



Lonesome Road filled the Shawano Community High School commons with music Sept. 7 for Shawano Area Matthew 25's annual Empty Bowls, Caring Hearts fundraiser. Proceeds from the event help SAM25 operate the community shelter, resource center, thrift store and free clinic.

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Full house comes out for Empty Bowls fundraiser

Event helps remind community of the need for SAM25

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Shawano Area Matthew 25 is prepping for its 10th season of providing shelter to those in need, and having hundreds of people come out Sept. 7 to its Empty Bowls, Caring Hearts fundraiser at Shawano Community High School gave a boost to the organization's ability to provide a helping hand.

This is the first year since the coronavirus pandemic where SAM25 has been able to bring the full fundraiser back, with musical performances, 50/50 raffles and basket raffles tacked onto the sale of hand-painted ceramic bowls. In the last



People attending Shawano Area Matthew 25's fundraiser Sept. 7 at Shawano Community High School got to see a variety of hand-painted ceramic bowls created by volunteers at both the high school and the community at large.

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Sheriff: There isn't 5% to cut in budget

County facing tight 2025 budget with borrowing strong possibility

By **KEVIN PASSON**
Editor-in-Chief

Shawano County Sheriff George Lenzner is adamant when it comes to his department's budget for 2025. He and other department heads have been told to trim 5% from their requests for next year.

"Our budget is basically wages and fringe benefits," he said. "That 5% we have left is \$230,000, and we're supposed to cut \$366,000. It's impossible to be done."

Administrative Coordinator Jim Davel told all department heads they needed to review their budget requests and either trim 5% or the executive committee would do it.

The county is facing a \$3 million deficit with its projected 2025 tax levy. If all departments trim 5%, the county would still have to borrow \$2 million to balance the budget.

Wages, benefits and positions were not eligible for the cuts.

"We've put together a realistic budget the last few years," Lenzner said, while acknowledging the few cuts that were made.

Among them was \$4,000 to grade the uneven ground at the firing range.

"We've had a couple injuries out there," he said. "We had somebody with a twisted ankle."

He also trimmed \$10,000 for a new dive trailer. Instead, they will continue to repair and maintain an old ambulance to haul equipment.

Another \$2,000 in office supplies, including paper calendars, was trimmed.

"Our stuff has been dwindled through the years," Lenzner told the public safety committee on Sept. 4. "We don't have any more to cut. Please don't cut our training expenses."

He said the county averages \$360 per officer for annual training. The Shawano Police Department averages more than \$800.

"Training is expensive nowadays. Any type of leadership training is through the roof," Lenzner said. "If we continue to

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Wittenberg Fire Department deals with leaky water tender.

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Wittenberg fire tender shows signs of trouble

Village Board learns new vehicle might not be built right

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

A tender for the Wittenberg Fire Department is already showing signs of wear and tear, one year after the village received it. Sharon Beversdorf, spokeswoman for the department, told the Wittenberg Village Board on Sept. 3 that the tender vehicle the village is still paying off started to leak water in June, noting that it was noticeable during one of the parades in which the fire department took part. Also, the shocks need to be replaced, and work's supposed to be done on the

vehicle's front end. While some of it is covered under warranty, the village is still anticipating paying for some of the work. "We didn't have that many fires (in the past year). You start to wonder," Beversdorf said. "The worst part is they told us the water tank is corroding from the inside." Board member Paul Yaeger recommended the fire department get its attorney involved to look into the matter, suggesting that the vehicle might be a "lemon." "Is there a lemon law?" Yaeger said. Board member Theresa Gatz expressed her disbelief that the vehicle could be showing so many problems, especially given that it hasn't been used as aggressively as bigger municipalities dealing with more fire calls.

"This vehicle is just barely a year old," Gatz said. "That's what I don't get." Beversdorf said water samples are being tested to determine if there's some corrosive agent causing problems, but if the water comes back clean, the fire department could take up Yaeger's suggestion to get a lawyer to pursue the matter. "We haven't heard anything in the last couple of months," Beversdorf said, noting that the other water tender purchased previously is not showing any problems with the tank. "This is a weird one." Board President William Switalla found it hard to believe that local water could be responsible for corroding the metal tank and recommended pushing the company it was purchased from to foot the

bill. "We should put the blame on them," Switalla said. Beversdorf noted the fire board got "railroaded" into the agreement for the faulty tender, saying that previous personnel made the deal and then didn't get the board involved until it was necessary to purchase the vehicle. "The specs came from them," Beversdorf said. "They looked good, and the people came and talked a good game, and everything that happened to it would be covered (under warranty) unless we had an accident." Gatz recommended having another company like Marion Body Works examine the vehicle to prove where the blame lies.

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Town of Wescott resident Carol Westphal rides an antique bicycle at Roll Back Time on Sept. 8 at Heritage Park. The Wisconsin Wheelmen club is dedicated to keeping alive the Golden Age of Bicycling as they display and ride a collection of two-wheelers from the late 1800s to the balloon tire bikes of the 1930s-1960s.

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Board hires Hoekstra to remove trees

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

The Wittenberg Village Board gave approval Sept. 3 for Hoekstra Logging to clear out trees from the community's former dump to make room for a future dog park. Board member Theresa Gatz, one of the people spearheading the project, said she looked into several companies and individuals to determine who would be best suited to remove trees, but most of the people she has contacted have either expressed they were not

interested in doing the work or did not reply at all. "There's no monetary value in the trees out there," Gatz said. "They're scrub trees." Hoekstra Logging is based in the Town of Wittenberg, specializing in logging and the forestry industry. According to Mapquest, Hoekstra has a focus on sustainable practices. Gatz said Hoekstra would agree to remove the trees for about \$5,000. She contacted officials with the company a few days before the meeting, and they gave their proposal to her over the

Labor Day weekend. "They understand there's no monetary value," Gatz said. "They would go in. They would cut. They would get everything put into a pile for what we need." Gatz added the potential is there to remove stumps with an excavator and grind them up, if needed. Only trees along the perimeter are being removed, according to Gatz. The trees in the center of the former dump site will remain in place, she said. "It needs to be thinned out and cleaned up, but we're not going to remove all the trees out there,"

Gatz said. Hoekstra would be able to do the work within two weeks, she said. Board member David Timm noted that the original plan was to hire volunteers to log the trees and questioned why that plan didn't stick, but Gatz and Village Clerk Traci Matsche noted it would take six months for volunteers to cut down the trees. "Everybody works full time," Gatz said. "We couldn't do anything in the last two weeks because of the heat."

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Eggs recalled by Milo's Poultry Farms

Milo's Poultry Farms LLC of Bonduel is recalling all Milo's Poultry Farms and Tony's Fresh Market branded eggs, because the eggs have the potential to be contaminated with salmonella. Salmonella is an organism that can have serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with salmonella often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with salmonella can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as infected aneurysms, endocarditis and arthritis. This recall includes:

- All carton sizes and all egg types labeled with Mike's Poultry Farms, all

expiration dates. • All carton sizes of Tony's Fresh Market branded eggs, all expiration dates. • All cases of eggs for foodservice distributors, all expiration dates. This recall was initiated after the U.S. Food and Drug Administration informed the company that environmental samples tested positive for the bacteria. The FDA also conducted whole genome sequencing and found that the samples were related to an ongoing salmonella outbreak investigation. Milo's Poultry Farms has ceased production and distribution at this time and will undergo appropriate testing and sanitizing of farms and processing equipment. Consumers who have purchased Milo's Poultry Farms or Tony's Fresh Market eggs are asked not to consume them. Consumers with questions can call the company at 715-758-6709.

Sheriff K-9 handler training authorized

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

Shawano County Sheriff's Deputy Jacob Ostrowski has been chosen as the new K-9 handler for the department. He will travel to Canada later this year for a two-week training session with his new dog. The Shawano County Public Safety Committee authorized his trip at its Sept. 4 meeting. Lt. Nick Prey said

the county has already purchased a couple of dogs from the same vendor, Tony Pallotta, of Toronto. Exact training dates have yet to be set, but Prey said they will probably be in early to mid-November. "They will do all the training for the dog and the handler," he said. "SOS (Supporters of Shawano K-9) will handle the hotel or arrangements for living. Meals usually are provided one meal a day by the

trainer, and we'll pay for the dog and the training. As a county, we don't have a lot of investment other than his wage." With the retirement of Arres this summer, the sheriff's department found itself in the market for a second K-9. SOS K-9 is a nonprofit, community-run organization dedicated to the continued existence and advancement of the sheriff's department K-9 division. The group is accepting

donations to assist with the purchase of equipment, training opportunities and supplies needed to successfully assist the sheriff's department's two law enforcement K-9s. Interested individuals are encouraged to attend monthly meetings or send an email to shawanok9@yahoo.com, For more information, visit <https://sosk9.weebly.com/support-us.html>.

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few years, the bowls were sold at SAM’s House on East Richmond Street, but the fundraiser was limited to the bowls and selling goodies.

According to Muffy Culhane, president of SAM25’s board of directors, it was time to bring the expanded fundraiser back.

“It’s been wonderful,” Culhane said. “We’ve had such great donations from the community, and so we’re feeling very blessed with the support for SAM25. It’s fun to be back in person again.”

Culhane appreciated all the donations, which included soup and chili, but she said she was very pleased to see all the people come out and support SAM25 and its programs. Final attendance numbers were not available by press time.

Culhane noted that the need for SAM25’s services is increasing.

SAM’s House tallied 2,502 bed nights from Nov. 1, 2023, to April 30, serving 94 individual people. Of those, 51 were male, 42 were female and one identified as non-binary. About 39% of the people



Volunteers serve up soup, breadsticks and desserts to community members Sept. 7 in the Shawano Community High School cafeteria for Empty Bowls, Caring Hearts.

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given shelter were white, 34 were Native Americans and 12 were multi-race, with the remaining 11 being Black, Hispanic or Hawaiian. Two of the people served were U.S. veterans.

Of those 94 people who came in for shelter, 19 of them were children. Only 18 of the people were able to find permanent housing by the time they left SAM’s House, about 19% of the people who came in for help.

Currently, SAM’s House is only available to the homeless six months out of the year. A recent discussion at a Shawano Plan Commission meeting reiterated the point that some homeless people are sleeping on the streets the other six months of the year.

Culhane said that having a year-round shelter would be ideal, but there would need to be much more money coming in to SAM25 for that to happen.

She noted the chilly morning temperatures in the 40s the day of the fundraiser and pointed out that the need is there.

“We think about that every year,” Culhane said. “Today was a really cold day. I think we should look at making the six months go into seven or eight months to start with and see what happens from there. You don’t want to start something until you know it’s going to be sustainable.”

SAM’s House served 7,506 meals to the 94 people, which is made possible by the help of the Shawano community.

“We have a very generous community that signs up each night to bring in a meal,” Culhane said. “That’s a need. We need at least two or three volunteers each evening, and if they’d like to stay there overnight, we’d be glad to have them, and then one or two volunteers each morning.”

Besides the shelter, SAM25 operates other programs for those who are down on their luck. The organization runs a resource center year-round that helps people find work, medical care and more, and 891 people were served through the center in the 12-month period that began July 1, 2023.

SAM25 also operates a free community health clinic, and 76 people were helped with medical and/or optometry visits. The clinic also logged 521 hours by volunteers.

SAM25’s thrift store and clothes closet also provided 760 people with clothing at no charge.

“It’s been great to think back and see the growth of SAM25,” Culhane said. “From the shelter and adding the resource center and then moving into our permanent building and adding the thrift store and, a couple of years ago, adding the free clinic.”

Culhane noted that the lack of affordable housing in Shawano County is a problem, and she’s hopeful that SAM25 will work with government officials to address the issue, as she sees the number of homeless increasing. Most of the people who come into SAM25 want to work and have a permanent roof over their heads, she said, but they’re needing a little help and guidance.

Empty Bowls is a world fundraiser addressing the issue of hunger around the world, and Culhane said she hopes the local event shines a light on how there are some in the community who might not appear to be in need, but they are.

“We kind of expand that to hunger and homelessness, just to remind us all that not everyone is as fortunate,” Culhane said.

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our training, I’m telling you the guys are going to leave and go to other jobs, because they want to be trained. We need the tools to do our jobs.”

He said the sheriff’s department tries to do as much in-house training as possible.

Lt. Nick Prey said a survey of patrol officers indicated training and mental health services are their biggest concerns.

“If we cut that, now we’re putting ourselves back in this game of not having qualified people coming here,” he said. “We have to replace people and train them and all that kind of stuff.”

“That sends a poor message to our people,” Supervisor Steve Natzke said.

Lenzner said some officials have suggested eliminating the dive team or holding fundraisers to offset expenses.

“That’s not my job to raise money,” he said.

He said funds continue to be raised through a nonprofit group to benefit the K-9 program so the county has no expense for the dogs’ upkeep. A K-9 program is not required by state law.

“It is in the statutes that we have to recover bodies and we have to do dive rescue,” Lenzner said. “So we need a little bit of money in there. If we deplete the budget and take it out, we’re going to have to contract with other counties to come in, and it’s going to end up costing us more money than what we’re saving.”

He’s also heard sugges-

tions of eliminating the recreation patrols.

“We’re already cut to the minimum there,” he said. “We only have the minimum hours budgeted to perform ATV, boat patrol and snow patrol. You have to have so many hours in to get the reimbursement (from the state).”

Lenzner said some elected and appointed officials don’t understand the rules for these and other programs.

“If they’re going to take \$1,000 out of boat patrol, then you’re going to have to cut the whole thing, because we’re already set at the minimum,” he said. “Then the county board or whoever is going to have to explain to the public why we don’t have water patrol out there, because that’s one of the biggest complaints we have in the summer.”

He said the sheriff’s department used to patrol Shawano Lake every Friday, Saturday and Sunday in the summer. Now, they are lucky to make it out on the water one of those three days each weekend.

“There’s nothing that can be cut in my opinion,” Supervisor Tess Serrano said.

“It’s taking more money to run a successful county,” added Supervisor Jeremy Gretzinger.

Lenzner said all that remains to be cut are positions, and, again, the County Board can explain that to the residents. He said the first position to go will be the school resource officer, because

others are needed for patrol of county roads.

“We are doing everything we can,” he said. “We don’t have money stashed away somewhere to spend. It’s a realistic budget. It’s what we were asked to do. It’s pretty much what we need to operate efficiently.”

Prey said the department is limited on how it can generate revenue.

“The only place we can generate revenue is by bringing in other inmates (from other counties) for the jail. Our jail is full, so that’s not an option,” he said. “We could try and do the meals (for the Meals on Wheels program), but our kitchen is too small. It’s not like we can go out and write 500 more tickets that we’re going to get more revenue. It doesn’t work like that. We’re stuck.”

Lt. Chris Madle said cuts to the emergency management budget will be a step backwards for the county.

“Technically, there is 5% that we could cut,” he said. “But, if you want to cut that 5%, all that 5% are those capital outlay projects that we’re trying to get done. The big thing that we pushed here the last two or three years is our tower sites, trying to move forward, get them updated, get them fixed, so that we have reliable tower sites.”

He said if those projects get cut, the county is going backwards.

“We get it. We know. We will fight for you,” Serrano told department officials. “I don’t think

that 5% in the budget for any department is realistic. We all go to the grocery store. We all pay

our bills. Everything has gone up.”

She noted the county is heading into 2025, and it’s

a different landscape than it was 50 years ago.

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An advertisement for Cirrinity Wi-Fi service. It features a man and a woman sitting on a couch, looking at a laptop. The text "YOU CAN" is in large yellow letters at the top. Below them, it says "CONNECT WHERE YOU ARE WITHOUT HASSLE". At the bottom, there's a logo for Cirrinity with the tagline "SIMPLE AND ESSENTIAL". Below the logo, it says "YOU NEED INTERNET AND WI-FI? WE WILL TAKE CARE OF IT FOR YOU. Elite Support • Personalized Home Wi-Fi Design • Managed Wi-Fi App". At the bottom right, there's contact information for WITTENBERG (715) 253-2111 and ANTIGO (715) 623-0558.

Vintage vehicles fill county park



Tony Chapa, of Suamico, waxes his 1967 Pontiac GTO as a stuffed tiger sits in the passenger seat Sept. 8 during the Shawano County Car Show at Shawano Lake County Park. The tiger was an iconic figure in Pontiac's advertising in the 1960s.

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Coroner reports 3 suicides in August

By **KEVIN PASSON**
Editor-in-Chief

Brian Westfahl, Shawano County's coroner, reported three suicides in August, nearly one-third of all so far this year.

His monthly report indicated there have been 10 deaths by suicide in the county in 2024.

Westfahl also reported one traffic fatality in August, making a total of three for the year.

He also noted there

were 15 hospice deaths (139 for the year) and 21 cremations (181 thus far in 2024).

One organ procurement was also performed.

With approval from the Shawano County Public Safety Committee earlier this summer, the coroner's office can now recoup some expense incurred from organ procurement.

The company Versiti handles tissue recovery, and Westfahl learned at a seminar earlier this year, counties can get reim-

bursed from Versiti for administrative costs and records collection.

Up to \$300 can be reimbursed for administrative fees and donor preparation. Another \$300 can be collected for transportation services of donated organs, and up to \$150 can be reimbursed for the return of requested records, including investigative reports, toxicology reports and autopsy reports.

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Goat auction raises for teen's memorial fund

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

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

Her goat Oreo, which she was going to show at the county fair, was



CHLOE ZERNICKE

shown by her sister, Georgia. Initially sold for \$5,000, the goat was returned to the auctioneer and sold again for \$5,500. After that, 53 businesses stepped for-

ward, each donating \$500. Another business gave \$1,000, and a final business offered \$2,000.

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



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

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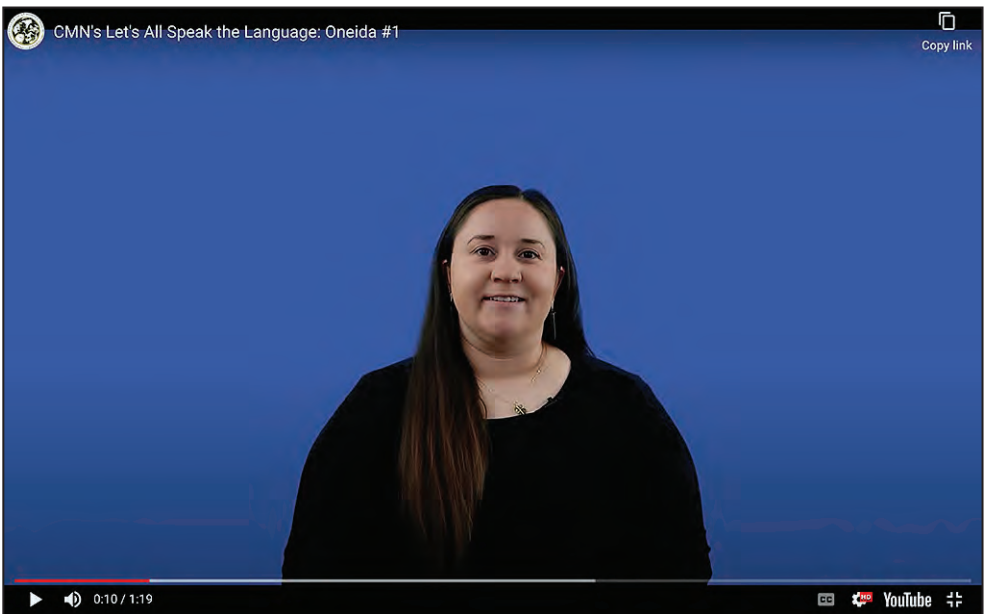
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Watch your language on CMN video series

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

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

Each series will have eight videos that run between one and three minutes each and cover a logical progression of classroom conversation. Beginning with a self-introduction and moving through phrases a teacher will likely share dur-



Dr. Rosa King teaches a lesson for the College of Menominee Nation’s “Let’s All Speak the Language” video series. BROCK SCHREIBER | COLLEGE OF MENOMINEE NATION



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

Since the summer of 2023, 90 CMN students answered anonymous

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

One student also shared that using the videos “is a great way to learn some of the language to use in the classroom. Because the

teachers speak in the videos you know how to say the words and are not embarrassed about saying them wrong. I think if the videos were used in all classes there may be more students that use the words and could interact with each other that way.”

A student who identified as an education major wrote, “I really enjoyed

the videos! I have shared them with my coworkers and would like to implement them in my future classrooms.”

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

King, CMN’s Oneida language and history instructor, offered a message for language learners, “We have to start. We have to speak. We have to learn. Whatever we can do. I always tell learners, whatever you can do. Whether it’s taking a class here at CMN or attending a community class at the library or being involved in an immersion program. All of that is so necessary. It’s all helpful. It all strengthens the language and really influences its ability to thrive into the future.”

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

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

CMN’s “Let’s All Speak the Language” video series is one way to help get conversations started.

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

Courthouse summer hours come to an end

Regular hours have resumed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main St., Shawano. Regular hours are from

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The courthouse will be closed the morning of Sept. 13 for staff training.

Offices will open at noon.

The courthouse will also be closed Nov. 28-29 for Thanksgiving and Dec. 24-25 for Christmas.

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TOWN OF WITTENBERG

RESOLUTION TO REVISE LOCAL LEGAL POSTING LOCATIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-8-20-01

STATE OF WISCONSIN

SHAWANO COUNTY

WHEREAS: Wisconsin Statute 985.01(7), 985.02 (2) (a), 985.02 (2) (b), 985.02 (2) (c), 985.02 (3) and 985.08 (1) provide a method of notification of legal notices

WHEREAS: Under previous law, a municipality must post notice in at least three public places likely to give notice to persons affected, and must post a notice that would be published before the act or event requiring notice no later than the time specified for the first newspaper publication, or if the notice would be published after the act or event requiring notice, must post the notice within one week after the act or event.

WHEREAS: Under 2015 Senate Bill 137, signed into law on November 11, 2015, a municipality that opts to post a legal notice in lieu of publication may, instead of posting the notice in three public places, post the notice in one public place and publish the notice on the municipality's Internet site.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Town of Wittenberg, Shawano County, Wisconsin does hereby consider our Town website and the posting board at our meeting location to be our legal posting locations.

This resolution repeals any previous resolutions or ordinances pertaining to the towns posting locations.

Signed this 20th day of August 2024.

Richard Beversdorf

Richard Beversdorf, Town Chairman

Attested by:

Maria F Donat

Maria F. Donat, Town Clerk

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August 20, 2024

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Town of Wittenberg

Alcohol-Related License Fee Ordinance

ORDINANCE NO.: 2023-5-16-01 (AS AMENDED)

STATE OF WISCONSIN

Shawano County Town of Wittenberg

SECTION I – TITLE AND PURPOSE

This ordinance is entitled Town of Wittenberg Alcohol-Related License Fee Ordinance. The purpose of this ordinance is to establish a schedule of the fees for all types of alcohol-related licenses issued by the town.

SECTION II – AUTHORITY

The Town Board of the Town of Wittenberg, Shawano County, Wisconsin, has the specific authority under those specific sections of ch.125, Wis. Stats., stated next to the name of the license listed in the Schedule of Fees for Alcohol-Related Licenses set forth below to establish fees for alcohol-related licenses issued by the town.

SECTION III – ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

This ordinance, adopted by the town board on a roll call vote with a quorum present and voting and proper notice having been given, adopts the Schedule of Fees for Alcohol-Related Licenses set forth below and establishes the fees for alcohol-related licenses issued by the town as stated therein.

LICENSES ISSUED FOR CONSUMPTION OFF PREMISES:

Class “A” Fermented Malt Beverage (beer) License: **\$100.00**

“Class A” Intoxicating Liquor License: **\$200.00**

LICENSES ISSUED FOR CONSUMPTION ON PREMISES: (Amended on 8/20/2024)

Class “B” Fermented Malt Beverage/Beer License: **\$100.00** annually

“Class B” Intoxicating Liquor License: **\$200.00** annually

Class “B” 6-month Fermented Malt Beverage/Beer License: **\$50.00**

Class “B” Temporary (aka Picnic) License (Beer or Wine ONLY): **\$10.00**

LICENSE FOR THE SALE OF WINE ONLY:

“Class C” Wine License: **\$100.00** annually

OPERATOR LICENSES: (Amended on 8/20/2024)

Regular Operator’s License: **\$25.00** (valid for 2 years, but will expire June 30th in the 2nd year)

Wallet Size (card) Operator’s License: **\$5.00** (can only be issued after obtaining a valid Regular Operator’s License)

“Provisional” Operator’s License: **\$15.00** (valid only for a 60 days)

“Temporary” Operator’s License: **\$10.00** (for non-profit)

PUBLICATION: (Amended on 8/20/2024)

Beginning in 2025, the annual \$20.00 publishing fees charged to businesses and ball teams will end. All license applications will be posted on the Town of Wittenberg’s town hall entrance and published to the Town of Wittenberg’s official website: www.townofwittenbergWI.gov.

State law does not require the publication, or posting, of applicants applying for Temporary Class “B” (aka picnic) beer or wine licenses.

SECTION IV – SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are severable.

SECTION V – EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance will become effective on July 1st, 2024, with the issuance of 2024-2025 licenses. The town clerk shall properly post or publish this ordinance as required under s. 60.80, Wis. Stats.

Adopted this 16th day of May 2023.

Richard Beversdorf

Richard Beversdorf,

Town Chairman

Attest:

Maria F. Donat,

Maria F Donat,

Town Clerk

****This Ordinance was amended on August 20th, 2024 to clarify the differences between the Temporary Class “B” (aka Picnic) License, and the 6-month Fermented Malt Beverage-Beer License. The Publication section was updated with website publishing information and the publishing fee has been eliminated.**

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Military & Tactical US Army 1911's by Colt & Remington Rand, 1884 Carbine, 1898 Krag rifle, Models 1903, 03-A3 & Sniper clone, Springfield M1 Garand, Saginaw & Postal Meter 30 Carbines, US Rem 513-T, Nazi Mauser byf-42 Luger w/ original rig, 1917 DWM Artillery Luger, Nazi K98k, Arisaka bringbacks, Sig MCX SPEAR 308 w/ NightForce optics, Ross Model 1905, Russian & Yugo SKS, Swiss Vetterli rifle, Schmidt-Rubin, British Webley 38 Short, French Model 1873, Russian SKS, 1939 Nagant revolver, Mosin-Nagant M1891/30 & M44 rifles, Swede M96 Gustafs rifle, Chiappa M1 9mm Carbine, Norinco SKS, Yugo Model 98 mauser in 8mm-06, Czech VZ-24 & VZ-52, Wyndham AR-10, AR's in 5.56, 6.5, 22-250 & 308

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Sunday Sept 29th 10 AM

Auction of **JoAnne Hovet Estate**
5868 Lake Drive, Shawano, WI

Real Estate in Parcels Parcel #1

1800sq ft Ranch Style Home with attached 3-stall Garage. This is a manufactured home with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, open concept kitchen & living space with 2-sided gas fireplace, deck & wooded lot. This Home is in wonderful condition with plenty of cabinets & closets, central air, Cathedral ceilings, Skylights, main floor laundry, steel roof, vinyl siding & a concrete foundation. Served by municipal sewer & water and natural gas. 2023 Taxes were \$ 2,536 The Lot size is .454 Acres according to Shawano County GIS. Includes the Stove, Refrigerator, Washer & Dryer.

Parcel #2 Wooded Buildable Lot adjacent to Parcel #1 on the South Side. .454 Acres with \$ 121 Taxes **Parcel #3** Buildable Lot adjacent to Parcel #1 on the North Side. .454 Acres with Taxes of \$ 121 **Parcel #4** Combination of Above Parcels Terms on Real Estate: \$ 20,000 earnest money Downpayment on Parcels #1 or #4 \$ 5,000 earnest money Downpayment on Parcels #2 or #3. Offer will have No Contingencies and Closing in 45 days or less. Call Len Yoap to schedule a Viewing at 920-604-1704

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Iron pot lives on long after most of its owners

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

Astonishingly, I learned that Anna Maria had back-up; she dabbled in astrology, an ancient pagan practice designed to thwart Death's wicked ways. I thought that was impossible. Doesn't Catholic doctrine preach that using any form of divination such as horoscopes or astrology



Kathleen Marsh
Columnist

is a mortal sin? Yes, but the evidence is right there in her prayer book: a list of each child's name, birth date and sky sign.

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

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

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

the farmhouse for dinner. Perhaps she used my iron pot to cook that meal.

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

The Sheboygan County News of Sept. 17, 1890, reported the rest: "John George Holzschuh, a well-known and well-to-do farmer of the Town of Lima, committed suicide on Monday last by hanging himself in a small workshop back of his house. No cause can be assigned for this taking of his own

life. His son Casper, who is engaged in cheese-making near Sherwood, was notified of his death and left for his home on Tuesday."

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

I didn't learn this part of the story until after my father died. I wanted

to ask him if he thought I was strong enough to carry such burdens. Then I remembered something he said to me that day in the attic when he shared the story of my golden pot made of iron. "Anna Maria's fortitude was forged in the furnace of life, the same way a blacksmith fashioned that pot you are holding. You come from a long line of gritty women, Katrina Maria. Remember that."

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

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, SEPT. 13

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

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

County Road M.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 14

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SUNDAY, SEPT. 15

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

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

MONDAY, SEPT. 16

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

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

SHAWANO: Community Blood Center Blood Drive, 1-5:30 p.m., Zion Lutheran Church, 1254 S. Union St.

Make an appointment at 800-280-4102.

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

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

TUESDAY, SEPT. 17

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

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 18

SHAWANO: Nonprofit Showcase 2024, 3-5 p.m., Peace UCC, 208 E. Maurer St.

Resource fair and networking event for Shawano's nonprofit organizations.

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

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

THURSDAY, SEPT. 19

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

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

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

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

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Trump has attracted some good allies

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

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

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

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

- Long before she was a member of Congress or presidential candidate, Tulsi Gabbard was deployed to Iraq in 2004 as a National Guard specialist with a medical company attached to the 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team. “Every day we were confronted with that high human cost of war and that sadness, as we boarded the plane when we left, that we were leaving some of our brothers and sisters behind — only to lose others when we got home to suicide,” Gabbard said recently to a hushed room full of National Guard Association members as she endorsed Trump for president.

She said Trump takes seriously the commander-in-chief’s responsibility for every soul in the military — “We saw this through his first term in the presi-



dency, when he not only didn’t start any new wars, he took action to de-escalate and prevent wars.” She praised Trump for “having the courage to meet with adversaries, dictators, allies and partners alike in the pursuit of peace, seeing war as a last resort.”

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

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

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

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

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

- Finally, Trump picked

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Border crisis brings wave of fentanyl to Wisconsin

To the editor:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Why did the president and the Democratic Party create this migrant crisis, which precipitated the fentanyl crisis? I asked a poll worker what it takes to register to vote. She said a

photo ID (driver’s license) and something showing their current address.

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

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

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

Michael Richter, Shawano Society should respect every human life

To the editor:

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

Then I read an article about a 19th-century slave holder who argued that slavery was good for all of society because agriculture in the south would not be possible without Negro slaves. It dawned in me that

many pro-abortion people feel that easy access to abortion is good for society. Yet slavery and abortion both deny all human rights to a whole subset of people. Both pro-slavery and pro-abortion people use similar arguments — both Blacks and preborn people are not really human, and if they are, they are not equal to others. They couch their beliefs in neutral-sounding euphemisms: property rights, reproductive rights.

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

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

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

Dale Wagner, Krakow Voters should be selfish in November election

To the editor:

Now that the political conventions are over, it’s time to get serious about how to vote. I hope you will read on so I can help you

understand why you should vote for your own interests.

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

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

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

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

MaryBeth Ascher, Suring Going back to county fair was a lot of fun

To the editor:

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

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

See you all again hopefully.

Patricia Marcks Hesselt van Dinter, Shawano

GUEST COLUMN

Students’ mental health needs support from all

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

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

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

Survey data my agency released in July gives us a snapshot of our kids’ mental health. It tells us that our kids continue to



Jill Underly
Guest columnist

struggle tremendously with the magnitude of their mental health challenges. Nearly six out of every 10 Wisconsin high school students told us they dealt with at least one mental health challenge within the past year. Put that into the full context for a minute — nearly 60% of Wisconsin high school students are telling us that at least some of the time, they feel anxious, depressed or suicidal.

These kids carry with them an incredible burden, and this leads to not just social and emotional disruption, but also compromises their ability to succeed academically. Imagine yourself in their

place. If you feel like you are struggling, it’s hard to feel like you belong at school or in your community. Without that stability, it’s extremely difficult to prioritize learning.

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

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

We need an all-hands-on-deck approach to help our kids navigate the challenges they face. They cannot — and should not — do this alone. We need further

investment into our kids. We need more trained student mental health practitioners in every school — rural, urban, suburban. It shouldn’t matter what ZIP code you’re in or what resources your family has. Every child should get the mental health care they need.

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

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

achieve and are set up for success.

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

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

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

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

To our teachers and

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

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

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

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

Jill Underly is the Wisconsin Superintendent of Public Instruction.

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

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

from the presidency.”

It’s hard not to notice when people of the stature of Gabbard, Kennedy and Vance are willing to align themselves with Trump. I still have little use for politics and government

in general, but it’s also clear that Trump has gathered a diverse group of very capable supporters.

Don’t get me wrong, if you held a gun to my head and forced me to vote for one of these people,

I would pick Gabbard, Vance and Kennedy long before I would choose Trump. On the other hand, if you told me the only choices were Harris, Biden or Walz, I’d take one last deep breath and

tell you to shoot.

Let my last word on the subject be one I’ve repeated before: Freedom is not about choosing the right ruler. Freedom is recognizing that I am the boss of me. Of the

two main choices on the ballot, it feels like peace and freedom have a better chance under Trump.

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New world record!

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

KEVIN PASSON | NEW MEDIA



Lena, Witt-Birn win with shutouts

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

**Sept. 7
Florence 34, Gillett 0**
Gillett dropped to 0-2 overall after suffering a 34-0 shutout at the hands of visiting Florence.

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

**Sept. 6
Bonduel 34, Southern Door 3**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

There was no scoring in the second half.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Oconto Falls 39, Crivitz 7

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

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

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

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

Brayden Majerczyk had an interception for Oconto Falls.

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

Wittenberg-Birnhamwood 35, Weyauwega-Fremont 0

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

Weyauwega-Fremont.

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

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

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

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

Tri-County 44, Menominee Nation 0

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

Seymour 44, Shawano 13

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

The Hawks kept it close, only trailing 8-7 at the end of the first quarter. However, Seymour scored

22 unanswered points in the second quarter and another 14 in the third to lead 44-7.

Shawano scored its final six points in the fourth quarter.

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

Sevastopol 6, Suring 0

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

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

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

Kroix Kempka recorded 10 tackles for the Eagles.

**Sept. 5
De Pere 32, Pulaski 14**

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

With 3:56 to go in the first quarter, Ethan

Schmidt completed a four-yard pass to Bohdan Schmidt for a score, followed by a successful extra point kick.

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

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

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

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

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



Shawano Community High School junior Tela Hopfensperger swims the 200-yard individual medley in a meet against Seymour on Sept. 5. KEVIN PASSON | NEW MEDIA

Chargers swim team wins big

Sept. 5 Wittenberg-Birnamwood 130, Marinette 27
Wittenberg-Birnamwood's swim team had little trouble dispatching the Marinette Marines 130-27 at home. The Chargers won all of the events, including two in which Marinette did not compete. Starting with the 200-yard medley relay, Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Kelsie Davis, Chloe Hanson, Faith Resch and Addison Schmidt captured first

place in 2:09.33. Taking second were teammates Rylee Crick, Ava Hegewald, Reese Dickman and Andrea Powell in 2:14.02. In the 200-yard freestyle, Brooklyn Beran won in 2:13.96, followed by Claire Timm in second and Elizabeth Behnke in third. Hegewald won the 50-yard freestyle race, with Powell taking third and Schmidt in fourth. The 100-yard butterfly was won by Davis, with Crick in second.

Dickman captured the top spot in the 100-yard freestyle. Resch was second and Timm third. The 500-yard freestyle was won by Olivia Bassette. Powell placed third, and Behnke was fourth. It was Davis, Beran, Hegewald and Behnke teaming up to win the 200-yard freestyle relay. Dickman, Timm, Powell and Bassette placed second. Beran won the 100-yard backstroke, with Resch in second and Schmid in

third. Dickman touched first in the 100-yard breaststroke. Hegewald placed second with Hanson in third. There was no competition in the 200 yard individual medley. Davis won, with Crick in second. The same was true for the 400-yard freestyle relay. Beran, Bassette, Timm and Hanson won, with teammates Resch, Crick, Behnke and Schmidt in second.

Pulaski places sixth at Ledgeview

BY NEW MEDIA STAFF
Sept. 5 Fox River Classic Conference Mini-Meet #3
Pulaski golfers placed sixth out of seven teams at Ledgeview Golf Course in De Pere. The Red Raiders scored a 219. Bay Port won the meet with a 176. Scores for Pulaski were a 49, 53, 58 and 59. Two other Red Raiders scored a 63 and 69.
Sept. 3 Blackwolf Run Invitational
Pulaski golfers placed 15th out of 19 teams competing at the Blackwolf Run/Meadow Valleys Course in Kohler. The Red Raiders scored a 458. Muskego won the meet with a 362. Scores for the Pulaski girls were 109, a pair of 115s and 119. There was also a 127.

New season underway at Lakeshore Lanes

BY NEW MEDIA STAFF
A new season for bowlers is underway at Lakeshore Lanes in Shawano, with scores for the first week announced by Lakeshore Masters league officials. There are a few different teams this season, including Arndt Trucking, Shawano Auto Body and MW Auto Body. Arndt Trucking didn't waste any time making its mark, going 15-1 the first night and tying with Farmall for the standings lead. Arndt Trucking also had the high team scratch game of 680 and the high team scratch series of 1,868. High individual scratch game were recorded by Mark Cornish 267, Cody Lindal 239 and Tom Hoffman 236. High individual scratch series were tallied by Cornish 705, Hoffman 647 and Carson Malueg 628. Complete results can be found at newmedia-wi.com.

Email game results to sports@newmdia-wi.com

Red Raiders tennis team edges Ashwaubenon Jaguars

BY NEW MEDIA STAFF
Sept. 5 Pulaski 4, Ashwaubenon 3
Pulaski collected three wins in singles play and one doubles match to earn a 4-3 win over Ashwaubenon. Aubrie Schluessler, at No. 2 singles, had the closest contest. It took her three sets and a tiebreaker to earn her 1-6, 7-6 (2), 10-5 victory. Ruth Krause, at No. 1, won 6-0, 6-1, and No. 3 player Isabella Skalecki won 6-0, 6-0. In doubles action, the No. 2 team of Ayla Groteluschen and Linde Lemerond won 6-1, 6-0. Losses for the Red Raiders were suffered by Anna Krause at No. 4 singles 6-4, 7-5; Alyssa Eggert and Addison Heezen, No. 1 doubles, 6-4, 4-6, 13-11; and Hailey Jansen and Gretchen Rottier, No. 3 doubles, 6-4, 3-6, 12-10.
Sept. 3 Notre Dame Academy 7, Pulaski 0
Ruth Krause fought a hard second set against Notre Dame's Lucy Lawton, but the 7-6 (5) loss was enough to seal Lawton's win following a 6-1 first set

at No. 1 singles. That was the closest any Pulaski player came to earning a win. Isabella Skalecki lost 6-1, 6-4 at No. 2 singles. Anna Krause was shut out 6-0, 6-0 in the No. 3 spot, and Aubrey Cole lost 6-2, 6-0 in the No. 4 singles. In doubles play, Alyssa Eggert and Addison Heezen lost 6-0, 6-1, and Ayla Groteluschen and Linde Lemerond lost by identical scores at No. 2. In the No. 3 position, Hailey Jansen and Gretchen Rottier lost 6-1, 6-3.
Aug. 30-31 Wausau West Tournament
Pulaski had good results and some challenges to overcome at the tournament at Wausau West. **Pulaski 5, Madison Memorial 2**
After Ruth Krause's loss at No. 1 singles and Aubrie Schluessler's loss at No. 2, Pulaski won the next two singles matches and all three doubles matches to earn the 5-2 win. Skalecki won the No. 3 singles match 6-4, 6-2, and Anna Krause won 6-1, 7-6 (6) at No. 4. Eggert and Heezen won 6-4, 6-4 at No. 1 doubles. Groteluschen and Lem-

erond won 6-2, 6-3 at No. 2, and Jansen and Rottier won 6-1, 6-3 in the final doubles match. **Wausau West 4, Pulaski 3**
The Red Raiders lost a close contest to their hosts, 4-3. Skalecki was the only singles winner, claiming a 6-3, 6-2 victory at No. 3. Anna Krause, at No. 4, nearly pulled out the win but ended up on the short end, 6-4 2-6, 10-8. Ruth Krause and Schluessler lost their singles matches. Groteluschen and Lemerond won 6-2, 6-0 at No. 2 doubles, and Jansen and Rottier won 6-3, 6-4 at No. 3. Eggert and Heezen drooped their No. 1 doubles match. **Pulaski, 4, Wisconsin Rapids, 3**
In another close contest, Pulaski was on the winning side of a 4-3 victory over Wisconsin Rapids. Ruth Krause and Anna Krause won their singles matches in close fashion. Ruth Krause grabbed identical 6-4 wins, while Anna Krause hung in there for 4-6, 6-4, 10-6 scores.

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Wondra wins at Green Bay, T-Bird invites

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Sept. 5 Tom Finlan Invitational

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

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

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

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

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

De Pere Invite

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

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

Most of the boys were bunched together. Parker Marshall finished in 25th place, followed by Daniel Augustine in 26th, Arden Gillen in 27th and Dayne Groth in 31st. Grayden



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

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Gossen placed 37th, while Mitchell Pilon was 40th. In 64th place was Dayne Nowak, while Peyton Yaw was 69th.

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

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

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

Ben Adams led the boys, placing 10th in 17:15. Also competing were Griffin Kopke, Isaiah Holtz, Evan Yuma, Brant Lulu-

zerne, Landon Timm and Ethan Zielinski.

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

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

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

Marathon Invitational

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

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

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

finished 10th in 20:42. Gabrielle Timm was 19th with a time of 21:52, and Jayden Zeinert placed 60th in 26:36.

Landon Meronk led the boys with a 63rd-place finish in 20:07. Also competing for the Chargers were Jonas Bushman, 65th, 20:23; Hayden Miller, 67th, 20:26; Milo Salvesen, 85th, 21:17; Colten Mueller, 88th, 21:21; Taras Guk, 92nd, 21:39; and Dalton Fletcher, 97th, 21:51.

Sept. 3 Iola-Scandinavia T-Bird Invitational

Bonduel's Mariah Wondra bested all girls in the Iola-Scandinavia T-Bird Invitational, with Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Rory Salveson placing second.

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood girls placed third and the Bonduel girls were fourth in the Iola-Scandinavia T-Bird Invitational.

For the boys, Menominee Nation placed fifth, Bonduel was sixth and Wittenberg-Birnamwood was 11th.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Runners and time for the Chargers were Landon Meronk, 52nd, 20:47; Jonas Bushman, 54th, 21:03; Hayden Miller, 69th, 21:47;

Carson Meronk, 71st, 21:49; Milo Salvesen, 83rd, 22:18; Tara Guk, 89th, 22:29; and Dalton Fletcher, 90th, 22:32.

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

Aug. 30 Appleton West Ter- ror Invite

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Groteluschen and Lemerond pulled out 6-4, 6-2 wins at No. 2 doubles, and Jansen and Rottier claimed 6-3, 6-3 wins at No. 3. Eg-

gert and Heezen lost 6-0, 7-5.

Pulaski 6, D.C. Everest 1

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

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

Groteluschen and Lemerond shut out Kali Rutta and Brynn Kampmann 6-0,

6-0 at No. 2 doubles, while Jansen and Rottier pulled out 6-0, 6-3 victories at No. 3.

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

Pulaski 7, Rhineland-

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Everyone fought their way into the win column against Rhineland.

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

won 6-3, 3-6, 10-5.

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



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Oconto Falls wins conference opener

Sept. 6 Gresham/Bowler Invite

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

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

Marshfield Invite

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

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

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

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

Oconto Falls 3, Waupaca 2

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rylie Shallow led the defense with 24 digs.

Hailyn St. Louis added 11 digs.

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

Katelyn Kurek played a key role at the service line.

Marathon 3, Wittenberg-Birnamwood 1

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

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

“We had a very up and down night,” coach Becky New said. “Our effort and enthusiasm was great, and we had a magnificent night blocking by racking up 12. However, we dug ourselves some pretty big holes at the beginning of

sets. Most of the time we recovered and climbed back into the match to make it competitive but not enough to win the set. If we can eliminate some of those mistakes and play a little more consistently, we will have a great season ahead of us.”

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

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

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

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

Lily Metropulos contributed with 11 assists and 13 digs.

Sept. 5 Bonduel 3, Laona/Wabeno 1

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

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

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

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

Gresham 3, Bowler 0

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

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

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

Tigerton 3, White Lake 0

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

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

Tiller led the Tigers with 16 assists.

Presley Stewart-Rolfs set the pace with 10 kills,

followed by Selle with eight, and Tiller, Lillian Welch and Lederhaus with thee each.

Stewart-Rolfs and Lederhaus each had one block kill.

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

Oconto Falls 3, Waupaca 2

Xavier 3, Shawano 0

Suring 3, Oneida Nation 0

Marathon 3, Wittenberg-Birnamwood 1

Sept. 3 Bonduel 3, Crandon 0

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

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

Tigerton 3, Marion 0

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

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

Tiller had 13 assists, while Breaker had two.

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

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

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

Northland Lutheran 3, Gresham 1

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

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

Aug. 31 Omro Invite

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

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

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

Shawano Speedway champions



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

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Hawks go 1-1 at Mosinee tourney

Sept. 7 Mosinee Tournament Shawano 5, Mosinee 1

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

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

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

Shawano 2, Northland Pines 2

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

Shawano’s record is 3-1-1.

Pulaski 0, West De Pere 0

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

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

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

Sept. 5 Pulaski 1, Hortonville 0

Pulaski scored one goal 22 minutes into the first half, and that was all that mattered in the 1-0

non-conference win over Hortonville.

Maddox McKeefry scored on an assist from Nolan Pratt.

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

Shawano 1, Waupaca 0

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

Shawano defeated Waupaca 1-0 at Waupaca.

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

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

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

Pacelli/Iola-Scandinavia 8, Gresham/Bowler 1

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

Sept. 3 Pulaski 5, Sturgeon Bay 0

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

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

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

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

Shawano 4, Merrill 1

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

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

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

Northland Lutheran 10, Gresham/Bowler 0

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

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The Newsday Crossword

Edited by Stanley Newman (www.StanXwords.com)

MALE BONDING: To various phrases

by Gary M. Larson

- ACROSS
- 1 Laughed maniacally

8 Dicker on price

14 Without a commitment

20 Eighth-century pope

21 Modern Persians

22 State south of Arizona

23 Where the Boston Marathon ends

25 Speak sharply to

26 "___ say more?"

27 Hollywood favorite

29 Burst of wind

30 Insurgent, for short

33 Makes public

37 Former SeaWorld orca

40 Sign of summer

41 Practical

44 Trade fairs

45 Thatcher nickname

47 File folder material

50 Gourmet, at mealtime

51 Romance writer Roberts

52 Highly skilled

54 Meeting handouts

57 New Orleans donut

59 Dice toss

61 Recital performance

62 Perform impeccably

63 Serta rival

65 "Mamma ___!"

66 Fumble (for)

67 Lip balm brand

70 Reaches over

72 Totally fine, informally

73 Formal decree

74 Emulating Eminem

76 Chimney cleaner

79 Leisurely run

80 Covered, as basement walls

81 Guise

83 "Inner" serenity

86 Orbital period

87 Pigged out

89 Firefighter's vehicle

94 Transformers' robot antagonist

96 Country singer Clark or Gibbs

97 Smooth transition

98 Wood chopper

99 Some dict. listings

100 Moist towelettes

103 Female fowl

104 Football crew

106 Apple assistant

108 Mishandle

111 Tours of duty

114 Friendly memory jogger

121 Medal winners

122 '80s middleweight champ Marvin

123 Make good as new

124 Martial arts hold

125 Rewards for Rover

126 Operatic title knight

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1 Urban transit

2 Commotion

3 Have a bawl

4 Pottery oven

5 Cut with a beam

6 Become a competitor

7 Part of LED

8 ___ Eminence (cardinal title)

9 High school class

10 Civil War vets' org.

11 Granitelike rock

12 Made stuff up

13 Land south of Helsinki

14 CIA predecessor

15 Quebec contradiction

16 Sock mishap

17 Groundswell of requests

18 Wiped clean

19 Rubber mouse, e.g.

24 Olay alternative

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30 Part of piña coladas

31 KLM announcement

32 Recycling container

34 Hemingway, while in Paris

35 Spoke like

36 Handed-down history

38 Synthesizer creator

39 Diplomat serving in NYC

42 Roster

43 Nancy Drew's aunt

46 Director Riefenstahl

48 Comic strip shout

49 Extreme fright

50 Absolut competitor

53 Chris who voiced Mario in 2023

55 Breezing through

56 Salty waters

57 Stock-trading company

58 Old anesthetic

60 Stretchy fabric

62 Gladiator Oscar winner

63 In ___ of (notwithstanding)

64 PC cancel key

66 Startled sound

68 Pass, as legislation

69 West of hip-hop

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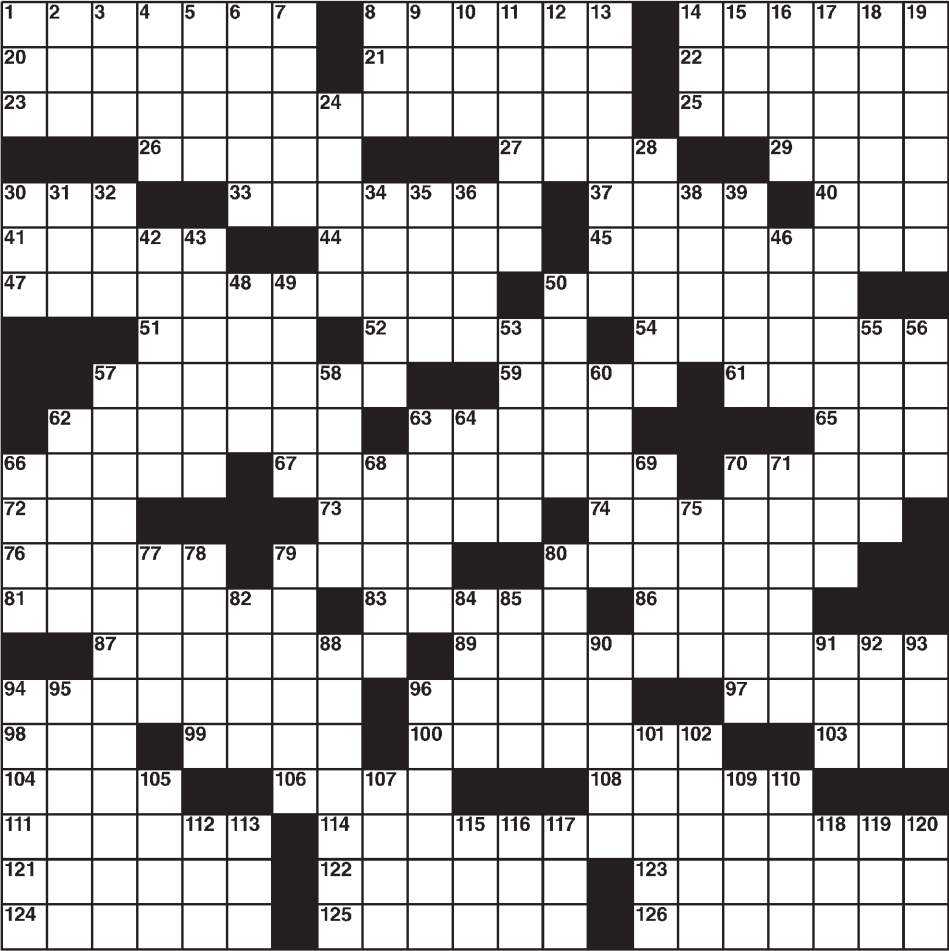
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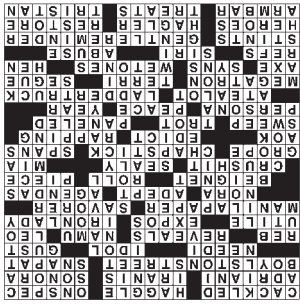
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• Cody M. Valdez, 32, Wausau, pleaded no contest Sept. 4 to possession of methamphetamine, possession of narcotic drugs, felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. Judge Gregory Strasser levied fines and court costs and sentenced him to 213 days in county jail.

• David L. Heling, 38, New Lisbon, pleaded no contest Sept. 3 to possession with intent to deliver amphetamine or methamphetamine, possession of a firearm by a

person convicted of a felony, three counts of possession of methamphetamine, three counts of felony bail jumping and three counts of misdemeanor bail jumping. Judge Katherine Sloma sentenced him to 36 months in prison, followed by four years of extended supervision with conditions.

• Edward Montelongo, 31, Shawano, pleaded no contest Sept. 3 to stalking, five counts of misdemeanor bail jumping and a misdemeanor charge of battery. Judge William Kusel Jr. imposed and stayed a prison sentence, then placed him on three years of probation with conditions.

• Terrance L. Meloy, 57, New London, pleaded no contest Sept. 4 to felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor charge of disorderly conduct. Sloma withheld sentencing

and placed him on one year of probation with conditions.

• Deon L. Duke, 46, listed as homeless, pleaded guilty Sept. 3 to criminal damage to property. Sloma withheld sentencing and placed him on three years of probation with conditions including \$5,879.83 in restitution.

• Hasssan N. Malley, 35, Beverly Shores, Indiana, waived his right to extradition, and Kussel signed an order of extradition to another jurisdiction.

• Peter G. Vigue, 46, Shawano, was charged Sept. 3 with felony bail jumping. Kusel set a \$2,500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Sept. 5, when a status conference was scheduled for Oct. 10.

• David H. Vondracek, 64, Tigerton, was charged Sept. 3 with substantial battery

intending bodily harm and misdemeanor counts of battery and disorderly conduct. Kussel set a \$2,500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Sept. 10.

• Tina M. Sandoval, 54, Shawano, was charged Sept. 3 with felony bail jumping and battery or threat to a law officer. Kussel set a \$1,000 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for Nov. 20.

• Robert L. Britz, 46, Shawano, was charged Sept. 3 with substantial battery intending bodily harm, strangulation and suffocation, three counts of misdemeanor bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. Kussel set a \$1,500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Sept. 5, when a status conference was scheduled for Oct. 22.

• Thurston W. Prescott, 20,

Wausau, was charged Sept. 3 with two counts of felony bail jumping. Kussel set a \$500 cash bond and adjourned his initial appearance until Oct. 16.

• Jacob M. Riopelle, 30, Shawano, was charged Sept. 3 with disorderly conduct as an alleged domestic abuse repeater. Kussel set a \$5,000 signature bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Sept. 23.

• Marcos A. Smith, 20, Shawano, was charged Sept. 3 with two counts of felony bail jumping and one count of misdemeanor bail jumping. Kussel set a \$1,500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Sept. 10.

• Aleicia M. Kinney, 35, Shawano, was charged Sept. 5 with child abuse intentionally causing great bodily harm, eight counts of misdemeanor bail jumping, and a misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct.

Kussel set a \$750 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Sept. 10.

• Shauna M. Bradbury, 37, Cecil, was charged Sept. 5 with fleeing an officer in her vehicle. Kussel set a \$750 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Sept. 11.

• Ryan S. Hansen, 36, Shawano, was charged Sept. 6 with possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia to manufacture methamphetamine. Kussel set a \$1,500 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for Dec. 16.

• Robynne E. Mattsen, 30, Wausau, was charged Sept. 6 with second-degree recklessly endangering safety, possession of narcotic drugs, and misdemeanor counts of possession of THC and possession of drug paraphernalia. Kussel set a \$5,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Sept. 10.

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09/06, 09/13/24, 09/20/24
STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY
IN RE: THE PATERNITY OF M.E.H.
Petitioner/Joint Petitioner A
Christopher Wayne Heatley
629 W. 5th ST
Shawano, WI 54166

Respondent/Joint Petitioner B
Morgan E. Fisher
401 S. Warrington Ave
Cecil, WI 54111

Order To Show Cause and to Change:
Legal Custody
Physical Placement
Case No. 2023FA000111

The State of Wisconsin (Child Support Agency)
is a party to this action.

The Affidavit was filed on August 13, 2024.
IT IS ORDERED THAT Morgan Fisher appear in person at the following date and time:
Eric Hendrickson, FCC
Shawano Co Courthouse- County Board Room
311 N. Main St Shawano, WI
Sept. 24, 2024 11:00 a.m.
or as soon as the matter may be heard, to show cause (give reasons) why the requests in the affidavit should not be granted.
If you do not appear as indicated, the court may proceed without you and grant the request and/or issue a warrant for your arrest.

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MENOMINEE COUNTY, WISCONSIN
CLASS 2 NOTICE
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CTH M (EAST) REPAVING PROJECT - RFP 2024-03

The Menominee County Highway Department is requesting sealed bids from responsible bidders until 11:00 a.m. on Friday, September 27, 2024, for pulverizing and repaving the existing asphaltic pavement using 3-inch HMA #4LT and re-gravelling 3-foot shoulders on CTH M (East), from STH 55 to Old South Branch Road, representing 2.52 miles. This work must be completed by Friday, November 8, 2024. This project is funded in part with WisDOT Local Road Improvement Program funding; as such, the design, plans, and specifications must be assembled with a 10-year design life and comply with current WisDOT specifications.

Bids received after 11:00 a.m. on Friday, September 27, 2024, will not be opened or considered. A pre-bid conference will be held on Friday, September 20, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. Bids will be publicly opened at 11.05 a.m. on Friday, September 27, 2024. The Highway Committee will formally review all bids and award the project on or about Monday, September 30, 2024.

A copy of the request for proposals can be obtained by contacting the Highway Commissioner, at 715-799-3369, jwes0@co.menominee.wi.us, or by checking the County's website at www.co.menominee.wi.us under the Departments-Highway link.—Jeremy C. Weso, Highway Commissioner, Menominee County, WI.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF Gabriella Grace Krause

Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing
Case No 24cv171

From: Gabriella Grace Krause
To: Gabriella Grace De Lorme
birth certificate.
Gabriella Grace Krause
IT IS ORDERED:
This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Shawano County, State of Wisconsin:
Judge Katherine V. Sloma
311 N. Main ST
Shawano, WI 541666
October 3 2024 8:30 a.m.
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09/13/24, 09/20/24, 09/27/24
STATE OF WISCONSIN: CIRCUIT COURT: SHAWANO COUNTY FAMILY COURT
IN RE THE CUSTODY AND SUPPORT OF: B.T.F. AND H.M.H. EMILY A. HOCK, Petitioner,
Case No.: 24 FA 82 vs. TANNER A. FRIEBEL, Respondent.

PUBLICATION SUMMONS
THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, TO THE PERSON NAMED ABOVE AS RESPONDENT:
You are notified that the petitioner named above has filed (1) a Motion to Modify Legal Custody, Physical Placement, and Child Support; (2) an Affidavit in Support of Motion to Modify; (3) a Motion to Establish Child Custody, Child Placement, and Child Support; (4) and an Affidavit in Support of Motion to Establish against you. You must respond with a written demand for a copy of the Motions and Affidavits within 40days from the day after the first date of publication. The demand must be sent or delivered to the Court at: Clerk of Court,

Shawano County Courthouse 311 N Main St, Shawano, WI 54166

and to Petitioner Emily Hock

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VILLAGE OF BONDUÉL
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

REQUESTS FOR REZONING AND CONDITIONAL USE

The Village of Bonduel Plan Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, September 23, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., at the Bonduel Village Hall, 117 W. Green Bay Street, Bonduel, to hear the requests for the following:

1. Request from applicant, Bert Huntington, to rezone Parcel No. 107-16230-0020, 202 E. Express Way, Bonduel, WI 54107 from C-2 Highway Commercial District to R-2 Residential District.

2. Request from applicant, Paul McClone, ETP Repairs LLC, for a conditional use permit to perform small engine repairs, sales, and services on Parcel No. 107-85100-0990, 323 S. Cecil Street, in C-2 Highway Commercial District.

The Plan Commission will take comments from all interested parties at the Public Hearing. Immediately following the closing of the Public Hearing, the Plan Commission will make recommendations to the Village Board.

Published: September 13, 2024 and September 20, 2024
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STOCKBRIDGE-MUNSEE TRIBAL COURT

Mohican Nation Stockbridge-Munsee Community
Samantha Eileen Grant, Petitioner,
From: Samantha Eileen Grant
To: Samantha Eileen Bowman
Case No. 2024-NC-0002

NOTICE OF COURT DATE
The Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Court Friday, October 18 th 2024 10:00 AM
Hearing Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Court N8476 Mohheconnuck Rd
Bowler WI 54416
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09/13/24, 09/20/24, 09/27/24
STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, COUNTY SHAWANO
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Karen Ann Ebert
Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No. 24PR58
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth August 4, 1941 and date of death July 26, 2024 was domiciled in Shawano County, WI with a mailing address 1300 Park Hill DR Gresham, WI
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is December 11, 2024
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main ST Shawano, WI Room 202, Probate Sean Ebert
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Green Bay, WI 54313
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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BARBARA A. NELSON
Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No. 2024-PR-000050

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 09-19-1951 and date of death 05-10-2024 , was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin , with a mailing address of W6013 Lake Drive Shawano, WI 54166 .
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is November 19, 2024 .
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano , Wisconsin, Room 202. Probate Office . Attorney Michael A. Maas Heritage Law Firm, LLC 2050 Riverside Drive Green Bay, WI 54301 920-785-8570 1061377
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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MENOMINEE COUNTY SMALL CLAIMS CASE NUMBER 24SC000058

Peters Logging, LLC
W164 SE Bass Lake
PO Box 1244
Keshena WI 54135

You are being sued by West Bend Insurance Company f/d/b/a West Bend Mutual Insurance Company in the small claims court for Menominee County, W3269 Courthouse Ln., Keshena, WI 54135-0279.

A hearing will be held at 9:30 am on September 27, 2024. If you do not appear and/or file an answer, a judgment may be given to the person suing you. [A copy of the claim has been mailed to you at the address above.]
Dated: September 5, 2024

Dorothy Ann Case (SBN: 1014013)
Gerald L. Crouse, Jr. (SBN: 1000315)
Annemarie Dorothy Case (SBN: 1068678)
Plaintiff's Attorney
400 N. Broadway, Suite 402
Milwaukee, WI 53202
(414) 847-7000

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Donald J. Foley
Amended Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No. 24 PR 45
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth July 14, 1958 and date of death June 30, 2024 , was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin , with a mailing address of N178 Lawn Rd., Seymour, WI 54165 .
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is November 26, 2024 .
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano , Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate Office .
Form completed by: Attorney David C. Van Straten II
PO Box 67
Seymour, WI 54165
Telephone 920-833-2356
Bar Number 1061400
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09/13/24, 09/20/24
Notice of Public Hearing for Shawano County's Plan on Aging 2025 - 2027

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Shawano County Human Services' Aging Unit will be conducting public hearings for presentation of and comment on the 2025-2027 Shawano County Aging Plan. Public hearings will be held at these following times and locations:

☐ Wednesday, October 9, 2024 at 11:00 am at the Wittenberg Community Center, 208 W Vinal Street, Wittenberg
☐ Wednesday, October 9, 2024 at 4:00 pm at Shawano County Human Services, W7327 Anderson Ave., Shawano

The purpose of these public hearings is to provide an opportunity for citizens of Shawano County to comment and provide input on the Aging Plan draft. A draft of the 2025-2027 Shawano County Aging Plan is available for examination at the Shawano County Human Services' Aging Unit, W7327 Anderson Ave, Shawano from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday beginning on September 23, 2024. Copies of the Aging Plan will also be available for viewing one hour prior to the start of each hearing at the location of the hearing.

Input received by members of the public at these hearings will be considered in the development of the final draft of this plan. The final draft will be presented for approval at the Shawano County Commission on Aging meeting scheduled for 8:00 a.m. October 17th, 2024 at W7327 Anderson Ave, Shawano.

Written comments may be sent to the Shawano County Human Services' Aging Unit, W7327 Anderson Ave, Shawano, WI 54166.

For more information contact Heidi Russell, Shawano County Human Services-Aging Unit Director at (715) 526-4686.
*If you are planning to attend one of the above meetings and will require accommodations (signer, interpreter, etc.) to participate, please call the Shawano County Human Services' Aging Unit at least 48 hours prior to the meeting date and time.
☐ Phone: 715-526-4686
☐ Toll Free: 866-526-2130
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09/06/24, 09/13/24, 09/20/24
STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Troy D. Piotrowski DOD: 07/23/2024

Amended Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No. 24 PR 56

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 10/28/1970 and date of death 07/23/2024 , was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of N6930 County Road Q, Wittenberg, WI 54499.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is [Date] December 3, 2024 .
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, Attn: Register in Probate, 311 N Main Street, Wisconsin, Room 202 .
Form completed by:
Atty. Ashley J. Reimer/glm
106 McDill Avenue, Suite 100
Stevens Point, WI 54481
715-544-8393
Bar Number 1064834
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Schuchart Law Offices, 130 E. Walnut St, Floor 7, Green Bay, WI 54301
It is recommended, but not required, that you have an attorney help or represent you. If you do not demand a copy of the Motions and Affidavits within 40 days, the court may grant judgement against you for the award of money or other legal actions requested in the Motions and Affidavits, you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Petition.
A judgement may be enforced as provided by law. A judgement awarding money may become 2 lien against any real estate you own now or in the future and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property. You are further notified that if the parties to this action have minor children, violation of §948.31, Wis. Stats., (interference with custody by parent or others) is punishable by fines and/or imprisonment. If you and the petitioner have minor children, documents setting forth the percentage standard for child support established by the department under §49.22(9), Wis. Stats., and the factors that a court may consider for modification of that standard under §767.511(1m), Wis. Stats., are available upon your request from the Clerk of Court. You are notified of the availability of information from the Circuit Court Commissioner and set forth in §767.105, Wis Stats. §767.105 Information from Circuit Court Commissioner (2) Upon the request of a party to an action affecting the family, including a revision of judgement or order under sec. 767.59 or 767.451:
(a) The Circuit Court Commissioner shall, with or without charge, provide the party with written information on the following, as appropriate to the action commenced:
1. The procedure or obtaining a judgment or order in the action.
2. The major issues usually addressed in such an action.
3. Community resources and family court counseling services available to assist the parties
4. the procedure for setting, modifying, and enforcing child support awards, or modifying and enforcing legal custody or physical placement judgements or orders.
(b) The Circuit Court Commissioner shall provide a party for inspection or purchase, with a copy of the statutory provisions in this chapter generally pertinent to the action.

Signed in Green Bay, Wisconsin on August 29, 2024.

Scott L. Stebbins
State Bar #1097832
Schuchart Law Offices, LLC
130 E. Walnut Street, 7th Floor
Green Bay, WI 54301
(920) 430-3090
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Stuart Turton's '7½ Deaths' weird but compelling

I hadn't planned on reading anything weird for a while, but that's what I got with "The 7½ Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle" by Stuart Turton.

The first page shows an invitation to a masquerade ball at Blackheath House. The hosts are Lord Peter and Lady Helena Hardcastle and their children Evelyn and Michael Hardcastle.

The guest list includes the family lawyers Edward Dance, Christopher Pettigrew and Philip Sutcliffe; socialites Grace Davies and her brother Donald; Millicent Derby and her son Jonathon; banker Lord Cecil Ravenscourt; retired naval officer Clifford Harrington; professional gambler Daniel Coleridge; Dr. Richard "Dickie" Acker; Dr. Sebastian Bell; police officer Jim Rashton and



former gameskeeper Ted Stanwin.

There's also a long list of supporting characters who play integral parts in the unbelievably convoluted story.

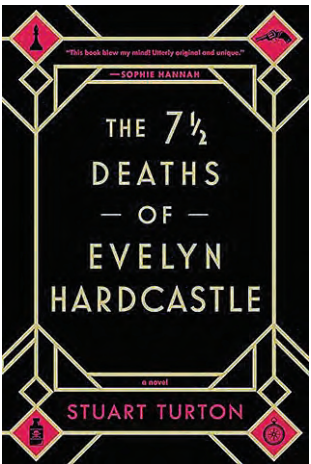
The action begins before dawn is a cold, rainy British woods. A man dressed in evening clothes is in the woods when a woman runs by screaming in fear. He then hears a shot and assumes the woman was killed. Someone accosts him, gives him a compass and whispers "east" in his ear.

The man stumbles into the crumbling mansion

AT A GLANCE
Book: The 7 1/2 Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle
Author: Stuart Turton
Publisher: Sourcebooks Landmark
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that was Blackheath. He insists they get the police and search for the woman or her assailant, but no one at the grand ball seems to care. He is taken to a room and told that his name is Sebastian Bell. But that's all he knows. The only thing he seems to "know" is that he must find Anna and escape with her. No one he asks has heard of Anna.

Sebastian is startled to find a man dressed in the beaked mask of a "plague doctor" lurking in his room. The man warns him that he must solve a



murder by 11 p.m. or he each time he wakes he will occupy the body a different "host" with little or no memory of the previous day. With each body, the man assumes that person's perspective and knowledge of the Hardcastle family and their guests.

He soon learns that 19 years ago 7-year-old

Thomas Hardcastle was murdered by the lake. Charlie Carver confessed and was hanged for the crime, but the family never really recovered. Now each day the servants prepare for a banquet followed by a grand ball.

Each evening, Evelyn Hardcastle walks to the edge of the reflecting pond and shoots herself in the stomach and is cared for by her brother Michael. The death looks like a suicide, but it is a murder. Somehow, Sebastian must investigate the murder without letting anyone know what he's doing.

At times, the persons he's occupying will push through with warnings, insights or plans. They all want to find the proof and escape Blackheath. Each day of failure causes things to loop back and form

another layer of potential suspects.

As the man works every angle, he learns he and his hosts are being stalked by a man known only as the Footman who is intent on killing them one by one. No explanation of who he is or why he's killing.

Things move swiftly when he discovers that Ted Stanwin has made a small fortune blackmailing the Hardcastles and their guests. This produces a new list of suspects and motives. Hunted and haunted, he refuses to give up.

The solution to the puzzle is confusing but interesting. If it weren't for the "body hopping," this would have been a good Agatha Christie storyline.

PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Sept. 8

Deputies responded to 26 incidents, including property theft on Willow Road in the Town of Angelica; property damage on Hillcrest Drive in the Town of Washington; assisting with a fire on Fourth Street in the Town of Herman; two 911 calls; one reckless driving incident; three traffic hazards; three welfare checks; one crash involving deer.

Sept. 7

Deputies responded to 29 incidents, including a vicious animal on Main Street in the Town of Angelica; ATV problem on County Road M in the Town of Fairbanks; sick animal on Porter Road in the Town of Hartland; assisting with a fire on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; noise on Leopold Road in the Town of Grant; noise at the Sand Bar and Grille, W5045 Resort Road in the Town of Washington; five 911 calls; two reckless driving incidents; two welfare checks; one crash involving deer.

Sept. 6

Deputies responded to 19 incidents, including bailjumping on Hillview Road

in the Town of Hutchins; two 911 calls; one reckless driving incident; one traffic hazard; three welfare checks.

Sept. 5

Deputies responded to 31 incidents, including operating without a license on state Highway 156 in the Town of Lessor; counterfeit on County Road C in the Town of Green Valley; scam on North Branch Road in the Town of Pella; harassment on South Prouty Street in the Town of Angelica; sex offender registry violation on County Road C in the Town of Angelica; operating while intoxicated on U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Birnamwood; five 911 calls; one reckless driving incident; four traffic hazards; two welfare checks; two crashes.

Sept. 4

Deputies responded to 34 incidents, including a warrant at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main St., Shawano; assault at the Shawano County Jail, 405 N. Main St., Shawano; drugs on Basswood Road in the Town of Richmond; restraining order violation on Old Keshena Road in the Town of Wescott; property damage on Maple Road in the Town of Maple Grove; operating with intoxicated on Presby-

terian Street in Shawano; property theft at Shawano Lake Golf Course, W5714 Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; two 911 calls; two reckless driving incidents; two traffic hazards; four welfare checks.

Sept. 3

Deputies responded to 25 incidents, including assisting with a fire on Poplar Road in the Town of Richmond; found property at North Country

Homes, 110 Brooke Court, Bonduel; property damage on Pine Street in Tigerton; operating without a license at Cellcom, 511 N. Main St., Shawano; operating while intoxicated on U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Fairbanks; operating without a license on County Road G in the Town of Red Springs; three reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazard; one welfare check; two crashes, one

involving deer.

Sept. 2

Deputies responded to 16 incidents, including vehicle theft on County Road BE in the Town of Hartland; warrant on state Highway 47 in the Town of Lessor; warrant on Witt-Birn Townline Road in the Town of Wittenberg; sick animal on East Front Street in Wittenberg; three 911 calls; two reckless driving incidents; one crash.

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OBITUARIES

Theresa A. Schulta

Theresa A. Schulta, 74, Schofield, passed away on Sept. 5, 2024, at Aspirus Wausau Hospital after a courageous battle with cancer.

She was born May 28, 1950, in Wausau, daughter of the late Joseph and Dolores (Beske) Ogiba. She was united in marriage on April 22, 1972, to Michael A. Schulta in Rothschild. He preceded her in death on April 14, 1996.

Theresa, "Terri" or affectionately known by her grandchildren as Grandma T, worked at the former J.I. Case/Drott Manufacturing in Schofield, Greenheck Fan, Becker Communications, Younkers, Kohl's and most recently, Kwik Trip. Each company treated her like family, and for that her children are grateful.

Theresa had a passion for decorating and design. This allowed her to start T.A. Schulta and Associates, where she implemented her creative techniques that helped many local businesses and homeowners achieve their goals. Theresa also operated the former Schmidt and Schulta Furniture, Gift and Yule Shoppe in Wittenberg.

Theresa had a love for the sun. She spent many



summers enjoying the family cottages in Presque Isle and Norrie Lake. Her love for the sandy beaches in Florida was like no other. She could be found drinking an ice cold beer at the tiki bar on the beach while watching the beautiful sunsets.

The Christmas spirit ran though Theresa all 12 months of the year. She was always looking for deals for both her children and grandchildren. Even her home reflected her love for Christmas, with her Santa collection and year-round holiday decor. You could always count on Theresa to let you know how many more days were left until Christmas. Because of her love for the holiday, she will always be remembered

by her favorite quote of "Always Believe."

Survivors include her four children, Ryan Schulta, Oshkosh, Jason (fiancé April Schuerer) Schulta, Norrie Lake, Heather (Travis Andrus) Schulta, Mattoon, and Brandon (Chrissy) Schulta, Elm Grove; her cherished and loving grandchildren, Mackenzie, Berlynn and Michael Schulta, Taylor Matsche and Courtlyn Andrus, Ian and Bennett Schulta, and her step-grandchildren, Gavin (Cassidy) Scheurer and Calvin and Lexi Scheurer.

Theresa is further survived by her siblings, Joanne (Joe Van Hammond) Ogiba, Townsend, Robert (Leigh) Ogiba, Mosinee, John (Colleen) Ogiba, Aniwa, and Donna (Mike) McMahon, Weston; nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A funeral Mass was held Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2024, at St. Florian Catholic Church, Hatley. Burial was in the parish cemetery.

In lieu of flowers a memorial fund has been established in Theresa's name.

Peterson/Kraemer Funeral Home, Wausau, is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be expressed at www.petersonkraemer.com.

John and Corine Kulas, of Galloway, went to their heavenly home, surrounded by family in their home.

Corine died on Monday, Sept. 2, 2024, at the age of 86. John joined Corine on Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2024, at the age of 89.

Corine was born on Oct. 18, 1937, in Oshkosh, the daughter of George and Wanda (Billington) Schuster. John was born on July 20, 1935, in the Town of Alban, the son of John Sr. and Katherine (Goskowicz) Kulas.

On Nov. 11, 1961, John and Corine were united in marriage at Corpus Christi in Milwaukee. In 1964, the couple moved to Galloway and built their family home. Their home was filled with so much love and laughter throughout the almost 64 years of marriage.

While it seemed like Corine and John were inseparable, they did find time for their own enjoyments. John enjoyed working outside on various potato farms and in his vegetable garden. He also loved to hunt and fish. Corine was an avid baker and enjoyed decorating cakes. She loved

John and Corine Kulas



puzzles and framed many throughout the years.

Faith and family were very important to John and Corine, and they cherished the time spent together.

John and Corine are survived by four sons, Scott (Tracy) Kulas, of Rosholt, Donald (Lori Wagner) Kulas, of Iola, Ronald (Kelly) Kulas, of Crandon, and Patrick (Melissa) Kulas, of Iola; two daughters, Jane (Bill) Schroeder, of Marshfield, and Karen (David) Simonis, of Rosholt; 10 grandchildren, Jessica, Jacob, Colin, Billy, Joshua, Christopher, Bradley, Daren, Dylan and Samantha; eight great-grandchildren; John's siblings, Agnes Worzalla, of Milwaukee, Anna Kizewski, of Milwaukee, Mary Ann Riley, of Sussex, and Barbara Konkol, of Rosholt; Corine's siblings, George "Mike" (Mary) Schuster of Rosholt and Chris (Tom) Ziaja, of Rosholt; and many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

John and Corine were preceded in death by their parents; John's brothers, Harry, Stanley, Anton, Victor and Edward Kulas; John's sisters, Margaret Wierzba, Caroline Bronk, Elizabeth Mlodik and Angeline Mortin; and Corine's sister, Sylvia Beyer.

A Mass of Christian burial was held Saturday, Sept. 7, 2024, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Galloway. Burial will be in the parish cemetery, at a later date.

The family would like to thank St. Croix Hospice for the care given to John and Corine.

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



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OBITUARIES

Dejon Lou Polzin

Dejon Lou (Goddake) Polzin, 92, passed away Saturday, Sept. 7, 2024, at Care Partners Assisted Living in Clintonville, where she had resided for nearly four years.

Born in Bowler on June 13, 1932, Dejon was the youngest child of the late Evan and Gladys (Cronce) Goddake. She attended Bowler schools and was very involved in school and community activities, including 4-H and Future Homemakers of America. Her claim to fame as a high school student was winning the Shawano County cherry pie baking contest and placing fourth at the district contest in Green Bay.

After graduating from Bowler Union Free High School in 1949, Dejon attended Langlade County Normal School in Antigo to pursue a teaching career. She graduated in 1951, and because she was an “overachiever,” she also graduated twice from Wisconsin State College in Stevens Point. In 1957, she earned her diploma in three-year rural education, and in 1962, she received her bachelor’s degree in intermediate – upper elementary education.

On Aug. 9, 1958, Dejon married John A. (“Jack”) Polzin at Zion Lutheran Church in Shawano. It was just the second wedding held there, and they were lifelong members of the church. After celebrating nearly 61 years of marriage, John passed away in June 2019.

Both Dejon and John were teachers in the area for many years. Dejon de-



voted 35 years to elementary education, teaching at several area schools in Caroline, Birnamwood and Cecil, along with Lincoln and Sacred Heart schools in Shawano. Eventually, she joined the staff of Gresham School and spent more than 20 years there.

She taught every elementary grade except kindergarten, but she loved her third graders and stayed with that grade the longest. Dejon really enjoyed the multiple generations of family members she got to know over the years. It was amazing that she remembered nearly all of her students long after she retired and that they remembered her, too.

Dejon’s initial attempt at retirement in 1991 was short-lived. She had planned to use her free time to train a new Bichon Frise puppy (“Count El Cid”), but she found that was much harder than teaching elementary students and handed doggie daycare over to John. Then she began a new career — volunteering with what was then known as the Shawano Medical Center Auxiliary.

She joined the auxiliary in 1994, first participating in various fundraisers and then being recruited to manage the Auxiliary Gift Shop (later known as Wolf River Boutique) at the old hospital. As manager, she often recruited and trained new volunteers, including her husband and also her grandson Ian, who helped out with everything from moving boxes to unpacking and labeling new products. Even after her retirement from the gift shop in January 2012, she continued to schedule volunteer workers there for many years.

In 2011, Dejon received the Health Care Volunteer of the Year Award sponsored by Theda Care Physicians and Shawano Medical Center. It was part of the Celebration of Giving awards presented by Shawano Area Community Foundation Inc. From 1994 to 2010, she had volunteered well over 10,000 hours just with the auxiliary alone.

Along with her full-time volunteer position in the auxiliary, Dejon was one of the Monday morning offering “counters” for Zion Church for about 20 years. She also was active in the Shawano County Area Retired Teachers’ Association (SCARTA), volunteering as treasurer and also serving as membership chair from 1997 to 2005.

To get away from it all, Dejon enjoyed traveling with John, even when it meant long road trips with three dogs in the car and their daughter Mary driving. While there were

many historical sites that John enjoyed, it’s no surprise that Dejon’s favorite stops were at the many gift shops they found along the way. No matter how tired, she was always anxious to see what new treasures she could find and what ideas she could take back to the hospital gift shop — potential vendors, new ways to display things and new products to sell.

Dejon will be remembered by many as fun-loving with a big heart, an unusual first name (pronounced Dee-on) and a loud laugh. Always the teacher, she wasn’t shy about telling people how to go about doing things. She became an expert at word search puzzles, completing hundreds a year until her eyesight weakened. She also was an avid reader (Danielle Steel was her favorite), watched all the Hallmark movies more than once and loved birdwatching from her window. Unlike many friends who had converted to Facebook and email for keeping in touch with their networks, Dejon enjoyed sending and receiving notes and cards the old-fashioned way — through the mail. She was thrilled when so many friends and family members helped deliver 180 greetings in a surprise card shower for her 90th birthday.

An avid sports fan, Dejon often found connections to family members she had as students when watching area games. She enjoyed hearing about Ian’s golf outings, followed the Shawano and Gresham teams, cheered on the

Wisconsin Badgers — especially boys basketball — and tuned in for Green Bay Packers games.

Although Dejon missed her neighbors and gardens when she moved into assisted living, her daughter Priscilla and son-in-law Paul continued to coordinate and manage everything back home so she could maintain her connections to the community she loved. At the same time, Dejon was blessed with a new neighborhood of wonderful caregivers and friends who became her extended family.

Dejon is survived by daughter and son-in-law, Priscilla and Paul Zahn, of Shawano; daughter, Mary Polzin, of Minneapolis; grandson, Ian Zahn, of Green Bay; and grand dog, Ruby Rose, of Minneapolis. She also is survived by nieces, Sharron Schoenike and Sandy (Dan) Block; nephews, Wesley (Roberta) Salzmann and Bud (Bette) Goddake; along with sister-in-law, Kathi Polzin; brother-in-law, Jim Hoffmann; and many nieces and nephews from her late husband John’s family.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her brother and sister-in-law, Marvin and Lou Goddake; her sister and brother-in-law, Carol and Morris Salzmann Sr.; John’s mother, Dorothy, and stepfather, Art Raffin; John’s brothers, Robert (Ruth) Polzin and Dr. Thomas Polzin; John’s sisters, Mary Ann (Jim) Grothe and Patti Hoffmann; nieces, Amy Polzin and Candy Lorge; and

nephew, Morris Salzmann Jr.

John and Dejon’s beloved family dogs, Cid, Barney and Kirby, along with the four grand dogs and many grand guinea pigs that she and John would periodically babysit, also made their way across the Rainbow Bridge but always were remembered fondly. Although she couldn’t keep pets in her apartment, she leaves behind a collection of stuffed hedgehogs and an assortment of other characters that kept her company over the years.

A memorial service for Dejon will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 13, at Zion Lutheran Church, Shawano, with the Rev. Dennis Nelson officiating. Visitation will be held from 10-11 a.m. on Friday at the church prior to the memorial service. Private inurnment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Shawano, at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be designated to Zion Lutheran Church, Shawano County Humane Society and to Gresham School District for student scholarships.

Dejon’s family would like to extend a very heartfelt thank you to all the caregivers who provided her with a wonderful home at Care Partners for the past several years, along with those who cared for her prior to that at The Cottages in Shawano and Evergreen Health Services. Sincere thanks also go to Dr. Wiley, Dr. Gillis and ThedaCare Hospice.

www.swedbergfuneralhome.com

Floyd Elmer Schmidt

Floyd E. Schmidt, 63, beloved son, brother, uncle and friend, died at Birch Hill Health Center surrounded by family on Tuesday morning, Sept. 3, 2024.

He was born on Dec. 10, 1960, in Appleton, the son of Elmer L. Schmidt and Beverly A. (Wild) Schmidt. Floyd was raised on a dairy farm in Bonduel and attended Bonduel High School.

As a young man, he worked on the farm of Robert and Doris Spates in Landstad. There, he learned to drive straight trucks and semi-trailers. Floyd hauled hay from the farm to several western states from the ages of 18 to 21.

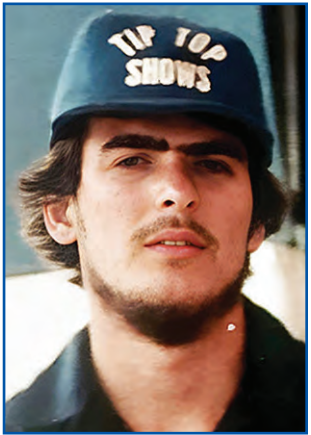
When Floyd was 22, he went to work for the Tip Top Carnival shows as a ride operator. and in the winters, he traveled to Chicago to sell Christmas trees. Floyd lived above the Old Plow Shop in Landstad until age 26, when he purchased a home on Lake



Drive in Shawano. He later purchased a home in Gresham.

Floyd obtained his commercial driver’s license and began driving semi-trailers for several commercial carriers across the country. He was also a local hit in the Shawano racetrack’s demolition derby driving a 1970s brown station wagon named “Pink Floyd.”

Floyd eventually sold his Gresham home and moved to Cherry Road in Birnamwood. In 2008, he purchased his own big



rig and became an independent owner/operator, pulling several different trailer types. Floyd drove semi until he suffered a major heart attack in 2016. In September 2018, Floyd suffered a major stroke that damaged his brain stem and left him with left side paralysis. After his stroke, Floyd resided briefly at Maple Lane Health Services before moving to Birch Hill Health Services where he resided for the past six years.

Floyd loved the outdoors and was an avid

hunter, angler and gardener. He enjoyed target practicing, shooting birds, raccoon, deer and bears. Further, he liked ice fishing, spearing white suckers and making maple syrup with his elderly neighbor, Fritz Bartelt. He landed his first job outside the farm at age 12 carrying sap for Fritz in the springtime.

Floyd raised many types of animals in his lifetime: horses, cows, calves, ducks, chickens, geese, rabbits, a pot belly pig and two different purebred wolves. Floyd had German shepherds, April and Smokey, who were constant companions in his semi or Dodge pickup truck.

Floyd’s best days were spent outdoors with his dogs, camping, fishing, drinking cold beer and swimming in a local lake or gravel pit.

He will be missed by those who survive him, including his mother. Beverly, Appleton; siblings, Janice (Greg) Ahlstrom,

Eagan, Minnesota, Mary Weisnicht, Seymour, Kevin Schmidt, Antigo, Keith (Evelyn) Schmidt, Antigo, and Lisa Schmidt, Kaukauna; nieces and nephews, Hans, Erik, Tucker, Daniel, Cody, Jacob, Abigail, Elizabeth, Sarah, Nora, Samuel, Ruth, Melissa, Dylan and Emily; and great-nieces and -nephews, Jayden, Julian, Abrielle, Jack, Grace, Benjamin, Gideon, Braylynn and Jeremiah.

He is further survived by his aunts and uncles, Audrey (Roger) Meulemans, Kaukauna, Debbie (Harlin) Klinge, Kaukauna, and Dennis (Julie) Schmidt, Appleton, Carol Wild, Appleton, Donna (Jerry) Pietz, Birnamwood, Joan (Gary) Tatro, Phlox, Patricia Boehnlein, Antigo, Randy (Marie) Fleischman, Deerbrook, Robert Wild, Marshfield, and Terrance Wild, Antigo, along with many first and second cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father,

Elmer Lawrence Schmidt; grandparents, Lawrence Schmidt and Bertha (Sippl) Schmidt and Albert and Christine (Zimmerman) Wild; uncles, Fred Schmidt, Carl Schmidt, Roger Bricco, Allen Wild, Greg Boehnlein, Gary Fleischman and Melvin Fleischman; aunts, Marilyn Schmidt and Regina Bricco.

A mass of Christian was held Thursday, Sept. 12, 2024, at St. John Nepomucene Catholic Church, Little Chute. Burial will take place in the Holy Spirit Parish Cemetery in Kimberly.

The Verkuilen Van Deurzen Family Funeral Home of Little Chute is grateful to be assisting the family with funeral arrangements.

The family would like to thank the staff of the Birch Hill Health Center and ThedaCare Hospice for the care they provided for Floyd.

For online condolences, please visit <https://www.verkuilenfh.com>.

Timothy E. Wanta

Timothy E. Wanta, 71, of Bear Creek, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2024.

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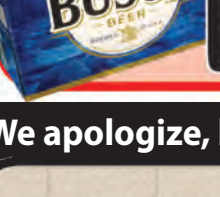
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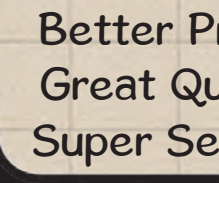
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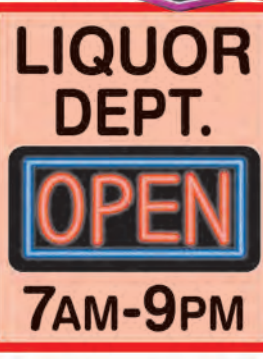
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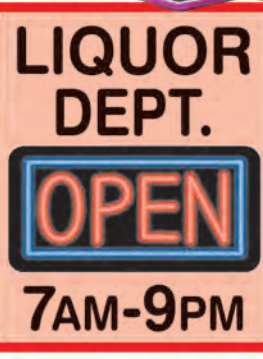


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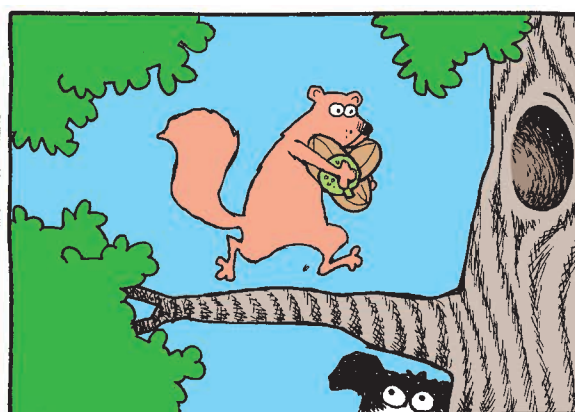
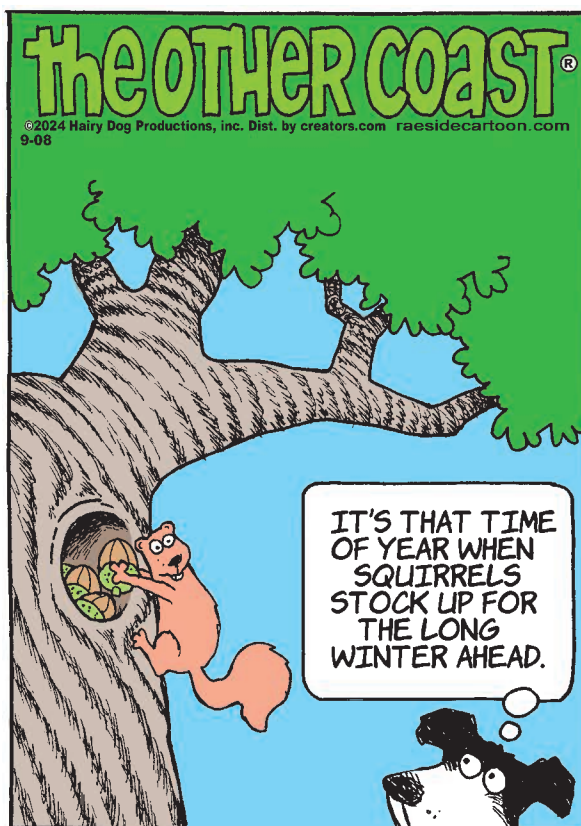
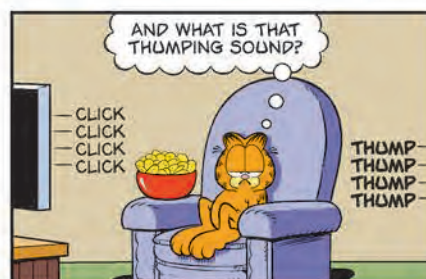
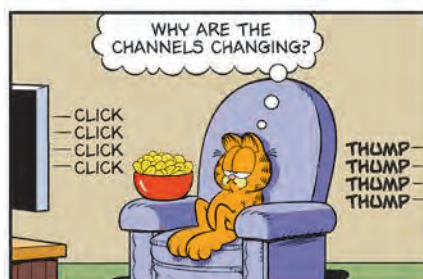
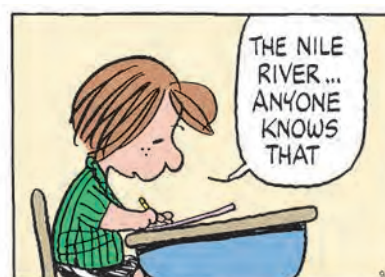
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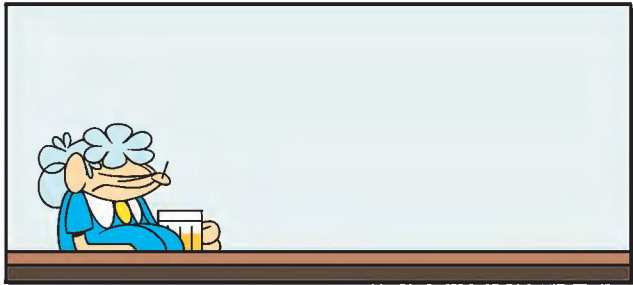
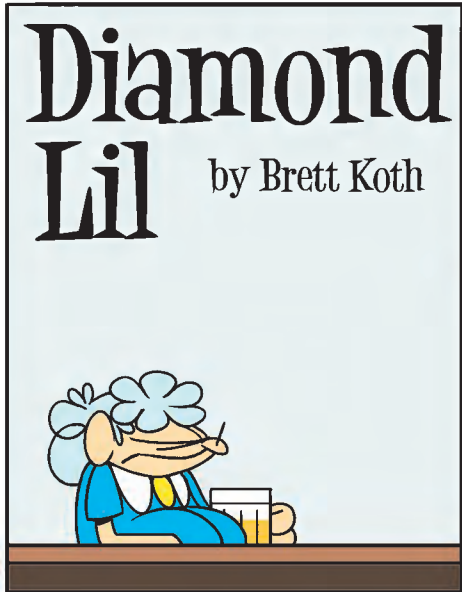
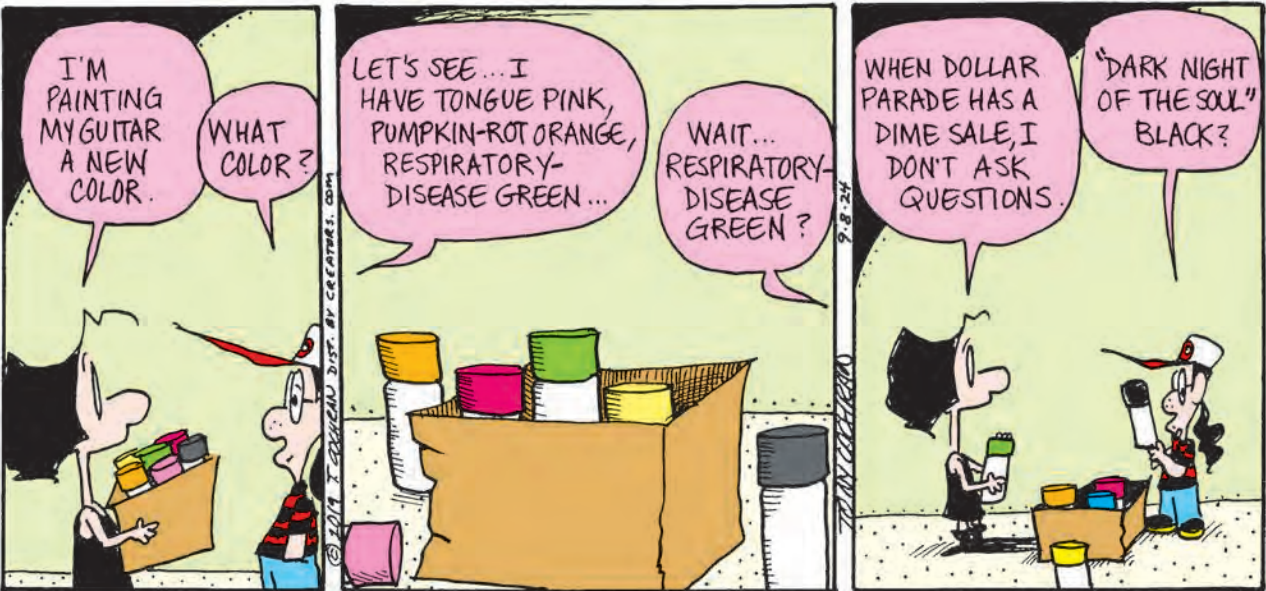
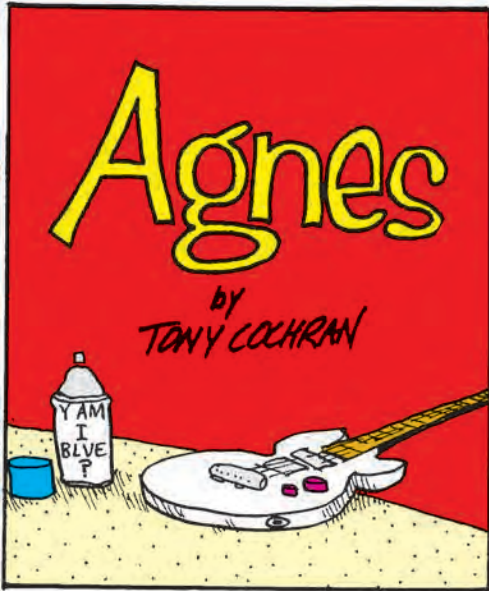
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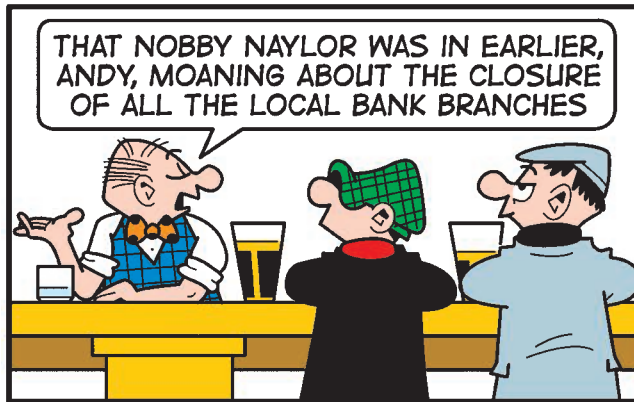
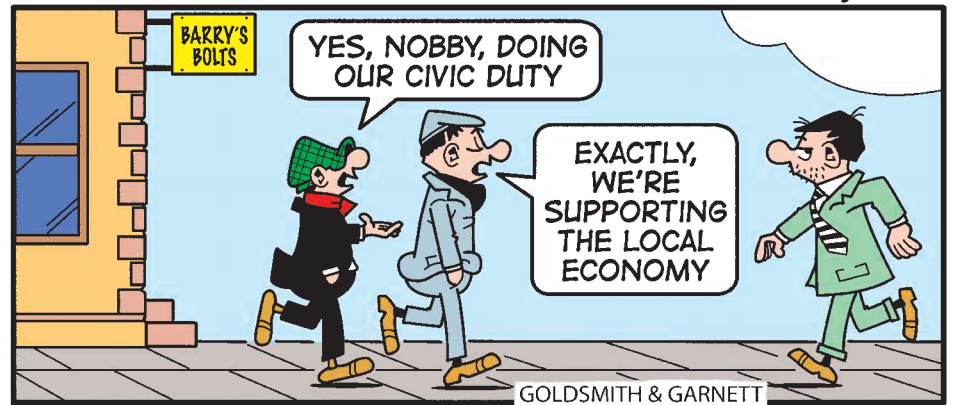
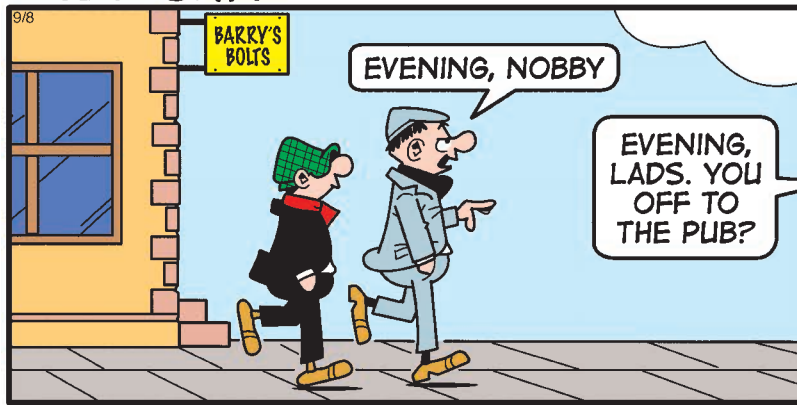
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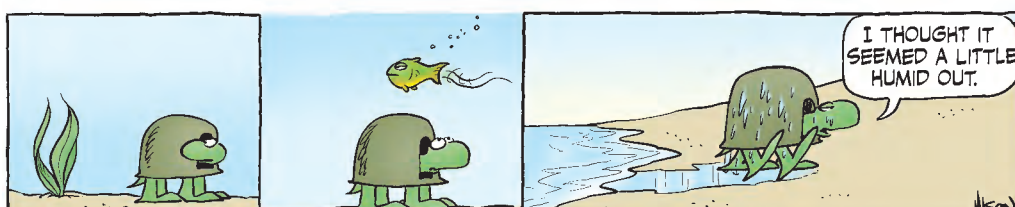
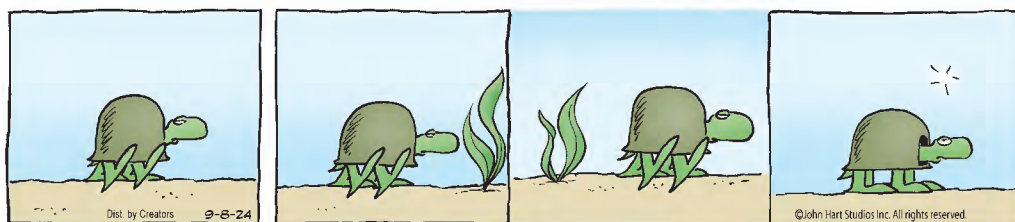
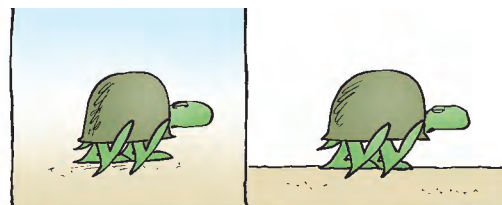
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Young guns: Find ideal hunting bows, crossbows, firearms for youth hunters

BY ROSS BIELEMA
Correspondent

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Several gun makers offer low-cost, bolt-action rifles with stock spacers that

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

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

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

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

Wade Jeske said the crossbow is also perfect for young or female bowhunters who are struggling to shoot more than 35 or 40 pounds of draw weight, which could lead to more wounded deer. Most crossbows, even the compact ones, are shooting faster than 300 feet per second,



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

which typically will shoot all the way through a deer's chest and create a quickly fatal hole.

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

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

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Are young hunters ready for hunter ed class?

By ROSS BIELEMA
Correspondent

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

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

I've taught hunter education classes since the mid-1980s, first in Iowa and then in Wisconsin, with more than 20 years

in Iola and Waupaca.

I've had the privilege of working with one of the largest volunteer instructor groups in the state, led by the capable and award-winning chief instructor, Paul Piencikowski.

I sought out the expert advice of Pienckowski and our Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources outdoor skills trainer, Kayla Sasse of the Green Bay office, who coordinates the paperwork and equipment needed for our Waupaca Hunter Safety Group to

field train and test as many as 120 students at a time.

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

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

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

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



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

ROSS BIELEMA

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

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

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

The internet course alone is enough to obtain a hunter safety certificate for those age 18 and up, but it's recommended that everyone takes a field

course. During COVID, the state briefly allowed even youngsters to take the online course alone, and Piencikowski's group rallied in Madison to argue against what they felt was an irresponsible and unsafe practice.

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

Piencikowski puts it this way: "Students under the age of 12 have huge challenges to overcome as the program is designed for the comprehension and physical capabilities of a 12-year old. However, safety is not

a factor of age but rather responsibility. Students must understand the magnitude of the responsibility it takes to handle a firearm safely under all circumstances from the moment they pick it up until they set it down."

It's not just about pulling the trigger, he added. "They need constant awareness of what is in their hands, where their hands are and where the muzzle is pointed at all times," he said. "The moment a person loses focus, they create an unsafe situation."

Mentor hunting — hunting with an adult hunter safety graduate — is an option for anyone who is both too young and immature for a class or even

for an adult who hasn't yet learned the safety basics, Sasse noted.

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

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

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

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

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

"This results in myself personally guiding students and parents through the unsuccessful experi-

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

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

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

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

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

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Avoid tree stand tragedies with safety tips

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

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

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

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

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

To ensure a safe hunting experience, Clark and Joseph Mulrooney, a recreation warden with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR),



Joseph Mulrooney, a recreation warden with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), said the best ways to prevent tree stand falls is to stay connected to the tree with a tree strap and to wear a safety harness.

provide the following tree stand safety practices:

- Stay connected. “Every year, we have dozens of people falling out of trees, which is why we highly recommend staying connected to the tree with a tree strap,” said Mulrooney. A tree strap will provide stability while climbing to prevent falls.
- Wear safety harness-

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

- Inspect gear. Inspect your tree stands and related equipment before the season for any wear or damage. “I highly recom-

mend people go out in August or September to make sure your straps are in good shape,” said Mulrooney, noting that straps can develop tears or bites from rodents in the off-season. “Straps are cheap. A broken leg isn’t.”

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

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

They also offer these emergency preparedness tips:

- Develop a safety plan. “Make sure your family knows where you are and when you plan to be back so if something were to happen and you don’t re-

turn, they know where to look for you,” said Clark, stressing the importance of having a clear safety plan before heading out to hunt.

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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



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

customers, too.

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

Youth models typically have cams (wheels) designed for smooth shooting, with slightly less speed than more expen-

sive adult models, Smejkal added. But set to higher weights, they can still shoot an arrow around 300 feet per second or more.

Both shops have indoor ranges for fine-tuning a bow. The elder Jeske said he's catered to youth archers since his shop opened in 1998, with free shooting for kids up to age 18 indoors and a nearby outdoor range with two el-

evated platforms. His shop has more than 400 kids enjoying April and May leagues, and he supports archery programs for Boy Scouts, middle and high school kids in Oconto Falls, the Shawano County 4-H Shooting Sports program and special needs youths.

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

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Some fall hunting seasons already open with more to follow

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

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

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

Bear season opened
Sept. 4.

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

Regular goose season
opens Sept. 16.

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

Sept. 28.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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