



Michael Ingold talks with his attorneys, Albert Moustakis, left, and Kelli Thompson during a recess April 28 in Branch II of the Shawano County Courthouse. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

School board takes heat for staff cut decisions

By LEE PULASKI City Editor

Cutting positions to eliminate \$1.7 million in red ink from the 2026-27 Shawano School District budget continues to draw objections from people to the Shawano School Board.

The board voted in February to cut positions to bring the district in alignment with its own student-to-staff ratios after learning that existing expenditures would leave it well in debt when the time comes in October to approve its final budget.

In the current budget, expenditures were about \$1 million over revenues, but the board approved using its fund balance to compensate. However, if that trend continued, the fund balance would be depleted in fewer than five years.

The decision drew objections last month. At the April 27 school board meeting, objections continued – including from Jodi Kozlovsky, who found out her position as music teacher at Shawano Community Middle School is being eliminated after the current school year. She came to the district from Gresham two years to fill the position so that Matthew Pfantz, who had at the time been teaching music at both SCMS and Shawano Community High School, would not burn out, she said.

“I am not here to beg for my job,” Kozlovsky said. “I am here to fight for our students, for families and for our music staff. Regardless of what you decide, those are the most important people out there.”

Kozlovsky was teaching all the music classes, including choir and band, at Gresham Community School and felt she was not doing the best job teaching music with all of those responsibilities, feeling overloaded, so she took the SCMS position.

“There is talk that I got married, I went on my honeymoon, and then I came back and quit my job,” Kozlovsky said. “That’s not what happened.”

Kozlovsky said she received an unsigned letter Feb. 25 that her current job was something not required for the next school year. She received another notice March 24 saying her contract would not be renewed.

“I was told I was no longer going to be here,” Kozlovsky said.

Kozlovsky noted that the cuts include voice lessons for SCMS students, something she thought would ruin the music

INGOLD ACQUITTED

Case lasting 4 years ends in hours with jury’s not guilty verdict

By LEE PULASKI City Editor

It took almost four years for Michael Ingold’s homicide case to come to trial, but it took just a few hours for a jury to return April 28 and say he wasn’t guilty in Sheila Laudon’s death.

Laudon, Ingold’s girlfriend, died in June 2022, and initial autopsy results showed manual strangulation as the cause of death, with a petechial hemorrhage in her right eye and another in her left eyelid. A revised report that came out days before the trial started in early April showed the same cause of death but that the cluster fractures around her throat were actually from the medical examiner’s instruments.



Shawano-Menominee County Assistant District Attorney Laura Nelson gives her closing argument April 28 as Shawano County Clerk of Courts Ethan Schmidt takes notes in the background. Nelson argued that Michael Ingold’s inconsistencies with statements pointed to his guilt in the homicide trial. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

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Natural gas pipeline expansion planned

New compressor station to be built in Town of Waukechon

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

Plans to expand a natural gas pipeline in Michigan and Wisconsin, including through Shawano and Oconto counties, is drawing a lot of interest from affected residents.

TC Energy, which owns and operates the ANR Pipeline, held public open houses in Shawano and Lakewood in late April. Meetings were also held in Goodman in northern Marinette County and in Crystal Falls, Michigan, the starting point of the proposed 92-mile Northwoods Project.

"It is what it is, I guess," said Terry Ondik, a third-generation landowner of property between Gillett and Suring.

He and a few neighboring landowners attended the April 27 meeting at the Shawano Civic Center to learn how the proposal would affect them.



TC Energy land agent Charles Brock answers questions from a landowner concerned with how a proposed pipeline expansion would affect his property.

"Hopefully it goes smoothly," Ondik said. "They're taking a section of our woods, which I don't like. They'll log all the trees off and stump it, level it and then bury their pipe, and revegetate it or whatever they have to do."

He said the property is also good for hunting.

"Over the years, we've

planted a lot of apple trees, nut trees, all that," he added.

Craig Summerfield, spokesperson for TC Energy, said the company will be working with landowners to secure 50-foot easements for the new 36-inch pipeline that will be built right next to the existing 30-inch pipeline.

"This is a public open house for the Northwoods Project, which is about expanding the existing ANR Pipeline that's going through the area as a result of economic development to meet increased demand for natural gas," he said.

The new pipeline would be 92 miles long, including



Craig Summerfield, spokesperson for TC Energy, explains the process of building the ANR Pipeline expansion in Wisconsin and Michigan. The \$700 million, 92-mile project will include a new 36-inch pipeline to expand supply and a compressor station in Shawano County.

83 miles in Wisconsin and 9 miles in Michigan. TC Energy will also build a green-field compressor station in the Town of Waukechon in Shawano County.

TC Energy provides natural gas to licensed public utilities that, in turn, supply homes and businesses.

Summerfield estimated that construction of the pipeline would generate about 2,500 jobs and provide \$83 million in taxes, the vast majority in the Badger State.

Plans for the \$700 million expansion project were pre-filed with the

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and formal application will be made in the fourth quarter of this year. It will take about a year to get approval. Construction would then begin in 2028, with service beginning in the fourth quarter of 2029.

Questions about the project can be directed to Summerfield at craig.summerfield@tcenergy.com. For more information on Northwoods Project, visit <https://tcenergy.com/northwoods>.

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School board OKs pay hikes for all employees

Concerns about approving raises in one motion brought up

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

The Shawano School Board approved more than \$500,000 in raises for employees at every level April 27, but some bristled at the idea of approving them all in one stroke.

All employees will be receiving a 2.63% cost-of-living increase. Support

staff will also receive an additional 0.37% increase to round out the wage hike to 3%. Administrators will only see the cost-of-living increase.

Teachers' raises, however, will vary up to 10.4% due to market adjustments and placement on a new salary schedule. The average increase will be about 3.85%, according to Bryan Kadlec, financial director.

"We see some higher estimates for outliers, when we look at the comparison of this increase with what we set up last year, which is a little less," he said.

The measure approved

by the board also increases the starting teacher pay from \$46,070 to \$47,281. The measure goes into effect for the 2026-27 school year.

The cost to the district for the teacher raises is \$370,593, \$83,174 for support staff and \$50,632 for administration, according to Kadlec. He said the financial projections shared with the board included a 3% increase to salaries across the board, but other increases were available after the district's insurance renewal came in 4% below original estimates.

At least two board

members had an issue with approving all the salaries instead of approving each group separately, although only one ultimately voted against the raises.

Board member Frank Kugel, who voted yes in the end, said he's been getting information in the last few weeks regarding administrators and believes the board should have some voice when it comes to their evaluations.

"I taught for 34 years, and I know how it goes," Kugel said. "I get information on occasion that sometimes an administrator is too busy to meet with

a parent because they have a meeting to go to, and that just sort of turns me wrong."

Kugel added that parents and students should be the top priority for administrators, and "meetings can come second."

Board member Bobbi Lemerond, the lone vote against the collective raises, also had an issue with one vote for everyone.

"I would rather have them separated," Lemerond said, adding that board members did not get their agendas until late in the day April 24, which only gave her and her

colleagues the weekend to research any issues to come to a decision.

"When we're looking at this stuff on the weekends, you're not typically in your offices on the weekend," she added. "Especially with big issues like this, I would like more advanced notice."

Lemerond said she objected to not being able to see how the pay increase breaks down among employees. She said she feared first-year teachers might be getting the higher raises while veteran teachers get lower compensation.

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Foreclosed properties to be sold to village of Gresham

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

Shawano County will sell two properties it foreclosed on to the village of Gresham, while the fate of two more foreclosed pieces of land remains unclear.

The first property, previously owned by Ralph Lange, had taxes, interest and miscellaneous expenses dating back to 2016 that totaled \$113,264.49. It will

be sold to the village for that amount.

Today's assessed value is \$12,400.

The second property to be sold to the village was owned by Scott and Lori Nelson. With a current assessed value of \$4,900, taxes, interest and miscellaneous expenses dating back to 2017 totaled \$17,535.47. That is the amount Gresham will pay for the site.

"Shawano County assumed ownership of the properties Jan. 26," said Emily Kazik, county treasurer.

The decision to sell the properties to the village was made at the April 15 meeting of the county's executive committee.

Kazik said the sale price would be for the full cost of property taxes and interest owed on the property including unpaid special assessments, water and

sewer. She added that, per state statutes, when selling to a municipality, staff time could not be charged to municipalities; however, postage and copies can be included.

The county also took control of two other properties in January. Their status has yet to be determined.

In Mattoon, property previously owned by Philip Merkle has a current appraised value of

\$6,500. Taxes, interest and miscellaneous expenses since 2021 total \$8,714.86.

Land and a house at 502 S. Mission St., Wittenberg, was formerly owned by Ella Mae Decorah. It was a current appraised value of \$43,900. Since 2021, taxes, interest and miscellaneous expenses totaled \$12,000.76, before the county took possession of it.

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Tribes get OK for online sports betting

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Wisconsin's 11 tribal nations can now reap the benefits of increased gaming revenues by offering online sports betting, thanks to Gov. Tony. Evers signing Assembly Bill 601 in April.

"The Menominee Nation appreciates the governor's thoughtful approach to this legislation and his clear recognition that the future of mobile sports betting must work for

all tribal nations," according to a statement from the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin. "Menominee Nation looks forward to working with the tribes and the governor to ensure the framework moving forward reflects those principles outlined and advances equity among all tribal nations."

Under the previous law, it was a misdemeanor to make a bet in Wisconsin.

This new law excludes from

the definition of "bet" an event or sports wager made by someone physically located in this state using a mobile or other electronic device if the server or other device used to conduct such event or sports wager is physically located on tribal lands.

Evers signed the bill but expressed concerns when doing so. "When each of the tribal nations in Wisconsin thrive, our surrounding communities and

our state as a whole thrive, too," Evers said. "This bill also represents an opportunity for revenue paid into the state to support mental health programs and to combat the opioid crisis, two issues that I know plague both tribal nations and communities across our state."

Evers said the legislation is the beginning of a conversation, not the end of one.

"Each of the 11 tribes must now work diligently — and

together — to shape the future of sports betting in Wisconsin," he said. "What I will not accept is a plan that fractures this opportunity into unequal pieces, allowing some tribes to reap great benefits while leaving only crumbs for others. An approach that exacerbates longstanding inequalities among tribal nations is not good for Wisconsin or Wisconsin."

The tribal nations have begun these discussions.

SCHS construction work kicks into high gear

Additions near completion; stadium work underway

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

Efforts to improve Shawano Community High School are going to be kicking into high gear in May, as some of the projects are coming to completion while much of the work will begin in earnest now that winter has ended.

The weight room and expanded fitness area filling the space formerly occupied by Shawano School District offices have been under construction during the spring due to most of the work taking place inside. Superintendent Kurt Krizan said that area is close to being finished.

"They're looking at putting the flooring in at the end of this week," Krizan said during an April 28 interview.

Flooring for the new family and consumer science classrooms has already been completed, he said, with cabinetry and appliances being the next order of business for that area. The technical education expansion is also moving along, with completion expected in June. The expanded areas for the theater and music classrooms not far behind, he said.

"The idea is to get those completed by the end of the school year so that our teachers can move into some of those spots so we can start remodeling some of those other spots," Krizan said.

Parking for graduation May 15 will be different, as half the parking area near Martzke Park has been dug up for work on the athletic stadium to be used for football, soccer and track. Krizan said the current plan is to have existing parking available for families, while students will park at Shawano Community Middle School and be bussed to the high school and back again.

Work is expected to commence on the new entrance to the school, with access from County Road B to be between the Union and Evergreen streets. New striping is already set down on County B, and work is hoped to be completed once school ends in May.

As for the crown jewel, the renovated stadium, there have been some hiccups due to the weather, according to Krizan.

The stadium is still on track to be completed by August to be ready for the new football season,

Krizan said. The new scoreboard recently went up, while new bleachers and the concession area are expected to be upcoming with the concrete footings in place.

While most of the work from the \$51.2 million referendum is focused on SCHS this summer, there are some more projects taking place at other schools.

Krizan said new playground equipment is being put in place at Hillcrest Primary School, while mechanical work is slated for Olga Brener Intermediate School. Both schools' work will take place after summer school ends in July.

Krizan said the work is expected to be completed on time and within budget. He noted that the extremely cold days in January allowed work crews to shift from outdoor work to completing some interior projects.

"It's taken a little bit longer than expected with some of the brick work, but that was more due to lack of labor rather than materials or weather," Krizan said. "I think they've been able to work around it."

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The new scoreboard for the Shawano Community High School stadium is already installed as other work is underway and expected to be completed by August, when football and soccer both start a new season.

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Shawano School Board member Christine McKinnies, right, takes her seat as the new board president April 27 in the conference room at the Shawano School District office as board member Bobbi Lerond looks on.

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McKinnies new president of Shawano School Board

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

Christine McKinnies reluctantly took the reins of the Shawano School Board on April 27 during the board's reorganizational meeting when she was unanimously named president. McKinnies is replacing Tim Renard, who served as the board president for the past year. Renard was nominated but declined to be the president for another year. Jeana Winslow was also nominated but declined the post as well, instead being named as the board's vice president for another year. That left McKinnies as the only candidate, and when asked if she wanted to accept the nomination,

she hesitated for a moment and said, "What else can I do?" Al Pyatskowit will be the board's clerk for another after being unanimously named to the post, while John Arens was unanimously named to the treasurer position, replacing Karen Houston. The board also had a plaque recognizing Mike Musloff for his six years as a board member, including several years as the board president, but Musloff did not attend the meeting. No one has filled his seat, so the board is expected to find someone else to be named in the near future. A timeline was not set up at the April 27 board meeting.

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OBITUARIES

LARRY A. BAKER

Larry Arthur Baker, 86, passed away peacefully with his family by his side on Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026.

Larry was born Sept. 23, 1939, in Shawano to his parents, Hugo Baker and Viola Baker (nee Themer).

Larry was a graduate of Shawano High School. He did his undergraduate work at Ripon College and UW-Stevens Point and his graduate work at UW-Madison. He spent most of his career in the paper industry and retired as a senior vice president for Wausau Papers.

Larry met his future wife in high school, though their love story truly began during their college years. He was fortunate to share his life with his loving spouse, Virginia Pierre, and together they shared 64 wonderful years of marriage. Their union was blessed with four children, Betsy, Brad, Stuart and Becky.

Larry lived a full and active life, always eager to be involved in anything he could contribute to. A natural leader with a strong will, he served as an active member – and often



president – of numerous organizations and associations. He was a man of faith and a devoted member of his church, attending Lutheran congregations both in his hometown and at his vacation home in Florida.

He had a deep love for the outdoors and found great joy in boating, spending time on the water and being in the woods hunting. Larry especially cherished time with his family, often hosting his famous "cocktails cruises" and enjoying snowmobiling adventures. Many memories were made at the family lake home in Minocqua, where he was a master griller and proudly cheered on his favorite team, the Green Bay

Packers. He also held a special place in his heart for his loyal dog, Murphy.

Larry is survived by his beloved wife, Virginia Baker; his son, Brad (Barbara) Baker, and their children, Christian (Megan) and Mary Gwen; his son, Stuart (Tracy) Baker, and their five children, Isabella, Lily, Francesca, Quinn and Zachary; and his daughter, Becky (James) Kik, and their daughter, Emma. He is also survived by his great-grandson, Barrett, son of Christian and Megan Baker.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Hugo and Viola Baker; his sister, Donna (Ken) Martzke; and his daughter, Betsy.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, May 22, 2026, at 11 a.m. at Ascensions Lutheran Church with Pastor Pete Warmanen officiating. Visitation will begin at 10 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to Ascension Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 940, Minocqua, WI 54548, or Nashoba Learning Group, Attn: Lauren Dorn, 10 Oak Park Drive, Bedford, MA 01730.

MARY VANNES



Mary Kathryn "Kay" Vannes, 83, Little Chute, passed away peacefully Monday, April 27, 2026. She was born Jan. 25, 1943, to Joyce Launde and Stanley LaMaide.

Kay was raised by Joyce and Kenneth Lochman in Green Bay. She graduated from East High School, class of 1961. Kay married Dale Vannes in 1966, and together they shared 59 wonderful years. Kay enjoyed cross stitching, knitting, crocheting and any craft projects. She was also an avid gardener who loved her tulips.

Forever in our hearts, Mary Kay was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend, leaving a void her family cannot fill. She

lived a life full of love, laughter and compassion. Her memory is a treasure that will be kept forever by all who loved her.

She is survived by her husband, Dale; sons, Chad and Paul; 12 grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

Kay was preceded in death by her son, Sean; granddaughter, Kaylie; mother, Joyce; stepfather, Kenneth; sister, Sharon.

A funeral mass was held May 2 at St. Wilfrord Catholic Church.

To send online condolences, please go to www.BlaneyFuneralHome.com.

In lieu of flowers, the family request that donations be made in Kay's name to the American Cancer Society or Alzheimer's Association.

"Lord, we thank you for the gift of Mary's life. We are grateful for her unwavering faith, her love and the kindness she shared with others. We ask for comfort and peace for all who mourn her passing. Amen."

PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

May 3
Deputies responded to 25 incidents, including trespassing on Sunrise Avenue in the Town of Richmond; three 911 calls; three reckless driving incidents; two traffic hazards; two crashes, one involving deer.

May 2
Deputies responded to 37 incidents, including harassment on Rose Brook Road in the Town of Richmond; fraud on Whitnee Way in Bonduel; one 911 call; five reckless driving incidents; three traffic hazards; one welfare check; two crashes.

May 1
Deputies responded to 41 incidents, including operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated near Lake Drive and Park Avenue in the Town of Wescott; illegal burning at Oconto River Park, W2339 State Highway 22, Pulcifer; intoxication at Kwik Trip, 102 W. Express Way, Bonduel; a vicious animal on Herman Street in the Town of Herman; suspicious activity near state Highway 156 and Erb Road in the Town of Navarino; two 911 calls; three reckless driving incidents; four traffic hazards; three welfare checks; one crash.

April 30
Deputies responded to 32 incidents, including operating after revocation near North Main and West Third streets in Shawano; a disturbance on Balsam Row Road in the Town of Wescott; suspicious activity on Rods Lane in the Town of Washington; operating after revocation near state Highway 47-55 and Cherry Avenue in the Town of Wescott; a scam on South Ellms Street in Wittenberg; fraud on Leopold Road in Leopold; criminal damage on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; bail jumping on Park Hill Drive in Gresham; two 911 calls; one reckless driving incident; one traffic hazard; one welfare check; two crashes, one involving deer.

April 29
Deputies responded to

24 incidents, including theft at Julie's, 717 Fourth St., Mattoon; operating after revocation near state Highway 22 and Friendship Road in the Town of Belle Plaine; suspicious activity on Belle Plaine Avenue in the Town of Belle Plaine; a disturbance at North Star Casino Resort, W12180 County Road A, the Town of Bartelme; harassment on Park Hill Drive in Gresham; two 911 calls; one reckless driving incident; one traffic hazard; two welfare checks; one crash, involving deer.

April 28
Deputies responded to 33 incidents, including a noise disturbance on County Road MM in the Town of Richmond; three 911 calls; three reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazard; one welfare check.

April 27
Deputies responded to 37 incidents, including bail jumping on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; criminal damage on Willow Lane in the Town of Washington; three 911 calls; one traffic hazard; one welfare check; one crash.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

May 3
Officers responded to 35 incidents, including theft on South Main Street; harassment at American Marine, 830 E. Green Bay St.; theft at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; two reports of an intoxicated person near Olson and East Richmond streets and then near East Lieg Avenue and Olson Street; a disturbance on South Union Street; two reckless driving incidents; one welfare check; two crashes.

May 2
Officers responded to 24 incidents, including suspicious activity outside All Season Repair, 1055 Waukechon St.; identity theft on East Richmond Street; vandalism on East Lieg Avenue; an assault at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; illegal burning on South Water Street; a fight in progress at Family Dollar, 413 S. Main St.; two 911 calls.

May 1
Officers responded to 21 incidents, including a disturbance on South Andrews Street; a weapon offense on South Lincoln Street; attempted theft on South Union Street; harassment on Madison Way; disorderly conduct on South Union Street; two sexual assault reports at undisclosed locations; criminal damage on South Hamlin Street; two 911 calls; four welfare checks.

April 30
Report not received at press time.

April 29
Officers responded to 15 incidents, including drug offenses on South Andrews Street; bail jumping at Walgreens, 401 E. Green Bay St.; suspicious activity at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 302 S. Main St.; a disturbance on East Richmond Street; a sex offense at an undisclosed location; an assault at Crawford Center, 251 Waukechon St.; a disturbance on South Washington Street; a scam on Madison Way; one reckless driving incident.

April 28
Officers responded to 32 incidents, including drug offense at an undisclosed location; a disturbance on West Picnic Street; suspicious activity on East Green Bay Street; an animal bite on East Green Bay Street; lewd and lascivious behavior at Peoples Express South, 716 S. Main St.; suspicious activity on East Fifth Street; suspicious activity outside Smokey Joe's, 538 S. Main St.; two 911 calls; one traffic hazards; five welfare checks.

April 27
Officers responded to 25 incidents, including property damage at Naborhood Park, 214 S. Main St.; an internet sex crime on South Sawyer Street; disorderly conduct at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; criminal damage on Estates Lane; two disturbance reports at Amerivu Inn and Suites, 211 Waukechon St.; a disturbance on East Richmond Street; two 911 calls; one welfare check; one crash.

Casimir Pulaski Days canceled for 2027

The Casimir Pulaski Days celebration will not be held in 2027, organizers announced following an April 22 meeting. While this longstanding community tradition will not take place next year, the organization is leaving the door open for its return in the future.

“This was not an easy decision,” according to a statement from representatives with Promote Pulaski. “Casimir Pulaski Days has been a meaningful part of our community for generations. However, in order to continue producing an event of this scale, it requires strong and consistent support across many levels – from businesses, sponsors, volunteers and the broader community.”

This decision follows a comprehensive review of the 2026 event, including financial outcomes, volunteer capacity, sponsorship levels and overall community participation. Key challenges included reduced funding support, limited business participation, increasing operational demands and volunteer burnout.

The celebration is held across multiple days in March each year. It honors Pulaski, a heroic figure of the Revolutionary War who saved the life of George Washington and after whom the village was named.

Activities in 2026 included a jigsaw puzzle contest, a polka jam session, live music sessions, museum displays and a Sunday brunch.

With the pause of the 2027 event, the

nonprofit organization Promote Pulaski will take time to refocus its efforts, strengthen its foundation and explore new opportunities that align with long-term sustainability.

Promote Pulaski is actively seeking:

- Businesses willing to take an active role in future events and initiatives.
- Community partners and organizations interested in collaboration.

- Volunteers and leaders ready to help shape the future of Pulaski.

- New ideas and creative approaches to keep Pulaski vibrant and visible.

“There has to be a shared investment,” the statement read. “For events like this to succeed, businesses and organizations need to have a stake in the outcome. When that happens, momentum builds and sustainability becomes possible.”

Promote Pulaski acknowledges the realities many volunteers face, balancing full-time careers, families and community involvement. Moving forward, the goal is to develop stronger systems, shared leadership and sustainable processes that support people and progress.

Community members, businesses and organizations interested in getting involved in future initiatives are encouraged to reach out and be part of the conversation.

Email promotepulaski@gmail.com or call Tammy or Bruce Brzezczkowski at 920-822-4450.



Members of the Shawano County Chamber of Commerce listen to a presentation about a federal tax incentive program geared toward spurring investment in designated census tracts. Tax deferrals and tax breaks are offered to investors for housing and commercial projects.

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Program could spur more investment in Shawano

Tax incentives offered through Opportunity Zone

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

A revamped federal program could lead to housing and commercial investment in Shawano, according to several people who spoke at a chamber of commerce program April 29.

Opportunity Zones, first created in 2017 and operated through the White House, are now a permanent part of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

“It’s a federal capital gains incentive for an equity investment into a real estate transaction, a business transaction or anything like that in a low-income community or census tract,” Ethan Hollenberger, HUD senior adviser in the Great Lakes Region, told those attending the Shawano County Chamber of Commerce Progress Summit.

“It’s a tax deferral on the front end. You have (capital) gains; you invest it in an opportunity zone. The cap gains that you owe the government is now deferred, but it’s also stepped down. Then, when you sell after 10 years, there’s no capital gains on that investment.”

Opportunity Zones are

now permanent, with new designations (OZ 2.0) being finalized in 2026 to remain in effect through 2036. Qualifying projects include housing, commercial (office and retail) real estate, hospitals, hospitality, industrial and manufacturing, farming and operating businesses. Casinos and “sin” businesses are ineligible.

“You still want to invest in a good deal. The tax incentives shouldn’t wag the tail of the proverbial dog,” said Jake Caelwaerts, principal at CliftonLarsonAllen. “This is a terrific opportunity to make a good investment into a great investment. It’s not going to make a bad investment good. Always make sure you like the investment on its merits without the tax benefits.”

Tadych Investment Partners LLC has four luxury apartments under its belt, two in De Pere and one each in Neenah and Appleton. The Neenah and Appleton projects were constructed in Opportunity Zones.

“We looked at a property here in Shawano a couple years ago. Unfortunately, that didn’t get to the finish line,” said Jason Tadych, principal and owner at TIP. “We’re looking at another one again here over the last several months, and we’re hoping to be able to announce something a little more concrete in the

coming months.”

Wisconsin currently has about 120 Opportunity Zones created under the 2017 startup program. The actual zones are named by the governor, and Tony Evers is expected to announce the locations of 100 or so designated areas in the fall.

Wisconsin also has tax credits and incentives tied to this program, one of a few states that does so.

Right now, not all of Shawano is in a designated zone, according to Peter Thillman, executive director of Shawano County Economic Progress Inc. Current boundaries are north of County Road B, the west side of Main Street, Green Bay Street and County Road BE to County Road B.

“Only a quarter of downtown is in the Opportunity Zone,” he said. “This side of the street is in it; that side of the street’s not in it. In the next round, both sides of the street are eligible. We have a lot of vacant property north of Green Bay Street that would be ripe for development.”

Hollenberger said it’s important for officials to be prepared to explain why all of Shawano should be selected. It’s important for investors to be ready when the time comes to take full advantage of the program.

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Elected leaders urge feds to approve Kenosha casino

With the public comment period now closed, support from state and local elected leaders is reinforcing momentum behind the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin’s proposed Hard Rock Casino and Hotel project in Kenosha.

The support also underscores that the Environmental Assessment provides a complete and sufficient record for federal decision-making.

In detailed written submissions to the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, state legislators, city of Kenosha leaders, and Kenosha County officials expressed clear support for the project and concurred with the findings

of the Draft Environmental Assessment, which concluded the project can move forward responsibly under federal law without significant environmental impacts.

A bipartisan group of Wisconsin state legislators submitted a joint letter to the BIA highlighting decades of collaboration between the Menominee Tribe and Wisconsin leaders to bring economic opportunity to the tribe and southeastern Wisconsin. The letter – signed by Reps. Elijah Behnke and Jeff Mursau, among others – expressed strong support for advancing the project based on the existing environmental review.

The legislators noted

that the current proposal represents a scaled-down version of earlier plans.

“The strong support expressed by state and local elected leaders reinforces what the Environmental Assessment clearly demonstrates: that this project has been thoroughly vetted and is ready to move forward, and any efforts calling for more ‘detailed’ environmental review are just an attempt to delay a project that will benefit the region and the tribe,” said Joey Awonohopay, Menominee chairman.

The BIA and the U.S. Department of the Interior will now review the administrative record as they consider final action on the project.



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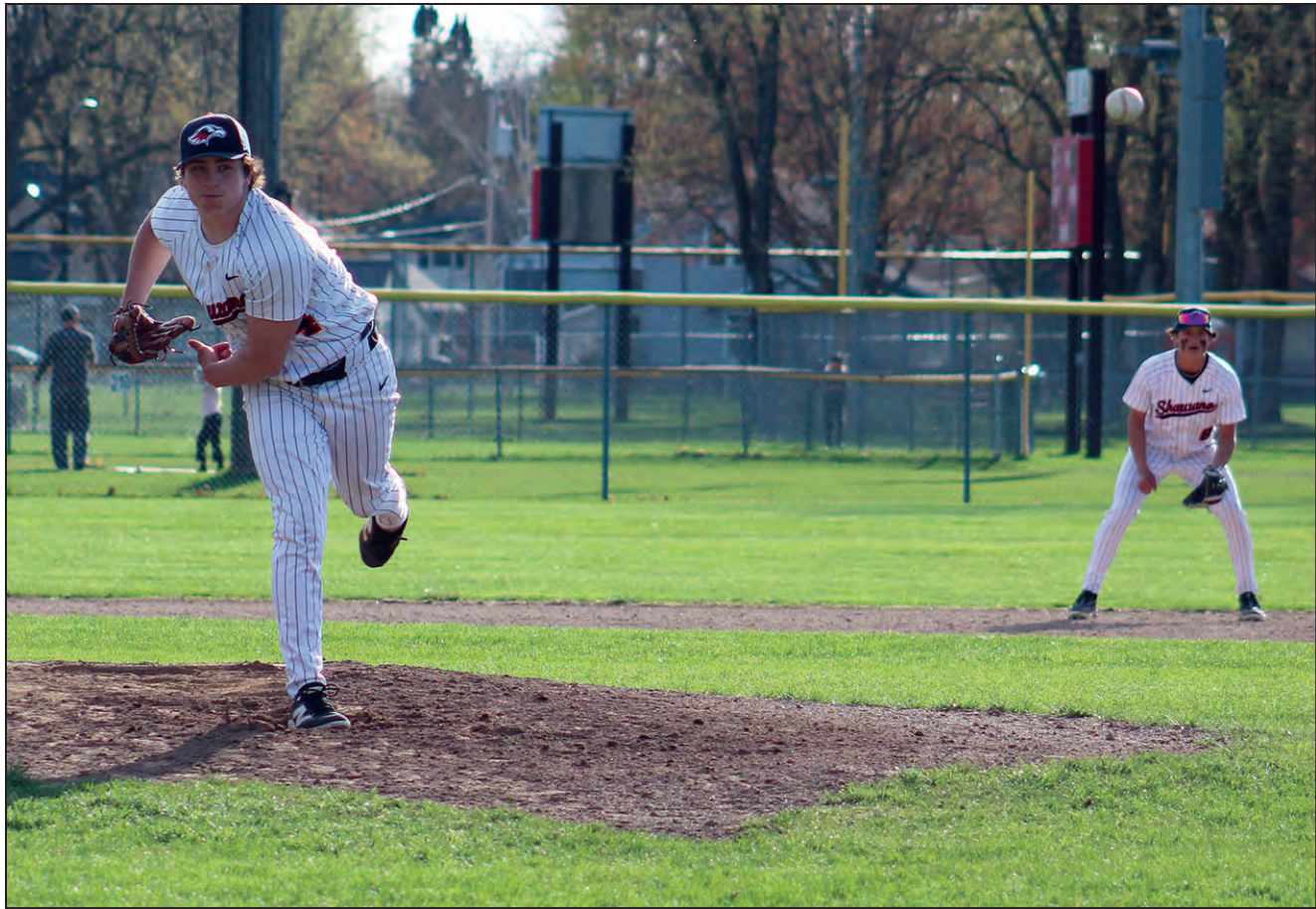


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Shawano Community High School senior Ayden Bystol pitches against the Menasha Bluejays on April 28 with Tristan Lawe looking on from the infield.

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Panthers baseball team wins 1 DH, loses another

Saturday, May 2
Little Chute 12, Oconto Falls 1
Little Chute 5, Oconto Falls 2
Oconto Falls dropped both games in a doubleheader to Little Chute 12-1 and 5-2.

In the first game, Trace Brehmer hit 2-for-2 with a walk, and Logan Berg was 1-for-3 with a run scored.

The losing pitcher was Teagan Tate. In 3 1/3 innings, he allowed six runs on seven hits, walked three and struck out three.

In the second game, Carter Heroux, Landon Delfosse, Brehmer and Tate all doubled.

JJ Pytleski took the loss on the mound. In six innings, he allowed five runs on six hits, walked four and struck out two.

Friday, May 1
Pulaski 8, Appleton East 7

The Red Raiders scored a run in the top of the eighth inning to beat Appleton East 8-7. Eli Heuser and Eddie Van Roy each had a pair of RBIs, and Van Roy also had a double.

Brock Wiedeman was the winning pitcher. In five innings, he gave up two runs on four hits, walked one and struck out three.

Other scores: Bonduel 6, Peshtigo 5; Wausau West 11, Wittenberg-Birnamwood 1; Rosholt 14, Marion 4.

Thursday, April 30
Niagara 7, Gillett/Suring 2
Gillett/Suring committed 7 errors in its 7-2 loss to Niagara.

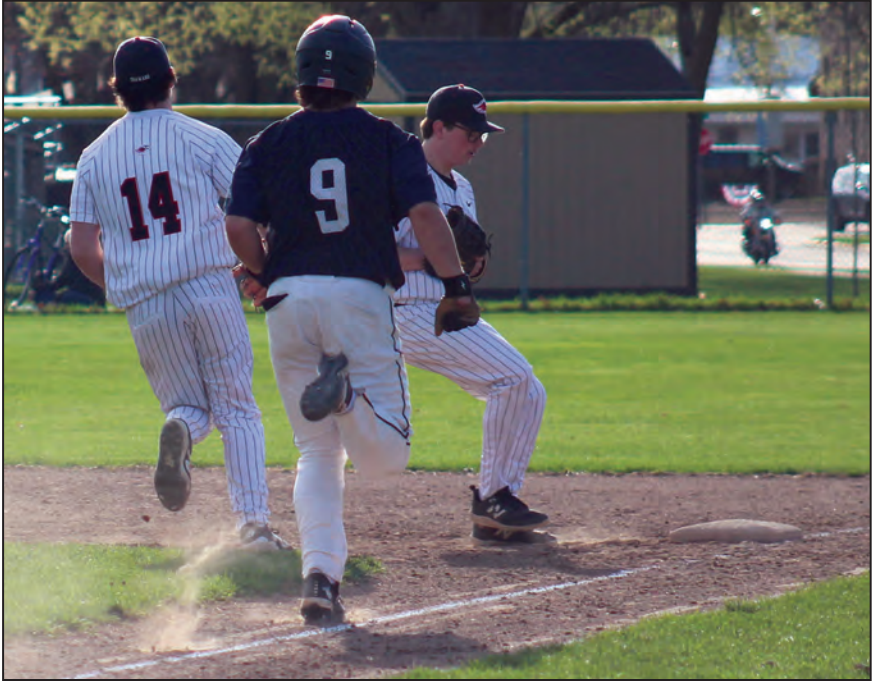
Weyauwega-Fremont 10, Menominee Nation 3

Four Eagles pitchers allowed 6 hits in a 10-3 loss to the Warhawks.

Sheboygan North 3, Pulaski 2
Braun Wotruba hit 2-for-3 with 1 run scored in the Red Raiders' 3-2 loss to Sheboygan North.

Eli Heuser was the losing pitcher. In 1 1/3 innings, he allowed 1 hit and 1 run.

Other scores: Bonduel 3, Iola-Scandinavia 1; Marion 12, Gresham 3; Shawano 3, Menasha 2.



Shawano first baseman Brayden Carpenter steps toward the bag to force out a Menasha runner as pitcher Ayden Bystol joins in the play as backup.

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Tuesday, April 28
Oconto Falls 10, Clintonville 0
Oconto Falls 4, Clintonville 2

Oconto Falls won both ends of a doubleheader baseball contest against Clintonville by scores of 10-0 and 4-2.

In the opener, Landon Delfosse hit 1-for-2 with a walk, two runs scored and an RBI. Carter Heroux was 1-for-3 with a double and an RBI.

Teagan Tate was the winning pitcher. In four innings, he allowed one hit while striking out seven.

In the nightcap, Tate hit 2-for-3 with a double, a walk and two runs scored. Delfosse was 2-for-3 with a run scored, and Trace Brehmer hit 1-for-3 including a three-run home run and a walk.

Heroux won on the mound for the Panthers. In four innings, he allowed one run on two hits, walked two and struck out six.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood 3,

Amherst 2
Carson Meverden hit 3-for-4 with a pair of RBIs as Wittenberg-Birnamwood defeated Amherst 3-2 in a CWC-East contest.

Eddie Nowinsky had the other RBI for the Chargers.

Other scores: Tigerton 5, Marion 4; Brillion 14, Bonduel 8; Shawano 5, Menasha 4; Gillett/Suring 11, Wausaukee 10.

Monday, April 27
Pulaski 13, Green Bay Southwest 0

Four Pulaski pitchers combined to toss a no-hitter in the Red Raiders' 13-0 shutout win over Green Bay Southwest.

Matt Heck was 1-for-2 with three RBIs, and Ed Heuser was 2-for-3 for two RBIs. Braun Wotruba and Brock Wiedeman each hit a double.

Heuser, a sophomore, was the winning pitcher. In two innings, he walked one and struck out four.

Fabry, Gerth lead Pulaski at Brookfield

Saturday, May 2
Brookfield Central
Lancer Invitational

Pulaski's girls collected 81 points and placed third among 16 teams in Brookfield, while the boys had 62 points and placed fourth among 23 teams.

Emerson Fabry won the 800-meter run in 2:33.19 and the 1,600-meter run in 5:13.22.

Maggie Gerth won the 3,200-meter run in 11:23.13.

The best finish among the boys was Arden Gillen, who placed second in the 3,200-meter run. The 4x800-meter relay team of Bryce Voelz, Parker Marshall, Gillen and Carter Ryskoski also placed second.

Thursday, April 30
Oconto Falls
Invitational

Oconto Falls girls earned 101 points and finished second among 15 teams at their home invite. The boys tallied 72 points and placed fifth among 14 teams.

Bonduel's girls were third with 80 points, with Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy scoring 29 points and placing eighth.

The boys from Bonduel had 75 points and placed fourth, while Lena/STAA had 42 points and placed ninth.

The Panthers' Mackenzie Lotto was best in the 300-meter hurdles at 53.59, and Brooke Fenlon won the long jump at 15-05.

Bonduel's Peyton Westrich won the 400-meter dash in 1:01.80.

The foursome of Mariah Wondra, Lillian Burrack, Amelia Wilcox and Payten Bierhals was fastest in the 4x800-meter relay in 10:36.06.

The best finish for Lena/STAA came from the 4x200 and 4x400 teams, each taking third. Kaitlyn Borkovec, Hailee Collar, Brynn Heise and Hayden McNurlen ran the 4x200, and Alisa Finger, Kate Peters, Heise and Abby Kostreva ran the 4x400.

For the boys, Oconto Falls was led by the 4x400 team of Brady Bursa, Gage Shallow, Nathaniel White and Croix Gardebrecht in 3:48.67. Bursa also won the long jump at 21-04.

Bonduel's Gage Anderson won the 800-meter run in 2:12.22. The 4x800 team of Garrett Anderson, Gage Anderson, Joah Dworniczak and Oliver Chitwood won in 8:58.28.

For Lena/STAA, there were a couple of second-place finishes.

Zander Thomson was runner-up in the 110-meter hurdles and the long jump. The foursome of Lucas Heimke, Max Peterson, Erik Kosch and Thomson placed second in the 4x400.

TC Invite

With 89 points, Wittenberg-Birnamwood's girls placed second among 11 teams at Tri-County High School in Plainfield. Marion/Tigerton was seventh with 46.5 points.

For the boys, Wittenberg-Birnamwood finished fourth among 12 teams with 69 points. Marion/Tigerton earned 35 points and placed ninth.

Taking first for the Wittenberg-Birnamwood girls were Harper Rogowski in the 800-meter run in 2:34.50; Harper Krull in the 300-meter hurdles in 52.06; the team of Deajah Cornelius, Krull, Rogowski and Eleanor Tassler in the 4x400 in 4:41.18; and Krull in the long jump at 15-08.

Marion/Tigerton's best finish was from Presley Stewart-Rolf, who placed second in the discus.

Winning for the Wittenberg-Birnamwood boys was Aydrean McGeshick in the 200-meter dash in 23.89 and in the 400-meter dash in 54.55.

Marion/Tigerton boys had their best finish from Caleb Stern, who was second in the 200-meter dash.

Tuesday, April 28
Bay Conference
Triangular

Shawano's boys track and field team won first place with 120.5 points and the girls placed third with 51 at Seymour.

The boys captured several gold medals including Bryce Lammers in the 100-meter dash in 11.74 and the 200-meter dash in 23.92.

Winning in the 800-meter run was Joshua Lesperance in 2:15.73. Beckett Hendricks won the 1,600-meter run in 5:17.85, and Quinten Harkey won the 3,200-meter run in 12:00.16.

The Hawks won all four relay races.

The 4x100 title went to Aiden Rasmussen, Heriberto Rubio, Sosaeh Tepiew and Joseph Kleinschmidt in 46.10. The 4x200 was won by Nolan Kleinschmidt, Cyprien Barbier, Ryder Herm and Wyatt Schroeder in 1:42.72.

Ryan Schwitzer, Maverick Theis, Cambren Zeuske and Lesperance won the 4x400 in 3:49.54. Winning

TRACK, continued on page 13



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's softball team found their groove last week, scoring 56 runs in three wins. Two of the wins were by shutout, while the Chargers only allowed one run in the other game. The big victories sandwiched a 10-5 loss to Amherst.

TINA BACON

Chargers explode for 56 runs in 3 big wins

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Saturday, May 2
Tri-County 7, Lena/STAA 6
The Wildcats topped the Titans 7-6 in Lena. With the loss, Lena/STAA moves to 0-5 on the season.

Friday, May 1
Stevens Point 11, Pulaski 1
Molly Molthen was 1-for-2 with a double and a run scored in the Red Raiders' 11-1 loss to the Panthers. Ella Maroszek had Pulaski's RBI.

Marion 12, Rosholt 12
Marion and Rosholt ended their seven-inning contest in a 12-12 tie. The Mustangs were trailing 12-5 after five innings but scored seven runs in the sixth inning to tie the game.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood 22, Menominee Nation 0
Zoey Thorson hit 3-for-3 with a double, five RBIs and three runs scored as Wittenberg-Birnamwood shut down Menominee

Nation 22-0. The Eagles did not muster a hit in the game that ended after four innings following an 11-run scoring barrage in the top of the final inning. Chloe Hanson hit 4-for-4 with four RBIs and four runs scored. Kennedy Benbo hit 3-for-3 with a double, two RBIs and a run scored. Brie Ladika and Jayda Moenke each had two hits. Arianna Inderdahl pitched all four innings. She walked six and struck out eight.

Seymour 5, Shawano 1
Riley Krueger and Ayan-na O'Kimosh each had a double in the Hawks' 5-1 loss to the Thunder.

Other scores: Denmark 11, Oconto Falls 1; Denmark 20, Oconto Falls 4; D.C. Everest 14, Pulaski 9.

Thursday, April 30
Menominee Nation 20, Weyauwega-Fremont 7
Gloriana Wayka hit 3-for-3 with a triple, 5 RBIs and 4 runs scored as the Eagles dominated the

Warhawks 20-7. Vanessa Madosh had 2 RBIs and a run scored, while Avani Nieves hit 2-for-2 with a double at 2 RBIs. Natalie Peters also had 2 RBIs, 4 runs scored and a triple. Whiloe Windorski also scored 4 runs. Cecilia Grignow pitched 3 innings to pick up the win. She gave up 4 runs on 1 hit, walked 2 and struck out 4.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood 18, Amherst 1
Wittenberg-Birnamwood's bats pounded out 21 hits as the Chargers beat the Falcons 18-1. Jayda Moenke hit 4-for-5 with 6 RBIs, 2 runs scored and a triple. Zoey Thorson hit 4-for-4 with an RBI, a double and 2 runs scored. Chloe Hanson and Megan Fischer each connected on a double. Rory Salvesen had 3 RBIs, while Brie Ladika and Madison Fisher each had 2. Kendall Lex pitched all 5 innings. She allowed 1 runoff 5 hits and struck out 2.

Bonduel 6,

Iola-Scandinavia 2
Bonduel batters had 16 hits in a 6-2 win over the Thunderbirds. Marlie Hartman was 3-for-4 with a double, 2 RBIs and 2 runs scored. Haley Conradt hit 2-for-3 with a double, an RBI and 2 runs scored. Gracyn Wudtke, Allison Zernicke Mary Margelofsky each hit 2-for-3, and Juliana Jacobs was 2-for-4. Maddie Hart hit a double. Every Thompson pitched all 7 innings for the win. She allowed 2 runs on 3 hits, walked 3 and struck out 9.

Shawano 10, New London 4
The Hawks scored 6 runs in the second to blow open the game and beat the Bulldogs 10-4. Amiyah O'Kimosh hit 3-for-4 with a double, a run scored and 3 RBIs. Jacey Cowden hit 2-for-4, and Jaelyn Hietpas hit 2-for-3. Each scored twice. Gracee Johnson hit

SOFTBALL, continued on page 13

Red Raiders tennis team goes 2-2 in Wausau

Saturday, May 2
In a two-day tournament at Wausau West, Pulaski tennis players topped Wausau East and Wausau West but lost to Marshfield and Rhinelander.

Pulaski 4, Wausau East 3
The Red Raiders won three singles matches and one doubles match to beat Wausau East 4-3. Thoma Pannatier, Jonah Drevs and Aaron Trijueque Ruiz were victorious in singles play, with Simon Banaszynski and Liam Ford winning at No. 3 doubles.

Pulaski 4, Wausau West 3
Pannatier, Drevs and Trijueque Ruiz also won their singles matches against Wausau West. They were joined by a doubles win by Mahmoud Hassan and Arthur Ionin to beat their hosts 4-3.

Marshfield 6, Pulaski 1
Drevs notched the only win for the Red Raiders in a 6-1 loss to Marshfield. At No. 3 singles, Drevs defeated Alex Koplitz 6-2, 6-0.

Rhineland 4, Pulaski 3
Rhineland edged Pulaski 4-3 with a pair of singles wins and a pair of doubles wins. Drevs, who won each of his four matches in the tournament, defeated Henry Bonardelli 6-1, 6-0. Trijueque Ruiz also won 6-3, 6-3. At No. 3 doubles, Banaszynski and Liam Ford defeated Braydon Lorman and Roan Childs 7-5, 2-6, 10-5.

Thursday, April 30
Sheboygan North 6, Pulaski 1
Pulaski's Jonah Drevs took Sheboygan North's Reegan Cantrall into extra games to pull out a 6-2, 7-6 (5) win at No. 3 singles, the only one for the Red Raiders in a 6-1 loss. At No. 4 singles, Pulaski's Aaron Trijueque Ruiz lost a close contest to Joshua Nelson, who prevailed 6-3, 7-6 (2). Oriol Capella Rodon and Thoma Pannatier also lost their singles matches. Doubles teams that lost were Oscar Delmarcelle and Lucas Ford, Conrad Kreutzberg and William Gosse, and Liam Ford and Alex Klopotic.

Other scores: Shawano 5, Fox Valley Lutheran 2.

Tuesday, April 28
De Pere 7, Pulaski 0
Pulaski tennis players were shut out 7-0 by De Pere. The closest contest was the No. 4 singles match when Jackson DeCleen defeated Aaron Trijueque Ruiz 6-4, 3-6, 10-3.

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Hawks’ boys, girls basketball coaches won’t be returning

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Both the boys and girls basketball teams at Shawano Community High School will have new coaches next season. Kayla Brendemuehl, activities and athletics director, sent letters to players and families in April announcing the changes. Girls coach Ryan Koenig announced that he is resigning after 14 seasons. In his time at Shawano, beginning in 2012, Koenig coached the team to

multiple winning seasons and coached the Hawks to the sectional finals the last two seasons. As a Shawano coach, Koenig eclipsed the 150-win mark and had six winning seasons. District officials said all scheduled basketball activities will continue as planned to maintain stability for players during the transition. Matti Koehler will serve as interim head coach while the district searches for a permanent

replacement. In a separate letter to players and families, Brendemuehl said Dave Ambrosius will not be returning to the boys program. The district says all scheduled basketball activities, including open gyms, summer league and workouts, will continue as planned during the transition. Macguire Flood will serve as interim head coach while the district seeks for a permanent replacement.

Lacrosse teams play tough in losses

Saturday, May 2
Sun Prairie United 11, Pulaski 3 (boys)
Anthony Ficari scored twice and Ricky Thomson scored once in Pulaski’s 11-3 loss to Sun Prairie United. Gabe Smith had an assist.
Goaltender Porter

Trudell had 9 saves.
Thursday, April 30
Appleton United 14, Pulaski 1 (girls)
Appleton United improved to 3-0-1 in the Bay Valley Conference and Pulaski dropped to 0-5 following a Red Raiders’ 14-1 loss.

Appleton United 18, Pulaski 3 (boys)
Tuesday, April 28
Oneida Nation 15, Pulaski 3 (boys)
Sun Prairie United 5, Pulaski 2 (girls)
Monday, April 27
Bay Port 17, Pulaski 3 (boys)

Pulaski soccer comes up empty in De Pere

Saturday, May 2
Appleton North 2, Pulaski 1
Appleton North scored twice in the second half to beat Pulaski 2-1 in De Pere.
Friday, May 1
Neenah 3, Pulaski 0
Pulaski opened play in De Pere with a 3-0 shutout loss to the Rockets.
Thursday, April 30

Winneconne 13, Shawano 0
Harper Neace scored five goals to lead Winneconne to a 13-0 shutout over Shawano at Bonduel High School.
Tuesday, April 28
Pulaski 0, Sheboygan North 0
The Pulaski girls soccer team traveled to

Sheboygan for a Fox River Classic Conference match-up against Sheboygan North. The Red Raiders and Golden Raiders contest ended in a 0-0 draw. Pulaski goalkeeper Lucia Di Gennaro had 3 saves in the shutout draw.
Other scores: Shawano 1, Merrill 0.



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Behnke is medalist on Marinette course

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Saturday, May 2
MACC Fund
Invitational

Pulaski golfers placed sixth and Oconto Falls was 26th among 32 teams at The Club at Lac La Belle near Oconomowoc.

The Red Raiders tallied 316, and the Panthers scored 365.

Pulaski junior Bradin Schultz scored 73, tied for the fourth-best score. Also scoring for Pulaski were Brady Hayward at 75, Ben Klarner at 83 and Casey Madlem at 85.

Scoring for Oconto Falls were Dylan Clark at 82, Carson McDermid at 84, Brock McDermid at 96 and Austin Anderson at 103.

Friday, May 1
Seymour Thunder
Invitational

Oconto Falls placed 10th among 18 teams with a 346 at Crystal Springs Golf Course.

Scoring for the Panthers were Brock McDermid with 83, Carson McDermid with 85, Dylan Clark with 87 and Braden Holl with 91.

Will Allen carded a 98.

FRCC Mini-Meet #3
Pulaski senior Brady Hayward scored 35 and was the medalist at Mid-Vallee Golf Course in De Pere.

He paced the Red

Raiders to a fourth-place finish with a 160.

Casey Madlem and Bradin Schultz each scored a 40, and Christian Weinberger had a 45.

Ben Klarner carded a 46.

M&O Conference
Mini-Meet #3

Lena junior Tanner Behnke scored an 83 and was medalist at Little River Country Club in Marinette.

Lena had three players in the top 10, and Gillett had two. As a team, Lena was second with 352, and Gillett was third with 367.

Lena's Cooper Demmuth had the second-best score at 84, while Lucas Mongiat had 86 and Zander Thomson had 99.

Brayden Graef carded a 104.

For Gillett, it was Brady Kiedrowski with 88, Brody Halla with 89, and Katelyn Sturm and Chase Rosenlund each with 95.

Parker Jenerou carded a 112.

Thursday, April 30
CWC Mega-Meet 2

A pair of golfers each from Wittenberg-Birnamwood and Menominee Nation/Gresham scored in the top 12 at Shamrock Heights Golf Course in New London.

For the Chargers, Roman Johnson had 80, and George Seegmiller had 82. For the Eagles, Gabe Boivin scored 83, and



Lena's Tanner Behnke (83) and Cooper Demmuth (84) took first and second place, respectively, at the St. Thomas Aquinas Invite at Little River in Marinette.

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Elliott Penass had 86.

"It was a very cold day, but I was very pleased with how Roman and George played," Chargers coach Chris Bartletti said. "For the second meet in a row, Roman scored his lowest

round as a varsity player, and George rebounded from a poor performance to take 10th overall. As a team we could benefit from a couple other decent scores, but we didn't lose ground."

In team scores, Menominee Nation/Gresham placed third with 363, Wittenberg-Birnamwood was sixth with 373, Marion was seventh with 382, Lena was 11th with 433, and Bonduel placed 12th

with 462.

Also scoring for Wittenberg-Birnamwood were Nichols Flak at 105 and Emerson Vanorder at 106.

Grant Hanson carded 113.

Joining Boivin and Penass for Menominee Nation/Gresham were Alex Mahl with 89 and Pepeak-echiseah Cleveland with 105.

Anikohsaeh Corn carded 107.

Marion's scores were Javen Prickette at 95, Elijah Scheef and Collin Grogan at 95 each, and James Nolan at 97.

Jarren Faehling carded 105.

For Lena, Cooper Demmuth scored 88, Tanner Behnke scored 95, Lucas Mongiat had 108, and Ruger Potter scored 142.

Clay Peters carded 170.

Bonduel's scores were Cameron Schroeder with 89, Quinn Wesenberg with 107, Cory Wussow with 108 and Brayden Reisner with 158.

Tyson Lyons carded 162.

Wednesday, April 29
Brown County
Invitational

Pulaski senior Brady Howard scored a 76 and was the medalist among players from nine teams at Wander Springs Golf Course in Greenleaf.

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2026 Event Schedule

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Friday June 5TH

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INFLATABLES AND YARD GAMES

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the 4x800 were Wyatt Ritchie, Parth Vaishnav, Logan Frechette and Barbier in 10:17.82.

Joseph Doperalski won the shot put at 45 feet, 2.75 inches, and Drew Chelberg won the discus at 143-10.

Schwitzer won the pole vault with a jump of 12 feet.

For the girls, Maci Beyer finished first in the 400-meter dash in 1:03.18, and Jillian Guenther won the 800-meter run in 2:44.04.

Taking the top spot in the 4x400 were Zoe Sipple, Emma Nielson, Kylie Port and Anessa Bantle in 4:47.62.

Beyer also won the high jump at 5 feet, and Tela Hopfensperger won the pole vault at 8 feet.

Clintonville NEC Meet
Oconto Falls' girls team tallied 140 points and earned second place at Clintonville. The boys scored 103 and placed fifth among six teams.

Rylie Shallow won the 200-meter dash in 27.10.

The Panthers won three of the four relay events.

In the 4x100, it was Emery Pagel, Brooke Fenlon, Gracie Miller and Shallow winning in 50.77. In the 4x200, Alexandria Braund, Ava Savage, Sydney Braund and Lucy Ripley won in 1:54.95, and in the 4x800, it was Evelyn Savage, Lily Meissner, Lily Caelwaerts and Alison Kramer getting the gold in 13:21.49.

Suring/Gillett Invite

Bonduel's boys finished first with 168 points, and the girls were third with 140 points at Suring.

Suring's girls were second with 153 points, and the boys were third with 105.

Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy took fourth on both sides of the ledger. The boys had 99.5 points, and the girls tallied 86.

Gillett's girls scored 42 points for sixth place, and the boys had 31 points for seventh.

Taking first for the Bonduel boys were Malachi Gray in the 100-meter dash in 11.57.

Griffin Uelmen, Mason Ballwahn, Carter Moesch and Jack Weier took first place in the 4x400 in

3:39.56, and Gage Anderson, Ballwahn, Uelmen and Oliver Chitwood won the 4x800 in 9:08.35.

Ryan Westrich won gold in the shot put at 50 feet, 9 inches, and the discus at 139-7.

Suring's Blake DeGrave won the 300-meter hurdles in 45.47.

Dayne Ermis, Dyllan Flynn, Kroix Kempka and C.J. Richard placed first in the 4x200 relay in 1:39.07.

Lena/STAA's Zander Thomson captured first in the 110-meter hurdles in 15.75. He also won the long jump at 21-5.

Lucas Heimke finished on top in the triple jump at 39-7.

Gillett's Bradyn Wendorff won the 1,600-meter

run in 4:43.27 and the 3,200-meter run in 10:34.15.

For the Suring girls, Aliya Cox won the 100-meter hurdles in 16.93 and the 300-meter hurdles in 48.03.

Cox was joined by Ginger Gerndt, Kayler Kempka and Lexi Remic in winning the 4x400 in 4:23.90.

Chloe Schroeder won the discus with a throw of 80-8.

Bonduel's Mariah Wondra took first in the 3,200-meter run in 11:43.46.

Winning the 4x800 were Katie O'Brien, Wondra, Kember Frome and Payten Bierhals in 10:49.70.

Morgan Staszak's effort of 29-6 was enough to win the shot put.

Paige Biquette finished

first in the long jump at 16-2.25, and Peyton Westrich won the triple jump at 33-8.50.

The best finish for Lena/STAA was second in the 4x100 with team members Abby Kostreva, Hailee Collar, Laila Collar and Brynn Heise. Hailee Collar, Heise, Hayden McNurlen and Kaitlyn Borkovec placed second in the 4x200. Second in the 4x800 were Alisa Finger, Alexis Maloney, Kate Peters and Adrena Rabas.

Kostreva was second in the long jump.

Gillett's best placement went to Amanda Pate's second-place finish in the 3,200-meter run and Maggie Kaczmarek's second-place throw in the discus.

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1-for-3 with a double, 2 RBIs and 2 runs scored.

Kadence Meyers also hit a double.

Meyers also was the winning pitcher, working 4 innings, giving up 1 run and 2 hits, walking 2 and striking out 5.

Other scores: Niagara 7, Gillett/Suring 6.

Tuesday, April 28
Tigerton 9, Northland Lutheran 7

Tigerton scored four runs in the fifth inning to tie Northland Lutheran 7-7 before adding one run in each of the sixth and seventh innings to win 9-7.

Each of the nine Tigers'

players had a hit in the game — Danika Tiller, Emily Rich, Hailey Erdmann, Renata Nordwig, Lillian Welch, Jaelyn Brady, Aaliyah Lederhaus, Myah Dent and Mya Smith.

Nordwig, Welch and Brady each connected for doubles, and Dent hit a triple.

Tiller pitched all seven innings for the win. She allowed seven runs on six hits, walked four and struck out 12.

Almond-Bancroft 10, Wittenberg-Birnhamwood 5

A six-run third inning propelled the Eagles to a

10-5 win over the Chargers.

Brie Ladika and Jayda Moenke each hit 2-for-4 with two runs scored and two RBIs. Kennedy Benbo was 2-for-3.

Alexis Traut hit a double.

Kendall Lex took the loss on the mound. In three innings, she gave up eight runs on eight hits.

Freedom 19, Oconto Falls 10

Delaney McNichols led the Panthers by hitting 3-for-4 with three RBIs and two doubles in Oconto Falls' 19-10 loss to Freedom.

Izzy Otto hit 2-for-4 and scored three times. Katelyn

Kurek connected for a double.

Kurek was the losing pitcher. In 4 1/3 innings, she gave up 11 runs on 12 hits, walked two and struck out two.

Notre Dame 4, Pulaski 3

Notre Dame scored three runs in the bottom of the seventh to come from behind and beat Pulaski 4-3.

Kamrie Dorn hit 1-for-3 with a pair of RBIs. She was also the losing pitcher.

Shawano 3, Xavier 2

Ayanna O'Kimosh hit 2-for-3 with a run scored, and Jacey Cowden hit

2-for-4 with a run scored as Shawano defeated Xavier 3-2.

Kadence Meyers was the winning pitcher. In seven innings, she gave up two runs on seven hits, walked five and struck out five.

Other scores: Wausaukee 6, Gillett/Suring 4; Shiocton 14, Menominee Nation 3; Shiocton 14, Menominee Nation 4.

Monday, April 27
Wittenberg-Birnhamwood 18, Weyauwega-Fremont 0

Brie Ladika powered her offense with a pair of home runs as the Chargers

blanked the Warhawks 18-0.

Ladika hit 2-for-2, scored 3 times and had 7 RBIs.

Megan Fisher was 1-for-1 with a triple, 3 RBIs and 2 runs scored. Zoey Thorson was 2-for-3 with a double, 2 RBIs and 2 runs scored.

Arianna Inderdahl and Chloe Hanson each connected on a double. Kennedy Benbo hit 2-for-2 with a triple, 2 RBIs and 2 runs scored.

Kendall Lex and Inderdahl combined to pitch a no-hitter in the 3-inning game. Lex got the win. Each struck out 1 batter.

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Overall, the Red Raiders had a 337 and tied for third place with Denmark.

Also scoring for Pulaski were Bradin Schultz with 86, Ethan Berger with 87 and Casey Madlem with 88.

Christian Weinberger carded 91.

Tuesday, April 28
CWC Mini-Meet #1

Menominee Nation/Gresham's Elliott Penass scored an 80 to tie for medalist honors at Foxfire Golf Course in Waupaca.

Teammate Gabe Boivin had an 84, tied for third best.

All told, Menominee Nation/Gresham placed second with 357. They

were followed by Marion in fifth with 384, Wittenberg-Birnhamwood in sixth with 406 and Bonduel in 11th with 510.

Also scoring for Menominee Nation/Gresham were Allex Mahl with 94 and Anikohsaeh Corn with 99. Kenew Awonohopay carded a 102.

Scoring for Marion were Collin Grogan at 91, Javen Prickette at 94, Elijah Scheef at 98 and Jarren Faehling at 101.

James Nolan also had a 103.

For Wittenberg-Birnhamwood, Roman Johnson led with 85. Joining him were George

Seegmiller at 101, Nicholas Flak at 102 and Emerson Vanorder at 118.

Slade Wierzba had a 119.

Bonduel's scores were Cameron Schroeder at 103, Cory Wussow at 106, Collin Zuleger at 139 and Brayden Reisner at 162.

NEC Mini-Meet #4

Oconto Falls' Carson McDermid scored 82 and tied for the fifth-best score at Little River Golf Course in Marinette.

The Panthers placed sixth with a score of 349.

Brock McDermid scored 86, followed by Dylan Clark with 89 and Braden Holl at 92.

Will Allen also had a 94.

Bay Conference Mini-Meet #5

T.J. Smith and Collin Dieck each scored a 44 in Shawano's sixth-place finish at Ledgeview Golf Course in De Pere.

The Hawks had a final score of 194.

Joining Smith and Dieck were Brayden Mead at 52 and Caiden Cappaert at 54. Duane Gristeau-Blanche carded a 55.

M&O Mini-Meet #2

Lena finished third at 200 and Gillett was fourth at 206 on the Oak Crest Golf Course in Norway, Michigan.

Lena was led by Cooper Demmih's 44, followed by Tanner Behnke at 50,

Lucas Mongiat at 51 and Brayden Graef at 55.

Clay Peters carded a 62. For Gillett, it was Brody Halla leading with 46, followed by Chase Rosenlund at 47, Parker Jenerou at 53 and Brandon Slatky at 60.

Katelyn Sturm also carded a 60.

Monday, April 27
New London Bulldog Invitational

Oconto Falls golfers scored a 153 and placed sixth among a dozen teams at Shamrock Heights Golf Course.

Carson McDermid's 76 put him in a four-way tie for the fourth-best score. Brock McDermid scored

a 77.

Braden Holl had an 86.

Shawano did not score as a team; as individuals, T.J. Smith had an 81, followed by Brayden Mead with an 89 and Caiden Cappaert with a 95.

William Hearnden Memorial Invitational

Pulaski's 341 placed the Red Raiders fourth among eight teams at Northbrook Golf and Grill in Luxemburg.

Scoring for Pulaski were Bradin Schultz with 81, Brady Howard with 85, Casey Madlem with 87 and Christian Weinberger with 88.

Ben Klarner also had a 91.



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Container gardens set in garden beds can add vertical interest and color or act as a screen. MELINDAMYERS.COM

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Keep containers looking their best with proper selection, planting and care. As always, select plants suited to the growing conditions and combine those that require the same care and growing conditions. Drought-tolerant plants are more forgiving once established if looking to reduce maintenance.

Consider function as well as beauty when selecting containers. Make sure the container has drainage holes, helping prevent waterlogged soil that can lead to root rot. If the pot lacks drainage holes, try double potting. Place plants in a pot, like a nursery pot with drainage holes. Set this pot on a layer of pebbles in the pot that lacks drainage holes. The pebbles elevate the pot of plants above excess water that may collect. Check throughout the growing season and pour excess water out of the decorative pot as needed.

Fill containers with a quality potting mix that provides adequate drainage yet retains moisture. Every gardener seems to have a favorite or more often struggles to find one that works best for them. Check the label to see what the bag contains and recommendations for its use. Planting mixes usually contain peatmoss, coir and or compost as well as vermiculate, perlite or rice hulls for drainage. Check to see if it is sterilized to kill weed seeds and pests.

Proper watering and fertilization are key to keeping plants alive and healthy. Check the potting mix daily and water thoroughly as needed for the plants growing. Reduce frequency with the help of self-watering containers with water reservoirs that provide water over a longer

period. Mulching the soil in containers helps to conserve moisture and irrigation systems with timers make it much easier.

Fertilize planters as needed. A slow-release low nitrogen fertilizer used at planting and again as needed and according to label directions can greatly reduce time spent fertilizing. These fertilizers provide small amounts of nutrients over a longer period. Those who prefer to be a bit more hands-on can use a liquid fertilizer applied regularly throughout the season according to the label directions.

Despite a gardener's best effort, insects and diseases can impact the health and beauty of planters. Regularly check plants for any signs of insects, their damage and disease. Early intervention makes it easier to manage the problem and helps minimize the damage.

Remove small populations of insects and discolored leaves by hand. Use a garden hose and apply a strong blast of water to help dislodge aphids and mites. Follow this up, if needed, with an organic lightweight horticulture oil like Summit Year-Round Spray Oil (www.summitresponsiblesolutions.com). These products kill the insects they contact but won't harm beneficial insects that land on a plant that has been treated. It is also effective against powdery mildew and certain other diseases. As always, read and follow label directions for the most effective and safest control.

Adjust container garden designs and maintenance to boost their beauty with minimal effort. Then enjoy a growing season of benefits these planters provide.

GARDENING WITH MELINDA MYERS



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Fewer tweets from nature cause for concern

According to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Wisconsin is home to more than 300 species of birds.

Every year thousands of birders dress for the weather, lace up their hiking boots, douse themselves with bug spray and don field glasses in hopes of getting up close and personal with their favorite frequent flyers. I'll pass. I'm more of a pour myself a cup of coffee person who enjoys the bird show out on the deck through the patio door glass.

What a performance it is. For 24 years, we've had a window view of our feathered friends at Otter Run. I know it's early, but I'm concerned about the lack of birds this year. As of this writing, I've seen one robin, one chickadee, a pair of purple finches and three gold finches. Unfortunately, we have more than enough blackbirds and bluejays, obnoxious bullies that think they own the place.

Out in the woods, wild turkeys and sandhill cranes are busy settling in for another year. We welcomed back our

trumpeter swans to the flowage in April. This majestic species seems as taken with Townsend as we are. Everywhere I look, it's a trade-off. There are more loons, but fewer blue herons. More gulls, but fewer bluebirds. More woodpeckers, but fewer orioles. Ugh.

"Where are all the birds?" I asked my husband this morning. "What on earth is happening here? Or rather, what's happening here on earth?"

Jon speculated: "It might have been the ice storm, or the blizzard, or maybe wind events on their migratory routes. Why not fire up your laptop and find out?"

I took his advice, and what I learned was more than alarming. Hard numbers confirm what bird lovers have noticed for years. Birds and birdsong are disappearing at a worrisome rate.

According to the Cornell University Lab of Ornithology (CULO), North America has 2.9 billion fewer breeding birds than in 1970, a loss of nearly 30%. CULO reports that even

common, beloved species numbers have fallen off the cliff.

For example, evening grosbeak populations have plunged 90%, wood thrushes 60%, eastern meadowlarks 75%, and dark-eyed juncos 50%. The only groups doing well are raptors, waterfowl and woodpeckers, which is due to the ban on harmful pesticides and Endangered Species Act protections.

I'm very familiar with that piece of American conservation history. As a high school sophomore in 1962, I read Rachel Carson's groundbreaking bestseller "Silent Spring." Rachel was henceforward affectionately known as the "Bird Lady" and for good reason. Her book launched a global movement that resulted in a ban on DDT.

As I browsed the CULO website, a long-forgotten experience popped into my brain. It was the summer between seventh and eighth grade. My uncle and aunt owned a grocery store in New London. She asked me to babysit my cousins while she caught up on bookwork. We were having fun playing in the yard when she came out and yelled, "Come inside, now!" We didn't argue even

though it was a beautiful summer afternoon.

Now those were the days before air conditioning, and it was stifling hot inside. I politely asked why she had the windows closed and blinds drawn. She pointed to the front picture window. "Take a look."

Peering out, I saw a passing tanker truck spewing a cloud of fog. I'm sure my expression was a befuddled question mark.

"City's spraying for mosquitoes," she explained. "Not good to breathe in that stuff."

Smart move. That was 10 years prior to DDT and other toxic chemicals being banned. Subsequent efforts to protect the environment have had some success, but in recent years we are going backward. Birds might be our canaries in the coal mine. What?

Birds are Mother Nature's early warning detectors. They are more sensitive to toxic substances than humans. For two centuries, coal miners took canaries into the shafts to detect poisonous gases. These heroic little creatures saved thousands of lives.

Like it or not, the dots are being connected. The primary

causes of bird decline also pose a grave threat to human life. We dismiss the blaring sirens at our own peril.

The presence of fewer birds in northeastern Wisconsin is part of a continent-wide pattern. One major factor is climate change. Resulting extreme weather events cannot be wished away. Add urban sprawl, invasive species, land and water degradation, air and light pollution, collisions with vehicles and buildings, and endless warfare into the mix. That lethal recipe might very well have us teetering on the edge of a cataclysm.

There is a glimmer of hope. The DNR and other environmental groups have been mounting efforts to rescue birds by restoring native habitats, protecting breeding and wintering grounds, and reducing stressors. Yet more needs to be done, so let's get at it.

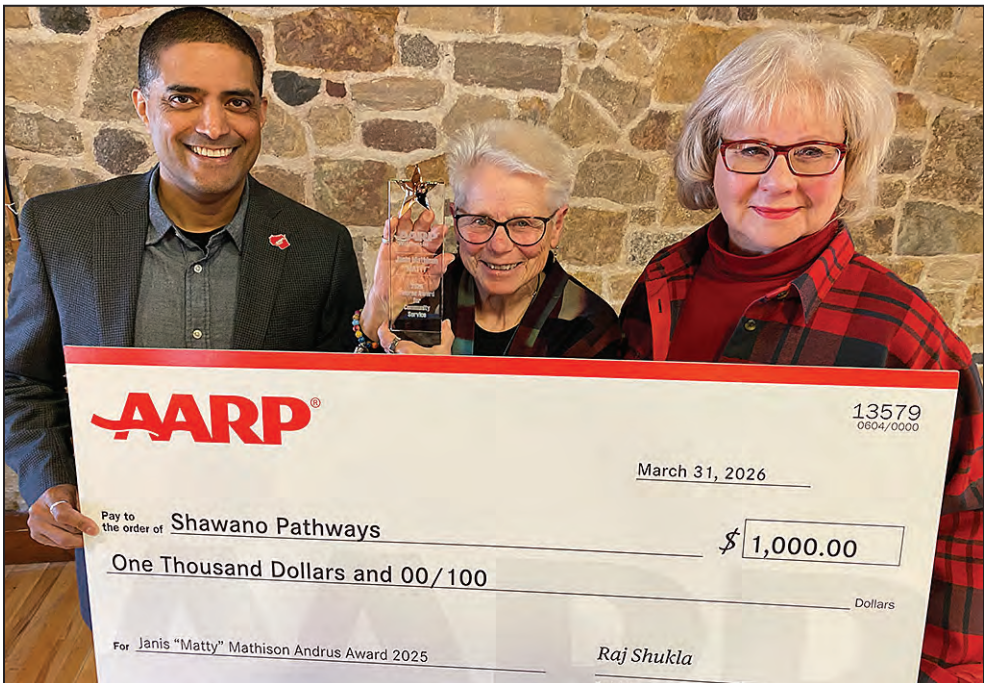
Have we forgotten that Earth is the only nesting place humans currently have available?

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.



KATHLEEN MARSH
COLUMNIST

Mathison receives volunteer award



Matty Mathison, center, of Shawano, was presented with AARP Wisconsin's top statewide volunteer award for 2025 in a ceremony March 31 at the Shawano Lake County Park pavilion. Mathison is a dedicated advocate for the creation, preservation and expansion of trail systems throughout Shawano County. She received the award from AARP Wisconsin state director Raj Shukla, left, and trail volunteer Nancy Brown-Koeller, who nominated Mathison for the award. As part of the honor, Mathison was given the opportunity to select a nonprofit organization to receive a \$1,000 donation from AARP. She will donate the entire amount to Shawano Pathways.

CONTRIBUTED

Students receive First Holy Communion



Sacred Heart Catholic School joyfully recently celebrated the students who recently received their First Holy Communion. This sacred milestone marks a profound moment in their faith journey as they received Jesus in the Eucharist for the very first time, including, from left, front row, Abel Mathwich, Alfred Gueths, Logan Erickson, Milo Gilling, Olivia Kast, Ryder Mathews, Bryson Kurtz, Owen Rouse, McCoy Miller, Freya Mattrich and Joseph McDougal; back row, Aliyah Redmerski, Rylea Cumberland, Ava Carroll, Elli Farley, Katie Fowler-Doxator, Wyatt Zoellner, Charlie Young, Carmen Grignon, Lainey Grignon and Oliver Spaulding. Under the spiritual leadership of the Rev. Edward Looney and Deacon James Lonick, and with the dedicated preparation and guidance of teachers Paula Kundinger and Sarah Mente, these students have spent months learning, praying, and growing in their understanding of Christ's presence in the Blessed Sacrament.

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1. "___ Louise"
5. Unsolicited email
9. Parentheses, e.g.
13. Not mainstream, as in art
15. Heap
16. Chesterfield, e.g.
17. Not sharp
18. Katy Perry's hit
19. Grammy of sports
20. *Bachelor of Arts, e.g.
23. Autumn mo.
24. Opposite of outs
25. Muslim ruler, respectfully
28. Retirement safety net (2 words)
31. Completely isolate (2 words)
33. "That feels good!" exclamation
34. Programmer's bane
35. Mozart's "L___ del Cairo"
36. *Same as #11 Down
40. #me___
42. Paleozoic or Victorian, e.g.
43. Yoda: "Do or do not. There is no ___"
44. River port in Belgium
47. Not figurative
51. Wavelike patterned silk
52. "For ___ a jolly..."
53. Bass product
54. *Student speaker at graduation, usually
59. Regrettably, exclamation

61. Immanuel ___, German philosopher
62. Fortune teller's props
63. Welcome ___, pl.
64. "Cogito ___ sum"
65. Subdivision of an act
66. Olden day "you"
67. Whitetail, e.g.
68. Late actor Kristofferson

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1. Type of ape
2. Twist together
3. Not products, in chemistry
4. Dietary mineral
5. Spring, ___, sprung
6. Devoutly religious
7. Winglike
8. F te des M res honoree
9. Industrial plastic
10. Luxury furniture wood
11. *Part of graduation regalia
12. Slovenly abode
14. Pilot's estimate, acr.
21. Fire starter
22. Santa ___ winds
26. Half of NFL
27. *BA alternative
29. Same as Dao
30. "Friends, Romans..., lend me your ___," sing.
31. *Stand-in teacher
32. Self-centered one
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36. *What guest graduation speaker is supposed to do
37. Dadaist Jean ___
38. *A in #27 Down
39. Marbled toast
40. *#36 Across for PhD

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WHAT’S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, MAY 8

SURING: Friends of Suring Area Public Library Annual Rummage Sale, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., How Township Garage, 12896 State Highway 32.

OCONTO: Storytime, 10:30 a.m., Farnsworth Public Library, 715 Main St. Story and crafts for preschool children. A caregiver must stay with the child.

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

ABRAMS: “1776 The Musical,” 7 p.m., Nancy Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple St. Abrams Spotlight Productions Inc. presentation. Tickets \$22, \$19 for senior citizens or 17 and younger, at abramstheater.com or 920-826-5852.

SATURDAY, MAY 9

SHAWANO: Shawano Bassmasters Spring Open, 6 a.m., Huckleberry Harbor, 222 N. Sawyer St. Entry fee \$150 per boat. Details on Shawano Bassmasters Facebook page.

BONDUEL: Amish Consignment and Quilt Auction, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., N4310 Hill Road. Quilt preview 7:30-10 a.m., bake sale 8 a.m., crafts 8:30 a.m., field auction 9 a.m., quilt auction 10 a.m., furniture noon. Lunch stand available. Bring a chair.

SHAWANO: Drift Games, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., USAir Motorsports Raceway, W5901 County Road BE. “Laid-back” driving, creative layouts and friendly competition. Drivers vote on the layout in the morning; drivers compete in four on-track games in the afternoon. Admission \$20 or \$35 for the weekend.

SHAWANO: Mom and Me Yoga, 8-9 a.m., Total Fitness, 116 N. Main St. Free Mother’s Day yoga class. Space limited, sign up at front desk.

SHAWANO: Optimist Bike Rodeo, 8:30-10:30 a.m., Zion Lutheran Church, 1254 S. Union St. Bike course skills, trophies for first through third in age groups kindergarten to eighth grade; police, fire and ambulance tours; bike maintenance check and licensing; free bicycle helmets; drawings for free

bikes and prizes. Bring your own bike.

SURING: Friends of Suring Area Public Library Annual Rummage Sale, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., How Township Garage, 12896 State Highway 32.

SHAWANO: Sixth annual Fun! for Kids’ Sake, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St. Games, prizes, food trucks, raffles to benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters of Shawano County.

SHAWANO: Auto racing, 6 p.m., Shawano Speedway, 990 E. Green Bay St. Gates open 4 p.m. Adults \$15, seniors \$12, younger than age 11 free. Check the Shawano Speedway page on Facebook for updates and weather-related conditions.

ABRAMS: “1776 The Musical,” 7 p.m., Nancy Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple St. Abrams Spotlight Productions Inc. presentation. Tickets \$22, \$19 for senior citizens or 17 and younger, at abramstheater.com or 920-826-5852.

SUNDAY, MAY 10

SHAWANO: Zurko’s Flea Market, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., Shawano County Fairgrounds, 990 E. Green Bay St. Admission \$2.

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MONDAY, MAY 11

OCONTO: Masonic Pine Lodge 188 dinner, 6 p.m., 513 Superior Ave. Open to family, friends and interested guests, followed by Master Mason private meeting at 7 p.m. For more info, contact the Lodge secretary at 920-373-0950.

TUESDAY, MAY 12

WABENO: Free Veterans Breakfast, 9:30 a.m., American Legion Hall, 4494 N. Branch St. Coffee ready 9

a.m. Chef’s choice, hosted by Donna and Vicki, 715-889-3731.

OCONTO: Small Group Bible Study, 6-8 p.m., The Good Place Bowling Center, 1128 Main St. For information, call 920-516-7390.

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

STILES: St. Patrick’s Rummage Sale, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., 5760 County Road I.

SHAWANO: Unlock the Power of AI for Your Business, 11:30 a.m. or 5:30 p.m., Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce, 1263 S. Main St. Workshop with Imelda Salmon, founder of Saavi Meida Consulting. Members \$60, non-members \$70, **OCONTO:** 1903 Book Club, 4 p.m., Farnsworth Public Library, 715 Main St.

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THURSDAY, MAY 14

SURING: Friends of Suring Area Public Library Annual Rummage Sale, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., How Township Garage, 12896 State Highway 32.

OCONTO: Thursday Play Group, 10:30 a.m. to noon, Farnsworth Public Library, 715 Main St. Meant for children to play and interact with other children at the library. A caregiver must stay with the child.

MARION: Shawano Woman’s Club Fashion Show, 10:30 a.m., luncheon at noon, Northwinds Banquet Hall, 1103 N. Main St. Spring and summer fashions with jewelry and shoes. Advance tickets \$40 by May 1, transferable but non-refundable.

OCONTO: Second Thursday Book Club, 2 p.m., Farnsworth Public Library, 715 Main St. Open discussion of interesting books with no assigned reading.

OCONTO: Faithful Readers

Community Bible Study, 2:30 p.m., Farnsworth Public Library, 715 Main St. Multidenominational study of the book of Genesis. For information, call or text Steve at 920-360-0883.

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

FRIDAY, MAY 15

BONDUEL: St. Paul Rummage Sale, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., St. Paul Lutheran Church and School, 240 E. Green Bay St.

SURING: Friends of Suring Area Public Library Annual Rummage Sale, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., How Township Garage, 12896 State Highway 32.

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SATURDAY, MAY 16

LENA: Mayhem at the Motorplex, 10 a.m. to close, Dirt City Motorplex, 414 E. Main St. Off-road racing. Gates open approximately 8:30 a.m. Daily admission \$30, weekend admission \$50.

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SURING: Friends of Suring Area Public Library Annual Rummage Sale, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., How Township Garage, 12896 State Highway 32.

SHAWANO: Town of Wescott scenic

bike ride, check-in starting 9:45 a.m., Mielke Arts Center, 5649 Airport Road. Event hosted by Shawano Pathways.

KESHENA: Gathering of Warriors Pow Wow, flag raising 11 a.m., Woodland Bowl, Fairgrounds Road. Grand entries 1 p.m. and 7 p.m., feast at 5 p.m. Princess contest, veteran snake dance, exhibitions and specials.

SHAWANO: Auto racing, 6 p.m., Shawano Speedway, 990 E. Green Bay St. Gates open 4 p.m. Adults \$15, seniors \$12, younger than age 11 free. Check the Shawano Speedway page on Facebook for updates and weather-related conditions.

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Bowler School District			
Notice of Change in Adopted Budget			
Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of Wisconsin Statute 65.90(5)(a), that the School Board of Bowler, on April 27, 2026, adopted the following changes to previously budgeted 2025- 26 amounts. The following presents only adopted budget items with changes. Unchanged line items are not presented.			
GENERAL FUND 10	Previous Approved Amount \$	Amended Approved Amount \$	Change \$
Beginning Fund Balance	2,685,412.05	2,685,412.05	0.00
Ending Fund Balance	2,611,407.05	2,617,494.05	6,087.00
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Local Sources (Source 200)	1,419,837.00	1,320,537.00	(99,300.00)
Inter-district Payments (Source 300 + 400)	193,560.00	178,731.00	(14,829.00)
Intermediate Sources (Source 500)	10,569.00	19,978.00	9,409.00
State Sources (Source 600)	4,540,272.00	4,564,611.00	24,339.00
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	7,289,265.00	7,208,884.00	(80,381.00)
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES			
Instruction (Function 100 000)	2,798,137.00	2,729,380.00	(68,757.00)
Support Services (Function 200 000)	2,713,846.00	2,692,698.00	(21,148.00)
Non-Program Transactions (Function 400 000)	1,851,287.00	1,854,724.00	3,437.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	7,363,270.00	7,276,802.00	(86,468.00)
SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND 27	Previous Approved Amount \$	Amended Approved Amount \$	Change \$
Beginning Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ending Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	1,065,072.00	1,078,496.00	13,424.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	1,065,072.00	1,078,496.00	13,424.00
COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND 80	Previous Approved Amount \$	Amended Approved Amount \$	Change \$
Beginning Fund Balance	302,885.80	302,885.80	0.00
Ending Fund Balance	237,494.80	225,494.80	(12,000.00)
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	291,391.00	303,391.00	12,000.00
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VILLAGE OF GRESHAM

NOTICE OF ANNUAL OPEN BOOK & BOARD OF REVIEW

VILLAGE OF GRESHAM, SHAWANO, WISCONSIN

MEETINGS HELD AT VILLAGE HALL

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2026 OPEN BOOK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE OPEN BOOK INSPECTION OF THE ASSESSMENT ROLL will be held on Thursday, May 28th, 2026, from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. The assessment roll will be open for inspection to give taxpayers an opportunity to check their property descriptions and assessments prior to Board of Review. The village's contracted assessor will also be available in-person to discuss assessments.

Notices indicating 2026 assessment changes will be mailed to property owners ahead of open book. Notices are not mailed to properties that did not change. If you would like to discuss your assessment and are unable to attend, you may call the assessor during regular business hours (Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM). If the assessor is not available at the time of your call, please leave a detailed message including your name, phone number, physical address, and the parcel number (tax key number).

Contact: Adam Servi – Assessor II
Phone: (920) 544-5398
Email: aservi@servigroupinc.com
Mail: Village of Gresham Assessor's Office
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New Franken, WI 54229

2026 BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE 2026 BOARD OF REVIEW will be held on Thursday, June 4th, 2026, from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Your intent to object to a 2026 assessment must be submitted to the Clerk's office at least 48 hours prior. It is strongly encouraged to discuss Board of Review objection procedures with the assessor prior to the hearing.

Please be advised of the following requirements to appear before the Board of Review and the procedural requirements of appearing before the Board.

No person may appear before the Board of Review, testify to the Board by telephone, or contest the amount of an assessment unless, at least 48 hours before the first meeting, or at least 48 hours before the objection is heard if the objection is allowed because the person has been granted a waiver of the 48-hour notice by appearing before the Board during the first two hours of the meeting and showing good cause for failure to meet the 48-hour notice requirement and filing a written objection to the clerk as to whether the person will ask for removal of any Board members and indicating the person's reasonable estimate of the length of time that the hearing will take.

After the first meeting of the Board of Review and before the Board's final adjournment, no person who is scheduled to appear before the Board of Review may contact, or provide information to a member of the Board about the person's objection except at a session of the Board.

When appearing before the Board of Review, the person shall specify, in writing, the person's estimate of the value of the land and of the improvements that are the subject of the person's objection and specify the information that the person used to arrive at that estimate.

No person may appear before the Board of Review, testify to the Board or by telephone or object to a valuation if that valuation was made by the Assessor or the Objector using the income method of valuation; unless the person supplies the Assessor all the information about income and expenses, as specified in the Assessor's manual under Sec. 73.03(2a) of Wis. Statutes. The Village of Gresham has an ordinance for the confidentiality of information about income and expenses that are provided to the Assessor under this paragraph which provides exceptions for persons using information in the discharge of duties imposed by law or the duties of their office or by order of a court. The information that is provided under this paragraph, unless a court determined that it is inaccurate, is not subject to the right of inspection and copying under Sec. 19.35(1) of Wis. Statutes.

The Board shall hear upon oath, by telephone, all ill or disabled persons who present to the Board a letter from a physician, surgeon, or osteopath that confirms their illness or disability. No other persons may testify by telephone.

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Notice of Meeting to Adjourn

Board of Review to Later Date

The Board of Review of the Village of Bonduel, Shawano County, Wisconsin, will meet on May 19th, 2026, at 5:00 PM, for the purpose of calling the Board of Review into session during the 45-day period beginning the 4th Monday of April, pursuant to Sec. 70.47(1) of WI Statutes. The assessment roll is not completed at this time. Therefore, the Board of Review will be adjourned until a future date as determined by the board when available.
Notice is hereby given this 1st day of May 2026.
Michelle Maroszek, Clerk/Treasurer
Village of Bonduel
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NOTICE OF CLAIMS DEADLINE

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Name Change Hearing

Case No. 26CV71

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME

CHANGE OF

Emily Ann Hock

By Emily Ann Hock

NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: Emily Ann Hock
To: Emily Ann Tyczkowski
Birth Certificate: Emily Ann Hock
IT IS ORDERED:
This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Shawano County, State of Wisconsin
Judge Name: William F Kussel, Jr
Place: Shawano County Courthouse-County Board Room
311 N Main ST., Shawano, WI 54166
Date: June 8, 2026
Time: 11:45 AM
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STATE OF WISCONSIN

SHAWANO COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT

SHAWANO COUNTY

Notice and Order for

Name Change Hearing

Case No. 26CV84

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME

CHANGE OF

Rose Marie Maglio

By Rose Marie Maglio

NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: Rose Marie Maglio
To: Artemis Rose Marie Maglio
Birth Certificate: Rose Marie Maglio
IT IS ORDERED:
This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Shawano County, State of Wisconsin
Judge Name: William F Kussel Jr
Place: Branch 2 Shawano Court House
311 N Main ST, Shawano, WI 54166
Date: July 1, 2026
Time: 8:30 am
WNAXLP
SHA-192

5/1/26, 5/8/26, 5/15/26

STATE OF WISCONSIN

SHAWANO COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

ELEANOR L. KRULL

Notice to Creditors

(Informal Administration)

Case No. 26 PR 22

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth March 6, 1936 and date of death January 30, 2026 was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 433 State Road, Birnamwood, WI 54414
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is July 24, 2026
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse
Room 202, Probate office
311 N. Main St., Shawano Wisconsin,
Form completed by:
Attorney Kamryn K. Ramker
Anderson O'Brien, LLP
1257 Main Street
Stevens Point, WI 54481
715-344-0890
Bar Number (If any) 1122678
WNAXLP
SHA-187

5/1/26, 5/8/26, 5/15/26

STATE OF WISCONSIN

SHAWANO COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

MATHIAS J. KATCH

Notice Setting Time to Hear Application and Deadline for Filing Claims

(Informal Administration)

Case No. 26 PR 24

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 01/23/1999 and date of death 11/19/2025 was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 212 N. Humprey Circle, 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 Wednesday, June 3, 2026 at 10:00 A.M.
You do not need to appear unless you object. The application may be granted if there is no objection.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is August 21, 2026.
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, Attn: Register in Probate, 311 N. Main St., Shawano, WI 54166, Room 202.
6. This publication is notice to any persons whose names or address are unknown.
The names or addresses of the following interested persons (if any) are not known or reasonably ascertainable: Sara Katch and Jessica Smith
If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-526-8631 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.
BY THE COURT:
DATE SIGNED: April 17, 2026
Electronically signed by Gwen Hoffman, Probate Registrar
Form completed by:
Atty. Michael A. Maas
Heritage Law Firm, LLC
2050 Riverside Drive
Green Bay, WI 54301
Telephone Number: 920-785-8570
Bar Number: 1061377
WNAXLP
SHA-186

LEGAL NOTICES

4/24/26, 5/8/26, 5/15/26

STATE OF WISCONSIN

SHAWANO COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT

FAMILY COURT BRANCH

In Re The Marriage Of:

Craig Armour,

Petitioner,

V.

Jennifer Armour,

Respondent.

NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING

(FOR PUBLICATION)

Case No. 20 FA 118

To: Craig Armour

N3991 Maple Lane Tigerton, WI 54486

IT IS ORDERED:

This Notice be published advising you that a Notice of Motion and Motion for Contempt and Sanctions and an Amended Notice of Motion and Motion for Contempt and Sanctions in this matter be heard at the Shawano County Courthouse, Branch 1, 2nd Floor, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano, Wisconsin 54166 on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 2:30 p.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
WNAXLP
SHA-183

5/1/26, 5/8/26, 5/15/26

STATE OF WISCONSIN

CIRCUIT COURT

SHAWANO COUNTY

RE: DONALD L. DREIER AND JANA S. DREIER JOINT REVOCABLE TRUST

A trust administration has been opened regarding the death of Jana S. Dreier, domiciled in Shawano County, Wisconsin, whose post office address was N5850 Wolf River Road, Shawano, WI 54166.
All creditors' claims must be received by the Trustee before August 22, 2026, or be barred.
Timothy D. Dreier, Trustee
N5750 Wolf River Court
Shawano, WI 54166
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SHA-189

5/1/26, 5/8/26, 5/15/26

STATE OF WISCONSIN

SHAWANO COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT

AMEDNED SHAWANO COUNTY

Notice and Order for

Name Change Hearing

Case No. 2026CV00058

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME

CHANGE OF

Luca Donald Demmih

By Zachary Allan Van Ess

NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: Luca Donald Demmih
To: Luca Donald Van Ess
Birth Certificate: Luca Donald Demmih
IT IS ORDERED:
This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Shawano County, State of Wisconsin
Judge Name: William F. Kussel
Place: Shawano County Courthouse-Branch 2
311 Main St, Shawano, WI 54166
Date: July 1, 2026
Time: 8:15 am
WNAXLP
SHA-185

5/8/26

STATE OF WISCONSIN

SHAWANO COUNTY

Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice All-Stor Self Storage - Shawano located at N5857 Hwy 47-55N/4844 Waukechon St/1003 Waukechon St/1213 Beaupray Rd, Shawano, WI, 54166 intends to hold a Auction of storage units in default of payment. The sale will occur as an Online Auction via www.bid13.com on 5/28/2026 at 10:00AM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods, furnishings and garage essentials. Donald Stanley; Terilyn Tourtillot; Joleen Barnes; Forrest Field; Kennedy R Hunt. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.
WNAXLP
SHA-193

5/8/26, 5/15/26, 5/22/26

STATE OF WISCONSIN

SHAWANO COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

Matthew Meidam

DOD 3-1-2026

Notice to Creditors

(Informal Administration)

Case No. 26 PR 27

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 8-8-1967
In Shawano and date of death 3-1-2026 was domiciled Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of N5600 Maders Circle, Shawano, WI 54166
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is August 7, 2026
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano Wisconsin, Room 202 Probate Office
Form completed by:
James E. Aschenbrener
P.O. Box 146, Shawano, WI 54166
715-524-6258
Bar Number 1008896
WNAXLP
SHA-191

Housing support unlocked for Newcap families

U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin announced she successfully pushed the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to approve the transfer of Newcap grants to other capable and qualified organizations.

The transfer of funding will ensure the 134 Wisconsin families Newcap served can continue receiving housing support, she said.

On March 31, Newcap – a nonprofit serving 10 Wisconsin counties since 1965 – announced it would cease operations, ending its role administering key housing and supportive service grants.

As a result, 134 families were at risk of homelessness if HUD did not transfer those grants to other nonprofit agencies.

A federal bankruptcy court has approved Newcap’s plan to pay its employees.

COURT NEWS

• Kimberly A. Olsen, 42, Grand Rapids, Minnesota, pleaded no contest April 27 to misdemeanor charges of resisting/failing to stop and disorderly conduct. One charge was amended from a felony in a plea agreement. Judge Katherine Sloma withheld sentencing and placed her on 18 months of probation with conditions.

• Charles T. Fullilove, 48, Chicago, pleaded no contest April 27 to a sex registry violation. Sloma sentenced him to county jail time served.

• Zachary J. Peters, 41, Green Bay, pleaded no contest April 29 to a forfeiture charge of driving without a license. Three felony bail jumping counts were dismissed but read into the record in a plea agreement. Sloma levied fines and court costs of \$217.10.

• Aaron A. Allison, 31, Seymour, had his probation revoked Oct. 24 from a 2025 conviction for possession of narcotic drugs and felony bail jumping. Sloma sentenced him April 30 to one year in

county jail, time deemed served.

• Nicole L. Bessert, 33, Shawano, pleaded guilty April 30 to felony bail jumping and two counts of possession of methamphetamine. Judge Gregory Jerabek imposed and stayed a prison sentence, then placed him on three years of probation with conditions.

• Megan E. Hackbarth, 38, Knapp, pleaded no contest Feb. 26 to operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fifth offense) and two counts of felony bail jumping. Judge William Kussel Jr. sentenced her May 1 to 18 months in prison followed by 36 months of extended supervision with conditions.

• Justin T. Okimosh, 33, Shawano, was charged April 27 with three counts of felony bail jumping. Sloma set a \$1,000 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for May 13.

• William J. Matchopatow, 56, Shawano, was charged April 27 with two counts of felony bail jumping. Sloma

set a \$1,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for May 4.

• Samantha J. Jessel, 34, Shawano, was charged April 27 with substantial battery and first-degree recklessly endangering safety. Sloma set a \$1,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for May 4.

• Greg Robert Bohm, 51, no address listed, was charged April 27 with threatening to cause bodily harm to individuals involved with a court or legal system; threatening to cause bodily harm to health care providers, staff and family; and a misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. Sloma set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for May 14.

• Trista M. Sawlsville, 27, Shawano, was charged April 28 with child abuse intentionally causing harm and a misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. Sloma set a \$1,000 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for June 22.

• Leslie N. Gauthier, 28,

Bonduel, was charged April 30 with two counts of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. Sloma set a \$1,500 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for May 6.

• Cecilianne E. Dodge, 20, Shawano, was charged May 1 with two counts of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of battery. Sloma set a \$250 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for May 13.

• Joseph E. Caldwell, 47, Shawano, was charged May 1 with possession of methamphetamine, maintaining a drug trafficking place, two counts of misdemeanor bail jumping, and misdemeanor counts of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of THC. Sloma set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for May 19.

• Paul R. Frechette, 41, Keshena, was charged May 1 with possession of methamphetamine, possession of narcotic drugs, and misdemeanor counts of possession

of THC, possession of drug paraphernalia and bail jumping. Sloma set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for May 13.

• Deborah K. Harrison, 71, Shawano, was charged May 1 with maintaining a drug trafficking place. Sloma set a \$2,500 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for July 13.

• Marquita R. House, 37, Keshena, was charged May 1 with possession of methamphetamine, possession of narcotic drugs and a misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for May 20.

• Latasha M. Teller, 35, Shawano, was charged May 1 with possession of narcotic drugs, two counts of felony bail jumping, three counts of misdemeanor bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a \$2,000 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for May 6.

• Lee A. Tourtillott, 46, Shawano, was charged May 1 with possession of methamphetamine, maintaining a drug trafficking place, two counts of felony bail jumping, two counts of misdemeanor bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a \$1,000 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for May 11.

• Russell A. Tourtillott, 65, Shawano, was charged May 1 with possession of methamphetamine, maintaining a drug trafficking place, three counts of felony bail jumping, and misdemeanor counts of possession of THC and possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a \$2,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for May 8.

05/08/2026

CITY OF SHAWANO

APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following have applied for Licenses in the City of Shawano for the licensing period of July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027. The applicants will be acted upon at the May 13, 2026, City of Shawano Common Council meeting at Shawano City Hall, 127 South Sawyer Street, Shawano, WI. The meeting begins at 6:00 pm.

RENEWALS FOR LICENSING YEAR 2026-2027

“CLASS B” LIQUOR AND “B” BEER

Legal Name

Elefson Zeuske American Legion Post #117
El Tequila, LLC
El Tequila, LLC
Baumann’s Main Street Diner, Inc.
Lisa Dawn Gueths
Lakeshore Lanes, Inc
B2K Restaurant Group, LLC
RRATZ LLC
Il Brothers Pizza, Inc.
Thornberry Cottage Shawano LLC
Shawano Area Agriculture Society
Stock Market LLC
Ole’ Town Tap, LLC
Herbert E McLaughlin VFW Post 2723
Stubborn Brothers Brewery, LLC
The Shawano Cinema & More, LLC
Local 119 LLC
Diablos Taqueria Shawano LLC
Wisco-Craft LLC

Trade Name

American Legion Post 117
El Tequila
El Jefe
Farm Inn’ on Main
Hense’s Shawano Inn
Lakeshore Lanes
The Launching Pad Bar & Grill
Longhorn Saloon
Luigi’s Pasta and Pizza
Thornberry Cottage Shawano LLC
Shawano Fairgrounds & Shawano Speedway
Fully Stocked
Ole’ Town Tap
VFW Post 2723
Stubborn Brothers Brewery
The Shawano Cinema & More!!
Sharon’s Bar
Tirado’s Taqueria
Off the Rails

Agent

Phillip Nelson
Sergio Hernandez
Sergio Hernandez
Keith Baumann
N/A
Tami Westphal
Domenico Badalamenti
Lisa Sortino
Salvatore Badalamenti
Angela Sonnenberg
Alyce Welk
Chelsea Gilling
Anthony Powers
Phillip Nelson
Aaron Gilling
Ezekiel Heling
Robert McDowell
Juliana Tirado
Christopher Ross

Address

850 S Lincoln Street
1240 E Green Bay Street
201 N Airport Drive
123 N Main Street
134 S Washington Street
210 N Airport Drive
221 Airport Drive
1181 S Main Street
607 S Main Street
130/132 S Main Street
990 E Green Bay Street
101/103 S Main Street
115 N Main Street
810 S Olson Street
220 S Main Street
1494 E Green Bay Street
111 S Washington Street
1045 E Green Bay Street
622 E Green Bay Street

“CLASS A” LIQUOR AND “A” BEER

Legal Name

Aldi, Inc. (Wisconsin)
Shawano Foods LLC
Kwik Trip, Inc.
Walgreen Co.
Walmart Stores East, LP
Stock Market LLC
Reliance Fuel LLC

Trade Name

Aldi #29
Charlie’s County Market
Kwik Trip 620
Walgreens #07615
Walmart #2271
The Stock Market
Fuel On

Agent

Lisa Watters
Charles Harvey
Aaron Hojnacke
Stefanie Zoellick
Jeremy Pralle
Chelsea Gilling
Cheryl Croul

Address

1253 E Green Bay Street
521 S Main Street
1241 E Green Bay Street
401 E Green Bay Street
1244 E Green Bay Street
101/103 S Main Street
404 E Green Bay Street

CLASS “A” BEER

Legal Name

Kuhn’s Bait and Tackle Palace Inc.
Midwest Oil of Shawano, LLC
Midwest Oil of Shawano, LLC
Midwest Oil of Shawano, LLC

Trade Name

Kuhn’s Bait and Tackle
People’s Express Main
People’s Express North
People’s Express South

Agent

Cory Kuhn
Yaakov Bloomberg
Yaakov Bloomberg
Yaakov Bloomberg

Address

202 N Airport Drive
1206 E Green Bay Street
1381 E Green Bay Street
716 S Main Street

CLASS “B” BEER

Legal Name

Jdoggs LLC

Trade Name

Jdoggs

Agent

Amber Arneson

Address

136 S Main Street

“CLASS C” WINE

Legal Name

Jdoggs LLC

Trade Name

Jdoggs

Agent

Amber Arneson

Address

136 S Main Street

Lesley Nemetz
City Clerk
City of
Shawano

WNAXLP

05/08, 05/15/2026

Notice of Public Sale
ABA Storage Units LLC.
Sunday May 17th, 2026 10:00 AM
Bidding is on complete contents of Unit:
Nell Lee Hawpetoss, 836 S Olson Ave #
1, Shawano, WI 54166, Unit 521
WNAXLP

05/08, 05/15, 05/22/2026

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In Re: Christine A. Hall Trust dated
January 26, 2018

Pursuant to section 701.0508(1)
(a)1 of the Wisconsin Statutes, Paula
A. Wegner and Dixie A. Hall, as co-
trustees of the Christine A. Hall Trust
dated January 26, 2018, have the duty
or power to pay the debts of Christine
A. Hall, deceased, who resided at 204
N. Humphrey Circle, Shawano, WI. All
creditors' claims must be filed with the
co-trustees by September 8, 2026, or
shall be barred. Claims may be filed at
the Law Firm of Conway, Olejniczak &
Jerry, SC, to the attention of Tara M.
Sellen, Attorney for Paula A. Wegner
and Dixie A. Hall, Co-Trustees, P.O. Box
23200, Green Bay, WI 54305-3200,
(920) 437-0476.
WNAXLP

05/01, 08, 15/2026

Town of Maple Grove
Notice of Liquor License Application

Notice is Hereby Given that the follow-
ing applicants have filed
with the Town Clerk application for a
Class “B” Combination
License to deal with intoxicating
liquor and/or beer.

**Amy Swiecichowski for the Hofa Park
Tavern**
W1889 Hofa Park, Seymour, WI 54165

**Jennifer Olson for Jen’s Knaughty
Pine**
W1539 Cty S, Pulaski, WI 54162

**Amy Swiecichowski & Abigail Haven
for Hofa Park Hall LLC**
W1828 Hofa Park, Seymour, WI 54165

St. Stanislaus Hofa Park Parish
W1888 Hofa Park, Seymour, WI 54165
Kathy Luebke, Clerk
Town of Maple Grove
WNAXLP

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Assistant District Attorney Laura Nelson said in her closing statements the morning of April 28 that it took courage for the medical examiner, Dr. Adam Covach, of Fond du Lac County, to admit his mistake and file an amended and addended report, even with the timing being so close to the trial.

“It takes courage to admit when you’re wrong, and Dr. Covach did it in front of a jury of strangers,” Nelson said. “Strangulation may have some of these signs, or it may have none of these signs.”

Nelson noted that Ingold had told one of the prosecution’s witnesses that “I’m going to kill her” almost 12 hours before Laudon was found dead. Ingold had told several people that Laudon was doing drugs excessively and spending his money, even claiming that she had cheated on him twice in the 10 years they were together, Nelson said.

Laudon’s medical records had shown she had health issues, Nelson said, but nothing in the autopsy report showed those issues were factors in her death.

“Dr. Covach directly examined Sheila’s heart and admitted she had a large heart, but she had no sign of an acute heart attack,” Nelson said. “He looked at whether she had coronary heart disease – that’s where the plaque and the calcium builds up in the arteries of the heart. That’s where you see some people have to have a stent or a bypass. She had none. Her arteries were clear.”

Nelson also said Ingold’s story changed constantly, from the mode of transpiration he used to get home from his job in Waukesha to the television programming Ingold and Laudon watched the night before she died.

“This story just keeps developing,” Nelson said.

Defense attorney Kelli

Thompson made it clear in the first words of her closing statement that Ingold can’t be guilty of murder, because Laudon’s death wasn’t a murder. Thompson said Ingold has said that constantly in interviews with detectives, when talking to his attorneys and even in jail calls.

“I did not touch her. I did not hurt her. I would not do this. I will maintain my innocence until the day that I die.” We heard Michael say this over and over again,” Thompson said. “We heard him say it through tears. We heard him yelling it, pounding the table, frantic, and by the end, we knew it was true.”

Thompson said Ingold’s confusion and grief were to be expected from someone who loved Laudon and that the state was claiming that was proof Ingold had committed murder.

“At the center of all the testimony is a much

simpler truth. This was not a homicide – this was a tragedy,” Thompson said. “The state wants you to take grief and shock and confusion and turn them into guilt. The evidence does not support that.”

Thompson noted the initial deputies from the Shawano County Sheriff’s Department who arrived on scene had turned off their body cameras during interviews with Ingold and believed Laudon’s death was from natural causes before the deputy coroner arrived on the scene. Pictures taken of Laudon’s body showed her clutching the comforter that had supposedly been used to kill her.

“The state has tried to build this case from hindsight, assumptions and one narrow interpretation of the medical evidence,” Thompson said.

That medical evidence, she said, included numerous indications that Laudon’s health had been

failing for months before Ingold found her dead. Insomina, anemia and past drug use with cocaine and methamphetamine impacted Laudon, according to Thompson, and witnesses told the court she had difficulty moving around her house and property without having to stop and take a breath.

There was plenty of reasonable doubt in the state’s case, Thompson argued, and if the jury saw evidence of that, it was vital that members return a not guilty verdict. She noted that Ingold had offered on four occasions to take a polygraph test.

“All Mike is trying to do is figure out what happened, because right now, the cops keep telling him, law enforcement keeps telling him, ‘It’s you. It’s you,’” Thompson said. “This case is about perspective. The state wants you to view Michael’s grief as guilt. They want you to see his shock as suspicion.

Panic is not a confession, and a man’s inability to be a cold and detached investigator in the wake of losing his person is not guilt.”

The trial, which lasted more than three weeks, ended two days ahead of schedule, as the case had been set on the docket through April 30.

Ingold’s legal woes are not over, though.

He’s currently being held in the Shawano County Jail on a \$250,000 cash bond on 10 charges of threatening people involved with law enforcement and the court system. An adjourned initial appearance in that case will take place at 10 a.m. May 4, with Portage County Circuit Court Judge Louis Molepske Jr. presiding over the case after Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Court Judge William Kussel Jr. recused himself.

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program. She said three students were going to the state solo-ensemble competition this year, and two had gone last year.

Kozlovsky said she planned to address the news with her students after spring break, but students had already heard from other teachers about the staff cuts and went to Kozlovsky for answers.

“I had to address it,” she said. “I’m not going to lie, and I’m not going to play stupid.”

Jennifer Schmidt, president of the Shawano Education Association, took the school board to task for voting on the non-renewal notices in closed session

instead of making the vote public, even though Superintendent Kurt Krizan and other district officials have said that the district’s attorney, Geoff Lacy, has advised them that such votes can take place in closed session.

“The final vote is what matters to the community, and that should take place in open session,” Schmidt said.

She pointed to Wisconsin’s open meeting law, which lays out when a governing body can talk behind closed doors, but said that it’s not required to take those issues up behind closed doors.

“Since the non-renewals

being discussed are not disciplinary dismissals or formal action against a specific employee, this matter should be discussed in open session,” Schmidt said. “The discussion of employment positions does not meet the requirements for closed session discussions.”

Schmidt accused the board of avoiding accountability with its closed sessions and not being transparent with the public.

“The community deserves to see how each board member votes,” she said. “Transparency is not optional, and in public education, it’s a responsibility. If this board stands

behind its decisions, then those decisions should be made visibly, not behind closed doors.”

SCMS teacher Dan O’Connell, who has spoken during and after public forums seeking information on how to balance the 2026-27 budget, also criticized much of the board discussion taking place out of the public eye. O’Connell said decisions to cut might feel more palatable

if community and staff members felt like they had a voice in the matter.

“We have never been asked to make cuts to our classroom budget,” O’Connell said. “This idea has been floated out there by many of our staff, but the conversation has always ended there. It was a team effort to pass last year’s referendum. Why is it not a team effort to address our deficit?”

The district is eliminating 2 1/2 allied arts positions, O’Connell said, which is impacting swing choir; programs that address science, technology, art, engineering and math; and jazz band. The first two programs are not being offered next year as of now, he said, while the jazz band is only being offered to the seventh grade.

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05/08/2026

INVITE TO BID

The Town of Almon, Shawano County is seeking Road Work bids for the following specifications:

Cold Mix Wedging – Cost per mile and road maintenance.
The Town of Almon Board has the right to accept or reject any or all bids. **Sealed bids will be accepted no later than May 11, 2026 by 5:00pm.** Bids are to be delivered to the Town of Almon, Attention: Almon Town Chairman, W16163 Hennig Lake Ln, Wittenberg WI 54499. Questions can be directed to Steve Onesti, Chairman, at 715-881-0279.
WNAXLP

05/01 & 05/08/2026

NOXIOUS WEED NOTICE
VILLAGE OF BONDUÉL

Notice is hereby given to each person who owns, occupies or controls land in the Village of Bonduel, Shawano County, Wisconsin, to destroy all noxious weeds on such property before the plants bloom.

In accordance with WI Statute 66.0407(1), noxious weeds are as follows: Canada thistle, leafy spurge, and field bindweed (creeping jenny) and other weeds and rank growth of vegetation as described in Bonduel Municipal Code 24-3(7). Grass shall be kept cut to a height of not to exceed eight inches (8") and all weeds shall be controlled at such time and in such manner as will prevent such plants from maturing to the bloom of flower stage.

If any owner or occupant of real estate in the Village of Bonduel fails to cut or otherwise properly destroy in due season any such weeds or rank growth of vegetation, the Village Weed Commissioner shall, as provided in Chapter 24-9(c) of the Bonduel Municipal Code, cause a written notice to be served upon the owner or occupant as to this fact, notifying such owner or occupant that unless such weeds are cut or otherwise properly destroyed within five days of service of said notice, the Village Weed Commissioner will cause such weeds to be cut or otherwise destroyed and the actual cost thereof, together with an administrative fee equal to ten percent of the actual cost, shall be charged to the property owner. If such charges are not paid by November 15 of the year in which they are billed, such charges, together with an additional administrative fee for collection equal to ten percent of the total of such charges and fees, shall be extended on the next succeeding tax roll as a tax charged against the property affected and collected in the same manner as are other taxes, pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 66.0517.

Russ Gehm, Village President
WNAXLP

05/08, 05/15/2026

OFFICIAL NOTICE TO BIDDERS
2026 CITY OF SHAWANO
HOT MIX ASPHALT (HMA) PAVEMENT PROGRAM

ESTIMATE OF QUANTITIES
Remove or Pulverize Existing Asphalt Pavement 35,000 S.Y.
Concrete Curb & Gutter 550 L.F.
Concrete Culvert Pipe 465 L.F.
Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) Pavement 35,000 S.Y.
Base Aggregate Shouldering 4,000 TON

Bids will be received by the City of Shawano in the office of the Department of Public Works, 2905 E. Richmond St., Shawano, Wisconsin, until 9:00 AM Local Time on May 22, 2026, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days after this scheduled bid opening without the consent of the City.

Owner requires Bidders to be pre-qualified for this project in accordance with the Wisconsin Statutes 66.29(2). Qualifications shall be delivered to the DPW office, not less than 5 days prior to the bid deadline. The Owner’s decision as to the qualifications shall be final.

Complete sets of Bidding Documents may be obtained in PDF electronic format by calling the Department of Public Works at (715)509-0297 or by email: mpleshek@cityofshawano.com. All bidders shall bid in accordance with and shall bid upon the Proposal Forms provided in the Contract Documents.

A Bid Bond payable to the City of Shawano in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid shall accompany each bid as a guarantee, that if the bid is accepted, the Bidder will execute and file the Contract, Performance and Payment Bonds, and the Insurance Certificate(s) within ten (10) days after the receipt of the Notice of Award by the City. The City of Shawano Common Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive any informalities in bidding, or to accept the bid or bids which best serves the interest of the City.

E. Richmond Street and Industrial Avenue project locations within this 2026 HMA Pavement Program will utilize grant funding from the Local Roads Improvement Program (LRIP) administered by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

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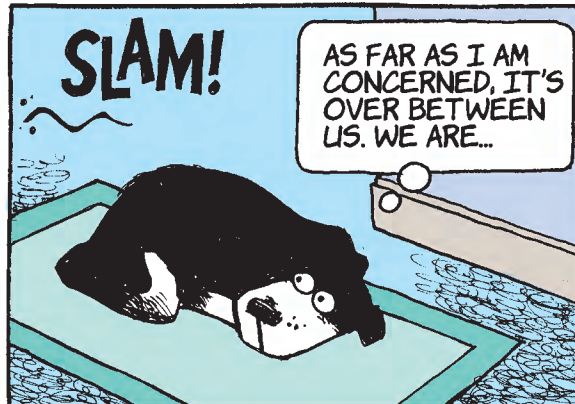
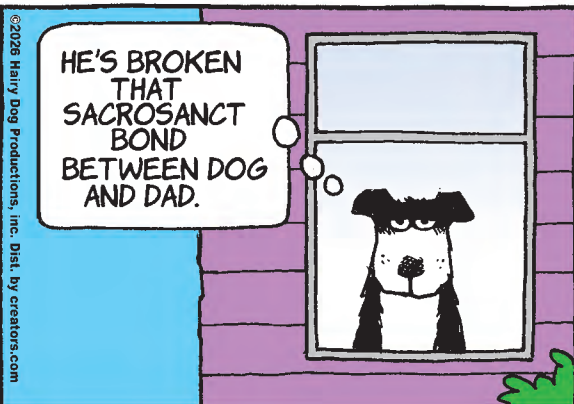
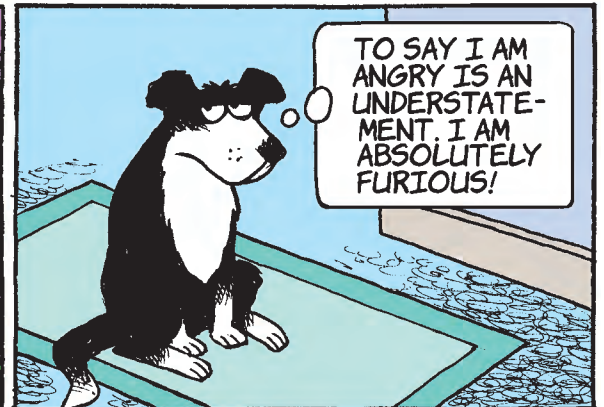
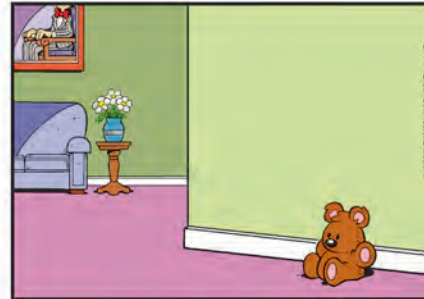
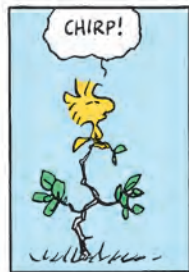
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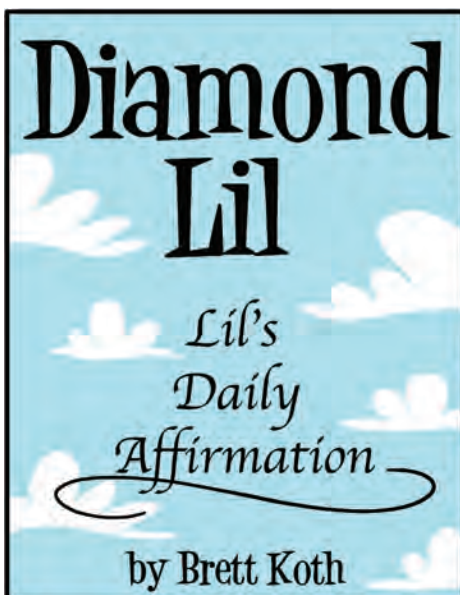
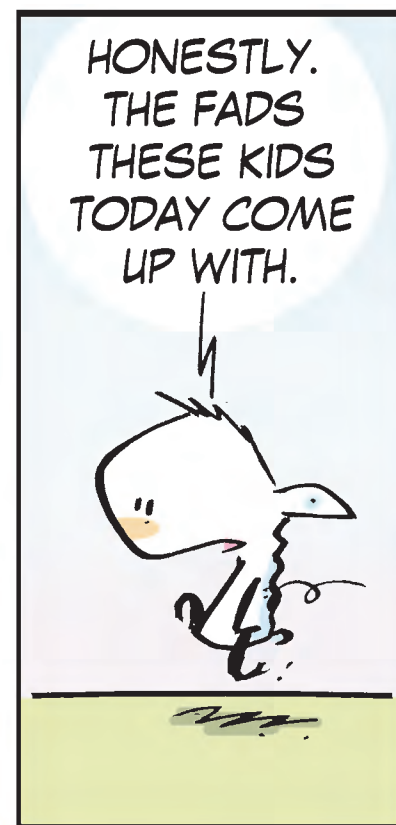
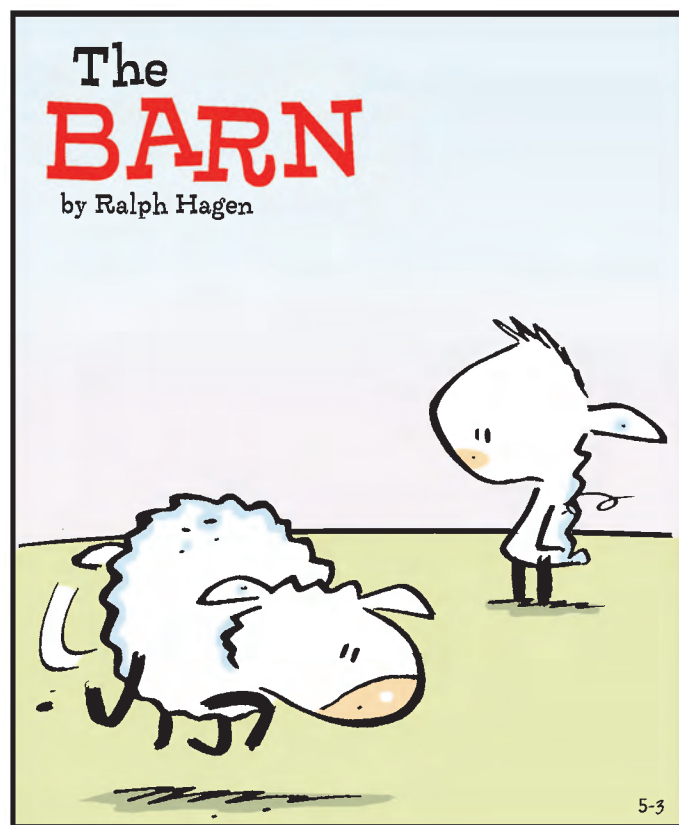


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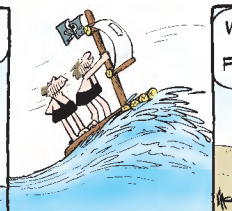
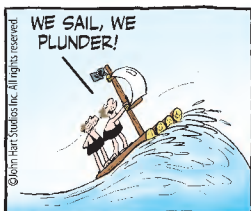
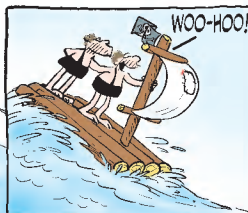
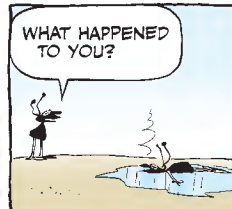
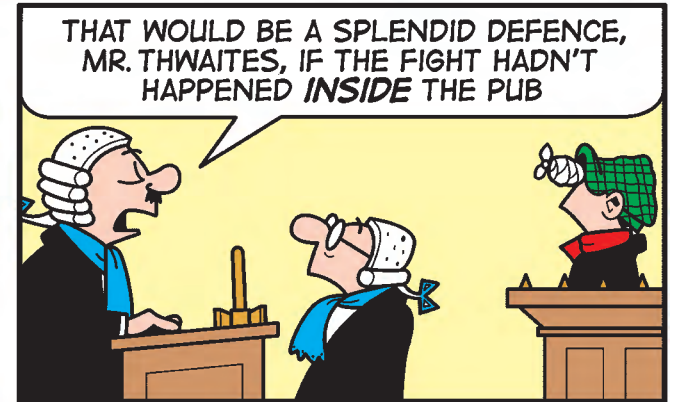
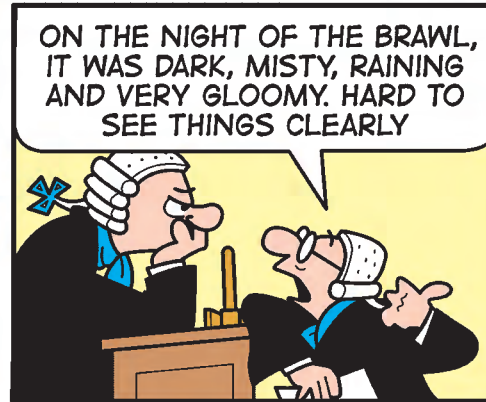
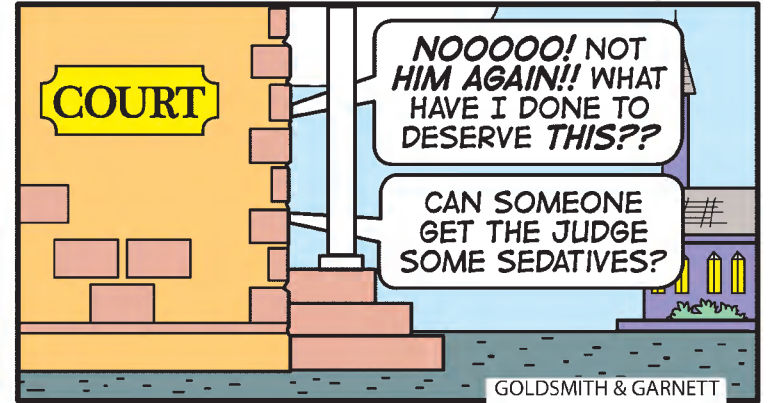
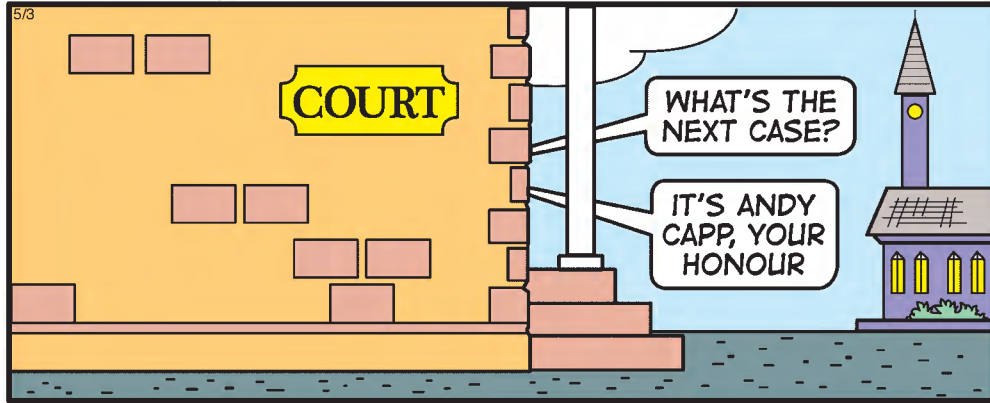






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