

Meuniers honored to serve as July 4 parade grand marshals

Events planned at Gillett's Zippel Park for Independence Day

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

Mitch and Julie Meunier have been a part of the Gillett community for as long as they can remember.

Mitch Meunier and his late father, Frank Meunier, operated the city's True Value hardware store on Main Street for more than 50 years, while Julie Meunier spent 38 years at what is now a Flagstar Bank branch in Gillett.

The Gillett Civic Club, which sponsors and organizes the city's Fourth of July celebration each year, has selected the Meuniers to be grand marshals of this year's Independence Day parade, set for 2 p.m. July 4.

"Very humbled and surprised, both of us," Julie Meunier said. "Our first reaction was, 'It goes to old people.'"

"This whole thing kind of caught me off guard," Mitch Meunier said. "I never thought I'd be grand marshal of anything. Grand marshal of my yard is about all."

Mitch Meunier and his father operated the True Value store on Main Street for 53 years.

"My dad started it and I took it over," he said. "We were a partnership for a number of years, and then I took it over as sole proprietor in 2000."

His late mother, Bette Meunier, was the choir director at Gillett Secondary School, and she and her husband were grand marshals in a previous Fourth of July parade in Gillett.

"We always had to be involved in the school," Julie Meunier said. "The auditorium is the Meunier-Pelot Auditorium."

The Meuniers raised their two daughters, who now live in De Pere but return to the Gillett area often with their three sons.

"Both of our daughters were very involved in the music programs and sports," Julie Meunier said. "A small community really relies on everybody supporting the community, because it's way too easy now to just do things through Amazon and whatnot. We tried to be as good as we could be to support every organization and we actively went after the business of locals and felt that community was very, very important."

Mitch Meunier said his family never considered leaving the Gillett area, and they have lived at their home on the Oconto River near Pulcifer for more than 40 years.

"My dad was born and raised (in



Julie and Mitch Meunier have been named grand marshals of Gillett's annual Fourth of July parade. CONTRIBUTED

Gillett), my grandmother was born and raised there, I was born and raised there, my kids were born and raised there," he said. "We've been here a long time."

"It was always just a great environment," Julie Meunier said. "I grew up with 10 kids, he was an only child. Community and family have always been extremely important to both of us."

The Meuniers' daughters — Michelle and Melissa — attended college after graduating high school, and they often babysit for their three grandsons.

"One has her doctorate and one has her master's," Julie Meunier said. "They both had a great education in Gillett and had a lot of opportunities in a small school. That was probably one of the most important things for us growing up and for our children, that they could be involved in anything they wanted. They had opportunities for advanced classes and experience anything they wanted to experience."

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Convicted doc of child porn wants new trial

Attorney argues some images, videos were inadmissible in 1st case

By KEVIN MURPHY
Correspondent

An Oconto Falls doctor convicted in federal court on a combined five counts of producing and transporting child pornography is seeking a new trial alleging he was found guilty on inadmissible evidence.

Jurors convicted Dr. Isaias R. Cupino Jr., 62, on five charges in April and acquitted on three other charges. In the government's theory of the case, the five counts of conviction depended on images and videos showing mouth-to-mouth contact between Cupino and the alleged child victim, and Cupino's and a child's interaction with an adult sex doll.



ISAIAS CUPINO

In its motion for a new trial, Cupino's attorney, Alf Langan, called the government's offered proof "other acts evidence" not directly related to the counts of conviction and objected before and during the trial to it be admitted.

U.S. District Judge William Griesbach allowed in that evidence but wrongly gave jurors a limiting instruction that didn't tie the evidence to specific counts and without "the rigorous gatekeeping analysis," established by a 2014 appeals court decision, Langan wrote.

In denying Langan's objection, Griesbach ruled the images relevant to "Dr. Cupino's intent in producing the images and videos that are alleged to constitute child pornography." The evidence involving the doll could infer that Cupino was trying to teach the child some sexual activity.

After determining that the "other acts evidence" was relevant, Griesbach concluded that without that evidence the government's case would be "substantially weakened."

The judge recognized that the evidence "created a real danger of unfair prejudice or jury confusion," Langan wrote in the 16-page motion.

However, that prejudice or confusion could be eliminated if the jury is carefully instructed on the proper use of this

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State gives cash rounding advice with pennies fading

Since the United States Treasury minted its final penny Nov. 12, 2025, some businesses in Wisconsin and across the country have begun rounding change in cash transactions to five-cent intervals, with different businesses utilizing different methods of rounding – some rounding up, some rounding down, and some a mix of both.

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection and Wisconsin Department of Revenue have issued guidance to businesses that are considering implementing a rounding practice to simplify and standardize rounding practices in Wisconsin to provide greater predictability and protection for Wisconsin consumers.

Given pennies are no longer being minted, they may not always be available at cash registers to make exact change during cash transactions. This decision by the federal government has left many businesses in a difficult situation when

processing cash transactions that would normally require penny change back to the consumer.

Cash rounding is applicable only to cash transactions where change is required after the total amount due (price plus tax) has been calculated and cannot be provided. While businesses can choose their rounding methodology, DATCP's guidance to businesses suggests rounding down to the nearest five cents to ensure the customer is not negatively impacted by rounding practices.

Regardless of the methodology a business chooses to adopt for cash rounding, DATCP encourages businesses to post a clear and informative flyer conspicuously at entrances and any point of sale communicating any rounding policy.

DATCP suggests that businesses round down to minimize consumer harm and ensure fairness and consistency where \$0.01, \$0.02, \$0.03, or \$0.04 round down to zero, while \$0.06, \$0.07, \$0.08, or \$0.09 round

down to \$0.05.

Consumers should refer to a business's posted methodology for cash rounding in advance of making a cash purchase. Alternatively, consumers may choose to use a non-cash payment method, such as a debit or credit card, to avoid rounding.

DATCP will use discretion enforcing state regulations related to the Unfair Sales Act; Price Accuracy; and Untrue, False, or Misleading Representations complaints to ensure that all consumers are treated fairly.

DOR has provided additional guidance to retailers about the calculation of Wisconsin sales and use taxes due on cash transactions impacted by penny shortages. Cash rounding does not impact sales tax collection and remittance amounts to the State. Learn more from DOR at <https://www.revenue.wi.gov/Pages/TaxPro/2026/SalesTaxPenny-Shortage.aspx>.

Klimpke gets education award



Tammy Klimpke, right, was awarded the Richard T. Lowery Educator of Excellence Award for the Lena Public School District from the Nicolet/Oconto Retired Teachers Association and Wisconsin Retired Educators' Association. Klimpke is a middle school reading and English teacher. Sharon Van Ark, former teacher in Lena, presents a certificate from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. Klimpke graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and has taught in Lena for 36 years.

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Hospital, schools partner for health care

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, in partnership with Shawano Community High School and ThedaCare, recently collaborated to provide students with hands-on health care career exploration opportunities as part of the high school's career day.

Students engaged with local health care professionals, explored career pathways and toured NWTC's on-site training labs within ThedaCare Medical Center-Shawano – one of the first models in Wisconsin to place educational lab space directly inside a hospital setting. This unique environment offers hands-on clinical experience and strengthens the connection between education and employment.

"This type of collaboration is what makes our communities stronger," said Jeannie Otto, NWTC K-12 pathways and community impact coordinator. "We're able to connect students directly with local employers and educational opportunities, helping them see what's possible right here in their own community."

A highlight of the day included NWTC alumni, now working in the local health care field, many of whom are employed at ThedaCare-Shawano. Their presence offered students a real-world perspective on how local education can lead to meaningful careers within the community – by simply getting their start at NWTC.

"It's incredibly impactful for students to see

professionals who started in the same classrooms and are now serving their own community," Otto said. "That connection makes these pathways feel real and attainable."

This ongoing partnership between NWTC and ThedaCare-Shawano reflects a shared commitment to strengthening the local workforce and supporting community well-being.

"The career exploration event helps us connect directly with young students from across the region that are interested in a potential career in health care," said Kristie McCoic, vice president of critical access hospitals at ThedaCare. "Meeting face-to-face with students allows us to help guide these bright, curious minds as they explore

health care careers. This benefits our communities in the long term as many of these students grow into the next generation of much-needed health care professionals."

NWTC offers a variety of programs and classes across its regional locations – providing pathways for students to gain in-demand skills and supporting workforce needs throughout northeastern Wisconsin.

To learn more about starting a career in health care and training opportunities offered at NWTC-Shawano, call 715-524-2418 or visit <https://www.nwtc.edu>. For more information about ThedaCare-Shawano, visit <https://directory.thedacare.org/location/thedacare-medical-center-shawano>.

Oconto Falls hospital earns Becker's Hospital Review recognition

HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital in Oconto Falls was recently recognized on the 2026 "100 Critical Access Hospitals to Know" list by Becker's Hospital Review.

Critical access hospitals are health care institutions that stand as essential pillars of care in the most remote parts of the country. Offering round-the-clock emergency services with no more than 25 inpatient beds, these institutions are small by definition; however, their impact is vast, bringing quality health care directly to communities that need it most.

All of the hospitals on the list are expanding service lines and embracing technological innovation to reduce how far patients must travel to receive both general and specialty care, continually redefining what's possible within the critical access model.

"We believe that living in a smaller community shouldn't mean compromising on access to excellent clinical care,"

said Colleen Koski, chief administrative officer of HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital. "This honor is a testament to our team's commitment to keeping our neighbors healthy and close to home."

Since joining Hospital Sisters Health System 2014, the hospital has grown and expanded its services to provide more options for inpatient, outpatient and transitional care.

These services include but aren't limited to: 24/7 care for medical emergencies and severe illnesses, advanced technology with experienced surgeons, an advanced laboratory, cancer treatment center, medical imaging technology, and a Wound Care and Hyperbaric Center – the only advanced wound center with a hyperbaric oxygen chamber north of Green Bay and south of Iron Mountain.

For information about HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital, visit <https://www.hshs.org/st-clare>.

Cruisers Yachts' 38 VTR EC named top product of 2026 by boating magazine

Cruisers Yachts' 38 VTR EC has been selected as one of Boating Industry's top products of 2026. The honor was announced in the May 2026 issue, recognizing the most impactful and innovative products introduced or significantly updated since January 2025.

Selected from a large and competitive pool of submissions, honorees

were evaluated on their impact, innovation and ability to advance, or even create, new product categories. The 38 VTR EC distinguished itself across all three criteria, reflecting Cruisers Yachts' commitment to pushing the boundaries of what a yacht can be.

This recognition represents a significant milestone for Cruisers Yachts,

marking the first major award for the new VTR series.

"We are incredibly honored to have the 38 VTR EC recognized as one of Boating Industry's top products of 2026," said Mark Pederson, president of Cruisers Yachts. "This recognition reflects the passion and innovation our team poured into creating a yacht that brings together adventure,

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Oconto County Historical society fundraiser features pie, ice cream, more

The Oconto County Historical Society will hold its annual pie and ice cream social and elegant junque sale June 14. The fundraiser will be held from noon to 3 p.m. at the Beyer Home and Carriage Museum, 917 Park Ave., Oconto. This special event occurs on Copperfest weekend, which is celebrated annually in Oconto. This longstanding event features many choices of pie – plain or a la mode – as well as sundaes. Seating is outdoors as well as in the air-conditioned dining area. Find some unique treasures at the junque sale. Tours of the Beyer Home and Carriage Museum will also be offered.

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The city's Fourth of July celebration has been a big deal for years. "They do a real nice presentation in their two days," she said. "They bring the community together. We've made the trophies for the car show for years. They do one of the finest fireworks displays in the area. The Fourth of July in Gillett is big." While the parade's theme this year is "We the People – 250 Years – 1776-2026," it will be held while state Highway 22 is closed for construction. "It's going to be a challenge getting people in and out because the roads are severely torn up," Julie Meunier said. The parade isn't the only thing going on July 3-4, as several other activities are planned at Zippel Park. A truck pull will be held at 7 p.m. July 3, while other July 4 events include a horse pull at 9 a.m., an antique tractor pull at 5 p.m. and fireworks at dusk. The 17th annual antique and classic car, truck and motorcycle show will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 4. Registration will be held from 9 a.m. to noon and best of show trophies will be awarded at 4 p.m. Live music on July 3 at the park includes Next Time Around from 4-7 p.m. and Petty Cash from 7-11 p.m. Music will continue July 4 with Country Rewind from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Acoustic Vinyl from 3-6 p.m. and the Highway 32 Band from 7-11 p.m.

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evidence and the elements of the offense. Jurors requested during deliberations to view those videos to see if they were associated with the same count. They acquitted Cupino on one count but convicted him on two other counts suggesting some juror confusion. The convictions were on counts which the government relied heavily on the other acts evidence, Langan wrote. Allowing in the videos violated the U.S. Seventh Circuit of Appeals framework for admitting "other acts evidence," Langan wrote. Doing so warrants a new trial for Cupino for the evidentiary errors that prohibited him from receiving a fair trial, Langan wrote. In the government's brief in opposition to a new trial, Assistant U.S. Attorney Timothy Funnell wrote that Langan is repeating the same challenges to the evidence that Griesbach rejected before and during the trial. While the "other acts evidence" was admitted in a limited extent, the attorneys made their arguments to the jurors as to the weight it should be given. Griesbach instructed the jury on how to evaluate it including disregarding it totally. Langan agreed to the instruction, Funnell wrote in his 17-page brief. Judges are given great authority to grant a new trial in the interest of justice; however, the grounds on which Langan bases his request are reserved for the most extreme cases, Funnell wrote. This case involved no error and nothing close to the type of injustice that would require a new trial, he wrote. Cupino faces a lengthy sentence at his June 30 hearing. Griesbach can act on the new trial request before then.

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Experiment with GovAI ends for county

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

An experiment with GovAI will end later this month for Shawano County.

Matt Hietpas, technology services director, said after using the program since January, the county won't renew its contract for another six months.

"The use is there. It's saved hours of time," Hietpas told the executive committee last month. "Actually, Kyle (Waelchli) in zoning saved days on his ordinance changes, comparing them. But, yes, the interface just isn't the greatest. I've had some hiccups with the interface."

He added the biggest reason to not continue is the cost.

"I don't see the need for everybody, every user account in Shawano County, needing it, or even the majority of them," he said. "We will end up paying more if we go with this solution compared to if we would just go with a license per individual user."

The cost for each six-month period in the pilot stage is \$9,500. After that,

time would be an annual expense incorporated into the county budget.

Hietpas said department heads were in agreement to go with a different solution that charges per user.

AI can benefit the public through interactions such as calls to government offices and chatboxes on the website, while also benefiting employees through the use of data gathering, data management, analytics, resource planning, real time data-driven insights and drafting documents.

Examples include a sheriff's deputy using AI to review body camera and dash camera footage to create incident reports, or officials analyzing documents for duplicate information or cross-referencing.

All AI-created documents still need to be reviewed by staff to ensure accuracy.

Hietpas pointed out that no AI program, including the commonly used Copilot and ChatGPT, are error-free.

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Books and brats sold at library



ABOVE: It can be hungry work perusing books, so the Friends of the Shawano County Library served up brats for visitors to the library June 3. Besides the books, there were audiobooks, CDs and rummage — which even included a replica of the Mona Lisa.

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LEFT: There were still plenty of books for patrons to choose from during the final day of the book sale June 3 at the Shawano Public Library, along with the occasional kitchen appliance or other items.

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‘Into the Outdoors’ features Menominee sustainability

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"The Menominee Nation — Stewards of Sustainability," airing on June 13, explores the Menominee people's longstanding

relationship with the land and their role as the first stewards of sustainable forestry.

The episode is supported by the Society of American Foresters, #forestproud, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Intertribal Timber Council, the U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities, and the Wisconsin Department of

Natural Resources. It examines how generations of Menominee people have cared for the forest and how those traditions continue today.

In the episode, viewers also learn about wood varieties, their uses, and the long-term benefits of sustainable forestry practices. The program is designed to share educational content with

young audiences while highlighting the importance of stewardship and sustainability.

The episode is available for free on the "Into the Outdoors" YouTube channel and at www.intotheoutdoors.org. It will also air June 13-14 on select broadcast television stations across the Into the Outdoors Regional Television Network.



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Courthouse plans advance behind scenes

Approvals still needed from chief judge, DOC

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

The Samuels Group and Venture Architects continue the preparation phase of a \$121 million courthouse, jail pod and jail accessory space building project for Shawano County.

Kurt Berner of The Samuels Group provided the latest update at the June 4 public property committee meeting.

Officials have met several times with the district court administrator to review the codes and the layout of the court suite. The chief judge must approve the final plans.

"We've had three or four changes and tweaks to the court suite," Berner said. "I think we're getting closer to having those finalized."

A similar situation occurs with plans for the 150-bed jail pod and the jail accessories space — including the kitchen,

pre-booking, sally port, etc. The next meeting with the Department of Corrections is set for June 15.

Berner and others have met with contractors about moving the sheriff's department evidence building, first temporarily but then permanently.

"There's been a new idea brought to the table about utilizing the space at the work release center (temporarily)," he said. "The only caveat to that is we got to get the DOC to sign off on that."

Also, Venture Architects is devising interior colors and finishes, as well as exterior colors.

"What they're going to work through is develop a palette, and then we will present it to you guys for review, and we'll bring it to the board," Berner said.

A survey of all the lots to be used for the building project was completed, so officials now have exact measurements to determine utility connections, setback areas and exact dimensions of the buildings.

Soil boring tests

revealed some high water areas as expected, but as there will not be anything built below grade level, measures can be taken to mitigate the water levels from affecting construction.

Berner reminded committee members a decision on the site for a new library will need to be made in the next several months to aid in any future fundraising efforts.

"There's a lot of work going on behind the scenes to make sure that we're putting all of the small pieces together that, when it does come time to put it out for bid, we're being very responsible in getting numbers that are going to come back in underneath that approved \$121 million amount," said Julie Hasser, human resources director and interim administrative coordinator.

Floor plans of the building project will not be made public for security reasons, although committee members are expected to eventually review them in a closed session.

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Oconto Falls’ Brady Bursa captured gold in the Division 2 long jump at the WIAA State Track and Field Championships on June 5-6 at the Veterans Memorial Stadium Complex on the campus of UW-La Crosse. Bursa’s winning jump was 23 feet 2 inches.

FACEBOOK

Oconto Falls’ Bursa wins long jump title

Pulaski’s Dauk claims first place in 300-meter hurdles

Keaton Dauk from Pulaski won the Division 1 300-meter hurdles and Oconto Falls’ Brady Bursa captured gold in the Division 2 long jump at the WIAA State Track and Field Championships on June 5-6 at the Veterans Memorial Stadium Complex on the campus of UW-La Crosse.

It marked the 130th year for the boys events and 55th year for the girls.

Dauk won the hurdles in 37.91 seconds. Bursa’s winning jump was 23 feet 2 inches.

Medals are awarded to the top six finishers in every event.

Dauk joined Max Fredrickson, Landyn Kroll and Kam McKeefry in earning second place in the 4x100-meter relay.

Pulaski’s Emerson Fabry placed fifth in the girls 800-meter run.

The Oconto Falls girls 4x100 team of Emery Pangel, Brooke Fenlon, Gracie

Miller and Rylie Shallow finished fifth.

In Division 3, Presley Stewart-Rolfs of Marion/Tigerton placed second in the girls discus. The Bonduel 4x100 team of Paige Niquette, Josie Pawlak, Audrey Jacobs and Peyton Westrich finished fourth, and Westrich was sixth in the 400-meter dash.

For the boys, Gillett’s Bradyn Wendorff finished fourth.

Wendorff just graduated from Gillett High School. He has competed at the state track meet all four years and has also competed at the state cross country meet all four years. Wendorff also won the M&O cross country title the last three years.

Also in fourth was Zander Thomson of Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy in the 110-meter hurdles. Bonduel’s Ryan Westrich placed sixth in the shot put.



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FACEBOOK

Red Raiders soccer team wins regional title over Jaguars

Pulaski’s soccer team jumped out to a 2-0 halftime lead and went on win the regional title with a 3-1 win over Ashwaubenton on June 6.

The No.3 seed Red Raiders will travel to take on the No. 2 Cedarburg team June 11.

Thursday, June 4

Seymour 4, Shawano 0

The Hawks were shut out 4-0 by the Thunder in the Division 3 regional semifinal.

Shawano ends the season at 9-10-1.

Tuesday, June 2

Pulaski 2, West De Pere 0

Pulaski opened WIAA

regional action with a semifinal win over West De Pere.

Ruth Krause scored first, assisted by Lydia Stangler. The second goal was scored by Leah Grygiel, assisted by Kara Barber.

Goalkeeper Tatum Wentland had no saves in the shutout win. The Red Raiders were seeded

third, and the Phantoms were 14th.

Thursday, May 28

Pulaski 2, Manitowoc Lincoln 0

Sophomore Tatum Wentland had a pair of saves in Pulaski’s 2-0 shutout over Manitowoc Lincoln.

The Red Raiders improved to 8-5-5, and the Ships sank to 8-9-3.

Tuesday, May 26

Fox Valley Lutheran 3, Shawano 1

Fox Valley Lutheran defeated Shawano 3-1 in a nonconference game.

Chargers softball team loses regioanl title game

The Huskies outit the Chargers 13-5 and outscored them 9-2 in winning the regional title game June 4.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood scored a run in each of the fifth and sixth innings, but by then, New Holstein already had its nine runs.

Tuesday, June 2

Wittenberg-Birnamwood 12, Amherst 2

The Chargers had bookends of four runs in the first and sixth inning, with another four in between to end Amherst’s season. Amherst also committed nine errors.

Kendall Lex was 2-for-4 with three RBIs, while Chloe Hanson was 2-for-4 with a double, three RBIs and a run scored. Brie Ladika was 2-for-5 with three RBIs and two runs scored.

Rory Salvesen hit 2-for-3 with a triple and a run scored, and Kennedy Benbo was 2-for-4 with an RBI.

Lex pitched all six innings for the win. She gave up two runs on five hits, walked one and struck out five.



Megan Fisher swings at the ball in the Wittenberg-Birnamwood’s regional title game against New Holstein. The Huskies won 9-2 to end the season for the Chargers.

TINA BACON

Golf season ends for area athletes

Tuesday, June 2

Seymour Sectional

Menominee Nation/Gresham scored 345 and placed fifth at the Division 2 team sectionals at Crystal Springs Golf Course.

Oconto Falls golfers scored 349 and placed seventh.

Scoring for the Eagles were Alex Mahl with 82, Elliott Penass with 84, Gabe Boivin with 89 and Anikohsaeh Corn with 90.

Carson McDermid led the Panthers with an 82. He was joined by Dylan Clark at 85, Brock McDermid at 90 and Nick Schroeder at 92.

Shawano’s Duane Gristeau-Blanche scored 98.

Crandon Sectional

Marion golfers scored 376 and placed eighth in the Division 3 sectional at Bass Lake Golf Course.

Scoring for the Mustangs were Javen Prickette with 90, Elijah Scheef with 91, Colling Grogran with 96 and James Noland with 99.

Lena’s Cooper Demmish scored 92.

Monday, June 1

Hortonville

Sectional

Pulaski’s golf team placed seventh with a 342 at the Division 1 sectional.

Scoring for the Red Raiders were Bradin Schultz with 81, Brady Hayward with 84, Casey Madlem with 88 and Ethan Berger with 89.

Shawano athletes named all-conference

Several Shawano Community High School students were named to Bay Conference all-conference teams, including tennis and track athletes with first-team awards.

For boys track, first team honors went to the 4x200-meter relay team of Joseph Kleinschmidt,

Bryce Lammers, Aiden Rasmussen and Heriberto Rubio, all seniors.

For girls track, the 4x800 team earned a first-team award. Members are senior Jillian Guenther, senior Tela Hopfensperger, senior Bailey Hendricks and sophomore Mikelah Powers.

On the tennis courts, singles players Enrique Omela Valls and Kierman Sheldon earned first-team honors, as did the doubles team of Charlie Grieves and Evan Anderson.

Named to the second team were Hendricks, girls 1,600-meter run; Sam Green and John Kim,

tennis doubles team; baseball seniors Anderson Schmidt, infield, and Ayden Bystol, utility and designated hitter.

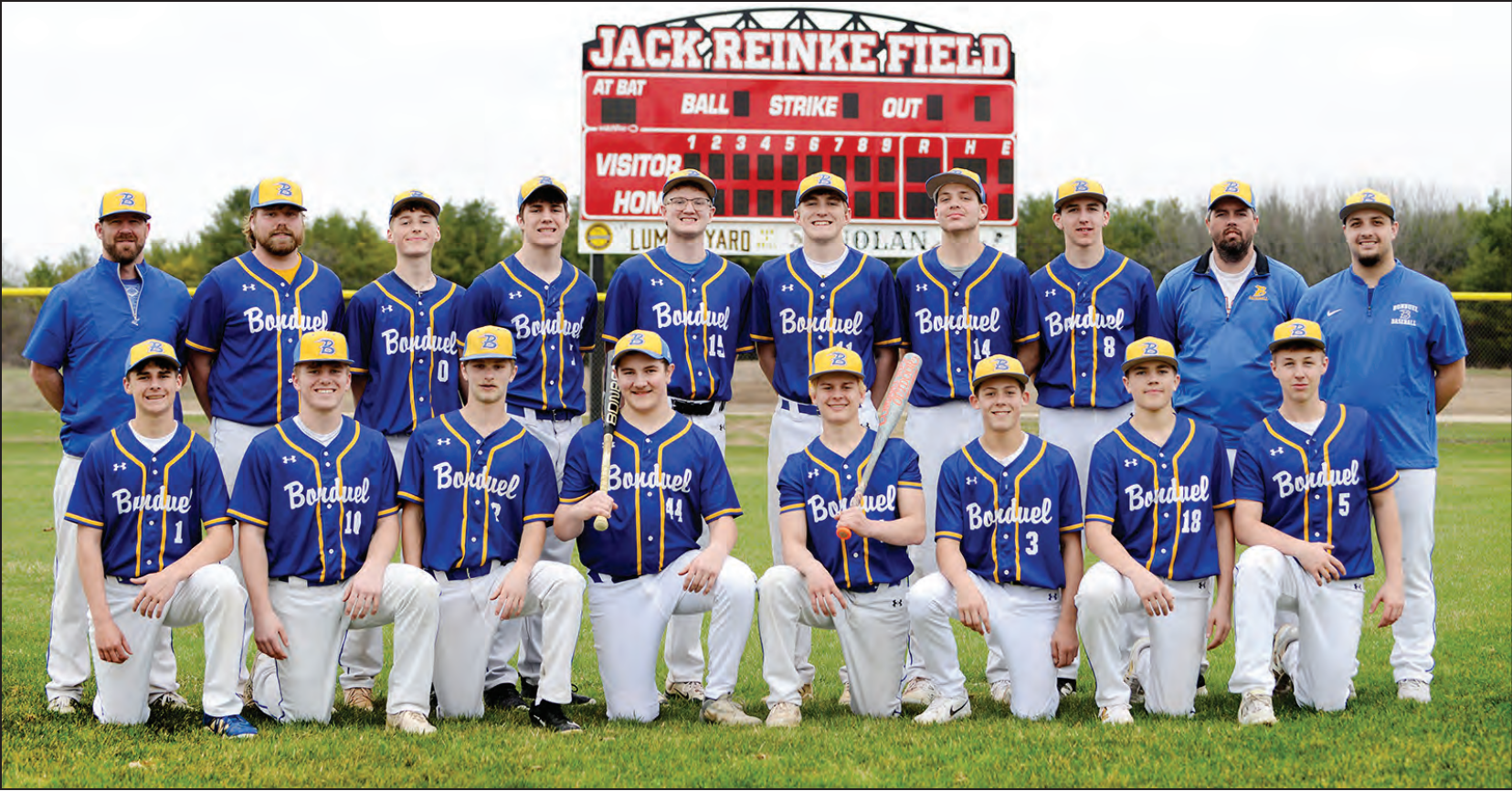
Second team softball honors were awarded to sophomore Jaelyn Hietpas, outfield, and senior Lily Bubolz, pitcher.

Senior soccer

player Maddie Moesch was named to the second team on defense.

Honorable mention awards were earned by the boys 4x800 track team of junior Josiah Kuehl, sophomore Nolan Kleinschmidt, sophomore Aloysius Frechette and junior Cambren Zeuske; Drew

Chelberg in the boys discus; senior baseball player Kody Popelka, outfield; senior softball players Ayan-na O'Kimosh, catcher, and Kadence Meyers, pitcher; and soccer freshman London Bowman, keeper, senior Maddy Pyatsowit, forward, and junior Kendall Knope, midfield.



Members of the Bonduel High School varsity baseball team are, front row, from left, Jackson Rudzinski, Jackson Reymont, Carter Beilfuss, Will Baciak, Gavin Hundt, Cole Wudtke, Ryan Niles and Joe Felhofer. In back, from left, are head coach Adam Frost, assistant coach Noah Beilfuss, Brooks Hartlaben, Tucker Hischke, Kyden Dammann, Beckett Hartlaben, Aiden Hillsberg, Jack Zernicke, and assistant coaches Ryan Boettcher and Cameron Gruenwald. Not pictured are Griffin Richter and Sawyer Rank.

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Seasons end in regional title games for Red Raiders, Bears

Thursday, June 4
Kimberly 8, Pulaski 5
Ten hits by the Paper-makers and three errors by the Red Raiders combined for a loss in the regional title game for Pulaski.

Eli Heuser hit 3-for-4 with a double and run scored. Gavin Sikorski was 2-for-4 with a run scored. Eddie Van Roy collected two RBIs and a double.

Heuser was the losing pitcher. In four innings, he allowed four runs on four hits, walked one and struck out five.

Wednesday, June 3
Brillion 7, Bonduel 4
Brillion led 4-3 after four inning and sealed the regional title with three runs in the sixth inning.

The Bears collected nine hits and had one error.

Tuesday, June 2
Pulaski 7, Ashwaubenton 1
Braun Wotruba hit 2-for-3 in the Red Raiders' regional second-round playoff win.

He was also the winning pitcher. He gave up one run on three hits, walked two and struck out seven.

Bonduel 4, Sturgeon Bay 3

The Bears scored three runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to take the lead in the regional semifinals. The Clippers fought back with one run in the seventh inning, but it wasn't enough to overcome Bonduel.

Columbus Catholic 13, Tigerton 3

In this Division 4 regional semifinal, the Dons topped the Tigers to end

Tigerton's season.

Florence 12, Lena 2
The Wildcats ended their season with an 8-8 mark after losing to the Bobcats in a Division 4 regional semifinal game.

Auburndale 4, Wittenberg-Birnamwood 1

The Chargers came up short at home, losing the Division 3 regional semifinal game and ending their season at 20-6.

M&O conference award winners announced

Lena High School golfer Cooper Demmith was named the golfer of the year for the Marinette & Oconto Conference.

Joining him on the all-conference first team was Gillett High School's Brady Holla.

Named to the second team were Lena's Tanner Behnke, and Parker Jennerou, Bradyn Kiedrowski and Chase Rosenlund, all from Gillett.

Softball players named to the first team were Brielle Fischer, Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy, infield; and teammate Adrena Rabas, outfield.

Gillett/Suring catcher Izzy Ondik was named to the second team, as was teammate Clara Schaal in the outfield.

Honorable mention awards went to Britta Barrack, Gillett/Suring, and Lauren Paidl, Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas.

Lena teammates PJ Finger and Isaac Peterson earned first team all-conference honors for baseball.

Second team honors went to Lena teammates Blake Behnke and Bryce Schneider, and Parker Haak of Gillett/Suring.

Getting honorable mention awards were Clayton Boremans of Gillett/Suring and Brayden Graef of Lena.

Eland outhits, outscores Hatley in BABA North Division contest

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

Eland picked up a 10-2 win over Hatley on June 7 in a full slate of Badger Amateur Baseball Association games.

North Division
Eland 10, Hatley 2

Eland had 17 hits in the Engineers' win over the Braves in Hatley.

Nick Barnes led Eland with four hits, while Charlie Woida had three; Jeremy Jensen, Blade Niewiadomski and Ryan Richter added two each.

Sam Meerstein had three of Hatley's nine hits, while Braxton Olson and

Nick Cotter added two each.

Jared Richter picked up the win on the mound, and Ben Cunliffe took the loss.

Aniwa 11, Crandon 6
Aniwa hosted Crandon and handed the Kentucks a five-run loss.

Kody Szews went the distance on the mound for Aniwa and also had four of the Orioles' 17 hits.

Gavin Steppert also had four hits for Aniwa, while Monty Salvesen, Wade Farmer and Tanner Graham added two each.

Brad Shepherd and Cole Shepherd each had three of Crandon's nine

hits.

Antigo/Polar 16, Elderon 1 (7 inn.)

Elderon hosted the Bears but ended up on the short end of a 16-1 score.

West Division
Caroline 15, Tilleda 4 (8 inn.)

No additional results reported.

Little Falls 9, Weymont 0

Weymont forfeited to Little Falls on June 7 in the Loggers' Fan Appreciation Night game.

Leopolis at Tigerton

The Tigers' home game with Leopolis was rained out June 5 and will be rescheduled.

Scandinavia at Wittenberg

The Pilots' home game against the Vikings was rained out June 5 and will be rescheduled.

East Division
Menominee 17, Clintonville 16

Menominee and Clintonville combined for 33 runs June 7 in a BABA East Division game in Keshena.

Pete O'Kimosh picked up the win on the mound for Menominee, and Andy Lederer took the loss for the A's.

Austin Peters, Mitchell Vande Walle and Quinn Gauthier each had three hits to lead Menominee at

the plate.

Austin Hoffman led Clintonville with three hits, while Brock Smejkal added two hits — including a grand slam.

James Mutchie had two hits, and Turner Doornink added a three-run home run.

Marion 13, Shawano 9
The Meisters headed to Shawano and returned home with a 13-9 win over the Lakers.

South-Central Division
Plover at New London
Results not reported.

June 12 (all games start at 7 p.m.): East Division: Wittenberg at Marion. West Division:

New London at Tigerton; Wittenberg at Marion; Gresham at Weymont. North Division: Crandon vs. Antigo/Polar at Antigo. South-Central Division: Gresham at Weymont; New London at Tigerton.

June 14 (all games start at 1:30 p.m.): East Division: Shawano at Little Falls; Tilleda at Clintonville; Caroline at Menominee. West Division: Shawano at Little Falls; Tilleda at Clintonville; Caroline at Menominee; Leopolis has bye. North Division: Aniwa at Birnamwood; Elderon at Eland; Hatley has bye. South-Central Division: Plover at Scandinavia.

AJ, Troy Springborn claim wins in features at Shawano Speedway

Wausau's Marcus Yarie won the IMCA modifieds 20-lap feature race at the Shawano Speedway on June 6.

Yarie started fifth and worked his way to the front, finishing in front of Clintonville's Lucas Lamberies and Shawano's Andrews Yaeger.

Shawano's Jason Yaeger started on the pole and finished ninth.

In the 20-lap IMCA sport modifieds feature race, Shawano's AJ Springborn also started fifth and ended up taking the checkered flag.

He beat out Tigerton's Forrest Kernan and Shawano's Travis Rhoades.

Pulaski's Cole Siezewski started on the pole but did not finish the race.

Drivers from Shawano took the top four spots in the dirt late models 20-lap feature race.

Troy Springborn started in the No. 2 spot and took the checkered flag. He finished in front of Lukas Postl, who started on the pole, Corbyn Wassenberg and Steve Kastning.

Springborn won the only heat race in the division.

Travis Welch of Gillett won the IMCA stock cars 20-lap feature race.

He beat out Jeff Nowak of Angelton, Texas, and Jeremie Hedrick of Clintonville.

Winning the heat races were Trent Nolan of Shawano and Kyle Stedjee of Shiocton.

Wining the IMCA sport compact 12-lap feature race was Nathan Lisowe of Luxemburg, who started way back in 12th. He beat out Brad Wedde of Clintonville and Josh Fiskens of Shawano.

Heat race winners were Shayne Collar of Marion and Wedde.

Dorn helps lead Hofa Park to Dairyland win over Nichols

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

Mason Dorn hit a pair of home runs and had five hits June 7 in Hofa Park's 7-6 win over Nichols in a matchup of Dairyland League baseball teams.

Hofa Park 7, Nichols 6
Ayden Tomlinson's RBI single broke a 6-6 tie in the bottom of the eighth inning and helped the Panthers top the Nitros in Hofa Park.

Nichols came back after Hofa Park opened the game with four unanswered runs in the first two innings, including

Mason Dorn's solo home run in the first and his three-run homer in the second.

Jace Midbon's home run for Nichols cut the Panthers' lead to 4-1 in the fourth inning, but Hofa Park answered in the bottom half of the inning with Jack Huben's home run.

Nichols tied the game in the eighth inning on a walk by Cade Johnson and a single from Ethan Volz.

Johnson took the loss for the Nitros despite striking out 10 batters over six innings.

Winning pitcher Jake Olson held Nichols to

two hits over six innings and finished with nine strikeouts.

Midbon had two hits to lead Nichols at the plate, while Nick Volz added a pair of RBIs.

Bonduel 3, Waupaca 1

Bonduel improved to 5-0 in Dairyland play with a win over the Lakemen in Waupaca.

The Broncos opened the scoring in the top of the first inning after Cooper Campshure led off with a single, moved to second base on a ground-out, moved to third on a passed ball and scored on

Adam Frost's sacrifice fly.

Waupaca tied the game in the sixth inning on a base hit, sacrifice bunt, groundout and passed ball, but they never scored again.

The Bears regained the lead in the ninth inning on Chase Reinke's single and Frost's two-run home run.

Jeff Thielke struck out 13 Waupaca batters over five innings but didn't get the win on the mound. Jack Reinke worked three innings in relief and picked up the win, while Chase Reinke pitched the ninth inning to earn the save.

Pulaski at Shawano

Pulaski was scheduled to play Shawano on June 5, but the game was rained out and will be rescheduled.

Marinette at Hortonville

No results reported.

Hofa Park at Navarino
No results reported.

June 10: Nichols at Waupaca, 7 p.m.

June 12: Bonduel at Shawano, 7:30 p.m.; Navarino at Pulaski, 7 p.m.

June 13: Hortonville at Nichols, 1:30 p.m.

June 14 (all games start at 1:30 p.m.): Marinette at Hofa Park; Pulaski at Nichols; Cecil at Navarino.

Lena students sign college letters



Four Lena High School students were recognized at the annual school awards ceremony for signing college letters of intent to play sports at their respective universities in the fall. With their parents behind them, the students are, from left, Zander Thomson, UW-Stout, track; Max Peterson, UW-Stout, football; Colt Miller, UW-Stevens Point, football; and Taylor Whiting, University of Iowa, girls wrestling.

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Shawano tennis season ends with forfeit at state tournament

Shawano senior Enrique Omella Valls' trip to the state tennis meet was short lived, as he lost by forfeit 2-0, 2-0 to Aquinas' Teagan Scott on June 4. Omella Valls tournament play with a 16-4 mark.

Pulaski lacrosse teams end seasons with losses in regional games

Wednesday, May 27
Kimberly 15, Pulaski 1 (girls)
Pulaski's girls lacrosse team saw their season end with a 15-1 loss to Kimberly in the first round of WIAA playoff action.

Tuesday, May 26
Bay Port 11, Pulaski 0 (boys)
Pulaski's boys lacrosse season ended with an 11-0 shutout at the hands of Bay Port.

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Owner Donny Fehrman poses with one of his large hanging flower baskets offered for sale at Rocky Top Greenhouse in Leopolis.

KAY REMINGER

Rocky Top Greenhouse offers variety of flowers, vegetables

Leopolis business flourishing in 10th year

By KAY REMINGER
Correspondent

Rocky Top Greenhouse in Leopolis offers various hanging plants, bedding flowers and several types of vegetables.

Owner Donny Fehrman is celebrating his 10th year at Rocky Top Greenhouse.

“I’ve got large and medium hanging baskets, bedding plants such as petunias; marigolds; wave petunias; dahlias; straw flowers, which are very pretty; geraniums; non-stop begonias; bedding begonias, which are smaller; impatiens; alyssum; and unique black petunias,” said Fehrman.

Offered as well is a unique flower called heliotrope, which is a fragrant flower that attracts butterflies.

“Some growers classify the heliotrope as an annual, but others insist it is a perennial, which is a plant that comes back the next year,” said Fehrman.

The vegetable greenhouse holds tomatoes, peppers, zucchini, cauliflower, kohlrabi, broccoli, cucumbers and squash, both acorn and buttercup.

Also included in the vegetable greenhouse are various types of specialized pumpkins – blue, jack-o-lanterns, baby boos and peanut.

“Warm-up came fast, and those pumpkins took off it seems, in one day, in the heat. All they need is warmth

and moisture to jump start them,” said Fehrman.

All flowers on sale, as well as tomatoes and peppers, are purchased from a supplier, but the rest of the vegetables offered for sale are grown from seed by Fehrman.

He said he learned the art of horticulture from his mother.

“We were raised on a farm,” said Fehrman. “My mom was a big gardener and I helped her all the time, planting a large farm garden. She was my inspiration. We also had about an eighth of an acre planted in pickles. Us kids had to pick, and that was our fair money. We’d take our No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3 pickles to Pella and sell them. They paid us per size.”

As an adult, Fehrman worked for a landscaping company for a number of years, planting flowers, landscaping and putting in lawns. He then worked part-time for a couple of local greenhouses, learning the ins and outs of the business of growing and selling.

It jump-started the notion that he’d perhaps like to go into business for himself.

“I really liked it, and I thought, ‘I’m going to start one of my own.’ So in 2016, I opened my doors,” said Fehrman. “I bought the flower greenhouse and built a smaller one strictly for vegetables.”

Fehrman’s wife and son both work outside the business, but in their spare time they help him in the greenhouse.

“If I have to run an errand, I call my sister who lives just down the road and she’ll run the store for me. Otherwise,



Numerous medium and large hanging baskets, as well as bedding plants, are offered for sale at owner Donny Fehrman’s Rocky Top Greenhouse.

KAY REMINGER

I’m pretty much on my own,” said Fehrman.

Depending on the weather, the growing season usually buttons up the end of June and after that, it wanes off. In September, Fehrman sells tri-color mums, ranging in sizes anywhere from 8-inch to 16-inch tubs.

Married to wife Penny, they have three adult children, four grandchildren and two step-grandchildren.

“I love talking to people. I could sit all day and talk to people. That’s a big part of this business, just a connection with folks. It’s enjoyable,” said Fehrman. “A big part of my business is shared by word-of-mouth.”

Red oak tree witness to nearly 300 years of history

Just east of the Shawano Recreation Center is a large red oak tree growing.

There are several oak trees in this family, and this one is a northern red oak.

The first interest in this large tree began in a 1983, when Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources forester Tom Albrecht wrote an article about it in the Oct. 21, 1983, Shawano Evening Leader. Albrecht had measured the tree, and at that time, it was 2 inches shy of 5 feet in diameter. It was also believed at that time, to be the largest northern red oak tree in Wisconsin.



JOHN J. MUTTER JR.
GUEST COLUMNIST

In June 2000, the city of Shawano was improving Division Street, and they had plans to widen the street some. The reconstruction of the street was going move the sidewalk to the south to a point where this large tree was going to be in the way. The big tree would have surely been cut down had it not been for the activism of John McCormick, who lived in the apartment building where the large oak was growing.

“The tree is a symbol of Shawano’s history,” McCormick kept telling the city officials.

In the June 1, 2000, Shawano Leader reporter Amy Weaver wrote an article about the threat to the tree and McCormick’s fight to save it. Weaver took a photo of McCormick by the massive oak. McCormick’s interest in this magnificent tree was successful in saving it.

Since the 2000 article in the Leader, a bigger red oak tree was located. It is in Dane County near the Eagle Effigy Mounds. It is 241 inches in circumference and 6.4 feet in diameter. But it has been hit by lightning and hard telling how long this tree will last.

On May 6, 2026, Mike Homan and I measured the Division Street red oak. It came out to 232 inches in circumference, and that equates to 6.15 feet in diameter.

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John Mutter Jr. stands next to the Northern Red Oak tree on East Division Street in Shawano. Believed to be the second largest red oak in Wisconsin, the tree measures 232 inches in circumference, and that equates to 6.15 feet in diameter.

WENDY JOHNSON

Sacred Heart students feted for faith

On the final day of school, Sacred Heart Catholic School celebrated its most faith-filled and virtuous students with the Cardinal for Christ Award, the highest honor bestowed upon those who embody the school's mission of faith, excellence and virtue. The recipients are Harper Rollin, Ava Carroll, Hunter Goetsch, Anastasia Thacker, Connor Thorson, Ava Raddant, Holly Gee, Ramona Meidam, and Bailey Wild. Goetsch, second from right, front row, earned the schoolwide vote for the overall Cardinal for Christ Award and received a commemorative trophy for his outstanding example of faith and leadership.

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This tree grew 1.33 feet in diameter since Albrecht measured it in 1983, 42 years ago.

Through the years, arborists have come up with a formula to determine a tree's age. Not all trees grow at the same rate each year, so they are given a species-specific growth factor. The growth factor for red oak in Wisconsin is 4. According to the formula, we multiply the tree's diameter in inches by 4 to get the age. 73.9 times 4 equals 295.6 years old.

This is not exact. For example, this tree could have germinated in a dense forest setting, which would be minimal growth for who knows how long, even decades. Then it could have been smashed down by a falling tree. There is no real way of telling, besides maybe doing a core boring with an increment borer.

I think we know enough about this big tree to say that this red oak has been around

much longer than the city of Shawano or Shawano County. Maybe it will survive long enough to become the largest northern red oak in Wisconsin.

In the fall of 2012, I stopped by the big red oak and picked up a handful of acorns. I took them home and put them in water. Two of them sank to the bottom, which were the good ones. I put them in the ground Oct. 24, 2012, about an inch or so deep and covered them up (You have to think like a squirrel).

The trees grow steadily to this day.

John J. Mutter Jr. is a Shawano resident who has self-published four books; "To Slay a Giant," the fight to protect the Wolf River from the proposed Crandon copper mine; "Out in the Country," 33 short stories about nature and rural living; "No Time to Count," his autobiography; and "The Oddball," a biography about George Putz, Jr. He has 171 writing credits and has received 10 writing awards.

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- 5. Emerald ____ borer
- 8. Web journal
- 12. Eurozone money
- 13. Ginger beer cocktail
- 14. Overabundance, pl.
- 15. *Mike Brady's sons in "The Brady Bunch"
- 16. Taylor Swift's sixth tour, with The
- 17. Bob Marley, spiritually speaking
- 18. *Howard Cunningham's TV show
- 20. Answer from a tunnel
- 21. Calms
- 22. Albanian currency
- 23. House that's mostly gable
- 26. Smallest
- 30. Ante-
- 31. Magi's gift, pl.
- 34. Of a particular kind
- 35. Like Scotch whisky, flavor-wise
- 37. "____ the land of the free..."
- 38. *Fred MacMurray in "My ____ Sons"
- 39. Nessie's hangout
- 40. Passport-giving organization, e.g.
- 42. A Beatle bride
- 43. Give right or privilege
- 45. 3.26 light-years
- 47. Sun, in Spain
- 48. The Gem State capital
- 50. London native, e.g.
- 52. *Danny Tanner's show

- 56. Make awake
- 57. Popular sandwich cookie
- 58. Elephant trainer's poker
- 59. Loathing
- 60. Hot rum drink
- 61. Goodness gracious!
- 62. Yearnings
- 63. Letters of distress
- 64. Infamous Roman Emperor

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- 1. Crystal in the street
- 2. Atmosphere
- 3. Acid "journey"
- 4. Commotion
- 5. Pertaining to ear
- 6. Kills a dragon
- 7. Hitler's deputy
- 8. *Dre Johnson's show
- 9. Verdant
- 10. "The Simpsons" palindrome
- 11. General Services Administration
- 13. Assortment
- 14. *Dr. Leonard ____ of "Friends"
- 19. Delectable
- 22. Fleur-de-____
- 23. Granny Smith, e.g.
- 24. Banned aerosol propellant
- 25. Strike back, e.g.
- 26. Through, for short
- 27. #12 Across, pl.
- 28. Part of an act
- 29. *Sandy Cohen's show
- 32. *Johnny ____ of "Schitt's Creek"
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- 36. *Jack Pearson's show

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Perusing scrapbooks evokes centennial memories

As is the case with many of us lucky enough to be retired up north, I've become an early riser. My reward is seeing glorious sunrises and enjoying the company of critters that visit at daylight. I savor the solitude. It's a perfect time to write, prepare for events on my calendar and catch up on paperwork.

This past winter, I spent my early morning hours writing my memoir, an undertaking for my granddaughter. Reliving one's life memories requires quiet time for reflection. It's taking longer than I thought, but it's definitely a labor of love. I'm determined to finish before my expiration date.

Sifting through decades of memories is obviously emotional. It's been painful at times to do what country singer Randy Travis called Digging Up Bones. The hardest part is choosing what to include and what to consign to the dustbin. My decisions are based on two questions. Will she care? Does she really need to know this?

Perusing old scrapbooks and photo albums has been essential to the task. Phone pictures are no substitute for printed snapshots in an album. Precious memories recorded digitally can be erased with a few clicks. Consider what will happen to your photos when you pass. Ah, yes.

Taking my own advice, I recently downloaded and saved my photos. Some were from summer 2016,



A sewing group shows off the finished quilt for Townsend's centennial in summer 2016.

KATHLEEN MARSH

pictures that captured events I'd forgotten. It was the year of Townsend's centennial. Oh, the memories.

That year, I organized and chaired the centennial celebration committee. We started in January, ambitiously planning one event a month from April to October. Our first

was a reenactment of the township's founding.

I'd written and published three volumes of Townsend history, so in May we did a Powerpoint presentation and quilt show. Local ladies stitched a beautiful keepsake quilt

that proudly hangs in the town hall foyer. In June, we drew an enthusiastic crowd for a rollicking Old-Time Tent Revival.

Famous for our July 4 celebration, the parade and fireworks were spectacular that year. Dressed in 1916 garb, our committee marched alongside a Conestoga wagon. I drove Lucy Holt's 1911 Waverly Phaeton electric buggy, a thrill of a lifetime.

In August we hosted a pie social and suffragette rally to honor the women who courageously fought for women's voting rights. In September, it was Can Tombstones Talk, featuring residents telling notable townspeople's stories while standing by their

gravestones.

I will never forget the inexplicable phenomenon that occurred as we ended the presentations at dusk. Suddenly, a mist arose on the horizon and drifted toward us, slowly enveloping the cemetery. Someone shouted, "Look! Their spirits are here!" It was flat out magical.

Our finale was We Believe in Happy Endings, the final Red Light Saloon in a series of musical comedies I wrote and directed to raise money for Holt and Balcom Logging Camp. We packed the house for two shows, definitely a happy ending.

Townsend has a hundred miles of town roads, so a popular activity was

the Centennial Walking Warrior Road Challenge. Participants registered, got a map and recorded their progress on a log sheet. It took me months, but I finished, though several times I had to walk the distance twice because the road dead-ended.

I rarely ran into other walkers, except for 83-year-old Emmett Exferd. He was first to finish, earning serious bragging rights. Emmett's 93 now, but he still remembers he walked faster and farther than I did. We both cherish our souvenir T-shirts.

Walking alone, I communed with nature. It's the ideal way to experience the Northwoods. Too bad most people choose off-road

vehicles these days. They might be missing out on the very thing they come here for.

One thing I loved was walking past homes, able to focus on details I'd never noticed riding in a vehicle. Most people kept their places neat and nicely landscaped. Many sport a welcome sign, complete with engraved family moniker. Some were so inviting I wanted to knock on their doors and thank them for putting in the time, talent and treasure.

Unfortunately, walking by some places was off-putting, to say the least. These folks blared out hostile messages meant to intimidate. Signs like "Keep out; you are being watched," and "We shoot trespassers; survivors are shot again" may offer a modicum of reassurance.

If they'd seen me walking by, they would probably have considered it mission accomplished. I always picked up the pace to get the h-e-double hockey sticks on down the road. As it happens, cameras have mostly replaced such threatening signs.

Back then, I never would have thought Townsend would change so dramatically in a single decade. We long-termers acknowledge we are in a transition cycle, and it's no longer a poor man's paradise. I believe one thing will never change. You don't change Townsend; Townsend changes you.

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.



KATHLEEN MARSH
COLUMNIST

Vande Corput named CMN's Faculty of the Year

For Sarah Vande Corput, the classroom is place to find a sense of belonging.

The College of Menominee Nation's 2026 Faculty of the Year honoree has been drawn to ways to connect learners to concepts throughout her career, creating a throughline that led to her being honored by CMN at its May commencement ceremony.

After earning her bachelor of science in communication processes, Vande Corput began her career working in the business sector.

"I started off mainly working with sales, in customer service or billing. I began working in corporate training, educating others and speaking in front of audiences. From there, I switched to working in education in 2007," said Vande Corput.

Following the completion of a master of arts in education from Silver Lake College, Vande Corput caught the attention of her eventual employer.

"I started teaching at CMN in 2015. A dean recruited me by telling me they thought I would work well with the students," Vande Corput said.

When I asked her what has kept her at CMN for more than a decade, Vande Corput stated that the school collectively holds values she admires.

"CMN has a unique close-knit environment that is grounded in the culture. There are numerous activities and opportunities to grow. Caring about the students keeps me here, and also, our faculty is a passionate group to be a part of. The staff is supportive, and I feel our administration is leading us in a good way," she said.

Having since added credentials that include an Indigenous Research Methodology Graduate Certificate from Sitting Bull College and a doctorate in higher education and leadership studies from Edgewood University, she has earned the rank of



SARAH VANDE
CORPUT

associate professor at CMN.

Vande Corput's dissertation is titled "Circle of Courage: Native American Higher Education Student Success Experiences," and it highlights strengths-based approaches to supporting Native students. Her work stems from her time teaching the school's foundational course, student success strategies and her research is something she strives to put into practice both at CMN and beyond.

An active participant in the national dialogue on Native American higher education, Vande Corput serves on the American Indian College Fund Faculty Advisory Council and co-leads its First Year Experience and Mentoring Community of Practice. This spring, she was also named the recipient of the 2026 Excellence in Teaching First-Year Seminars Award, becoming the first tribal college

faculty member to achieve that recognition.

Listing Vande Corput's merits for CMN's annual honor, Dean of Academic Success Lucy Fenzl shared the rationale behind Vande Corput's latest accolade with those assembled at commencement.

"Through her teaching, scholarship, and service, Dr. Sarah advances student-centered, culturally responsive education while strengthening communities across higher education," Fenzl said. "As a first-generation college student who earned a doctorate in higher education and leadership studies, she is committed to supporting students as they transition to college and to helping them find their voice and build confidence in academic spaces."

When I asked Vande Corput for her advice for new faculty and staff, she said, "Learn the intricacies of your job, do it well, and then get involved. Learn about the culture and the students and lead with your heart."

Vande Corput's advice to

students echoes her own engagement with the school.

"I like to encourage students to get involved and participate in workshops, clubs and activities," she said. "Know that everyone at CMN is supportive and wants you to succeed. Don't be afraid to ask for direction or try something new."

Looking ahead to the fall, Vande Corput said she is most excited about the new students.

"Each class has its own personality," she said. "Even if it's a class I've taught numerous times, it always has a unique dialogue based upon the experiences and backgrounds of the students enrolled. It's great to see new students start their educational journey."

To put it another way, this fall will be another opportunity for CMN's 2026 Faculty of the Year to encourage new students to find a sense of belonging.

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



RYAN WINN
COLUMNIST

WHAT’S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

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.

OCONTO: Copperfest, 4:30-11 p.m., Copperfest/American Legion Park, 709 Madison St. Details at Oconto Copperfest page on Facebook. Admission \$4, \$2 for ages 6-17 and 60-plus, 5 and younger and veterans free.

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

SHAWANO: NEW Dueling Pianos, 7 p.m., Stubborn Brothers Brewery, Crescent Ballroom, 220 S. Main St. Tickets \$41 or \$299 for a table of eight. Cocktail hour 6 p.m.

SHAWANO: Movie Night at the Airport, 7:30 p.m., Shawano Airport, 248 Airport Road. “Planes.” Movie begins at dusk.

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

TOWNSEND: Northern Lakes Archers Club Shoot, 10 a.m., 16230 Village View Drive. Open to the public. Members shoot free, non-members \$10, youths with an adult free. Food and refreshments available.

OCONTO: Copperfest, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., Copperfest/American Legion Park, 709 Madison St. Parade 10 a.m. Details at Oconto Copperfest page on Facebook. Admission \$6, \$2 for ages 6-17 and 60-plus, 5 and younger and veterans free.

KESHENA: Wisconsin Two Spirit Powwow, 1 p.m. and 7 p.m., Woodland Bowl. A safe, welcoming celebration for two spirits. A non-contest style powwow. Specials may be sponsored and may include cash prizes. All are welcome.

SHAWANO: NEW Dueling Pianos, 7 p.m., Stubborn Brothers Brewery, Crescent Ballroom, 220 S. Main St. Tickets \$95 or \$736 for a table of eight. Cocktail hour 5 p.m., dinner 6 p.m.

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.

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

OCONTO: Oconto County Breakfast On the Farm, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., Riewe Farm, 6947 Old 15 Road; parking entrance at 7040 Range Line Road. \$10 per plate of food, sharing allowed. Breakfast served until noon, family activities until 1 p.m.

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

ABRAMS: Farmers Market, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Town Square, 5877 Main St.

OCONTO: Copperfest, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Copperfest/American Legion Park, 709 Madison St. Details at Oconto Copperfest page on Facebook. Admission \$4, \$2 for ages 6-17 and 60-plus, 5 and younger and veterans free.

CHASE: Chase Stone Barn Craft Show, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Chase Stone Barn, 8246 County Road S. More than 100 vendors, burgers and brats, music.

SHAWANO: Community Picnic, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St. Sponsored by Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Music, food and beverages, children's and family activities.

OCONTO: Pie and Ice Cream Social and Elegant Junque Sale, noon to 3 p.m., Beyer Home and Carriage Museum, 917 Park Ave.

SHAWANO: Music in the Park at Arlington, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Arlington Park, 300 N. Humphrey Circle. Music with Wade Fernandez. Bring lawn chairs.

MONDAY, JUNE 15

KESHENA: Why Most Businesses Struggle to Grow, 4:30 p.m., Wolf River Development Center, W2828 Go Around Road. Free business growth workshop hosted by Robert Jahnke, Community Education Initiative.

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

OCONTO FALLS: Oconto County Farmers Market, 4-8 p.m., Memorial Field. EMS/Smokehouse Night. Music by Patrick Rades.

SHAWANO: Naborhood Block Party, 6 p.m., The Naborhood, 214 S. Main St. Nintendo Night.

CAROLINE: Shawano Paddlers Evening Paddle, 6 p.m., Park Street. Canoeing on Pella Pond and up the Embarrass River. Check Shawano Paddlers Facebook page for updates.

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

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

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

SHAWANO: Shawano Ski Sharks Water-ski Show, 6 p.m., Wolf River Beach at Smalley Park, 211 Riverside Drive. Pre-show 5:30 p.m. Free admission, donations welcome.

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

CECIL: Shawano Paddlers Morning Paddle, 9 a.m., Pensaukee Lakes, N6321 Pensaukee Lake Road. Check Shawano Paddlers Facebook page for updates.

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.

SHAWANO: God's Little Wonders: Parent/Tot Hour, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Zion Lutheran Church, 1254 S. Union St. Hands-on activities and crafts, songs and stories, faith nurturing.

NAVARINO: Navarino at Noon, noon, Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. Topic NWA Property Management. Suggested donation \$5.

SHAWANO: Pampered in Pajamas, 4-8 p.m., Thornberry Cottage, 130 S. Main St. Pop-up vendors, complimentary charcuterie spread.

SHAWANO: Thursdayz at Franklin, 6-8:30 p.m., Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St. The Third Wheels. Bring your own chairs, food and drink available, 50/50 raffles.

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

SHAWANO: The After Party, 8-10 p.m., The Naborhood, 214 S. Main St. Music with Chris Dinse.

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

SURING: Father's Day Weekend Brat/Burger Fry, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Suring Area Library, parking lot, 604 E. Main St. Hosted by Suring Area Historical Society to support the museum project.

GILLETT: Roy Hubbard Memorial Truck Show, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Zippel Park, 150 N. McKenzie Ave. Registration starts 10 a.m., opening ceremony 5:45 p.m., light show and fireworks at dusk, live music, food and refreshments.

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.

SHAWANO: Crescent Ballroom Open House, 2-7 p.m., Stubborn Brothers Brewery, 220 S. Main St. Visit with wedding/event team and local vendors.

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

OCONTO FALLS: Music by the River, 6-9 p.m., East Side Beach, 631 N. Main St. Hosted by the Oconto Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, with food and refreshments available for purchase. Music by Neon Detour. Bring a lawn chair.

SHAWANO: Summer Solstice Shootout Auto racing, 6 p.m., Shawano Speedway, 990 E. Green Bay St. Gates open 4 p.m. Adults \$5, seniors \$10, ages 12-16 \$5, younger than age 11 free. Check

the Shawano Speedway page on Facebook for updates and weather-related conditions.

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

SHAWANO: FRESH Project Shawano Farmers Market, 8 a.m. to noon, Franklin Park, 235 Washington St. Check Facebook page for cancellations and weekly updates.

LEOPOLIS: Leopoldis Booster Club Kids Fishing Day, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Leopoldis Pond, Fourth and Water streets. Open to youths 14 and younger. Adult raffle drawings 3 p.m. Food and beverages available.

SURING: Dusty Trails Poker Run, 9 a.m. to midnight, Arrowhead Saloon, 13486 County Road AA. Hosted by Dusty Trails ATV club. \$10 per person, \$5 younger than 16. Hands due by 6 p.m., winners announced after 7 p.m., music by Big Snake; meat, bucket and 50/50 raffles.

GILLETT: Roy Hubbard Memorial Truck Show, 10 a.m. to midnight, Zippel Park. Craft and Vendor Show 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Kids Choice Judging 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., light parade approximately 9:30 p.m., live music, food and refreshments.

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

KESHENA: Menominee Casino Resort Car Show, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Menominee Casino Resort, N277 State Highway 47-55. Registration begins 8 a.m. Five car classes, top three awards in each class.

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

SHAWANO: Summer Solstice Shootout Auto racing, 6 p.m., Shawano Speedway, 990 E. Green Bay St. Gates open 4 p.m. \$10, ages 12-16 \$5, younger than age 11 free. Check the Shawano Speedway page on Facebook for updates and weather-related conditions.

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COURT NEWS

• Nico Scott Depaoli, 30, Kenosha, pleaded no contest June 2 to child neglect and misdemeanor charges of intentionally providing unsanitary animal shelter and intentionally providing animals with not enough space. Judge Jay Conley withheld sentencing and placed him on probation for six months

with conditions.
• Brian J. Ermis Jr., 24, Suring, pleaded no contest June 3 to two misdemeanor charges of possession of THC. Related felony counts were dismissed but read into the record in a plea agreement. Conley withheld sentencing and placed him on one year of probation

with conditions.
• Devin David Lakonen-Smet, 25, Suring, was charged June 1 with two counts of felony bail jumping. Conley set a \$1,000 cash bond and adjourned his initial appearance until June 26. In a separate file, Lakonen-Smet was charged June 2 with three additional

counts of felony bail jumping. Judge Hannah Schuchart set a \$3,000 cash bond and adjourned his initial appearance until June 26.
• Thomas John Ejnik, 64, Suring, was charged June 2 with stalking and felony bail jumping. Schuchart set a \$15,000 cash bond and adjourned his initial appearance

until June 18.
• Alex Michael Johnson, 30, Mountain, was charged June 2 with possession of a firearm by a person convicted of a felony and a misdemeanor count of criminal damage to property. Schuchart set a \$2,000 cash bond and adjourned his initial appearance until June 18.

• Andrew E. Netzer, 43, Oconto, was charged June 5 with felony bail jumping and misdemeanor counts of operating while revoked and violating an ignition interlock device order. Court Commissioner Jacob Evans set a \$2,000 cash bond and adjourned his initial appearance until June 15.

LEGAL NOTICES

6/12/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
OCONTO COUNTY

Town of Spruce

Notice of Open Book

Pursuant to Sec. 70.45 of Wis. Statute the assessment roll for the year 2024 assessment will be open for examination on Thursday , the 11th day of June, 2026 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. The assessor shall be available at that time also at the Spruce Town Hall, 9097 County Road B, Oconto Falls. Instructional material about the information and Board of Review procedures and how to file an objection will be available at that time.

NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review for the Town of Spruce, Oconto County, Wisconsin, shall hold its meeting on **Monday, the 29th day of June, 2026, 5:00 pm, to 7:00 pm** at Spruce Town Hall, 9097 County Road B, Oconto Falls, Wisconsin. Please be advised of the following requirements to appear before the board of review and procedural requirements if appearing before the board:

1. No person will be allowed to appear before the board of review, to testify to the board by telephone, or to contest the amount of any assessment of real or personal property if the person has refused a reasonable written request by certified mail of the assessor to view the property.

2. 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.

3. The board of review may not hear an objection to the amount or valuation of property unless, at least 48 hours before the board's first scheduled meeting, the objector provides to the board's clerk written or oral notice of an intent to file an objection, except that upon a showing of good cause and the submission of a written objection, the board shall waive that requirement during the first 2 hours of the board's first scheduled meeting, and the board may waive that requirement up to the end of the 5th day of the session or up to the end of the final day of the session if the session is less than 5 days with proof of extraordinary circumstances for failure to meet the 48-hour notice requirement and failure to appear before the board of review during the first 2 hours of the first scheduled meeting.

4. Objections to the amount or valuation of property shall first be made in writing and filed with the clerk of the board of review within the first 2 hours of the board's first scheduled meeting, except that, upon evidence of extraordinary circumstances, the board may waive that requirement up to the end of the 5th day of the session or up to the end of the final day of the session if the session is less than 5 days. The board may require objections to the amount or valuation of property to be submitted on forms approved by the Department of Revenue, and the board shall require that any forms include stated valuations of the property in question. Persons who own land and improvements to that land may object to the aggregate valuation of that land and improvements to that land, but no person who owns land and improvements to that land may object only to the valuation of that land or only to the valuation of improvements to that land. No person may be allowed in any action or proceedings to question the amount or valuation of property unless the written objection has been filed and that person in good faith presented evidence to the board in support of the objections and made full disclosure before the board, under oath, of all of that person's property liable to assessment in the district and the value of that property. The requirement that objections be in writing may be waived by express action of the board.

5. When appearing before the board of review, the objecting 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.

6. No person may appear before the board of review, testify to the board 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 with all the information about income and expenses, as specified in the assessor's manual under s. 73.03 (2a) , Wis. stats., that the assessor requests. The Town of Spruce has an ordinance for the confidentiality of information about income and expenses that is provided to the assessor under this paragraph that provides exceptions for persons using information in the discharge of duties imposed by law or the duties of their officer 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 s. 19.35 (1) , Wis. stats.

7. 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.

8. No person may appear before the board of review, testify to the board by telephone, or contest the amount of any assessment unless, at least 48 hours before the first meeting of the board, or at least 48 hours before the objection is heard if the objection is allowed under s.70.47 (3) (a), Wis. stats., that person provides to the clerk of the board of review notice as to whether the person will ask for the removal of a member of the board of review and, if so, which member, and provides a reasonable estimate of the length of time the hearing will take.

Notice is hereby given this 25th day of April 2025.
Lisa Peitersen, Spruce Town Clerk

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STATE OF WISCONSIN
OCONTO COUNTY

CITY OF OCONTO FALLS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given, that The City of Oconto Falls Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on June 30th, 2026 at 5:00 PM in the Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 500 North Chestnut Avenue, Oconto Falls, Wisconsin. The purpose of this hearing is for the consideration of:

1. Public Hearing NO.1 at 5:00pm Petition of Detachment of Land from the City of Oconto Falls to the Town of Stiles, WI.

2. Public Hearing NO. 2 immediately following NO.1 estimated 5:30pm Proposed for Zoning Change, 512 Caldwell Ave., Senior Center & related Parcels.

All residents of the City of Oconto Falls are encouraged to attend. The meeting room is handicapped accessible. A copy of proposed information can be picked up at the Municipal Building. Persons needing additional accommodations should contact City Hall at (920) 846-4505.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN
OCONTO COUNTY

Town of Breed Alcohol License Applications

The following businesses have applied for liquor licenses within the Town of Breed for the time period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. Applications will be reviewed at the June 9, 2026, Regular Board Meeting at 7:00pm for approval/ denial.

Class B Beer & Class B Liquor

3B Gun Club LLC (DBA Breed Bird Busters)- 13298 Logan Rd, Suring, WI 54174 Agent: Stewart Schaal

TAW Pipeline Bar LLC (DBA Pipeline 32)- 11306 State Hwy 32, Suring, WI 54174 Agent: Theresa Warner

Arrowhead Saloon LLC- 13486 County Hwy AA, Suring, WI 54174 Agent: Jamie L. House

The Salty Anchor LLC (DBA Salty Anchor)- 12058 State Hwy 32, Suring, WI 54174 Agent: Marty Ciuplinski

Class A Liquor

Rhode's Oasis- 10779 State Hwy 32, Suring, WI 54174 Agent: Alex Rhode

Kristen Telford, Clerk
Town of Breed

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STATE OF WISCONSIN
OCONTO COUNTY

STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
BROWN COUNTY
AMENDED SUMMONS
THE STATE OF WISCONSIN
Our File #W200605
Case No. 26CV000405
MIDLAND CREDIT MANAGEMENT, INC
Plaintiff,
VS.
JOSEPH COPPERSMITH
RHIANNON ERICSON
Defendants.
TO: JOSEPH COPPERSMITH 317 W MAIN ST
LENA WI 54139
You are hereby notified that the Plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The Complaint, which is also served on you, states the nature and basis of the legal action. Within Forty (40) days after June 5, 2026, you must respond with a written answer, as that term is used in Chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the Complaint. The court may reject or disregard an answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The answer must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is: CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT, BROWN COUNTY, 100 S JEFFERSON ST, GREEN BAY WI 54305-3600 and the Kohn Law Firm, Plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 735 N. Water St., Suite 1300, Milwaukee, WI 53202. You may have an attorney help or represent you. If no Complaint accompanies this Summons you must respond within the said 40 day period with a written demand for a copy of the Complaint by mailing or delivering said written demand to the court and to the Plaintiff's attorneys at their respective addresses listed above. If you do not provide a proper answer to the Complaint or provide a written demand for said complaint within the 40 day period, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property. Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin May 27, 2026.
KOHN LAW FIRM S.C.
ELECTRONICALLY SIGNED BY: /S/ TRAVIS J. SAWYER
TRAVIS J. SAWYER State Bar No. 1126943
Attorney for Plaintiff

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STATE OF WISCONSIN
OCONTO COUNTY

STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
OCONTO COUNTY
SMALL CLAIMS AMENDED SUMMONS
Our File #W208914
Case No. 26SC000136
CAPITAL ONE, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO DISCOVER BANK
Plaintiff.
VS.
BRANDON KOZLOWSKI
Defendant.
TO: BRANDON KOZLOWSKI
5961 MAIN ST
ABRAMS WI 54101-9664
You are being sued by: CAPITAL ONE, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO DISCOVER BANK in the Small Claims Court of OCONTO County, located at 301 WASHINGTON ST OCONTO WI 54153. A hearing will be held at 2:00 p.m. on July 6, 2026. If you do not appear, a judgment may be given to the party suing you. A copy of this amended summons along with the summons and complaint is being mailed to you. Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin this May 22, 2026.
KOHN LAW FIRM S.C.
ELECTRONICALLY SIGNED BY: /S/JOSEPH R. JOHNSON
JOSEPH R. JOHNSON
Plaintiff's Attorney
State Bar No. 1053052
735 N. Water St., Suite 1300
Milwaukee, WI 53202
(414) 276-0435

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STATE OF WISCONSIN
OCONTO COUNTY

May 28, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
VILLAGE OF LENA, WISCONSIN

Village of Lena will hold a public hearing on
June 25, 2026 at 5:30 PM.

The meeting will be held at the Lena Village Hall, located at 117 E Main St.

The hearing will be held to provide the public a reasonable opportunity to comment on the proposed creation of Tax Incremental District No. 3, its proposed boundaries, and its proposed Project Plan.

The District's proposed boundary includes the following parcels: 146-043501222R2, 146-043500121, 146-043500121A, 146-012603043A (414 E. Main St.), 146-012603043B (408 E. Main St.), 146-012603043C (410 E. Main St.), 146-012603043, 146-012603042, 146-012603034, 146-012600232, 146-012600333A (140 E. Pelkey St.) and 146-012602433W1.

Based on the planned use of properties within the proposed District boundary the Village expects to designate the District as suitable for mixed use development.

Projects to be undertaken within the District and costs to be incurred (Project Costs) will be for the purpose of promoting mixed use development and may include acquisition of property, rights of way or easements, site preparation, installation or rehabilitation of utilities and streets, payment of cash grants as development incentives to owners, lessees, or developers of land located within the District, professional services and organizational costs, administrative costs, financing costs and other costs as may be necessary to implement the District's Project Plan. Projects may be undertaken within the District's proposed boundary and in areas located in the Village within ½ mile of that boundary.

All interested parties will be given a reasonable opportunity to comment on the proposed creation of the District, its proposed boundaries, and its proposed Project Plan. A copy of the proposed District Project Plan, including a description of the proposed boundaries, is available for public inspection and will be provided on request during normal business hours at the office of the Village Clerk at the Lena Village Hall, located at 117 E Main St.

By Order of the Village of Lena, Wisconsin

Published June 5, 2026 & June 12, 2026

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
KELLY LAKE SANITARY DISTRICT
NO. 1
9535 GREEN ACRES STREET
SURING, WI 54174
The Kelly Lake Sanitary District No. 1 will receive sealed bids for the following work:

St. Bernadette Sanitary Sewer Extension

Contract No. 1772-26-01

Bids will be received until 10:00 a.m. Local Time, on Wednesday, July 1, 2026.

For this project, bids will be received and accepted via the online electronic bid service through QuestCDN vBid Online Bidding, only. **Paper bids will not be accepted .**

Contract bidding documents for this project may be examined online or downloaded for a fee at:

www.questcdn.com or www.releecinc.com/bid

The QuestCDN eBidDoc Number for this project is: 10214299

There is a non-refundable fee of \$50 for a set of digital contract documents. (This fee includes both downloading of digital plans/specs and online bidding.)

The unconfirmed bid results will be publicly read aloud after the bid portal closes on **Wednesday, July 1, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.** local time. **The bid opening will be held via Microsoft Teams video conferencing software. Any interested Contractors or members of the public that would like to participate in the video conference bid opening, please use the hyperlink or call in instructions below:**

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Join the meeting now

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Phone Conference ID: 280 896 127#

A pre-bid meeting will not be held.

Project Description: This project includes the removal of two 4-inch sanitary laterals, installation of approximately 1,480 linear feet of new 8-inch sanitary sewer, new 4-inch PVC laterals, and restoration including asphalt pavement, landscaping, and gravel in accordance with the plans and specifications.

Prospective bidders must be on the plan holders list through QuestCDN for bids to be accepted.

Robert E. Lee & Associates, Inc., requires bidders to prequalify 5 calendar days prior to bid opening.

No Bidder may withdraw his bid within **60 days** after the actual date of the opening thereof.

The letting of the work described herein is subject to the provisions of the Wisconsin State Statutes, in particular 62.15, 66.0901, and 66.0903.

Jeff Falash, Sewer Plant Director
Kelly Lake Sanitary District No. 1

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OCONTO COUNTY

NOTICE
TOWN OF BAGLEY

The town has received;
2 applications for class B beer and class B liquor license renewals.

- Allandra Miller DBA The Shop 10702 County Rd. Z Suring, Wi. 54174

-Steven Wendt, DBA Article 15 Bar and Grill 10840 Wescott Lake Rd. Pound, Wi. 54161

ALAN SLEETER, CLERK TOWN OF BAGLEY

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OBITUARIES

GERALD J. BARDOUCHE

Gerald J. Bardouche, 94, of Little Suamico, passed away peacefully May 21, 2026, with loved ones at his side.

Gerald was born July 20, 1931, to Joseph and Dorothy (nee Saunders) in Green Bay. On Aug. 29, 1959, he married the love of his life, Eileen Davis, at the United Methodist Church in Suring.

After graduating from East High School in Green Bay he joined the U.S. Navy and served on the USS Oriskany during the Korean War. Gerald attended UW-Stevens Point and later taught physics and chemistry at Algoma and Ashwaubenon high schools where he was dubbed the “greatest teacher ever” due to his humor and love for teaching.

Gerald is survived by



his loving wife, Eileen; four daughters and their spouses, Susan and Michael Sparrow, Lynn and Ron Devroy, Ann and Joe LaCount, and Beth Bardouche and Kathy Crandall; seven grandchildren, Brian (Andrew) Sparrow, Sarah (Lucas) Yogerst, Nathan (Allison) Devroy, Russell (Amber

Dzierzanowski) Devroy, Samantha (Joseph) Butterfield, Andrew (Emily) LaCount and Lindsay (Paul) Ullmer; and 10 great-grandchildren, Chase and Zoey Yogerst, Ronald and Franklin Devroy, Rocco Devroy, Finley and Clifford Butterfield, and Chloe, Tate and Elena Ullmer.

Gerald will be remembered as a fast-witted guy who never knew a stranger, a family man whose contagious smile usually meant he was up to no good, a daring pilot who loved flying above his farm in his ultralight plane, and a loving grandpa who always had a little one on his 4-wheeler.

A celebration of life will be held at “Uncle Jerry’s Farm” (1405 County Road J) on Saturday, July 18, 2026, at 2 p.m.

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The deadline is Noon, Friday, July 24, 2026.

No “on the map” Ads Will Be Accepted After This Date.

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Phone: _____
Address of Sale: _____

Thurs. Hrs: _____ Fri. Hrs.: _____ Sat. Hrs.: _____ Sun. Hrs: _____

List type of merchandise offered (any special items).

Please separate items with a comma, or a period. 30 words or less \$20.00. Over 30 words add 50¢ per word. Make checks payable to New Media.

DEADLINE: Noon Friday, July 24, to be on the map.

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OCONTO COUNTY
TIMES HERALD

420 N. Chestnut Avenue,
Oconto Falls WI 54154

PUBLIC RECORD

OCONTO COUNTY
SHERIFF'S
DEPARTMENT

June 7

Deputies responded to 77 incidents, including suspicious activity on East First Street in Gillett; suspicious activity on Black Walnut Way in Sobieski; illegal burning on County Road I in the Town of Stiles; harassment on Madeline Lane in the Town of Little Suamico; a disturbance on West Main Street in Lena; suspicious activity on County Road C in the Town of Chase; eight traffic stops, two traffic hazards, one traffic offense, five citizen assists, six miscellaneous traffic incidents, two welfare checks; one 911 hangup and four open lines; seven ambulance calls; four crashes, all involving deer.

June 6

Deputies responded to 67 incidents, including a disturbance on East Main Street in Lena; suspicious activity on South Green Bay Avenue in Gillett; suspicious activity on state Highway 32-64 in the Town of Mountain; a disturbance on Sherman Street in Oconto Falls; suspicious activity at Dollar General, 17210 Emma Lea Lane, Lakewood; theft on Parkway Road in the Town of Brazeau; intoxication near County Road C and Gohr Road in the Town of Chase; a disturbance at Dino Stop, 213 E. Frontage Road, Town of Little Suamico; an animal

bite on Oak Avenue in Gillett; fireworks on West Crooked Lake Lane in the Town of Riverview; disorderly conduct on County Road T in the Town of Doty; five traffic stops, one traffic hazard, one traffic offense, three miscellaneous traffic incidents, three welfare checks; one 911 hangup and seven open lines; four ambulance calls; six crashes, five involving deer.

June 5

Deputies responded to 89 incidents, including a wanted person at the county jail, 220 Arbutus Ave., Oconto; an unwanted party on County Road Z in the Town of Brazeau; attempted fraud on Binder Lake Road in the Town of Lakewood; harassment on County Road A in the Town of Lena; fire about one mile south of state Highway 32-64 and Bagley Rapids Road in the Town of Mountain; suspicious activity on McCaslin Crossing Lane in the Town of Lakewood; six traffic hazards, three traffic offenses, three miscellaneous traffic incidents, two welfare checks; four 911 hangups and three open lines; 12 ambulance calls; one crash.

June 4

Deputies responded to 71 incidents, including trespassing on Gary Alberts Lane in the Town of Chase; harassment near County Road M and Hickory Cemetery Road in the Town of Maple Valley; an incident at the county jail,

220 Arbutus Ave., Oconto; an animal bite on Deer Path Court in the Town of Pensaukee; threatening on Marissa Circle in the Town of Little Suamico; an unwanted party on state Highway 22 in the Town of Stiles; suspicious activity on County Road I in the Town of Stiles; suspicious activity on County Road C in the Town of Chase; criminal damage on Holt Park Road in the Town of Spruce; a disturbance on Morgan Road in the Town of Underhill; a disturbance on County Road Z in the Town of Brazeau; suspicious activity on state Highway 32 in the Town of Breed; six traffic stops, one traffic hazard, five traffic offenses, two citizen assists, one miscellaneous traffic incident, one welfare check; three open-line 911 calls; four ambulance calls; one crash, involving deer.

June 3

Deputies responded to 70 incidents, including an animal bite on Elm Lane Road in the Town of Little River; suspicious activity on Knollwood Lane in the Town of Mountain; harassment on County Road A in the Town of Lena; harassment on Deering Road in the Town of Underhill; fire on County Road S in the Town of Little Suamico; a noise disturbance on Harley Street in Lena; 12 traffic stops, two traffic hazards, four traffic offenses, one citizen assist, two miscellaneous traffic incidents; two 911 hangups and one open line; 10 ambulance calls; one crashes, involving deer.

June 2

Deputies responded to 47 incidents, including an internet crimes against children complaint at an undisclosed location; suspicious activity on Kruegers Quarry Road in the Town of Pensaukee; child abuse at an undisclosed location; a disturbance on Schwartz Road in the Town of Chase; fire near state Highway 32-64 and Weller Road in the Town of Mountain; one traffic stop, three traffic hazards, one traffic offense, one citizen assist, one miscellaneous traffic incident, one welfare check; two 911 hangups and two open lines; three ambulance calls; three crashes, one involving deer.

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LRIP—Local Roads Improvement Program
Project ID: 39508802701 — Cardinal Road

(Intersection of Downtown Lane southward to intersection of County Highway V; Intersection of County Highway V southward to intersection of Mosling Road and County Highway V). The TOWN OF UNDERHILL, OCONTO COUNTY is accepting sealed bids for pavement replacement of .82 miles of Cardinal Road.

THIS IS A LRIP PROJECT

Work to be provided will consist of complete pulverization of existing road and to be replaced with 3" x 20' hot mix asphalt with 2' shoulders. (10' lanes, 2' shoulders). Bids will be accepted until 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 7, 2026, at the Town of Underhill Community Center, 5597 Cardinal Road, Gillett, WI 54124. Bids can be mailed to the Town Clerk - 5597 Cardinal Road, Gillett, WI 54124, All bids shall be sealed and marked: "LRIP Project — CARDINAL ROAD"

"The bidder's attention is called to the fact that this project is subject to a prevailing wage rate determination which has been issued by the State of Wisconsin and that the prevailing wage rates and hours of labor set forth in this determination shall be applicable to this project."

For further information please contact Mark Winkler, Town Chair, at 920-621.4085.

Bids will be opened and awarded on Tuesday, July 7, 2026, at 7:30 p.m. at the Town of Underhill Community Center, 5597 Cardinal Road, Gillett, WI 54124.

The Town of Underhill reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or any part(s) thereof, waive any informalities in the bidding process, and to accept the bid proposal or portion of a bid proposal deemed most advantageous to the Town.

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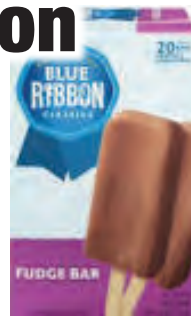
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