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Construction project to impact 3 upcoming events in Gillett

Work on state Highway 22 expected to be completed this fall

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

A major reconstruction of state Highway 22 – West Main Street and North McKenzie Avenue – in Gillett is continuing and will affect three upcoming events in the city before the project is completed later this year.

The road is currently closed from Finnegan Lake Road near Gillett Secondary School to its intersection with state Highway 32 on the city's north side.

The project will not be completed in time for the Roy Hubbard Memorial Truck Show, set for June 19-20 in Zippel Park; the city's annual Fourth of July celebration, scheduled for July 3-4; and the Oconto County Youth Fair, slated for Aug. 27-30, also at Zippel Park.

City Clerk/Treasurer Chelsea Anderson said city residents and motorists passing through the city have been dealing with the project since late last year but added work will be completed later this year.

According to the state Department of Transportation, the project includes removing and replacing concrete pavement, curb and gutter, sidewalks, storm sewers and culverts, as well as improvements to several intersections.

"They will always make sure we have access to all of our driveways the best they can," Anderson said. "Everything is open up every single night, actually."

She updates the city's official Facebook page with information about the project and said paving will begin shortly after July 4.

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Lena, Gillett schools make cuts to budgets

Gillett will ask voters for referendum in November; Lena will work in limits

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

Two Oconto County school districts are making drastic cuts to their budgets after voters turned down operational referenda earlier this year.

Gillett School District is looking at trimming back its prekindergarten programs as part of its savings. The 3-year-old kindergarten program, for which schools receive no state funding, costs the district around $100,000 annually, according to Superintendent Nathan Hanson.

The Gillett School Board has approved a plan that will grandfather in current applicants to the 3K program, Hanson said, but it's likely the district will have to charge parents a fee in the future to keep the program running. He noted the fee wouldn't completely cover the program costs, but it would be enough to keep the district from reducing funds for other grades to keep 3K alive.

Hanson said the district has also decided not to fill a vacant teaching post for 4-year-old kindergarten, and the remaining teacher will be responsible for all of the students, no matter how high the count gets. That will save the district about $80,000 in salary and benefits, he said.

Other cost savings include restructuring its insurance offerings, which Hanson said will save the district another $80,000, and no longer paying for high school students to take college courses beyond what the state requires, which could bring an additional $35,000 in savings.

"The school board very much believes that, in the past, we've cut significant amounts of things," Hanson said. "We're at a point where further cuts would be 40 kids to a classroom or cutting our extracurricular and elective classes."

With more than $300,000 in cuts expected for the 2026-27 academic year, Hanson hopes it will be enough to get Gillett through another school term.

"All told, we have cut around $313,000 plus any revenue we receive from 3K parents once the board sets the cutoff date for this," he said. "We will have an additional savings to taxpayers in the 2027-28 school of offsetting 3K costs with tuition

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from parents. Though it is important to note that 3K funding takes place out of Fund 80, which is not the fund we are experiencing a deficit in, which is Fund 10. Fund 80 funds cannot be used to address Fund 10, though it will be a direct savings to taxpayers."

In the Lena Public School District, approval has been given to reduce next year's budget by $935,000.

According to Superintendent Ben Pytleski, three retiring teacher positions will not be refilled. The district is also not replacing the departing middle/high school principal, and Pytleski will perform double duty in that position. The district also reduced all of its full-time classroom aides to part-time.

Pytleski said taking these steps should minimize reductions in offerings and programs for students.

"The Lena Public School District has made some very difficult decisions to reduce our budget for the 2026-27 school year," Pytleski said. "Our goal was to do all we could do to not affect programs and offerings for our students. We rely on our strong open enrollment numbers, and those numbers would likely see a decrease if we were to cut programs and offerings.

"These were very difficult decisions, and none of these decisions were made lightly. We are expecting that the $935,000 in cuts will be enough for this next school year, but we won't know that for sure until we see exactly what we will be receiving in revenue. We are still hoping for an increase in special education funding. We will need to put off some important maintenance projects for the time being."

Lena is not in a position where it will need to do any short-term borrowing, according to Pytleski. Some school districts borrow for a couple of months while they wait for the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction to provide state aid payments intermittently during the school year.

"For now, we are still in a position where we do not need to short-term borrow to meet our obligations," he said. "It remains unclear how long this will be the case."

Gillett has not done any borrowing yet, according to Hanson, but it's possible that such a step might be necessary within a year or two. He noted that his district has been spending its fund balance to keep budgets in the black.

Short-term borrowing is not uncommon with Wisconsin schools, Hanson said, noting that about 31% of school districts have to do that. He said the district took out a line of credit two years ago but, so far, has not had to use it.

"A lot of schools in this area have had to do that," Hanson said. "Voters don't want schools to carry a large fund balance, and so sometimes school districts get to the point where they have to short-term borrow to make payroll and stuff like that."

Pytleski said asking voters for another kick at the can is not currently on the table.

"We do not have any intentions of going back to the voters in November," he said. "It is too early to know where our revenues will be, if our budget reduction measures will be enough and how much our expenses of daily operations will continue to increase."

Hanson, however, said that Gillett plans to ask district voters to reconsider in November, as more voters tend to come out for gubernatorial and presidential elections. That should give the district a clear gauge on whether voters would support paying more in taxes, he said.

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BEN PYTLESKI, Lena Public School District superintendent

CORRECTION

The June 5 graduation section listing the names of Suring High School graduates did not include the name of Peyton Huth. We regret the error.

Wisconsin Bankers Association honors Heroux

Kelly Heroux, president and chief executive officer of Peshtigo National Bank, was recently recognized by the Wisconsin Bankers Association for her service to the industry.

Heroux joined the WBA board of directors in 2023 and served a three-year term.

"We are deeply grateful to Kelly for her dedicated service on the WBA board," said Rose Oswald Poels, WBA president and CEO. "She brought a thoughtful perspective, strong leadership and a genuine commitment to supporting Wisconsin's banking industry. Her contributions have helped strengthen our advocacy efforts and provided meaningful value to our members."

Heroux has served at Peshtigo National Bank since 2004 and became president and CEO in 2017. She was instrumental in establishing the Antigo branch, introducing Peshtigo National Bank into a new market and adding a full-service bank.

Heroux earned her bachelor's degree at UW-Oshkosh and is an alumna of the Graduate School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Her past community involvement includes Peshtigo Youth Baseball and Football (treasurer), Making a Difference (instructor), and the Peshtigo Area Economic Development Corp. (member).

Flag donated to fire department



Wade and Tina Jeske of Lena Swamp Archery donated a fireman's hose American flag to the Oconto Falls Fire Department recently. Fire Chief Tim Magnin, left, accepts the gift for the new station from Wade Jeske. CONTRIBUTED

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"It's a state project," she said. "They're supposed to be done in September, with restoration done by October."

Rachel Knueppel is the church secretary at St. John's Lutheran Church at the corner of Main Street and McKenzie Avenue. The road is currently torn up and closed to traffic in front of the church, but she said the project hasn't had a major impact on church activities, including church services.

"We had talked about the possibility of making changes, but our pastor (Chris Byars) is involved with the chamber of commerce," Knueppel said. "We were pretty sure that we wouldn't have to. We do have three driveways for entrances and exits. We are losing one of the driveways, so we have two and they've always left one of the two open. We made lots of announcements telling people that these are the ways you can get in."

City residents are used to the main street for traffic being shut down, according to Knueppel.

"Everyone has their own detour," she said. "It's annoying to have to go offroading just to get to work at the church, but it's still accessible. People are like, 'Well, I'm going to get a good road out of it, and I'll deal with it until then.'"

Fair organizers began preparing visitors for the construction project last year.

"They changed some of the fair entrances last year to get people used to coming into different areas," Knueppel said. "That was a smart way to think ahead."

Two blocks from the church, Peter Vorpahl isn't sure how the project will affect this year's bottom line for his business, Main Street Sweets at 127 E. Main St.

The store used to be on the Fourth of July parade route, but that won't be the case this year, as the parade has been rerouted.

Vorpahl opened the candy store two years ago.

"Being that I'm fairly new, it's hard to really gauge what it's done," he said. "I didn't really know what to expect, but I did expect there would be less foot traffic. I didn't have several years under my belt to see exactly what a normal year is.

"By seeing the number of cars on Main Street, it's having an effect on the traffic on Main Street, that's for sure. There would be quite a few people parked on Main Street. They basically made East Main Street a dead-end street for us. People have to come down, turn around and come back. It's a hassle, so I think some people just aren't coming for that reason."

"It will look so beautiful when it's done, but it's always so hard and quite devastating to businesses and our events," Anderson said. "We're doing all we can with signs to let people know we're still open and how to get to where they need to go."

Anderson said the reconstruction project isn't the only major improvement project for Gillett this year.

Right after the Roy Hubbard Memorial Truck Show, a groundbreaking ceremony will be held for new playground equipment to be installed in Zippel Park.

"We didn't mean for them to all collide, but it's better this way," Anderson said. "Not only will we have a brand new road, but a brand new park."

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Oconto County tourism generates $147M

Contributes to Wisconsin tourism's booming year

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The Wisconsin Department of Tourism released 2025 economic impact data showing Oconto County tourism generated an economic impact total of $147 million, contributing to Wisconsin tourism's booming year.

The $147 million was higher than the $119 million generated in nearby Shawano County.

Statewide, Wisconsin tourism is booming, generating a record $27 billion in economic impact in 2025. The highest-ever visitation fueled the state's record-breaking year, which surpassed the previous high of $25.8 billion set in 2024 and extends Wisconsin tourism's record-breaking streak to four years.

Strategic tourism promotion, record visitation and broad visitor spending across seasons and the state brought in more dollars for Wisconsin and Wisconsinites than ever before.

Wisconsin tourism hosted 117.9 million visits in 2025, including all-time highs for day and overnight trips, for back-to-back record years for visitation. Across the state, the tourism industry supported more than 183,000 part- and full-time jobs, and locally, tourism supported 800 jobs in Oconto County.

Statewide, tourism generated a record amount of state and local taxes at more than $1.7 billion, helping offset costs for Wisconsinites.



ATV and UTV riders represent the second-largest visitor segment for outdoor recreation in Oconto County, with an average spend of $1,279 per trip. Last year, the total economic impact from tourism in the county rose 3.8%, up from $142 million in 2024 to $147 million in 2025. CONTRIBUTED

In Oconto County, tourism generated $8.2 million in state and local taxes. Without the revenue generated by tourism, each Wisconsin household would pay an additional $692 to maintain the current level of government services.

"Wisconsin tourism is booming, because it is the ideal destination for making memories. Travelers who choose to visit one more attraction, dine at one more restaurant and stay one more night generate many more dollars for Wisconsin tourism," said Wisconsin Department of Tourism Secretary Anne Sayers. "Tourism's impact is wide-reaching and significant. The industry powers local economies throughout the state. Visitors sustain jobs and create livelihoods. Wisconsinites save money because of the tax dollars tourism brings in. Tourism is essential for Wisconsin and all its communities."

An economic impact study released earlier this year revealed that Oconto County's outdoor recreation economy is driven by an extraordinarily loyal visitor base, with fishing and trail activities generating the highest economic returns for local communities and businesses.

The study, conducted by the Tourism and Economic Development Corporation for the Oconto Region (TEDCOR) with support from the Wisconsin Office of Outdoor Recreation, found that 97% of outdoor recreation visitors to Oconto County are repeat guests who return throughout the year to enjoy the region's 379 lakes, more than 1,000 miles of streams, more than 100 miles of Green Bay shoreline and 500-plus miles of ATV/UTV trails.

"We are thrilled with the clear evidence that outdoor recreation is a massive economic engine for Oconto County," said Kelly Schwartz, TEDCOR director of marketing and communications. "This report confirms that our strength lies in building lasting relationships with our loyal visitors, who return multiple times a year. The data shows our anglers and trail riders drive the highest economic returns."

The study identified fishing as the highest-value outdoor recreation activity, with anglers spending an average of $2,000 per group per visit. This includes investments in lodging (averaging $170 per night), meals at local restaurants, bait and tackle, fuel, and other trip expenses. Boat anglers alone spend an average of $180 per person daily.

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Other water-based activities including kayaking, canoeing and recreational boating generate about $1,600 per group visit.

Oconto County's variety of natural assets support year-round outdoor recreation across all seasons. Visitors typically travel in groups of two to four people and stay three or four nights per trip, with many engaging in multiple activities during their visits.

"In our small city of Oconto, the Bay of Green Bay is our bread and butter," said Paul Lukas, owner of North Shore Bait Company. "We can't make it on locals alone – we need those repeat visitors coming back season after season. These aren't just tourists passing through – they're people who care about this place as much as we do."

The economic impact extends throughout the county's communities.

Leida Wesolaski, owner of Arrowhead Saloon in the Town of Breed, noted the critical importance of trail access.

"ATV and UTV riders make up 99.9% of our tourism," Wesolaski said. "Without those trail riders coming through, we wouldn't be here."

In Oconto County in 2025, the total economic impact from tourism rose 3.8%, up from $142 million in 2024 to $147 million in 2025.

Direct visitor spending rose 3.9%, up from $102.3 million to $106.4 million.

Tourism-related employment rose from 791 to 800, a 1.2% increase, and total labor income rose 3.9%, up from $19 million to $19.8 million.

Finally, tourism in Oconto County generated $8.2 million, up 34% from the 2024 figure of $8 million.

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KELLY SCHWARTZ, TEDCOR director of marketing and communications







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A consulting firm is expected to be hired to determine the community's interest in donating funds to build a new library in Shawano.
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Library moving ahead with feasibility study

Firm will make initial contacts for fundraising campaign

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

Details still need to be ironed out, but it looks like the Shawano Public Library will contract with a consulting firm to determine the community's interest in donating funds to build a new library in Shawano.

"In May, the library board agreed to use the interest from the (Anita) Hartman donation to pay for the study," said Staci Rubenzer, library director.

A $500,000 donation from the Hartman estate to the library was made after Hartman died in March 2023. She was a longtime teacher at Bonduel High School, and the Hartman family owned and operated Retail Lumber in Shawano for many years. The donation was designated for a building project fund.

The total cost of the feasibility study has yet to be determined. The county has agreed to pay $5,000 toward the cost, and the library board agreed to use the Hartman account interest up to a maximum of $40,000.

McDonald and Schaefer is a capital and endowment campaign counsel with offices in Madison and Milwaukee. It has more than three decades of service in Wisconsin, exclusively with nonprofits.

Primary services include feasibility studies, capital campaigns, endowment campaigns and major gifts.

In Shawano, it's expected the firm would approach potential donors to gauge interest in how much money could be raised for a new library. The process is expected to take several months.

McDonald and Schaefer is currently active in 19 campaigns with an aggregate goal of $298 million for nine sectors. Among the largest campaigns are $35 million for a sports and recreation center, $35 million for a performing arts center, $30 million for a hospice center and $30 million for a human services agency.

Other projects include a private school, community food center, animal welfare shelter, rural health care system, community food pantry, public zoo, senior living center, veterans memorial center, family resource center, children's museum, Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestras, medical center, early education and care and an equine therapy center.

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Speed limit change approved

Limit drops from 40 mph to 35 between for half-mile segment

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

The Shawano Common Council approved an ordinance June 10 to reduce the speed limit on Green Bay Street between Eberlein Park and Airport drives from 40 mph to 35 mph.

The field committee recommended the change in May after a speed study showed the lower speed would be better for traffic safety. With the increase of business traffic in the area, and with it new driveway additions, it has become difficult at times for vehicles to get back on Green Bay Street after visiting businesses.

West of Eberlein Park Drive, the speed limit for Green Bay Street is 25 mph and stays there to the city limits at the Wolf River, while it's 45 mph east of Airport Drive and continues to be until the intersection of County Road BE.

Because the segment of road is part of three state highways, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation had to give its stamp of approval before the city could make the change. Anthony Kemnitz, DOT traffic safety engineer, said once the city adopts the new ordinance reducing the speed limit, it will be enforceable by local and state police.

Police Chief Mike Musolff said the problem with speed on the segment of Green Bay Street has been an issue since he took over the police department in 2025.

"I've been very worried about East Green Bay Street, especially in the area of Walmart and Kwik Trip," Musolff said. "We see a significant amount of crashes in that area, and I think a lot of it has to do with the speed limit. You're going from 25 to 40 as you exit toward Airport Drive."

The average speed for that portion of Green Bay Street, about a half-mile, is at 40 mph, according to Musolff. He said reducing it to 35 makes it easier for vehicles to exit businesses without an extensive wait for traffic.

"The study was sent in to the state, and the state agreed the speed limit should be 35 miles per hour, especially since there are no access roads to the businesses," Musolff said.

New signs are being ordered showing the speed limit change, and once that happens, law enforcement can cite anyone driving more than 35 mph in the area.

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Library hopes to digitize newspapers

By KEVIN PASSON
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Contrary to popular belief, not everything can be found on the internet. Much of the past – especially the local past – can only be found in local newspapers on microfilm at the Shawano County Library.

Searching through those reels of microfilm can be challenging, which is why Staci Rubenzer, library director, wants to digitize those files.

"While many people would like to be able to access these historical newspaper articles in pursuit of lifelong learning and specific research searches, having them available only on microfilm creates significant barriers to people's ability to access the information," she wrote as part of a grant application to help pay for the project. "Digitizing our microfilm collection would allow patrons to access the information remotely and on demand and may make the newspapers available to larger state collections or the Library of Congress' Chronicling America Historic American Newspapers collection."

The Shawano County Library Board on June 8 approved of her filing a 2026 Library Improvement and Innovation Grant Application with the Nicolet Library System.

Rubenzer's grant request is for $7,000, but the total cost of the project will be much more.

"We have around 643 rolls of microfilm on hand in our collection," Rubenzer said. "As I go through the collection more closely and work with our local newspaper company, not all rolls may need to be digitized, but digitizing this many rolls of microfilm will carry a large cost."

The final cost is expected to run into the tens of thousands of dollars.

"It's a starting point," Rubenzer said of the Nicolet grant. "I'll look for other grant opportunities and continue pecking away at it. I think it's incredibly important to digitize these files and have them accessible and searchable."

The deadline to apply for the grant is June 29, and library system officials will consider it at that time.

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Ducks interact with Sacred Heart children



Ashley Kast, Sacred Heart Catholic School 4-year-old kindergarten paraprofessional, brought in a group of ducklings for a special visit recently as students, from left, Tate Surfus, Logan Grabowski and Lukas Hoffman got to play with one of them. The fluffy guests quickly captured the hearts of students and staff alike, sparking curiosity, joy, and plenty of smiles. Children had the chance to observe the ducklings up close, ask questions, and experience a hands-on moment of wonder.
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Mini golf course reopens after years of neglect

Family fun offered 7 days a week

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

The last time the greens saw action was four years ago at what was then Shawano Sports Park.

That changed earlier this month when Dusty and Stephanie Delorme opened Shawano Mini Golf, an 18-hole mini-golf course at 1056 E. Green Bay St.

"The last few years, my business had me traveling a lot in Wisconsin," Dusty Delorme said. "We have two young kids, so I wanted to find something close to home. Stephanie used to work here when she was in high school, so she had a desire to see it open again."

Shawano Sports Park, which included mini golf, go-karts and batting cages, closed in 2022. The property was sold to an out-of-state owner, the batting cages were removed and the go-karts were liquidated.



Dusty Delorme, owner of Shawano Mini Golf, used his leaf blower to clear one of the greens at the 18-hold course. The course is from 10 a.m. to dark every day now through Labor Day.

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"We looked at this last year, but because the owners of from out of the state, it was hard to connect with them," Delorme said. "We started looking again in the spring of this year and signed a lease in mid-May."

After being neglected for four years, the course needed a lot of work to be ready for the summer.

"It was two solid weeks of raking leaves, trimming hundreds of branches and power washing the greens and rocks," Delorme said. "Every year it was closed, it just got worse. In a few years, it wouldn't be salvageable."

Delorme said they didn't know what to expect for business, which is why they opted to sign a one-year lease.

The course is open from 10 a.m. to dark seven days a week now through Labor Day.

"I started out saying we were open until 10 p.m., but there isn't much going on in Shawano after 9:30 or so," he said. "We have lights, but it's pretty quiet then."

Rates are $11 for the general public, $10 for seniors 65 and older, $9.50 for children 3-12 and free for children 2 and younger.

Opening day was June 5, and Delorme said about 150 people played that opening weekend.

"The reaction has been good," he said. "Families are happy it's back. A lot of people miss it."

Shawano Mini Golf can be reached at 715-250-0524.

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16 openings available for BBBS program

Coordinator working to get mentors across Shawano County

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

Big Brothers Big Sisters is making an impact on youths in Shawano County, but more help is needed, according to Cassiti Schultz, program coordinator in northeast Wisconsin.

Schultz told the Shawano Common Council on June 10 her organization currently has 55 children, designated as "littles," partnered with adults in the community, ranging from single people, couples, high school students and even full families. Thirteen of those children have been matched so far this year with 25 being the goal, and 20 were matched in 2025.

However, Schultz still has 16 children, eight boys and eight girls ages 7-15, who are still waiting for placement. She noted that 51% of the children who are part of the program in northeast Wisconsin, which encompasses Shawano, Brown and Door counties, are from a single-parent home, 20% are being cared for by grandparents or other relatives and 2% come from foster homes.

"Each of these littles has a story," Schultz said. "Each of these little children's experiences has led them to feel like: 'Maybe something's missing, and I would like an additional person in my life who could offer connections, support and time.'"

There are also site-based programs at schools in Shawano, Gresham, Tigerton and Wittenberg-Birnamwood. Schultz said activities are held once a week at those schools.

"Our mission is to reach families here in our county and offer an opportunity to get involved in the community, as well as volunteer in a unique way," she said. "Our hope is that the youth in our program will be able to reach their full potential. A fun term we like to use for 'bigs,' our mentors, is that we are the 'defenders of potential.'"

The bigs serve as role models, and their involvement depends on the time available, according to Schultz. Many of them get the littles involved in activities at least once a week, although some do every other week or monthly.

"A lot of the children in Shawano County experience significant poverty," Schultz said. "Many of our littles fit in this category."

There has been a lot of growth in the program since Schultz came on board two years ago, when Big Brothers Big Sisters had only 37 matches in Shawano County. She noted that the adult matches are people who are open-minded, positive and feel they have something to offer to children.

"A big push we want to see is prevention," Schultz said. "These youth in these programs need an additional support person, and if they get it, they're super likely to do better. They'll do better in school, socially, emotionally. They're going to have somebody they can have conversations with that might not be as comfortable in the home."

Proximity of the bigs to littles can be a factor when placement occurs, but some of the bigs are willing to go the extra distance when needed.

"I have one big that is willing to drive from Pella to Eland to see her little, which is nuts," Schultz said. "That is a grand scale of the proximity requirement."

Alderman Kevin Barkow became part of the program in the last couple of months. He said he took his little to play mini-golf and also went with his little to a 4-H event where the little was showing rabbits.

"I didn't know how it was going to go," Barkow said about the mini-golf outing. "So I texted his dad and asked, 'Did he enjoy golfing?' He said that he did, and even made his mom buy him a putter so we can practice."

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FYI

Anyone interested in serving as a mentor in Big Brothers Big Sisters can fill out the mentor inquiry form at www.bbbsnew.org. Eligibility requirements include the following:

- 18 years of age or older.
- Pass a background check.
- Maintain a valid driver's license, auto insurance and have fewer than three traffic violations in an 18-month time frame.
- Commit to at least 12 months in the program.
- Agree to Big Brothers Big Sisters' volunteer code of conduct.
- Maintain regular contact with staff to ensure child safety and meet agency policies.
- Participate in required surveys throughout the match.

Healthfirst Network expands in Wisconsin

Healthfirst Network has announced the expansion of its reproductive health services into Brown, Oconto, Marinette and Shawano counties, increasing access to affordable, confidential and comprehensive reproductive health care for residents throughout northeastern Wisconsin.

For more than 50 years, Healthfirst Network has provided high-quality reproductive health care services across central Wisconsin. This expansion reflects the organization's ongoing commitment to improving health outcomes and ensuring that individuals have access to essential reproductive health care services regardless of where they live. Healthfirst currently provides reproductive health services in multiple Wisconsin counties and is recognized as the state's largest Title X reproductive health network.

Through this expansion, Brown, Oconto, Marinette and Shawano counties will have increased access to a broad range of services, including preventive reproductive health care, contraceptive counseling and services, sexually-transmitted illness testing and treatment, pregnancy testing, cancer screenings, health education and referrals for specialized care when needed.

Additional details regarding service locations, appointment scheduling and community partnerships will be announced in the coming months.

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A customer at Dearco on East Green Bay Street in Shawano covers his head during a downpour the morning of June 10. Heavy rains erupted again in the afternoon and continue throughout the day. GREG MELLIS | NEW MEDIA

Stolen vehicle suspect arrested in Outagamie County on June 10

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The suspect who allegedly stole a vehicle in Shawano on June 10 was reportedly arrested in Outagamie County later in the day, according to Shawano Police Chief Michael Musolff.

Police initially responded to a report of a vehicle theft from the 200 block of North Main Street at about 7:37 a.m. The stolen vehicle was subsequently involved in a crash in Outagamie County, and the suspect was taken into custody by authorities there.

Musolff credited Kasey Hohn of DotCom Branding, 201 N. Main St., Shawano, for his assistance in helping distribute video footage of the theft.

"His quick response and support were greatly appreciated," Musolff said.

No other information about the theft was made available by the police department.







Sacred Heart community picnic

ABOVE: New Generation provided the music for the polka Mass for Sacred Heart Catholic Church's community picnic June 14 at Franklin Park in Shawano. The annual picnic was moved this year from the church parking lot tothe city park and included food trucks instead of church members grilling and selling food. In additon to a live and silent auciton, and bucket raffles, there was also a raffle with a grand prize of $2,000 that was won by Roger Genke.

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RIGHT: Children have plenty of activities to keep them busy at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church's community picnic June 14 at Franklin Park in downtown Shawano.

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Volunteers needed to make Empty Bowls a success

Community members who want to make a difference in the lives of local families are invited to join the planning committee for Empty Bowls, Caring Hearts 2026, a fundraising event benefiting Shawano Area Matthew 25.

The event will take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 19 at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B, Shawano, but organizers are seeking volunteers now to help make this community fundraiser a success.

Committee members are needed to assist with securing donations, gather raffle baskets and silent auction items, recruit volunteers and help promote the event throughout the area.

Whether someone has experience in fundraising, marketing, community outreach or simply wants to lend a hand, organizers welcome their involvement.

Empty Bowls, Caring Hearts is more than a fundraiser. The event helps support SAM25's mission of providing hope, health and housing assistance to individuals and families facing poverty and homelessness in Shawano County. Funds raised help sustain programs that provide emergency shelter, access to healthcare, basic necessities, resource navigation and opportunities for people to build more stable and independent lives.

Residents interested in serving on the planning committee can sign up or learn more at www.sam25.org. Additional information about Empty Bowls, Caring Hearts and other volunteer opportunities can also be found on the SAM25 website.

Digital passport from WATA money saver on vacation

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Annual tradition: Community and volunteers invest in day of fun

Proceeds used to maintain and improve local waterways

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

Shawano Lake and its connecting waterways are so important to the local economy, residents and other users that when Shawano Area Waterways Management holds its annual golf outing, you can be sure the fundraiser will be well-attended.

Beautiful weather doesn't hurt, either.

The 2026 golf outing was held at Golden Sands Golf Course in Cecil on June 9.

"We had our best year ever. Gross proceeds are more than $41,000, and we have a more stragglers coming in yet," said Todd Dobberstein, SAWM's president. "We usually net about half, so I'm confident we will net more than $20,000 this year."

Last year's golf outing netted $17,778.

The outing had a full slate of 144 golfers. In addition to 18 holes, they also participated in a variety of contests, raffles and an evening meal.

Shawano Lake, the Wolf River and the connecting channel are enjoyed by many, whether for fishing, boating, swimming or other water-based recreational activity.

"The waterways mean so much to the community," Dobberstein said, when discussing the success of the golf outing. "Those who enjoy it come out and support it."

"It's a big community thing," added Bart DeFere, a member of SAWM's board of directors. "Many people come from out of town. It's a lot of word-of-mouth."

Support comes from property owners, community residents, friends and family, as well as businesses.

"There are a lot of businesses that do business with others because of the waterways," Dobberstein said.

Charlies' County Market was the title sponsor. Hole-in-one sponsors were American Marine and Motorsports, Prime Powersports and AbbyBank.

Proceeds from the golf outing go into SAWM's general fund, but Dobberstein said the group is working to save up some funds for its next big project.

"Last year, we bought a new weed harvester, and that's been great," he said. "Now we need to save funds for a full lake aquatic plant survey. These surveys can cost upwards of $50,000. We get some help from the DNR, but it costs a lot just to maintain what we do now as far as what we can spray and where we can spray and cut."

He said the DNR does a good job of supporting associations, but the lakes and rivers are best maintained at the local level.

DeFere has been on the board for about six years, but has been the chemical applicator for more than 30 years.

The board is made up of volunteers. The only ones who get paid are those who provide professional services.



Teammates Rick Karcz, Bob Carrstedt and SAWM board member Bart DeFere share a friendly greeting before their group tees off at the Golden Sands Golf Course in Cecil. GREG MELLIS | NEW MEDIA

"My family has had a place on the lake since 1971, and I've been a full-time lake residents since 1988," he said. "Before SAWM, the lake and the waterways were a mess. We really helped clean it up. We regularly work with the DNR for grants and testing that improves the cleanliness of the lake."

Shawano Lake is shallow compared to many other lakes, and that makes weed control a bigger issue.

"You don't want to get rid of all the weeds, because that's not good for fish and wildlife," DeFere said. "There's always something more to be done. It's never ending, trying to maintain a clean and navigable waterway. We try and mitigate the problems as best we can."

Eurasian water milfoil and curly-leaf pondweed are the invasive species of the biggest concern.

As for the golf outing, DeFere said everyone in his foursome won a prize this year, an unusual occurrence. He also said each member golfed better than last year, but with a chuckle didn't say how much better.

The golf outing is the only fundraiser for the group. It's always the second Tuesday in June, switching each year between Golden Sands and Shawano Lake Golf Course in Shawano.

SAWM has been around since the early 1980s. The late Doug Knope started the golf outing a few years later in 1986.

Dobberstein has been involved with SAWM for about 15 years, serving as president since the past six years.

"We're a very active association in the summer months," he said.

Only half of the lake's 1,200 property owners are members. Residents can join for $50 a year. Visit www.sawm.org for a membership form.

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Having fun on the course

Prizes, raffles, and skill shots throughout the course help SAWM raise funds for the one-day event. Prizes included a year's worth of Sun Drop to a lucky winner.





CoVantage supported the event with two teams among the 144 golfers registered to play.
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Support from local businesses throughout the area is on signage placed at each hole.



Teammates Bart DeFere, Larry Colassacco and Rick Karcz celebrate their partner sinking his shot in the putting contest. Contest host Jill Whiteman is also included in the celebration.



At left, AbbyBank and its brand manager, former Wisconsin Badger,Brian Butch, spent the day on the 11th hole. At 6 feet 11 inches, Butch towers over Natalyn Jannene, assistant vice president of marketing at AbbyBank. Below, Volunteers, event hosts, and SAWM leadership congratulated the raffle winner at the start of the day. GREG MELLIS | NEW MEDIA





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SAWM enjoys a successful year caring for area waters

Volunteers preserve, protect Shawano Lake, Wolf River and channel

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

Summer officially begins at 3:25 a.m. June 21, but volunteers with Shawano Area Waterways Management are already out and about on the waters of Shawano Lake and the Wolf River.

The nonprofit organization is dedicated to protecting and preserving the waters of Shawano Lake, the Wolf River and the channel connecting them on behalf of about 1,200 waterfront property owners.

With the support of about 600 active members, SAWM is the leading advocate for the waterways and is actively engaged with the local communities and various state agencies.

Todd Dobberstein, SAWM's president, said the 2025 season went well for the group.

Recent projects included a successful rebuild of a bridge, the permanent approval of target water levels by a federal agency and the purchase of new equipment that is operating smoothly. The past winter season was more active due to better ice conditions, enabling execution of Operation Clean Sweep.

"This initiative is intended to do a sweep of the lake to remove debris and garbage left behind after the ice fishing season," Dobberstein said. "After the ice melts, we have had numerous issues over the years with log, garbage and even a shanty or two that became a safety hazard on open water."

Key activities in 2025 included:

• Private weed cutting to more than 100 members.

• Cutting and maintaining a public navigation land and boat launches, removing 26% more weeds in 2025 than in 2024.

• For the 11th consecutive year, SAWM participated in Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources-sponsored Clean Boats Clean Waters program, an initiative designed to reduce the introduction of invasive species in the waterways.

• Continuing to perform water quality long-term trend monitoring.

• Installing and maintaining buoy-marked and lighted navigation lane in the lake, channel and upper Wolf River.

• Chemically spot-treating the lake as necessary to manage invasive weed growth.

• Working with Oconto Falls Ice Fishing Club on Operation Clean Sweep to eliminate debris left on the lake at the end of ice fishing season.

The group can now focus on its next major project – a new five-year aquatic plant management plan.

A healthy native aquatic plant environment is a critical element in any healthy aquatic ecosystem, providing food and habitat to wildlife, improving water quality and stabilizing bottom sediments.

Unfortunately, aquatic invasive plants, especially Eurasian water milfoil and curly-leaf pondweed, are also found in local waters. SAWM has been active in monitoring and treating the waters for invasive species.

Other key priorities for 2026 are to:

• Provide public and private nuisance weed harvesting.

• Establish a new partnership with Shawano County Sheriff's Department for boating safety, operational compliance and fishing regulation compliance on waterways.

• Maintain lighted buoy navigation lane.

• Execute projects to improve waterways' fishery and wildlife habitats.

• Work with Wisconsin Lakes and DNR on natural habitat erosion control.

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Volunteers with Shawano Area Waterways Management in mid-May installed a buoy-marked and lighted navigation lane in Shawano Lake, the channel and the upper Wolf River. The members also maintain the navigation lane throughout the boating season.

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Bob Carstedt sinks the long putt on the putting green.





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DoorDash spends most lobbying in Wisconsin

Bill would have banned drivers classification as employees

By PETER CAMERON
The Badger Project

The delivery app company DoorDash reported spending nearly $2 million in the first half of 2025 lobbying the Wisconsin Legislature, according to mandatory filings with the state, to pass a bill that would ban drivers from being classified as employees, thus blocking their ability to receive the corresponding benefits.

That's more than twice as much as the next highest spending lobbying organization, Wisconsin Infrastructure Investment Now, Inc., a Madison-based organization that advocates for the construction, utility, telecommunications and mining industries. It reported spending nearly $900,000 lobbying in the first half of 2025, and a little more than $1 million total for the year.

DoorDash also reported more lobbying spending than any organization in Wisconsin in the whole year of 2025, at nearly $2.2 million.

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DOLLARS: $2,183,623

Wisconsin Infrastructure Investment Now Inc.
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HOURS: 3,372
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Wisconsin Property Taxpayers Inc.
HOURS: 6,023
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DOLLARS: $441,070

"That sounds like an absurd amount," said Rep. Mike Bare, D-Verona, a former lobbyist who voted against the driver bill.

It's unclear what DoorDash, a publicly traded company, spent all that money doing, because its mandatory report to the state is vague. The company refused to clarify when asked multiple times, and the Wisconsin Ethics Commission, which oversees lobbying, cannot investigate without a formal complaint.

The company's full-court press appears to have worked, as Republicans in the majority in both houses of the Legislature brought the proposed legislation to a vote, no easy task among the plethora of bills being pushed at all times, and then passed it, mostly along partisan lines.

Gov. Tony Evers, a Democrat, blocked it with his veto in August 2025.

The bill would have more clearly defined the difference between an employee and an independent contractor, and established that drivers for app-based services like DoorDash and Uber are not employees of those companies, eligible to receive benefits like workers' compensation insurance, minimum wage and unemployment insurance.

The proposed legislation allows companies like DoorDash and Uber to create and contribute to portable benefits accounts for drivers, defined under the bill as independent contractors, to use for things like retirement accounts and medical expenses, though their creation would not be mandatory.

DoorDash argues that the bill allows drivers to maintain their flexibility in deciding when and where they work as independent contractors, while still receiving some job benefits.

"While we couldn't get the legislature and the governor to reach an agreement, we were proud to support a policy that is extremely popular with our Dashers (drivers) and has proven to be successful in states where portable benefits were made available," said DoorDash spokesman Tyler St. Clair in an email to The Badger Project.

The parent company of the food delivery app Instacart, Maplebear, and the ridesharing company Uber also pushed legislators to pass the bill, reporting spending $140,000 and $80,000, respectively, lobbying in Madison in 2025. Other groups supporting the legislation include the Koch Network's pro-business political organization Americans for Prosperity, the Greater Madison Chamber of Commerce, Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce and the Wisconsin Restaurant Association.

The labor union Wisconsin State AFL-CIO was the only organization to report lobbying against the bill.

"It's a cannon vs. a popgun," said Mordecai Lee, a UW-Milwaukee political science professor emeritus in an email, noting the difference in funding and resources in the fight to pass the legislation.

Those opposing the bill did hold a major weapon, the governor's veto pen. Evers said he nixed the bill in its entirety because he objected to its definition of independent contractor status in the absence of guaranteed benefits for workers in the state.

"App-based drivers are a growing segment of Wisconsin's workforce, and changes to independent contractor definitions are a serious endeavor – one that demands substantive conversations among several parties, including with both management and workers, in order to achieve an appropriate and balanced policy that all sides can support," Evers wrote in his veto message.

His requests for dialogue on this issue were declined by the Republican majority, he said in the message.

While the idea of lobbying may conjure the image of a suitcase full of cash handed over to a politician in exchange for a vote, that is illegal in Wisconsin.

In fact, the state has very strict laws regarding the issue. Lobbyists here are not allowed to give anything of monetary value to politicians and government officials, "not even a cup of coffee," as the expression goes. So the bulk of the reported spending is often paying the salaries of the lobbyists, or hiring contract lobbyists, experts say.

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Members of the 2025 Pulaski girls soccer team are, front row, from left, Estella Vieaux, Alli Glinski, Leah Grygiel, Sydney Kunstman, Emmah Hyer, Ruth Krause, Leah Kapla, Anna Krause, Kara Barber, Ellie Janus and Caitlyn Burkel. Back row, from left, are Tatum Wentland, Alina Harnowski, Lucia Di Gennaro, Maggie Gumina, Elizabeth Dornfeld, Gretchen Rottier, Lydia Stangler, Anya Hasser, Grace Melzer and Elizabeth Ryan.
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Red Raiders shut out in sectional title game

The Pulaski varsity soccer team lost the June 13 neutral playoff match against Brookfield Central 3-0.

The game, played in Plymouth, was the Division 2 Sectional 2 championship match.

With the loss to the Lancers, the Red Raiders end the season at 11-6-5.

Thursday, June 11

Pulaski 2, Cedarburg 1

Pulaski's girls soccer team advanced to the sectional title game with a 2-1 win at Cedarburg in a sectional semifinals matchup June 11.

The Red Raiders were seeded third, and the Bulldogs were second.

Pulaski's first goal was score by Leah Grygiel, assisted by Estella Vieaux. Kara Barber, unassisted, scored the second goal.

Goalkeeper Tatum Wentland had 18 saves in the victory.

Pulaski will face No. 1 seed Brookfield Central at 1 p.m. June 13 at Plymouth High School.

Little Falls, Leopolis get seven-inning BABA wins

By **GREG SEUBERT**
Correspondent

Little Falls and Leopolis had no problems scoring in their latest Badger Amateur Baseball Association matchups with Shawano and Tigerton, respectively, June 14.

The Loggers picked up a 26-2 win over Shawano, while Leopolis handed Tigerton a 10-0 defeat.

West Division

Little Falls 26, Shawano 2 (7 inn.)

Drew Radies led Little Falls at the plate on the team's annual Fan Appreciation Day with four hits and four RBIs.

Kal Fischer, Cam Gruenwald and winning pitcher Carter Kurki added two hits each.

Kurki struck out five batters in three innings on the mound, while Jacob Springborn took the loss for Shawano.

Kris Krause had two hits for the Lakers.

Leopolis 10, Tigerton 0 (7 inn.)

Leopolis headed to Tigerton and returned home with a seven-inning shutout win over the Tigers.

Winning pitcher Jaden Stuhr struck out 12 batters and held Tigerton to three hits to get the complete-game win on the mound.

Jackson Krohn and Dane Hodkiewicz had three hits for Leopolis, while Ryan Malueg added two hits, and Brady Hannes and Dylan Hodkiewicz hit three-run home runs.

Austin Hoffman led Tigerton with three hits, and Kody Ludvinson took the loss.

Menominee 12, Caroline 6

The Chiefs picked up a home win over the Cougars.

Caroline trailed 10-0 at one point, but Cole Rosenow's grand slam helped the Cougars cut into the lead.

Jared Cartwright led Caroline with three hits, while Gavin Christopherson, Mason Breitenfeldt and Dylan Danforth added hits for the Cougars. Klay Barkow returned to the mound for Caroline and took the loss.

Clintonville 17, Tilleda 0

The A's responded from a one-run loss to Menominee on June 7 by shutting out the Woodchucks.

Wittenberg at Marion

Results not reported.

North Division

Antigo/Polar 18, Crandon 4

The Bears and Kentucks combined for 22 runs and 25 hits June 12.

AJ Kirsch and Alex Knapkavage each had three of Antigo/Polar's 15 hits, while Will Kubeny and Seth Medo added two each.

Cole Shepherd had three of Crandon's 10 hits, while Matty Schallhorn added two.

Kubeny got the win on the mound, and Trent Palubicki took the loss.

Antigo/Polar 11, Hatley 2

The Braves hosted the Bears in a rained-out game June 14 originally scheduled for May 17.

Mason Gray and Kirsch had four of Antigo/Polar's 20 hits, while Mike Preboski, Milo Salvesen and Knapkavage added two each.

Sam Meerstein, Kodie Kocher, Tanner Kocher and Ryan Schmidt had hits for Hatley.

Kirsch picked up the win and Meerstein took the loss.

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Numerous updates pertaining to ATV and UTV operation took effect June 1.
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UTV riders now required to wear seat belts

Riders of ATVs and UTVs are reminded that several law changes went into effect June 1.

Updates include:

• Operators and passengers are all required to wear a seat belt in a UTV.

• Intentionally causing damage with an ATV or UTV can cost you more than a fine – up to three times the cost to repair the damage.

• ATV or UTV operators may not tow objects bearing any person on a trail or route. Towing persons on ice is limited to 10 mph.

• UTVs now have window tint restrictions.

For questions or clarification regarding these new rules, contact your local DNR conservation warden or call DNR Customer Service at 888-936-7463.

Nichols' comeback ends up one run short

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

Hortonville 10, Nichols 9

The Stars improved to 6-1 in league play with a win over the Nitros June 13.

Nichols trailed 10-3 heading into the bottom of the ninth inning and came up with six runs.

Hortonville outhit the Nitros 14-8.

Three singles led to three runs for the Stars in the top of the third inning, but Nichols cut into the lead in the next inning with Kevin Vandenlangenberg's two-run home run.

The Nitros tied the game with a run in the fifth inning.

Hortonville came up with a run in the sixth inning to go up 5-3 before Ty Dreier's three-run homer in the seventh inning gave the visitors an 8-3 lead.

Winning pitcher Chris Atwood gave up five hits and three runs over six innings. Justin Krull, Jace Midbon, and Will Debrune each had two hits for Nichols. Dan Wunderlich led Hortonville with four hits.

Nichols 7, Pulaski 5

Nichols responded the following day with a win over Pulaski behind a pair of homers and four RBIs from Nick Volz.

Collin Leisgang, Marcus Jens, and Cade Johnson at the bottom of Nichols' lineup combined for four of the team's eight hits.

Pulaski opened the scoring in the first inning on Jarrett Olson's RBI single.

Nichols took a 2-1 in the bottom of the second inning after Jens doubled to center field and Leisgang singled to right field.

Two walks helped Pulaski take a 4-2 lead in the third inning, but Volz tied the game at 4-4 with his first home run in the fifth inning. His second homer gave the Nitros a 6-4 lead in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Pulaski Reds tallied nine hits in the game. Jackson Meyer had three of Pulaski's nine hits.

Johnson picked up the win on the mound, and Reese Berg took the loss.

Bonduel 9, Shawano 3

Adam Frost's three hits helped the Broncos stay unbeaten in league play June 14 with a win over the Lobos.

Winning pitcher Jett Thielke added 10 strikeouts in Bonduel's sixth Dairyland victory, while Jack Reinke held the Lobos scoreless over the final four innings to get the save.

Frost and Chase Reinke each had three of Bonduel's 12 hits, while Jack Reinke added two hits, and Easton Reinke hit a home run.

Hofa Park 5, Marinette 1

Aiden Linsmeyer's three hits helped Hofa Park pick up a win over Marinette on June 14.

Marinette opened the scoring in the top of the first inning on Joey Olsen's RBI single, but the Panthers tied the game in the second on an error.

Hofa Park took the lead for good on Linsmeyer's RBI single in the third inning.

Jake Olson picked up the win on the mound, and Jake McMahon took the loss for the Redbirds.

Miles Hunter drove in two of Hofa Park's five runs, while Robbie Schuettpelz added two hits, and Peyton Dorn stole three bases.

Cecil 7, Hofa Park 1

The Mudhens took an early lead over the Panthers June 13 and never looked back.

Mason Meverden led off the game with a double and Garrett Engel followed with a run-scoring single.

Logan Thiex led off Cecil's half of the second inning with a single. Brodie Hartman, Reese Stoltenow and Meverden followed with singles that added up to a 3-0 lead after two innings.

Engel led off the third inning with a single and stole second base before scoring on a double from Noah Beilfuss. Three more two-out singles by Isaac Boldt, Hartman and Jake Polzin and an error gave the Mudhens a 7-0 lead heading into the fourth inning.

Hofa Park scored a run in the sixth inning to complete the scoring.

Beilfuss struck out 12 batters over seven innings to get the win, and Thiex pitched the final two innings to pick up the save.

Navarino 5, Cecil 4

The Mudhens fell to the Rangers on June 14, as Mike Nompleggi threw a 148-pitch complete game, and Thiex took the loss.

Navarino scored a pair of runs in the first inning to take an early advantage, but Cecil answered with a run after Tucker Bouche led off the third with a double, Reese Stoltenow singled, and Bouche scored on Trace Brehmer's sacrifice fly.

The Rangers added to their lead with single runs in the fourth and eighth innings to go up 5-1 before the Mudhens came up with three runs in the top of the ninth.

Hartman and Bouche began the rally with singles. An error, a single from Brehmer, a sacrifice fly from Beilfuss and Braden Uelmen's single cut the lead to 5-4, but the game's final out came with the bases loaded.

Nichols at Waupaca

The game between the Nitros and Lakemen scheduled for June 10 in Waupaca was rained out and will be rescheduled.

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Birnamwood 11, Aniwa 6

The Kings picked up a win over the Orioles.

Mason Meverden picked up the win, and Kody Szews took the loss.

Eland 9, Elderon 8

The Engineers outscored the Whiskey Jacks in Eland.

Jarod Richter picked up the win on the mound, and Thomas Lemanczyk took the loss.

East Division

Gresham 16, Weymont 2 (7 inn.)

Gresham defeated the White Bass on June 12 in Weyauwega.

South-Central Division

Plover 11, Scandinavia 2

The Pterodactyls defeated the Vikings in Scandinavia.

New London 10, Tigerton 0

The Irish shut out the Tigers on June 12.

June 19 schedule: West Division: Leopolis at Wittenberg, 7:30 p.m. North Division: Crandon at Birnamwood, 7 p.m. South-Central Division: Scandinavia vs. Weymont at Weyauwega, 7 p.m.

June 21 schedule (all games start at 1:30 p.m.): West Division: Little Falls at Tilleda; New London at Caroline; Tigerton at Plover. East Division: Gresham at Clintonville; Menominee at Marion. North Division: Eland at Aniwa; Hatley at Elderon; Antigo/Polar has bye. South-Central Division: New London at Caroline; Tigerton at Plover.

Hall of Fame inductees

The BABA has announced its Hall of Fame inductees for 2026. They are Bob Moe, John Boda, Rick Boda, Larry Resch, Jeff Ostrowski, Al Boyd, Dan Brandenburg, Patsy Brandenburg, Lois Brandenburg, Harvey Grosskopf, Tim Young and Pat Peskie.

The class will be installed Oct. 17 following a banquet at Northwinds Banquet Hall in Marion. The dinner will start at 6 p.m., followed by the induction ceremony.







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Glacial Stone Nursery provides plants to 3 Midwestern states

Leopolis nursery celebrates 11 years of being in business

By KAY REMINGER
Correspondent

With their base located in Leopolis and positioned under the umbrella of Paisar Swamp Camp Industries, owners Darry and Janet Paisar conduct business as Glacial Stone Nursery, Pony Creek Decorative Curbing and Lawn Care, and Konkel's Green Magic.

Glacial Stone Nursery – purchased by the Paisars in 2014 – is a wholesale perennial plant supplier for approximately 20 garden centers and landscapers throughout Wisconsin, Michigan and Illinois.

"We are extremely grateful for our loyal, wholesale customers as they are the main component of our nursery," said Darry Paisar. "We also offer decorative curbing, lawn mowing and landscaping. On top of that, another division – Konkel's Green Magic – handles lawn fertilizing and weed spraying."

Altogether, the businesses tout a one-stop landscaping and lawn-care shop, which takes care of mowing and fertilizing lawns and supplying perennial plants, trees or shrubs as needed.

Working 25 years in a corporate job, Darry Paisar felt the stress of constant deadlines and expectations wearing him down. With much traveling involved, he decided to make a career change in his 40s.

"Being in manufacturing my whole life, there were always critical deadlines, and when you meet them, people expect them – it was a high-stress environment," said Darry Paisar. "Now here, everyone's happy and there's beautiful flowers; not saying there isn't stress or worries here, but it's just different."

Discovering the nursery was for sale, Darry Paisar didn't know the first thing about growing plants but his wife, Janet, had more of a background and a love for it.

"After the first year, I ended up liking it perhaps even more than Janet did. We had decided the time was right, and we ventured out," said Darry Paisar.

The previous employers helped the Paisars, coming nightly during the transition and any time they had questions or concerns.

"Their help and knowledge were an invaluable resource, and we are so thankful for them. Even to this day, they are always willing to answer any questions we might have," said Darry Paisar. "Hands-on experience has been our teacher as well."

Darry and Janet Paisar credit longtime employee Tia Bestul for her knowledge and skill.

"Tia, our greenhouse manager, with her schooling in horticulture, strong work-ethic and willingness to always learn, has brought our quality of plants to a new level," said Darry Paisar.

Depending on others, the Paisars contribute much of their success to those who stepped up to help.

"If there was any way we were successful at first, it was because of family and friends," said Janet Paisar. "We felt we were living down at the nursery in our first year and without their help with planting, bringing meals, pulling orders, etc., we don't know how we would have had success. We are so grateful for their help and support over the past 11 years."



Owners Darry and Janet Paisar pose behind a special order delivery at Glacial Stone Nursery, N5578 County Road D, Leopolis. KAY REMINGER



Greenhouses at Glacial Stone Nursery are temperature-controlled and fully stocked with many varieties of perennials ready for sale to wholesalers. A three-day, once a month sale is open to the public. Dates are noted on the nursery's Facebook page. KAY REMINGER

The Paisars are also extremely grateful for the staff they employ.

"We have dedicated workers. Our continued success is based on our fantastic staff. They are dependable, consistent and faithful," said Darry Paisar.

In addition to working at the greenhouse, employees handle snow removal and snow plowing. They also help in the woods early spring by tapping trees and servicing lines on approximately 3,300s for their sap business, Paisar's Swamp Camp.

Year-round employees are employed because Glacial Stone Nursery umbrellas other businesses. Getting into shrub pruning, lawn care and snow removal just to extend the season, the Paisars were then able to offer their helpers full-time positions.

Truckloads of plants are shipped to the greenhouse in February, coming in as bare-root, tiny-plug liners. The greenhouses are heated as they're being filled. The temperature stays at approximately 35 degrees in February to keep the plants from growing too fast

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Roots above ground natural part of tree aging

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Roots erupting through the soil surface beyond the tree trunk irritate gardeners when trying to grow and mow grass under trees. Save time, reduce frustration and be kind to your trees when dealing with these surface roots. These roots are a normal part of aging for shallow rooted trees and are important to their health and stability.

As roots age, they increase in circumference just like the tree's branches and trunk. The upper portion of the roots eventually appear above the soil surface. Covering the roots with soil is only a temporary solution and adding too much, even a couple inches, can be detrimental to the health of the tree. Your tree may look fine the first few years after installing that raised planting bed, but eventually the tree's leaves get smaller and drop earlier in the fall. After five or 10 years, the tree may even die.

Do not cut, dig up or shave off these important roots. Damaging the roots creates entryways for insects and diseases to move in and cause trees to decline and possibly shorten their life.

Mulch is a simple solution. Use a 2-to-4-inch layer of organic mulch like leaves, evergreen needles and woodchips on the soil surface surrounding the tree. The finer the mulch material the thinner the layer needed. Apply the mulch throughout the area under the tree's dripline, if possible, or in a circle extending at least 3 feet all the way around the tree. Pull the mulch away from the tree trunk to avoid insect, disease and rodent problems.

Eliminating grass and covering the soil with mulch is also better for the tree and less work for you in the long run. Grass competes with the tree for water and nutrients and as you may have discovered, growing grass in the shade of some trees can be challenging. You also eliminate the need to hand trim grass growing near the tree, saving you time while protecting your tree from weed whip and mower damage.

Consider shade-tolerant perennials and groundcovers if mulched beds do not fit your design style. These plants eliminate the need to mow over surface roots. They are less competitive than lawn grass, protect the soil from erosion, help manage storm water and add seasonal interest to your landscape.

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Hostas can be planted in between tree roots. WWW.MELINDAMYERS.COM

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and allowing the energy to go to root development.

Offering some native plants at their nursery, which are typically better for pollinators because they've evolved together for thousands of years, Darry Paisar accredits God's hand in the native plants.

"Natives are God's creation, where cultivars are man's creation," said Darry Paisar.

Open to the public one three-day weekend a month, the nursery attracts repeat customers who come because they know they're getting healthy plants.

"When we first started, we had so many neighbors, friends and family stopping by to purchase plants and it really interrupted the wholesale production and productivity," said Janet Paisar. "We decided to open to the public just a few times our second year, so we could have more staff on hand to help. With so many requests, we decided to open to the public one three-day weekend a month. Our kids thought we should post on Facebook, and now the nursery attracts both new and repeat customers."

The Paisars enjoy the public sales, which bring the opportunity to share their love of planting and gardening with others.

"Public sales are the fun part of this job. Customers come from near and far. Many see it on Facebook or by word-of-mouth," said Janet Paisar. "I love plants, love gardening and it's so fun to share that with people. It's a hobby that's healthy and a great way to get away from TV and screens and to be outside."

Darry and Janet Paisar have three adult children and eight grandchildren – all of whom, at one time or another, have helped in certain aspects of their businesses.

Glacier Stone Nursery has a Facebook page for sale date reminders. For information, email darold.paisar@gmail.com or call 920-427-8973. The nursery is located at N5578 County Road D, Leopolis.



Many varieties of perennials await shipment to wholesalers throughout Wisconsin, Michigan and Illinois. KAY REMINGER

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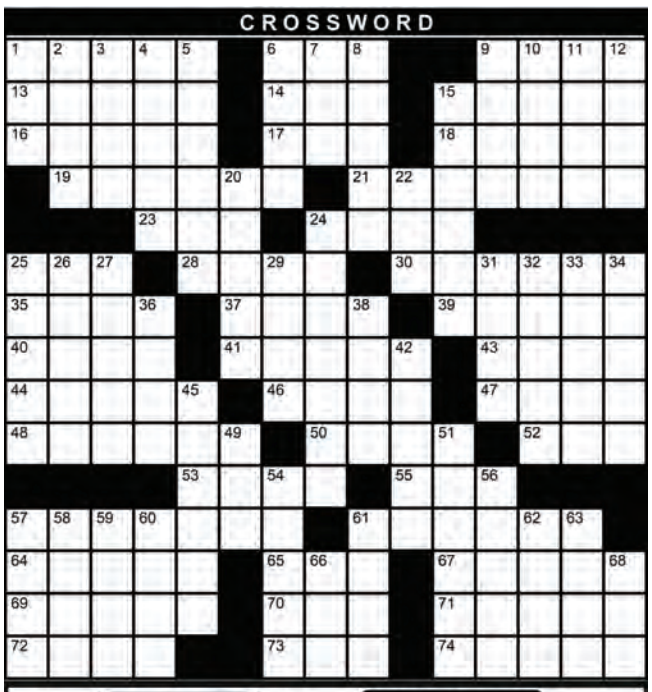
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Fawn's appearance caps turkey hunting adventure



ROSS BIELEMA
COLUMNIST

It's a tall task to recruit a new hunter to the turkey woods and kill one on the day planned.

My experience with most teenagers is that they are fidgety and have TikTok attention spans. Roland Johnson, 13, of Juneau, was quiet, still and focused for about five hours in my spacious portable blind that we shared with his dad, Jeremy Johnson, on the morning of May 24. He was equally focused and anxious for a crack at a gobbler as he sat for three more hours in a permanent deer blind on the same property in rural New London that afternoon.

In between, we took a quick lunch of burgers and corned beef hash at a family café with a sassy waitress who kept making jokes about our camouflage.

We'd arranged the mentor hunt through Pass it On-Outdoor Mentors, an organization that has been spreading rapidly since 2002 from its home state in Kansas and has a goal of being in 40 states by 2030.

The group came to Wisconsin in 2024 with the hiring of Menominee Falls native Quinn Erdmann as mentor coordinator here. The organization contracts with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to arrange about 120 mentoring events each year, including hunting of other game and even fishing, Erdmann said.

It is no secret that hunting is on the endangered list, with fewer young people picking up the torch. Kids are stretched thin with sports, video games, social media, hobbies and a dozen other things.

Outdoor Mentors requires all hunting participants to be hunter education grads (they also offer a variety of fishing opportunities), and Roland showed he'd listen well at an in-person class by handling his Mossberg 20-gauge pump shotgun safely throughout the day.

Jeremy said he definitely considered our hunt to be a learning experience for both of them.

I showed them my favorite box call, a handmade Ol' Hess made decades ago by Gary Hesselberg in Davenport, Iowa, when I was a full-time outdoors writer for the Quad-City Times. I explained how a box call needs chalk on the striker and edge of the box to produce a sweet, delicate cluck. I carry a piece of chalk at all times inside the call. I let Roland try it a few times and he made it talk, too.

I also carry an array of slate calls, which are just about as easy to use with a little practice. Sometimes the slate or glass surface needs to be scuffed up a bit with a piece of sandpaper, but because we had birds around us off and on all morning, I didn't spend much time with the slates.

I explained an owl hooter, which is used as a locator call. When toms are in the mood, any loud noise (barred owl hoot, crow caw, thunder clasp or even the slam of a car door) can get a gobbler to gobble. The birds weren't calling much, which is not unusual. They seem to gobble the most early in the morning, sometimes even from their roosts.

I had planned to demonstrate diaphragm calls, too. One of the turkey hunter's greatest tools is the turkey hunting vest, a lightweight vest with multiple, vast pockets to hold pounds of calls, strikers, shells, face nets, camo gloves, pocket knives, paracord, snacks and water bottles.

I searched all my vest pockets for a black squeeze pouch of diaphragm mouth calls and never found it.



Roland Johnson, 13, and his father, Jeremy Johnson, of Juneau, joined columnist Ross Bielema on May 24 on a mentored hunt organized by Pass it On-Outdoor Mentors and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. A highlight was Roland spotting a tiny fawn about 50 feet from this rural New London deer blind. CONTRIBUTED

The biggest mistake rookie diaphragm callers make is trying to blow through their lips while holding the C-shaped latex call between the back of their tongue and the roof of their mouth.

The closest we came to a gobbler was about 7:45 a.m. The bird came from the north side of an open cornfield and seemed to be coming to my call and decoys. At about 100 yards, the tom angled away toward the farmhouse and then walked across the road.

"I acted like a deer was coming," he said.

Both he and his father shot their first deer last season, and now they have another game animal to pursue together.

The afternoon hunt ended in a deer blind overlooking a different part of the cornfield.

About 3 p.m., Roland said, "There's a fawn."

It was about 50 feet from the blind in tall grass, and hard to see. The mother soon appeared, snorted at us and tried to get us to give chase. I didn't want to tell Roland we probably wouldn't see any more turkeys till close to dark, but he made the decision to leave, because he wanted the fawn and doe to reunite.

I invited them both to come back next year and give it another try.

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FARM LIFE FROM A FARM WIFE



KAY REMINGER
COLUMNIST

Beloveds within my immediate family dynamic – and, to be honest, everyone who knows me even casually – understand that I am severely directionally challenged.

I'm OK if I am standing in the middle of my farm yard. The sun rises over the barn, so I know that's east. If that's east, then behind me is west. I know the cemetery faces south, so if that's south, then logically, the other direction must be north. I think I've explained this before.

Take me off the farm, and I am at a loss. Give me left or right or turn at the gas station on the corner or the house on the left with the blue roof. Landmarks. Give me landmarks.

Not prone to compare, I feel it should have been the 11th Commandment: Thou shalt not compare. I find myself occasionally on the heads-up side of the coin.

An acquaintance of mine, when I bemoaned my lack of directional skills, one-upped me.

"Oh girl, that's nothing," she said. "I have to keep reminding myself which one is my left and right hand."

While I do know which is which on that category, my immediate family has teased me I'd get lost going to Tilleda.

Not true. Well, OK. Once.

I hate the color orange. Orange signifies road closures and detours. Those orange barrels stationed strategically everywhere give me a case of indigestion. "Road Closed Ahead" makes my stomach clench. Orange is a good color for hunting, but when I encounter that color on the road? Not so much.

Road construction in Wisconsin should be designated a fifth season. It's all over the place. One friend lamented, "Can't everyone just get together and fix one section at a time?"

Occasionally, I attend services at a church located in Neenah. I have the option of two routes I can take from here and both ignore Highway 41, which to me is unsettling, to put it mildly. Driving Highway 41 – even during non-construction season – generates a default response: my heart beats up a notch, I white-knuckle the steering wheel and sit up so intently I feel like my head gets there before the rest of me. It's nerve-wracking.

I try to monitor road closures before I start out on a Sunday morning, but sometimes they pop up unexpectedly. On one of my routes, the exit to Appleton from Highway 29, exiting at Bonduel to hit Highway 47, was closed, which I knew. The second route was Highway 45 from Clintonville to New London, which was also detoured.

One Sunday I started out and, going on Highway 45, took the detour they suggested. Being the good little law-abiding citizen who always follows rules, I was not brave enough to go through a sign that said "Road Closed to Through Traffic Local Only." I followed the detour, which took me all the way to Manawa.

I promptly got lost.

Re-submitting the address in my GPS, it showed my destination's ETA – the service – would be almost half-way done by the time I'd show up. I literally cried, ended up turning back home and didn't worship at a church that Sunday.

It took me a month to gather the courage to try again. I prayed, "Father, in the Name of Jesus, if you want me to go, you'll have to direct my path, taking me down back roads if that's what it takes."

That morning, immediately after praying that prayer, I backed my car out of the garage. At that precise moment, a song came on the radio sung by Natalie Layne called, "The Long Way."

I heard: "Take me down the back roads. You know what's best for me. Take me down the long way if the long way leads to you, if that's where I'm meant to be."

Sitting in the car on my driveway, I started blubbering. Our God is so kind, so incredibly detailed, so tender to give us encouragement and help just when we need it. The wonder of His care. He's never too busy.

Immediately, after I'd dried my tears and composed myself to head out, I felt a deep sense of peace. He's got me. He's always had and always will.

That morning getting to the detour out of Clintonville that said "Road Closed to Through Traffic," I bravely drove right through. Going 6 more miles, I was rerouted along back roads, eventually getting to Old Highway 45. This took me to Highway 15 and after that to Greenville and finally, Neenah. Praise be to God, I got there and on time.

I will always be directionally challenged. I admit that. It's one of my weak points, but I have a God who is exceedingly better than any GPS, sees past any orange barriers of life and assures me even the back roads will always lead to Him.

("Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'" John 14:6, New International Version)

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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 and 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: Leopolis Booster Club Kids Fishing Day, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Leopolis 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.

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

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

BIRNAMWOOD: Polka Days, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Chet and Emil's, 388 Main St. Church service 9:30 a.m., parade at noon, live music, food and refreshments.

SHAWANO: Music in the Park at Arlington, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Arlington Park, 300 N. Humphrey Circle. Music with Sarah Koenigs and Husband. Bring your lawn chairs.

MONDAY, JUNE 22

BOWLER: Mountain Bay Trail Section Rides, 5:30 p.m., Pavilion on County Road A east of VP Racing Fuels. 12-mile bike ride to County Road Q hosted by Shawano Pathways.

TUESDAY, JUNE 23

OCONTO FALLS: Oconto County Farmers Market, 4-8 p.m., Memorial Field. Not Your Grandma's Bingo Night. Music by Jake Rock.

SHAWANO: Naberhood Block Party, 6 p.m., The Naberhood, 214 S. Main St. Theatre Night. All ages welcome to join in walking around the pond. All proceeds donated. Ice cream sundaes and baked goods available.

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

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

SHAWANO: Walk to End Alzheimer's, 2-4 p.m., The Cottages Senior Living and Memory Care Center, 103 Madison Way.

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

CECIL: Shawano Paddlers Evening Paddle, 6 p.m., White Clay Lake, Boat Landing Road. Check Shawano Paddlers Facebook page for updates.

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 Wetohkatikamek Center, 2700 Mianaceqtawak Road. Information: Mindy Thunder at 715-799-3835 or mthunder@mitw.org.

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

SHAWANO: Shawano Paddlers Morning Paddle, 9 a.m., Huckleberry Harbor, 122 N. Sawyer St. 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: Thursdayz at Franklin, 6-8:30 p.m., Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St. Road Trip. 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 Naberhood, 214 S. Main St. Music with Justin Zopel.

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

OCONTO FALLS: Burger and Brats, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Iverson's Piggly Wiggly, 409 E. Highland Drive. Fundraiser for Oconto Falls Lioness Club; group order information on the Lioness website.

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

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

TOWNSEND: Kids Fishing Tournament, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wendt's Sandbar and Resort, 16688 Nicolet Road. Hosted by Townsend Flowage Protection District. Ages 3-15, $1 registration fee.

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

SHAWANO: Freemasons Car Show, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Shawano Masonic Center, 2324 E. Richmond St. Registration 8-11 a.m., $10 fee. Trophies awarded 2 p.m.

STILES: St. Patrick's Rummage Sale, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., 5760 County Road I.

TILLEDA: Tilleda Fun Dayz, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Pack It In Pub, N6185 County Road D. Parade 1 p.m. Food and beverages, vendors, bounce house and children's games, Music by Thunder Country 2-5 p.m. and Money to Burn 6-10 p.m.

BOWLER: Mountain Bay Trail Section Rides, 5:30 p.m., Pavilon on County Road A east of VP Racing Fuels. 20-mile bike ride to County Road A in Gresham hosted by Shawano Pathways.

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.

ROOTS, continued from page 20

Select plants suited to the growing conditions and hardy for your climate. Use caution when planting under mature trees. Avoid deep tilling that can damage not only the surface roots, but also the fine feeder roots that absorb water and nutrients. Instead, dig relatively small holes between major roots and allow the plants to fill in the area.

Mulch the soil surfaces around these ground-cover plants with leaves, evergreen needles or other organic mulch. Water thoroughly once the plants are in the ground and often enough to keep their roots slightly moist throughout the summer. Gradually extend the time between watering to encourage the plants to develop a robust root system.

Invest a bit of time now to reduce ongoing maintenance, improve the health of your trees, and add beauty to your landscape.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the "Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition" and "Small Space Gardening." She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" streaming courses and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment radio program. Her website is www.melindamyers.com.

Names of police should be public



PETER CAMERON
GUEST COLUMNIST

In 2024, a sheriff's deputy working for the Outagamie County Sheriff's Department was forced out for being lousy at his job. Even though the deputy, Cristian Morales, was flagged in the state's negative separation database, he ended up being hired a few months later by the Menasha Police Department.

Earlier this year, Morales was arrested and accused of stalking an ex-girlfriend using the city's Flock camera system. He's now facing criminal charges.

While some folks are suited for the difficult work of being a law enforcement officer, many are not. It's hardly a controversial statement to say that police, who can arrest people and use force when necessary, should be held to a higher standard than the rest of us.

Yet our reporting at The Badger Project has found that police chiefs and sheriffs in Wisconsin often give these "wandering officers" second or third chances, despite research saying that officers fired or forced out for misconduct are more likely than other cops to reoffend.

At our last count, more than 300 active officers in Wisconsin had been fired or forced out of previous law enforcement jobs. Many of these separations involved novices who couldn't cut it in a tough job during their probationary period, when the bar for termination is low. Some, we've found, lost jobs for misconduct – including drunk driving, writing misleading reports and using sexist or racist language.

In Wisconsin, law enforcement agencies can report to the state DOJ when they fire or force out an officer, so we can track when that cop goes on to get hired by another policing agency. We are currently unable to track these wandering officers who have been fired or forced out in other states and come to work here, because we don't have a list of all law enforcement officers here.

That's why The Badger Project, along with our partners at the Invisible Institute, a Chicago-based nonprofit journalism organization, requested the full list of names and work histories from the Wisconsin Department of Justice – and sued when it refused.

In April, Dane County Circuit Court Judge Rhonda Lanford ruled in our favor and ordered the DOJ to release the records. She cited a previous state appeals court ruling that said law enforcement officers "necessarily relinquish certain privacy and reputational rights by virtue of the amount of trust society places in them and must be subject to public scrutiny."

Prominent members of Wisconsin's law enforcement community have criticized the judge's ruling, saying it goes too far. An appeal could be coming.

Jim Palmer, executive director of the Wisconsin Professional Police Association, wrote an op-ed saying the release of these records could put officers at "risk of harassment, doxxing and worse." He said officers' birth dates are part of the records whose release we are seeking. Not so. While our initial records request asked for birth dates or birth years (to distinguish between officers with the same name), our lawsuit only asked for birth years, not months and days.

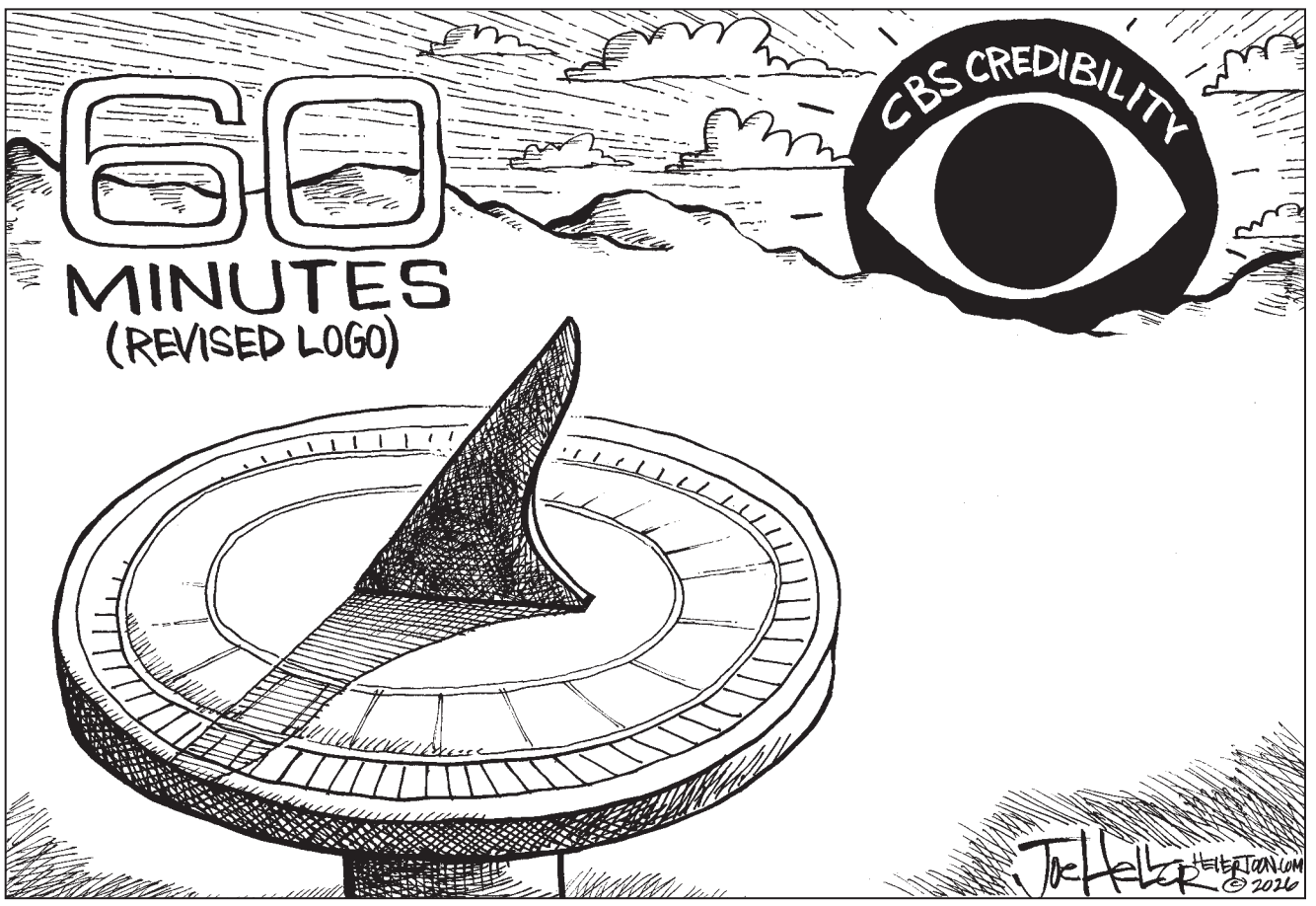
The state DOJ raised another objection, saying release of the names would jeopardize undercover officers. What cop uses his or her real name when working undercover? We did not request photos of the officers.

I salute and thank the men and women in law enforcement who are serving their communities. I don't envy the chiefs and sheriffs who must staff their agencies at a time when finding good job applicants for law enforcement jobs is as hard as ever.

We at The Badger Project are not against second chances for cops who screwed up. Perhaps an officer who made a fireable mistake has learned from it. Whether that officer should continue in law enforcement is not for us to decide. Our job, as journalists, is to shine a light on those in power and get facts to the public who are being policed by these folks.

If chiefs or sheriffs want to hire an officer with problems in the past, they should say so publicly and defend their decision. They can't make these decisions in secret.

Peter Cameron is managing editor of The Badger Project, a nonprofit news outlet. Your Right to Know is a monthly column distributed by the Wisconsin Freedom of Information Council (wisfoic.org), a nonprofit, nonpartisan group dedicated to open government.



Time for '60 Minutes' may be running out



BILL BARTH
GUEST COLUMNIST

Journalism done right has always been a little bit subversive.

It can create considerable tension between journalists and the companies that employ them.

Let's talk about longtime "60 Minutes" correspondent Sharon Alfonsi, and several of her colleagues. CBS's new owners fired Alfonsi recently, with published reports citing unnamed company bosses explaining she had been "insubordinate."

She wasn't the only one. Key "60 Minutes" executive producer Tanya Simon also was ousted, as was correspondent Cecilia Vega. Not long ago, veteran correspondent Anderson Cooper announced he was leaving the show, not hiding his distaste for CBS under its new ownership.

Earlier, Bill Owens, an executive producer who had been with the show more than 40 years, abruptly quit over differences with management. Veteran producers Draggan Mihailovich and Matthew Polevoy also were fired.

When veteran newsman Scott Pelley confronted management with his objections, he was shown the door after a legendary career.

The culture changed when CBS was acquired last year by Paramount Skydance, owned by the billionaire Ellison family which has close ties to President Donald Trump.

Upheaval at "60 Minutes" is not due to poor ratings. The venerable news magazine remains a Top 10 show, with more than 9 million weekly viewers. It's not only, historically, the gold standard in investigative and in-depth content, it's a financial winner as well.

Alfonsi's apparent offense was reporting on harsh conditions at an El Salvador prison where the Trump administration had deported a large number of undocumented men. The story had been fully vetted by company lawyers, cleared for broadcast and promoted in advance. Then it was abruptly pulled, with the new executive team saying it lacked balance because the administration had not responded.

Alfonsi went public, criticizing her employer, all but accusing CBS of caving to the Trump administration. She noted, correctly, that subjects of reporting often decline or ignore requests for comment, as the administration had done. Further, she noted – again, correctly – that pulling a piece because a subject would not respond gave that subject a virtual veto over the reporting.

It's another example of how more than one thing can be true at the same time.

Alfonsi was insubordinate to her bosses. She publicly spoke her mind – as is her First Amendment right – on the decision to pull the piece (which aired later, after edits were made and the firestorm quieted).

CBS, and the Ellison family that owns it, is not obligated to employ Alfonsi, Pelley or anyone else. Firing a rebellious correspondent is legal. Likewise, pushing out others to force cultural change in the show is within management rights.

It's also the right of high-profile people like Anderson Cooper to take his talents elsewhere. No one is required to work for an employer whose values are not shared.

I have been a "60 Minutes" fan and viewer for decades. The difference is becoming more and more noticeable. The show is getting softer. Hard-hitting stories and interviews are growing scarcer. Investigative pieces are giving ground to bland features.

How will that impact viewership? Revenues? Unknown.

In my view, it's a loss for viewers. It's a loss for journalism. It's a loss for those of us who value holding the powerful and government authorities accountable for their actions and inactions.

Many years ago, I met the late Mike Wallace, "60 Minutes" star and arguably the most feared interviewer in journalism. It was just a quick and clumsy, "Hello, Mr. Wallace." He was the keynote presenter at a Boston conference of Investigative Reporters and Editors. I was a young guy trying to learn the ropes. Wallace and "60 Minutes" inspired everyone present who aspired to become better investigators.

That kind of journalism – telling viewers and readers stuff they don't already know and may not want to know – is endangered these days. It has always been under attack by the powerful and their supporters. It has always been a source of tension within the companies that employ journalists.

During the years I reported and guided content at newspapers, strong investigative and in-depth work always came with blowback. We endured subscription cancellation campaigns. We endured advertising (revenue) boycotts. We dealt with angry phone calls and hostile people showing up in our building. We even had to evacuate over bomb threats.

Yet we could prove what we printed. Just because something is true, though, doesn't mean it will land well with an audience.

In my book, that's good journalism. The best reporters and editors are not there to make folks feel good or sugarcoat uncomfortable or inconvenient facts.

Neither is democracy built for the timid. The Founders launched an experiment underlaid with the radical belief that free people could govern themselves if armed with the truth. That construction has been at odds with human nature since the beginning, because the powerful and the ruling class resent content that exposes their spin and misdeeds.

Changing revenue models have made it tougher for disruptive journalism to survive, let alone thrive. Concentration of ownership is also a factor. So are acquisitions by companies – especially with owners linked to political power – that lack a background in journalism and its values.

If the kind of journalism practiced at "60 Minutes" – and plenty of lesser-known outlets in cities and towns across America – dies or becomes hopelessly flaccid, America will be weaker. Standing up to power is hard to replicate.

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PUBLIC RECORD

OCONTO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

June 14

Deputies responded to 67 incidents, including a disturbance on Green Bay Avenue in Oconto Falls; burglary on County Road B in the Town of Spruce; an ATV accident on Chute Dam Lane in the Town of Mountain; suspicious activity on Elm Street in the Town of Abrams; a wanted person near U.S. Highway 41 and County Road W in the Town of Little River; five traffic stops, two traffic offenses, two citizen assists, five miscellaneous traffic incidents; three 911 hangups and one open line; one crash, involving deer.

June 13

Deputies responded to 71 incidents, including a drug investigation at an undisclosed location; a death investigation in the Town of Lakewood; criminal damage at City Park, Frog Pond Road in the Town of Oconto; animal neglect on Holt Park Road in the Town of Spruce; an incident at the jail, 220 Arbutus Ave., Oconto; a disturbance on Balsam Lane in the Town of How; property damage at SuperValu, 17186 Twin Pines Road, Lakewood; animal neglect outside Iverson's Piggle Wiggly, 409 E. Highland Ave., Oconto Falls; suspicious activity near County Road S and Cross Road in Sobieski; fireworks at Billy's Bar, 18207 County Road F, Lakewood; four traffic stops, two traffic offenses, two citizen assists, six miscellaneous traffic incidents, two welfare checks; five 911 hangups and three open lines; four crashes, three involving deer.

June 12

Deputies responded to 89 incidents, including suspicious activity on County Road C in the Town of Chase; suspicious activity on Lakeside Drive in the Town of Breed; an animal bite on Briar Court in the Town of Abrams; internet fraud on Allen Road in the Town of Little Suamico; fraud on Luedke Lane in the Town of Pensaukee; attempted fraud on Schwartz Road in the Town of Chase; suspicious activity near state Highway 32 and Maiden Lake Road in the Town of Riverview; animal neglect on Kriescher Road in the Town of Lena; a disturbance on Bowman Lane in the Town of Mountain; a disturbance on Doran Street in the Town of Oconto; a disturbance on Seventh Street in Oconto; 17 traffic stops, two traffic hazards, six traffic offenses, one citizen assist, five miscellaneous traffic incidents, two welfare checks; two 911 hangups and three open lines; six crashes, three involving deer.

June 11

Deputies responded to 65 incidents, including trespassing on Village View Drive in the Town of Townsend; an animal bite on Resort Lane the Town of Lakewood; suspicious activity near County Road R and Reed Road in the Town of Underhill; an animal bite on Laurene Road in the Town of Lakewood; animal neglect on Peshtigo Brook Road in Suring; a disturbance on County Road EE in the Town of Abrams; fire on South Brach Road in the Town of Breed; two traffic stops, three traffic hazards, three traffic offenses, two citizen assists, three miscellaneous traffic incidents; six 911 hangups and five open lines; four crashes, two involving deer.

June 10

Deputies responded to 49 incidents, including a wanted person on North Franklin Street in Oconto Falls; squad damage near state Highway 22 and County Road I in the Town of Stiles; a wanted person on Klaus Lake Road in the Town of Gillett; a structure fire on North Wapota Drive in the Town of Townsend; criminal damage on Finnegan Lake Lane in the Town of Gillett; harassment on Townline Road in the Town of Little River; attempted fraud on West Shore Drive in the Town of Mountain and on County Road A in the Town of Maple Valley; one traffic offense, two citizen assists, two miscellaneous traffic incidents; two 911 hangups and six open lines; four crashes, one involving deer.

June 9

Deputies responded to 69 incidents, including a wrong-way driver on U.S. Highway 141 near County Road E in the Town of Abrams; a fire control burn on County Road VV in the Town of Underhill; attempted fraud on County Road S in the Town of Little Suamico; suspicious activity near Beaver Lake and Little Beaver Lake roads in the Town of Oconto Falls; threatening on Dekard Lane in the Town of Little Suamico; a noise disturbance on Ball Park Road in the Town of Little Suamico; five traffic stops, two traffic offenses, six miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; one 911 hangup and five open lines; six ambulance calls; three crashes, all involving deer.

June 8

Deputies responded to 73 incidents, including squad damage near County Roads B and A in the Town of Spruce; a disturbance near U.S. Highway 41 and County Road A in the Town of Little River; a fire control burn on Delcore Road in the Town of Oconto; suspicious activity on North Gilbert Lane in the Town of Abrams; trespassing on Gary Alberts Lane in the Town of Chase; a noise disturbance near East North and North Krueger streets in Suring; seven traffic stops, one traffic offense, two citizen assists, one welfare check; two 911 hangups and three open lines; two crashes, one involving deer.

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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN ADOPTED BUDGET 2025-26 OCONTO FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of Wisconsin Statute 65.90(5)(a), that the School Board of Oconto Falls, on June 8, 2026, adopted the following changes to previously approved budgeted 2025 - 26 amounts. The following presents only adopted budget line items with changes. Unchanged line items are not presented.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26 Budget as of Oct 2025	2025-26 Budget as of June 2026	Budget Increase/(Decrease)
Beginning Fund Balance	3,915,648.40	3,915,648.40	0.00
Ending Fund Balance	**3,915,648.40**	**3,973,779.40**	**58,131.00**
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Local Sources (Source 200)	11,660,640.00	11,707,197.00	46,557.00
Inter-district Payments (Source 300 + 400)	1,264,928.00	1,244,034.00	(20,894.00)
Intermediate Sources (Source 500)	13,306.00	15,188.00	1,882.00
State Sources (Source 600)	14,995,813.00	15,024,772.00	28,959.00
Federal Sources (Source 700)	506,279.00	506,279.00	0.00
All Other Sources (Source 800 + 900)	137,131.00	154,068.00	16,937.00
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	**28,578,097.00**	**28,651,538.00**	**73,441.00**
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES			
Instruction (Function 100 000)	12,097,229.00	11,706,395.83	(390,833.17)
Support Services (Function 200 000)	10,062,266.00	10,456,639.98	394,373.98
Non-Program Transactions (Function 400 000)	6,418,602.00	6,430,371.19	11,769.19
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	**28,578,097.00**	**28,593,407.00**	**15,310.00**

SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND	2025-26 Budget as of Oct 2025	2025-26 Budget as of June 2026	Budget Increase/(Decrease)
Beginning Fund Balance	529,040.16	529,040.16	0.00
Ending Fund Balance	532,190.16	532,190.16	0.00
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	6,386,216.00	6,380,556.00	(5,660.00)
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	6,383,066.00	6,377,406.00	(5,660.00)

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	2025-26 Budget as of Oct 2025	2025-26 Budget as of June 2026	Budget Increase/(Decrease)
Beginning Fund Balance	10,347,427.25	10,347,427.25	0.00
Ending Fund Balance	**4,902,850.25**	**6,513,050.25**	**1,610,200.00**
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	**642,000.00**	**707,200.00**	**65,200.00**
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	**6,086,577.00**	**4,541,577.00**	(1,545,000.00)

FOOD SERVICE FUND	2025-26 Budget as of Oct 2025	2025-26 Budget as of June 2026	Budget Increase/(Decrease)
Beginning Fund Balance	273,364.36	273,364.36	0.00
Ending Fund Balance	**247,453.36**	**186,765.36**	(60,688.00)
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	**890,817.00**	**890,817.00**	**0.00**
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	**916,728.00**	**977,416.00**	**60,688.00**

COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND	2025-26 Budget as of Oct 2025	2025-26 Budget as of June 2026	Budget Increase/(Decrease)
Beginning Fund Balance	180,438.20	180,438.20	0.00
Ending Fund Balance	**150,437.20**	**142,784.20**	(7,653.00)
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	**185,556.00**	**185,556.00**	**0.00**
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	**215,557.00**	**223,210.00**	**7,653.00**

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DIXIE



Dixie has a wonderful personality that truly shines once she's had time to build trust. She can be a bit shy when meeting new people, but her loyalty and affection are worth the wait.

KAREN



Karen is a 2 year old cat with a strong personality. She is very confident around the shelter and has made great friends with the staff. She would prefer a calmer home and few visitors. She is suited for an adopter who understands cat-itude!

SHERBERT



Sherbert is a 3 month old large sized mix breed looking for a home. She is the last in her litter looking for her forever home. If you're ready for young pup energy, stop by the shelter to meet her!

LILY



Lily is a quiet and well-mannered cat looking for a calm home. She is very affectionate and playful once she gets to know you. We hope to find this sweet gal a home soon.

Champion Collision, LLC. Larry's Towing & Recovery
Phone: 920-846-0430
535 Locust Ave.,
Oconto Falls
Hours: 8-5
Monday - Friday

Bob & Chris Walters Jr.

Larry & Janice McGray
Antique Automotive
(920) 834-4447
Stiles Junction

Oconto Area Humane Society and Animal Shelter
920-830-1738
150 S. Katch Drive, Oconto
To make an appointment, call the shelter or email ocontoareahumane@gmail.com

HOURS:
Mon.Thur. Fri. 11-4
Wed. 11-5
Sat. 8-11.
CLOSED
Tuesday & Sunday

To place your ad here call 920-360-3450

Please see all adoptable pets at www.ocontoareahumane.org.Suppporting hoeless pets is one of the best acts of kindness.

40th ANNUAL

OCONTO FALLS City-Wide RUMMAGE SALE WEEKEND

August 6,7,8,9

WELCOME TO THE

CITY WIDE GARAGE AND YARD SALE

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

THERE ARE 3 EASY WAYS TO REGISTER: Email us at tmurphy@newmedia-wi.com, or go to our website at www.newmedia.wi.com, or Stop By Our Office at, 420 N. Chestnut Avenue, Oconto Falls. any Friday from 8am until noon. There will be a $20.00 registration fee which includes an ad of up to 30 words, (over 30 words, add 50¢ per word), your approximate location published on a map in the July 31st and the August 7th Oconto County Times Herald, and one large rummage sale sign. ***Make checks payable to New Media.***

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

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

Name: _____

City: _____

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.

ONE WORD IN EACH SPACE

1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30

OCONTO COUNTY TIMES HERALD

420 N. Chestnut Avenue,
Oconto Falls WI 54154

LEGAL NOTICES

5/29/26, 6/19/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
OCONTO COUNTY

Notice of the City of Oconto Falls
Open Book & Board of Review

STATE OF WISCONSIN
CITY OF OCONTO FALLS
COUNTY OF OCONTO

NOTICE OF OPEN BOOK FOR ASSESSMENT ROLL EXAMINATION
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to s. 70.45, Wis. Stats., the assessment roll for the Year 2026 assessment will be open for examination on **Monday, June 29, 2026 from 11:00am-1:00pm** at the City of Oconto Falls Municipal Building, 500 North Chestnut Ave. in the Council Chamber. *If property owners have questions regarding the valuation of their real estate or personal property and are unable to attend Open Book examination date, you are encouraged to contact Accurate Assessing,* ***accurateassessor.com or (920-749-8098) prior to this date to discuss any concerns.***

NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review (from here on referred to as BOR or board) for the City of Oconto Falls shall meet on **Wednesday, July 15, 2026, 5:00pm-7:00pm** at the City Municipal Building, 500 North Chestnut Ave to hear objections from property owners who follow requirements pursuant to s.70.47(7), Wis. Stats. **Deadline to File an Appeal: Monday, July 13, 2026 by 5:00pm**.

Please be advised of the following requirements:
- Sec.70.47(7)(aa), Wis.Stats., provides that the BOR may deny a hearing to a property owner who does not allow the assessor to complete an exterior view.
- After the first BOR meeting and before the BOR's final adjournment, no person who is scheduled to appear before the BOR may contact, or provide information to, a member of the BOR about that person's objection except at a BOR session.
- No person may appear before the BOR, testify to the BOR by phone or contest the amount of any assessment unless, at least 48 hours before the first meeting of the BOR or at least 48 hours before the objection is heard if the objection is allowed under sub. (3) (a), that person provides to the BOR clerk a notice as to whether the person will ask for removal under sub.(6m) and if so which member will be removed and the person's reasonable estimate of the length of time that the hearing will take.
- When appearing before the BOR, the person must specify in writing, his or her estimate of the land value and improvements that he or she is objecting and the person must specify the information that he or she used to arrive at that estimate.
- No person may appear before the BOR, testify to the BOR by phone or object to a valuation; if the assessor or objector made the valuation using the income method; unless the person supplies the assessor with all the information about income and expenses, as specified in the manual under state law (sec.73.03(2a), Wis.Stats.), that the assessor requests. The municipality or county must provide by ordinance for the confidentiality of information about income and expenses provided to the assessor under this paragraph and provide exceptions for persons using the information in the discharge of duties imposed by law or of the duties of their office or by order of a court. The information that is provided under this paragraph, unless a court determines that it is inaccurate, is not subject to the right of inspection and copying under state law (sec.19.35(1), Wis.Stats.).

Respectfully submitted, City of Oconto Falls Deputy Clerk Jenny Friedman

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6/19/26, 6/26/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
OCONTO COUNTY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
VILLAGE OF LENA, WISCONSIN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Plan Commission of the Village of Lena will hold a public hearing on July 6, 2026 at 6:00 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
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6/19/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
OCONTO COUNTY

GILLETT SCHOOL DISTRICT seeks:

Maintenance Custodian. 12-month position, 30 hrs/week, flexible schedule. Duties include building maintenance, repairs, custodial care, grounds upkeep, and preventative maintenance. Experience in plumbing, electrical, HVAC, carpentry, and custodial work preferred.

Food Services Director/Head Cook 12-month position. Lead school nutrition program, menu planning, food preparation, staff supervision, budgeting, inventory, reporting, and compliance. Daily meal delivery between schools required. Must be organized and able to work in a fast-paced kitchen environment. Experience food service work preferred.

We are an equal opportunity employer. To apply or the full job description, please visit https://wecan.waspa.org/District/gillett or contact us at 920-855-2137.
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OCO079



6/12/26, 6/19/26

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.releeinc.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:***

Join Microsoft Teams Meeting
Join the meeting now
Meeting ID: 227 635 199 345 833
Teams Passcode: 2nS94Xn3
or
Dial in by phone
Phone #: 608-571-7208
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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6/12/26, 6/19/26
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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6/19/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
OCONTO COUNTY

CITY OF OCONTO FALLS NOTICE - RESOLUTION APPROVAL
The following resolution has been passed by the Common Council for the City of Oconto Falls at a meeting held on June 9, 2026. A full text of said resolution may be obtained from the Oconto Falls clerk's office located at 500 N. Chestnut, Oconto Falls, WI 54154. Phone: 920-846-4505.
Resolution# 26-005; COMPLIANCE MAINTENANCE RESOLUTION
Posted by City Deputy Clerk Jenny Friedman
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Boredom encourages new ideas, creative thinking

For many Americans, down time is spent on smartphones, scrolling on social media or interacting with apps.

While this may keep you occupied, it's taking you away from valuable brain activity achieved only through good old-fashioned boredom. Emplify Health by Bellin is encouraging community members to incorporate time to unplug and be bored to boost healthy brain activity.

When brains are focused on a task, such as playing a game or watching a video, the brain's attention networks are at full power. When those stimulations are removed, those same networks can quiet down and allow for a default mode to take over. While boredom is something many try to avoid, when the default mode is activated, some amazing brain activity can happen.

Even in this highly digital and stimulating world, there are plenty of opportunities to be bored. Consider doing this to help switch your brain to default mode:

• Say no to the phone. Let yourself experience true waiting – whether it's at the doctor's office or waiting for a food pickup.

• Take a walk without headphones. Take in the sounds and sights around you.

• Keep engaging activities nearby. Sketching, doing a puzzle or reading a book can engage your mind, rather than numbing it.

COURT NEWS

• Jonathan C. Dismuke, 18, Little Chute, was charged June 8 with fleeing an officer in his vehicle and three counts of felony bail jumping. Judge Jay Conley set a $7,500 cash bond and adjourned his initial appearance until June 18.

• Trevor D. Britten, 25, Cecil, was charged June 8 with two counts of felony bail jumping, two counts of misdemeanor bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. Conley set a $5,000 cash bond and adjourned his initial appearance until June 18.

• Bonnie Jean Tiske, 45, Oshkosh, was charged June 10 with felony bail jumping, two counts of misdemeanor bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of possession of THC. Judge Hannah Schuchart set a $2,000 cash bond and adjourned her initial appearance until June 18.

6/5/26, 6/12/26, 6/19/26
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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6/19/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
OCONTO COUNTY

PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWN OF SPRUCE
The following individuals have made application for alcoholic beverage licenses for July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 from the Town of Spruce which were acted upon on Wednesday, June 10, 2026 at the regular monthly meeting.
Class "B" Beer & Class "B" Liquor:
-Jeanette Cifaldi; The Little Bar at Kelly Lake, LLC, 9388 County Rd G, Suring, WI
-Gregory F. Ebben; Blue Spruce Tavern and Hall, 8096 County A West, Lena, WI 54139
-Roman T. Wiegele; Holiday Inn Resurant, 9660 Hwy G, Suring, WI 54174
- James F. Sohr and Debra A. Sohr; Circle Back, LLC., 9407 St. Bernadette Rd, Suring, WI 54174
Class "A" Beer & Class "A" Liquor:
- James F. Sohr and Debra A. Sohr; Kelly Lake Country Store, LLC., 9407 St. Bernadette Rd, Suring, WI 54174

Lisa Peitersen, Clerk, Town of Spruce
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PARKVIEW APARTMENTS
Oconto Falls
WHEDA
Subsidized Housing
1, 2, 3, Bedroom Apts.
MERIDIAN GROUP
920-846-3009
Equal Opportunity Housing
EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

05/29, 06/06, 06/12, 06/19

INVITATION TO BM
Town of Underhill
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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Pat's Market

GILLETT (920) 855-6040

OPEN SATURDAY JULY 4th 8:00 am-1:00pm

STORE HOURS: Mon-Fri 7:00 am-7:00 pm
Deli Closing at 6:00 pm
Sat 8:00 am-5:30pm Sun 8:00am-1:00pm
HSHS Pharmacy Hours: Mon-Fri 9:00am-5:30pm
These Prices Good June 22nd-July 5th.
While Supplies Last!

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Whole Boneless Center-Cut Pork Loins $2.39 lb.

USDA Choice Ribeye Steaks $18.29 lb.

Frozen Pork Back Ribs $3.29 lb.

Johnsonville Smoked Sausage Links
Smoked, Andouille, or Cheddarwurst
$3.99 14 oz.

Johnsonville Party Pack Bratwursts
Original, Beer, or Italian
$9.99 38 oz.

Johnsonville Summer Sausage
Regular or Garlic
$4.99 12 oz.

Oscar Mayer Hot Dogs
Original or Bun-Length
$2.29 16 oz.

Oscar Mayer Bacon
Regular, Thick-Cut, or Applewood
$4.29 16 oz.

SeaBest 30/40 Count Cooked Shrimp
$7.99 16 oz. Bag



Cedar Crest Ice Cream $4.99
Asst Variety 1.5 qt.

King's Hawaiian Dinner Rolls
1 Dozen Original or Butter
$2.99



Brew Pub Lotzza Motzza Pizza 2/$11.00
Asst Variety 20-26.82 oz.



Bi-Color Sweet Corn 2/$1.00

Blueberries $3.89 1 Pint



Straw-berries $3.49 1 lb.

Orange, Red, Yellow **XL Bell Peppers** $2.19 lb.



Wisconsin Russet **Potatoes** $2.29 5 lb. Bag



Daisy Sour Cream 2/$4.00 16 oz. Original or Light

Philadelphia Cream Cheese 8 oz. 2/$6.00

Bush's Baked Beans Asst. Variety 21-28 oz. 2/$4.00

Asst Variety **Keebler Club, Toasteds, Town House, or Zesta Crackers** 2/$4.00 8-16 oz.





Betty Crocker **Suddenly Pasta Salad** 2/$4.00 7.25-8.3 oz. Asst. Variety

Dean's Dip Asst. Variety 16 oz. $1.99

XL Lays or Kettle Cooked **Potato Chips** 2/$5.00 Asst. Variety 5-8 oz.





Bugles, Chex Mix or Gardettos 2/$5.00 Asst. Variety 7-8 oz.

Milwaukee Pickles Asst. Variety 32 oz. $2.99



Nabisco Honeymaid **Graham Crackers** $3.99 14.4 oz.

Jet Puffed Marshmallows Asst. Variety 7-12 oz. 2/$3.00



Capri Suns or **Kool-Aid Jammers** 2/$6.00 Asst. Variety 10pk/6 oz.

Smuckers Ice Cream Toppings Asst. Variety 7.25-12.25oz. $2.99



Bomb Pops 2/$5.00 Asst. Variety 12 pack

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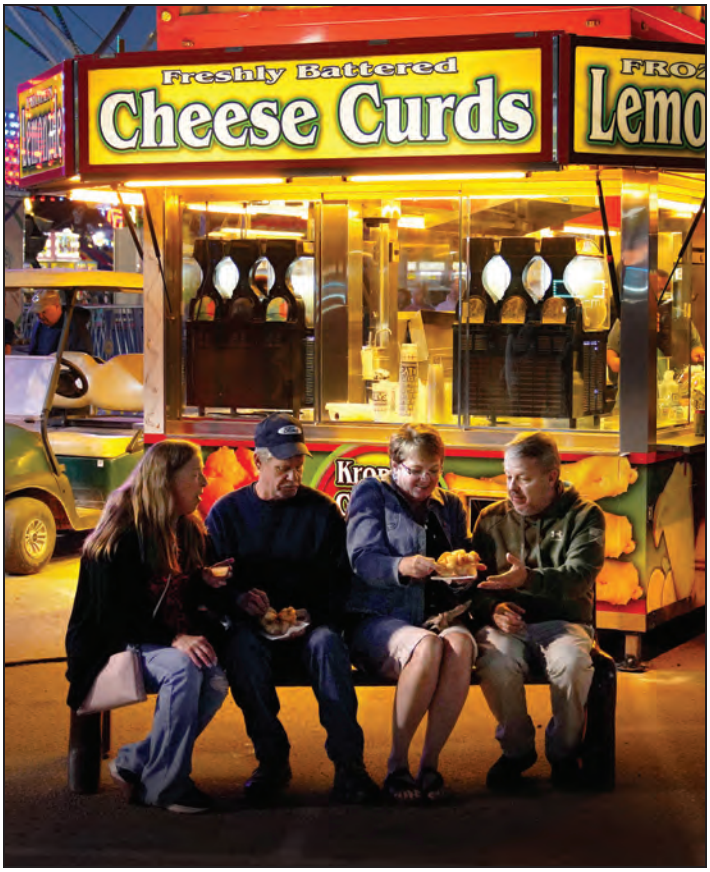
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The Central Sands Prairie Region includes Shawano, Menominee, Waupaca, Outagamie, Marathon and 12 other counties; the Lake Michigan Region includes Oconto, Brown, Marinette and eight other counties; and the Lake Superior Northwoods Region includes Forest, Langlade and 16 other counties.

Each of the five regions include several waypoints, refuges and wild places that offer the best birding and wildlife-watching opportunities. Complete viewing guides for all five regions can be found at dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/EndangeredResources/birdtrail.

Waypoints in the Central Sands Prairie Region include:

Shawano County

• Jung Hemlock-Beech Forest State Natural Area. Signature species: Woodthrush, red-eyed vireo, Eastern wood pewee. Rare species: Red crossbill, white crossbill, blue-headed vireo.

• Mountain-Bay State Trail. Signature species: Catbird, chimney swift, Eastern bluebird. Rare species: Scarlet tanager, wood thrush, great egret.

• Navarino State Wildlife Area and Nature Center. Signature species: Northern harrier, Eastern bluebird, tundra swan, American bittern. Rare species: Loggerhead shrike, little blue heron.

• Shawano Lake County Park. Signature species: Yellow-headed blackbird, common loon. Rare species: Red-headed woodpecker.

Menominee County

• Menominee County. Signature species: Raven, great blue heron, bald eagle. Rare species: Black tern, golden-winged warbler, Northern parula, winter wren.

Waupaca County

• Hartman Creek State Park and Emmons Creek Fishery Area. Signature species: Scarlet tanager, least flycatcher, red-tailed hawk, American kestrel. Rare species: Acadian flycatcher, grasshopper sparrow, Henslow's sparrow.

• Keller Whitcomb Creek Woods State Natural Area. Signature species: Winter wren, common raven, hermit thrush, veery thrush. Rare species: Red-shouldered hawk, yellow-bellied flycatcher, merlin.

• Mukwa State Wildlife Area. Signature species: Osprey, bald eagle, Northern harrier, American kestrel. Rare species: Northern shrike, least bittern, great egret.

• Myklebust Lake State Natural Area. Signature species: Mourning warbler, pileated

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woodpecker, yellow-throated vireo. Rare species: Northern waterthrush, least bittern, great egret.

• Waupaca County Sturgeon Trail. Signature species: Waterfowl, songbirds.

Outagamie County

• Bubolz Nature Preserve. Signature species: Yellow-bellied sapsucker. Rare species: Pileated woodpecker, scarlet tanager, merlin.

• Mack State Wildlife Area & DOT Mitigation Site. Signature species: Black tern, tundra swan, yellow-headed blackbird, sora rail. Rare species: Great egret.

• Outagamie State Wildlife Area. Signature species: Ruffed grouse, blue-gray gnatcatcher, Cerulean warbler. Rare species: Osprey, black tern.

• Wolf River Bottoms State Wildlife Area. Signature species: Sandhill crane, ruffed grouse, American woodcock. Rare species: Loggerhead shrike, prothonotary warbler.

Marathon County

• Big Eau Pleine County Park and Dells of the Eau Claire River State Natural Area. Signature species: Broad-winged hawk, Blackburnian warbler. Rare species: Long-eared owl, scarlet tanager, cedar waxwing.

• Big Eau Pleine Woods State Natural Area. Signature species: Cerulean warbler, Acadian flycatcher. Rare species: American white pelican, winter wren, solitary sandpiper.

• Bluegill Bay County Park. Signature species: Wilson's snipe, yellow warbler. Rare species: Red-necked grebe, yellow-crowned night heron, Northern groshawk, Northern saw-whet owl, pine grosbeak, Connecticut warbler.

• George W. Mead State Wildlife Area. Signature species: Bald eagle, sandhill crane, ruffed grouse, white pelican. Rare species: Greater prairie chicken, sharp-tailed grouse, loggerhead shrike.

• Nine Mile County Forest. Signature species: Black-billed cuckoo, hermit thrush, Acadian flycatcher. Rare species: Red-shouldered hawk, yellow-billed cuckoo, olive-sided flycatcher, pine grosbeak, evening grosbeak, common redpoll, red crossbill, white-winged crossbill.



The Eastern bluebird is one of the species of birds that visitors to the Mountain-Bay State Trail, which stretches from Wausau to Green Bay and passes through Shawano County, can encounter.

Waypoints in the Lake Michigan Region include:

Oconto County

• Oconto County Forest (Machickanee Unit). Signature species: Red-shouldered hawk, Blackburnian warbler, ruby crown kinglet. Rare species: Yellow-throated warbler, Swainson's thrush, hooded warbler.

• Green Bay West Shores State Wildlife Area (Oconto Harbor, Oconto Marsh, Rush Point). Signature species: White pelican, common tern, Caspian tern. Rare species: Snowy owl, long-tailed duck, red-throated loon, scoters.

• Green Bay West Shores State Wildlife Area (Pensaukee Unit). Signature species: Common merganser, common goldeneye, American bittern. Rare species: Snowy egret, yellow rail, peregrine falcon.

• Peshtigo Brook State Wildlife Area. Signature species: Ruffed grouse, barred owl, common nighthawk. Rare species: Merlin falcon, loggerhead shrike, warbling vireo.

• Snow Falls Creek State Natural Area. Signature species: Blackburnian warbler, least flycatcher, red-shouldered hawk. Rare species: Merlin falcon, ruby-crowned kinglet, yellow-throated warbler.

Brown County

• Barkhausen Wildlife Preserve and Fort Howard Paper Foundation Wildlife Area. Signature species: Sandhill crane, waterfowl, shorebirds, Wilson's snipe. Rare species: Cerulean warbler, snowy egret, saw-whet owl.

• Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary. Signature species: Black duck, white-eyed vireo. Rare species: Summer tanager, Ross's goose.

• Bay Shore County Park. Signature species: Ducks, flycatchers, shorebirds, woodpeckers. Rare species: Caspian tern, red knot, scarlet tanager.

• Cofrin Arboretum (University of Wisconsin-Green Bay). Signature species: American woodcock, waterfowl, songbirds. Rare species: Red knot, red-headed woodpecker.

• Lily Lake County Park. Signature species: Common loon, sandhill crane, water pipit, willow flycatcher. Rare species: Willet, marbled godwit, ruff, gyrfalcon.

• Brown County Reforestation Camp. Signature species: Pileated woodpecker, common raven, red-shouldered hawk. Rare species: Blue-winged warbler, black-backed woodpecker.

Marinette County

• Bloch Oxbow State Natural Area. Signature species: Bald eagle, great blue heron, bank swallow, red-shouldered hawk. Rare species: Caspian tern, Forster's tern.

• Dunbar Barrens State Natural Area. Signature species: Eastern bluebird, Eastern towhee. Rare species: Upland sandpiper, merlin falcon.

• Governor Thompson State Park. Signature species: Bald eagle, scarlet tanager, common nighthawk. Rare species: Osprey.

• Green Bay West Shores State Wildlife Area (Peshtigo Harbor Unit). Signature species: Waterfowl, terns, rails, bitterns, harriers, sparrows. Rare species: Red-shouldered hawk, osprey, yellow rail, Forster's tern, common tern.

• Seagull Bar State Natural Area. Signature species: Shorebirds. Rare species: Piping plover, white pelican, Caspian turn, common tern, Forster's tern.

Waypoints in the Lake Superior Northwoods Region include:

Forest County

• Ed's Lake National Recreation Trail. Signature species: Blackburnian warbler, blue-headed vireo, ovenbird, hermit thrush, black-throated green warbler, pileated woodpecker, brown creeper, winter wren, scarlet tanager. Rare species: Common loon.

• Franklin and Butternut Lakes Area. Signature species: Bald eagle, woodpeckers, wood pewee, winter wren, Blackburnian warbler, cape may warbler, ovenbird, common loon, great blue heron, mallard duck, spotted sandpiper, willow flycatcher. Rare species: Red-shouldered hawk.

• Giant White Pine Grove State Natural Area. Signature species: Blackburnian warbler, black-throated blue warbler, pileated woodpecker. Rare species: Winter wren, evening grosbeak.

• Knowles Creek Impoundment and Interpretive Trail. Signature species: Owls, hawks, eagles, waterfowl, common loon.

• Wabikon and Riley Lakes. Signature species: Yellow-bellied flycatcher, osprey. Rare species: Nashville warbler.

Langlade County

• Ackley State Wildlife Area. Signature species: Sharp-tailed grouse, clay-colored sparrow, Henslow's sparrow, yellow-headed blackbirds, ducks.

• Bogus Swamp State Natural Area. Signature species: Palm warbler, Lincoln's sparrow, Northern harrier, American bittern.

• Peters Marsh State Wildlife Area. Signature species: American woodcock, sandhill crane, Northern saw-whet owl, hawks.

• Veterans County Park and Jack Lake. Signature species: Golden-crowned kinglet, Northern waterthrush, winter wren.

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The annual homecoming celebration and parade gathers on the streets of downtown Shawano inviting the community to welcome back alumni and foster local pride.

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Mondays

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Sunset Sessions at the Garden

Thursdays, June 25; July 23, 30; Aug. 13, 20

Green Bay Botanical Garden, 2600 Larsen Road, Green Bay

6-8 p.m.

Regular admission for those age 2 and older ranges from $5-$15. https://gbbg.ticketapp.org/portal/pages/daily_admission

Music in Bloom

July 17, Aug. 7, Sept. 11

Green Bay Botanical Garden, 2600 Larsen Road, Green Bay

7-9 p.m.

Regular admission for those age 2 and older ranges from $5-$15. https://gbbg.ticketapp.org/portal/pages/daily_admission

Acoustic Lunch

Fridays through Sept. 25

Titletown, 1025 Lombardi Ave., Green Bay

11:30 a.m. through 1:30 p.m.

Free

Performances by local musicians. https://www.titletown.com/events

Karaoke Fridays with Leather & Lace

Fridays

Nightly Buzz, 130 E. Walnut St., Green Bay

8 p.m to midnight

Free

Sky Bar Karaoke

Fridays

Stadium View Sports Bar & Event Hall, 1963 Holmgren Way, Green Bay

9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Free

Live Music at Paradise North Distillery

Saturdays

Paradise North Distillery Co., 101 Bay Beach Road, Suite 5, Green Bay

5:30-8:30 p.m.

Other recurring events

Kids Art

Wednesdays through Sept. 20

Titletown, 1025 Lombardi Ave., Green Bay

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The Shawano Ski Sharks hold a dozen national and world records. The show grew out of the annual July 4 festival in the mid-1970s. The Ski Sharks perform every Wednesday night on the Wolf River near the shores of Smalley Park. Shows are always free to the public, but donations are greatly appreciated. Father and daughter Todd and Lexi Dobberstein started as skiers, and now they captain one of the showboats.

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Green Bay Packers rookies reported for minicamp in May, and the summer training camp for all players begins in late July. This marks Green Bay's 81st training camp, a tradition that began in 1946 under Curly Lambeau. As in the past, practices are scheduled to take place at Ray Nitschke Field.

but supplies are limited. https://www.titletown.com/events

Cuban Salsa Dance Class

Recurs weekly on Thursday

Urban Cultural Arts & Event Center, 803 Klaus St., Green Bay

5:30-7:30 p.m.

$10

Cuban salsa lessons. No partner or experience necessary.

Paint & Sip

Fridays

Urban Cultural Arts & Event Center, 906 E. Walnut St., Green Bay

6:30-8 p.m.

$35

Art supplies and instruction supplied. Music, optional karaoke and full bar on site. https://www.greenbay.com/event/paint-%26-sip/7827/

Bend & Brews

June 16

The Barrel Haus at Badger State Brewery, 990 Tony Canadeo Run, Green Bay

6-7 p.m.

$18

Presented by Jenstar Yoga & Movement Studio, this is a 60-minute guided movement session along with a pint of a Badger State Brewing beverage. Bring a yoga mat. https://www.greenbay.com/event/bend-%26-brews-w-jenstar-yoga-%26-movement-studio/8254/

Books & Brews

June 23

Badger State Brewing Company, 990 Tony Canadeo Run, Green Bay

5-9 p.m.

Free

The event will have a selection of books available in the taproom, and guests are invited to browse and chat.

"Dingaling Bros Circus"

July 23-25; July 30, 31; Aug. 1; Aug. 6-9

Meyer Theatre, 117 S. Washington St., Green Bay

7:30 p.m.

$43

A Let Me Be Frank production about four brothers who start a circus. Features music from the 1960s. https://ticketstar.evenue.net/events/DB?utm_source=website&utm_medium=cvb&utm_campaign=LMBF-DB-26

Green Bay Blizzard

Through July 26

2276 Lawrence Parkway, De Pere

Individual single game ticket prices: $14-$67

Professional indoor football league. Full schedule and tickets, https://www.greenbayblizzard.com/landing/index

Green Bay Botanical Garden

2600 Larsen Road, Green Bay

9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Admission for those age 2 and older ranges from $5-$15. https://gbbg.ticketapp.org/portal/pages/daily_admission

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June 25; July 23, 30; Aug. 13, 20

Blue Ribbons Baseball

Through July 29

Joannes Stadium, 1450 E. Walnut St., Green Bay

7:30-10 p.m.

Adults, $5; senior citizens, $3; students 13-17, $1; ages 12 and younger, free

Local collegiate teams compete. Schedule and ticket prices, https://blueribbonsbaseball.com/?p=4285

Daddy D Golden Oldies

June 10, 11,12

Riverside Ballroom, 1560 Main St., Green Bay

5 p.m.

Dinner and show, $58; show only, $38

Features greatest hits of the '60s and '70s. https://daddyd-productions.com/show/daddy-d-golden-oldies-june-10-11-12/order

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June 26, July 24

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June 12
BASSPROV
ComedyCity Theatre, 365 Main Ave., Suite E, De Pere
7:30 to 9 p.m.
$6.25
BASSPROV is a one-act improvised play (performed by Mark Sutton and Joe Bill) that takes place in a boat as old friends Earl Hinkle and Donny Weaver catch up with each other and current events, drink a "cuppla beers" and try to catch a fish or two. https://comedycity.vbotickets.com/event/BASSPROV/188659

June 12-14
Paw Patrol Paw-Paloozza
National Railroad Museum, 2285 S. Broadway, Green Bay
Paw Patrol characters, area first responders, crafts, entertainment, games, bounce houses.
Tickets for all attendees older than 2: $22. Tickets include activities and one train ride. https://nationalrrmuseum.org/paw-patrol-paw-palooza/

June 13
Haley Jones
Cup O Joy, 525 N. Taylor St., Green Bay
7:30-9 p.m.
$11.90
Haley Jones is described as new recording artist with a soulful pop sound. https://www.greenbay.com/event/haley-jones/8286/

June 18
Hydro Zen: Solstice Session
Kohler Waters Spa at Lodge Kohler, 1950 Ridge Road, Green Bay
5:30-7 p.m.
$199
Provides deep relaxation with a sound bath and meditation float; evening access to the Kohler Waters Spa. https://www.lodgekohler.com/calendar-events/hydrozen-june-18

June 18-21
"Frozen: The Story of a Snow Queen"
Ashwaubenon PAC, 2391 S. Ridge Road, Ashwaubenon
June 18, 19, 7 p.m.; June 20, 21, 2 p.m.
https://www.gbdanceco.org/events-1

June 20
Red Lewis Community Car Show
The Automobile Gallery & Event Center, 400 S. Adams St., Green Bay
8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
$15 per vehicle with $25 VIP option; free to view the vehicles
Car show, food, raffle https://www.greenbay.com/event/red-lewis-community-car-show/6144/

June 21
Nathan Grajeda
46 Below outdoor patio, Titletown, 1025 Lombardi Ave., Green Bay
3-5 p.m.
Free
An acoustic performance by Nathan Grajeda helps celebrate international Make Music Day.

Journey Final Frontier Tour 2026
Resch Center, 820 Armed Forces Drive, Green Bay
7:30 p.m.
Tickets $85.50 to $327.50. Premium packages available.
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Jay and The Americans light up the stage at a concert in Red Bank, New Jersey. The group will perform July 8 at the Meyer Theatre, 117 S. Washington St., Green Bay. From 1962-71, this group scored five Billboard top 10 hits and 12 top 20 records.

bowls and chimes. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-solstice-sound-healing-submersion-at-heritage-hill-tickets-1769617727259?aff=oddtdtcreator

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Jonnie W. Comedy

Cup O Joy, 525 N. Taylor St., Green Bay

6:15 p.m. and 8:15 p.m.

$28.50

Jonnie W. offers offbeat stand up and a skewed view of the world around him. https://www.itickets.com/events/485768?utm_source=Vesta&utm_medium=Referral

July 8

Jay and The Americans

Meyer Theatre, 117 S. Washington St., Green Bay

7-9 p.m.

$58, $65

From 1962 to 1971, this group scored five billboard top 10 hits and 12 top 20 records. "Come a Little Bit Closer" to this time in music history. https://www.greenbay.com/event/jay-and-the-americans/7807/

July 15

Get the Led Out

Meyer Theatre, 117 S. Washington St., Green Bay

7:30-9:30 p.m.

$47, $61, $83.50

The six musicians of Get the Led Out deliver the music of Led Zeppelin live. https://ticketstar.evenue.net/events/26GL

July 17

Riley Green: Cowboy As It Gets Tour

Resch Center, 820 Armed Forces Drive, Green Bay

7 p.m.

Available tickets range from $97.50 to $291.75. Some VIP options may be available.

Green was nominated for four 2025 CMA Awards. Guests include Justin Moore, Drake White and Hannah McFarland. https://www.greenbay.com/event/riley-green-%3a-cowboy-as-it-gets-tour-2026/7227/

July 24

Austin French

Cup O Joy, 525 N. Taylor St, Green Bay

7 p.m.

$28.50

Austin French is known for his songs, "Jesus Can," "Good Feeling" and "Freedom Hymn." https://www.itickets.com/events/485507?utm_source=Vesta&utm_medium=Referral

Aug. 10

Tenth Avenue North

Cup O Joy, 525 N. Taylor St., Green Bay

7 p.m.

$28.50

Tenth Avenue brings music from its four independent albums, eight studio albums, three Extended Plays and a live album to a live show. https://www.itickets.com/events/485509?utm_source=Vesta&utm_medium=Referral

Aug. 17

Beer & Ballet

Cofrin Family Hall, The Weidner, 2420 Nicolet Drive, UW-Green Bay

7.30 p.m.

Tickets $29.75, $39.75. $49.75

Show features the Green Bay Ballet Theater and Weidner Philharmonic. Beer tasting prior to the performance. ID needed to sample beer. Cashless bar. https://www.weidnercenter.com/events-and-tickets/#calendar-e9507a4e-2c60-4aeb-a69e-6ec88d0131ad-event-764c273d-bcf4-46af-b384-dd9bb6846559

Aug. 19-23

Brown County Fair

1500 Fort Howard Ave., Green Bay

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Recurring Events

Rock the Block

June 12, July 17, July 31

Centennial Park, 5146 Linden St., Laona

4:30 p.m.

Free

Outdoor concerts. https://www.facebook.com/VisitForestCounty/posts/write-down-these-dates-and-go-check-out-the-rock-the-block-events-this-summer/1425272766297434

Crandon Water Shows

Wednesdays in June and August; Mondays and Wednesdays in July

Lake Lucerne, 4140 County Road W, Crandon

6:30 p.m.; pre-show at 6 p.m.

Free

Water-ski shows by local skiers https://www.crandonwatershows.com

Live Music on the Porch

June 25, July 16, Aug. 6

Carter House 105 W. Jackson St., Crandon

Bring chairs; set up at 5:30 p.m., music at 6:30 p.m.

Events

June 6-7

Veterans Powwow

Potawatomi Community Center, 5471 The Place Where Everyone Plays Road, Lincoln. https://www.fcpotawatomi.com/event/veterans-powwow/

July 8

Prehistoric Pets

Crandon Public Library, 100 W. Polk St., Crandon

6-7 p.m.

Free

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June 19-21

33rd Forest County Potawatomi Brush Run

Crandon International Raceway, 10104 U.S. Highway 8, Crandon

Weekend admission, $65; military admission, $55; single-day admission, $45; daily parking, $20. Age 75 and older and younger than 10 are free. Free admission for June 19 practice and qualifying rounds.

This event brings together the nation's top short-course off-road racers to one of the sport's legendary tracks. The Brush Run is known for its high intensity racing, land-rush starts and electric atmosphere. Camping is available. https://crandonoffroad.com

June 27

Popple River Centennial Celebration

Parade at noon on Old Highway 139 from Belunes Road to Town Hall

Ceremony, 1-2 p.m. at the Town Hall, 10690 Old Highway 139, Popple River

Celebration, 1-6 p.m., Haen's Popple River Brew Pub, 4985 Popple River Road, Argonne

Food, bounce house, raffles, cornhole tournament, activities for kids, music by Bobby Vintage



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The Shawano Ski Sharks perform every Wednesday now through Aug. 19. Pre-show activities begin at 5:30 p.m, with the show getting underway at 6 p.m. There will be a special show at 6 p.m. June 28, as well as an alumni show and celebration all day Aug. 8. The ski team marks its 50-year anniversary in 2026. All shows take place on the shores of the Wolf River on the west side of Shawano at Smalley Park.

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July 3

Steve Sekel Freedom Fiesta

The Night Owl, 103 E. Madison St., Crandon

5 p.m.

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July 18

Wabeno Art and Music Festival

Wabeno band shell, 4473 N. Branch St., Wabeno

11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Student art contest, raffles, street market, nine musical acts. https://wabenoartandmusicfest.org

Aug. 20-23

Forest County Fair

Forest County Fairground, 400 N. Lind Ave., Crandon

https://www.facebook.com/forestcofair/

Sept. 4-6

57th Polaris Crandon World Championships

Crandon International Raceway, 10104 U.S. Highway 8, Crandon

Labor Day Parade, Sept. 4 at noon, in downtown Crandon; Sept. 5, off-road event, starting with a land-rush start to championship finales.

Weekend admission, $85; military admission, $75; single-day admission, $55; daily parking, $20. https://crandonoffroad.com/events/

Camping available.

For complete schedules and prices, go to https://crandonoffroad.com



The Potawatomi Community Center was the scene of a Winter's End Powoww earlier this year. On June 6-7, the community center, 5471 The Place Where Everyone Plays Road, Lincoln, will host the Veterans Powwow.

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Music in the Park 2026 — Elcho

June 17, July 1, July 15, July 30, Aug. 12, Aug. 26

Elcho Community Pavilion, N11283 Dorr St., Elcho

6 p.m.

Free

For a list of musicians, go to https://www.langladecounty.org/i/f/2026%20Music%20in%20the%20Park%20Brochure.pdf

Music in the Park 2026 — Antigo

Mondays and Thursdays through Aug. 31

City Park West Bandstand, 230 Aurora St., Antigo

Free

Food, beverages and pies available at 5 p.m., concerts begin at 6 p.m. For a list of musicians, go to https://www.langladecounty.org/calendars/events-calendar/2026-06/music-in-the-park-2026-antigo-2026-06-01/

Go For It Raceway 2026 Series

June 6, 27; July 19; Aug. 1, 15; Sept. 19; Oct. 10

Go For It Raceway, N1696 U.S. Highway 45, Antigo

Gates open, 6 a.m., registration closes at 8:45 a.m.

Adults, $20; ages 5-12, $15; age 4 and younger, free

Dirt track racing on a clay oval track with classes for quads and bikes. Concessions on site. https://www.goforitraceway.com

R/C Off-Road Racing

June 7, 21; July 12, 26; Aug. 15, 30; Sept. 12, Oct. 18

800 Dorr St., Antigo

Track opens, 8 a.m.; registration, 10 a.m., races, 11 a.m.

First Class, $20; $5 for every class that follows

Races sponsored by the Langlade County Radio Control Club. Club cars available to rent https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=543348108762044&set=a.117317154698477

Twisted Sisters Outdoor Market

Second Saturday of June, July, August

Twisted Sisters Vintage Market of Antigo, 1906 Neva Road, Antigo

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Music in the Park 2026 — White Lake

June 16, July 4, July 21

White Lake Pavilion, 812 Lake St., White Lake

Refreshments available, 5 p.m.; concerts at 5:30 p.m.

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For a list of musicians, go to https://www.langladecounty.org/i/f/2026%20Music%20in%20the%20Park%20Brochure.pdf

Events

June 21

Celebrate Father's Day Concert

Northwoods Inn, N8905 State Highway 55, Pickerel

Makayla Lee, 4 p.m.

https://northwoodsinnpickerel.com/

June 25-27

Northern Roundup Vintage Weekend Car Show

MC Festival Grounds, N 5890 County Road H, Gleason

Northern Round-Up vintage weekend includes classic cars and trucks. Camping, music, minibike displays, 1950s style pinup contest, swap meet, vendors and a car cruise.

Details including times, admissions, camping details: https://www.northernroundup.com/home

June 26-27

Phlox Softball Tournament & Fireworks Show



Phlox Pond, Pond Road, Phlox

5 p.m. to midnight

53rd annual softball tournament; music, fireworks to follow. https://www.facebook.com/norwoodadvancementassociation/

June 27

Summer Slam & Jam Pickleball Tournament

Krueger Pickleball Courts, Jaycee Park, 915 10th Ave., Antigo

Times and brackets to be determined

$35 per person for the first event; $20 per person for each additional event.

Brackets based on skill level and age. https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B49A-FAA28A6FEC07-62373051-antigos#/

Elcho UCC Festival of the Arts

Elcho Community Pavilion, N11283 Dorr St., Elcho

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Community art festival features area artists, musicians, displays.

June 28

Parking Lot Party at Northstar Lanes

Northstar Lanes, 400 Prosser Place, Antigo

Noon to 9:30 p.m.

Free

Live music, food trucks, summer games. https://www.facebook.com/events/943284085341265

July 3

Celebrate America 2026

Northwoods Inn, N8905 State Highway 55, Pickerel

Gates open, 4:30 p.m.

$30; ages 12 and younger, $10

Music, food, fireworks show. Bring lawn chairs. https://www.facebook.com/northwoodsinn

PLIA Fireworks Show

Upper Post Lake

Dusk. Rain date, July 11.

Sponsored by the Post Lake Improvement Association.

July 4

White Lake 4th of July Celebration & Fireworks

Country Possum Chase, Bissell Street, White Lake

1 mile run, 7:30 a.m.; 5k and 10k runs, 8:15 a.m., $5 for pre-registered runners. Race day registration, 6:15-7:15 a.m., add $5. Register at https://www.facebook.com/countrypossumchase



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Firemen's Breakfast, 7-11 a.m., White Lake Fire Department. Adults, $10, ages 5-12, $5; ages 4 and younger, free.

Parade, noon, Corner of Bissell and Church streets.

White Lake Pavilion activities, following the parade include kids activities, food, refreshments, music. Fireworks at dusk over White Lake.

Elcho July 4 Celebration

Elcho Grange Hall 671 Museum, W10555 County Road K, Elcho

Grand opening, 9:30 a.m. Museum opens, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Music, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Raffles, information on the Grange movement and historic properties; craft fair; mustache and beard competition; kids' activities; food.

Tractor, boat and car show, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; bake sales and dinners at local churches.

Street dance, 4 p.m. and fireworks at dusk. https://www.elchohistoricalsocietyinc.org/archives/grandopeningjuly4

Post Lake Boat Parade

Sunset View Resort & Tavern, N11594 Post Lake Drive, Elcho

1 p.m.

July 11

Boulder Dash Mountain Bike Race

Nicolet Roche Trails trailhead, State Highway 64, White Lake

Individual race prices vary from $35 to $70, depending on the date of registration. Riders younger than 18 are free.

7:30 a.m. registration opens.

The race covers a 9.2-mile loop in the Nicolet National Forest. The 10-hour race begins at 9 a.m.; the 6-hour race begins at 11 a.m. and the 3-hour race begins at 1 p.m. Camping available. Register, https://wemseries.com/registration/

July 14

Kids from Wisconsin Concert

Antigo High School Auditorium, 1900 10th Ave., Antigo

The Kids from Wisconsin will present "America's Soundtrack: The Pulse of a Nation."

Show times and ticket prices to be announced. https://www.kidsfromwi.org/event-details/antigo-americas-soundtrack

July 19

Pickerel Family Fest — Sundae Fun Day

State Highway 55 and County Road DD, downtown Pickerel

11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Local ice cream, food and beverages; live music; games. Held rain or shine. https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61584140390879

July 23-25

Moon Dance Festival

MC Festival Grounds, N5890 County Road H, Gleason

Music, camping

Tickets and lineup information, https://www.moondancemusicfestival.net

Aug. 1

Deerbrook Rumble Motorcycle Ride

Held's Bar, W13298 County Road C, Gleason

11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

$25 per bike, $5 per passenger

Ride ends at the MC Festival Grounds, N5890 County Road H, with live music and door prizes. Camping available. Ride benefits Honor Flight. https://deerbrookrumble.com

Aug. 5-8

MC Fest 2026

MC Festival Grounds, N5890 County Road H, Gleason

Bands from Wisconsin and Nashville including David Lee Murphy and Easton Corbin. Camping and food available on site.

For prices and camping information, go to https://mcfests.com

Aug. 8

Dinner Comedian Show

Northwoods Inn, N8905 State Highway 55, Pickerel

Live music begins at 5 p.m.

Show with comedian Charlie Kojis and Gizmo the Illusionist includes heavy hors d'oeuvres and one free domestic beer or rail mix drink. https://northwoodsinnpickerel.com/

Aug. 22

Midget Wrestling

Northwoods Inn, N8905 State Highway 55, Pickerel

Gates open at 4 p.m., live music at 5 p.m.

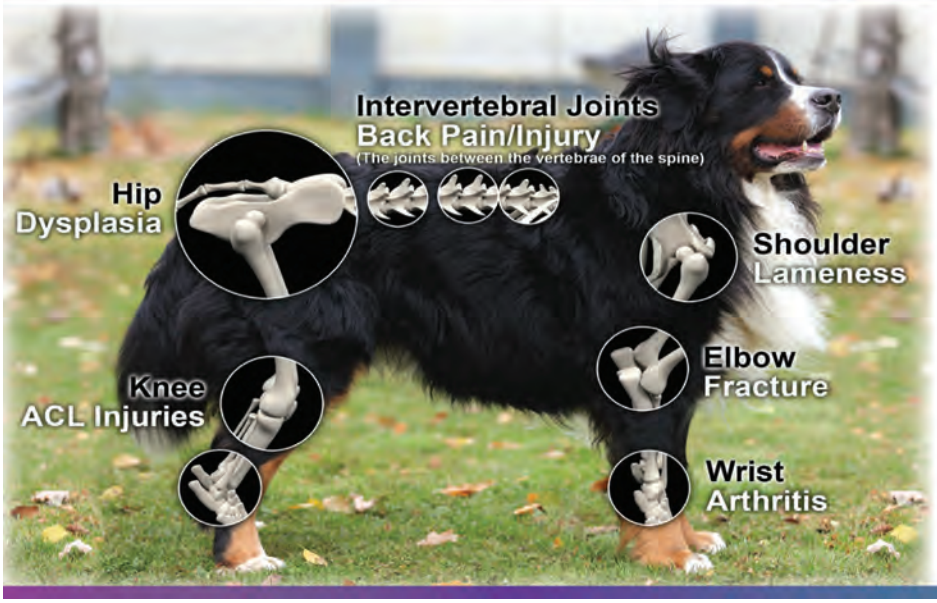
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Shawano County is home to a thriving Old Order Amish community centered around Bonduel and Marion. Established in 1987, the settlement has grown to more than 600 residents across multiple church districts. The Amish are an integral part of the local economy, known for operating highly visited home-based businesses specializing in bakeries, bulk foods, custom woodworking, and seasonal greenhouses.

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A drive through Shawano Country is a lot more colorful today than it was a few years ago. That's because 413 brilliant "quilt blocks," called barn quilts, are on display on barns throughout the county. Shawano Country barn quilt project was started by local writer/photographer Jim Leuenberger in 2010 and concluded with the Sun Drop quilt earlier in 2026.

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1008 S. Monroe Ave., Green Bay

Open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tours by appointment

Adults, $6; age 62 and older, $5; ages 5-17, $4; younger than 5, free

To schedule a tour, call 920-437-1840 or email bchsvolunteer@browncohistoricalsoc.org

Children's Museum of Green Bay

1230 Bay Beach Road, Green Bay

Open Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.

General admission, $8, age 62 and older, $7; children younger than 15 months, free

https://www.gbchildrensmuseum.org

Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame and Stadium Tour

1265 Lombardi Ave. Green Bay

Open Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Children 5 and younger, free; age 6-17, $14; age 18-61, $20; age 62 and older, military, college, $17.

Heritage Hill State Historical Park

2640 S. Webster Ave., Green Bay

Open Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.

Ages 13-64, $13; ages 65 and older, tribal members and military with ID, $12; age 6-12, $7; age 5 and younger, free. Heritage Hill is not part of the state park annual pass sticker program.

https://heritagehillgb.org

Mulva Cultural Center

221 S. Broadway, DePere

Open Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday, Friday, Saturday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Admission to the main exhibition hall is free for all ages and only requires a reserved timed ticket for entry.

https://mulvacenter.org/plan-your-visit/

National Railroad Museum

2285 S. Broadway, Green Bay

Open Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Age 13 and older, $15; college students with ID and age 62 and older, $12; age 2-12, $10; younger than 2, free. Tickets may be booked online. Train rides, $6 per person.

https://nationalrrmuseum.org/tickets-hours/

Neville Public Museum

210 Museum Place, Green Bay

Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.; Tuesday, noon to 8 p.m.; Wednesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; first Wednesday of the month, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Children 2 and younger, free; age 3-15, $6, age 16-61: $12; age 62 and older, $10. Online tickets at 48075.blackbaudhosting.com/48075/Pre-Purchased-Tickets-30Dec2025

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Forest County Potawatomi Museum, Library & Cultural Center

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Open Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

https://www.fcpotawatomi.com/cultural-preservation/

Wabeno Logging Museum

4500 N. Branch St., Wabeno

Open daily through Labor Day, 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

https://friendsofwabeno.org/historical_attractions.html

Langlade County

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Located 6 miles north of Antigo off state Highway 45 and the junction of County Roads A and B

Open noon to 4 p.m. July 4 weekend and Labor Day weekend.

https://www.langladecounty.org/i/f/files/The%20Corner%20School%20at%20Neva%20Brochure%202025.pdf

Langlade County Historical Society

404 Superior St., Antigo

Open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Free, donations appreciated.

https://www.langladehistory.org

White Lake Area Historical Society Center and Depot Museums

700 Lake St., White Lake

Historical Society Center is open Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. all year; summer through Labor Day also open Saturdays 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Depot Museum is open Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Labor Day

https://www.langladecounty.org/play/?category14=Museums

Manitowoc County

Farm Wisconsin Discovery Center

7001 Grass Lake Road, Manitowoc

Open Thursday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Ages 19-61, $18; age 3-18, $14; age 2 and younger, free

Manitowoc County Historical Society Museum and Pinecrest Village

924 Pinecrest Road, Manitowoc

Open Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., through September

Wisconsin Maritime Museum and USS Cobia

75 Maritime Drive, Manitowoc

Summer hours through Oct. 1: Daily, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

General admission, $20; ages 4-12, $13; age 65 and older and veterans, $17; list of discounts available online.

https://www.wisconsinmaritime.org/visit/plan-your-visit/

Rahr-West Art Museum

610 N. Eighth St., Manitowoc

Open Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Free, donations accepted.

https://www.manitowoc.org/2557/Rahr-West-Art-Museum

Marathon County

Center for the Visual Arts

427 N. Fourth St., Wausau

Open Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 4 p.m.

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https://www.cvawausau.org

Children's Imaginarium

195 N. Second St., Wausau

Open Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

$10 per person; 1-12 months, free

https://childrensimaginarium.org

Greater Wausau Children's Museum

Cedar Creek Mall, 10101 Market St., Suite D70, Rothschild

Open Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Sunday noon to 5 p.m.

Daily admission fee; annual unlimited visit pass available for $100.

http://www.wausauchildrensmuseum.org

Jurustic Park

112021 Old Sugarbush Lane, Marshfield

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Free for individuals; fee for group tours, by appointment.









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The Naberhood Block Party is located at 214 S. Main St. Each Tuesday evening, you'll find family-friendly activities. Whether it's yoga, a magic show or game night, you can guarantee it will be something the whole family will enjoy. Visit the shops in Shawano's downtown and then head to The Naberhood for entertainment.

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SUMMER GEMS

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Always the first weekend in June, the festival will celebrate its 10th birthday in 2027. Hit with severe rain during the first day of the two-day festival, a record number of runners participated in the 5k run and walk Saturday morning. Dan Hartwig and his spouse Diane, the second generation of the Hartwigs, pass along their community dedication to their three sons and their families.





Sun Drop Dayz, a community celebration for nearly a decade, kicks off the summer season in Shawano the first weekend in June. Established by Leadership Shawano County Class of 2016, a Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce program, the goal was to serve as a community fundraiser to support local nonprofits, while creating a signature summer event for the area.

SUN DROP DAYZ KICKS OFF SUMMER FUN

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BOTTLE HOUSE ANTIQUES

https://visitmarshfield.com/business/jurustic-park/

Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum

700 N. 12th St., Wausau

Open Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.; first Thursday of each month and Thursdays during Birds in Art, 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Closed July 4.

Free. Donations accepted.

https://www.lywam.org

Marathon County Historical Society Yawkey House and Woodson History Center

410 McIndoe St., Wausau

Yawkey House tours, Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.; 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m. The building, built in 1901, includes a carriage house and formal garden and also houses the collections of the society.

Free admission.

https://www.marathoncountyhistory.org/visit

Wausau Museum of Contemporary Art

309 McClellan St., Wausau

Open Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

https://www.wmoca.org

Marinette County

Marinette Historical Museum

1650 Bridge St., Marinette

Free; donations accepted.

For hours and other details, go to https://marinettemuseum.org/

Peshtigo Fire Museum

400 Oconto Ave., Peshtigo

Open Monday through Saturday through Oct. 8

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Donations accepted.

On Oct. 8, 1871, a firestorm roared through Peshtigo and surrounding areas, the deadliest fire in U.S. history, killing between 1,500-2,000 people and destroying the entire community. This museum preserves this heritage through storytelling and presentations, artifacts from the fire, displays of the lifestyle at the time of the fire and a cemetery.

https://peshtigofiremuseum.com/

Menominee County/Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin

Menominee Cultural Museum

W3426 County Highway VV West, Keshena

Open year-round, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Adults, $5; ages 3-7 and ages 55 and older, $3

https://www.menominee-nsn.gov/CulturePages/HistoricalInfo/Historic%20Preservation%20Interactive.pdf

Menominee Logging Museum

W3426 County Highway VV West, Keshena

Open now through October, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

https://menominee-nsn.gov/CulturePages/HistoricalInfo/Historic%20Preservation%20Interactive.pdf

Oconto County

Beyer Home & Carriage Museum

915 Park Ave., Oconto

Open Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day, noon to 4 pm.

Adults, $8; ages 6-18 years, $3; younger than 6, free; family (maximum two adults), $15

https://ocontohistory.org/plan-your-visit/

Copper Culture Museum

260 Copper Culture Way, Oconto

Open to Labor Day, daily, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Free but donations accepted. State park sticker is not required.

The museum explains the tools used by the Copper Culture people, who lived in this area 5,000-6,000 years ago. https://ocontohistory.org/plan-your-visit/

Holt & Balcom Logging Camp Museum

19067 Club House Lane, Lakewood (On the grounds of the McCauslin Brook Golf Club)

Open Memorial Day to Labor Day, Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

https://ocontohistory.org/plan-your-visit/

Outagamie County

1000 Islands Environmental Center

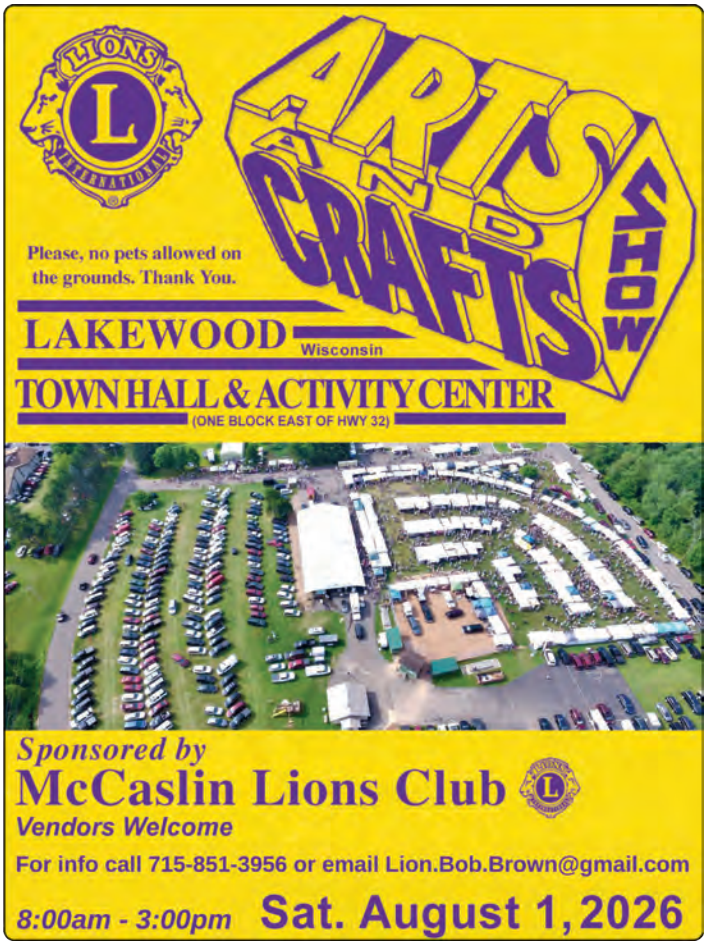
1000 Beaulieu Court, Kaukauna

Open Tuesday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Trails open year-round, 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Free, but donations accepted.

https://kaukauna.





gov/1000-islands-environmental-center/

Building for Kids

100 W. College Ave., Appleton

Open Tuesday through Sunday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

$11 per person; infants younger than 1 are free

https://www.buildingforkids.org

Appleton History Museum

231 W. Franklin, Appleton

Open Thursday and Friday, noon to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.

$5 for those age 13 and older; younger children free with a parent

https://appletonhistory.com/index.php/plan-your-visit/appleton-history-museum

Hearthstone Historic House Museum

625 W. Prospect Ave., Appleton

All tours are guided.

Museum opens at 10 a.m. Tours Thursday through Saturday at 10:30 a.m., noon, 1:30 p.m., 3 p.m.; Sunday, opens at 1 p.m., tours at 1:30 and 3 p.m.

History Museum at the Castle

330 E. College Ave., Appleton

Open daily, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Age 18 and older, $12; age 3-17, $7.50; younger than 3, free

https://myhistorymuseum.org

Mosquito Hill Nature Center

N3880 Rogers Road, New London

Open Tuesday through Sunday during daylight hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

https://www.outagamie.gov/Our-County/Parks/Mosquito-Hill-Nature-Center

Trout Museum of Art

325 E. College Ave., Appleton

Open Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Free admission

https://troutmuseumart.org/visit/

Shawano County

Arvid E. Miller Library/Museum

N8510 MoHeConNuck Road, Bowler

Open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

https://mohican-nsn.gov/arvid-e-miller-library-museum/

Doc's Classic Car & Cycle Museum

W2709 State Highway 29, Bonduel

Open Monday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

https://docshd.com

Heritage Park Museum Tours

524 N. Franklin St., Shawano

Open June through August, Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

https://www.shawanohistory.org/locations-hours-tours/

Motorama Auto Museum

181705 Stradale Lane, Aniwa

Open Wednesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Adults, $10, age 15 and younger, free

https://www.motoramaautomuseum.org

Navarino Nature Center

W5646 Lindsten Road, Shiocton

Open Tuesday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Wildlife displays and information; 12 miles of trails, gift shop.

https://www.navarino.org

Shawano Has History

Shawano Has History is a walking tour of Shawano locations with historical significance. Bronze plaques describe the history of the building. Map available at

https://www.shawanohistory.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/251011_shs-brochure_v14.pdf

Sun Drop Museum & Gift Shop

920 S. Franklin St., Shawano

Museum hours: Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p .m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Free

Self-guided tour includes a bottling line window, antiques, Sun Drop memorabilia and a free sampling bar.

https://www.twigsbeverage.net/museum-and-gift-shop

Waupaca County

Clintonville

FWD Seagrave Museum

325 15th St., Clintonville

Age 18-61, $10; age 62 and older, students, veterans, $8; age 11-15, $5; active military, current fire, current emergency personnel and children younger than 10 are free.

Vehicles of all kinds can be found at the birthplace of America's first successful four-wheel drive vehicle.

https://www.fwdseagravemuseum.org

Museum on Main

102 S. Main St., Clintonville

Open the first Sunday of the month, 1-4 p.m.

Free, donations accepted.

Displays of a varied collection of historical items.

https://www.business.clintonvillewichamber.com/events/Details/museum-on-main-open-1523898?sourceTypeId=Hub

New London

New London Public Museum

406 S. Pearl St., New London

Open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Free

The museum's collection includes items from many cultures and time periods, as well as the natural world.

https://www.nlmuseum.org

















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PetSkull Brewing

1015 Buffalo St., Manitowoc

For a list of show times and performers, go to http://www.petskullbrewing.com/events/

Tuesday Tunes

Tuesdays through Aug. 15

Washington Park, 1115 Washington St., Manitowoc

6:30 p.m.

Free

Performers: https://www.visitmanitowoc.com/event/tuesday-tunes/4210/

Manitowoc Marine Band

Washington Park, 1115 Washington St., Manitowoc

June 18, All Creatures Great and Small; July 16, Heroes and Villains; July 31, Kids and Families

6:30 p.m.

Free

The Manitowoc Marine Band plays in concert.

Other recurring events

Food Truck Rally

Tuesdays through September

PetSkull Brewing, 1015 Buffalo St., Manitowoc

4-8 p.m.

Food trucks, live music

S.S. Badger Manitowoc Shoreline Cruise

June 13, July 18, Aug. 1, 15

S.S. Badger Lake Michigan Carferry Service, 900 S. Lakeview Drive, Manitowoc

1:30-4 p.m.

$62; under age 4, free

The S.S. Badger cruises the coast while providing a movie, bar, museum and space to lounge. Tickets include food and live entertainment. A cash bar is available.

https://ssbadger.com/shoreline-cruises/

Wednesdays at One

Wednesdays, June 17 through Aug. 12

Manitowoc Lincoln Park Zoo, 1215 N. Eighth St., Manitowoc

1 p.m.

Free

Features 12 educational speakers, demonstrations and activities

Events

June 5

Wish You Were Floyd

Capitol Civic Center, 913 S. Eighth St., Manitowoc

7:30 p.m.

$31-$51

Tribute to Pink Floyd

https://cccshows.org/events/wish-you-were-floyd/

June 6-7

World War I Encampment

Manitowoc County Historical Society, 924 Pinecrest Road, Manitowoc

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Adults, $15; age 62 and older, $13; ages 4-17, $10; age 3 and under, free

Visit the camps of American, British, German, Russian and Ottoman nations. Activities scheduled for the weekend include camp kitchens on the front, weaponry and the Red Cross. Step into a display area focusing on Manitowoc County during WWI.

Tickets available online: https://www.manitowoccountyhistory.org/programs/world-war-i

June 5-7

Sail into Summer Dog Show

Manitowoc County Expo, 4921 Expo Drive, Manitowoc

6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

$5 admission and parking

Dog shows throughout the day, refreshments available. Presented by the Manitowoc County Kennel Club.

June 7

Froedert and MCW Holy Family Memorial Maritime Marathon

705 Viebahn St., Manitowoc

7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Marathon and virtual marathon, $110; half marathon and virtual half marathon, $100; four-person relay, $250, nautical mile run, $50.

This race is flat, quiet and a Boston qualifier. Events offered: full marathon, half marathon and four person relay; Virtual events available; 5 nautical mile run, $50.

Details on pricing and registration: https://runsignup.com/Race/WI/Manitowoc/Maritime-Marathon

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Capitol Civic Center, 913 S. Eighth St., Manitowoc

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The Wisconsin Maritime Museum will host Subfest on July 3-5. Museum admission is $10, and events surrounding the museum are free. Veterans, retired military and active duty military are free. This is the annual lakeside celebration of WWII submarine history. Music, food trucks, self-guided submarine tours and child-friendly activities are included.

2 p.m.

$23-$44

The Little Mermen bring Disney's beloved songs to life with a rocking twist. https://cccshows.org/events/the-little-mermen-the-princess-pals/

June 13

Manitowoc's Garden Faire Extraordinaire

1115 Washington St., Manitowoc

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Free

Flowers, herbs, hanging baskets, vegetables for sale; crafts, local foods, raffle. Offsite parking with shuttle. https://www.facebook.com/manitowocsgardenfaireextraordinaire/

June 19-20

Metro Jam

Washington Park, 1115 Washington St., Manitowoc

5:30 p.m. on June 19, all day June 20

Metro Jam celebrates 47 years of bringing national, regional and local music to the Lakeshore. The main headline of this event will be Sonny Landreth, a Louisiana slide guitar icon and multi-Grammy nominee.

https://www.metrojam.org

June 26

Family Pool Party

Manitowoc Family Aquatic Center & Mini Golf Course, 830 N. 18th St., Manitowoc

5:30-7:30 p.m.

General admission.

Music, pool toys and games, concession stand. A parent or guardian must accompany anyone under age 18. https://www.manitowoc.org/777/Admissions-Passes

June 28

Blues n' Brews

Capitol Civic Center, 913 S. Eighth St., Manitowoc

2 p.m.

Individual tickets, $40. Reserved table with four admissions, $400. Tickets include food and three free drinks.

For ages 21 and older. Ticket includes blues, local breweries, BBQ-style appetizers.https://cccshows.org/events/blues-n-brews/

July 1

America's Soundtrack: The Pulse of a Nation

Capitol Civic Center, 913 S. Eighth St., Manitowoc

7 p.m.

$14

The Kids from Wisconsin present a show that honors America's composers, songwriters, musicians and instrumentalists. https://cccshows.org/events/americas-soundtrack-the-pulse-of-a-nation/

July 1-5

Fourth on the Shore

75 Maritime Drive, Manitowoc

8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Free

Live music, food, parade, salmon derby, free showing of "Jaws," fireworks. https://www.visitmanitowoc.com/event/fourth-on-the-shore/9/

July 3-5

Subfest

Wisconsin Maritime Museum, 75 Maritime Drive, Manitowoc

Museum admission, $10; events surrounding the museum are free. Veterans, retired military and active duty military are free.

Annual lakeside celebration of WWII submarine history. Music, food trucks, self-guided submarine tours and kid-friendly activities. https://www.wisconsinmaritime.org/explore/subfest/

July 15

Touch the Trucks!

Manitowoc Public Library, 707 Quay St., Manitowoc

10 a.m. to noon

Free

Kids and kids at heart can get close to big and little trucks in the parking lot across from the library.

July 22-25

1976 Throwback Week

Manitowoc County Historical Society, 924 Pinecrest Road, Manitowoc

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Adults, $1; youth, 50 cents; younger than age 12, free

A few Pinecrest Village buildings will be open. This year, 1976 is featured with activities, presentations and prices.

https://www.manitowoccountyhistory.org/programs/throwback

July 25

Farm Fun at the Zoo

Manitowoc Lincoln Park Zoo, 1215 N. Eighth St., Manitowoc

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Free

The zoo's Big Red Barn becomes the place to find games and activities related to farming.

July 25

Mid-Summer Meltdown Hot Rod and Custom Car Show

Manitowoc County Historical Society, 924 Pinecrest Road, Manitowoc

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cars enter at 10 a.m.; best viewing begins at 11 a.m.

$10 per person

Pre-1966 hot rods, customs, stock cars, motorcycles and vintage fire engines. Music, ice cream and a Jell-O contest. https://www.manitowoccountyhistory.org/programs/midsummer-meltdown

July 27-Aug. 1

"The Emperor's New Clothes"

Tickets available June 15, using a pay-what-you-like system.

The Missoula Children's Theater and local performers help an emperor learn that sometimes, less is more. Performance times and tickets: https://cccshows.org/events/the-emperors-new-clothes/

Aug. 1

Malt City Brewfest

720 Quay St., Manitowoc

2-5:30 p.m.

General admission, $45-$55; VIP, $70-80; designated drivers, $15

Unlimited sampling of more than 100 beers and ciders; souvenir pint glass; local food trucks and vendors; live music 2:15-5:15 p.m.

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/malt-city-brewfest-2025-tickets-1226903995879

Aug. 6

Outdoor Movie Night — "The Incredibles"

Washington Park, 1115 Washington St.

8:30-10 p.m.

Free

Family-friendly movie; concessions. Some chairs available or bring chairs and blankets.

Aug. 7

Adult Pool Party

Manitowoc Family Aquatic Center & Mini Golf Course, 940 N. 18th St., Manitowoc

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Food, live music. Cash only event for adult beverages. Must be age 21 or older.

Aug. 9

Silver Creek Beer Garden

Silver Creek Park, 3001 S. 10th St., Manitowoc

2-5 p.m.

Free

Presented by Manitowoc Parks & Recreation. Live music, beverages, food, yard games.

Aug. 21-23

Great Lakes Watercross

Red Arrow Park, 1931 S. Eighth St., Manitowoc

8 a.m.

The Great Lakes Watercross series concludes with a championship weekend. https://www.greatlakeswatercross.com/Events/manitowoc-wi

Aug. 23 to Sept. 13

Rahr West Art Museum Biennial Members & Manitowoc County Exhibition

Rahr-West Art Museum, 610 N. Eighth St., Manitowoc

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Free

Museum members and Manitowoc County residents show their work.

Aug. 26-30

Manitowoc County Fair

Manitowoc County Expo, 4921 Expo Drive, Manitowoc

$15 including parking.

Sea lion show, pony rides, live music, food, animals, carnival rides. https://manitowoccountywi.gov/departments/expo/manitowoc-county-fair/

MARATHON COUNTY

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Recurring Events

Manic Monday Karaoke

Mondays, 9 p.m.

Moua's Callon St. Pub, 209 Callon St., Wausau

Cost: Purchase of beverage

Concerts on the Square

Wednesdays, June through August

400 Block in downtown Wausau.

Play and Learn

June 9, 23; July 7, 21; Aug. 8, 18

Monk Botanical Gardens, 1901 N. Fourth Ave., Wausau

10-11 a.m.

Free

Outdoor program for children up to 6 years old. No registration required. Indoor activities available on rain days.

The Water Walkers Central Wisconsin Water-Ski Show Team

Tuesdays, June 9 to Aug. 18 on Lake Wausau, Bluegill Bay Park, 153030 Oriole Lane, Wausau.

Thursdays, June 18 to Aug. 13 on Lake Dubay, South Bay Beach, 4480 Park Road, Lake Dubay

No shows June 11, July 16

6:30 p.m.

Free

Concessions available. Bring a chair and sunglasses. https://www.cwwaterwalkers.org/show-schedule

Film, Farm & Culture Fest of Wausau

Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, July 23 to Aug. 1

Woodson History Center, 410 McIndoe St., Wausau

6 p.m.

$10

Independent films that focus on farm and farm culture.

Descriptions of films and tickets are available at https://www.filmfarmculturefest.com

Events

June 5-6

Holy Name of Jesus Parish Summer Fun

Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church, 1104 Ninth Ave., Wausau

June 5, 4-10:30 p.m.; June 6, 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Bingo, cake walk, cash raffle, kids' games, food, vendor and craft fair, cheese curds, beer tent, breakfast bar, live music.

June 6

Wausau Pride

316 Third St., Wausau

Family Pride Fest, downtown Wausau

An outdoor gathering with community vendors designed to celebrate LGBTQIA+ in a supportive environment.

https://www.wausaupride.org/

June 6

Pride at Night

Central Wisconsin Convention & Expo Center, 10101 Market

St., Rothschild

$30; $75 VIP tickets which includes premiere seating and a meet and greet with Bosco.

Bosco and performers from RuPaul's Drag Race present a show.

https://www.wausaupride.org/prideatnight

June 27-29

ACA North American Whitewater Open Canoe Slalom Championships

Wausau Whitewater Park, 200 River Drive, Wausau

9 a.m.

Free for spectators

Whitewater open canoes used for slalom racing are based on traditional canoe designs and are propelled with single bladed paddles. A slalom course is set for the competition using hanging vertical poles for gates and paddlers attempt to negotiate the course in numerical order without touching any poles, or missing any gates, in the fastest time possible.

https://www.wausauwhitewater.org/open-canoe-slalom-nationals

June 20

Wausau Summer Shindig 2026

400 Block, 401 N. Third St., Wausau

Noon to midnight or later

Free

Nine bands, local vendors and food

June 26-27

Wings over Wausau

Wausau Downtown Airport, 725 Woods Place, Wausau

June 26, gates open at 4 p.m.; airshow, 5 p.m.; 8:45 p.m. dusk and dark lighted airshow

June 27, 7 a.m., IncredibleBank Clear for Takeoff 5K; pancake breakfast, 7-11 a.m.; gates open to public, 11 a.m.; 1-4 p.m. live entertainment; airshow, 4 p.m.; 8:45 p.m. dusk and dark lighted airshow, followed by fireworks.

Food, live music, airplane and helicopter rides, kids' area. Parking is limited. Free shuttle runs to local hotels.

https://wausauevents.org/wings-over-wausau

June 27

IncredibleBank Clear for Takeoff 5K

7 a.m.



Among the many hot air balloons appearing at the Taste 'N Glow Balloon Festival on July 10-11 in Marathon City will be Just-Us by Jeff Conley of Ohio, sponsored by CoVantage Credit Union. Gates open at 11 a.m. July 10. The day will feature a craft show, children's activities, food vendors, beer tent, live music and a balloon liftoff at 6:30 p.m. Tethered balloon rides will be available from 6:30-10 p.m., with the balloon glow held from 9-10 p.m. Gates open at 6 p.m. July 11. Activities include a pancake breakfast, balloon flight, tethered balloon rides, children's activities, music, food vendors, beer tent, lumberjack show and a balloon liftoff at 6:30 p.m. and balloon glow from 9-10 p.m. Single-day admission is $10, weekend pass $15 and children younger than 12 are free.

Run with members of the armed forces on the taxiways and runways of the Wausau Downtown Airport.

$35 in advance, $40 on race day. Includes pancake breakfast and shirt.

https://wausauevents.org/incrediblebank-5kJune 27-29

Chalkfest

400 Block, 401 N. Third St., Wausau

9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Free to view

Artists color the sidewalks of the 400 block with chalk drawings.

July 4

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https://wausauevents.org/4th-of-july-fireworks

July 10-11

Taste 'N Glow Balloon Festival

141678 Stettin Drive, Marathon City

July 10, gates open at 11 a.m. Day features craft show, kids' activities, food vendors, beer tent, live music. Balloon liftoff, 6:30 p.m.; tethered balloon rides, 6:30-10 p.m. ($20); balloon glow, 9-10 p.m.

July 11, gates open at 6 a.m.. Day features a pancake breakfast, balloon flight, tethered balloon rides ($20); kids' activities, music, food vendors, beer tent, lumberjack show. Balloon liftoff, 6:30 p.m., balloon glow, 9-10 p.m.

Single-day admission, $10; weekend pass, $15. Children younger than 12, free.

Complete schedule and ticket: https://tastenglowfest.com/schedule/

July 11

Taste 'N Glow Balloon Fest Car Show

140914 Stettin Drive, Marathon City

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

$15 to register a vehicle

Car show with 19 vehicle classes.

Aug. 1

Thunderstruck: A Classic Rock Tribute

Jefferson Street Inn & Event Space, 201 Jefferson St., Wausau

7:30-9 p.m.

$32

Blue Violin blurs the line between classical technique and rock energy, including music by Queen, AC/DC and Led Zepplin.

https://blue-violin.com/thunderstruck-wasaua/

Aug. 4-9

Wisconsin Valley Fair

Marathon Park, 1201 Stewart Ave., Wausau

8 a.m. to 11 p.m.

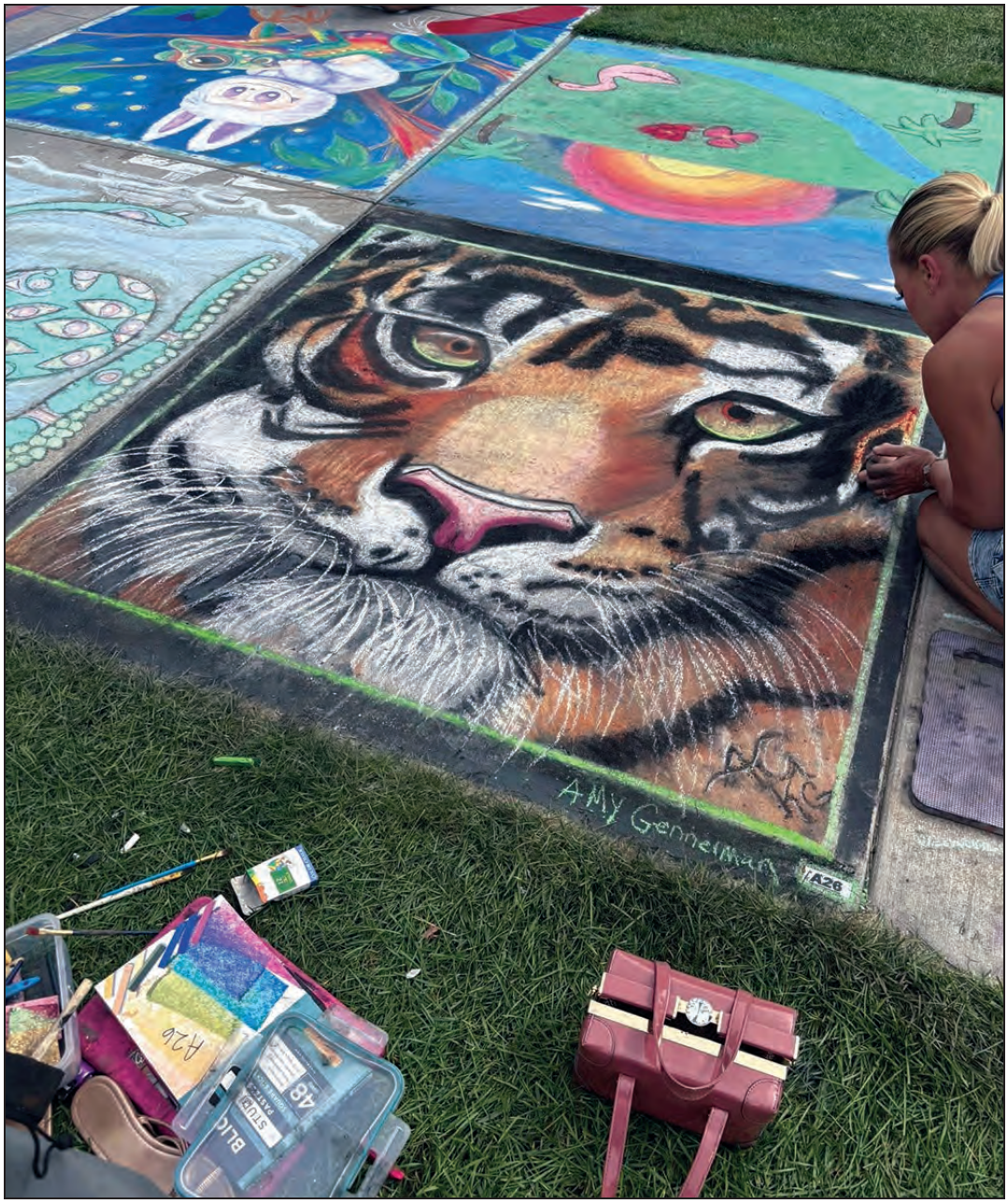
Tickets before 1 p.m., $9; after 1 p.m., $13. Age 10 and younger, free

Grandstand events, except for demolition derby, is included with gate admission. Free seating is available in the grandstand and grass berms. Reserved seats are $25 prior to the fair and $30 after the fair begins.

See farm animals, adult and youth projects, commercial vendors, live entertainment, carnival. Schedule of fair events and shows is available online at https://www.wisconsinvalleyfair.com

Aug. 15-16

Midwest Freestyle Championships



Check out Chalkfest in Wausau from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. June 27.

Wausau Whitewater Park, 200 River Drive, Wausau

9 a.m.

Free for spectators

About 100 kayakers and canoeists from across the Midwest travel to Wausau for their chance to be the Midwest Freestyle Champion in their respective class. Participants will complete as many tricks as they can in one minute, and the individual with the most points moves on to the next round.

Aug. 21-22

Big Blue Falls Blues Fest

Oak & Fern Island Parks, 500 River Drive, Wausau

Aug. 21, gates open at 4 p.m., music at 5 p.m., 7 p.m., 9 p.m.

Aug. 22, gates open at noon. Music at 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m., 9 p.m.

Two-day tickets, $87.21, VIP tickets, $193.92, includes VIP T-shirt, lanyard, access to private VIP area, drink passes and dinner both days; Friday only tickets $15.

This outdoor music festival will be held rain or shine. Bring lawn chairs. Limited parking; a shuttle to area hotels will be available.

https://wausauevents.org/big-bull-falls-blues-fest

MARINETTE COUNTY

Head northeast to find Strong Falls, power boats and soft baby goats

Recurring Events

Concerts in the Park — Marinette

July 2, The Silver Cream Band; July 16, Neon Detour; July 30, The Daizy Roots Band

6 p.m.

Stephenson Island Park, 1600 Bridge St., Marinette

Free

Bring lawn chairs. https://www.mandmchamber.com/community-concerts-series/

Concerts in the Park — Menominee

June 25, Eddie Larsen's Classic Memories; July 23, Kind of Blues Band; Aug. 13, ALEGACYONE

6 p.m.

Menominee Bandshell, 1000 First St., Menominee, Michigan

Free

Bring lawn chairs. https://www.mandmchamber.com/community-concerts-series/

Baby Goat Cuddling Sessions

Varied schedule through August

Blazing Bear Homestead, W3070 Hale School Road, Peshtigo

Sessions, 10 a.m. to 3:40 p.m.

$10 per person, maximum of six per time slot

Spend time with Nigerian dwarf dairy goats. Get a bag of grain to feed to the baby and mama goats. Benches and blankets provided for seating. For times and tickets, go to https://www.blazingbearhomestead.net/goatevents

Forgotten Fire Winery music series

Forgotten Fire Winery, N2393 Schacht Road, Marinette

June 19, 20, 27; July 11, 18, 25; Aug. 8, 14, 15, 22

Free



Self-guided waterfall tours take visitors to 15 waterfalls, including the 12-foot falls. Trails are rated from easy walks to difficult hikes. Some camping and picnic areas are available.

Picnic table space available. Lawn chairs recommended. For a list of performers and start times, go to https://www.forgottenfirewinery.com/event-calendar

Bands at Badger

Badger Park, 300 E. Park Drive, Peshtigo

June 10, Neon Detour June 24, Jet Pack Stereo; July 8, The Rapid Transit Band; July 22, The Big Snake; Aug. 5, Sweet Acoustic

All shows, 6-8 p.m.

Concessions open, 5 p.m. Free. Bring lawn chairs. https://www.facebook.com/100068355325225/posts/%EF%B8%8F-2026-bands-at-badger-summer-concert-series-lineup-announced-%EF%B8%8Fthe-peshtigo-woma/1235861558702343/

Waterfall Tours

Self-guided waterfall tours take visitors to 15 waterfalls. Trails are rated from easy walks to difficult hikes. Some camping, picnic areas available.

A Marinette County park pass is required. Day passes may be purchased at some parks. Both annual and day passes can be purchased in advance at marinettecounty.com/parks/. Parks not owned by Marinette County may require a different pass. Get a map at https://www.exploremarinettecounty.com/i/f/files/2022%20Waterfall%20Tours.pdf

Events

June 6-7

Second Annual APBA Rumble on the River Power Boat Races

Riverside Avenue along the Menominee River

Races both days, 10 a.m. to noon and 3-5:30 p.m.

Free

Bring lawn chairs. Food trucks, drinks and official T-shirts available. https://www.apba.org/racing-schedule.html

June 6

ERS 911 5K Fun Run/Walk

Peshtigo High School Track, 380 Green St., Peshtigo

8:30 a.m.

Adults, $25, children $15

5K Run/Walk, 1 mile community walk and children's run.

https://runsignup.com/Race/Info/WI/Peshtigo/911run

June 11

Mama Ginger & the Red Hots

Bayshore Arts Center, 750 W. Bay Shore St., Marinette

7-8 p.m.

Free

Mix of blues, swing, R&B. https://www.uwgb.edu/marinette/community-theatre/

June 13

Fourth Annual Walmart Charity Car Show

Walmart parking lot, 2900 Roosevelt Road, Marinette

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

$15 per vehicle donation.

Proceeds benefit Children's Miracle Network of Wisconsin. Several prizes, no trophies. Food concessions on site. https://www.facebook.com/events/walmart-marinette/marinette-wisconsin-walmart-charity-car-show/1273158560230592/

June 20

Strong Falls Trails Bike & Hike

N13980 Harper Road, Athelstane

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Biking, walking, running. Drawing for Marinette Area Mountain Bike Association swag. Food and beverages available. https://www.exploremarinettecounty.com/events/events-calendar/2026-06/strong-falls-trails-bike-and-hike-2026-06-20/?view=c

June 21

Levi Ballenger on the Bob Berndt Stage

Crivitz Community Veterans Park, 515 Park Place, Crivitz

2 p.m.

Bring snacks, beverages, chairs. https://www.bananasentertainment.com/events/view/395692/crivitz/bob-berndt-theater/levi-ballenger/sunday-june-21

June 27

Miles for a Mission Bike Ride (Formerly LEOWSTRONG Bike Ride)

Greater Marinette-Menominee YMCA, 1600 West Drive, Menominee

6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

All proceeds stay local and support the YMCA. The ride is on country roads in Menominee County and along the river. All abilities. https://www.raceentry.com/miles-for-a-mission-bike-ride/race-information?affiliate=hGNRn6JIRg5Wr7UntR-0ra8v4rwtiRO39exl9N6wr

Asphalt Gypsies

Crivitz Community Veterans Park, John Shaffer Pavilion, 515 Park Place, Crivitz

1-4 p.m.

Bring snacks, beverages, chairs.

July 4

Crivitz Flea and Farmers Market

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Village Parking Lot, 801 Henriette Ave., Crivitz

July 10-12

Logging & Heritage Festival

Stephenson Island Park, 1600 Bridge St., Marinette

Opens at noon July 10. Closes at 3 p.m. July 12.

Free

Friday, Hotel California Eagles Tribute Band; Saturday, live music, logging demos, vendor show, free kids' activities; 5K run/walk, 8 a.m.; kids' fun run, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday car show and parade. https://marinette.wi.us/597/The-Logging-and-Heritage-Festival

July 17-19, 24-26

"The Music Man"

7 p.m.

Bayshore Arts Center — Herbert L. Williams Theatre, 750 W Bay Shore St., Marinette

Tickets $18-$22

The classic musical featuring Harold Hill, conning the people of River City, Iowa, into buying instruments and uniforms for a boys' band despite the fact that he doesn't know a trombone from a treble clef. He plans to skip town with the cash but he falls for Marian, the librarian. https://www.uwgb.edu/marinette/community-theatre/

Aug. 1

Happy 250th Birthday USA!

Equity Hall , W7403 State Highway 64, Pound

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

$5 requested donation

Presented by Marinette & Oconto Counties Literacy Council, Inc. Visit with people representing those who immigrated to the USA, learn why they came and what the country has learned from them. Entertainment and ethnic food tasting. https://www.exploremarinettecounty.com/events/events-calendar/2026-08/happy-250th-birthday-usa-2026-08-01/?view=c

Aug. 1

BDP Community Picnic

N18765 Sauld St., Pembine

11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Horse pulls, craft show, food trucks, kids' activities. https://www.facebook.com/events/pembine-wi/bdp-community-picnic/1609648530148327/

Aug. 6

Safe Sax Entertainment

Bayshore Arts Center Patio, 750 W. Bay Shore St., Marinette

6-8 p.m.

Free

Michael Pruzinsky on vocals, saxophone and percussion in a variety of styles. https://www.uwgb.edu/marinette/community-theatre/

Aug. 7

Legends of Rock – A Tribute to the '80s

Bayshore Arts Center — Herbert L. Williams Theatre, 750 W Bay Shore St., Marinette https://www.exploremarinettecounty.com/events/events-calendar/

7 p.m.

Tickets $18-$22

1980s tribute performance brings classic arena shows back to the stage. With hits from Bon Jovi, Def Leppard, Journey, Van Halen, Guns N' Roses, AC/DC, Mötley Crüe and Poison. https://www.uwgb.edu/marinette/community-theatre/

Aug. 8

WiMi Wish Ride

1125 University Drive, Marinette

Rides start at 6:30 a.m.

Registration and packet pickup Aug. 7 in the afternoon and Aug. 8 in the morning

Bike ride benefiting Make-A-Wish Wisconsin and Make-A-Wish Michigan. Choose from rides of 20-100 miles in parts of Marinette and Menominee counties.

https://raceroster.com/events/2026/95717/wimi-wish-ride

Aug. 27-30

Marinette County Fair

100 Fairgrounds Road, Wausaukee

$5 per day; $15weekend pass; $12 in advance; Sunday only, $2. Full event schedule at https://www.marinettecountyfair.com

MENOMINEE COUNTY

Powwows bring together traditions and communities

Events

July 29

Menominee Pageant

Woodland Bowl, Fairgrounds Road, Keshena

Free

A revived tradition of the Menominee Nation, the annual Menominee Pageant is a show of pantomime, live music and Native dance that marks the beginning of Menominee Powwow week each summer.

The Menominee community will play a role in the United States' 250th anniversary celebration. "Of the People: The Smithsonian Festival of Festivals" will host about 40 festivals around the country, with the July 29 production of the Menominee Pageant being the only event held in Wisconsin.

July 31 to Aug. 1

Menominee Nation Contest Powwow

Woodland Bowl, Fairgrounds Road, Keshena

58th annual event set in a grove of 200-year-old pine trees. https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=933511426192228

OCONTO COUNTY

Kayak, bike, run: Try Dri Tri

Recurring Events

Music at Primal Eats

Fridays and Saturdays; additional music July 1-4

Primal Eats, 14109 County Road VV, Gillett

See a list of musicians and performance times at https://www.primaleats.com/events

Music at Memorial

Sundays, June 21 through Aug. 16

6:30 p.m.

651 S. St. Augustine St., Pulaski

For a list of performers, go to https://pulaskichamber.org/news/

Music by the River

June 19, July 17, Aug. 14

East Side Beach, 631 N. Main St., Oconto Falls, Oconto Falls

6-9 p.m.

Free

Bring a lawn chair. Food and refreshments available. No carry-ins. https://ocontofallschamber.com/concerts/

Events

June 12-14

Copperfest

American Legion Post 74 Park,



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Lena's Thunder On Main gives off-road racing fans an opportunity for an up-close look at the vehicles and interact with the drivers competing in the weekend's AMSoil Off-Road National races. Thunder on Main will be held from 5-8 p.m. July 24, with the AMSOIL Off-Road Nationals to be held July 25-26 at the Dirt City Motorplex.

709 Madison St., Oconto

June 12, 4:30-11 p.m.; June 13, 10:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.; June 14, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

June 12, $4; June 13, $6; June 14, $2. Ages 6-17, age 60 and older, $2; age 5 and younger and veterans and current military, free

Tractor pulls, trout pond, petting zoo, pony rides, vendors, pie and ice cream social, food and refreshments, kids' area; non-denominational church service https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064820316017

June 14

Chase Stone Barn Craft Show

8246 County Road S, Sobieski

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Handmade items from local artists and crafters.

June 19-20

Roy Hubbard Memorial Truck Show

Zippel Park, 150 N. McKenzie Ave., Gillett

June 19, Grounds open and truck registration, 10 a.m.; vendor and craft show, 3 p.m.; live music, 6 p.m., fireworks at dusk.

June 20, Grounds open and truck registration, 10 a.m.; vendor and craft show, 10 a.m.; live music, 11 a.m.; kids' judging, 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; live music, 3 p.m.; light show/parade, 9:30 p.m.

July 4

Fourth of July in Townsend

Craft fair, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Townsend Town Hall, 16564 Elm St., Townsend

Parade, noon, starting at Front Street and Timber Edge Lane in Townsend.

July 10-11

Fourth Annual Oconto Falls Dri Tri

West Side Beach, 307-399 N. Flatley Ave., Oconto Falls

$85 plus $5.80 fee

Early registration, July 10, 5 p.m.

July 11, 7:30 a.m. registration; competitions launch in waves starting at 8:30 a.m.; course closes at noon

Community wellness race including kayak, 1 mile; bike, 13 miles; walk/run 3 miles. Start times are based on level of competitiveness. https://runsignup.com/Race/Events/WI/Oconto-Falls/OcontoFallsDriTri

July 16-19

Pulaski Polka Days

July 16, Music from 4-11:15 p.m.; fireworks at dusk, gates open at 4 p.m. Admission, $5

July 17, Music from 2 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.; gates open at 1 p.m. Admission, $20

July 18, Music from 12:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., gates open at 11 a.m. Admission, $20

July 19, Music from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; gates open at 8 a.m. Admission, free

Parade, arts and crafts fair, food, dance lessons, Ms. Pulaski Polka Days Contest; worship service, pancake and porkie breakfast. Musician schedule and other details, https://pulaskipolkadays.com

July 24

Thunder on Main

5-8 p.m.

Cars from the races at Dirt City Motorplex parade through downtown Lena. https://wecnmagazine.com/events/thunder-on-main-2/

July 25-26

AMSOIL Off-Road Nationals

Dirt City Motorplex, 416 E. Main St., Lena

Short-course off-road racing, truck pulls and community events. For details of this race, go to https://dirtcitylmc.com/events/

Aug. 20-24

Oconto County Youth Fair

Zippel Park, 150 N. McKenzie Ave., Gillett

Aug. 20: 4:30-9 p.m.; Aug. 21, 9 a.m. to end of 7 p.m. Ag Olympics; Aug. 22, 9 a.m. to midnight; Aug. 23, 9 a.m. to midnight; Aug. 24, 9 a.m. to end of 2 p.m. show of Mini Rods and Mod Tractors.

Christman Amusements (carnival), wristbands, $25 at the door

Food trucks, animal shows, music, truck pulls, magic show, mini rods and mod tractors. https://www.facebook.com/OcontoCountyFair/

OUTAGAMIE COUNTY

Music fests, fireflies, fireworks light up the night

Recurring events

Music

Traditional Irish Session

Fourth Monday of every month

McFleshman's Brewing Co., 115 S. State St., Appleton

6:30-8:30 p.m.

Free

Open session for players who enjoy traditional Irish music. Prior playing experience is encouraged. Musicians and listeners are welcome. https://www.mcfleshmans.com

Appleton City Band Concerts

Tuesdays, June 9 through Aug. 11

Pierce Park Pavilion 1035 W. Prospect Ave., Appleton

7-8 p.m.

Free

Bring a lawn chair. https://area509appleton.com

Open Mike Night

Wednesdays

McFleshman's Brewing Co., 115 S. State St., Appleton

7-9 p.m.

Free

Sign up at 6:30 p.m. https://www.mcfleshmans.com

Heid Music Summer Concert Series

Thursdays through Aug. 27

Jones Park, 301 W. Lawrence St., Appleton

Free

Music, food trucks. https://appletondowntown.org/events/heid-music-summer-concert-series/

Thursday Night Live Music

Thursdays through Aug. 27

Tanners Grill and Bar West, 110 S. Nicolet Road, Appleton

7-10 p.m.

https://tannersgrillandbar.com

Sundays at the Amphitheater

Sundays through Aug. 16

Sunset Park Amphitheater, 800 W. Kimberly Ave., Kimberly

6:30 p.m.

Free

List of performers https://www.vokimberlywi.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/2026-Line-Up-Poster.pdf

Other Recurring Events

Summer on the Veranda

June 12, July 10, Aug. 7

Hearthstone Historic House Museum, 625 W. Prospect Ave., Appleton

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Dress for the occasion, be served cool drinks and listen to the 1875 grand piano.

Advance tickets, $15. $18 at the door. Ticket includes beverages. https://www.hearthstonemuseum.org/events

Food Truck Fest

June 24, July 22, Aug. 26

Poplar Hall, 141 S. RiverHeath Way, Appleton

4-8 p.m.

Free admission

Food trucks, music, full bar, indoor and outdoor seating

Let's Go Froggin'!

June 26, July 10, July 24, Aug. 7, Aug. 21

Bubolz Nature Preserve, 4815 N. Lynndale Drive, Appleton

6-8 p.m.

Members, $20 per family; non-members, $25 per family

Learn about frogs and toads and go pond dipping to find them and water insects. https://bubolzpreserve.org/bubolz-events/calendar/

Yoga in the Pines

July 14, July 19, Aug. 9

Bubolz Nature Preserve, 4815 N. Lynndale Drive, Appleton

9-11 a.m.

$15 per person; pre-registration required

Join instructor Lauren from Grace Under Fire Yoga Studio for a morning of yoga. https://bubolzpreserve.org/bubolz-events/calendar/

Fleet Feet Pub Walk/Run

Appleton Beer Factory, 603 W. College Ave., Appleton

Tuesdays at 6 p.m.

Free

Meet walking buddies on routes up to 6 miles. App supported. https://www.fleetfeet.com/s/foxvalley/activities-resources/fun-runwalk-group

Food Frenzy Midweek Rally

Wednesdays through Oct. 28

Area 509, 1025 N. Badger Ave., Appleton

5-8 p.m.

Rotating food truck and musicians. https://area509appleton.com

Food Truck Friday Rally

Fridays through Oct. 30

Area 509, 1025 N. Badger Ave., Appleton

5-8 p.m.

Rotating food truck and musicians. https://area509appleton.com

Wisconsin Timber Rattlers

Games and special events through Aug. 30

Neuroscience Group Field, 2400 N. Casaloma Drive, Appleton

High-A minor league affiliate of the Milwaukee Brewers. https://www.milb.com/wisconsin/ballpark/fox-cities-stadium

Fox Cities Performing Arts Center

400 W. College Ave., Appleton

June 2-7: "Juliet," a musical that asks, "What if Juliet didn't end it all over Romeo?"

June 12: "Girls Night: The Musical," a musical that follows a group of female friends

June 13: One Vision of Queen, a rock tribute to Queen

Performance times, prices and tickets at https://foxcitiespac.com/events-tickets/events/

Skyline Comedy Club

1004 S. Olde Oneida St., third floor

Comedy performances throughout the summer. https://www.skylinecomedy.com

Events

June 5

Ales on the Trails

Bubolz Nature Preserve, 4815 N. Lynndale Drive, Appleton

5-8 p.m.

All access pass, $45; designated driver, $25; extra meal ticket, $25

An evening hike at the Bubolz preserve includes drinks and music, beer and wine sampling. https://bubolzpreserve.org/bubolz-events/ales-on-the-trails/

June 5-7

Cheesefest

Doyle Park, 100 Van Buren St., Little Chute

June 5, 5 p.m. to midnight

June 6, 10:30 a.m., parade through downtown Little Chute; Cheddar Chase non-competitive 1-mile run. At Doyle Park, 11 a.m. to midnight

June 7, 11 a.m. to midnight

Admission pass needed on Friday and Saturday, Adults, $5; ages 4-12, $3; age 3 and younger, free. Sunday, free for all. Cash only.

Music, free cheese tasting, food booths, kids' entertainment; amusement rides; petting zoo. https://cheesefest.org/schedule/

June 12

Firefly Exploration

Bubolz Nature Preserve, 4815 N. Lynndale Drive, Appleton

8-9:30 p.m.

Members, $20 per family; non-members, $25 per family

Learn about fireflies and take a hike to see them in the preserve, as well as other creatures that are active at night.

https://bubolzpreserve.org/bubolz-events/calendar/

June 13

Flag Day Parade

Downtown Appleton

2 p.m.

Appleton is home to the nation's oldest Flag Day parade, dating back to 1950.

June 17-20

Electric City River Jam



Art at the Park returns July 25–26 to Appleton, bringing together 200-plus artists from across the country. Set in a historic downtown park, this two-day event draws more than 30,000 visitors each year for a full weekend of art, live music, food and live art-making. Admission is free, and hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. July 25 and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 26.

Hydro Park, 100 Crooks Ave., Kaukauna

June 17, 5-9 p.m.; June 18, 4-9 p.m.; June 19, 5-10 p.m.; June 20, 4:30-10:30 p.m.

Music, carnival rides, children's activities, food trucks. https://kaukauna.gov/electric-city-river-jam/

June 24-28

Outagamie County Fair

627 N. Main St., Seymour

June 24, noon to close

June 25-27, 9 a.m. to close

June 28, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tractor pull, music, magic show, fair food, farm animals. https://outagamiecountyfair.com

July 3

Independence Day Fireworks

Veterans Memorial Park, 620 E. Witzke Blvd., Appleton

Entertainment, food, activities start at 4 p.m.

Fireworks, 9:45 p.m.

July 22

Building for Kids Children's Parade

Houdini Plaza, downtown Appleton

6 p.m.

Free

After the parade, there will be activities, entertainment and food trucks at City Park, 500 E. Franklin St., Appleton

July 25-26

Art At The Park

City Park, 500 E. Franklin St., Appleton

July 25, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. July 26, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Free

Art, music, food and more than 200 artists displaying paintings, prints, photos, sculpture, jewelry. https://troutmuseumart.org

July 30 to Aug. 2

Mile of Music

Downtown Appleton

July 30 to Aug. 1, 11 a.m. to midnight; Aug. 2, noon to 7 p.m. Times may vary based on location and artists.

Free admission

Mile of Music is a free music festival that features original music from hundreds of emerging artists each summer. Music by more than 175 artists is performed at more than 30 venues. An app is available to show venue locations and artists. https://mileofmusic.com

Aug. 8-14

PGI Wisconsin Fireworks Festival — Ignite the Night

Wisconsin International Raceway, W1460 County Highway KK, Kaukauna

Aug. 8, 6-10:30 p.m., grand opening show, adults, $27; age 5-15 with an adult, $16; reserved parking, $22

Aug. 12, 6-10:30 p.m, competition, adults, $18; age 5-15 with adult, $13.75; reserved parking $14

Aug. 14, 6-10:30 p.m., grand public display, adults, $31; ages 5-15 with adult, $16, reserved parking, $22

Presented by the Pyrotechnics Guild International as a public opportunity to experience the PGI national convention. https://www.tickettailor.com/events/pyrotechnicguildinternational

Aug. 28

Light the Night Market

Downtown Appleton

5-10 p.m.

Food trucks, music, arts and crafts vendors, street performers, carnival.

SHAWANO COUNTY

Tuesdayz, Thursdayz and SunDrop Dayz: The lazy, hazy, crazy dayz of summer

Recurring Events

Shawano Flea Market

Sundays through Oct. 4, except for Labor Day weekend

Shawano County Fairgrounds, 990 E. Green Bay St., Shawano

7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Admission, $2 Early buyers before 7 a.m., $10

Antiques, collectibles, food, plants, household goods, crafts for sale. https://zurkopromotions.com/shawano-wisconsin-flea-market/

Shawano Speedway

Saturdays through Sept. 5

Shawano County Fairgrounds, 990 E. Green Bay St., Shawano

Pit gates open, 3 p.m.; ticket booth, 4 p.m.; hot laps, 5:30 p.m., racing, 6 p.m.

Admission: Age 17 and older, $45; ages 12-16, $6; 11 and younger free with paid adult; senior citizens, $12; pit pass for those age 12 and older, $35, 11 and younger, $10. Season passes available.

Late Models, IMCA Modifieds, IMCA Northern Sport Modifieds and IMCA Stock Cars & IMCA Sport Compacts run weekly. https://www.shawanospeedway.net/shawano-speedway-race-schedule

Naberhood Block Party

Tuesdays through Aug. 18, 6 p.m., family activities including family game night, magic show, raptor education, dinosaurs and Disney

Saturdays, June 6-8 p.m., live music

214 S. Main St., Shawano

https://www.cityofshawano.com/689/Community-Events

Shawano Ski Sharks Show

Wednesdays through Aug. 19. Special show on June 28 and 50th Anniversary Alumni Show, Aug. 8

Wolf River Beach at Smalley Park, 211 Riverside Drive, Shawano

Pre-show, 5:30 p.m.; show, 6 p.m.

Free, donations accepted

Water-ski shows with flips, lifts and speed. Concessions available. Bleacher seats available but lawn chairs or blankets are welcome. https://www.skisharks.org

Thursdayz @ Franklin

Thursdays through Aug. 27

235 S. Washington St., Shawano

6-8:30 p.m.

Band shell performances of rock, jazz, metal, country and the show choir from Kids from Wisconsin. Food and drinks available. Bring a lawn chair. https://www.



The Shawano Ski Sharks perform at 6 p.m. Wednesdays through Aug. 19 at Wolf River Beach at Smalley Park, 211 Riverside Drive, Shawano. Admission is free, but donations are accepted. Bleacher seats are available, but lawn chairs or blankets are welcome.

cityofshawano.com/689/Community-Events

Events

June 5-6

Sun Drop Dayz

East Elizabeth Street, between Main and Lincoln streets, Shawano

June 5, 4:30-10 p.m.; June 6, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Free

Kids' activities and inflatables, music, craft fair, lumberjack competition, 5k walk/run, food and beverage vendors https://www.sundropdayz.com

June 7

St. Paul Church & School Picnic

St. Paul Lutheran Church & School, 240 E. Green Bay St., Bonduel

Church services, 8 a.m., sanctuary; 9:30 a.m., outdoor service

Picnic, 10:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Free, donations accepted

Bounce house, picnic lunch, face painting, kids' activities, music, pie and dessert auction fundraiser.

June 14

Sacred Heart Community Picnic

Franklin Park, 235 Washington St., Shawano

Polka Mass, 10 a.m.; picnic and activities, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Free admission

Sacred Heart Catholic Church invites the public with music, food trucks, beer and soda, kids' activities ($5 for a wingspan of tickets), raffles.

https://sacredheartshawano.org/picnic

June 18-21

Central Wisconsin Pride Festival

Motorama Auto Museum Grounds, 181705 Stradale Lane, Aniwa

June 18, noon to June 21, 5 p.m.

$10 for one or all days; campsites, $83 for tents or $110 for RV site with electricity

Vendors, river tubing, karaoke night, drag queen bingo, drag and fashion show, dance party, champagne drag brunch. https://www.centralwipride.org

June 19-21

Birnamwood Polka Days

Chet & Emil's Restaurant and hotel, 338 Main St., Birnamwood

June 19, 4 p.m. to midnight; June 20, noon, dance lesson, dancing from 1-11 p.m.

June 20, 9:30 a.m. church under the tent; noon, parade on Main Street, 1-6 p.m. music and dancing under the tent

Free admission

Kids' games, petting zoo, food trucks, rummage sales, craft and vendor fair. https://www.facebook.com/BirnamwoodPolkaDays

June 20

Leopolis Booster Club Kids' Fishing Day

Leopolis Pond, Fourth and Water streets, Leopolis

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Free

Open to kids 14 and younger. Free fish cleaning. All kids must be accompanied by an adult. Food and drink available. https://www.facebook.com/p/Leopolis-Booster-Club-100064534698935

Rhubarb Fest

Heritage Park, 524 N. Franklin St., Shawano

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Free admission

The Shawano Historical Society's annual festival with all things rhubarb. Live music, crafts, children's games, pie contest, plant sale. https://www.shawanohistory.org/rhubarb-fest-2026/

June 27

Tilleda Fun Dayz

Pack It In Pub, N6185 County Road D, Tilleda

11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Parade at 1 p.m.

Food, beverages, vendors, music, kids' games, bounce house. https://www.facebook.com/p/Pack-it-in-Pub-LLC-61575665592832/

June 28

Shawano County Brunch on the Farm

Kurowski Dairy, W3052 Swamp Road, Bonduel

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Age 12 and older, $10; ages 4-11, $5; age 3 and younger, free

Church service, 8 a.m. country breakfast, wagon rides and farm tours, petting zoo, live music. https://www.shawanofarmbureau.com/brunch-on-the-farm

July 4

Celebrate Bonduel 4th of July

Downtown Bonduel, parade at 11 a.m.

After the parade, at Village Park, 214 E. Park St., Bonduel, food trucks, baseball games, bounce houses, bike raffle, bull



Johnny Wad is among the performers at Shawano's Thursdayz @ Franklin summer concert series. The band played in 2025 and returned in 2026. The free concerts run through Aug. 27, and are held from 6-8:30 p.m. at Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St.

ride, rock climb. Fireworks at dusk. https://www.facebook.com/CelebrateBonduel

July 11

ShawanoFest

Downtown Shawano

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Music, car show, craft vendors, kids' activities, food and drinks. https://www.facebook.com/events/1708724753828707/

July 24-26

Wittenberg Community Days

Washington Park, 104 Park St., Wittenberg

This event kicks off on July 24 with rides from 5-10 p.m., live music, American Legion Food Stand; fireworks on July 25, community breakfast on July 26 from 7 -11 a.m.; parade at 11 a.m. https://wolfrivermedia.newsengin.com/gps2/gps.php

July 26

Shawano Arts and Crafts Fair

Mielke Art Center and Mielke Park, N5649 N. Airport Road, Shawano

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Local artists and crafters are spread around the theater on the Mielke grounds. https://www.shawanoarts.org

Aug. 7-8

Bowler Bash

104 E. Main St., Bowler

Corn and beer specials on Aug. 7

Homemade pies, food available for purchase, cow and horse drop, bike giveaway.

Parade on Aug. 8 at 2 p.m.

Aug. 7-9

Shawano Folk Music Festival

Mielke Art Center and Mielke Park, N5649 N. Airport Road, Shawano

Evening concerts, Aug. 7, 8

Music from 10 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. on Aug 8, 9

Small concerts, sing-alongs, jam sessions and open mic all day; two evening concerts. Food, crafters. https://www.shawanofestival.org

Aug. 8

Green Valley-Morgan Fire Company Annual Picnic

N5746 Oak Ave., Green Valley

11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Parade, 11 a.m.; corn roast, noon; car show, noon. Live music; kids' bike giveaway, chicken booyah, brats, burgers, Sun Drop smoothies; kids' tractor pull and bucket brigade, bounce houses. Cash event.

Aug. 14-15

Central Wisconsin Military Show and 4X4 Show

Motorama Auto Museum Grounds, 181705 Stradale Lane, Aniwa

Adults, $10 for one or both days; children younger than age 12, free.

Military vehicles from around the world on display; civilian 4X4 vehicles on display; swap meet and gun show. https://www.motoramaautomuseum.org/central-wi-military-show

Aug. 15

Shawano Airport Fly-in & Car Show

Shawano Airport, N5468 N. Airport Road, Shawano

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Aircraft on display; vendors; skydivers; warbirds; police and fire demos; food vendors; veterans tent. Rain date, Aug. 16.

Cecil Fireman's Fest

Cecil-Washington Fire Station, 111 E. Hoffman Court, Cecil

1-11 p.m.

Free admission

Food, drinks, raffles, DJ, cornhole tournament, meat raffle; live music at 7 p.m. https://www.facebook.com/CecilWashington-FireDept

Aug. 29

Bonduel Amish Consignment and Quilt Auction

N4310 Hill Road, Shawano

7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Quilts, crafts, farm equipment, furniture auctions; bake sale and lunch stand available. Cash or check accepted.

Sept 2-7

Shawano County Fair

Opening ceremony Sept. 2, 6 p.m.

Bingo, carnival rides, cake auction, animal auctions, live music each night, stock car races, demolition derby

Fireworks over the fair, Sept. 3, dusk.

Daily admission, age 12 and older, $5; children 11 and younger, free. Daily parking, $5. Sept. 2, gate opens at 5 p.m., $3. Sept 6, Senior Citizen Day, $2 admission noon to 5 p.m. for age 62 and older. Season ticket, $30. Admission does not include grandstand shows or rides.

Entertainment, farm animals and crops, adult and youth projects on display; food, music, bingo. https://www.shawano-countyfair.net/event-schedule



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NORTH SHORE HEALTHCARE



The 2026 Iola Car Show & Swap Meet will be held from July 9-11 at the Iola Car Show grounds, 350 Chrome Place. Spectator gate opens at 7 a.m. The show ends after the evening concert. This annual event hosts 2,500 show cars; 4,000 swap spaces; 1,600 campsites; 350 sale corrals; food, contests and music. Visit https://www.iolaoldcar-show.com for tickets and and more information.

WAUPACA COUNTY

Dig into history, as well as jazz, strawberries and acres of cars

Recurring Events

"Elf, Jr.," the musical

July 16, 6 p.m., July 17 , 3 p.m., July 18, 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Waupaca Middle School, Knoepfel Auditorium, 1149 Shoemaker Road, Waupaca

Waupaca Community Children's Theatre production. https://fineartsfestival.org/events-list/

Rodgers & Hammerstein's "Cinderella" (Broadway Version)

July 25, 30, 31, 7 p.m.; July 26, 2 p.m.; Aug. 1, 7 p.m.; Aug. 2, 2 p.m.

Waupaca High School Perorming Arts Center, E2325 King Road, Waupaca

Waupaca Community Theatre production. https://finearts-festival.org/events-list/

Waupaca Chain Skiers Ski Show

June 13, 20, 27; July 4, 11, 25; Aug. 1, 8, 15

Rainbow Lake, Wisconsin Veterans Home at King, N2665 County Road QQ, King

Juniors Ski at 5:30 p.m.; main show, 6 p.m.

Free

No smoking or alcohol. https://www.waupacachainskiers.com/about/2026-show-schedule/86481

Dig into History: U.S. 250th Celebration

June 6 to Aug. 1

Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Free

Waupaca Area Public Library, 107 S. Main St., Waupaca

Learn about the American Revolution, early history-makers, battlefields, archaeology, the Declaration of Independence and how government works in this interactive exhibit. https://waupacalibrary.org/calendar/

Events

June 5

Summer Kickoff Bash

SUMMER GEMS

93 DAYS OF SUMMER, 2026



The Stock sisters are excited to share their love of good wine. Once a month, they pair a five-course meal with five amazing wines featuring different varietals, regions and wineries. Follow them on Facebook to check out what's coming up.

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Free admission

Night market with local vendors, bistro lights, food trucks, live music, kids' activities. https://newlondonchamber.com/new-summer-kick-off-bash/

June 7

Annual Car Show/Swap Meet/Craft Show

Wolf River Classic Chevy Club

Hatten Park, 801 Werner-Allen Blvd., New London

8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Free for spectators. https://www.facebook.com/WolfRiverClassicChevyClub/

June 14

Ninth Annual Rhubarb Fest

Thern Farm, 425 E. Fairview Drive, New London

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Free admission

Vendors; bake sale; concessions; music; antique machinery. https://www.facebook.com/events/1925583228027870/

June 20

Waupaca Strawberry Fest

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Free

Celebrate the first taste of summer. Arts and crafts, children's activities, strawberry shortcake, fresh picked locally grown strawberries for sale, food and live music. https://festivalnet.com/4059/Waupaca-Wisconsin/Festivals/Waupaca-Strawberry-Fest

July 2-4

Manawa Rodeo

E5888 County Road B, Manawa

July 2, 7:30 p.m., evening performance; July 3, 9 a.m., slack performance; 7:30 p.m., evening performance; July 4, 2 p.m., matinee; 7:30 p.m., evening performance. Tickets, $11-$25, https://www.manawarodeo.org/rodeo-tickets

July 9-11

Iola Car Show & Swap Meet

Iola Car Show grounds, 350 Chrome Place, Iola

Spectator gate opens at 7 a.m. Show ends after the evening concert.

One-day admission, $20; three-day admission, $30. Free admission for 12 and younger, free parking.

This annual event hosts 2,500 show cars; 4,000 swap spaces; 1,600 campsites; 350 sale corrals; food, contests and music.

https://www.iolaoldcarshow.com



The 2026 Iola Car Show & Swap Meet will be held from July 9-11 at the Iola Car Show grounds, 350 Chrome Place. Spectator gate opens at 7 a.m.

July 24-26

Union Thresheree at Symco

Union Thresheree Grounds, E6361 State Highway 22, Manawa

Gates open at 7 a.m. each day

Adult daily admission, $10; weekend pass, $25. Veterans admitted free. Children 12 and younger, free.

Breakfast served each day. Music, displays, demonstrations of combining grains, threshing grain, bailing, rock crushing, shelling and grinding corn; blacksmith shop; antique tractor pull; kids pulling events. https://www.symcoutc.com/

July 25

37th Annual Embarrass Fun Daze

Embarrass Fireman's Park, 130 Depot St., Embarrass

10 a.m.

Jaidyn LaBorde performs at the park, 4-6 p.m. Parade on Main Street. 8U 9U baseball tournament. https://www.infosports.com/?req=listing&t=t&s=b&n=226239&lr=WI

Aug. 1-3

Scandinavia Corn Roast

110 Industrial Park Drive, Scandinavia

Free admission

Corn Roast Parade, tractor pulls, Cob Run (family friendly 5k), wood carving, adult prom. https://scandinaviaboosterclub.org/

Aug. 6-8

Symco Hotrod & Kustom Weekender

Union Thresheree Grounds, E6361 State Highway 22, Manawa

Gates open at 9 a.m.

Admission: Weekend wristband, $30; Aug. 6, $10; Aug. 7, $15; Aug. 8, $20. Additional camping fee.

Pre-1965 traditional hot rod and custom show inside the main grounds. The VIP car show is pre-1976. Vintage camping on the river, RV camping available, swap meet, minibike drag races, engine raffle, more than 25 bands on two stages; flame-throwing at night, burnout pit, pinup contest, charity pinstriping panel jam, camping, food, music. https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/PCE4R3LQZBVKQ

Aug. 8

Third annual Rock 'N' Corn Festival

Hatten Park, 801 Werner Ave., New London

10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Free

Four bands, corn roast, corn hole tournament, beer tent, kids' games, food, vendors, food trucks, beer tent.

https://www.wolfriverbank.com/events/rock-n-corn-festival-new-london-hatten-park/

Aug. 25-30

Waupaca County Fair

Fairgrounds, 602 E. South St., Weyauwega

Events include lawnmower races, entertainment on the Midway Stage, BMX & FMX Stunt Show, N.E.W. Motorsports truck & tractor pull; mutton bustin' (kids ride sheep; helmets required), barrels and bulls rodeo, demo derby, hockey, church service. Free parking. Tickets at https://www.waupacacountyfair.com/tickets/ Camping available. Apply at https://www.waupacacountyfair.com/camping/



Northeast Wisconsin counties promote their natural resources to residents and tourists, who spend millions of dollars each year in the area.





The casino experience at Potawatomi Casino Hotel Carter, 618 State Highway 32, Carter, includes bingo, slots, 6-deck blackjack and three-card poker. Potawatomi Sportsbook is available for nearly every sport, team, player and game.

Casinos bring entertainment, dining and a shot at cash to the Northwoods

Check with each casino or resort for special events, entertainers and details on how to make the most of your visit.

Bowler

North Star Mohican Casino Resort, W12180 County Road A, Bowler

https://www.northstarcasinoresort.com

The casino experience

• Slots, blackjack, Let It Ride, dealer-assisted electronic craps, three card poker and Ultimate Texas Hold 'em.

• Bingo.

• Pine Hills Golf Course, N9499 Pine Hills Drive, Gresham, is open and usually closes in early September. More information at https://www.pinehillsgolf.net. Call 715-787-3778 to book tee time.

• Lodging at the North Star Hotel and RV Park. Stay-and-play packages available for lodging and golf.

Hours of operation

• Casino Gaming floor is open daily.

• Table games — Sunday through Thursday: 10 a.m. to 2 a.m.

• Table games — Friday through Saturday: 10 a.m. to 2:30 a.m.

• Bingo: Tuesday, doors open at 9 a.m. with Early Birds at 10:30 a.m., regular session at 11 a.m.; Friday mornings, doors open at 9 a.m. with Early Birds at 10:30 a.m., regular session at 11 a.m.; Friday evenings, doors open at 4 p.m. with Early Birds at 5:30 p.m., regular session at 6 p.m.; closed Saturdays; Sundays, doors open at noon with Early Bird at 1:30 p.m., regular session at 2 p.m.

Food and beverages

• Gravity Bar is open Sunday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 2 a.m.; Friday and Saturday 8 a.m. to 2:30 a.m.; happy hours, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5-7 p.m.

• The Groove offers draft beer, happy hour specials and new local bands playing for free every week. Dine in daily, noon to 8 p.m.; Bar, Monday-Thursday, noon to 8 p.m.; Bar, Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12:30 a.m.; happy hours, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5-7 p.m.

• Embers Grill has options for dine-in or takeout. Open Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Friday through Sunday, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday breakfast buffet, 7-11 a.m. New barbecue buffet on Fridays.

• Aroma Deli and Cafe is open Sunday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to midnight; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 2 a.m. Dine-in or takeout.

• Pine Hills restaurant at the golf course offers Grill lunch, daily, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m; Grill dinner, daily, 3-9 p.m.; Bar daily, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Entertainment

Shows are for those age 21 and older. Scheduled is the Lalas, June 12-13. For upcoming show details and ticket information, go to https://www.northstarcasinoresort.com/entertainment.

Carter (Wabeno)

Potawatomi Casino Hotel Carter, 618 State Highway 32,

Carter

https://www.cartercasino.com

The casino experience

• Bingo, slots, 6-deck blackjack, three card poker.

• Potawatomi Sportsbook for nearly every sport, team, player and game.

• The 98-room hotel is open to guests of all ages.

Hours of operation

• Slots are open seven days a week.

• Table games, Sunday through Thursday, noon to 10 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 3 p.m. to 1 a.m. Electronic versions are available 24 hours per day.

On-site Sportsbook self-service kiosks, available all day, every day

Food and beverages

• Rock & Brews offers American food, more than 50 craft and classic beers on tap and live music; Sunday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. (limited menu, 10 p.m. to midnight); bar hours, Sunday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to midnight; Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 2 a.m.

Entertainment

• Third annual Rad Dad Car Show, Sunday, June 21

• Dueling Pianos Performance, Saturday, July 11

• Summer Concert Series, British Rock Weekend, Aug. 13-16

Go to https://www.cartercasino.com/events for headliners and free shows.

• The Springs Restaurant. Open daily for breakfast, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., lunch, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; dinner on Friday and Saturday, 4-9 p.m. Dine in or takeout. Seafood buffet on Friday nights, chef's buffet on Saturday nights and a breakfast buffet on weekends.

Crandon

Mole Lake Casino Lodge and Conference Center, 3084 State Highway 55, Crandon

https://www.molelakecasino.com

The casino experience

• Open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 2 a.m. No smoking.

• Gametime Sportsbook, watch games on wall-to-wall TVs. Food and bar. Kiosks now available.

• Slots

• Lodge with 75 rooms and suites.

Hours of operation

Bingo: Closed Monday-Thursday. Fridays and Saturdays, Early Bird, 6 p.m., regular session, 6:40 p.m.; Sundays, Early Bird at 3 p.m., regular session at 3:40 p.m.

Food and beverages

• Gametime Sportsbar, open seven days a week, food served 11 a.m. to midnight. Bar open 11a.m. to 1:15 a.m.

• Wiisini-Daa, Ojibwe word for "Let's Eat." Open for breakfast, lunch, dinner, Wednesday to Sunday, 11 a.m to 7 p.m.; no takeout orders on Friday and Saturday, 3 p.m. to close.

Entertainment

Go to https://www.molelakecasino.com/upcoming-events/ for the latest events.

Green Bay

Oneida Casino

The Oneida Casino has several locations in northeast Wisconsin.

https://www.oneidacasino.net

Oneida Casino Main — Airport, 2020 Airport Drive, Green Bay

The casino experience

• Table games include Baccarat, blackjack, craps with bonus craps side bet, four card poker, Mississippi stud, roulette, Royal Match 21, three card poker, Ultimate Texas Hold 'em.

• High stakes poker room. Play Texas Hold 'em, seven card stud and Omaha. No limit.

• Bingo.

• Hotel and RV parking available on site.

• Sports betting available in-person, via kiosk or mobile app.

• Free shuttle service to other venues.

Hours of operation

• Bingo. AM Express Session, daily, sales start at 9 a.m., regular session, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Quest Session, Monday-Wednesday, sales start at 4:30 p.m., Early Birds, 6 p.m., regular session, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Evening Session, Thursday and Friday, sales start at 4 p.m., Early Birds, 6 p.m., regular session, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, sales start at 3 p.m., Early Birds, 5 p.m., regular session, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Nite Owls Saturday Nights, sales start at

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Food and beverages
• Cedar & Sage Grill House. Breakfast, daily, 6:30-10 a.m.; lunch, Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; dinner, Tuesday-Thursday, 5-9 p.m., Friday-Saturday, 5-10 p.m. Bar hours, Sunday, closed except for Packer home games; Monday, closed; Tuesday-Saturday, 4 p.m. to midnight.
• Sportsbook Bar, dining, Monday-Friday, noon to 10 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Bar hours, Sunday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to midnight, Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 1:30 a.m.
• Noodle Bar: Sunday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to 1 a.m., Friday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 2 a.m.
• Food Market, open every day around the clock for sandwiches, salads, pizza, snacks, made-to-order grill items. Dine in or takeout.
• Sky World Coffee and Custard, Sunday-Thursday, 6 a.m to 6 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.
• Purcell's Beer Garden, open seasonally, Friday and Saturday, 4-10 p.m.

Oneida Casino West Mason, 2522 W. Mason St., Green Bay.
The casino experience
• Slots.
• Smoke shop with jewelry and other items.
• Sports betting available in-person, via kiosk or mobile app.
• Shuttle service.
Hours of operation
• Slots Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Sportsbook, daily, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Food and beverages
• The Lodge: Dining, daily, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Packers game day until 9 p.m. Bar 1, Thursday-Sunday, 11 a.m. to 1 am., Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 1:30 a.m. Bar 2, Sunday-Thursday, 4 p.m. to midnight, Friday and Saturday, 4 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.



Irene Moore Activity Center, 2100 Airport Drive, Green Bay
The casino experience
• Slots.
• Bingo.
• Smoke shop.
• Shuttle service.
• RV parking.
Hours of operation
• Slots: Sunday-Thursday, 8 a.m. to midnight; Friday and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 2 a.m.
Food and beverages
• Bingo Hall, Wednesday-Friday, 4-9 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

One Stop — Packerland, 3120 S. Packerland Drive, Green Bay
The casino experience:
• Slots.
• Convenience goods, tobacco products, gasoline.
Hours of operation:
• Casino (slots), daily 8 a.m. to 2 a.m.
• Convenience store, 5 a.m. to 10 p.m.

One Stop - Travel Center, 5939 Old Highway 29 Drive, Pulaski
The casino experience:
• Slots.
• Tobacco, groceries, travel goods, gasoline, showers, laundry, interstate scales, free wireless internet, professional drivers' lounge, ATM.
Hours of operation:
• Travel center casino (slots) hours daily, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
• Convenience store hours, Saturday and Sunday, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Monday-Friday, 5 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Keshena

Menominee Casino Resort, N277 State Highway 47/55, Keshena
https://www.menomineecasinoresort.com
The casino experience
• Slots.
• Blackjack, Ultimate Texas Hold 'em, Mississippi stud.
• Bingo.
• On-site hotel with pool, hot tub and fitness center; RV parking available.
• Gift shop.
Food and beverages:
• Forest Island Restaurant open for breakfast, 8-11 a.m.; lunch and dinner, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
• Spirit Island Lounge, beer and cocktails, Sunday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 a.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2:30 a.m.; happy hour, Monday-Wednesday, 5-7 p.m.
Hours of operation
• Slots, daily, 24 hours.
• Table games, Monday, 4 p.m. to midnight; Tuesday-Wednesday, 6 p.m. to midnight; Thursday, 4 p.m. to midnight; Friday-Saturday, 4 p.m. to 2 a.m.; Sunday, 4 p.m. to midnight.
• Bingo: Monday, Thursday, Friday, doors open at 5 p.m., Early Birds at 6 p.m., regular games at 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, doors open at noon; Early Birds at 1 p.m., regular games at 1:30 p.m. Closed Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday.
• Gift shop: Open daily 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Entertainment
International Boxing Presents Jason Komanekit. Jr., Pride of Wisconsin, June 27.
Go to https://menomineecasinoresort.com/entertainment/ to find the latest shows.

Menominee Casino's ThunderBird Convenience Store, W110 County Road VV, Keshena
https://www.menomineecasinoresort.com
The casino experience:
• Slots.
• Bar.
• Convenience goods, tobacco products, gasoline.
Hours of operation:
• Gas and convenience store: Sunday-Thursday, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 7 a.m. to midnight
• Casino, Monday-Thursday, noon to 10 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to close; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
• Restaurant: Monday-Thursday, noon to 9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Wittenberg

Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg, N7198 U.S. Highway 45, Wittenberg
https://www.ho-chunkgaming.com/wittenberg
The casino experience:
• Slots including video poker.
• Dragon's Den slots.
• Electronic table games including blackjack, ultimate Texas Hold 'em, three-card poker, baccarat, roulette-multiplayer station, roulette-single player station, craps-multiplayer station, craps-single player stations, roulette X.
• High limit area.
• Hotel.
• Entertainment venue.
• Gift shop.
• Shuttle service and valet service.
Hours of operation
• Sunday-Thursday, 8 a.m. to 2 a.m., Friday-Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4 a.m.
Food and beverages:
• Forest Edge, breakfast, Wednesday-Sunday, 8-11 a.m.; lunch and dinner, Sunday-Tuesday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.
• River's Edge, Thursday and Friday, 4-9 p.m., Saturday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sunday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
• Village Bar, daily at 11 a.m. to 2 a.m.
Entertainment
Scheduled for June 6, Brawl in the Backwoods. Special appearance by five-time World Champion Virgil "Quicksilver" Hill. Go to https://www.ho-chunkgaming.com/wittenberg for entertainment updates.

Wagner's Market puts Black Creek on the map

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

Peppers and cabbage and sweet corn, oh my!

That's what visitors are thinking to themselves as they wander around Wagner's Market, a mainstay for more than 30 years at Black Creek's main intersection of state highways 54 and 47.

Kim Kamp owns the business with her brothers, Chris and Nick Wagner, at the site of a grocery store that their grandparents and great-grandparents owned and operated.

The state Department of Transportation widened state Highway 54 — Main Street in Black Creek — in 1989, which changed everything for the Wagners.

"They purchased the store and took the store down," Kamp said. "My parents bought the lot from my grandparents in '89, and they brought this building here. It was supposed to move off the lot that year, but they filed with the village to keep it here and the building never left."

The building eventually became Wagner's Market, which Kamp's parents, James and Margaret Wagner, operated.

Most of the market's fresh produce comes from the Wagner farm, with the exception of bulk potatoes, onions and carrots.

The market also sells apples from Door County.



A customer checks out the selection of peppers at Wagner's Market in Black Creek, a village of 1,300 residents between Appleton and Shawano.



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