



Joel Carlson, of Hatley, concentrates while participating in the Kindschi Pedal Pull competition, a new event at this year's Wittenberg Community Days.

GREG SEUBERT

Wittenberg festival brings community together



Ezra Ostrowski, of Eland, takes the wheel of a kid's tractor June 21 at Wittenberg Community Days. The weekend also included a parade, midway, fireworks and live music.

GREG SEUBERT

Hot weather doesn't stop fun at Community Days

By **GREG SEUBERT**
Correspondent

A different weekend and the hottest weather in almost a year didn't dampen spirits at Wittenberg's biggest annual celebration.

This year's Wittenberg Community Days, held June 20-22 at the village's park, included a midway, live music, vendors, food, parade, fireworks and other family fun.

The Wittenberg Area Chamber of Commerce organizes the event each year with volunteer help from local organizations and businesses.

Miriam Nelson, a member of the chamber's board of directors, said weather can make or break the event, which last year was held in early June.

"Attendance was down last year because of so much rain," she said.

Rain wasn't in the forecast for this year's event, but those who did show up dealt with

temperatures in the 90s and high humidity.

It didn't make a difference on opening day, according to Nelson.

"We had a fun band called Infer/Red," she said. "They played classic rock and people were dancing in front of the bandshell. The midway seemed to be busy all night."

Saturday's attendance was off to a slow start in the early afternoon, but several kids showed up to participate in the Kindschi Pedal Pull competition, as competitors in different age groups climbed on a pint-sized tractor and pulled weights.

It was the pedal pull competition's first appearance at Wittenberg Community Days.

The crowd began to grow Saturday afternoon in anticipation of the annual fireworks display at night.

Fireworks Country, a popular business this time of year just west of Wittenberg on state Highway 29, provided the fireworks

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Olivia Danley crowned county's Fairest of Fair

Newest fair representative eager to embrace new role

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Olivia Danley was crowned the 2025 Shawano County Fairest of the Fair on June 22, taking over for Lydia Rasmussen as the county fair's newest spokesperson.

With the crown comes the responsibility of representing Shawano County at other county fairs over the next year, as well as the Wisconsin State Fair. She will also be the face of the fair at other community events in the county. During the year, Danley will also learn more about presenting a professional appearance, showing good etiquette and more.

Danley comes from the Clintonville area and is going into her senior year at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

"I am beyond honored to be your 2025 Shawano County Fairest of the Fair," Danley said to a crowd of people at the Olson Dairy Farm in the Town of Birnamwood during the Shawano County Brunch on the Farm. "I'm a fifth-generation sheep showman, and even though I aged out of the junior fair, I am still showing sheep in open class. I am also project leader, and I help out at the 4-H food stand."

To get the crown, Danley had to go through the interview process at the fair office, a week earlier, prepare a radio ad that promotes the fair and write an essay on why the Shawano County Fair is important.

After the big announcement, Danley told the media that she was proud to take on the role of Fairest and represent the fair when

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Olivia Danley, left, talks about her hopes as the newest Shawano County Fairest of the Fair on June 22 at the Olson Dairy Farm in Birnamwood during the Shawano County Brunch on the Farm as the previous fairest, Lydia Rasmussen, looks on.

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Birnamwood draws crowd for Brunch on the Farm.

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she takes part in many summer festivals over the next couple of months.

“I’m super happy and excited to have this role, and I can’t wait to see what new experiences I have,” Danley said.

Danley had previously attempted to run for Fairest in 2022, but she finished as the first runner-up. Things went better for her this go-around.

“I’m getting more comfortable in my schooling,” Danley said, noting that juggling the spokesperson role with pursuing her plans to get a bachelor’s degree in elementary education is part of the challenge of being Fairest of the Fair. “It was tough at first, but now that I’m comfortable, I really wanted to get out there just because I’ve been at the fair my entire life.”

Danley said she loves

how the county fair brings together the community for almost a week of laughter and fun.

“It’s just amazing to see how everyone helps one another out and how we all come together to create this wonderful experience,” Danley said.

She said she hopes that her visits to other county fairs across the state might allow her to bring back some ideas to make Sha-

wano County’s big event even better.

Danley will hit the ground running right away, representing the fair at the Tilleda Days Parade on June 29.

Danley’s ascension also meant Rasmussen’s final moments on the stage, and the outgoing Fairest reflected on what the previous 12 months meant to her.

“As I stand here today for the final time as your Shawano County Fairest of

the Fair, I’m overwhelmed with joy, gratitude and a touch of sadness as I reflect on a year that has truly meant the world to me,” Rasmussen said. “This journey has taken me to parades, numerous community events and unforgettable moments representing Shawano County, a place I will always proudly call my home.”

Rasmussen fondly remembered her work bringing many fair events to life,

traveling to other places and sharing why the Shawano County Fair means so much.

“One of my favorite memories this year was simply walking through the dairy barn, taking in the energy of hard work and pride of each exhibitor and a shared love of agriculture that fills the air,” Rasmussen said. “Those thoughts meant even more to me because this was the last fair I shared with my grandfather, who we recently lost.”

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Address: 215563 N. Shore Drive, Hatley, WI 54440. Location of premises to be licensed: Pike Lake Resort, 215439 N. Shore Drive, Hatley, WI 54440

3. Name: Lisa Wierzbza
Address: PO Box 325, 102 E. Vinal St., Wittenberg, WI 54499 Location of premises to be licensed: Lisa's at Lakeside, 214857 County Road Y, Hatley, WI 54440

4. Name: Tina Marie Kurszewski
Address: 172122 Zander Circle, Hatley, WI 54440 Location of premises to be licensed: Perry and Tina's Family Tradition, 173130 State Hwy. 153, Hatley, WI 54440

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for this year’s show as a donation.

“A lot of people show up for that,” Nelson said. “The fireworks are shot off near the park, so there’s a great place for everyone to see them.”

Crowds found ways to deal with the heat and humidity.

“Some people just love basking in the sun and other people can’t tolerate the heat,” Nelson said. “We have a lot of fun activities that can help calm people down.”

A new feature this year is horse-drawn wagon rides to the Wittenberg Area Historical Society’s museum.

“The idea is to get them

on the wagon, go to the museum, get some cookies and see what we have there,” Nelson said.

Wittenberg Community Days is popular again thanks to the efforts of the chamber, local businesses and volunteers, according to Nelson. Those groups include American Legion Post 502, which staffs the beer and food stand and the Wittenberg Lions Club, which sells cheese curds.

“We get a lot of local people and people who move away and come home for family reunions,” she said. “Some people heard about it in a tourism magazine and want to check it out.”

The chamber is always looking for ways to boost attendance, Nelson said.

“We’ve gambled in the past two years with more well-known bands,” she said. “We’ll get the older crowd for the music and the younger crowd for the midway.”

Much of the money raised at the event goes toward operating expenses.

“A lot of it goes to cover the costs of putting this on,” Nelson said. “We are also setting aside money to revamp our pavilion area. Ultimately, that’s what we’d like to do. The communities that have nice facilities in their parks tend to draw bigger crowds.”



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The reconstruction of the Shawano Recreation Center is underway, inside and outside. The center is expected to reopen in the late spring of 2026.
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School board adopts prelim 2025-26 budget

Revenue to be finalized in fall for formal approval

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

The Shawano School District won't see any significant changes in expenses in 2025-26, according to the preliminary budget adopted by the school board June 18.

Bryan Kadlec, director of finance, business and operations, said the preliminary budget contains the operating budget for the general operations and special education.

"This really provides the guardrails around expenses between now and the time when the final budget is approved at the budget hearing and annual meeting at the end of October," he said.

The preliminary budget reflects less than a 1% increase in expenses for general operations.

The 2024-25 general fund expenses, according to the budget passed by voters, were \$34.7 million. Dollar figures for 2025-26 were not provided.

"Our expenses have stayed pretty level. It's under 1% growth overall, much lower than the rate of inflation," Kadlec said.

By law, the district must pass a preliminary budget by June 30, as the new budget year begins July 1.

This preliminary budget did not include revenue projections, Kadlec said.

"The state budget is still getting debated and is yet to be approved," he said. "There are a number of different variables with that, as well as there are a number of different variables that we have with student count."

When the budget hearing and annual meeting are held in October, those figures will be known. Student population is determined by enrollment numbers on the third Friday in September, and final state aid figures are released in mid-October.

"The reality is based on what happens at the state level, it could be really good for the district, and it could also have some implications," Kadlec said.

For now, Kadlec said, it's important to step away from the noise at the state level and concentrate on projected expenses.

"We've got an expense budget that is well below the rate of inflation, so you should feel confident in terms of approving that," he told the board.

Kadlec said he and the finance committee will continue to monitor state budget discussions and close out the 2024-25 school budget, with that information used to determine a final budget.

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Construction crews staying busy

Developers considering new housing, retail projects

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

Several projects are underway in the city. Some kicked off last year, while others just get underway in the past month.

Here's a look at a few of them, with information provided by Eddie Sheppard, city administrator.

- A new private hangar is being built at the Shawano Municipal Airport. The concrete has been poured, and the steel framing was set to begin this week. It is expected to be ready this

summer or fall, joining the other 16 private hangars at the airport.

- Jimmy John's, 811 E. Green Bay St., is still on target to open in late July.

- Wolf River Dental, 1040 Engel Drive, is on schedule and projected to open in the fall.

- STRIVE Behavioral Health, directly east of the Wolf Rive Dental project, is also on schedule and expected to open in the fall.

- Hillcrest Estates apartments, 960 County Road B, is ahead of schedule. Originally set to open in late fall or early next spring, good weather has allowed crews to get ahead of schedule, with a fall opening expected. Applications are now being accepted for the two-bedroom units.

- Rusch Road and East Green Bay Street, directly

east of The Shawano Cinema, will be home this fall to a business similar to Wagner's Market in Black Creek. The site will feature a building and display area.

- Interior demolition is underway at the Shawano Recreation Center, 220 E. Division St.

- Shawano Family Dental plans to build a \$2 million dental clinic in a wooded area at Engel Drive and Airport Drive. The building would be east of Airport Drive and potentially open the area to other development. Officials hope to break ground in the fall. The driveway to the site would line up with Engel Drive.

- A developer is considering purchasing the People's Express gas station and the former Taco John's restaurant East

Green Bay Street and Lakeland Road. If the deal goes through, preliminary site plans show both buildings would be razed with a new gas station and convention store and a restaurant built on the sites.

- Officials have had frequent contacts with a developer looking to build an apartment complex of three-bedroom, two-bath high end units, with a total construction value of \$16 million.

- A developer is interested in the property on East Green Bay Street east of Rusch Road for developing high-end residential condos. This wooded area has some wetlands, but also has uplands suitable for the potential \$15 million project.

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Two injured in single-vehicle crash

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Two women were seriously injured in a one-vehicle rollover crash the afternoon of June 22 in the Town of Wittenberg.

Names of the women involved in the crash are not being released at this time, but the Shawano County Sheriff's Department reported the driver was a 45-year-old woman from the Mattoon area, and the passenger was a 20-year-old woman from the Oshkosh area.

At about 3:30 p.m., multiple 911 callers reported a crash near the overpass of County Road Q and state Highway 29. Initial reports indicated the vehicle had two occupants, both of whom were injured. Both occupants were reportedly ejected from the vehicle, and one became trapped beneath it where it had come to rest.

Multiple deputies, along with local fire and emergency medical services personnel responded, and upon arrival, crews immediately began efforts to extricate the woman who was pinned under the vehicle.

Both women were conscious but sustained serious, life-threatening injuries. They were each transported via medical helicopter to nearby hospitals.

A preliminary investigation indicates the vehicle was traveling westbound on County Road Q (Grand Avenue). Just prior to reaching the overpass of Highway 29, the vehicle left the roadway to the north, descended a hill, crossed

all four lanes of Highway 29, became airborne and rolled multiple times before coming to rest in a ditch adjacent to the eastbound lanes of Highway 29.

The Shawano County Sheriff's Department was assisted on scene by the Wittenberg Ambulance, Wittenberg Fire Department, Birnamwood Ambulance, Birnamwood Fire Department, Tigerton Fire Department, Tigerton Ambulance, Wisconsin State Patrol, Medevac Helicopter and Lifelink Helicopter.

Juvenile boy dies in one-car crash

A juvenile male from the Seymour area died as the result of a single-vehicle crash in the Town of Seneca on June 19.

According to the Shawano County Sheriff's Department, at 6:09 p.m., dispatch received a 911 call about a rollover crash on County Road D south of County Road J.

Evidence on scene

and further investigation showed a car was traveling northbound on County Road D when the driver lost control and entered the ditch. Speed was a contributing factor to this crash, according to a press release.

The car was driven by an adult male who sustained non-life threatening injuries. One juvenile male who was a passenger also sustained

non-life threatening injuries. Both were transported to the hospital.

A separate juvenile male who was a passenger was found unresponsive at the scene. Despite life-saving efforts, he succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced dead at the scene.

All of the occupants were from the Seymour area. The crash remains

under investigation.

The Shawano County Sheriff's Department was assisted at the scene by the Bowler Fire Department, Shawano Ambulance, Tigerton Ambulance, Wittenberg Ambulance, Shawano County Highway Department, Shawano County Coroner's Office, Wisconsin State Patrol and Krause Towing Service.

New principal hired for SCMS

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

Several personnel changes were approved by the Shawano School Board on Jun 18, including hiring Krisy Bogacz as the new principal at Shawano Community Middle School.

Bogacz has been an instructional coach at the middle school since 2012.

Other new hires were Abigail Tapanila as a middle school gym teacher; Allison Davis, Olga Brener Intermediate School, special education; Julia Bowman, speech and language pathologist; Nicole Boivin, middle school, English language arts; and Jessica Gardner, Olga Brener, third grade.

Internal transfers approved were Logan Steff, district substitute teacher to eighth grade English language arts; Brittany

Pensis, counselor from the middle school to Shawano Community High School; and Julia Richmond, from 4-year-old kindergarten to kindergarten.

Resignations approved were from Stacey Warnke, high school counselor; Jeremy Wilkinson, middle school social studies; Ryan Koenig, high school business education; Jenna Perras, Hillcrest Primary School kindergarten; Mikaela Lee, Hillcrest social worker; and Heather Krause, middle school sixth grade.

Mary Reyes, a high school special education paraprofessional, retired after 28 years with the district. Also retiring was Terri Pedersen, another high school special education paraprofessional who had 22 years with the district.

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Trail friends polish ‘diamond in the rough’

Mountain-Bay State Trail undergoes major revitalization

Shawano County’s 51-mile segment of the Mountain-Bay State Trail, a significant portion of Wisconsin’s 83-mile Rails-to-Trails pathway, is experiencing a transformative revitalization through a robust, volunteer-driven initiative.

Local organizations and dedicated community members are collaborating to enhance and maintain this recreational asset, aiming to establish it as a premier destination for walkers, bikers and outdoor enthusiasts.

Despite managing the largest stretch of the Mountain-Bay Trail, Shawano County’s Parks Department operates with

a modest budget, making community involvement crucial. While Shawano Pathways previously spearheaded many improvements, the newly established Friends of Mountain-Bay Trail – Shawano County is now taking the lead in ongoing development and maintenance.

Past enhancements, initiated by Shawano Pathways, included upgrading four shelters with amenities like fix-it stations and tire pumps, updating trail maps, providing clear intersection signage for users, and installing large “Trail Crossing” awareness signs in the future.

A key highlight is the information center at the old train depot in Shawano, which notably offers the only public restrooms between Pulaski and Eland.

Since its inception, the friends group has made

swift progress, installing two new kiosks and launching a dedicated website (friendsofthemountainbaytrailshawano.org). Upcoming plans include prominent new signs on the Highway 117 bridge near Bonduel, showcasing the trail’s new identity.

A cornerstone of the current effort is the Trail Tender program, which mobilizes volunteers to adopt and maintain 1- to 3-mile sections of the trail. These tenders remove brush, debris and trash, report major hazards to the parks department and address illegal vehicle use.

Notably, several Trail Tenders, including members of the Amish community, are actively grading sections to ensure a smoother ride, while another dedicated group is tackling improvements on the trail’s 21 bridges, addressing dangerous ap-

proaches, replacing boards and securing railings. All major projects are coordinated with county parks and sheriff’s departments.

Interested individuals can contribute by:

- Purchasing annual trail passes in Shawano County: 70% of the fee remains in Shawano County (available at City Hall, chamber of commerce or Friends of Mountain-Bay Trail).
- Joining the Friends of Mountain-Bay State Trail – Shawano County: Meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Coldwell-Banker office.
- Becoming a Trail Tender. Call Matty Mathison at 715-304-9796.
- Making a donation, assisting with grant writing or joining the board.
- Participating in events planned for 2026 to celebrate the Mountain-Bay Trail’s 30th anniversary.



Matty Mathison, Brad Holz and To’mas Edmundson remove old boards along the Mountain-Bay State Trail west of Shawano. CONTRIBUTED

Iverson new USDA state director for Wisconsin

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins has announced Andrew Iverson is to serve as the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) rural development state director for Wisconsin.

Iverson will implement President Trump’s America First agenda at USDA Rural Development, ensuring the needs of America’s farmers, ranchers and producers remain a top priority.

“When America’s



farming communities prosper, the entire nation thrives,” said Rollins. “This new group of USDA appointees will ensure President Trump’s America First agenda is a reality in rural areas across the country. I am grateful for the leadership of

these new state directors and look forward to their work reorienting the agency to put Farmers First again.”

Iverson most recently served as executive director for the Republican Party of Wisconsin and previously held positions with the Republican National Committee, Sen. Ron Johnson, Rep. Bryan Steil and others.

“I take the trust placed in me whole-heartedly,” Iverson said. “I look

forward to serving the hardworking farmers, families, health care and emergency services providers, community service organizations, community infrastructure services, businesses and cooperatives of our great state.

“As USDA rural development state director, I will be dedicated to strengthening relationships, streamlining application processes and providing helpful infor-

mation to Wisconsinites. I am honored and grateful to be able to lead in an agency that is committed to providing the agricultural and rural development that Wisconsin needs and deserves.”

State directors serve as the chief executive officer of USDA Rural Development in the states and territories. In conjunction with the guidance and support of the national office, state directors are responsible

for advancing the key priorities and initiatives of the Presidential Administration, the Secretary of Agriculture and the deputy undersecretary for rural development. State directors also provide key leadership to foster a mission-driven, accountable and high-performing workforce focused on operational excellence, public trust and responsible stewardship of taxpayer resources.

PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

June 22
Deputies responded to 45 incidents, including property theft on Anderson Avenue in the Town of Wescott and on Railroad Street in Birnamwood; suspicious activity on North Genesee Street in Wittenberg; a disturbance on Shady Lane in the Town of Washington; property theft on Belle Plaine Avenue in the Town of Belle Plaine; trespassing on Weasel Dam Road in the Town of Grant; a noise complaint near Rolling Hills Drive and Rose Brook Road in the Town of Belle Plaine; trespassing on Pine Ridge Road in the Town of Belle Plaine; four 911 calls; three reckless driving incidents; four traffic hazards; three welfare checks; seven crashes, one involving deer.

June 21
Deputies responded to 42 incidents, including suspicious activity on County Road PP in the Town of Germania; suspicious activity on East Reed Street in Wittenberg; 11 911 calls; three reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazard; four welfare

checks; three crashes.

June 20
Deputies responded to 39 incidents, including suspicious activity on East Reed Street in Wittenberg; property theft on Belle Plaine Avenue in the Town of Belle Plaine; harassment on Center Street in Krakow; threatening on County Road Y in the Town of Belle Plaine; operating a motor vehicle while revoked near state Highway 47-55 and Montoure Road in the Town of Wescott; disorderly conduct on Main Street in the Town of Angelica; four 911 calls; four reckless driving incidents; two traffic hazards; four welfare checks; three crashes.

June 19
Deputies responded to 29 incidents, including threatening on East Campfire Road in Leopold; two 911 calls; one reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazards; three welfare checks; five crashes, one fatal, one involving deer.

June 18
Deputies responded to 26 incidents, including operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated near West Second and North Washington streets in Shawano; suspicious activity on

Anderson Avenue in the Town of Wescott; property damage at the county jail, 405 N. Main St. in Shawano; two 911 calls; six reckless driving incidents; two traffic hazards; one welfare check; two crashes, one involving deer.

June 17
Deputies responded to 32 incidents, including property theft at the Bull Pen, W2330 State Highway 22 in the Town of Green Valley; a death investigation on East Wall Street in Birnamwood; harassment on South Franklin Street in Shawano; an animal bite on County Road BB in the Town of Green Valley; criminal damage on Belle Plaine Avenue in the Town of Belle Plaine; a scam on County Road D in the Town of Pella; two 911 calls; two reckless driving incidents; four welfare checks; one crash.

June 16
Deputies responded to 37 incidents, including suspicious activity near North Lake Drive and West Nabor Road in Cecil; automobile theft on Butternut Street in the Town of Red Springs; a disturbance on Ash Circle in the Town of Wescott;

property theft on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; criminal damage on Wood Lane in the Town of Lessor; drugs near state Highway 29 and County Road G in Leopold; a disturbance on Center Street in Krakow; disorderly conduct on Frailing Road in the Town of Wescott; operating a motor vehicle while revoked on Marble Avenue in Mattoon; eight 911 calls; four reckless driving incidents; two traffic hazards; three welfare checks.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

June 22
Officers responded to 23 incidents, including underage drinking on East Green Bay Street; property theft on East Green Bay Street; suspicious activity near South Main and East Elizabeth streets; assisting at a fire call on East Green Bay Street; suspicious activity on South Main Street; an intoxicated person at Smalley Park, 211 N. Riverside Drive; suspicious activity on South Main Street; two 911 calls; two reckless driving incidents; five welfare checks; one crash.

June 21
Officers responded to 12

incidents, including suspicious activity on South Lafayette Street; theft on Acorn Street; one 911 call; one traffic hazard; one welfare check.

June 20
Officers responded to 23 incidents, including trespassing near South Main and East Elizabeth streets; lewd and lascivious behavior at Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St.; a disturbance on South Sawyer Street; suspicious activity on South Hamlin Street; burglary at an undisclosed location; one 911 call; two welfare checks; one crash.

June 19
Officers responded to 25 incidents, including harassment on East Green Bay Street; fraud on East Green Bay Street; a disturbance on South Sawyer Street; a counterfeit \$20 bill passed at Luigi’s, 607 S. Main St.; two 911 calls; one reckless driving incidents; two welfare checks; two crashes, one fatal.

June 18
Officers responded to 14 incidents, including fraud on South Sawyer Street; illegal burning on South Sawyer Street; harassment on South

Sawyer Street; drug offenses near Waukechon and East Green Bay streets; operating after revocation near South Main and East Center streets; a disturbance on West Fourth Street; two welfare checks; one crash.

June 17
Officers responded to 34 incidents, including disorderly conduct at the Stock Market, 103 S. Main St.; harassment on South Franklin Street; a pedestrian accident at Kwik Trip, 1241 E. Green Bay St.; threatening on South Main Street; a disturbance on South Union Street; three 911 calls; three reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazard; five welfare checks.

June 16
Officers responded to 30 incidents, including a disturbance on Estates Lane; drug offenses near South Lafayette and West Stevens streets; threatening on South Sawyer Street; harassment on South Sawyer Street; property damage on South Sawyer Street; a scam on Mills Street; suspicious activity on East Robin Lane; fireworks near South Smalley and West Richmond streets; one 911 call; two traffic hazards; four welfare checks.

EMS staffing in state reaching crisis point

3 legislative bills would help EMS agencies to respond faster to calls

By ANNIE PULLEY
The Badger Project

“In 10 years, I don’t know where the fire, police and EMS service is going to be.”

So says Christopher Garrison, Sun Prairie’s fire and EMS chief.

Fewer volunteers, more 911 calls and the rising costs of medical care are stressing EMS agencies statewide. It could mean longer wait times for you or a loved one when you need an ambulance.

“It’s a vital service,” said Tyler Byrnes, of the Wisconsin Policy Forum about EMS. “More people are trying to use it, and the revenue to pay for it is not growing quite as quickly.”

EMS activations in the United States, which include 911 calls and events like scheduled ambulance transports, increased by about 25% between 2021 and 2023, according to data from the National Emergency Medical Services Information System.

Not addressing funding and staffing challenges may “soon have a real impact on public safety,” according to a report from the Wisconsin Policy Forum published in 2021. Recruitment, difficult for all departments, “is reaching a crisis point for many volunteer and combination departments.”

Alan DeYoung has received reports of some EMS agencies in Wisconsin not responding to as many as 80% of their calls.

DeYoung leads the Wisconsin EMS Association, one of many groups lobbying the state Legislature to pass a package of bills to address the problems state EMS agencies face.

When an agency can’t respond, ambulances stationed farther away usually take the call. It stresses the system and can slow response times for everyone.

A lot of it has to do with volunteers, who have historically made up the bulk of EMS staffing. About 65% of Wisconsin EMS agencies, many of them rural, still employ volunteers, according to a report from

the Wisconsin Office of Rural Health.

Volunteers have subsidized the taxpayers for years, DeYoung said. But declining volunteer rates mean something has to give.

That probably means higher taxes to pay for professional EMS responders, or worse EMS service than you used to get, experts say.

Some potential legislation moving through the Wisconsin Legislature is trying to relieve some stress on EMS. One bill would require the state’s technical college system to provide grants to schools offering EMS courses. It would also create a reimbursement program for the cost of initial EMS coursework and expand funding for technology that gives EMTs real-time video before they reach the scene, said state Sen. Howard Marklein, R-Spring Green, one of the bills’ sponsors.

Another bill would encourage communities to develop regional EMS systems that can cross county boundaries.

These regional systems would be exempt from state-imposed levy limits, meaning they can more easily raise funding for EMS agencies through property tax increases. It would especially help communities that straddle county borders, Marklein said.

Regional systems could also reduce costs if the agencies within the system consolidated administrative work, training and purchasing, said Steve Hansen, chief of the Racine Fire Department.

Equipment like defibrillators can cost as much as \$55,000, Hansen said, nearly twice the price from six years ago. The price of supplies has doubled or tripled in roughly the same time frame.

A third bill would give agencies a larger government reimbursement for 911 calls that don’t result in a patient transport.

A lot of these calls are for “invalid assistance,” where the patient is not injured but may have no one else to call for help, Hansen said.

Joshua Weber, a division chief in Racine, said his agency has responded to more than 5,000 fire and EMS calls this year.

Of those, more than 1,600 weren’t transported, and 11 repeat callers accounted for 212 of the total number.

The Republican-sponsored bills have received Democratic support but have yet to get floor votes in either chamber of the state Legislature.

Some agencies have begun to adapt. Others have simply closed.

Sun Prairie EMS has had to adapt to a rapidly growing population and a surge in call volume. It’s seen a 75% increase in 911 calls since 2018, the Wisconsin Policy Forum writes.

Garrison, the fire and EMS chief, explained the agency is projected to respond to 6,300 calls in 2028, which is about a 26% increase from 2024.

The “biggest issue” is the availability of volunteer and part-time staff, Garrison said. It’s a generational difference, he continued. Younger generations simply place a higher premium on work-life balance and family.

The job is demanding, intense and the schooling required for paramedics is “ridiculous,” he said. “We see death every day. It’s hard on people.”

Ideas exist to relieve some pressure.

Some of them include charging repeat 911 users a “utilization fee,” promoting EMS as a profitable career with benefits and paying volunteers.

Paramedics with Racine’s fire department also make house calls to patients who recently suffered a stroke through its Mobile Integrated Health program. With additional funding, Weber would like to see the program serve residents who frequently call 911 as well as provide for non-emergency complaints relating to heart failure, COPD and diabetes.

It’s an opportunity to provide care, educate the community on the proper use of emergency services and potentially reduce the number of 911 calls.

“As communities grow and change, so do the fire and EMS services,” said Weber, but whatever the case, “We are going to do the job, and we’re going to do it well.”

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Shawano, Gresham FFA win big at state contest

The Shawano FFA Chapter was named the state-winning Nursery/Landscape Career Development Event (CDE) team.

Team members include Levi Wendorff, Camden Kern, Aiden Kern and Tucker Reinke. Additionally, Wendorff was the top individual winner.

The Nursery/Landscape CDE tests students’ skills related to horticultural principles through plant identification of specimens by both their technical and common names, a multiple-choice test, plus hands-on activities which include landscape drawing, interpersonal relations and nursery operation practices.

Shawano will represent Wisconsin in competition at the National FFA Career Development Events to be held in October in Indianapolis during the 98th National FFA Convention.

All CDEs engage students in developing their communication, decision-making and teamwork skills to promote future career success.

Also, Addison Fischer, of the Gresham FFA, was named the 2025 State FFA Dairy Handlers Activity winner.

The objective of the Dairy Handlers Activity is to recognize their ability to set up their assigned animal to its best advantage, maintain the animal

in its most advantageous position, exhibit effective restraint and move the animal as requested by the event ringmaster. Additionally, poise, calmness and a positive attitude play a significant role in gaining success in the Dairy Cattle Handlers Activity.

Through participation in the Dairy Cattle Handlers Activity, students learn to work with others in a way that is cooperative, courteous and helpful while demonstrating effective dairy handling skills. All Career Development Events engage students in developing their communication, decision-making and teamwork skills to promote future career success.

Stroke cases rising among younger adults recently

Health experts at ThedaCare have joined the clarion call encouraging younger adults to help potentially lower their risk of a stroke by adopting a healthier lifestyle.

Strokes are most common in older adults. In recent years, however, stroke cases have climbed steadily among younger and middle-aged adults. Experts attribute the rise to growing rates of high blood pressure, sedentary lifestyles, obesity and substance use within that population.

A 2024 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report looked at the time spans of 2011-13 and 2020-22. In comparing the two, it found a 14.6% increase in strokes among people ages 18 to 44 and a 15.7% increase in people ages 45 to 64.

“The uptick in strokes in younger people can be taken as a warning sign,” said Dr. Thomas Mattio, medical director of the ThedaCare Comprehensive Stroke Center and a neurologist with Neuroscience Group. “These findings underscore the importance of recognizing the risk factors for stroke and taking steps to address them.”

A stroke occurs when blood flow to the brain is stopped. In an ischemic stroke, a blood vessel in the brain becomes blocked. A hemorrhagic stroke occurs when a blood vessel in the brain bursts, spilling blood into nearby tissues. Ischemic strokes are more common than hemorrhagic strokes.

People also can experience a transient ischemic attack (TIA). Often referred to as a mini-stroke, a TIA results from a tem-

porary clot. Most TIAs last less than an hour but may persist for up to 24 hours.

“TIAs don’t usually cause permanent damage, but it’s important for people to seek prompt care,” Mattio said. “A TIA may increase a person’s odds of suffering a stroke.”

A stroke can affect people in many ways, depending on where in the brain it occurs. People may experience changes in physical health, cognition, emotions and behaviors. Stroke also can lead to problems with communication, vision and hearing.

Age is a major risk factor for stroke. Approximately 75% of strokes occur in people over the age of 65, according to the National Institutes of Health. Age is also a non-modifiable risk factor for stroke. Individuals can’t change it. Other non-modifiable risk factors include family and personal health history, race and gender assigned at birth.

“While you can’t change some factors, it’s good to understand them and talk with your health care provider about them,” Mattio said. “Remember that you can take many positive steps to help reduce your risk of a stroke, regardless of your age.”

Fortunately, stroke can have some modifiable risk factors, Mattio said. These include high blood pressure and/or high cholesterol, obesity and/or poor diet, sedentary lifestyle and smoking and/or use of illegal drugs

“We’re seeing an increase in risk factors among younger people,”

Mattio said. “These likely are contributing to the rise in the incidence of stroke in these age groups.”

People of any age can take steps to help reduce their stroke risk. These include maintaining a healthy weight, getting regular physical activity, quitting smoking, limiting alcohol and avoiding drug use, managing cholesterol, controlling diabetes and staying on top of routine care.

“It’s important to recognize the signs of a stroke and to remember that anyone can experience one,” Mattio said. “Knowing the signs of a stroke and getting immediate treatment can help lower your risk of developing severe, long-lasting effects in the event of a stroke.”

Recognizing the symptoms of a stroke is the first step in getting prompt help. The acronym BE FAST can help people remember the warning signs:

- B: Balance — sudden loss of balance or trouble walking.
- E: Eyesight — sudden vision changes, including double vision.
- F: Face — drooping or numbness on one side of the face.
- A: Arms (or leg) — weakness or numbness in one arm or leg, especially on the same side of the body.
- S: Speech — difficulty speaking or slurred speech.
- T: Time — time to call 911.

For information about strokes and care options available, go to <https://thedacare.org/services/neurology-stroke>.

Betley newest representative for dairy board

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) has certified the Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin 2025 board of directors election results.

Jeff Betley, of Pulaski, will represent District 9 and begin a three-year term on July 1 as an elected member of the board. District 9 includes Menominee, Shawano and

Waupaca counties.

Ten certified candidates ran for eight board member positions. Of the 1,731 dairy producers living in affected districts, 10.7% returned ballots.

Experts: IRS cuts cost much more than save

Local governments, nonprofits could suffer if federal revenue shrinks

By ANNIE PULLEY
The Badger Project

The Department of Government Efficiency, or DOGE, headed by the now-departed Elon Musk, said its aim was to save money. But cutting the workforce of the Internal Revenue Service, which enforces tax law and collects nearly all of the federal government's revenue, means that the reductions will actually end up costing the government much more than they save, experts say.

About 11,000 employees have left the IRS, according to a May report from the independent Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration. Thousands more could leave the IRS through additional staffing cuts, and the White House has floated cutting the agency by half, according to news reports.

If the IRS workforce is reduced by 50%, the non-partisan Yale Budget Lab projects that lost revenues could amount to \$395 billion over a 10-year period. Cuts could also increase the number of non-compliant taxpayers such that lost revenue could climb into the trillions, the lab estimates.



DAVID HELPAP

Helpap, a political science professor at UW-Green Bay.

Cities like Madison and Milwaukee and many nonprofits in the state receive federal money. If top-level agencies continue to see cuts, and if federal revenues decrease, "that's going to create some real challenges" for communities across the state, Helpap said.

More than 3,600 people who separated from the agency were revenue agents, meaning the IRS's ability to enforce tax law could take a hit, according to the IRS oversight report.

For folks with a normal 9-to-5 job, taxes are automatically subtracted from their paychecks. But for large corporations and wealthy individuals who have money coming from and sitting in different places, tax enforcement becomes more complicated. That's mainly where revenue agents are needed, experts say.

Top-tier earners are believed to be responsible for \$205 billion or 30% of unpaid taxes annually, according to the report from the Yale research center.

"There are very real impacts on people's lives when decisions like these are made," said David

"Without close oversight, there is a lot of money that sort of gets left out there," Helpap said. "So would there be inequality in enforcement? Yeah, absolutely."

The cuts have "no modern equivalent," the Yale Budget Lab wrote. They hit every part of the country, including about 10% of Wisconsin's IRS workforce, according to the report from the IRS's oversight group.

If the federal government's tax collector gets worse at its job, Wisconsin could also be in trouble, according to Helpap.

"Wisconsin as a state gets tens of billions of dollars in federal aid every year," Helpap said.

Gov. Tony Evers' proposed budget, which is being overhauled by legislative Republicans, includes \$18 billion a year in federal funds.

Though Democrats in the Wisconsin Legislature have proposed a fail-safe if federal dollars are called into question, their bill has not been advanced by the Republicans in the majority.

"It's sort of up to the Republican legislature to address it," Helpap said.

Responding to federal funding uncertainty with a divided state government becomes a "partisan puzzle."

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Wimberger announces 42 new ADAs, pay increases in budget

Senator Eric Wimberger, R-Oconto, thanked legislators for their support after the Joint Committee on Finance, the state's budget-writing committee, voted to include the efforts he led to secure 42 new statewide assistant district attorneys (ADAs), as well as funding for pay increases for prosecutors, in the 2025-26 state budget.

"Investing in new assistant district attorneys across Wisconsin is an important part of tackling the rising case backlog in courtrooms across our state," he said. "These ADAs will help process cases and deliver

swift justice. I'm happy to have guided these initiatives through the budget committee and thank my colleagues for their support."

A number of the included ADA positions will be created in northeast Wisconsin, including two in Shawano-Menominee Counties, and 0.5 positions in both Marinette and Oconto counties.

In addition to the new ADA positions, the committee voted to provide new funding over the next two years to upgrade and secure the case tracking system technology used by Wisconsin prosecutors.

The committee also voted to deliver new funding over the next two years to the State Public Defender's office. These funds will support the hiring of 12.5 positions to address workload issues, and ensure courts process cases in a timely manner across Wisconsin.

Once the proposed budget is completed, the legislature, in both the Assembly and the Senate, will vote on the budget bill. Once passed by both houses, it goes to the governor who has the power to sign the budget bill into law or to issue vetoes to specific parts of the bill.

Fence-out wolves to prevent livestock kills? Impractical, ag groups say

Few things stir northern Wisconsin residents or frequent visitors like the mention of wolves.

The expansion of wolves' territory over the years has thrilled wildlife lovers while angering deer hunters and farmers. Compensation payments for wolf damage are on the rise.

The latest example is a state budget proposal from Gov. Tony Evers to invest \$3.7 million for fencing to prevent wolves killing or injuring livestock.

Evers' budget proposes about \$3.7 million for non-lethal abatement efforts and monitoring of wolves. The vast majority would go toward helping livestock producers pay for what aims to be predator-proof fencing. The remaining \$25,000 would fund wolf monitoring efforts at the Department of Natural Resources.

Tyler Wenzlaff, national affairs coordinator for the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation, told WisPolitics the group appreciates Evers recognizing the "real and ongoing issue."

"However, while fencing may offer some limited protections in some scenarios, it is not a comprehensive or long-term solution. Wolves are highly mobile predators, and it's been shown that fencing merely pushes the problem onto the next farm," Wenzlaff said.

The fencing would be 75-inch wire fencing with a 42-inch apron pinned to the ground to keep wolves from digging under the barrier, according to DNR. The fencing would be used to deter wolves at chronic depredation sites and limit losses for livestock producers.

Wenzlaff said for many farmers, particularly those with larger pastures, maintaining and installing predator-proof fencing is "impractical." Wenzlaff also criticized the state's latest wolf management plan for including Marathon County and a portion of

Wood County as part of a secondary range for wolves, an area he said is home to some of the highest cattle populations in the state.

Wisconsin Farmers Union President Darin Von Ruden said Evers' proposal is "certainly a step in the right direction," though not all farmers will be able to benefit.

"Some of our members' farms that have 600, 700 acres that's about four miles of that fence, and I'm not sure what it costs per foot or per mile to put that fence in, but if you're going to spread that out over maybe a couple hundred farmers, that 3.7 is certainly going to help some, but not all," Von Ruden said.

Von Ruden also raised concerns about large numbers of cattle concentrated in areas where wolf packs roam, saying those areas should be addressed first.

"But once those farms would get that up, the wolf packs are gonna move into another area. So really, we're looking at probably many years of fencing needs because of that situation, that the wolf packs will just move into an area where they can then find other livestock to consume," Von Ruden said.

Von Ruden also noted there could be challenges with installing fencing on the terrain, such as in Douglas and Buffalo counties and close to Lake Superior.

"You've got the hills and ravines and valleys, which always takes a lot more time and effort to get the fences in. And then also at that point, too, there might be places where wolves can get under the fence or maybe even over (it) at certain points, just depending on that topography," he said.

DNR estimated the state's wolf population at about 1,007 pack wolves in winter of 2022-23, the most recent data available. So far in 2025, 10 confirmed wolf depredations, eight confirmed wolf harassment

incidents and one probable wolf harassment incident have been reported, along with nine unconfirmed complaints.

DNR can reimburse Wisconsin residents for wolf depredation using general purpose revenue, endangered resources segregated funds from the conservation fund, or federal grants.

The agency has paid \$3.7 million in wolf damage payments since 1985 to compensate for killed or injured pets and livestock, including \$348,758 in 2024. Last year's total was up from the \$171,385 paid out in 2023.

Von Ruden said some farmers have had problems getting compensation under that system, particularly if there is nothing left of an animal to speak of.

"A lot of farmers like to tag their calves within the first 24 hours of being born so that they can identify them and then keep track of them," he said. "Well, if the wolf carries it off and takes it to their den, which is probably going to be below ground, you never find any part of that animal back, including the tags."

Retired wildlife biologist Adrian Wydeven of Wisconsin's Green Fire said state funding to tackle depredation could become important, noting widespread cuts under the Trump administration.

Wydeven said DNR has relied heavily on the USDA Wildlife Services Program to help deal with wolf depredation. The program provides technical assistance to states and helps manage wildlife damage.

"In the past, that's been mixtures of state monies and federal monies and with what's been going on with the federal government, there's probably a risk that the federal monies are going to become less. So there will be more of a need for the state to fund Wildlife Services to do their depredation management work," Wydeven said.

Shawano School Board moves meetings to 4th Monday

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

The Shawano School Board will change its committee structure and meeting dates beginning in July, with the board approving the changes at its June 18 meeting.

Board meetings will now be held the fourth Monday of each month, two weeks later than what has been the norm.

Superintendent Kurt Krizan said the new date would allow the board to

receive current financial information.

"Currently, the board receives financial information that is almost two months old at the time of their meeting," he said. "For example, April reports are shared in June."

Due to meeting earlier in the month, the previous month's complete financial picture cannot be prepared in time for the meeting. Moving the meeting back will allow for that information to be complete.

The new operations committee will meet the second Monday of the month. This committee's charge includes finance, facilities, human resources and technology.

A student success and relationships committee will meet as needed, with a goal of meeting quarterly at a minimum. Topics include learning, student services and policies.

An executive committee will also meet as needed, again quarterly at a minimum.

Holt and Balcom Logging Camp Museum open for summer season

The Holt and Balcom Logging Camp Museum in Lakewood is open for public tours from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Saturday through Labor Day weekend.

A special Reader's Theatre Performance with a logging theme will be pre-

sented at 2 p.m. Aug. 17 by the Wabeno Area Players.

Holt and Balcom Logging Camp Museum is located off County Road F, 1.5 miles east of Lakewood. Turn right into the McCauslin Golf Course and Country Club, then follow the signs. Park in the golf course lot;

the museum is directly behind the clubhouse.

Admission is free for Saturday tours, but donations to cover the cost of camp maintenance are appreciated. Special tours can be arranged by calling 715-276-3505 or 715-276-6515.

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Poker run benefits veterans fund



Dale Steffenhagen, right, presents \$500 to the Oconto County Veterans Memorial, which was accepted by OCVN secretary Carl Plaster. The 22nd annual Oconto Bicycle Poker Run was held May 17. Cody Steffenhagen is the organizer, and Dale Steffenhagen works with the organization. Each year, they choose three groups to benefit from the event, and this year's recipients are a multiple sclerosis organization, OCVN and St. Jude's Children's Hospital. CONTRIBUTED

Field day features cover crops, rotations in potato system

Farms are increasingly utilizing cover crops as a method of managing soil erosion and improving overall soil health. Cover crops are known to have benefits, but they can also have drawbacks in some situations.

The Antigo Silt Loam and Water Producer-led Watershed Protection Group is sponsoring a Community Field Day on June 27 starting at 10:30 a.m. to help farms and non-farm individuals better understand how cover crops can fit into a seed potato production system.

The field day is being hosted by Spychalla

Farms, located at N4244 Highway 52, Antigo, and will feature many topics and in-field viewing opportunities.

Specifically, attendees will be able to see the results of six rye and triticale establishment methods that fit into nearly any farm's methodologies, as well as two cover crop termination methods. Results of long-term monitoring stations' measures of soil and phosphorus loss from fields within the Antigo Flats will be presented and discussed, along with methods of minimizing these losses. Also, planting methods

into standing cover crops, known as planting green, will be a featured discussion topic.

Attendees will be able to ask questions of the host farm, the presenters and for discussion by the group.

The event is free to attend and open to all interested persons. Questions can be directed to Scott Reuss, regional UW-Madison, Division of Extension crops and soils educator, at 715-732-7510, text or call to 715-701-0966, or e-mail scott.reuss@wisc.edu. You can also call the host of the event, James Spychalla, at 715-216-7449.

Physical activity may help strengthen mental health

Behavioral health experts encourage exercise as coping strategy

Experts with Theda-Care Behavioral Health are encouraging people to consider physical activity as an additional way to benefit their mental health.

"Physical activity may enhance cognitive function by improving blood flow in the brain," said Taylor Lackey, Theda-Care nurse practitioner. "In some cases, it could be as effective as antidepressant medications."

An estimated one in five Americans lives with a mental health condition, the National Institute of Mental Health said. That's why it's important to take a proactive approach to education and outreach. Part of that involves promoting healthy coping strategies like physical activity.

Exercise may help increase self-esteem and decrease stress levels, Lackey said. That's because physical activity releases endorphins in the brain, which are feel-good hormones. Exercise may also help improve sleep quality.

"Many of our mental health challenges might go away if we moved our bodies more and got seven to nine hours of sleep every day," said Jessie Schnell, Theda-Care nurse practitioner. "We might not need any anti-anxiety or antidepressant medications on a regular basis."

Schnell encourages her patients to aim for 30 minutes of "intentional movement" each day. Examples include walking, biking or swimming. Gardening, mowing the lawn and doing household chores can prove beneficial as well, she said.

Science backs the exer-



JESSIE SCHNELL



TAYLOR LACKEY

cise-mental health connection. People with sedentary lifestyles have higher rates of death at younger ages, according to the National Institutes of Health. Exercise may help improve attention, focus, memory, cognition, language fluency and decision-making, the organization said.

Experts say regular exercise may also help people worry less while simultaneously offering additional benefits, including:

- Gaining confidence. Getting in better shape may make a person feel better about their appearance.
- Connecting with others. Joining a local gym or exercise group may give a person a chance to meet or socialize with others.
- Coping in a healthy way. Finding positive ways to manage depression or anxiety may help people feel better about themselves.

Government health guidelines recommend getting 150 minutes of exercise per week, including at least two days of strength training. Lackey advised people to begin their increased physical fitness efforts with modest goals.

"I think it's beneficial to spread out your activity over the week so it becomes part of your lifestyle and routine," she said. "Then you may be better positioned to experience the benefit of those feel-good hormones more often, too."

Small steps can lead to big gains, Schnell said. "Washing the car, walking the dog or play-

ing outside with the kids or grandkids all count," Lackey said. "Find ways to add small amounts of physical activity throughout the day. For example, take the stairs instead of the elevator. Park a little farther away from work to fit in a short walk. If you live close to your job, consider biking to work."

Schnell recommends walking pads as an alternative for those with tight schedules.

"We live in Wisconsin, so our weather isn't always the greatest for walking outside," she said. "A walking pad is a simple, small device to use in your home. Turn on your favorite TV show and walk for 30 minutes, and you've got your movement in for the day."

When the weather does cooperate, exercising outdoors offers even more mental health benefits. Studies show that people report higher levels of vitality, enthusiasm, pleasure and self-esteem after walking or exercising outdoors.

Embracing healthy habits often has an added benefit, Schnell said.

"Behavior is learned," she said. "Kids will often increase their activity level if they see the adults who are responsible for them exercising and being physically active. We need to set an example for them so they'll more likely grow up physically and mentally healthy."

Incorporating increased physical activity into the day-to-day often boils down to reframing thoughts around exercise, Lackey said.

"I like to encourage my patients to think of exercise as celebrating what our bodies can do rather than something we have to do," she said. "That puts a whole different spin on why we're doing it and helps us appreciate what we can do."

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Biking is one of three stages in the triathlon held annually on July 4 in Leopolis. The much-anticipated event also features a parade, bean bag tournament and refreshments.

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Leopolis Triathlon celebrates 40th year of tradition, fun

Annual July 4 event has humble beginnings

By KAY REMINGER
Correspondent

Every year on the Fourth of July, the scenic Town of Leopolis bursts at the seams with visitors advancing on the community located in scenic northeastern Shawano County. They all come with one purpose — to celebrate the nation’s independence by participating in the annual Leopolis Triathlon.

What has become a long-held tradition in Leopolis will, this year, carry an important significance: The town will celebrate its 40th year hosting the event.

“The race has brought in folks from approximately 20-25 different states,” said Larry Czarnecki, one of many organizers. “Some make this an annual family affair and run together. It is amazing to see how

many kids show up, and it’s great to see them being active.

“It takes place every year on the 4th, so you never have to guess the day.”

Registration is in person starting at 8:30 a.m., and the race starts at 10 a.m. There are three divisions — Kids, Beer Belly and Jock.

“All three divisions start out by swimming the Leopolis pond, approximately 70 yards,” Czarnecki said. “The Kids and Beer Belly then go on to bike 5 miles and finish with running 2 miles, crossing home plate at Leopolis Bulldog stadium. Jock category participants bike 12 miles and finish with a 5-mile run.”

The cost is \$25 for Kids and \$35 for Beer Belly and Jock, with T-shirts handed out to all participants.

“Proceeds go to the Leopolis Booster Club, which provides enhancement to the ball field and playground at the park in town,” Czarnecki said. “But most importantly, we want to make this an affordable family event for people to just enjoy

themselves here.”

To coordinate the event, there are a lot of bases to cover, with the Leopolis Booster Club beginning preparation six months in advance.

“For most of its existence, the triathlon was coordinated by Carol Peterson, who put her heart and soul into it every year,” Czarnecki said. “Unfortunately, she is no longer with us, and many others have done a great job stepping up to try and fill her shoes.

“Because the event has been going for so long, there are many people that show up every year and just know what is needed and what to do. It actually goes fairly smooth. Course preparation includes putting up signs, which mark the course, installing buoys in the pond, setting up bike racks. Then there’s registration, hydration supplies — including bananas, Gatorade and water offered after the race and water supplied during the

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Children swim during a portion of a past Leopolis Triathlon. The traditional July 4 event is marking its 40th anniversary this year.

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Shawano native defends America from under the sea

By MEGAN LEMLY
Special to NEW Media

Petty Officer 2nd Class James Krueger, a native of Shawano, serves the U.S. Navy assigned to USS Georgia, homeported at Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay in Georgia.

As a submariner, Krueger is part of a small percentage of Navy personnel continuing a 125-year tradition of service under the sea to help ensure Americans’ safety.

Krueger graduated from Shawano Community High School in 2018. The skills and values needed to succeed in the Navy are similar to those found in Shawano.

“I learned from previous jobs that you won’t always have fun at work,” Krueger said. “That lesson is important in the Navy, because you won’t always have fun, but you can’t let that ruin your day.”

Krueger joined the Navy three years ago. Today, Krueger serves as an electrician’s mate (nuclear).

“I joined the Navy because I wanted to pursue higher education, and the Navy seemed like a good way to learn and have it paid for,” Krueger said.

Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay is the homeport of East Coast ballistic-missile and guided-missile submarines. These submarines are capable of conducting operations in the Atlantic, Arctic, Eastern Pacific and Indian oceans and the Mediterranean Sea. It is also the only Navy base with the capability to support the Trident II missile, the most sophisticated nuclear missile designed to be launched from a submarine.

Known as America’s “Apex Predators,” the Navy’s submarine force operates a large fleet of technologically advanced vessels. These submarines are capable of conducting rapid defensive and offensive operations around the world, in furtherance of U.S. national security.

There are three basic types of submarines: fast-attack submarines (SSN), ballistic-missile submarines (SSBN) and guided-missile submarines (SSGN).

Fast-attack submarines are designed to hunt down and destroy enemy submarines and surface ships; strike targets ashore with cruise missiles; carry and deliver Navy SEALs; conduct intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance missions; and engage in mine warfare. The Virginia-class SSN is the most advanced submarine in the world today.

The Navy’s ballistic-missile submarines, often referred to as “boomers,” serve as a strategic deterrent by providing an undetectable platform for submarine-launched ballistic missiles. SSBNs are designed specifically for stealth, extended patrols and the precise delivery of missiles.

The Columbia-class SSBN will be the largest, most capable and most advanced submarine produced by the United States — replacing the current Ohio-class ballistic-missile submarines to ensure continuous sea-based strategic deterrence into the 2080s.

Guided-missile submarines provide the Navy with unprecedented strike and special operation mission capabilities



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Birding lessons abundant at various festivals

After each bird festival I attend, I reflect upon my experience. Not only does it help to solidify what I learned while birding, e.g. bird identification field marks and new bird calls, but it also helps to bring some thought-provoking lessons to light. I thought I'd share some of these with you.

Lesson 1: The grass is not greener on the other side.

My first experience birding out west was the Festival of Cranes at Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge in New Mexico. On my list of birds I hoped to see was the western meadowlark. One day, I joined a busload of birders to ride around the refuge. We were instructed to yell out when we saw a bird, and the bus would stop so everyone could get out to see it.

It wasn't long before I saw it, atop a telephone wire in all of its glory. I hollered with all my might, "Stop!" They asked what I saw, and I joyfully answered, "A western meadowlark." My reply was met with immediate laughter as the bus continued on. "What?" I asked, confused.

Someone wittily replied, "We see those all the time. They are not worth getting out of the bus for."

Later, as we were driv-



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ing through woodlands, someone yelled, "Downy woodpecker!" The bus came to an abrupt stop. Everyone jumped up and hustled out as they quickly raised their binoculars to get a look at this bird that I see almost every day through my kitchen window.

As they climbed back into the bus with ear-to-ear smiles and giddy laughter, someone saw me seated and asked, "Don't you want to see the downy?" I facetiously replied, "I see those birds all the time. They aren't worth getting out of the bus for."

While everyone laughed, it became clear — the excitement value of a bird to a birder often depends on where you live and how often you get to see it. However, as I watched birders marvel at my everyday birds, I began to once again find beauty in and appreciation for those birds. Through their eyes, I realize that the birds I regularly see in Wisconsin are just as remarkable as the birds elsewhere.



An elegant trogon is a colorful, long-tailed, yellow-billed, tropical bird of Mexico and Central America with a red belly and white band across the breast and with the back, chest and head bright green in the male and brown in the female. The elegant trogon occasionally nests in southern Arizona.

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Lesson 2: Especially when you are traveling, don't disregard a bird because you think it is a bird you know.

While birding in the Baja Peninsula, I kept seeing what I thought were northern cardinals. Able to see them often in Wiscon-

sin, I spent my time photographing birds I don't usually see. The exception was photographing one of these birds, because it posed on a cactus in beautiful light.

When I got home and looked at the photo more closely, I discovered it was not a northern cardinal but rather a pyrrhuloxia, a beautiful bird I'd never seen before, found only in the southwest U.S. and northern Mexico.

I had never heard of an elegant trogon, but while birding in the Huachuca Canyon in southeast Arizona, I learned this area was one of the few places in the U.S. to find one. With determination and learning its odd croaking call, I found one. It was quite large and stunning with a dark head, white chest band, red belly, yellow bill, and metallic green back perched upright with a squared-tail. An unforgettable sighting.

Years later while birding in Panama, someone asked "What is that bird?" Recognizing the silhouette I replied, "It is an elegant trogon." I was correct about the trogon part, but unbeknownst to me, there are 47 species of trogons in the world. This one was a black-tailed trogon. I made the mistake of not considering there may be

other birds that are similar but not the same species of bird as one I know. Studying the birds where you are traveling will help.

Had I not learned this lesson, I could have easily misidentified mangrove swallows for tree swallows, a pygmy nuthatch for a white-breasted nuthatch and a Mexican chickadee for a black-capped chickadee, just to name a few.

Lesson 3: Traveling helps us appreciate what we have here at home.

No matter where I go and how unique and exciting the birds, plants and animals are, I am always happy to be back home. Not only is it the feeling of being safe, happy and at peace, but it is also a realization. As I return from a trip with fresh eyes, I see the most amazing natural world right here in Wisconsin. There really is no place like home.

Whether your travels take you near or far, I hope you consider these birding lessons from the road. They will keep your eyes and mind open to new birding experiences while keeping your heart close to home.

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Start by calculating the number of frost-free days remaining in your growing season. Next, review the plant tags and seed packets for the number of days from planting to harvest. Compare these two to see if you have time to replant one or maybe even two more quick-maturing vegetables in that space.

Keep in mind that cool season crops like lettuce, spinach and radishes perform and taste best when grown and harvested during the cooler months of spring and fall. Consider using these quick-maturing vegetables as your last planting of the season.

Others, like broccoli, collards and kale, taste even better after a light frost. Planting these so they mature in fall is another way to extend the harvest for maximum flavor and nutrition.

Warm season veg-



etables, like beans and cucumbers, are perfect for a summer planting. They prefer warm air and soil for the best growth and productivity.

Here are a few vegetables you may want to include in your succession planting this summer. Leaf lettuce and spinach prefer cooler temperatures and depending on the variety are ready to harvest in 30-60 days. If you can't wait for cooler weather, try growing more heat-tolerant greens, like Sandy and Red Sails lettuce, and although they are not true spinaches New Zealand and Malabar are more heat tolerant and provide a similar flavor.

End the season with a harvest of peas. Short varieties, like Patio Pride and Sugar Ann sugar snap peas and Maestro and Laxton's Progress No. 9 shelling peas, are perfect for containers and small spaces.

Root crops make great

additions to succession plantings. Salad radishes are ready to harvest in 25-30 days, beets in 50-60 days, and carrots in 60-70 days.

Bush beans prefer warm temperatures and are ready to begin picking in 50-80 days. Mascotte compact snap beans are productive compact plants perfect for containers and window boxes. You'll start harvesting these in as few as 50 days.

Cucumbers and summer squash are another option for summer plantings. Vining varieties can be trained onto a support to save space or crawl over the ground. Bush types are perfect for containers and small spaces. Check the seed packet for the number of days from planting to harvest.

Increase the health and productivity of your second planting by preparing the soil before planting seeds and transplants. Mix an inch of quality compost into the top 6 inches of soil. You'll improve drainage in heavy soil, increase water retention in fast-draining sandy soils, and add micronutrients that feed the soil, building microorganisms.

Once your seeds and transplants are in the ground, be sure to water properly. Keep the seedbed and roots of transplants moist the first few weeks. Gradually reduce watering frequency as seedlings sprout and grow and transplants become established.

You may need to adjust your succession planting schedule based on the weather. Hotter and cooler than normal temperatures can delay seed germination, harvest times, and flavor.

With a bit of planning, succession plantings, and regular harvesting you can enjoy fresh vegetables throughout the growing season.

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4th of July brings back childhood memories

The small town where I grew up was an unincorporated village in the Fox River Valley. Roughly 10 miles from Appleton, Sherwood was a farming community founded by European immigrants.

Its official population on signs marking its geographical boundaries during the two decades I lived there was 300. A popular explanation for this unchanging statistic was that if a girl got pregnant, a guy left town. Except for one time when a girl had twins, and two guys left town (eyebrows up, big grin).

Like most of the people who lived in Sherwood, I was of German heritage. When adults wanted to discuss matters not suited to children's ears, they used their native language, so I grew up familiar with a smattering of German, Dutch — even a few Polish words and phrases. My grandmother offered to teach me German, but I declined and have never stopped regretting that foolish shortsightedness.

Life during my formative years can best be described as simple, sensible and secure. All waking hours were spent worshipping or working: church, chores, caring for younger siblings, schoolwork, 4-H, Scouts, babysitting and menial part-time jobs like cleaning houses.

No surprise that there was no time to get into serious trouble or that I was asleep within minutes of hitting the pillow. Alas, now that I have time to get into mischief, I haven't the desire or the energy. And effortless sleep? Now there's an elusive dream.

Leisure time back then was non-stop physical activity. Outdoor play meant competitive games of softball, kick the can, It, hide-and-seek and alley-oop. Relaxing indoors involved mental if not physical movement: reading, dressing up in Mom's old clothes, playing dolls, crocheting, sewing, board and card games like sheephead. Like all kids, I was expected to master that game by age 10



In the centennial parade (2016), Kathleen Marsh drove a 1911 Waverly owned by Lucy Holt. The Waverly was restored to running condition by Dave Retzlaff for the Oconto County Historical Society and is on display at the Beyer Home Annex in Oconto.



or be considered a clueless dolt.

All that said, my childhood wasn't outside the mainstream. My world was peopled with hard-working dairy farm families tilling the land their grandparents had homesteaded during westward expansion. Our ancestors had been lured to Wisconsin by German newspapers like Der Spiegel. With flashy advertisements depicting manifest destiny, promoters promised cheap land and unlimited possibilities for immigrants willing to work hard and become part of a rapidly expanding American population.

As they assimilated, these immigrants became proud American citizens who embraced a new culture while retaining favorite

aspects of the old. To that point, they celebrated the Fourth of July with gusto. It was a very special holiday, celebrating not only America's Independence from England but their own journey to freedom from rule by callously cruel monarchs and hopeless economic immobility imposed by ruthless nobles and aristocrats. Some might say there are unmistakable similarities to what is happening in America today.

Sherwood, and of course my family, enthusiastically took part in the picnics, parades and partying. After the evening milking was done, usually in record time, Dad would fire up the Chevy. We kids crowded into the back seat, and Dad drove us to Appleton to see the fireworks. Mom packed special snacks and Kool-Aid, treats reserved for special occasions. It was always a perfect ending for the holiday — not quite Christmas, but close.

As I prepare for Fourth of July 2025, my mind

wanders back to those happy times. Like always, this Townsend day will start with everything red, white and blue. There's a big parade led by Post No. 44 Wabeno Legion's Color Guard, the grand marshal and Wabeno High School's world class marching band.



Kathleen Marsh was honored to serve as grand marshal of the 2024 Townsend Fourth of July parade.

Following them will be local fire trucks and ambulances, riders on horseback, creative community group and business-sponsored floats, huge shiny tractors and trucks, and a long line of off-road vehicles.

After the parade, many attendees flock to a giant craft fair at the newly expanded and renovated Town Hall and grounds (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.). Others enjoy a grilled sandwich and adult beverage at the fire department picnic (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) where they try their luck with meat raffles while listening to Lovin' Country (11 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and spanning the crowd for out-of-town friends they only see once a year.

The highlight of the day is the annual fireworks show at newly renamed Veterans Memorial Park on School Street. I know I'm biased, but Townsend has the best

fireworks in the Northwoods. Unfortunately, with the cost of pyrotechnics skyrocketing due to tariffs, it looked like it might be a fizzle this year. But thanks to generous donors, there will be a spectacular display at dusk, the perfect ending for Independence Day 2025.

No matter if the skies are rainy or peppered with stars, the Marsh clan will watch the fireworks from our pontoon, carefully positioned by Captain Jon amid a flotilla of decorated boats anchored out on the flowage. It's our own special family tradition; one I hope my grandkids recall with the same fond memories I have of those Fourth of Julys in Sherwood.

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.

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“My main core memories of the (then-named Ironman Contest) was that it was a staple to Leopolis,” Booster Club member Theresa (Kristof) Carpenter said. “It’s literally been happening my entire life, and it was always an occasion that brought family and friends near and far to celebrate Independence Day.

“So many generations of my family have either worked to make it happen or have competed in it, right down to my kids. It’s been an event that has

brought our town together with many hours of hard work put in by the club members who all love Leopolis, and bringing people together to celebrate.”

What started out as somewhat of a joke while sitting on a bar stool at Pederson’s (a local establishment) has turned into a momentous occasion that brings people together from all over the map.

Carpenter said that in 1984, folklore has it that a couple of lifelong Leopolis residents were bemoaning that their lack of physical activity was becoming a hindrance. They started out on a walk about town, with the tongue-in-cheek goal of meeting back at the bar for a celebratory beer. Legend has it the next year they asked a few more to join in and then decided they should make a game of it, choosing to hold it July 4.

“It started as just the one shorter course, and for the first 10 years or so, they had both water and beer – naturally in a small town – at a few stops along the course,” Czarnecki

said. “As the event got more popular and drew the more serious athlete, the beer was dropped. Also, at this time, a second, longer course was added (Jock) to present more of a challenge.”

Those meager beginnings spawned an annual event that literally attracts hundreds of people.

Every year a different colored T-shirt is handed out to each participant. One year it was decided someone should make something out of the surplus.

Diane Czarnecki, who used to live across from the Leopolis Pond, volunteered to sew a blanket.

Cutting squares out of each shirt, she and a friend sewed the pieces together, fashioning a quilt. This was displayed at the contest one year, drawing rave reviews from the participants and bringing about much reminiscing concerning the races they’d run and what year.

“We had every shirt sewed on except maybe we missed two or three years,” Diane Czarnecki said.

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from a stealthy, clandestine platform. Each SSGN is capable of carrying 154 Tomahawk cruise missiles, plus a complement of heavyweight torpedoes to be fired through four torpedo tubes.

Strategic deterrence is the nation’s ultimate insur-

ance program, according to Navy officials. As a member of the submarine force, Krueger serves aboard a platform capable of bringing the fight to enemies in defense of America and its allies.

The U.S. Navy is celebrating its 250th birthday

this year.

Krueger has many opportunities to achieve accomplishments during military service.

“My proudest accomplishment is becoming a diver, because it was the hardest thing I’ve ever done,” Krueger said.

Krueger serves a Navy that operates far forward, around the world and around the clock, promoting the nation’s prosperity and security.

“Serving in the Navy means I never have to question whether I’m doing something meaningful,” Krueger said.

Krueger is grateful to others for helping make a Navy career possible.

“I want to thank my section leading petty officer from Nuclear ‘A’ School, Chief Kontilis, for believing in me,” Krueger added. “I also want to thank Chief Navy Diver Klingaman for having supreme confidence in me and for helping me be the best version of myself.”

WHAT’S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, JUNE 27

PULASKI: American Red Cross blood drive, 8:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., New Life Community Church, 6258 Crest Drive. Appointments at RedCrossBlood.org or 800-733-2767.

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

SHAWANO: Smalley Beach Bash, 2-7 p.m., Smalley Park, 211 Riverside Drive. Presented by city parks and recreation department. Giant water slide and Slip n Slide, crafts with Shawano County Library, food truck, Dunk a Cop and Popsicles with the Police, Shawano Ski Sharks, music with a DJ, Shawano Paddlers.

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

SHAWANO: Revive 715, 7-9 p.m., Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St. Northeast Wisconsin Jazz Ensemble presents a night of big band music.

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

TOWNSEND: Townsend Flowage Kids Fishing Tournament, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wendt’s Sandbar Resort, 16688 Nicolet Road. Registration 7 a.m., weigh-in 1 p.m. Food and beverages available.

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

OCONTO: MartinFest, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Oconto City Park, 5182 County Road N. Banding of purple martins, children’s activities, educational presentations, silent auction.

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

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

OCONTO: Movie Night Under the Stars, dusk, Joel’s Reel Inn, 400 Holtwood Way. “Monster Trucks.”

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

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

SHAWANO: Ski Sharks

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

SHAWANO: Music in the Park at Arlington, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Arlington Park, 300 N. Humphrey Circle. Live music with Pat Wiley.

MONDAY, JUNE 30

SHAWANO: American Red Cross blood drive, 12:30-4 p.m., Hope Community Church, 302 Tristan Drive. Appointments at RedCrossBlood.org or 800-733-2767.

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, JULY 1

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

SHAWANO: Naberhood Block Party, 6 p.m., The Naberhood, 214 S. Main St. Arts and Crafts Night.

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2

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

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

GRESHAM: Evening Paddle with Shawano Paddlers, 6 p.m., Wolf River, Balsam Row Dam, N7072 Forest Haven Road.

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

THURSDAY, JULY 3

BONDUEL: Morning Paddle with Shawano Paddlers, 9 a.m., White Lake, W4110 Lake Road.

NAVARINO: Senior Safari Lunch and Learn, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. Reservations with Tina 715-526-4682 or ADRC at 855-492-2372.

GILLETT: Fourth of July Celebration, 4-11 p.m., Zippel Park, McKenzie Street. Lawn Chair Concert 4 p.m., truck pull 7 p.m., Live music by Country Rewind 7-11 p.m., food and beverage stands.

GILLETT: Community Market, 5-7 p.m., Ebenreiter Square, 200 E. Main St.

SHAWANO: Thursdayz at Franklin, 6-8:30 p.m., Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St. Live music with The Presidents.

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

SHAWANO: Fireworks, dusk, launched from Shawano Airport, 248 Airport Road.

FRIDAY, JULY 4

GILLETT: Fourth of July Celebration, 9 a.m. to 11 p.m., Zippel Park, McKenzie Street. Antique/Classic Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., horse pull 9 a.m., live music by Fun Time Polka Band 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., mini and modified tractor pulls 1 p.m., parade 2 p.m., music by Acoustic Vinyl 3-6 p.m., antique tractor pull 5 p.m., music by Rapid Transit 7-11 p.m., fireworks at dusk, food and beverage stands.

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

BONDUEL: Celebrate Bonduel, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Village Park. Parade 11 a.m., bike raffle, two bands, kids events, baseball game, fireworks at dusk.

TIGERTON: Let Freedom Ring Family Fun Run, 5 p.m., Legion Park. Fund raiser for fireworks display.

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

OCONTO: Movie Night Under the Stars, dusk, Joel’s Reel Inn, 400 Holtwood Way. “Dennis the Menace.”

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

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

SATURDAY, JULY 5

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

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

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WAYS TO GO: From place to place

by Fred Piscop

- ACROSS

1 Arc de Triomphe city

6 Whitman or Disney

10 *The Stranger* author

15 ___ favor for (help out)

18 No longer napping

19 "That explains it"

20 Embarrass

21 Sets the dogs (on)

22 Documental evidence

24 Job history progress

26 NL West team

27 Subordinate exec

28 Foamy coffee

30 Actress Mara

31 Accountants' books

33 Hold in high regard

34 Red table wine

35 Half of an embrace

36 Satisfies, as a request

37 Land by the sea

38 Moose cousins

41 Eyelashes

42 Voting alliance

43 However, briefly

46 Historic Big Apple music district

49 Chocolate dessert with nuts

52 Sean Lennon's mom

53 What granite once was

54 Chess piece

55 Navel formation

56 Developer's inventory

58 Group of scouts

60 Goes along with

61 Mine output

62 King's domain

63 City near Tahoe

64 Capital of Iberia

67 *Inferno* poet

68 Capitol group

72 Some golf clubs

73 Some fowl

74 Perform very well

75 By way of

76 Crime scene evidence

78 Supplier of blood to the kidneys

81 Bagpiper's topper

82 Guesses wrong

83 Leaves the stage

84 Singles to spend

85 Full of zip

87 Chem lab liquids

88 Well-put

90 In a neat manner

92 "You just missed"

93 Orchestral section

97 Braincases

98 Muralist's medium

99 Muesli morsels

100 ___-color pasta

101 Nostalgic evocation

103 The lap of luxury

106 Roasting chamber

107 Gobbled up

108 What Cleopatra barged in

109 Being chilled

110 French diarist

111 Textile workers

112 Walked heavily

113 Long and loud complaints

5 Waitperson

6 Metallic strings

7 "Right away!" letters

8 Hula accessory

9 Be deceitful

10 Arizona plant

11 Lessen gradually

12 Colt's parent

13 Deploy

14 Any adept detective

15 Actress Keaton

16 Trio + 5

17 Pale-looking

21 Fern seed

23 Semester

25 Surf sound

29 Help to soothe

32 Sound surprised

33 Country retreat

34 ___-full (overflowing)

36 Fare for certain festivals

37 Small sailboat

38 British prep school

39 Sentence in a script

40 Have no doubt

41 Quarters for canaries

42 Witch's ride

43 Canine in Oz

44 Mane thing

45 Uplifting poetry

47 Romance writer

48 Specified

50 Not as old

51 Gossipy story

54 Casting assignment

57 Singer Lena

58 Register stack

59 Mouse cousin

60 Reddish salon bottle
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2 Fully informed

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66 Campus housing

67 Criticize sharply

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70 Kingly address

71 Expresses orally

73 Part-bird monster of myth

74 With scornful intent
- 77 Performed again

78 Intel-gathering mission

79 Living now

80 Pre-K kids

85 Attach, as a corsage

86 Mideast ruler

87 Visitors from other planets

88 Aesthetic endeavors

89 Spiritual advisor

90 Central Rome attraction

91 Quick-cook noodles
- 92 Rattan repairer

93 Howled at the moon

94 Oktoberfest vessel

95 Standing tall

96 Camping spots

97 Impatient urging

98 ___ de foie gras

99 Scandinavian capital

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Ski Sharks’ season underway at Smalley Park



Above, Sandor Anday holds Katie Weiland during the Shawano Ski Sharks performance June 18. The Ski Sharks perform every Wednesday through Aug. 13 on the shores of the Wolf River at Smalley Park on Shawano’s west side. The pre-show begins at 5:30 p.m, with the show starting at 6 p.m. Admission is free, but donations are appreciated. Bleacher seating is available, but many people bring lawn chairs and blankets. Concessions are offered at every show (cash only). Bottled water, soda, sports drinks, burgers, brats and popcorn are all for sale. Raffle tickets are available at each show.

GREG MELLIS | NEW MEDIA

Seymour driver wins street stocks

After being rained out the previous two weeks, cars were welcomed back to the Shawano Speedway on June 21 for a hot night of racing – that is, action on the track and sweltering, muggy weather.

Clintonville’s Lucas Lamberies won the 20-lap feature race for the modifieds after staring in fifth place. He topped New London’s Tanner Janke and Wausau’s Marcus Yarie.

Marion’s Adam Abbey won the first heat, and Lamberies won the second.

In the sport modifieds, Pulaski’s Cole Slezewski won the 20-lap feature after starting on the pole. He defeated Forrest Kernen and Tigerton’s Dustin Wudstruck.

Slezewski won the first heat, and Shawano’s Michael Springborn won the second heat.

Mosinee’s Andy Karl won the two-car late model race, with Shawano’s Tommy Rindt in second. Karl also won the heat race.

Jeremy Christians, of Horicon, moved up from

sixth to take the checkered flag in the 25-lap stock car feature. He topped Travis VanStraten, of Hortonville, and Trent Nolan, of Shawano.

Embarrass’ Nate Michonski won the 12-lap B feature, with Oconto Falls’ Kyle Frederick in second and Shiocton’s Vern Stedjee in third.

Pulaski’s Devin Snellenberger won the first heat, Yarie won the second race, Wisconsin Rapids’ Mark Eswein won the third, and VanStraten won the fourth heat.

In the Mighty 4’s, Shawano’s Scott Blanke won the 12-lap feature race, with Shawano’s Dalton Nelson in second and Shawano’s Taylor Junk in third.

Nelson won the the first heat race, and Shawano’s Andrew Yaeger captured the flag in the second heat.

Seymour’s Jacob Ambrosious won the 20-lap street stocks feature race, winning over Austin Steinke, of St. Nazanz, and Paul Ambrosious, of Seymour.

Paul Ambrosious won the heat race.

Riel named NEC golfer of the year

Senior Kadyr Riel, of Oconto Falls, is the conference player of the year for the North Eastern Conference all-conference golf team. He was the only Panther named to the first team.

Freshman Dylan Clark was named to the second team.

Senior infielder Easton Engel was named to the first team for baseball.

Second team honors were awarded to senior pitcher Jack Adler, junior pitcher Carter Heroux and senior catcher Grayson Cahak.

Honorable mention status was earned by junior infielder Trace Brehmer, senior infielder Luke Gilbertson, senior outfielder Wyatt Laughrin and senior outfielder Chase Cariveau.

Results spotty from scheduled Dairyland League games

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

It looks like the heat and humidity took its toll on scheduled Dairyland League baseball games June 20 and June 22, as results from only one of seven scheduled games were reported.

A full slate of games

are slated for June 27-29. Updated schedules may be available on the teams’ individual Facebook pages.

June 22
Bonduel 9, Nichols 1
Nichols took a 1-0 lead in the second inning, but Bonduel’s pitchers held the Nitros scoreless the rest of the way.

The Broncos answered with three runs in the bottom of the second.

Cade Johnson allowed five hits and one run and struck out nine batters over six innings to get the win on the mound. Mason Patz took the loss for the Nitros.

Jack Reinke and Johnson had three of Bonduel’s

12 hits, while Noah Beier added two.

Jason Vandenlang, Will Debrune and Lucas Leisgang had two hits for Nichols.

Bonduel also took advantage of eight walks.

Hortonville at Hofa Park
No results reported.

Waupaca at Shawano

No results reported.

Marinette at Cecil
No results reported.

Pulaski at Navarino
No results reported.

June 20
Shawano at Navarino
No results reported.

Hortonville at Marinette
No results reported.

Upcoming Schedule

June 27 (all games 7:30 p.m.): Waupaca at Bonduel; Hortonville at Shawano.

June 28: Navarino at Nichols, 1:30 p.m.

June 29 (all games 1:30 p.m.): Cecil at Pulaski; Navarino at Waupaca; Shawano at Hofa Park; Nichols at Hortonville; Marinette at Bonduel.

A's Vollmer gets it done at plate, on mound

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

East/West Division
June 22
Clintonville 12,
Marion 3

Winning pitcher Hunter Vollmer had three hits, including a triple and a double, as the A's headed to Marion and returned home with a nine-run win over the Meisters.

Brock Smejkal and Austin Hoffman added three hits for Clintonville.

Bobby Bruner led the Meisters with three hits, while Blake Weatherwax and Hayden Miller added two each.

Joe Weyenberg took the loss for Marion.

Gresham 9, Shawano 8

The Gophers handed the Lakers a loss in Gresham.

Crew Weisnicht led Gresham with a pair of doubles. Arkin Verhein and Garrett Kodonski each had a double for Shawano.

Luke Pecore got the win on the mound, and Tate Zhuckahosse took the loss.

Menominee 14, Neopit 10

Menominee won the battle of Menominee County's BABA teams with a victory over the Chiefs.

Derrick Grignon and winning pitcher Pete O'Kimosh led the Indians with three hits each.

Neopit's Mike Pecore led all players with a four-hit game, while teammates Jamison Besaw added two hits and Ray White and Walker Miller had home runs.

Jamison Beasaw took the loss for Neopit.

Leopolis 14, Tilleda 10

Leopolis had a big day at the plate, as Jackson Krohn, Anderson Schmidt and Collin Akstulewicz led the way with three hits each, and Brady Hannes, Alex Zimmerman and Ryan Malueg had two.

Tilleda's Brad Brei had five hits and drove in a team-high four runs. Jay Brei added four hits and Zach Fehrman and Adin Brei chipped in with two each.

Malueg picked up the win and Fehrman took the loss.

June 20
Caroline 11, Tigerton 8

Neil Hoffman homered and had a team-high three hits to help lead the Cougars over the Tigers.

Jared Cartwright and Colton Barkow added two hits each for Caroline and Barkow also homered as Caroline had nine hits in

the game.

Tyler Steinbach, Eric Kroening and Austin Hoffman led the Tigers at the plate with two of Tigerton's 10 hits.

Klay Barkow picked up the win on the mound and Caleb Dahlstrom took the loss.

Little Falls 16, Crandon 5

The Loggers headed to Crandon and returned home with a win over the Kentucks.

Carter Kurki picked up the win and Cole Kupfer took the loss.

North Division
June 22
Eland 5, Birnamwood 1

Winning pitcher Tyler Nelson went the distance and held Birnamwood to one run.

Payton Flees led the Engineers with three hits, while Charlie Woida and Shane Larson added two each.

Mason Meverden took the loss on the mound but led the Kings with three hits. Carson Meverden added a double.

Hatley 14, Wittenberg 10

Hatley had 10 hits in a win over the Pilots.

Nick Cotter and Tanner Kocher led the Braves with three and two hits,

respectively.

Zach Urquhart and Jake Laszewski had three hits for Wittenberg, and Dalton Zeinert and Nathan Waupekenay added two each.

Ben Cumliffe picked up the win, and Waupekenay took the loss.

Elderon 20, Antigo/Polar 4

The WhiskeyJacks had 19 hits and scored 20 runs in a road win over Antigo/Polar.

Justin Meronk led Elderon at the plate with five hits, including a pair of doubles. Mike Lehman and Thomas Lemanczyk added four and two hits, respectively.

Mason Gray had two hits for Antigo/Polar.

Nate Lemanczyk picked up the win, and AJ Kirsch took the loss.

Aniwa had a bye.

South-Central Division
June 22

Plover 6, Weymont 2

Josh Marcione led the Pterodactyls with two hits in a South-Central win over the White Bass.

Luke Schwenn, Tyler Wetzel and Kolden Baehman had two hits apiece for the White Bass.

Kaden Thauer picked up the win, and Trevor Wetzel took the loss.

Scandinavia 8, New

Northern zone smallmouth bass season open

The 2025-26 smallmouth bass fishing season opened in the northern bass management zone June 21 and runs through March 1, 2026.

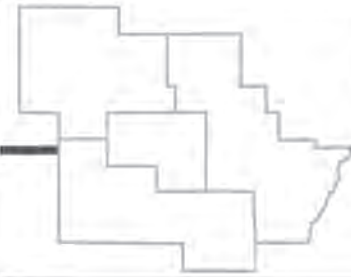
While anglers in the southern zone have been able to harvest bass since May 3, this harvest season gives anglers a chance to catch and keep smallmouth bass in waters north of state Highway 77 to the east of state Highway 27 and north of state Highway 64.

The northern zone also includes:

- Inland waters north of state Highway 29 in Brown and Kewaunee counties.
- Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters.
- Tributaries to Lake Michigan north of state Highway 29 in Door and Kewaunee counties.
- Lake Superior, including the Kakagon River and Slough.

Catch-and-release fishing for smallmouth and largemouth bass will remain open statewide throughout the year, except where otherwise noted.

Check the 2025-2026 Guide to Hook and Line Fishing Regulations for bag and size limits.



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Thank you to God, the most Blessed Virgin Mary, and St. Jude for your intercession on behalf of my prayer request. MD

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WNA thanks legislators for supporting SB/194 and urges passage in Assembly

On May 15, the Wisconsin Senate approved Senate Bill 194 without opposition, paving the way for the Assembly to consider this important piece of legislation.

SB 194 allows for the awarding of attorneys' fees and costs in Wisconsin Open Records Law cases if the threat of a lawsuit was a significant factor in obtaining the records.

In a 2022 Supreme Court opinion, Friends of Frame Park, U.A. v. City of Waukesha, held that if a governmental entity releases records after a suit has been filed and before a court acted on the case, the requester is not entitled to seek attorneys' fees.

The court based its decision on a narrow interpretation of the word "prevail" in the existing public records statute. The court ruled a judge must affirmatively order a unit of government to turn over public records for a requester to "prevail" and, therefore, be eligible to seek reimbursement for legal fees.

That narrow interpretation of what it means to prevail allows governmental bodies to hold onto public records until a requester files a lawsuit knowing they face no penalty if they turn over the records before a judge even has an opportunity to act.

The denial of the payment of attorneys' fees in cases like these is having a chilling effect on the media and the public's ability to pursue public documents.

Shawano Civic Center expanding its offerings

The Shawano Civic Center, 225 S. Main St., Shawano, is looking for community members interested in playing cards, cribbage, dice games and board games — all of which are supplied at no charge.

Organizers said the games offer a chance to socialize, make new friends, enjoy a cup of coffee and have some fun.

Currently, the civic center offers the Silver Foxes exercise group from 8:30-9:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and Bingo at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Card games are set to be offered from 1-3 p.m. or 2-4 p.m. Monday, Thursday or Friday, depending on the schedules of the players.

The civic center is also on the lookout for musicians who want to voluntarily share their talent. Singalongs or presentations (mornings or afternoons) are welcome. There is a piano at the civic center.

Anyone from beginners to experts interested in joining a painting group are welcome to stop in from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday.

For more information, visit the civic center, call 715-526-9311 or email lpas-son@cityofshawano.com.

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TOWN OF RED SPRINGS

NOTICE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following alcohol license applications for the year July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026 have been filed with the Town of Red Springs Clerk, Gwen Olsen, W11019 W. Townhall Rd., Gresham, WI

CLASS B COMBINATION (Beer & Liquor)

Pine Hills Golf Course/Supper Club

N9499 Pine Hills Drive, Gresham, WI 54128

Many Trails Banquet Hall

N4698 Big Lake Road, Gresham, WI 54128

Jeremey Pennnewell - Agent

Captain's Cove Resort, LLC

N9099 Big Lake Road, Gresham, WI 54128

Doug Gay - Agent

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Deputy Clerk/Deputy Court Clerk

The City of Shawano wants you to join our team! There are so many amazing things happening in our community, and we would like you to be a part of it. We are currently seeking applications for the position of Deputy Clerk/Deputy Court Clerk. Under the direction of the City Clerk/Community Relations Manager, this position provides high-level professional administrative support to the office of the City Clerk/Community Relations Manager. Responsibilities include a wide range of complex duties such as election administration, records management, agenda and minute management, and issuance of licenses and permits, all performed in compliance with state statutes, local ordinances, and city policies. This role requires a strong commitment to delivering exceptional customer service to the public, elected officials, and city staff. This position also serves as the Deputy Municipal Court Clerk in the absence of the Municipal Court Clerk.

The complete job description as well as information regarding the application process can be found online at www.cityofshawano.com. The starting wage will be \$20.00 - \$23.00 per hour, DOQ. This position also provides an excellent fringe benefits package.

Please send a cover letter, resume, and completed application to Lesley Nemetz, City Clerk/Community Relations Manager, at 127 S. Sawyer Street, Shawano, Wisconsin 54166, or email to lnemetz@cityofshawano.com. Application closing date: Thursday, July 3, 2025, by 4:00 PM. For additional questions, please contact Lesley Nemetz, City Clerk/Community Relations Manager with the City of Shawano at lnemetz@cityofshawano.com or by phone at (715) 701-8903.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Before the Town of Hartland Planning Commission

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Monday, July 14, 2025, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Town of Hartland Town Hall located at W3454 County Road BE, Bonduel, Wisconsin, the Town of Hartland Planning Commission will hold public hearings for the purpose of considering the following two (2) petitions:

1) Peters Concrete Company, requests a conditional use permit renewal to continue operating the Przybylski Gravel Pit facility on the property addressed N3303 Moonlight Lane (tax parcel number 022-30120-0000; Applicant is looking to continue operating the facility as they currently are.

2) Peters Concrete Company, requests a conditional use permit renewal to continue operating the Peters Concrete Company, Ready Mix and Wash Plant facility on the property addressed N3601 STH 47 (tax parcel number 022-20110-0070; Applicant is looking to continue operating the facility as they currently are.

3) Steve & Karen Luepke Revocable Trust, request a zoning change, from Farmland Preservation to Agricultural and Forestry General.

Additional information or copies of the conditional use permit application, and rezoning application, are available upon request filed with the Town Zoning Administrator, Tim Leitermann, at (920) 228-1109 or tim@slabcitywoodworks.com

The hearings are open to the public and all interested parties are encouraged to appear in person or by an agent and be heard. If you cannot appear in-person, any person may submit written comments by letter addressed to: [Tim.Leitermann PO Box 4, Bonduel, WI 54107](mailto:Tim.Leitermann@PO.Box.4.Bonduel.WI.54107) or by email to tim@slabcitywoodworks.com

Town of Hartland
Tim Leitermann
Zoning Administrator
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

TOWN OF WAUKECHON

The Town of Waukechon, Shawano County, is accepting bids for the following for 2025.

Snow plowing of approximately 40 miles of town roads:

Bid #1

Cost per hour for Machine and manpower

Bid #2

Price per ton of salt/sand if available

Road Work as follows :

Bid #1

Price to Pulverize 1 mile of town road and grade back to travelable road

Bid #2

Price to blacktop 1 mile of town road

Contact Town Chairman, Jay Vomastic @ (715) 851-4555 for specifics on this bid.

Sealed bids and Certificate of Insurance are to be mailed or delivered to: Town of Waukechon – Christine Prey, Clerk W7005 St Johns Church Rd., Clintonville, WI 54929 Bids must be received by July 14, 2025 at 7:00pm and will be opened at board meeting, at approximately 7:30pm, that night, at the Waukechon Community Center, N3999 County Hwy K, Shawano, WI

The Town of Waukechon reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive irregularities in the bidding, and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of the Town of Waukechon.

Christine Prey, Clerk
Town of Waukechon

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06/27/2025

ORDINANCE NO.:

2025-01

SPONSORED BY:

INTRODUCED BY:

SECONDED BY:

Committee of the Whole
Kay Zuleger
Brenda Staszak

THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF BONDUEL, SHAWANO COUNTY, WISCONSIN, DO ORDAIN that the Municipal Code of Bonduel, Wisconsin, Chapter 28 Traffic Code, Sec. 28-15. All-terrain/utility-terrain vehicle routes, is hereby repealed and replaced as follows: Sec. 28-15. All-terrain/utility-terrain vehicle routes.

Designation of all-terrain and utility terrain vehicle routes. The following routes are designated all-terrain vehicles and utility terrain vehicle routes in the Village:

All Village Streets, alleyways and transportation marked corridors within the Village of Bonduel.

Authorization of all-terrain and utility-terrain vehicle operation. Under Wis. Stat. s. 23.33(11)(am)4, the Village of Bonduel authorizes operation of ATV/UTVs on State Highway 117 which has a posted speed limit of 35 mph or less, from South Street to North Street, and this segment shall be signed accordingly. Designated county roadways located in the Village are hereby declared ATV/UTV routes if authorized for operation by Shawano County.

This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication and/or posting as provided by law.

NOTE: A complete copy of the amended ordinance can be reviewed at the Clerk's office located at the Bonduel Village Hall.

ADOPTED: June 11, 2025
PUBLISHED: June 27, 2025

VILLAGE OF BONDUEL, WISCONSIN

Russ Gehm, Village President

ATTEST:

Michelle Maroszek, Clerk/Treasurer

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FOR SALE BY SHAWANO COUNTY

TAX DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE – 1st Round

Pursuant to Chapter 75.69 Wis. Stats., Shawano County acquired the tax delinquent real estate by tax foreclosure per state statutes and will be conducting a sale of tax delinquent real estate via a closed bid process. Sealed bids will be accepted at the office of the County Treasurer at 311 N. Main Street, Shawano, Wisconsin, 54166, until July 15, 2025 at 1:59pm, for the purchase of tax delinquent real estate, at a price not less than the appraised value, as described below.

Bid forms may be picked up at the Shawano County Treasurers Office at 311 N. Main Street in Shawano. Each parcel number must be submitted on its own bid form. ANY BID THAT CONTAINS MORE THAN ONE PARCEL WILL BE REJECTED. Each bidder must designate the amount he/she is offering for the parcel. A 10% good faith deposit in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, or money order payable to "Shawano County" must accompany the bid. The balance is payable within 14 days from the date of notification of approval of the bid or down payment is forfeited. Deposits of successful bidders will be applied to the purchase price. All others will be returned. Successful bidders will be given a Quit Claim Deed to the property from Shawano County upon full payment.

The described parcels will be sold to the person offering the highest bid equal to or in excess of the asking price. Bids for less than the appraised value will be rejected. Bids unaccompanied by a 10% good faith deposit in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, or money order payable to "Shawano County" will be rejected. The County reserves the right to accept any responsible bid most advantageous to Shawano or to reject any and all bids. All property is sold "AS IS", with no written or implied warranty.

Shawano County does not purchase title insurance for these properties. All properties are subject to any and all existing easements, deed restrictions, covenants and applicable ordinances.

Municipality	Parcel Number	Address	Description	Approximate Acreage	Appraised Value
Town of Wescott	048-20440-0001	N/A	PRT OF SE 1/4 SE 1/4 THAT PRT LYG SE OF EDGEWOOD ROAD SEC 20 T27N R16E	23.50	\$3,200
Village of Aniwa	101-08210-0010	W18776 County Road Z, Birnamwood, WI	VIL OF ANIWA NE 1/4 NW 1/4 E 600' OF W 804' OF 5.600 FT SEC 8 T29N R11E	8.26	\$80,000
Village of Mattoon	151-70050-0300	519 Flint Avenue, Mattoon, WI	VILLAGE OF MATTOON ORIGINAL PLAT LOTS 4 & 5 BLK 18	.33	\$12,000
City of Shawano	281-40400-2770	502 S. Andrews Street, Shawano, WI	CITY OF SHAWANO ASSESSORS MAP LOT 3 BLK 33 TH W 60'	.137	\$10,000
City of Shawano	281-75200-1880	N/A	CITY OF SHAWANO SMALLEYS ADDITION LOT 5 BLK 28	.172	\$3,000

If you have any questions regarding this publication, please contact the Shawano County Treasurers Office.

Respectfully submitted by:

Debra Wallace, Shawano County Treasurer

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STATE OF WISCONSIN COURT,
SHAWANO COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
JANICE E. LARSON
DOD 02/08/2025

Notice Setting Time to Hear
Application
and Deadline for Filing Claims
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 25PR35

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal
administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth
12/26/1942 and date of death
02/08/2025, was domiciled in Shawano
County, State of Wisconsin, with a
mailing address of c/o Meadow View
Assisted Living, 400 W. Mill Street,
Bonduel, WI 54107.
3. The application will be heard at the
Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N.
Main St, Shawano, Wisconsin, Room
202, before Gwen Hoffman, Probate
Registrar, on July 15, 2025 at 10:00 am.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against
the decedent's estate is September 14,
2025.
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano
County Courthouse, 311 N. Main St,
Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202.
6. This publication is notice to any
persons whose names or address are
unknown.
Dated: June 3, 2025
Electronically signed by Gwen
Hoffman, Probate Registrar
Attorney Magnus Zaunmueller
Menn Law Firm, Ltd.
2501 E. Enterprise Avenue
P.O. Box 785
Appleton, WI 54912-0785

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT
COURT SHAWANO COUNTY
Mortgage Solutions of Colorado, LLC,
D.B.A. Mortgage
Solutions Financial
Plaintiff,
vs.
Amanda Gross, Joseph M. Gross, The
United States of America
acting by and through the Secretary of
Veterans Affairs and Green
Bay Anesthesia Associates, S.C.
Defendants.

NOTICE OF ADJOURNED
FORECLOSURE SALE
Case No. 24-CV-000144

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of
a judgment of foreclosure entered on
January 16, 2025 in the amount of
\$208,228.18 the Sheriff will sell the
described premises at public auction as
follows:
ORIGINAL TIME: May 14, 2025 at 9:00
a.m.
FIRST ADJOURNMENT: June 11, 2025
at 9:00 a.m.
ADJOURNED TIME: July 9, 2025 at 9:00
a.m.
TERMS: Pursuant to said judgment, 10%
of the successful bid must be paid to the
sheriff at the sale in cash, cashier's check
or certified funds, payable to the clerk of
courts (personal checks cannot and will
not be accepted). The balance of the
successful bid must be paid to the clerk
of courts in cash, cashier's check or
certified funds no later than ten days after
the court's confirmation of the sale or else
the 10% down payment is forfeited to the
plaintiff. The property is sold as is, and
subject to all liens and encumbrances.
PLACE: In the front lobby of the
Shawano County Courthouse, City and
County of Shawano
DESCRIPTION: THAT PART OF THE
SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE
SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW 1/4 OF
SW 1/4), SECTION ELEVEN (11),
TOWNSHIP TWENTY-SEVEN (27)
NORTH, RANGE SIXTEEN (16) EAST,
IN THE TOWN OF WESCOTT,
SHAWANO COUNTY, WISCONSIN,
BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS
FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE
WEST 1/4 CORNER OF THE SAID
SECTION 11; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEG.
15 MIN. 37 SEC. EAST ALONG THE
SECTION LINE 1326.21 FEET TO A
FOUND SNM AT THE ONE-SIXTEENTH
CORNER, THENCE SOUTH 89 DEG. 09
MIN. 42 SEC. EAST ALONG THE ONE-
SIXTEENTH LINE 891.74 FEET TO A
FOUND 2"IRON PIPE AND THE PLACE
OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 89
DEG. 09 MIN. 42 SEC. EAST
CONTINUING ALONG THE SAME LINE
153.90 FEET TO A SET 1"IRON PIPE;
THENCE SOUTH 00 DEG. 48 MIN. 56
SEC. EAST 499.15 FEET TO A SET
1"IRON PIPE; THENCE SOUTH 44 DEG.
54 MIN. 04 SEC. WEST 245.19 FEET TO
A SET 1"IRON PIPE AT THE
INTERSECTION WITH THE NORTH
LINE OF CTH & THENCE NORTH 47
DEG. 46 MIN. 26 SEC. WEST ALONG
THE SAID NORTH LINE 325.77 FEET
TO A FOUND 1"IRON PIPE; THENCE
NORTH 43 DEG. 23 MIN. 28 SEC. EAST
373.54 FEET; THENCE NORTH 01 DEG.
01 MIN. 21 SEC. WEST 184.67 FEET TO
THE PLACE OF
BEGINNING. TOGETHER WITH THE
RECIPROCAL EASEMENT RECORDED
AS DOC NO. 751815
PROPERTY ADDRESS: W5634 Lake Dr
Shawano, WI 54166-1472
DATED: June 10, 2025
Gray & Associates, L.L.P.,
Attorneys for Plaintiff
16345 West Glendale Drive
New Berlin, WI 53151-2841
(414) 224-8404
George Lenzner
Shawano County Sheriff
Please go to www.gray-law.com to obtain
the bid for this sale.
Gray & Associates, L.L.P. is attempting to
collect a debt and any information
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you have previously received a discharge
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liable for the debt.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN COURT,
SHAWANO COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Bruce Robert Patza
DOD 06/01/2025

Notice to Creditors (Informal
Administration)
Case No. 25 PR 39

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal
administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth
06/17/1933 and date of death
06/01/2025, was domiciled in Shawano
County, State of Wisconsin, with a
mailing address of N863 Lawn Rd
Seymour, WI 54165.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against
the decedent's estate is September 22,
2025.
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano
County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street,
Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202,
Probate Office
David Patza
N2427 Two Creek RD
Bonduel, WI 54107
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06/27/25

Notice of Self Storage Sale
Please take notice Just Simple
Storage - Gresham -
W10711 Upper Lake Dr / W10129
Cherry Rd, Gresham, WI, 54128
Intends to hold a Auction of storage
units in default of payment. The sale will
occur as an . Unless stated otherwise the
description of the contents are household
goods, furnishings andgarage essentials.
Online Auction via
www.storage-treasures.com on
7/17/2025 at
12:00PM
Lance Lindner Unit #B818. This sale may
be withdrawn at any time without notice.
Certain terms and conditions apply.

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06/20/25, 06/27/25, 07/04/25

STATE OF WISCONSIN COURT,
SHAWANO COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Patricia M. Hoffman
DOD 04/07/2025

Notice to Creditors (Informal
Administration)
Case No. 25 PR 38

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal
administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth
10/12/1938 and date of death
04/07/2025, was domiciled in Shawano
County, State of Wisconsin, with a
mailing address of 1341 Schabow ST
Gresham, WI 54128.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against
the decedent's estate is September 19,
2025.
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano
County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street,
Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202,
Probate Office
James E. Aschenbrenner
P.O. Box146, Shawano, WI 54166
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STATE OF WISCONSIN - CIRCUIT
COURT - BROWN COUNTY

CREATIVE FINANCE, INC.
815 Business Park Road
PO Box 454
Wisconsin Dells, WI 53985.
Plaintiff,
v.
CORY DEWAYNE REED
W3248 East Slab City Road
Bonduel, WI 54107
Defendant.
Case No. 25CV4040
6-02-2025
SUMMONS
THE STATE OF WISCONSIN
To each person named above as a
Defendant:
You are hereby notified that the Plaintiff
named above Creative Finance, Inc., by
its attorney, Christopher M. Kern, filed a
lawsuit or other legal action against you.
Within Forty (40) days the 2nd day of
June, 2025, you must respond with a
written demand for a copy of the
Complaint. The demand must be sent or
delivered to the Court, whose address is:
Clerk of Circuit Court, Brown County
Courthouse, 100 South Jefferson Street,
PO Box 23600, Green Bay, Wisconsin
54305, and to Plaintiff's attorney,
Christopher M. Kern, 815 Business Park
Road, PO Box 454, Wisconsin Dells,
Wisconsin, 53985. You may have an
attorney help or represent you.
If you do not provide a proper answer
within forty (40) days, the Court may
grant judgment against you for the award
of money or other legal action requested
in the Complaint, and you may
lose your right to object to anything that is
or may be incorrect in the Complaint. A
judgment may be enforced as provided
by law. A judgment awarding money may
become a lien against any real
estate you own now or in the future,
and may also be enforced by
garnishment or seizure of property.
Dated this 2nd day of June, 2025.
General Counsel for Plaintiff
Signed By: Christopher M. Kern
Christopher M. Kern
State Bar Number, 1093883
Creative Finance, Inc.
815 Business Park Road
P.O. Box 454
Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965
Phone: (608) 254-6855
Fax: (608) 253-5005
legal@creativefinanceinc.com

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06/13/25, 06/20/25, 06/27/25

STATE OF WISCONSIN COURT,
SHAWANO COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Lynn L. Hansen

Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 25 PR 33

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal
administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth
12/18/1951 and date of death
05/04/2025, was domiciled in Shawano
County, State of Wisconsin, with a
mailing address of W12799 CTY RD M
CAROLINE, WI 54928.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against
the decedent's estate is September 11
2025.
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano
County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street,
Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202,
Probate Office

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Notice to Creditors -
Joann M. Kuehl Revocable Trust dated
March 16, 2006
Pursuant to Sec. 701.0508, Wis. Stats.,
notice is hereby given as follows:
1. Joann M. Kuehl, whose date of birth
was September 29, 1934, and a date
of death of May 13, 2025, died a resident
of Shawano County, Wisconsin, with
a mailing address of 1125 South Main
Street Unit 41, Shawano, WI 54166.
2. That, during her lifetime, the decedent
established a revocable trust known
as the Joann M. Kuehl Revocable Trust
dated March 16, 2006.
3. That the names and address of the
current Trustees are: Richard Kuehl and
Dale Kuehl, P.O. Box 265, Hustisford, WI
53034.
4. In accordance with Sec. 701.0508
Wis. Stats., all creditors' claims must be
filed with the trustees, Richard Kuehl and
Dale Kuehl, on or before October 27,
2025, or be barred against the trustees,
the trust property, and any recipients of
the trust property.
Dated this 27 th day of June, 2025
By: Attorney Ian Prust, SBN 1079977,
Prust Legal, LLC,
PO Box 114, West Bend, WI 53095
262-201-0210

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STATE OF WISCONSIN COURT,
SHAWANO COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Gregory S. Kidwell
DOD 12/27/2024
Date Signed June 12, 2025
Electronically signed by Gwen Hoffman
Probate Registrar

Notice to Creditors (Informal
Administration)
Case No. 25 PR 31

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal
administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth March
2, 1973 and date of death 12/27/2024,
was domiciled in Shawano County, State
of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of
1360 Eas Lieg Ave. Apt.4 Shawano, WI
54166.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against
the decedent's estate is September 25,
2025.
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano
County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street,
Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202,
Probate Office
Form Completed by:
Atty. Brandon Carlin
Carlin Law LLC
508 N. Central Ave. Suite 103
Marshfield, WI 54449
715 207 0513
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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT
COURT
FAMILY COURT BRANCH
SHAWANO COUNTY

In Re The Marriage Of:
Craig Armour.
Petitioner,
v.
Jennifer Armour,
Respondent.
NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING
Case No. 20 FA 118
To: Craig Armour
N3991 Maple Lane
Tigerton, WI54486
IT IS ORDERED:
This Notice be published advising you
that a Notice of Motion and Motion for
Contempt in this matter be heard at the
Shawano County Courthouse, Branch 1,
2nd Floor, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano,
Wisconsin 54166 on Wednesday, July 9,
2025, at 10:00 a.m., or as soon
thereafter as counsel can be heard,
before the Honorable Katherine Sloma,
Circuit Court Judge.
IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR, the court
may hear testimony in support of the
allegations in the Motion for Contempt
and grant the request of the Respondent
to find the Petitioner in contempt.
If you require reasonable
accommodations due to a disability to
participate in the court process, please
call 715-526-9352 prior to the scheduled
court date. Please note that the court
does not
provide transportation.
Attorney Mark J. Tyczkowski
Remley Law, S.C.
2 Neenah Center - Suite 100
Neenah, WI 54956
Telephone: 920-725-2601
State Bar: 1011571

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STATE OF WISCONSIN COURT,
SHAWANO COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Edward Grunewald
DOD 05/15/2025

Notice Setting Time to Hear
Application
and Deadline for Filing Claims
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 25PR35

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal
administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth
09/04/1960 and date of death
05/15/2025, was domiciled in Shawano
County, State of Wisconsin, with a
mailing address of 1046 S Sawyer St,
Shawano, WI 54166.
3. The application will be heard at the
Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N.
Main St, Shawano, Wisconsin, Room
202, before Gwen Hoffman, Probate
Registrar, on July 8, 2025 at 10:30 am.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against
the decedent's estate is September 11,
2025.
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano
County Courthouse, 311 N. Main St,
Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202.
6. This publication is notice to any
persons whose names or address are
unknown.
Atty Jerry Zimmerman
385 Williamstowne, Ste 207, Delafield,
WI 53018
262-646-4850
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STATE OF WISCONSIN COURT,
SHAWANO COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
James L. Popp
DOD 05/09/2025

Notice Setting Time to Hear
Application and Deadline for Filing
Claims (Informal Administration)
Case No. 25 PR 34

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal
administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth
03/17/1939 and date of death
05/08/2025, was domiciled in Shawano
County, State of Wisconsin, with a
mailing address of 1046 S. Main St
Shawano, WI 54166.
3. The Application will be heard at the
Shawano County Court House Shawano,
WI Room 202 before Gwen Hoffman
Probate Registrar, on July 8, 2025 at
10:00 am
4. The deadline for filing a claim against
the decedent's estate is September 08,
2025.
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano
County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street,
Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202,
Probate Office.
6. This publication is notice to any
persons who's name and address are
unknown.
The names or addresses of the following
interested person (if any) are not known
or reasonably ascertainable:
Janet Swearingen, Jill Swearingen,
Melissa Swearingen & Lance Swearingen
Paul F. Kersten
610 W. Green Bay St.
Shawano, WI 54166
715 524 2302

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT
COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
ARLENE A. GRIMM

Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 25 PR 41

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal
administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth
08/12/1940 and date of death 03/13/2025
, was domiciled in Shawano County,
State of Wisconsin, with a mailing
address of W11750 North Branch Road,
Marion, WI 54950.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against
the decedent's estate is [Date]
September 23, 2025.
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano
County Courthouse, 311 North 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
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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT
COURT SHAWANO COUNTY
The Bank of New York Mellon fka The
Bank of
New York as Successors Trustee to JP
Morgan
Chase Bank, N.A. as Trustee on behalf of
the
Certificateholders of the CWHEQ Inc.,
CWHEQ
Revolving Home Equity Loan Trust,
Series 2006-H
c/o Bank of America, N.A.
400 National Way
Simi Valley, CA 93065
Plaintiff,
vs.
Jay F. Krueger
N8002 Wolf River Rd
Shawano, WI 54166-6005
Rhonda M. Krueger
117 S Main St # 7
Shawano, WI 54166-2357
Defendants.

PUBLICATION SUMMONS
Case No. 25-CV-000117

The Honorable
William F. Kussel Jr.
Case Code 30404
(Foreclosure of Mortgage)
The amount claimed exceeds \$10,000.00
THE STATE OF WISCONSIN
To each person named above as a
defendant: You are hereby notified that
the plaintiff named above has filed a
lawsuit or other legal action against you.
Within 40 days after June 27, 2025 you
must respond with a written demand for a
copy of the complaint.
The demand must be sent or delivered to
the court, whose address is 311 N. Main
Street, Shawano, WI 54166-2145 and to
Gray & Associates, L.L.P., plaintiff's
attorney, whose address is 16345 West
Glendale Drive, New Berlin, WI 53151-
2841. You may have an attorney help or
represent you.
If you do not demand a copy of the
complaint within 40 days, the court may
grant judgment against you for the award
of money or other legal action requested
in the complaint, and you may lose your
right to object to anything that is or may
be incorrect in the complaint. A judgment
may be enforced as provided by law. A
judgment awarding money may become
a lien against any real estate you own
now or in the future, and may also be
enforced by garnishment or seizure of
property.
Dated this 18th day of June, 2025.

Gray & Associates, L.L.P.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
Patricia C. Lonzo
State Bar No. 1045312
Case No. 25-CV-000117
16345 West Glendale Drive
New Berlin, WI 53151-2841
(414) 224-1987
Gray & Associates, L.L.P. is attempting to
collect a debt and any information
obtained will be used for that purpose. If
you have previously received a discharge
in a chapter 7 bankruptcy case, this
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STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT
OF NATURAL RESOURCES
PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF
A NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN
AND INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCON-
SIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMI-
NATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT
No.WI-0059391-06-0

Permittee: Tauchen Harmony Valley Inc,
N3397 S Broadway Rd, Bonduel, WI,
54107
Facility Where Discharge Occurs:
Tauchen Harmony Valley Inc, N3399
Broadway Rd Bonduel
Receiving Water And Location: Surface
water and groundwater within the Pensau-
kee River & Shioc River Watersheds
Brief Facility Description Tauchen Har-
mony Valley is an existing Concentrated
Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO).
Tauchen Harmony Valley is owned and
operated by the Tauchen family. It cur-
rently has 1,913 animal units and is not
proposing any expansion over the permit
term. This includes 1,175 milking & dry
cows, 225 heifers, and 350 calves. Based
on current herd size, Tauchen Harmony
Valley has approximately 172 days of
liquid waste storage and generates
15,513,946 gallons of manure and pro-
cess wastewater annually and 1,777 tons
of solid manure. Tauchen Harmony Valley
has a total of 2,194 acres available for
land application of manure and process
wastewater. Of this acreage, 1,401 acres
are owned, and 793 acres are controlled
through contracts, rental agreements or
leases, or under manure agreements.
Of this acreage, 2,136 are considered
spreadable acres. Tauchen Harmony
Valley is adding an offsite waste storage
facility to the upcoming permit to maintain
180 days of liquid waste storage volume.
This offsite waste storage facility is known
as the Klosterman Pit and labeled in the
permit as WSF #4 & sample point 011
The Department has tentatively decided
that the above specified WPDES permit
should be reissued.
Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone
and Email: Brian Hanson, DNR, 647
Lakeland Rd, Shawano, WI, 54166-
3843, (920) 366-3302, Brian.Hanson@
wisconsin.gov
Persons wishing to comment on or object
to the proposed permit action, the terms
of the nutrient management plan, or
the application, or to request a public
informational hearing may write to the
Department of Natural Resources at the
permit drafter's address. All comments
or suggestions received no later than
30 days after the publication date of this
public notice will be considered along with
other information on file in making a final
decision regarding the permit. Anyone
providing comments in response to this
public notice will receive a notification of
the Department's final decision when the
permit is re-issued. Where designated
as a reviewable surface water discharge
permit, the U.S. Environmental Protection
Agency is allowed up to 90 days to submit
comments or objections regarding this
permit determination. If no comments are
received on the proposed permit from
anyone, including U.S. EPA, the permit
will be re-issued as proposed.
The Department may schedule a public
informational hearing if within 30 days of
the public date of this notice, a request
for a hearing is filed by any person. The
Department shall schedule a public infor-
mational hearing if a petition requesting a
hearing is received from USEPA or from
5 or more persons or if the Department
determines there is significant public inter-
est. Requests for a public informational
hearing shall state the following: the name
and address of the person(s) requesting
the hearing; the interest in the proposed
permit of the person(s) requesting the
hearing; the reasons for the request; and
the issues proposed to be considered at
the hearing.
Information on file for this permit action,
including the draft permit and fact sheet
(if required), the operation's nutrient
management plan and application may
be inspected and copied at the permit
drafter's office, Monday through Friday
(except holidays), between 9:00 a.m. and
3:30 p.m. Please call the permit drafter
for directions to their office location, if
necessary. Information on this permit
action may also be obtained by calling
the permit drafter at (920) 366-3302 or by
writing to the Department. Reasonable
costs (15 cents per page for copies and 7
cents per page for scanning) will be
charged for information in the file other
than the public notice and fact sheet.
Permit information is also available on
the internet at: http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/
wastewater/PublicNotices.html. Pursuant
to the Americans with Disabilities Act,
reasonable accommodation, including the
provision of informational material in an al-
ternative format, will be made to qualified
individuals upon request.
NAME OF PUBLISHING NEWSPAPER:
Shawano Leader
ADDRESS OF PUBLISHING NEWSPA-
PER: 1464 E Green Bay St., Shawano,
WI 54166
Date Notice Issued: Friday, June 20, 2025
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2024 Consumer Confidence Report Data
BIRNAMWOOD WATERWORKS, PWS ID: 45904496

Este informe contiene información importante acerca de su agua potable. Haga que alguien lo traduzca para usted, o hable con alguien que lo entienda.

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Water System Information

If you would like to know more about the information contained in this report, please contact Conner Oppen at (715) 326-3479.

Opportunity for input on decisions affecting your water quality
Every 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at a board meeting

Health Information

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's safe drinking water hotline (800-426-4791). Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune systems disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Environmental Protection Agency's safe drinking water hotline (800-426-4791).

Source ID	Source	Depth (in feet)	Status
3	Groundwater	49	Active
4	Groundwater	56	Active

Educational Information

The sources of drinking water, both tap water and bottled water, include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally- occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which shall provide the same protection for public health.

Definitions

Term	Definition
AL	Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
HA and HAL	HA: Health Advisory. An estimate of acceptable drinking water levels for a chemical substance based on health effects information. HAL: Health Advisory Level is a concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, poses a health risk and may require a system to post a public notice. Health Advisories are determined by US EPA.
HI	HI: Hazard Index: A Hazard Index is used to assess the potential health impacts associated with mixtures of contaminants. Hazard Index guidance for a class of contaminants or mixture of contaminants may be determined by the US EPA or Wisconsin Department of Health Services. If a Health Index is exceeded a system may be required to post a public notice.
Level 1 Assessment	A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine, if possible, why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.
Level 2 Assessment	A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine, if possible, why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system, or both, on multiple occasions.
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
MCLG	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
MFL	million fibers per liter
MRDL	Maximum residual disinfectant level: The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
MRDLG	Maximum residual disinfectant level goal: The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
mrem/year	millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)
NTU	NTU Nephelometric Turbidity Units
pCi	pCi/l picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)
ppm	ppm parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/l)
ppb	ppb parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (ug/l)
ppt	ppt parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter
ppq	ppq parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter
PHGS	PHGS PHGS: Public Health Groundwater Standards are found in NR 140 Groundwater Quality. The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, poses a health risk and may require a system to post a public notice.
RPHGS	RPHGS: Recommended Public Health Groundwater Standards: Groundwater standards proposed by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, poses a health risk and may require a system to post a public notice.
SMCL	Secondary drinking water standards or Secondary Maximum Contaminant Levels for contaminants that affect taste, odor, or appearance of the drinking water. The SMCLs do not represent health standards.
TCR	Total Coliform Rule
TT	Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Detected Contaminants

Your water was tested for many contaminants last year. We are allowed to monitor for some contaminants less frequently than once a year. The following tables list only those contaminants which were detected in your water. If a contaminant was detected last year, it will appear in the following tables without a sample date. If the contaminant was not monitored last year, but was detected within the last 5 years, it will appear in the tables below along with the sample date.

Disinfection Byproducts

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2023)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
HAA5 (ppb)	D-18	60	60	1	1		No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM (ppb)	D-18	80	0	20.4	20.4		No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
HAA5 (ppb)	D-19	60	60	6	6		No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM (ppb)	D-19	80	0	29.4	29.4		No	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Inorganic Contaminants

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2023)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
BARIUM (ppm)	2	2	0.035	0.026 - 0.035			No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
FLUORIDE (ppm)	4	4	0.1	0.1 - 0.1			No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
NICKEL (ppb)	100		1.7000	1.5000 - 1.7000			No	Nickel occurs naturally in soils, ground water and surface waters and is often used in electroplating, stainless steel and alloy products.
NITRATE (N03-N) (ppm)	10	10	3.90	0.66 - 3.90			No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
NITRITE (N02-N) (ppm)	1	1	0.045	0.000 - 0.045			No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
SODIUM (ppm)	n/a	n/a	18.00	9.60 - 18.00			No	n/a

Contaminant (units)	Action Level	MCLG	90th Percentile Level Found	# of Results	Sample Date (if prior to 2023)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
COPPER (ppm)	AL=1.3	1.3	0.7800	0 of 10 results were above the action level.		No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
LEAD (ppb)	AL=15	0	1.10	0 of 10 results were above the action level.		No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

PFAS Contaminants with a Recommended Health Advisory Level

Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a large group of human-made chemicals that have been used in industry and consumer products worldwide since the 1950. The following table list PFAS contaminants which were detected in your water and that have a Recommended Public Health Groundwater Standard (RPHGS) or Health Advisory Level (HAL). There are no violations for detections of contaminants that exceed the RPHGS or HAL. The RPHGS are levels at which concentrations of the contaminant present a health risk and are based on guidance provided by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

Typical Source of Contaminant	Drinking water is one way that people can be exposed to PFAS. In Wisconsin, two-thirds of people use groundwater as their drinking water source. PFAS can get in groundwater from places that make or use PFAS and release from consumer products in landfills.				
Contaminant (units)	Site	RPHGS or HAL (PPT)	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2023)
PFHXS (ppt)	40		0.61	0.00 - 0.61	
PFHXA (ppt)	150000		0.47	0.00 - 0.47	
PFOS (ppt)	20		0.77	0.00 - 0.77	
PFOA (ppt)	20		1.10	0.00 - 1.10	
PFOA AND PFOS TOTAL (ppt)	20		1.87	0.00 - 1.87	

Radioactive Cantaminants

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2023)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
GROSS ALPHA, EXCL. R & U (pCi/l)	15	0	4.8	4.8			No	Erosion of natural deposits
RADIUM, (226 + 228) (pCi/l)	5	0	0.6	0.6			No	Erosion of natural deposits
GROSS ALPHA, INCL. R & U (n/a)	n/a	n/a	13.5	13.5			No	Erosion of natural deposits
COMBINED URANIUM (ug/l)	30	0	12.9	12.9			No	Erosion of natural deposits

Synthetic Organic Contaminants including Pesticides and Herbicides

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2023)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
ATRAZINE (ppb)	3	3	0.0	0.0 - 0.0			No	Runoff from herbicide used on row crops

Additional Health Information

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Birnamwood Waterworks is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

*Copy of CCR can be requested at 715-326-3479 or bwooddpw@gmail.com

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Olson Dairy hosts Brunch on the Farm



The Shawano County Brunch On The Farm, sponsored by the Shawano County Farm Bureau in partnership with the Langlade County Farm Bureau, was held June 22 on the Olson Dairy Farm near Birnamwood. The annual event began in 1984. Parents Brennann, far left, and Amanda Duke, far right, lead their crew, from left, Ella 9, Trinity Ward 15, Torry 10, Michael 14 and Lindsey 12, all of Birnamwood. It's the first time the group attended the event.



Tents protected Brunch on the Farm diners from the heat and sun as temperatures on June 22 were the highest recorded since July 2024.



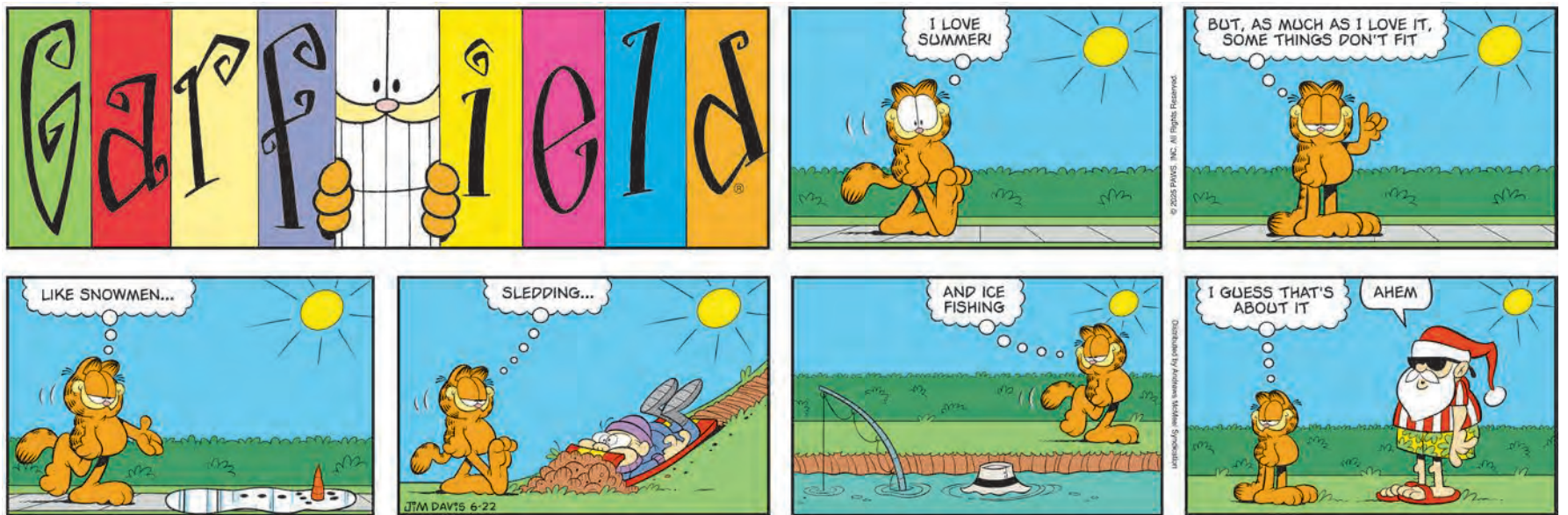
Ice cream makes for a welcome treat on a day when temperatures hovered close to three digits.

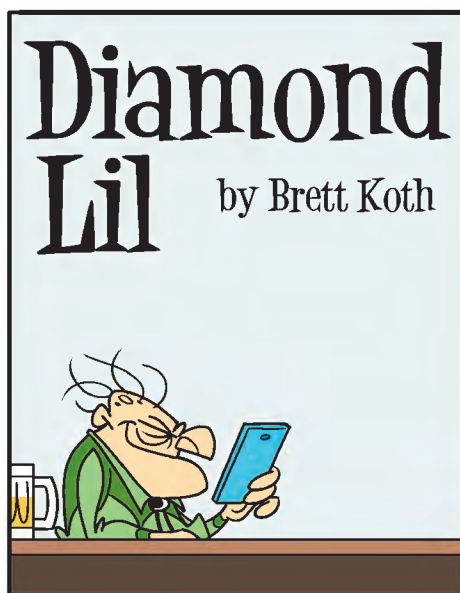
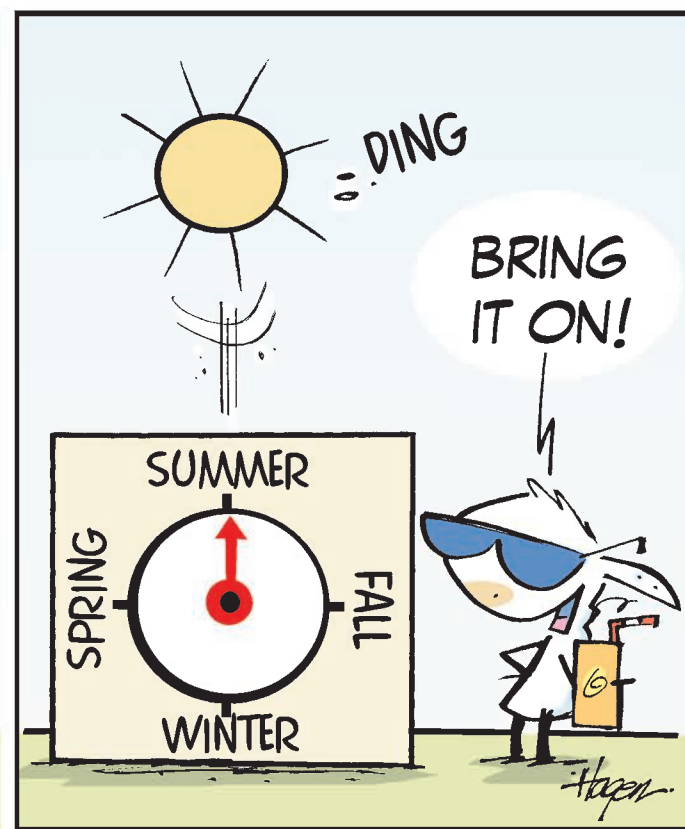
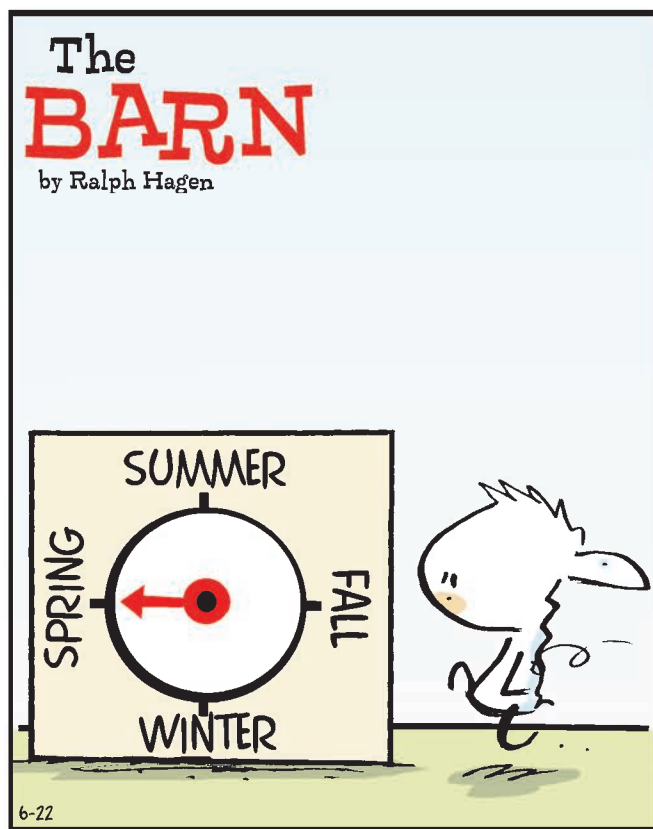
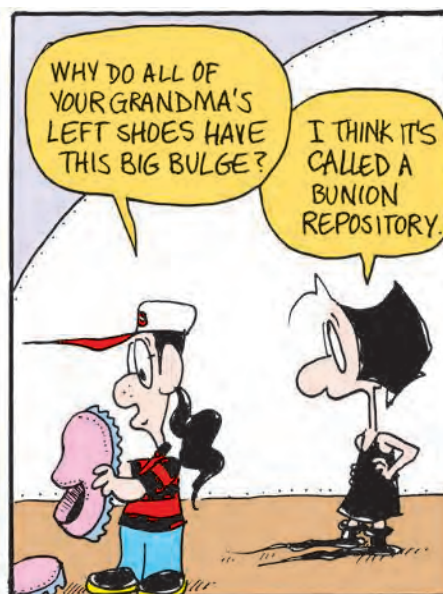
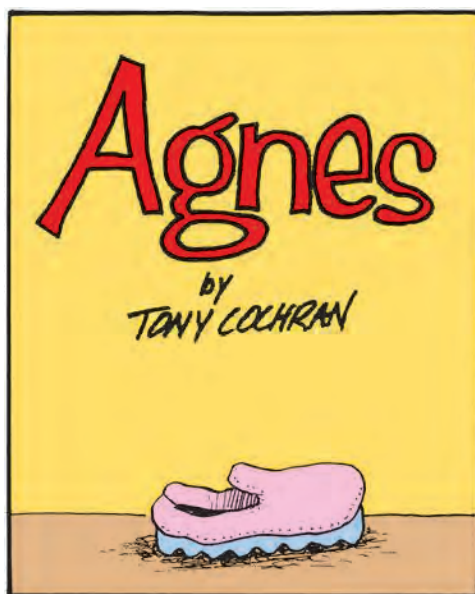


Above, stacked hay bales turn the Olson Dairy Farm into a playground for children and parents.

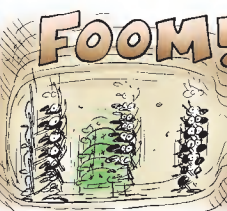
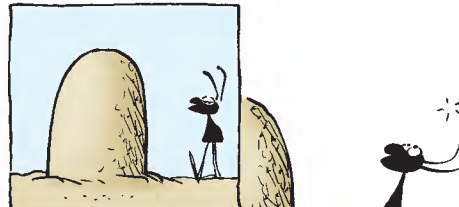
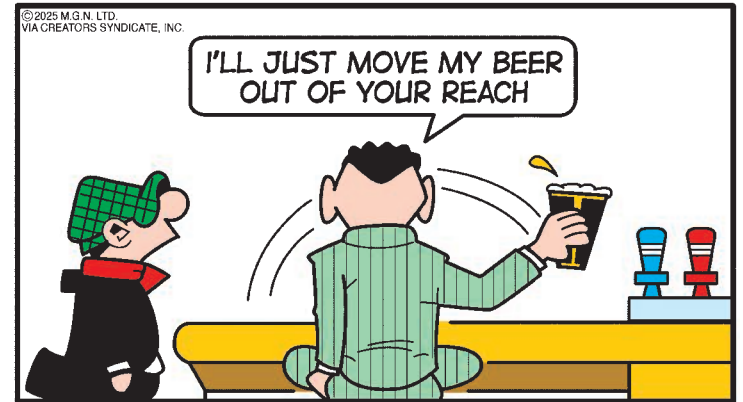
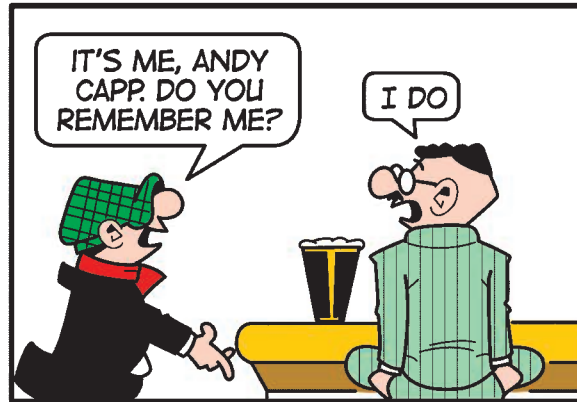
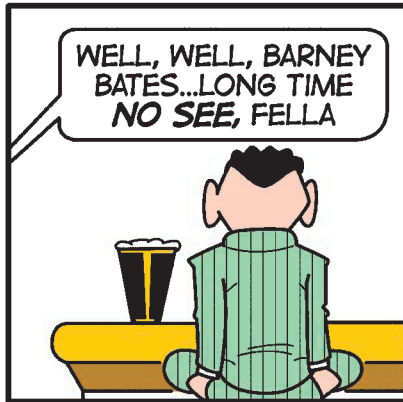
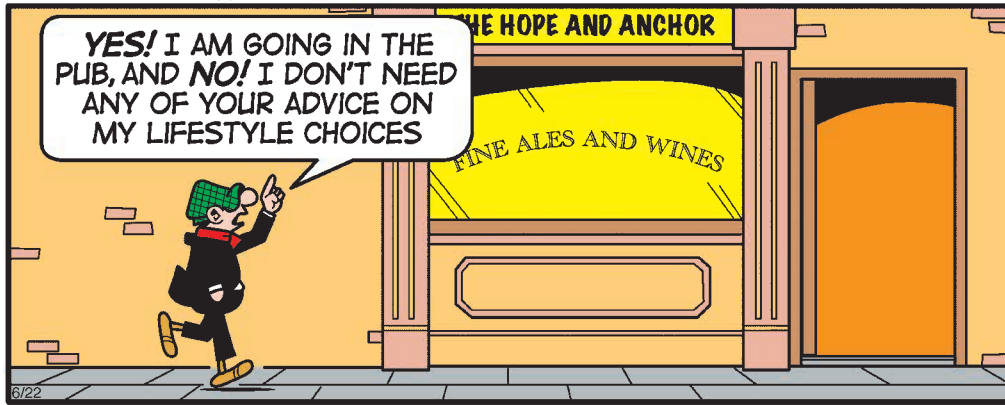


Temperatures the morning of June 22, when the Olson family hosted Brunch on the Farm, were already in the 80s and only climbed as the day wore on. Shuttle rides were a welcome benefit for those who didn't want to walk from the parking area to the man attractions.





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