relative experiencing rage because of not having parents to care for their needs.

"I support this (center),



Brian Bainbridge, chief executive officer for the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, gives his point of view on the proposed adolescent recovery center planned for the Town of Bartelme during a three-hour hearing on the project June 15 at North Star Mohican Casino Resort. He noted that when people hear the word "treatment," it scares them, but there are misconceptions about what GLITC is doing regarding the center.

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and I'm not going to be shamed into saying I don't support it," Vele said. "I absolutely am disappointed in my leadership for now first being informed of this major decision that could have major impacts in our community. The site that is selected is the wrong site. This is ... one of our most developed areas for residential use, and it's mostly elders in this community where this facility is going to go."

Although many voiced their opinions that the center should not be in the Stockbridge-Munsee's backyard, others pointed out that the center is necessary to save the youths of Wisconsin's Indigenous tribes — its future.

Terrie Terrio, a former tribal council member with 43 years directing Stockbridge-Munsee affairs, pointed out she has been very supportive of the center from the beginning. While on the council, she has had many in the community ask her and others in leadership what is being done to combat the plague

of drugs and alcohol affecting tribal youth.

"I'm tired of losing friends and relatives and neighbors," Terrio said. "It's not Menominee's problem. It's not Mole Lake's problem or Lac du Flambeau's problem. It's all our problem. Native kids are our kids. They're our seeds for our trees. We've got to make those roots strong in order to make the rest of the tree grow, and that's the way I see it."

Erin Davids, who works with youth through the public school, noted that alcohol and longtime drugs like methamphetamine and heroin are not the biggest threats to the youngest members of Indigenous tribes. She pointed to fentanyl, part of the opioid epidemic, and said that drug has the potential to kill anyone with just one use.

A suggestion on social media to put the adolescent recovery center out for a referendum that tribal members can vote on was admonished by Davids.

"How dare we talk about that like our Indigenous

communities," Davids said. "That's a colonizer way. This isn't something that needs a referendum."

Verna Schuettpelz, a Gresham resident who substitutes at Gresham Community School, said when she heard about the proposed center, it pained her and reminded her of the loss of her daughter in 2018 to fentanyl. Schuettpelz said she reached out to her ex-husband's tribe for help with her daughter's lifelong addiction but received no assistance.

"This facility will be a blessing for this state," Schuettpelz said. "I just came to give my support."

There are still steps that must be taken before the project is approved on Stockbridge-Munsee land. Besides getting the tribal council's approval, there must also be an environmental study done, and the land must be rezoned from its current residential designation. GLITC is hoping that the center moves forward within a year.

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Robert Smith, vice chairman for the Mole Lake Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, testifies during a public hearing June 15 at North Star Mohican Casino Resort about the proposed adolescent recovery center planned for the Town of Bartelme and points out there are other youth recovery centers across the United States, but they rarely have an indigenous component and rarely provide after care once in-house treatment is complete.

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Shawano County, hockey league agree to lease

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

After months of back-and-forth negotiations and diverging talks about the potential sale or management of the Crawford Center, Shawano County officials and the Shawano Hockey League finally have a new agreement ready to sign.

The public prop-

erty committee on June 13 approved a three-year seasonal lease with the nonprofit group that will begin in the fall.

"We basically want to repeat last year's lease with a longer term," said Adam Gafner, president of the hockey league.

In the past, the two sides have agreed to five-year leases, but that was changed to a one-year deal

in 2023-24, partly because the county was weighing options of what to do with the building.

Gafner said a longer lease would the group raise funds.

"From a marketing standpoint, the advantage of a longer term lease, whether it be three - we prefer five - is really going to our sponsors," he said. "They want to know we

have a commitment."

He said sponsors for new uniforms are now being solicited and at least one has questioned whether the group would be in the Crawford Center in two years.

Steve Dreher, manager of the county maintenance department, agreed with Davel but also said a one-year deal wouldn't make a difference in any long-range plan.

"It needs to be part of a strategic long-term look at where we're going to go with that facility," Dreher said. "It kind of dovetails in with other facilities that need to be factored into a master plan. I think our master planning is going to take some time. I don't know if a year would do us anything more than kick it down the road another year."

Supervisor Rick Giese said a three-year deal was the best choice.

"I don't see the Crawford Center going anywhere," he said.

Supervisor Tom Kautza also agreed with a longer deal.

"Nothing happens that quick," he said in reference to any long-range planning.

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OBITUARIES

Ann Marie Francis (Schwanke) Van Grinsven

Ann Marie Francis (Schwanke) Van Grinsven, our beautiful, loving wife, mother and grandma, passed away peacefully on June 10, 2024, at home with her family by her side. She fought a battle against cancer that no one should have to fight but did it with incredible courage, dignity and grace.

Ann was born on June 6, 1940, in Appleton, the second of four children of Ann (Kugler) and Sylvester Schwanke. She received the sacraments of baptism, Holy Communion and confirmation at Holy Name Catholic Church in Kimberly. She graduated from Kimberly High School in 1958, and one month after graduation, she began her job at Kimberly Clark Corp. in Neenah where she worked for seven



years.

Ann married Robert J. Kons in 1960. A few years later, they adopted a son, Joey. Tragically, both were killed in a car/train accident in February 1967. Their daughter, Michelle, was born later that year. On May 2, 1968, Ann married Robert "Bob" Van Grinsven and

they had two more children, David and Deanna.

Bob and Ann moved their family to the Clintonville/Shawano area in 1977 and opened Country Squire Antiques, which they operated for 15 years. She then utilized her organizational and positive people skills as the office manager for Northland/Tri-City Glass in Clintonville until she retired in 2005.

Ann was a creative, witty woman who was naturally expressive. She was active in many community activities and organizations, most notably the Box in the Wood Theater Guild where she was a founding member who served two terms as president. For over 30 years, she was involved with the Mielke Arts Center as an actress in over 20 productions

as well as taking on director, producer and house manager roles. For several years, her column "What's Going on at the Mielke" appeared in six area newspapers.

Ann also was a member of the original planning committee for the first countywide Miles of Art Event. As a member and officer of the Shawano County Arts Council, she volunteered and organized the staff for the annual Arts and Crafts Fair. Theater was in her blood, and she was forever entertaining her family and friends with her vibrant personality and funny quips.

As a breast cancer survivor, Ann was very active in the Relay for Life where she had been featured as a speaker and was an inspiration to many. Even after going through two more bouts with cancer and while going through treatment, she continued in her efforts to raise money in hopes of eradicating this horrible disease.

Ann's faith was a big part of her life, and she leaned on it heavily throughout her life and most espe-

cially with her most recent diagnosis. She was an active member of St. Mary's Parish in Leopolis, serving on the pastoral council, as a Eucharistic minister, and, of course, as a reader on the Lord's stage.

Ann had many hobbies outside the theater as well and for many years was a member of the "Step N Sisters" tap group as them between dance numbers comedy relief character, "Granny Annie," and was a member of the Clintonville Historical Society. In 2013, she was named one of the Shawano County Commission on Aging's "Living Treasures."

Through all the many activities that filled Ann's life, nothing was more important or precious to her than her family. After cheering on her children and watching them have their own families, she and Bob made countless trips throughout the state to cheer on their grandchildren in sports, theater, graduations and countless other activities.

Ann is survived, and will be missed dearly, by her husband, Bob; daughter,

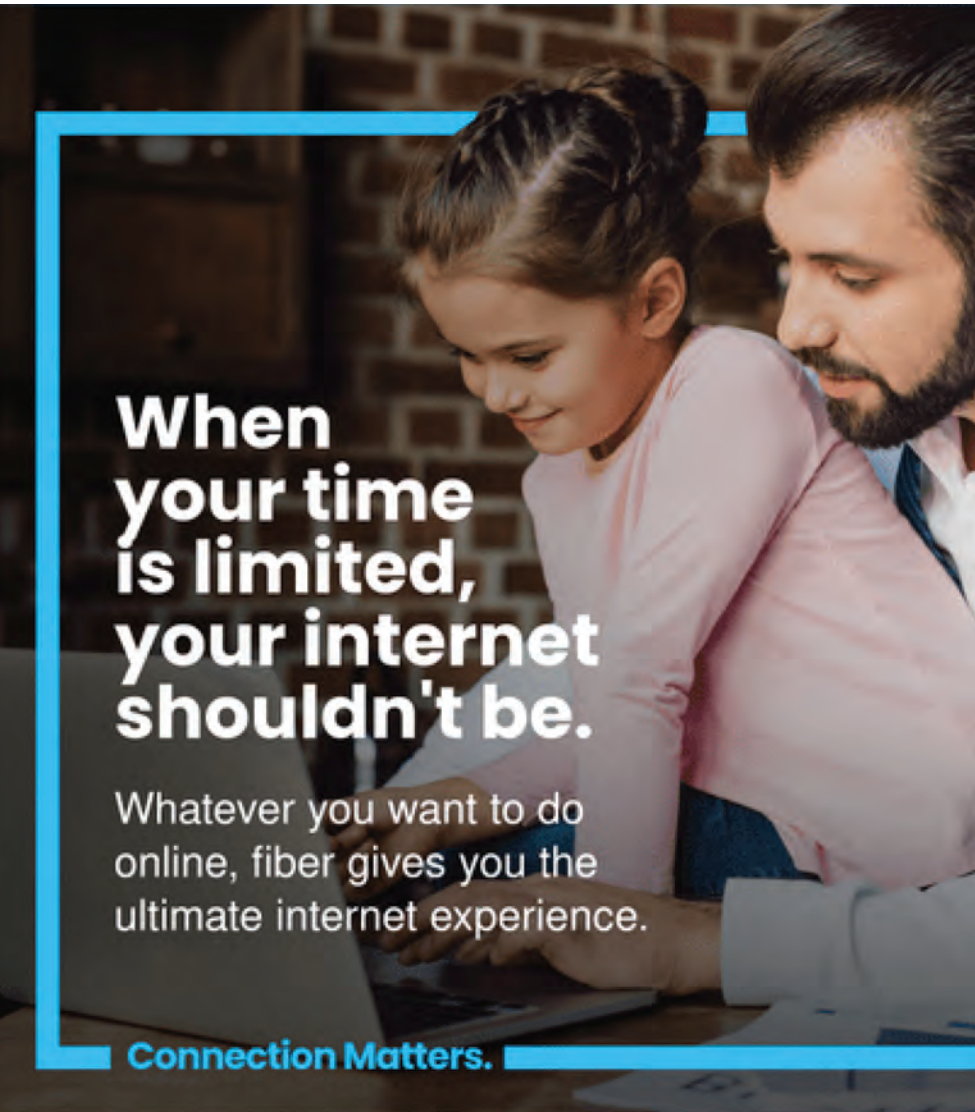
Michelle (Dwayne Nash) Pedretti, Milwaukee, and grandson, Ethan Pedretti; son, David (Nikol) Van Grinsven, Shawano, and granddaughter, Alison Van Grinsven; and daughter, Deanna (Chris) Holder, Oconto, and granddaughters, Tara and Peyton Klose. She is further survived by brother, John (Mary) Schwanke, and sister, Nancy (Keith) Bowers; brother-in-law, Jim Ahrens; along with several nieces and nephews, and her dear best friend, Gloria Sharp.

Ann was preceded in death by her older brother, Sylvester Jr. "Vessie"; her parents; her father- and mother-in-law, John and Leocadia Van Grinsven; her brother-in-law, Lloyd Van Grinsven; and her sister-in-law, Alice Ahrens.

A memorial Mass was held on Monday, June 17, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Leopolis. Burial followed at St. Mary's Cemetery.

To Ann, "all the world's a stage," and now she is gracing the greatest one in heaven, finally pain free.

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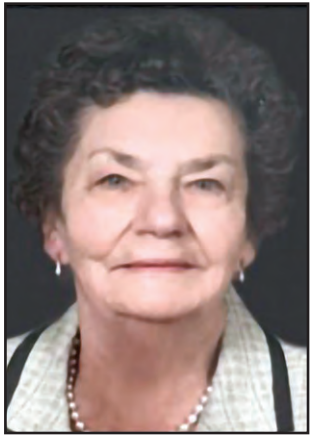
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Dorothy M. Ostrowski



Dorothy M. Ostrowski, 96, of Wittenberg, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, June 11, 2024, at Homme Home of Wittenberg. Dorothy was truly loved and was surrounded and cared for by her family during her final weeks.

Dorothy was born on May 6, 1928, in Whitcomb, the daughter of Charles and Anna (Bublitz) Kauffman.

On Sept. 1, 1951, Dorothy was united in marriage to Albin "J.R." Ostrowski in Wittenberg. He preceded her in death on Aug. 6, 2015.

Dorothy and Albin farmed in the Town of Elderon for many years. After retirement, they ran a vegetable stand along Highway 29. Dorothy was a member of The Christian Mothers at Holy Family-St. William Catholic Church in Wittenberg. She was most recently a member of St. Florian Catholic Church in Hatley.

Dorothy enjoyed doing word searches, puzzles and reading; romance novels were her favorite. She was a great baker and enjoyed cross stitching, crocheting and embroidering. Dorothy

loved sharing her talents with others, often gifting baked goods, pillowcases and dish towels to family and friends. Time spent with family was very important to Dorothy; she loved teaching her granddaughters how to bake.

Dorothy is survived by four children, Steven Ostrowski, Kathy (Dan) Prah, Doug (Denise) Ostrowski and Karen (David) Beckwith; eight grandchildren, Dawn (Dean "Whitey") Mevenden, Brooke (Chad) Wojnowiak, Nick Ostrowski, Brent Beckwith, Calli (Matt) Matsche, Alyson (Tyler) Milanowski, Samantha (Johann) Gon-

zalez and Douglas James (Erin Mlodik) Ostrowski; six great-grandchildren, Emily (Edward Lewis) Mevenden, Cohen Wojnowiak, Nash Wojnowiak, Savanna Dorothy, Rae Lynn Lu and Kennen Matsche; two great-great-grandchildren, Leviyon and Jaiyana.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents; husband, J.R.; twin sons; great-granddaughter, McKenna Mae Wojnowiak; brothers, Charles Kauffman Jr. and Kennen Kauffman; sisters, Selma Griepentrog-Niebauer and Margie Henn; and many brothers- and sisters-in-law.

A private family service will be held per Dorothy's request.

The family would like to thank Dr. Jaren Thomas and Dr. Ivan Schaller, and the staff at Homme Home of Wittenberg, especially Julie Natzke, for the wonderful care given to Dorothy.

Schmidt and Schulta Funeral Home, Wittenberg, is assisting the family with funeral arrangements. Memories and messages may be shared at schmidtschulta.com.

Brunch on the Farm returns June 23

Shawland Farms host site for breakfast, children's activities, wagon rides, cows and ice cream

BY KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

It's been more than 25 years in the making, but Shawland Farms is returning as the host site for the Shawano County Brunch on the Farm.

Sponsored by the Shawano County Farm Bureau, the brunch and other activities are scheduled for June 23 at W6381 Waukechon Road, Shawano (south of state Highway 29 and east of County Road K).

The event will give guests the opportunity to see a modern dairy farm and have a morning of family fun, according to Christa Hoffman, chairperson of the event planning committee.

In addition to the breakfast of scrambled eggs with diced ham, breakfast sausage, hash browns, cinnamon bread, cheese, yogurt and milk, families can also enjoy wagon rides, children's activities, ice cream sundaes, farm tours, a petting zoo and live music.

The day starts off with the Dairy Dash and Stroll 5K at 7 a.m., followed by a polka Mass at 7:30 a.m. Brunch will be served from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

At the farm, follow the signs to the parking lot area. This will be in a farm



Shawland Farms is multi-generational family-owned dairy farm. From left, are Jim Matt, Kevin and and John Ainsworth. The family has been farming in the area since 1898 and at its current location on Waukechon Road since 1957.

field with rugged conditions. Wagon transportation is available from the field. Handicap parking is available.

Shawland Farms is owned and operated by Kevin, Jim and Matt Ainsworth and families.

"We have 130 cows and about 400 acres for corn and alfalfa," Matt Ainsworth said.

The three men do most of the work on the farm themselves, other than a few chores that are contracted out, including combining, spraying and

manure spreading.

In 2019, the Ainsworths built a new robotic milking facility to support their multi-generation farm. The cows are now milked by a pair of Lely Astronaut A5 robots instead of hired hands.

"We looked at remodeling our old barn. It needed lots of work," Ainsworth said. "Building a new barn with the robotic system was comparable to fixing the old one. Now, we milk 23 hours a day."

Like any system, this one is not perfect, but Ainsworth likes it and appreciates the additional free time generated from using the robots.

When a cow enters the milking boxes, the computer reads the sensor on the animal's collar. The cow is milked, and all information is stored in a computer program the Ainsworths can review anytime.

A rich traditional of agriculture has been in their family locally for more than 125 years and

at the current site since 1957 when, now retired, John Ainsworth and family started the operation.

Brunch on the Farm typically draws a crowd of 4,000 people over the course of four hours. Tickets are available on site (cash only) or can be purchased in advance online at shawanofarmbureau.com or on the Facebook event page.

Ainsworth said the families' job during the brunch is mostly to be there, talk about their farm and socialize. The rest is handled by the farm bureau and volunteers.

Ticket prices are \$10 for anyone 12 and older, \$5 for children 4-11 and free for children 3 and younger.

Brunch on the Farm happens rain or shine. All ticket sales are final and non-refundable.

Due to farm biosecurity, no pets are allowed the day of brunch.

Volunteering at Brunch on the Farm pays off for several student organizations. Last year, the Shawano County Farm Bureau presented \$5,350 in donations to area agriculture student groups for their participation in the event. A total of 19 organizations received between \$50 and \$500 for their dedication and ser-

vice to the annual event.

Student groups are eligible to receive proceeds from the brunch based on the number of volunteers they send. Also, individual students who volunteer are eligible for \$500 scholarships for continuing education.

Benefiting from their volunteer efforts in 2023 were the Shawano Ag Ambassadors, Angelica 4-H, Belle Plaine 4-H, Bonduel cross country team, Bonduel FFA, Bowler 4-H, Aces, Clintonville FFA, County Line 4-H, Gresham FFA, Landstad 4-H, Lonesome Pines 4-H, Maple Grove 4-H, Pella Eagles 4-H, Pulaski FFA, Shawano FFA, Tiger Tribe 4-H, Waukechon Wildcats and Wolf River 4-H.

The Shawano County Farm Bureau is a nonprofit organization comprised of farmers and agribusiness professionals focused on policy development and agriculture education in the Shawano community. Brunch on the Farm is an annual event that began in 1984.

Ainsworth said the Shawland Farms hosted the brunch sometime in the 1980s and again around 1998 before being asked to serve as hosts again in 2024.

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"Here he is, a life registrant of the sex offender registry, and his prior records include being convicted of manufacturing THC and paraphernalia in 1997 — he received a state prison sentence there," Parker said. "He successfully completed probation, as indicated by our record, at that time, and then convicted in 2018 of first-degree sexual assault of a person under 13."

Parker added that Clark has also been convicted in Shawano County on a felony charge of hit and run and bail jumping in 2018.

Parker's recommendation includes putting Clark on electronic monitoring once he leaves prison.

"When you look at what the sex offender registry was codified for,

it's the fact that people need to know ... where the residence is," Parker said. "At this point, we think this is an important recommendation in this particular case."

Clark's arrest occurred on July 11, 2023, in a secluded hideout near County Road D and County Road OO in the Town of Norrie, near Birnamwood. He was arrested by deputies with both the Shawano County and Marathon County sheriff's departments after tips came into Shawano County following the department featuring Clark on its Facebook page for its "Wanted Wednesday" series.

Clark was previously sought on an active felony warrant issued by the Wisconsin Department

of Corrections for a sex offender registration violation. A clandestine fort was built on private property in an effort to evade arrest by law enforcement, according to a Marathon County Sheriff's Department press release.

Clark's previous residence, prior to May 26, 2023, was in the Town of Aniwa.

According to court records, Clark pleaded no contest in Marathon County to a charge of first-degree child sex assault of someone under age 13 in 2018 and was in the middle of five years of probation when arrested in 2023.

Clark now faces new charges in Marathon County including felon in possession of a firearm, carrying a concealed knife

and possession of drug paraphernalia. These items were discovered at the time of the arrest, according to Marathon County sheriff's officials. He is due in Marathon County Circuit Court on July 17 for an arraignment.

Defense attorney Aaron Schenk noted that, during the 2018 Marathon County case, Clark had been allowed to remain in his home, even though the victim was still living there, too.

"That lasted for a couple of years while his case was pending," Schenk said. "Once my client entered his plea and was on supervision, immediately, his agent said, 'I know you were living at home while you were on bail, but now you're not allowed at home.' That

started a downward spiral for him where he wound up living in a couple of different places, in which the probation agent told him, 'You can't live here anymore. You have to live somewhere else.'"

Schenk said the situation with the probation officer made things difficult for Clark.

"During that time, his family wanted him home. He wanted to be home," Schenk said. "I think it's different from a lot of the failure to register cases that we see, where people are failing to register for a lot of devious reasons. That's not the case here."

Clark briefly spoke and said he appreciates that the sentence will not keep him away from his family for too long.

"My family loves me

and needs me at home," Clark said.

Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Court Judge Katherine Sloma noted that the situation that brought about the case was not mitigating, but it was "aggravating."

"The situation here is strange, but certainly one that could have easily been rectified," Sloma said. "Just because he and his agent didn't get along because of where he was residing doesn't mean he could abscond on probation. Essentially, it's just him thumbing his nose at the situation and saying, 'I'm not going to tell my agent where I'm living because I want to live at home and my agent says I can't.'"

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Alft and Horton met a few years ago at Tiger-ton's Union Cemetery while paying respect to their spouses. Alft's wife, Carole, passed away in 2014 and Horton's husband, Gary, passed away three years earlier.

That chance meeting led to a friendship that's still going strong. One of their favorite activities is listening to live polka music.

"Wherever we can find

some polka music, we're there," Horton said. "I used to dance all the time. I like to watch people dance and listen to the music."

It's not as easy to find places with live music as it was in the past, she said.

"Every Sunday, they would have polka (music) at churches," Horton said. "We would go to church and afterwards, they'd have polkas. Every Sunday, there was some-

place to go."

Horton said it's important to have events like Birnamwood Polka Days to help keep the music alive.

"When I was in high school in Oshkosh, there was a lot of rock and roll," she said. "My girlfriend and I would listen to polka music on Saturday night."

Unlike Horton and her friend, however, most teenagers in the mid-1950s turned their attention to

rock and roll, especially performers like Elvis Presley.

Alft has been around polka music for as long as he can remember.

"I was born and raised with it," he said. "My mother liked polka music. I liked Romy Gosz and Dick Rodgers. It was good music. I like the brass (instruments). Romy Gosz, that's what he had."

Birnamwood revived its Polka Days weekend a

few years ago.

Based at Chet and Emil's, a popular tavern and restaurant on Main Street, the festival started in the 1970s and eventually switched its entertainment focus from polka to country music.

The polka format returned three years ago and, besides the Polish Connection, a band based out of the Wausau area, this year's event also featured performances

from the New Generation, Zander's Music RayMakers, Steve Burclaw's New Polish Sounds, the Polkatown Sound Reunion and AJ and the Gang featuring Andrew Grawien.

Polka music never went away and really hasn't changed much over the years, according to Horton.

"It still has the good beat and good rhythm," she said. "There's nothing like polka music."

State tourism sees another record-breaking year

Area counties part of the upward trend in total economic impact and direct visitor spending

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Shawano, Menominee and Oconto counties were part of the 2023 record-breaking year for Wisconsin tourism, noted Wisconsin Department of Tourism Secretary Anne Sayers.

According to 2023 economic impact data, the Wisconsin tourism industry generated \$25 billion in total economic impact, surpassing the previous record year of \$23.7 billion set in 2022.

In Oconto County, the total economic impact increased from \$134 million to \$140 million, a 4.4% increase.

Shawano County saw a 2.7% increase, from \$111 million to \$114 million, while Menominee County's total economic impact increased 10.3% from \$5 million to \$6 million.

"Wisconsin has so much to offer, from waterslides to watersports, hiking trails to contrails and world-champion sports teams to



Former resident Judy Dunlap, right, talks with Priscilla King near the craft and vendor area at the annual Shawano County Historical Society Rhubarb Fest on June 15 at Heritage Park. The two shared stories of their youth, growing up in the community.

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world-champion cheese, so it's no wonder we've seen yet another record-breaking

year for Wisconsin tourism for the second year in a row," Gov. Tony Evers said.

"These numbers show what an important role our tourism economy plays in our

state's economic success.

"And this didn't happen by chance. This happens because of the hardworking folks in this critical industry who work day in and day out to make sure visitors enjoy their time here and come back year after year."

In 2023, Wisconsin saw a \$25 billion total economic impact, an increase of 5.4% from the previous year, welcomed 113 million visits — nearly two million more than the previous year, and saw the highest-ever overnight visits, with nearly 46 million overnight visits last year.

This is the second consecutive year of record-breaking overnight visitation. What's more, overnight visitors, on average, spend almost three times as much as day-trip visitors. In total, in 2023, all 72 Wisconsin counties saw economic impact growth, and the industry supported more than 178,000 part-time and full-time jobs across various sectors, which is an

increase of 2% and generated \$1.6 billion in state and local tax revenue, up 5.8% from 2022.

Direct visitor spending increased 3.8% in Oconto County, from \$97.1 million to \$100.8 million; 1.3% in Shawano County from \$75.5 million to \$76.5 million; and 13.3% in Menominee County, from \$3 million to \$3.4 million.

"Wisconsin tourism powers the economy and strengthens the fabric of communities of all sizes," Sayers said. "The historic impact of tourism reached every corner of Wisconsin and, in doing so, sustained livelihoods for thousands of our friends and neighbors."

The Native Nations of Wisconsin also play a critical role in enriching the state's tourism industry offerings and attracting travelers to the state. Because tribal tourism data is private, the total economic impact of tribal tourism is not wholly reflected in this report.

DA's office moving to paperless environment

Officials expect E-Discovery to be in full effect no later than July 15

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

Months of testing will soon result in one aspect of the Shawano and Menominee Counties District Attorney's office becoming paperless.

Kay Zuleger, legal secretary in the DA's office, told the Shawano County Public Safety Committee on June 5 she is ready to make the change effective July 15.

"Once our office goes paperless, and that's hopefully in the future, it'll be

very nice," she said. "The whole program will run seamless. It's all a work in progress, but this is something I'm willing to do already, and I'm ready to make that change."

Supervisor Tess Serrano said a complete paperless office will happen.

"Yes, the DA's office will be paperless," she said. "That's been a goal of mine for years."

Digital Evidence Secure Transfer (DEST) is part of the District Attorney Information Technology (DAIT) program that provides IT services and support to more than 1,600 customer users in all of Wisconsin's 71 state prosecutor offices.

There is no cost to the county for the DEST program.

"What we're looking at doing is starting sending our discovery out where we don't have to make copies, where I don't have to burn discs, where we're not mailing it out any longer. It's something that's sent through the computer system," Zuleger said. "It's an encrypted way to send discovery out, where it shouldn't cost us what it's costing us to mail it, to make copies of it, to be sending it out any longer."

Zuleger said she has been testing the program for about eight months with attorneys in the state public defender's office. "It works really nice," she said. "It's slow at times, depending on how much body camera, photos, videos that go with it, how many reports I have,

things like that, but that's with any program."

Using the program will reduce costs for paper, padded envelopes, discs and fish drives, and postage. Billing will no longer be based on the number of pages but on the size of the files.

"We've been hoping that they could get this the last few years now," Sheriff George Lenzner said. "It's a long time coming, and it's going to make their lives a lot easier in the DA's office."

Zuleger said she will be better able to maintain the discovery files, with the program making it easier and more convenient when she has to resend them.

"The one thing that's nice is that I'm able to go back into the program and

resend the discovery," she said.

When an accused party changes attorneys, it's easier to send discovery to new attorney, as it is all saved in one file.

"The defense has 30 days to take it out of the DEST program," Zuleger said. "Once they take it out of the program, they download it onto whatever they need to, print a copy, whatever they want to do with it."

She is now working with attorneys to have all updated information in the system so when they go live, everyone is ready. She said she doesn't want to have some using E-Discovery and others still accepting paper and discs.

"This is going to be an all or nothing," she said. "All the defense attorneys

are going to have to go to this."

Lenzner said many other counties are already using the system.

"A lot of surrounding counties have had this for years, because there are times they send us stuff that way, also," he said. "It's just easier for everybody."

Because of DAIT, Wisconsin is one of few states in the nation where state prosecutors have a secure, centrally-managed network, state-standard hardware and software, and a state-standard, custom-built case management system with interfaces to key systems used by the courts, law enforcement and attorneys.

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No Mow May no longer generating buzz in region

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

The Shawano Common Council has agreed to let No Mow May continue for one more year in 2025, but the members want some studies to take place then to answer the question once and for all about whether letting the grass grow higher is really a benefit for pollinators.

Alderman Kevin Barkow brought the idea to the council in 2022, having seen that the city of Appleton did it for several years prior in the hopes of bringing a

more robust bee population to the area. It was decided then to do an annual resolution approving the observance.

It only took one year for the thrill to be gone, as Barkow learned in 2023 that Appleton was trying to end the practice because there's no scientific evidence that the taller grass has improved the bee count. Despite the hesitancy, the council has agreed to No Mow May last year and this year.

The discussion June 12 was put on the agenda at the request of Alderwoman

Sandy Steinke, who voted against the No Mow May resolution in 2023.

"Maybe it might be doing some good, but there's no real studies," Steinke said.

Alderman Jack Young has been doing some research on the matter and told the council that Appleton, after the first year of its program, had three times as many bees in the area.

"It was a real positive for them," Young said. "A lot of it depends on which community and the uniqueness of each community. What I'd like to see is a No Mow

May for this next coming year and then lining somebody up to study it and study the city of Shawano and how we respond to that and see if it's a positive here."

Young suggested getting some higher education institution involved doing a study and seeing what tangible benefits there are from not mowing lawns for a month in springtime. He noted Appleton has been studying the matter.

"I'm sure we could get one of the universities involved as a student research project, because the more

we can increase the bee population and some of the other positive insects and that, the better we are as a community," Young said.

Mayor Bruce Milavitz spoke positively about the program because it's purely voluntary. Any property owners that don't want to participate can continue to mow their lawns, he said.

"If you want to participate, you participate," Milavitz said. "If you don't want to participate, you don't have to."

Alderman John Hoeffs noted that Appleton also has the benefit of wildflower

er beds, so having something like that might also benefit the bees.

"You don't just have to leave your lawn grow," Hoeffs said.

Steinke noted that the last No Mow May saw an increase in the number of butterflies, another type of pollinator, but she acknowledged the butterflies visiting might not correlate with No Mow May.

"It was kind of cool," Steinke said. "There were a lot more butterflies than I had seen in years past."

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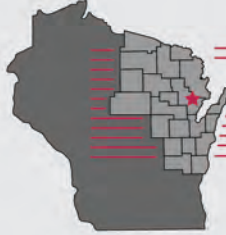
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Randi Anderson hired to run Sevastopol School District

Former Shawano superintendent selected from three finalists

BY NEW MEDIA STAFF

Former Shawano School District Superintendent Randi Anderson has been hired as superintendent for the Sevastopol School District in Door County, according to a press release from the Sevastopol district.

Anderson was selected from three finalists interviewed by the Sevastopol School Board on June 5. The board approved her hire on June 11.

“Ms. Anderson brings the experience we need as an educator and leader to help transition our very good school district to a great one” said Board President Lisa Bieri. “In her tenure as an educator, she has established a clear record of managing budgets, resources, and partnerships to improve student achievement. She brings expertise in strategic planning, curriculum development, long-range facility planning, and personalized learning to ensure all students graduate college, career, and community ready.”



RANDI ANDERSON

Anderson was hired by the Shawano School District in 2019 and resigned from her position three years later in September 2022. As part of her separation from the district, she was paid the remainder of her contract, which totaled about \$400,000 in salary and benefits through the end of June this year, and Shawano School Board President Mike Musolf was required to provide Anderson with a letter of recommendation.

Anderson’s resignation came after months of turmoil in Shawano, including a claim that the district had a \$2.2 million budget deficit that later turned out to be a \$2.6 million surplus, and with it the layoffs of a number of employees and the potential to close a school. In the months leading up to Anderson’s resignation, more than 60 employees left the district, including all of the principals and associated principals and most of the administrative team.

A petition was circulated in the community seeking Randi Anderson’s removal that received over 1,200 signatures. Two school board members were targeted for recall because of their support for Anderson, but both resigned shortly after the recall petitions were submitted. Three other board members resigned in 2022 during Anderson’s tenure.

According to the Sevastopol press release, Anderson has been working in the interim for Leading Transformative Solutions, LLC. The website for the company has no information on where it’s based but does list Anderson as one of its five education experts.

“As I step into the role of superintendent, I am eager to bring my background of over 30 years in public education as a teacher, administrator, educational consultant to the beautiful community of Sevastopol,” Anderson said in the press release. “I am committed to working with you to continue to foster a student-focused model of education and promote excellence within our schools. My goal is to collaborate closely with educators, parents, and community members to ensure we continue to provide the best possible educational experience for our students.”

competence and joy. They are nominated by nursing colleagues and chosen by nursing leadership and the hospitals’ Professional Nurse Practice Council.

“I am proud to help patients and their families remain comfortable and to serve as an advocate for their health,” Woodke said. “I am always prepared to provide emotional support, a listening ear, comforting hand or just a warm blanket to each of my patients.”



Diana Woodke was recognized as the Nurse of the Year for St. Clare Memorial Hospital in Oconto Falls. CONTRIBUTED

Woodke named St. Clare’s top nurse by HSHS

Hospital Sisters Health System (HSHS) hospitals in Eastern Wisconsin have announced that Diana Woodke with St. Clare Memorial Hospital in Oconto Falls is one of the corporation’s four 2023 Nurse of the Year award winners.

Nurse of the Year award recipients are honored for demonstrating passion, quality and excellence in nursing and carrying out the core values of HSHS: respect, care,

comes for students of color and students from low-income backgrounds. The winner will be announced in the spring of 2025.

Josh Wyner, executive director of the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program, noted the finalists not only deserve national recognition, but they also need to be studied and their successes replicated.

“Working-class Americans are experiencing an economy that seems to be stacked against them, while employers are struggling to find well-prepared workers in fields such as teaching, nursing, software development, welding, and advanced manufacturing,” Wyner said. “The 10 Aspen Prize finalists demonstrate how community colleges serving urban and rural communities throughout the country can prepare many more graduates for fulfilling lives and careers in their communities. They show that excellence can be reached in any and every context.”

NWTC finalist for Aspen Prize

The Aspen Institute named Northeast Wisconsin Technical College as a finalist for the 2025 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence.

The \$1 million award is the nation’s signature recognition of strong performance among community colleges. The institutions selected for this honor stand out among more than 1,000 community colleges nationwide as having high and improving levels of student success, as well as equitable outcomes for Black and Hispanic students and those from lower-income backgrounds.

“To be named a finalist for the Aspen Prize is such an incredible honor,” said Kristen Raney, NWTC president. “It recognizes NWTC’s deep commitment to equitable student outcomes that transforms lives and strengthens our communities. This is a reflection of the transformative work we do every day and should be celebrated by all who call Northeast Wisconsin

THE NEXT STEP

- Fall 2024: Multi-day in-person site visits to each of the 10 finalists, during which Aspen and partners will collect additional information, and additional data collection, including extensive employment and earnings data on graduates from the finalist colleges.

- Winter 2025: A distinguished, independent prize jury will review data and qualitative summaries that synthesize each part of the 14-month analyses, then meet for a full day to select the winner and others for additional recognition.

- April 17, 2025: Announcement of the Aspen Prize winner and celebration of the 10 finalists in Washington, D.C.

home. We are very excited to continue next steps of the Aspen Prize process and for the bright future of our college and community.”

Over the last decade, NWTC has expended substantial resources into understanding how to better meet the unique needs of individual students so that they can thrive as learners. Benefitting from a culture of comprehensive support,

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While many students exit college before completing the required coursework, NWTC’s graduation rates are double compared to the national average. Additionally, the percentage of NWTC students persisting from first to second year — a critical period in which many do not complete — has consistently increased over time and is above that of comparison to other institutions. The most dramatic increases have been observed within historically underserved populations, including lower income and student of color.

Awarded every two years, the Aspen Prize honors colleges with outstanding performance in six critical areas — teaching and learning, certificate and degree completion, transfer and bachelor’s attainment, workforce success, broad access to the college and its offerings, and equitable out-

Gillett kindergarten teacher receives award

Shannon Slatky, Gillett School District kindergarten teacher, received the Richard T. Lowery Educator of Excellence Award for the 2023-24 school year.

The recipient is selected by the teaching staff of the Gillett School District, and the Nicolet Oconto Retired Teacher Association presents the award to the winner. Slatky



SHANNON SLATKY

received the award June 6. Slatky graduated from University of Wisconsin-River Falls in 2001 with a major in elementary education and a minor in early childhood education. She received her master’s

degree from Viterbo University in 2004.

Slatky began teaching at Gillett Elementary School in August 2001 and has just completed her 23rd year of teaching. She has taught second through fourth grades but is currently teaching kindergarten.

“Seeing the growth and change in students from the beginning of the

year until the end is my favorite thing about teaching, along with the hugs,” Slatky said.

In addition to teaching, Slatky is an adviser for the National Honor Society and is the coach for the middle school basketball and track.

She has been married to her husband, Kevin, for 20 years. They have two sons, Tyler and Brandon.

Bear patronizes library



A black bear was spotted June 10 roaming in front of the Shawano Public Library and other nearby buildings. According to the Shawano Police Department, the bear appeared to be an adolescent looking for food. Onlookers were taking pictures of the bear, but the police department warned against getting too close to any wild animal, especially if there had been a mother bear nearby. The bear eventually left town toward the west. Information on what books the bear checked out was not available by press time.

MIKE MUSOLFF



Anderson now another school district's problem

The news of Randi Anderson being put in charge of another school district is generating two reactions locally. The first one is that at least she's not going to impact our schools anymore, but then the second reaction is that she's going to be bringing another education institution to its knees.

I first heard of Anderson being a finalist for Sevastopol School District superintendent near the end of May via a post on Shawano, Let's Talk About It on Facebook from a former Shawano resident now living in Door County. When I read it, I couldn't help but feel empathy for the district's residents, especially the reporters who have to report on the district's activities there.

Unfortunately, the Shawano School District made a Faustian deal behind closed doors that, besides giving Anderson a golden parachute worth \$400,000 for the remainder of her contract, which ends this month, it also required a glowing letter of recommendation from the board president and that all references of Anderson's tenure with the district go through human resources in exchange for her stepping down quietly. In other words, Shawano school officials couldn't warn Sevastopol school officials about the havoc she wrought here and could potentially do to their community.

Made worse, Sevastopol utilized the Wisconsin Association of School Boards, the same organization that convinced Shawano's school board five years ago that Anderson was a good finalist for superintendent in 2019. I'd say their judgment is horrible, at best.

For those new to the area who might not have been aware, here are some of the lowlights of her three years running Shawano School District:

- While most other schools in Shawano County were only closed for a week or two weeks in fall 2020 due to high COVID-19 numbers, Shawano's protocols allowed Anderson to keep buildings closed and classes virtual for three months. The restrictions were lifted after significant community outcry, but the damage was done.

- Anderson convinced the school board to switch to Apple products for the classrooms, a move that was not only more expensive for the district, but caused quite the learning



Lee Pulaski
City editor

curve as teachers couldn't get the equipment to work right.

- Things really went into a spiral in March 2022 when Anderson and other district office administrators revealed that Shawano was facing a \$2 million deficit in the 2022-23 budget. Recommendations included cutting staff positions, but she also recommended the board close one of the schools, a choice between Olga Brener Intermediate School and Shawano Community Middle School, with the latter being the oldest building in the district. She recommended the closure decision be made quickly instead of "kicking the can" down the road a year. The board went another route.

- The school closing revelation brought angry parents and community members to multiple school board meetings to register their outrage about the school closing. Staff members spoke to the board about feeling unappreciated by Anderson, who was painted as a hostile leader. Anderson shrugged it off as a "small group of people" wanting to stir up trouble.

- From there, a petition for Anderson's resignation was circulated and was signed by over 1,200 people. When the petition would not be accepted by the school board at the time, the community focused its attention on two board members who voiced unwavering support for Anderson with recall petitions.

- In 2022, the district lost more than 60 employees, including all four principals and associate principals. Five board members resigned, including the two targeted for recall.

If Sevastopol had done its own investigating, officials might have discovered the chaos she orchestrated here and then thought twice about offering her a contract. It didn't, and now it's inherited someone who should not be in charge of educating our youngest.

Shawano is still picking up the pieces from Anderson's tenure. Poor Sevastopol doesn't know what it's in for.

I wish Sevastopol the best of luck, because from my experience, that school district is going to need it.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Student essay hits the nail on the head

To the editor:

I just read the essay by Makenna Bubolz, a Shawano High School student, on the opinion page. My compliments to her on an essay that hits the nail on the head regarding

so many points about our country and culture that we all need to consider, especially in this fractious time.

I've not travelled abroad except for a non-combat stint in Vietnam, but many I know who have travelled internationally come home under-

standing how good we have it, compared even to advanced societies, much less those in the developing world.

She sums up her thoughts with the observation that our country is not perfect but is a work in progress. The freedoms we enjoy are not a guaran-

tee of success but provide the opportunity to achieve it through hard work. And the strength of our society is based on the great diversity of our people.

I urge everyone, if you have not read it, to go back to read and reflect on it.

Ken Harter, Oconto Falls

GUEST COLUMN

Dairy month celebrates state industry

For some, June kicks off the summer months as the weather gets warmer and school is finishing up for the year. For those in Wisconsin, June celebrates an entire industry that is central to Wisconsin's communities, culture and history. In America's Dairyland, our dairy industry is truly unique. Due to the hard work of industry, Wisconsinites are able to wear the title of America's Dairyland with pride and gratitude.

June Dairy Month is a monthlong celebration and recognition of dairy farmers and each person who works to get dairy products from the farm gate to dinner plates across the world. However, this month means so much more than just enjoying alltypes of cheese, milk, ice cream and other dairy products. It is also a month to reflect upon the dairy industry's contributions to our economy, workforce, culture and future.

Wisconsin is home to about 5,500 dairy farms, which is more than any other state. On each of



Randy Romanski
Guest columnist

these farms, hardworking people care for their animals, feed their communities and are stewards of the land and water. At the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP), we work to serve as a resource to agriculture and each of our dairy farmers. This comes in many forms, including Dairy Processor Grants and the Wisconsin Farm Center.

This year, with cases of highly pathogenic avian influenza (H5N1) in cattle in some states across the country, DATCP has been working with the industry to safeguard our state from this disease event including providing biosecurity resources and information about support for dairy farms. DATCP's small but mighty Division of Animal Health is coordinating with producers to help

Wisconsin's 1.28 million cows stay happy and healthy.

To keep our dairy industry as one of Wisconsin's agricultural strengths, we also look to the future. Agriculture employs more than 11% of the state's total employment, and each year we welcome individuals into the agricultural workforce. Some grew up in agriculture, while others found a sense of belonging and chose to join this community.

Gov. Tony Evers has continued to support education, including agricultural education, to do what's best for our kids and the future of Wisconsin by helping these students grow their passion for agriculture and prepare for a career in the industry. Evers and the legislature have also supported expanding our dairy exports and, through the Wisconsin Initiative for Agricultural Exports, DATCP has been partnering with the industry to enhance trade opportunities for Wisconsin's dairy, crop and meat industries.

I recently led a trade mission to Santiago and Osorno in Chile with participants from six Wisconsin companies and organizations including Bioionix, Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin, GENEX, La Crosse Distilling Co., Moundview Dairy and Masters Gallery Foods. On this mission, we engaged in market briefings, met with local buyers and distributors, and developed business relationships and strategies for Chile.

This month and beyond, DATCP will continue to serve as a resource to Wisconsin's hardworking dairy industry. To do your part this June Dairy Month, please try a new Wisconsin cheese, buy some whey powder, and drink some extra milk. I also encourage you to talk to current and future generations of dairy farmers. Wisconsin has much to celebrate, and our farmers know firsthand about the past, present and future of America's Dairyland.

Randy Romanski is secretary for the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection.



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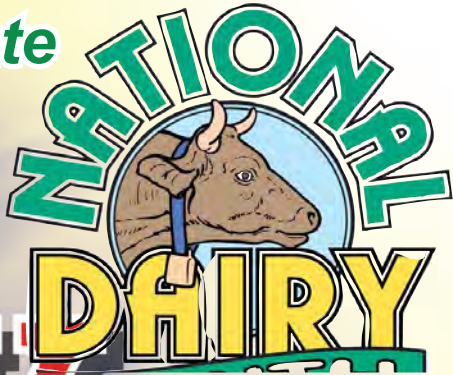


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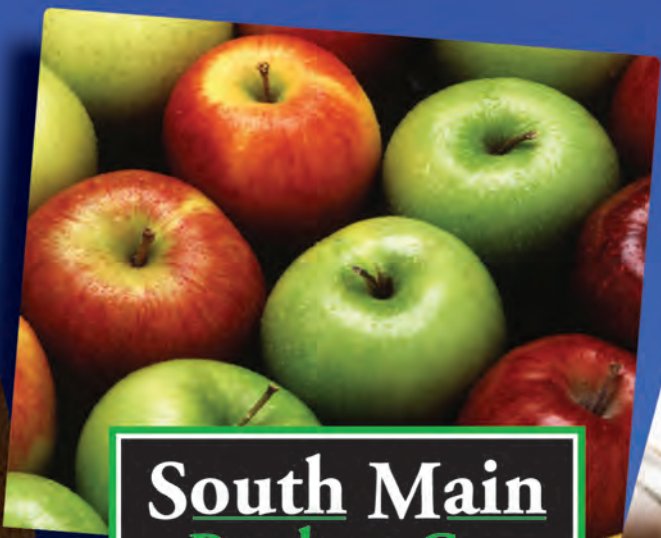
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Andrea Walby, crew member at the new Sun Sorbet eatery in downtown Shawano, is ready to take Maverick Emanuel's order for one of the many smoothie bowls on the menu board. Emanuel came into the eatery with a group of five other Shawano Community High School students to try out the unique sorbet delicacies.

LYNN ZAFFRANN

Blashes corner market on Beach Bowls with Sun Sorbet

New downtown shop offers cool treats with healthy toppings

By LYNN ZAFFRANN
Correspondent

The frosty smoothie bowl trend that has been spreading across the country for the last few years has just arrived in Shawano with the opening of Sun Sorbet in the heart of the revitalized Main Street retail area.

Sun Sorbet, owned by Sarah and Brandon Blashe, of Pella, offers a menu of 10 Beach Bowls, their signature phrase used to describe menu items available in the eatery. Sun Sorbet offers its own spin on the acai bowl trend with light and refreshing offerings of a variety of sorbets and healthy toppings.

The shop replaced Tumbleweed, an apparel store.

"We've been here for a lot of years, on the other side of this wall," said Brandon Blashe. "Sarah owns the dance studio next door (Vera Academy of Dance and Gymnastics). She's just finished year six with the studio. We bought this building a year ago."

The Blashes fell in love with acai bowls they discovered in Maui, on a Hawaiian trip they took for their 25th wedding anniversary two years ago. They said that they would lunch at an acai bowl food truck almost every day.

"That cemented it for us," Brandon Blashe said. "We really wanted to open one of these. There's really nothing like it around here."

"We just really wanted to have it more often," Sarah Blashe said.

When the owner of Tumbleweed decided to retire, the Blashes knew they had



Customer Destiny Burr, left, of Shawano, shows off the Lava Burst Bowl prepared by Sun Sorbet crew member Makenna Bubolz. On her second visit to the new smoothie bowl shop on Main Street in Shawano, Burr said she was excited to try the Lava Burst, which consists of cacao, coconut, peanut butter, acai and dragon fruit sorbets, topped with granola, pomegranate arils, banana, almond butter and cacao nibs.

LYNN ZAFFRANN

AT A GLANCE

WHAT: Sun Sorbet

WHERE: 201 S. Main St., Shawano

WHEN: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday

PHONE: 715-201-0350

found the right property for the concept eatery they wanted to create.

"It's a good location. Downtown. Main Street. It's really good," Brandon said.

Sun Sorbet offers a menu of fresh and healthy sorbets topped with a choice of 21 superfood items, such as coconut, bananas, pomegranate and peanut butter.

According to the Cleveland Clinic, superfoods are associated with heart health, a strong immune system and lower

cholesterol. Superfoods are typically rich in antioxidants, minerals and vitamins.

Acai, dragon fruit and coconut are just three of the nine flavors of sorbet featured on the menu, and they are all rich and creamy and very healthy, with no fillers or juices added. They are organic and dairy- and gluten-free.

The manufacturer of the sorbets featured at Sun Sorbet is Acai Roots, based in San Diego. The company ensures the product is sustainably sourced. The Blashes purchase the sorbets locally, through Performance Foods in Shawano.

One of the most popular Beach Bowls is the Ocean Sunset. It has a base of acai, blue pineapple, dragon fruit and mango

Summer slide can be prevented with activities

While school might be wrapping up for the year, that doesn't mean children should stop learning.

Without brain-stimulating activities, children's math and reading skills can slide, putting them behind once school starts again in the fall. This is often referred to as the summer slide.

According to a study by Kappan, between 70% and 78% of elementary school students experience a decline in their math skills over the summer. For students finishing fifth grade, 84% see their skills decline before the start of sixth grade. When it comes to reading, 62% to 73% of students see their skills decline while school is out.

"It's critical to keep children's brains engaged throughout the summer," said Dr. Amy Mandeville, ThedaCare family medicine physician. "Adding some enrichment activities to each day can help keep prevent learning loss and keep kids' minds primed."



AMY MANDEVILLE

Brain-stimulating activities can be fun for learners. Here are some suggestions:

- Read. Books offer a great way to keep brains active throughout the summer. If your child is just learning to read, spend some time reading to him or her, too. Join the local library's summer reading program to add a little incentive. While the kids are there, let them choose their own books. Children are more likely to enjoy reading when they can select genres or topics that interest them.
- Take a class. Many school districts and cities offer low-cost summer school programs. These courses offer a fun and enriching way to keep learning going. Bonus: Kids can also engage with peers.
- Plant a garden. Children can learn a lot by planting and taking care of a garden. If you don't have a lot of space, consider a container garden. Talk with them about what vegetables or flowers they might want to grow. Keep the conversation going as the plants continue to grow by discussing what makes plants healthy.
- Play games. Favorites such as Scrabble, Apples to Apples, and Boggle can help build vocabulary. Classics like Battleship, Yahtzee and Mastermind can hone math and strategy skills.
- Practice math. Kids may groan at this suggestion, but there are fun ways to practice these skills. Parents can purchase a workbook and have kids do two or three problems a day, work with flashcards, or play some math-related games. Ask your child's teacher for ideas or resources.
- Go on a nature hike. Our area is fortunate to have many parks and nature centers. Visit one and go for a walk with your child. Talk about the animals that may live in the park or what kind of trees they might see.
- Get outside. Summer is made for outdoor time. Kids can color with chalk, play games, ride a bike or go for a family walk. Time outdoors spurs creativity and provides physical activity, which is important to overall health.
- Bake or cook. The kids might only think of the delicious end result, but getting there requires math and reading skills. Children must read and follow directions and use math skills to measure out the ingredients. This also offers an

FARM LIFE FROM A FARM WIFE

Dad made sure family knew value of work

Growing up on my home farm, we were taught how to work and there were endless opportunities to live that out. We never heard, “OK, today I’m going to teach you how to work.” Our dad just walked the talk.

When it came time to get things done, we four kids pitched in. Dad had a bucket attachment on one of the tractors and used it to periodically clean the cow yard. Because he couldn’t get into corners, we kids had to literally shovel them out, scraping into every nook and cranny and dumping the contents of our shovels in his bucket. It was a stinky, thankless job and one we all detested.

Our farm was handed down to Dad by his father. Our dad was my grandma and grandpa’s only child. Lamenting he grew up lonely, with no siblings to play with, he’d reminisce with a chuckle as a small child Grandma would grab him up by the seat of his pants as she walked from the barn to the house, never pausing for breath; just grabbed him



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and kept going.

Playing with the cats and a couple of dogs in his childhood qualified as his friends. He was never was too fond of dogs, however, as one had turned on him once, biting him in the face and as a result, was left with a trace of a scar near his eyebrow.

As children we seldom, if ever, heard an “I love you” from either of our parents; they weren’t overly physical in their show of affection. That came later, as we grew to adulthood. We just knew as kids that we were loved, we “heard” it in other ways. We were fiercely protected, always given every sort of materialistic thing we needed, not pampered in any way — we all had to work — but knew intrinsically that we belonged to each other, bonded together in every way.

Thunderstorms made me



Kay Reminger's father is remembered by the columnist as someone who instilled good family values into his children.

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feel cozily loved. Whenever there was a storm, Dad would come in from his work and sit down with all of us at the kitchen table, waiting it out. While he wasn’t anxious often, he’d have his moments of apprehension. During thunderstorms, I felt he relished the downtime, as he knew there wasn’t a thing he could do about it.

When he married my mom and when our family

was complete, there were six of us altogether, plus his parents who lived with us for a time. All of this responsibility fell on his shoulders. He’d work long hours to provide for his growing family plus felt the burden of carrying the legacy of a family farm, which his dad had established.

To this day, the farm is still in our family, with my brother taking over and handing the reins to his boys, who are stepping up to carry on. I’m very proud of Cornerstone Dairy, named in honor of Jesus, our Cornerstone. Dad would be very proud, too.

Dad was over-the-moon with all of us and with our unique talents. When introducing me to anyone new he’d say with a delighted smile, “Kay is our writer.” Recalling this brings me to tears, he was so incredibly proud of us.

One day I asked my husband what thoughts he had of his father-in-law. Pondering it for just a moment he said, “He was a good man and really loved your mom.”

I agree wholeheartedly

— oh how he loved her — plus add he was a man of God who believed Romans 10:9 and lived it. “For if you confess with your mouth Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”

We were always churchgoers, but later in Dad’s life he received salvation after understanding that he had a relationship with Jesus, and his faith ripened. The rest of us grew in our faith along with my parents.

He began to change, becoming extra tenderhearted and reflective. He started talking more about Colin, my older brother who died in infancy at the age of 6 weeks; a tragic experience in my parents’ lives that the rest of us knew very little about, as in our childhood it was rarely discussed. Only as we all aged and became parents did we truly understand their anguish and reluctance to talk about it.

The closer my parents got to be called home, the more they mentioned my older brother. They intuitively knew they’d see him

again and were anticipating the reunion with profound gladness. Such hope was made secure by their deep faith in Jesus.

Every time we saw Dad he’d smile his endearing, crooked smile and quote his favorite passage, “This is the day the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

Toward his last days on earth, physically spent and on his way to heaven, from his nursing home bed he’d quote that verse. In moments of fatigue he’d gently whisper the first half and get tucked so we’d have to finish the last. Eyes closed, he’d smile gratefully.

Dear Dad, we will surely meet again and until that day, I love and miss you.

(“This is the day the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.” Psalm 118:24)

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

Invasive species continue to plague plant world

June is Invasive Species Awareness/Action Month, a timeframe designated to help you become more aware of invasive species in your area, as well as measures to help control and/or eradicate them.

Native species are those that have been in our area, or any native landscape, before the time of white settlers arriving and staking claim to these lands. These are species that are indigenous here and have been here for, in some cases, millions of years.

Invasive or non-native species are generally those that were brought here by European settlers upon their arrival. Some came intentionally, some were stowaways on ships in the form of seeds and roots that were happy in their new home here in North America.

Many of our most



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Columnist

persistent invasive species were actually innocently sold and utilized in landscaping and beautifying our yards and gardens, without realizing how quickly and dramatically they would spread.

Many were sold in garden centers as ornamental plants for our gardens. In fact, many still are. Many of the plants we purchase and plant today may be considered invasive in 10 or 20 years.

Often, invasive species are pest-resistant here in their new homeland, and that enables them to quickly spread and take over native landscapes.

Terrestrial invasive



Snow on the mountain, also called goutweed or bishop’s weed, is one of the most prolific invasive species in urban gardens in the area.

ROB ZIMMER

plant species often get the most attention but there are also non-native birds, insects, fish, crustaceans and more.

In many cases, invasive species are very difficult, if not impossible, to control once they have been allowed to escape and have taken even just a few years

to multiply and spread.

Often, invasive species are spread by native wildlife species such as birds, squirrels, deer and others that eat the fruits and seeds and spread them deeper and deeper into woodlands and grasslands.

An important resource library is available to any-

one interested in information on invasive species, identification, as well as control measures.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources maintains an extensive invasive species library online. Simply do an online search for “Wisconsin DNR invasive species” to link to this expansive library of vital information.

For those battling invasive species on their property, or who just want more awareness, this DNR resource maintains hundreds of fact sheets and identification information on the invasive species that are officially regulated or prohibited here in Wisconsin.

Simply search the resource library for the plant you are looking to control or identify and you’ll find photos, information, as well as control measures for every single variety.

There is no one quick fix to get rid of invasive species. There is no toxic herbicide that is going to work. There is no magic solution. These plants have taken decades to become established, and it will take decades and decades to eradicate them, if we can at all. There are some invasive species that will never be able to be eradicated and are here to stay.

As part of Invasive Species Awareness Month, explore this helpful and informative resource library and learn to identify common invasive species, discover them on your nature walks or in your backyard garden, and learn some important and simple control measures.

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sorbets, topped by granola, strawberries, pomegranate arils, pumpkin seed and honey.

The bowls are designed for breakfast, lunch, dinner or simply for a snack. The Blasches describe them as a healthy meal disguised as a sweet treat.

The shop has a bright, airy and welcoming environment, with a beach color scheme from the walls to the furniture and even to the uniforms worn by the servers. The concept of a beach theme is very evident

throughout.

The crew of workers at Sun Sorbet complete the scene, with consistently friendly and professional customer service. They are warm and welcoming to customers and helpfully explain the contents of the 10 Beach Bowl recipes. They assist customers to create their own build your own bowl options.

There are 12 tables in the shop, with seating for 48 customers.

“We didn’t plan for this to be an internet café or coffee

shop,” Brandon Blashe said. “But if people want to use it that way, great. I’ve seen high school-age couples come in to share a bowl. I’ve seen families come in together.”

Sarah Blashe said that she saw a customer working on her homework at one time. “I told her that it made my heart feel good that she felt comfortable to use our space like that,” she said.

The eatery is already drawing repeat customers. Destiny Burr has already eaten there twice.

“There’s a lot of really cool options,” Burr said. “I never had a smoothie bowl before.”

On her second visit, she tried a different bowl than she had the first time and said she was eager to taste it. “It’s a growing business,” Brandon Blashe said.

While Sarah Blashe runs the dance studio, Brandon Blashe is a full-time IT director. The couple also own Cruise In, a drive-in burger and ice cream restaurant in Marion. They also run GSR Kartway in Clintonville.

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opportunity to teach about healthy food choices.

• Visit a museum or zoo. A trip to a museum or a zoo is not only fun, it also offers learning opportunities. Depending on which museum you visit, your child can learn more about science, local history, or a particular subject. Zoos offer the opportunity to get an up-close look at animals and learn fun facts like what they eat and where they live.

• Tackle a puzzle. Puzzles require spatial thinking and problem-solving skills, which are terrific brain activities.

“With a good mix of leisure and enrichment, kids can go back to school in the fall both rested and ready to learn,” Mandeville said. “We hope this can set our students up for success.”

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Several Panthers chosen for all-conference

One golfer, one softball player named to first teams for their respective sports

BY NEW MEDIA STAFF

Oconto Falls sophomore Amelia Danielczak was named to the North Eastern Conference first team as an outfielder, while Kaden Riel eared first team all-conference honors on the golf course.

Joining Danielczak with softball honors was senior infielder Kyndra Staidl on the second team. Honorable mention honors went to junior pitcher Randi Metzler, senior catcher Kiera Cole, and junior infielders Maddy Maloney and Amber Otto.

On the golf course, Carson McDermid earned an honorable mention award.

Three boys track relay teams made the second team, and one athlete earned a pair of second team honors.

In the 4x100-meter relay, sophomore Elijah White, junior Evan Yuma, sophomore Brady Bursa and junior Isaac Bramer made the second team. The same four also were the second team in the 4x200.

In the 4x800, it was junior Griffin Kopke, junior Brant Laluzerne, freshman



Sage Mendolla and junior Emerson Rice picking up the award.

Senior Bryce Schef-dore earned second team honors for the shot put and discus.

Sophomore Rylie Shallow was the girls second team finisher for the 100-meter dash.

Earning honorable mention status was the 4x800 team of senior Brynn Hodkiewicz, senior Hannah Ludemann, senior Maddy Przybylski and junior Ava Hodkiewicz.

On the baseball field, junior infielder Cole Bozile and sophomore outfielder Alec Krejcarek earned second team selections.

Honorable mentions were earned by junior pitcher Jack Adler, sophomore pitcher Carter Heroux, junior catcher Grayson Cahak and junior utility player Easton Engel.

M&O Conference athletes honored for their play in 2024

BY NEW MEDIA STAFF

Lena High School's Logan Graef and Tyler Shallow are among those who earned Marinette and Oconto Conference all-conference selections in baseball.

Graef, a senior, was named to the first team for the infield.

Shallow, a junior, was named to the first team for the outfield.

Lena sophomore Colt Miller was named to the second team as a utility player.

From Gillett/Suring, junior Parker Haak earned honorable mention status, as did teammate Alex Kirschner, a senior. Lena senior Anthony Seefeldt also earned honorable mention.

Softball all-conference players included Gillett/Suring junior Emma

Kristof, first team infield, and Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy freshman Adrena Rabas, first team outfield.

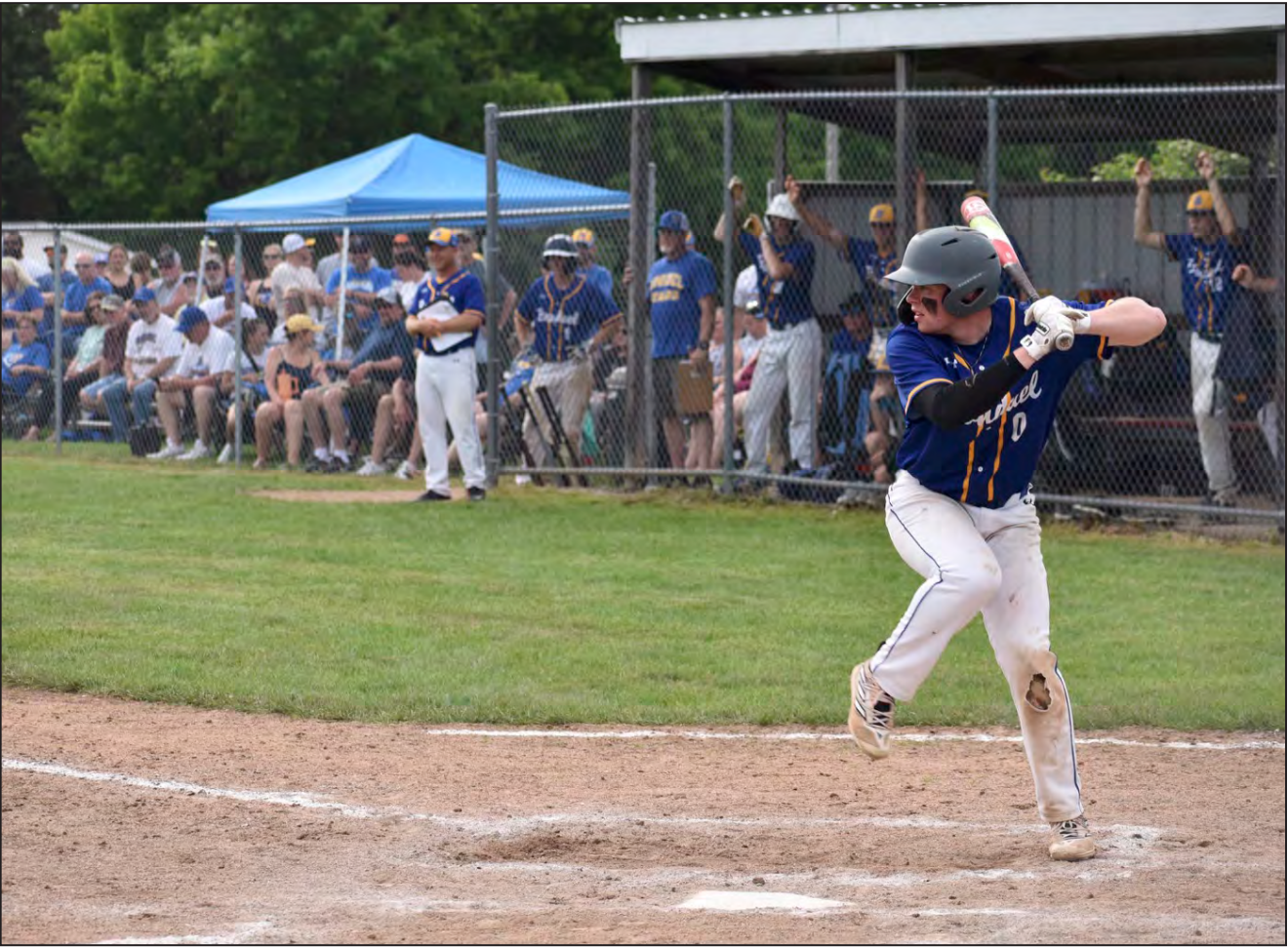
Lena/STAA junior Hannah Thompson was named to the second team for her infield play, while Gillett/Suring senior Bailey Stuart was named to the second team outfield.

Honorable mention was earned by Lena/STAA junior Peyton Dorow and Gillett/Suring senior Autumn Dryja.

Lena was the boys golf conference champion with team member Braden McVane the player of the year.

McVane was joined on the first team by teammates Drake Dionne and Mason Belongia.

Lena's Mason Spice and Gillett's Thomas Carmody were named to the second team.



Bonduel's Brodie Hartmann uncorks a pitch during the Bears' 6-0 sectional championship victory over St. Mary's Catholic on June 4 at Orby Jones Sports Complex in Gillett. The win advanced the Bears to their first-ever state tournament appearance, at which they lost 2-1 in the semifinal game.

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Bears lose in semifinal game at state tournament

BY NEW MEDIA STAFF

Bonduel's first-ever trip to the state baseball tournament ended in defeat in the Division 3 semifinal game at Neuroscience Group Field at Fox Cities Stadium in Grand Chute. The No. 3 seeded Bears lost 2-1 to No. 2 seed Kenosha St. Joseph Catholic on June 11.

Kenosha St. Joseph took a 2-0 lead in the first inning on an error, a double, a wild pitch and a ground

out.

Bonduel scored its only run in the third inning on back-to-back doubles by Easton Reinke and Noah Weier.

Bonduel had its chances but couldn't get that key hit to score.

The Bears loaded the bases with two outs in the top of the first but couldn't score.

They left two more runners on in the second inning, scored its one run in the third after starting

with back-to-back doubles and stranded a runner on third with two outs in the fourth.

Cade Johnson took the loss for Bonduel, pitching six innings while allowing seven hits, two runs and four walks while striking out three.

In the other semifinal game, No. 1 seed Aquinas defeated No. 4 Cumberland 10-0.

Two days later, Aquinas thren defeated Kenosha St. Joseph 6-4 for the

championship.

Bonduel ends the season with a 23-4 overall record.

In Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division games, Reinke led the team with a .451 batting average, and Kody Schroeder was second with a .385 average.

Reinke also led with 27 RBIs, and Beckett Hartlaben had 19.

Johnson earned seven wins, and Brodie Hartmann had five.

Hawks fly to the top of all-conference choices

Bruette named unanimous selection on baseball diamond

BY NEW MEDIA STAFF

Shawano athletes on the baseball diamond, golf course, and track and field courses were chosen to the first teams for their respective sports in the Bay Conference, with one player a unanimous selection.

Junior infielder Pete Bruette was a unanimous selection for the all-conference baseball team.

The tennis doubles team of George Buerman and Tristan Sheldon were named to the first team on their court.

For boys track, senior Will Chelberg was a first-team pick for the 3,200-meter run, and senior Drake Herm was first-team pick for the

pole vault. Also earning first-team honors was the 4x800 relay team of seniors Andon Chelberg, Will Chelberg and Ethan Onesti and junior Trevor Schwartz.

For the girls, Hatty Fritz was named to the first team for shot put and discus.

Second team honors for baseball were earned by senior catcher Carsen Herm and senior at-large player Thomas Keszo.

Getting honorable mention awards were junior infielders Crew Weisnicht and Parker Beyer, and senior pitcher Dylan Hodkiewicz.

Tristan Tetting and Isaac Welander were second-team picks for

doubles teams on the tennis court.

In boys track, second-team selections were Onesti in the 1,600-meter run and the 4x400 team of sophomore Ryan Schweitzer, freshman Maverick Theis, senior Connor Chelberg and senior Drake Herm.

Second-team picks for girls track were senior Grace Chelberg in the 1600; Lilly Guenther in the 3200; junior Adalyn Barkley in the triple jump; Fritz in the discus; and the 4x800 team of Barkley, sophomore Maci Beyer, Guenther and sophomore Bailey Hendricks.

Earning honorable mention awards were sophomore Tela Hopfensperger

in the 300-meter hurdles; junior Madisyn Weinig in the shot put and discus; and the 4x200 team of sophomore Natalie Bystol, senior Onna Hermann Hopfensperger and Beyer.

On the soccer field, junior Trinity Popelka (midfield) and sophomore Kyla Dove (defense) were named to the second team.

Second-team selections for softball were sophomore pitcher Kadence Meyers, junior infielder Ella Stuber and senior utility player Braylyn Babino.

Junior infielder Abby Wachtel was chosen for an honorable mention award.

Earning honorable mention status on the golf course was senior Luke Guenther.



Inspect your boating equipment and review safety tips to prepare for the summer boating season. Experts encourage boaters to take safety courses and familiarize themselves with boating basics. Also, they underscore the need for planning, designated drivers and prioritizing safety in all water-related activities.

NATIONAL SAFE BOATING COUNCIL

Make life jackets part of your safe summer boating experience

Law requires wearable life jackets for every person on board

BY KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

As summer approaches in the Upper Midwest, the allure of boating draws many to the picturesque lakes and rivers.

However, amidst the excitement, it's crucial to remember the importance of following safe boating guidelines.

"Your biggest piece of safety equipment on a boat is your life jacket," said Lt. Darren Kuhn, boating law administrator for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR). "Safety is an important part of water fun. Wisconsin rivers and lakes can be relaxing and family-friendly places to spend a spring day when you put safety first and respect the water."

The legal mandate in Wisconsin requires boats to carry wearable life jackets for every person on board, with larger boats also needing throwable devices. Despite this longstanding law, Kuhn notes that insufficient life jackets remain a common

violation.

"Eighty percent of boating fatalities nationwide are a result of drowning, making it the number one cause of death in boating accidents," he cautions. "When worn, they're proven to work," he said, urging boaters to consistently wear life jackets rather than just keeping them on board.

It's also important to inspect your life jackets for wear and tear. Most inflatable jackets should be checked for leaks every six months, and the cartridge should be checked before each use. The jacket manufacturer's website should have instructions on how to check your life jacket status.

Jennifer Doering, emergency medicine physician assistant with Aspirus Health, echoes Kuhn's sentiments.

"It's important that we all have life jackets available, and not only just available, but we have them there and ready and on, preferably," she said.

In addition to wearing a life jacket, Doering

recommends the following proactive safety measures:

- Vigilance around children while swimming, as they can swiftly slip under the water.
- Abstinence from alcohol during swimming or boating activities.
- Awareness of water depth before jumping or diving.

"Recent changes in weather mean some of the lakes aren't quite as deep as they were previously," Doering said. "It's important to remember to check, especially before diving headfirst."

Additionally, Kuhn recommends the following precautions:

- Heightened caution during periods of increased boat traffic, particularly on holiday weekends.
- Reduced speed, especially in unfamiliar waters or for less experienced boaters.
- Avoidance of night boating due to reduced visibility and higher collision risks.
- Monitoring weather forecasts and refraining

from water activities during storms.

- Prohibition of bow riding, or sitting on the front of the boat with feet dangling off, while the boat's motor is running, a practice that can lead to serious propeller injuries.
- Abstinence from alcohol, especially when taking prescription medications.

"The other thing about alcohol is that people don't realize how it affects people differently on the boat," Kuhn said. "Being out in the sun, the wave action, generally not eating a lot while out on the water — all that plays a part in how fast alcohol affects the body."

Both experts stress the importance of education and preparation. Kuhn encourages boaters to take safety courses and familiarize themselves with boating basics, while Doering underscores the need for planning, designated drivers and prioritizing safety in all water-related activities.

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BY NEW MEDIA STAFF

There is no need to travel far to enjoy a round of golf.

There are area nearly a dozen spaced among the boundaries that encase Shawano and Oconto counties.

Courses can be found from Wittenberg in the west to Oconto in the east with several in between.

Lakewood, Abrams,

Suring, Oconto Falls, Cecil, Gresham and Shawano are also home to courses.

In addition to the time on the course, golfers and the public are invited to the clubhouse for food and drinks. Most offer a Friday fish fry menu as well.

Oconto County

- Irish Greens Golf Course, 2946 Logtown Road, Oconto, 920-834-2355
- McCauslin Brook Golf

and Country Club, 17067 Club House Lane, Lakewood, 715-276-7623

- Pine Acres Golf Course, 3235 County Road EE, Abrams, 920-826-7765
- Red Maple Country Club, 501 Golf Course Road, Suring, 920-842-2553
- River Island Golf Course, 100 River Island Drive, Oconto Falls, 920-846-3303
- The Patriot Golf Club, 2954 Sandalwood Road,

Abrams, 920-826-7770

Shawano County

- Golden Sands Golf Course, 300 Nabor Road, Cecil, 715-745-2189
- Maple Hills Golf Course, N6621 Cardinal Lane, Wittenberg, 715-253-2448
- Pine Hills Golf Club, N9499 Pine Hills Drive, Gresham, 715-787-3778
- Shawano Lake Golf Course, W5714 Lake Drive, Shawano, 715-524-4890

Most BABA games played despite rain

Early rain scrapped the Eland at Hatley Badger Amateur Baseball Association game over the weekend. All others were able to get games in with some delayed starts.

East-West Division Week 7, June 16
Caroline 1, Marion 0
WP: Braiden Behnke in Relief
LP: Jaden Stuhr 9IP, 12K
Caroline hitters: 4 hits
Jack Yeager, Neil Hoffman, Klay Finger, and Tyler Marquardt each had a hit.

Marion Hitters – 2 Hits
Jake Westphal and Mitch Elandt each had hits.
Neopit 8, Tilleda 5
WP: Walker Miller 6IP
LP: Zack Fehrman
Neopit hitters: Walker Miller 2x3
Bob Peters 2x5 w/2B
Wendell Waukau 2x5 w/2B
Tilleda hitters: Zack Fehrman 2x4
Brad Bartz 2x4
Joel Brei 2x3
Clintonville 18, Tigerton 2
WP: Brock Smejkal
LP: Caleb Dahlstrom
Clintonville hitters: 16 hits
Hunter Vollmer 6x6
Austin Hoffman 2x3 w/HR
Mitch Ebben 2x3
Jake Van Allen 3x6
Tigerton Hitters: 6 hits
Gunner Kopitzke 2x4
Paul Sellner, Izaiah Hiddie, Caleb Dahlstrom and Chris Kopitzke each had a hit.

Crandon 11, Gresham 9
WP: Cole Kupfer
LP: Jaden Carroll
Crandon hitters: Tyler Sprink 3x5
Brad Shepard 3x4
Matty Schallhorn 2x5
Stetson Flannery 2x3
Gresham hitters: Cory Reimer 1x4 w/HR
Crew Weisnicht 2x3 w/2B
Wyatt Nietzer 2x2
Luke Pecore 2x6 w/2B
Leopolis 9, Shawano 6
WP: Anderson Schmidt
LP: Akrin Verhein
Leopolis hitters: Ezra Spencer 2x5
Ryan Malueg 2x3
Nate Laude 2x4
Alex Zimmerman 2x3
Shawano hitters: Kadin Uhrke 2x5
Leland Jones 2x5
Freddy Kroening 3x5
Mike Korth 2x4
Little Falls 14, Menominee 0
WP: Chris Dunn 5 IP, OR, 1 BB, 4 SO
LP: Alex Peters
Little Falls hitters, 12 hits
Parker Gullixon 4-5 HR
5 rbi
Kyle Finger 2-4 double
3 rbi
Cam Gruenwald 1-2

Antigo/Polar 3, Elderon 2
WP: Eli Fleischman
LP: Nathan Lemanczyk
Antigo/Polar: Jed Weix 3x4
Eli Fleischman 2x4 w/HR
Wesli Rivera 1x2 w/ dbl
Donavon Rogers, AJ Kirsch, Cole Shepherd, Will Kubeny each had a hit
Elderon: Ian Zienert 3x4 w/ dbl
Ian Salverson, Brandon Groshek and Mike Lehman each had a hit

June 16 Eland at Hatley PPD rain
Aniwa – BYE
June 21, 7:30 p.m.
Hatley at Wittenberg
June 23, 1:30 p.m.
Eland at Aniwa
Birnamwood at Elderon
Antigo/Polar – BYE
Neopit at Menominee
Marion at Clintonville
Gresham at Shawano
Caroline at Crandon
Tigerton at Tilleda
Little Falls at Leopolis
Winneconne at Scandinavia
Plover at New London
WeyMont - BYE

double
Menominee hitters – 3 hits
Anik Corn 1-3 double
Alex Peters 1-2
Peter Bruette 1-2
South Central

Division Week 8, June 16
Scandinavia 11, Plover 1
WP: Ben Lee CG
LP: Kaden Thauer
Scandy hitters: Logan Moe 3x4 triple 3 runs
RJ Rosenthal 2x3
Braden Hunkins 2x4
double 2 RBIs
Plover hitters: Kevin Jastromski 2x3
Derek Lemmons 1x3
Bennett Klish 1x3
Winneconne 14, Weymont 7
WP: Wyatt Hammersma
LP: Dutch Nickel
Winneconne hitters: Jordan Buchholz 3-3 2 R, 2 RBI
Brock Wilde 4-6 3 R, 2 RBI
Jared Danke 2-5 3 RBI
Weymont hitters: Tyler Wetzel 4-5 2 R, 1 RBI

Luke Schwenn 2-5, 1 RBI
Wyatt Wetzel 2-3, 1 R
New London – BYE
Northern Division Week 7, June 14
Birnamwood 5, Wittenberg 1
WP: Mason Meverden
LP: Nathan Waupekenay
Birnamwood: Jesse Osness 2x3
5 other players with a hit
Wittenberg: Zach Urquhart 2x4
4 other players with a hit

Antigo/Polar 3, Elderon 2
WP: Eli Fleischman
LP: Nathan Lemanczyk
Antigo/Polar: Jed Weix 3x4
Eli Fleischman 2x4 w/HR
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DAIRYLAND LEAGUE

Navarino pounds out 21 hits in win over Nichols

June 16
Waupaca 14, Cecil 3
Cecil could not match the power of Waupaca as they lost 14-3 in Dairyland League baseball action. Waupaca Lakemen opened the scoring in the second after Ryan Dayton singled, scoring one run. They added to their early lead in the top of the third inning after Walker Smith doubled and Alex Pankratz tripled, each scoring one run. With score 7-2, they scored six runs on six hits in the top of the eighth inning to secure the win. Cam Seidl earned the win for Waupaca Lakemen. The right-handed pitcher surrendered zero hits and zero runs over five innings, striking out five and walking one. Cole Anderson pitched four innings in relief for Cecil Mudhens. The reliever gave up three hits and zero runs while striking out five and walking one. Tucker Bouche took the loss for Cecil Mudhens. The right-handed pitcher went three innings, surrendering seven runs (five earned) on seven hits, striking out two and walking two. Cecil scored two runs in the bottom of the seventh on a home run to right field by Braden Uelman. Garrett Engel and Uelman each collected one hit for Cecil. Waupaca accumulated 16 hits in the game. Ryan Makuski and Ryan each collected three hits for Waupaca. Smith, Dayton, Cook and Pankratz each drove in two runs. Pankratz and Johnny Popham each collected multiple hits.

Pulaski 11, Marinette 4
The Reds defeated Marinette 11-4. Easton Vertz picked up the win, going seven strong innings.

Navarino 12, Nichols 5
The Rangers pounded out 21 hits en route to a 12-5 victory over the Nitros. Navarino scored five runs in the first as Matt Krause was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded followed by a Spencer Dauphinee double. Joey Wagester would drive in a run on an RBI ground-out with Adam Beilfuss doubling to right center to score the 5fifth run. Ryan Boettcher singled in Bailey Dingeldein to make it 6-0 after two innings. Navarino extended its lead in the fourth on a deep single with the bases loaded by Krause. Nichols would respond with two runs of their own in the bottom half making it 8-2 after four innings. The Rangers then added more to their total in the fifth as Bailey Dingeldein singled in Joey Wagester followed by back to back singles by Dawson Schmidt and Boettcher to load the bases. Brett Krull's double scored three more runs, pushing the lead to 12-2. The Nitros would score two in the fifth and one in the ninth as Navarino cruised to victory. Spencer Dauphinee gets the win pitching five innings with Joey Wagester hurling the last four innings.

June 14
Hofa Park 6, Navarino 2
The Hofa Park Panthers defeated the Navarino Rangers 6-2. The Panthers went ahead 1-0 in the top of the fourth inning on a Tyler Jacobson double that scored Brinton Anderson who had walked to start the inning. Hofa Park added another run in the top of the fifth when Rob Schuettpelez doubled and later scored on a sacrifice fly by Anderson. Navarino plated a single run in the sixth and tied the game in the bottom of the eighth with another run. The Panthers scored four runs in the top of the ninth when Nick Volz singled to break the tie, Anderson singled to put Hofa Park up by two runs and Trevor Cornell followed up with a two-run double to score the final two runs of the game. Tyler Jacobson got the win on the mound, throwing two innings of relief, allowing one earned run. Kyle Olson started the game and threw seven innings, allowing one earned run on seven hits while striking out four batters.

June 9
Nichols at Marinette, postponed to Aug. 2

Six area high school athletes named to coaches' all-star basketball game

The Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association will hold its 2024 All-Star Games later this month at JustAGame Fieldhouse in Wisconsin Dells. Two area boys and four girls are among those students chosen to participate. The Girls All-Star Games will be held June 26, while the Boys All-Star Games will be held June 27. Gillett's Aydin Franti and Ben Matczak are on the boys roster. For the girls, local athletes Kathryn Raddatz of Oconto Falls, Ella Hischke of Bonduel, Hailey Zernicke of Bonduel and Madolyn Haffner of Gresham were chosen. Both the boys and girls games will feature additional entertainment options for the whole family. Wisconsin Association of Cheer & Pom Squads (WACPC) dance teams made up of high school students from across the state will perform at halftime of several of the events. The Milwaukee Bucks Rim Rockers will performance between the Division 4 and Division 3 games each day. New this year, a 3-Point Contest will be held each day between the Division 3 and Division 2 games. For a full schedule and ticket prices, visit https://www.wissports.net/news_article/show/1312118.

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Shawano golf course to host outing to benefit disabled vets

Four-person scramble slated for Aug. 10

BY NEW MEDIA STAFF

The Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Department of Wisconsin announced that Shawano Lake Golf Course will host the first ever Eastern Classic Golf Tournament.

Funds raised from the event will go toward supporting the DAV's initiatives that assist veterans in Wisconsin.

In fiscal year 2022, the DAV Transportation Program in Wisconsin provided transportation for 16,400 sick or disabled veterans, requiring 45,985 volunteer hours and a total of 611,695 miles.

The Eastern Classic Golf Tournament will be a four-person scramble on Aug. 10. The \$500 entry fee includes green fees,

two carts per team, lunch, dinner and hole games.

A patriotic golf attire contest is among the activities.

Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at 10:30 a.m. Lunch and dinner will be provided with registration, in addition to hole prizes and challenge coins for veteran participants. Veterans memorials and honorees will be at each hole. Raffles and awards will follow dinner.

Prizes will be awarded for first, seventh and 14th places.

Adam Alexander, DAV's 2022 Disabled American Veteran of the Year, will be the guest speaker.

Shawano Lake Golf Course (nick-named

"Shalagoco" or simply the Shal), was established in 1922 and is one of Wisconsin's oldest courses, according to the golf course website.

The Shalagoco is a public course that features 18-holes and 6,231 yards spread over 120 acres of rolling, tree-lined fairways with finely manicured greens.

The facility, located at 5714 Lake Drive, also contains an eight-tee driving range, a putting green and a sand bunker practice area.

For more information on the tournament, contact Pat Leitemann, event coordinator, at 920-470-4494 or eventcoordinator@DAVWIEasternClassic.org, or visit www.davwieasternclassic.org.

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Bonduel, Oconto Falls girls golf teams earn academic honors

The Golf Coaches Association of Wisconsin (GCAW) announced the recipients of the 13th annual Team Academic All-State award, established to recognize high school golf teams with the highest "team" GPAs (team is defined as the five golfers on the roster for the girls' fall 2023 WIAA regional tournament).

Bonduel and Oconto Falls teams earned honorable mention status in Division 2.

The three teams with the highest cumulative team GPA in each division (1 and 2) are recognized with gold, silver and bronze medals for each student-athlete, and their schools will receive a certificate to note this accomplishment.

Schools with at least a 3.25 team GPA receive a certificate acknowledging honorable mention status.

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Erdman new grand knight for Knights of Columbus

June 11 was the passing of the gavel with the Knights of Columbus Bishop Fox Council 2836 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Shawano.

Longtime Grand Knight Lee Bosdeck passed the gavel to Doug Erdman, who will take the reins for the next year. Erdman will lead the assistance of Stu Kohlin, deputy grand knight and also guide committees such as membership, programs, faith, family, community and life.

The next event for the local knights council will be the membership drive, community events include Charlie's Red Barn, the Sacred Heart Picnic and a presentation of the check from the money raised from the latest Tootsie Roll Drive, which goes to Lakeland Industries in Shawano.



DOUG ERDMAN

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

OCONTO: National Walleye Tour tournament, 7 a.m., Breakwater Park and Harbor, 1301 Harbor Road. Weigh-in begins 3:15 p.m.

SHAWANO: School rummage sale, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wolf River Lutheran High School, W7467 River Bend Road.

SHAWANO: Learn to Ski Program with Shawano Ski Sharks, 8:30-11:30 a.m., Smalley Park, 211 Riverside Drive. \$15 fee due at check-in.

SHAWANO: Alzheimer's Awareness Walk, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St. One- or two-mile walk, vendor booths, food, educational materials, remembrance/honoring activities, music. Hosted by ADRC of the Wolf River Region Dementia Care Program.

SHAWANO: Believe and Ski Program, 1 p.m., Smalley Park, 211 Riverside Drive. Shawano Ski Sharks bringing waterskiing to people with disabilities through adaptive skiing. admin@skisharks.org

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

SHAWANO: School rummage sale, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wolf River Lutheran High School, W7467 River Bend Road.

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

SHAWANO: Yoga and Float on the Wolf River, 9 a.m. to noon, Great Wolf River Tubing, 1013 S. Water St. Hosted by Shawano Paddlers. \$20

OCONTO: Oconto County School Supply Drive Kickoff Event, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thompson's County Market, 722 Brazeau St.

SHAWANO: Naberhood Block Party, 5:30-8 p.m., 214 S. Main St. Music by Blue Suede Cadillacs.

SHAWANO: Stock car racing, 6-10 p.m., Shawano Speedway, 990 E. Green Bay St. Admission \$12 17 and up, \$6 12-16, free 11 and younger with paid adult.

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

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

SHAWANO: Brunch on the Farm, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Shawland Farms, W6381 Waukechon Road. Adults \$10, children 4-11 \$5. Diary Dash and Stroll 5k 7 a.m., church service 7:30 a.m., wagon rides, farm tours, petting zoo, children's activities, live music.

KESHENA: St. Michael's Church Festival, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., St. Michael's Church, N816 State Highway 47-55. Cash raffle, basket raffle, silent auction, thrift and gift store, taco/brat food sales, children's games, vendors.

SHAWANO: Music at Arlington Park, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Arlington Park, 300 Humphrey Circle. Lonesome Road Band.

MONDAY, JUNE 24

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 25

OCONTO FALLS: Oconto County Farmers Market, 4-8 p.m., Highland Square.

SHAWANO: Naberhood Block Party, 5:30-7 p.m., 214 S. Main St. Kid's Music Show with Mischief and Magic.

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 26

BOWLER: Community Bike Ride with Friends of the Mountain Bay Trail, 5:30 p.m., meet at snowmobile shelter on County Road A east of convenience store. Bowler to Onesti Road Route.

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

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 27

NAVARINO: Star Wars Day Camp, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. Ages 7-12. Members \$40, non-members \$50. Register at 715-758-6999 or navarino.org

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

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

MARION: Annual Auction, 5-8 p.m., Marion Historical Society, 620 E. Ramsdell St. Auction begins 6 p.m.

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

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 28

SHAWANO: Smalley Beach Bash, 2-7 p.m., Smalley Park, 211 Riverside Drive. Food trucks, giant inflatables, DJ/karaoke, tubing with the Shawano Ski

Sharks, Popsicles with the Shawano area police, crafts with the Shawano Library.

OCONTO FALLS: Summer Concert Series, 6-9 p.m., East Side Beach, 631 N. Main St. Music by Adam Trask. Food and refreshments available, no carry-ins. Bring a lawn chair.

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

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Committee approves new library roof

Supervisors weigh patchwork fix against two types of new roofs

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

Deterioration of a section of the Shawano County Library roof will necessitate more repairs for the beleaguered building. Steve Dreher, manager of the county maintenance department, told the public property committee on June 13, a section of the roof is rotting from the inside, and the entire roof dates back to the 1990s. The issue was first noticed when the county highway department worked to correct building foundation issues in spring. Those repairs cost about several thousand dollars. Dreher said one company, Allen Bontrager Carpentry in Bonduel, provided estimates on various fixes. First, a patchwork fix

of the area in question would cost about \$11,600. A completely new shingle roof would cost \$60,300, and a new steel roof would be \$81,000. He suggested federal ARPA money could be used but noted the use of those funds is already being requested for other projects. Dreher also posed the question of the long-term plans for the building. Supervisor Randy Young asked if it was worth it to fix, or with a new roof, would the county get its money back on the investment if it sells the building in five or 10 years. “You’ve got multiple issues at the library — the mechanical system, yes, we replaced the boilers, but the air handling systems, the ducts haven’t been cleaned in years, the air conditioning system, the windows are not the best, you’ve got asbestos mastic in the building, and the air handler is ... 1990s sometime,” Dreher said. “If the county is going to retain that facility, you’re looking at some substantial invest-

ment in to seven digits.” Administrative Coordinator Jim Davel recommended the patchwork fix. He suggested waiting to see the final costs for the jail controllers project, and then see how much ARPA funds remain for the roof or other projects. The jail controllers work was first estimated to be around \$500,000, but actual quotes for the project were closer to \$1.5 million. “I do think we have to do something there,” Davel said about the library roof. “Until things flush out with the jail project in terms of the funding, the executive committee is going to have to see what those numbers come in on and the final numbers of where we’re at with ARPA in terms of how it’s funded. I would not, this stage, go beyond the small patchwork.” Supervisor Rick Giese said a steel roof is a good investment for the county, but Dreher cautioned him and the others about what tearing off the existing roof could reveal. “It’s just like any roof job

on an older building,” he said. “Once you start getting into it, that’s when you uncover things.” Dreher agreed with Davel and suggested the Band-Aid repairs for now, with a few thousand more added in for contingencies, maybe \$15,000 maximum. “Would you do this to your house at home? No. You’d put the money into it,” Giese said. “We’ve already put the money into the ground (foundation work). We’re not going to tear this building down. Either way, we’re going to do something with this building.” Supervisor Tom Kautza suggested the committee rank the three choices and send them to the executive committee to decide based on available ARPA funds. He said a two-thirds vote of the county board is needed to use general fund dollars. Davel said that in addition to the jail controllers project, there are ARPA fund requests for two items from the sheriff’s department, one from the clerk of courts, the county parks

and possible from human services. “Well, I sure hope a leaking roof would go to the top of the list,” Giese said. “Let’s just do it now then,” Young added. “If we do it now, and then we’re \$50,000 short in ARPA on the jail thing, we would have been \$50,000 short on the roof. Just do the roof, and if we’re short on ARPA, then we’ll have to get money from somewhere else.” Kautza reiterated his suggestion to rank the three possibilities and let the Executive Committee decide. “Why are we doing 1, 2 and 3?” Giese asked. “Is this not public property? Can we not decide what we would like done to the building?” He then immediately made a motion to install the steel roof. It was seconded by Supervisor Steve Natzke and approved by the committee. Members then listened to an information item about new siding for one of the buildings on the human services campus on

Anderson Avenue. Dreher said the Capital Improvement Projects Committee entertained a suggestion in 2023 about removing the fake log siding and retaining the building for about \$65,000. That would have a lifespan of about four to six years. This year, Dreher received and estimate from Freedom Carpentry in Shawano to reside the entire building at a cost of \$109,500. “I will caution all of you on all of these things that we’re putting out there,” he said. “Anything over \$25,000 by statute will be bid out. These are exactly what they’re saying – estimates. They’re not hard bids. All of these will have to be bid out, but this is a way to get an idea of what to appropriate, so when you go out for bids, you’ve got a better idea of where you stand.” His comments were geared toward the DHS siding and the library roof costs.

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Horrific story ‘Whiskey Sour’ is first in a series

No one would describe “Whiskey Sour” by J.A. Konrath as a pleasant read, but it was hard to put down. As the first book in Konrath’s Jack Daniels series, it creates a true picture of the life of a Chicago violent crimes cop. Police Lt. Jacqueline “Jack” Daniels has worked hard to achieve her rank



Jan Jones
Columnist

but acknowledges that every step has taken a toll on her personal life. At this point, she lives in a small, sparsely furnished

apartment, drives an aging Chevy Nova, battles chronic insomnia and deals with the loss of her most recent boyfriend. On a rainy October night, she is called to a nearby 7-Eleven. The naked body of a young woman has been found head-down in the garbage can. An autopsy tells them the woman died from a

crushed windpipe. It is obvious that she had been restrained and tortured as she suffered massive blood loss from multiple stab wounds. Toxicology shows rarely prescribed Seconal in her system. They are especially concerned about the note stapled to her chest. It reads, “You can’t catch me. I’m the Gingerbread Man,” and he’s nearby watching Jack’s every move. She’s now his arch-nemesis. He has carefully planned this set of murders but is strangely drawn to the strong, powerful lieutenant. Charles Kork has

been practicing torture and killing since he was a child. His first victims were animals, but he soon moved on to children. When he’s with a victim, he feels strong, powerful and invincible. His desire grows with every kill, but this October, he has a specific plan with four names on his list. Once Jack entered the picture, Charles knows he must alter his plans and include her. Kork’s hate for Jack forces him to recklessly attack her in her apartment. That ends with Jack suffering a gunshot to her leg and Kork escaping.

After she taunts him in a news conference, Kork hires a hit on her, but she and a friend manage to overpower the attackers. Kork is furious and rushes his next attack, then makes the mistake of dumping Thersea Metcalf’s body in another 7-Eleven. This gives Jack’s team their first real clue. Kork has stolen 7-Eleven garbage cans, arranged the bodies in them and returned them to a different store. To Jack’s disappointment, the investigation leads her to her first partner, Harry McGlade. Somehow, he is connected to both identified victims. Things finally fall into place when McGlade recalls being on a TV program with the women. They were all publicly dumping their boyfriends. They are shocked to learn that Kork’s wife was on the show to dump him. He has been torturing and killing each of the women on that show. His wife is to be his final Chicago victim. He takes her to his basement torture chamber and has just begun his ritual when Jack and her team arrive, intercepting McGlade as he breaks in. Kork lights fuses to barrels of gas and manages to escape, using his wife as a hostage, which leads to the final confrontation. At long last, Jack can begin to reclaim her former life, reassess her choices and contemplate a healthy relationship.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District

Board of Education Meeting June 24, 2024

June 24, 2024

5:40 P.M. - Budget and Finance

6:00 P.M. - Regular Board Meeting Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School

AGENDA

I. Meeting Called to Order, Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.84(1).

II. Roll Call of the Board - Pledge of Allegiance

III. Motion to Approve the Minutes of the May 20, 2024 Regular Meeting as Circulated.

IV. Communications and Delegations

V. Public Comments

VI. Board Concerns or Reports

VII. Student Representative

VIII. Financial Report

IX. Approve the Agenda

X.

I. The Board will adjourn to Closed Session at the close of the meeting pursuant to WI.STATS.19.85(1)© for Personnel Matters, and 19.85 (1)(g) for Legal Matters and 19.85(1)(e) for Negotiations.

A. Negotiations for 24-25 School Year for Approval

II. The Board will reconvene to Open Session to ratify any decisions made in Closed Session.

XI. Administrative Reports

-Birnamwood Elementary and Middle School

-Wittenberg Elementary and Middle School

-Witt-Birn High School

-Pupil Services

-Technology

-Old Business

-New Business

XII. A. Resignations for Approval

B. Teacher Hires for Approval

C. Birnamwood Principal Hire for Approval

D. First Reading of Policy Revision Volume 33 - No. 1

E. Property/Workman's Compensation Insurance Renewal for Approval

F. Discussion/Approval of Professional Services for Potential Classroom Renovation at Wittenberg School

G. UTV Policy Approval and Addition to Student Handbook

H. Approve 2023-2024 Budget Revisions

I. Annual Meeting Date for Approval

XIII. Adjournment

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PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

June 16

Deputies responded to 23 incidents, including found property at Shawano County Jail, 405 N. Main St., Shawano; animal problem on Laney Road in the Town of Maple Grove; animal problem on state Highway 22 in the Town of Belle Plaine; four 911 calls; one reckless driving incident; one traffic hazard; one welfare check; one crash.

June 15

Deputies responded to 42 incidents, including a fight at Big Time Sports, W6014 Lake Drive; scam on River Road in the Town of Waukechon; threatening on Spruce Lane in the Town of Pella; animal problem on U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Birnamwood bail jumping at the Bamboo Bar and Girl, W5884 Cedar Court; assisting with a fire on County Road CC in the Town of Waukechon; eight 911 calls; three reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazard; one welfare check; three crashes, one involving deer.

June 14

Deputies responded to 45 incidents, including threatening on Grand Street

in Tigerton; trespassing on North Bay Circle in the Town of Wescott; harassment on Glenwood Court in the Town of Wescott; three 911 calls; three reckless driving incidents; three traffic hazards; three welfare checks; six crashes, two involving deer.

June 13

Deputies responded to 49 incidents, including a fight in progress at Shawano County Jail, 405 N. Main St., Shawano; operating without a license on North Main Street in Shawano; vehicle fire on Cedar Road in the Town of Angelica; probation violation at Walgreens, 401 E. Green Bay St., Shawano; two drugs calls on state Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; operating without a license on state Highway 29 in the Town of Morris; drugs at People's Express, 1381 E. Green Bay St., Shawano; drugs at American Marine, 830 E. Green Bay St., Shawano; drugs on South Lincoln Street in Shawano; two 911 calls; two reckless driving incidents; three traffic hazards; three welfare checks; one crash.

June 12

Deputies responded to 39 incidents, including a restraining order violation on Forest Court in the

Town of Wescott; property damage on County Road A in the Town of Richmond; fight in progress at Shawano County Jail, 405 N. Main St., Shawano; four 911 calls; two reckless driving incidents; four traffic hazards; two welfare checks.

June 11

Deputies responded to 35 incidents, including found property on Trieglaff Road in the Town of Grant; trespassing at the Ho-Chunk Casino, N7198 U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Wittenberg; two crashes, one involving deer and the other involving a snapping turtle; three 911 calls; three reckless driving incidents; three welfare checks.

June 10

Deputies responded to 38 incidents, including operating without a license on state Highway 29 in the Town of Maple Grove; assisting with a fire on Marquardt Lane in the Town of Morris; sick animal on Cherry Road in Gresham; found property on North Main Street in Shawano; scam on West Alder Street in Tigerton; animal bite on Nohr Road in the Town of Grant; operating without a license on Lake Drive in Cecil; three 911 calls; one reckless driving incident;

two traffic hazards; one welfare check.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

June 16

Officers responded to 14 incidents, including a curfew violation on South Main Street; fight in progress on East Center Street; vehicle crash with property damage at Performance Food Service, 1260 County Road B; found property at the Shawano Police Department, 125 S. Sawyer St.

June 15

Officers responded to 20 incidents, including operating while intoxicated on North Hamlin Street; noise on South Franklin Street; noise on Estate Lanes; traffic hazard on North Airport Drive; assault on East Green Bay Street; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Waukechon; vehicle crash with property damage on East Green Bay Street.

June 14

Officers responded to 18 incidents, including noise on East Richmond Street; intoxicated person at Judd Park, 1113 S. Water St.; property theft at Smalley Beach, 211 N. Riverside Drive; found property at Memorial Park, 901 S. Lincoln St.; vehicle

crash at ThedaCare Medical Center, 100 County Road B; trespassing on North Main Street; harassment on South Hamlin Street; reckless driving on County Road B; vehicle crash with property damage at Prevea, 1300 E. Green Bay St.

June 13

Officers responded to 25 incidents, including found property at Johnson's Service, 532 S. Main St.; fraud on South Franklin Street; bail jumping on East Richmond Street; reckless driving on state Highway 22 in the Town of Wescott; juvenile problem at an undisclosed location; juvenile problem at Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St.; harassment at Ferrell Gas, 1635 E. Green Bay St.; found property at Shawano Post Office, 235 S. Main St.; vehicle crash with property damage at The Store, 404 E. Green Bay St.; drugs at People's Express, 1381 E. Green Bay St.; drugs at American Marine, 830 E. Green Bay St.; juvenile problem at Arlington Park, 300 N. Humphrey Circle; drugs on South Lincoln Street.

June 12

Officers responded to 18 incidents, including trespassing at Amerivu Inn and Suites, 211 Waukechon

St.; animal bite at Shawano Dog Park, 1270 Jaycee Court; threatening on South Washington Street; traffic hazard on Highview Avenue; soliciting at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; reckless driving on South Hamlin Street.

June 11

Officers responded to 17 incidents, including reckless driving on state Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; reckless driving on Oshkosh Street; noise on South Franklin Street; found property on South Washington Street; sick animal on South Union Street; noise on South Smalley Street.

June 10

Officers responded to 23 incidents, including vandalism at Naberhood Plaza, 214 S. Main St.; vandalism at Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St.; vehicle crash at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; property theft on Pearl Avenue; juvenile problem at an undisclosed location; juvenile problem at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; found property at Smalley Park, 211 N. Riverside Drive; vandalism on West Eagle Street; bailjumping on Hunter Street; reckless driving at Skateboard Park, 137 E. Elizabeth St.

COURT NEWS

• A jury on May 7 found Julie L. Schlichting, 50, Shawano, guilty of possession of methamphetamine and a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

On June 10, Judge Katherine Sloma withheld sentence and placed her on three years of probation with conditions including 120 days in county jail.

• Shawn D. Clark, 45, Aniwa, pleaded no contest June 13 to a sex registry violation. Sloma sentenced him to 24 months in prison followed by three years of extended

supervision.

• Shannon Mary Bishop, 36, Green Bay, pleaded no contest June 10 to two counts of felony bail jumping and misdemeanor charges of resisting or obstructing an officer and possession of drug paraphernalia. Judge William Kussel Jr. imposed and stayed a prison sentence and placed her on three years of probation with conditions.

• David B. Leurquin, 54, Manitowoc, pleaded no contest June 10 to possession of methamphetamine. Kussel levied fines and sentenced him to six months in county jail.

• Dakota J. Baars, 23, Coleman, pleaded no contest June 11 to a misdemeanor charge of resisting by failing to stop. Sloma withheld sentence and placed him on 18 months of probation with conditions.

• Brendan T. Hoover, 24, Wausau, was charged June 10 with felony bail jumping. Kussel set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a status conference

for July 29.

• Corey T. Lauersdorf, 34, Gillett, was charged June 10 with operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fourth offense), five counts of misdemeanor bail jumping and misdemeanor charges of operating while revoked, resisting or obstructing an officer, and violating an ignition interlock device order. Kussel set a \$2,000 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for July 18.

• Max G. Moede, 36, Shawano, was charged June 10 with disorderly conduct and criminal damage to property as a domestic abuse repeat offender. Kussel set a \$1,500 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for Aug. 6. In a separate file, Moede was charged June 14 with misdemeanor bail jumping as a domestic abuse repeater. This time Kussel set a \$1,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for June 17.

• Heather K. Devey, 46, Shawano, was charged June

10 with four counts of felony bail jumping and misdemeanor charges of battery and disorderly conduct. Kussel set a \$750 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for July 31.

• Anthony A. Moses, 26, Shawano, was charged June 10 with battery by prisoners and three misdemeanor counts of disorderly conduct. Kussel set a \$1,000 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for July 29. In a separate file, Moses was charged June 11 with battery by prisoners and a single misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. Kussel set a \$1,000 signature bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for June 24.

• Marie A. Miller, 33, Bowler, was charged June 13 with possession of methamphetamine and a misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Judge Gregory Huber set a \$2,500 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for Aug. 12.

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GO FOR A LITTLE RUN?"
HE USED TO ASK...



WE'D GO SCAMPERING
OFF LIKE A BUNCH
OF BOOBIES FALLING
ALL OVER OURSELVES



IN THE EVENING
DAD WOULD INVITE
A FEW RABBITS
OVER...DAD NEVER
CHASED RABBITS...



INSTEAD, HE'D
INVITE THEM OVER
TO PLAY CARDS



THOSE WERE
GOOD DAYS...



I REMEMBER THE TIME
A PREACHER CAME
AROUND TELLING
ABOUT HOW THE WOLF
AND THE LAMB WILL
LIE DOWN TOGETHER...



"AND THE LEOPARD
AND GOATS WILL BE AT
PEACE...COWS WILL
GRAZE AMONG BEARS..."



MY DAD STOOD UP
AND SHOUTED,"HOW
ABOUT THE BEAGLES
AND THE BUNNIES?"



IT BROKE UP
THE MEETING



YES, THOSE WERE
GOOD DAYS...



ANYWAY, HAPPY
FATHER'S DAY, DAD,
WHEREVER YOU ARE...
AND SAY HELLO TO
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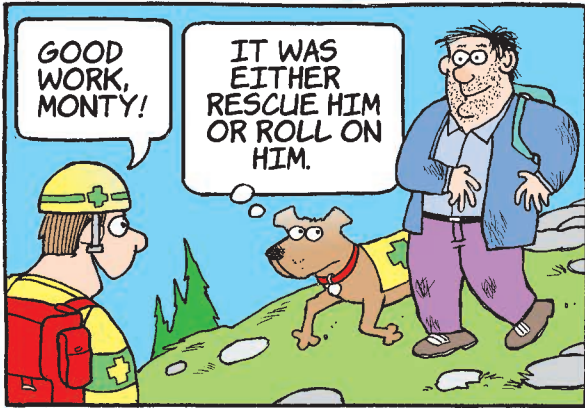
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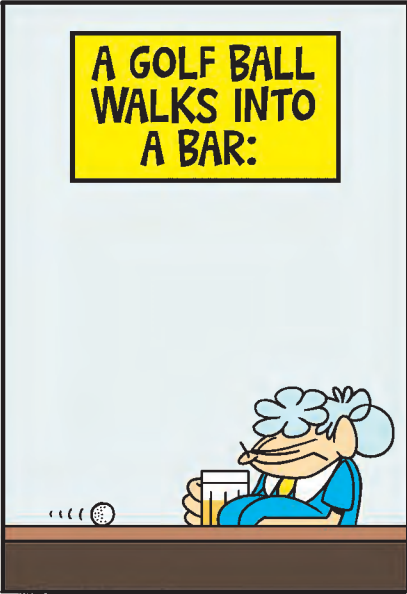
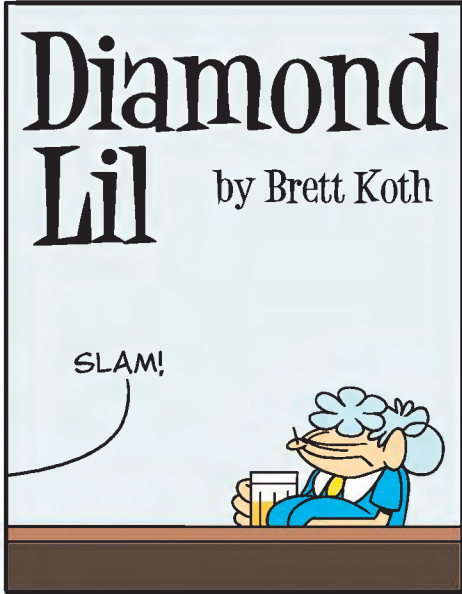
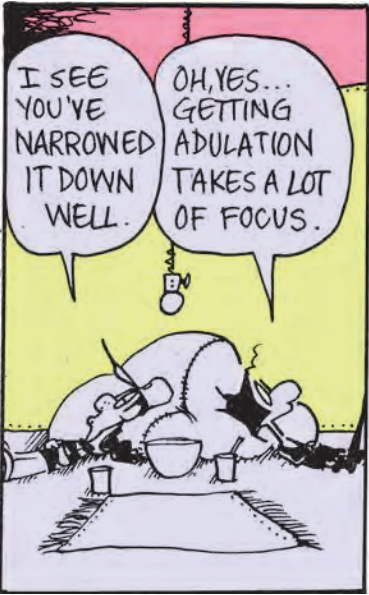
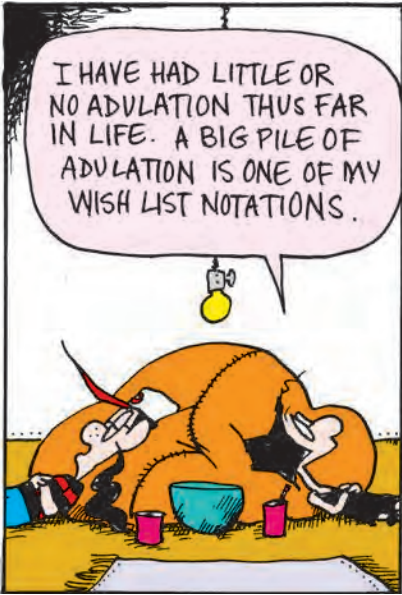
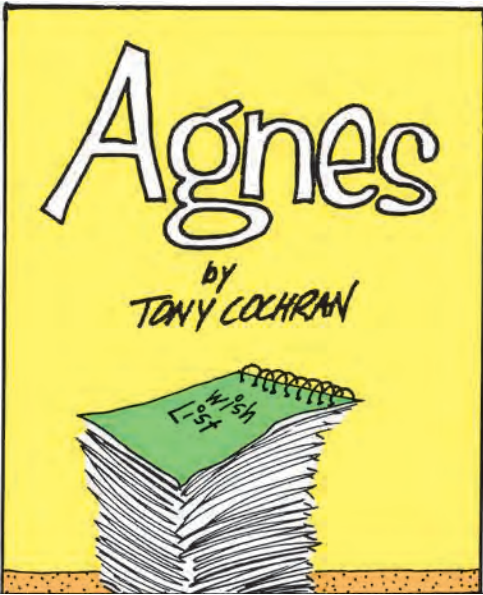


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MUDDY AND I
STINK OF STALE
SWEAT. I'M A
COMPLETE MESS!



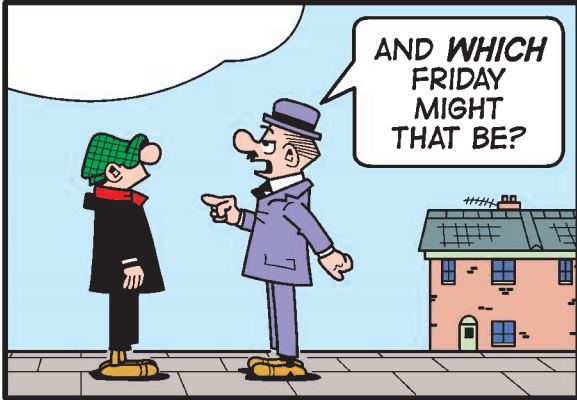
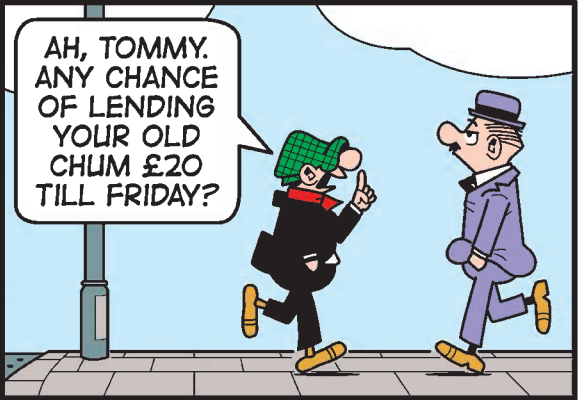
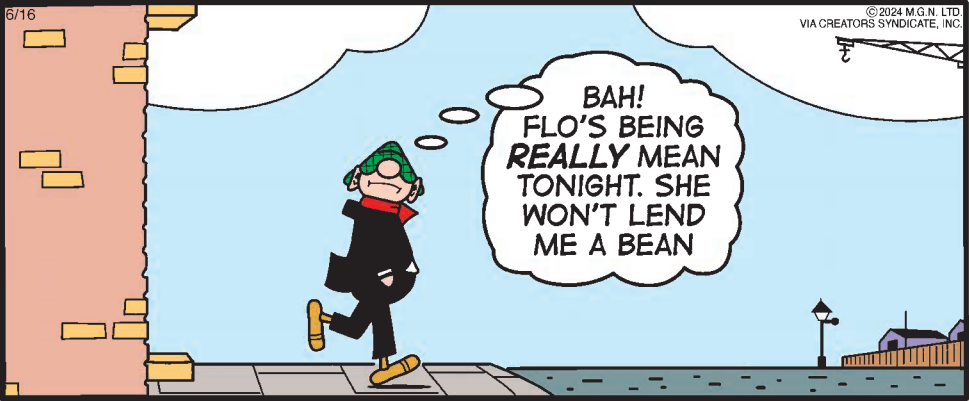
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