



Spencer Gauthier addresses the crowd at a June 3 public hearing about whether to have a 12-month moratorium on the development of data centers in Shawano County towns that are under the county zoning ordinance. The planning, development and zoning committee unanimously approved the moratorium, which must bet final approval from the county board.

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Ball of the Badge planners form nonprofit

Behind the Badge hopes to help organizations that aid first responders

By LEE PULASKI City Editor

Most of the original organizers of the annual Ball of the Badges have formed a new nonprofit organization to keep the local celebration of first responders going strong.

Behind the Badge Inc. will be a supporting mechanism for law enforcement, fire departments, ambulance services and other agencies that respond when tragedy strikes in the community. The organization officially formed in April, and the hope is that it can go beyond the ball when it comes to helping those who help local people.

Previously, organizers like Jody Johnson and Kayla Williams had worked with Safe Haven in Shawano to set up an event that would honor first responders. Williams said the original idea had been to hold a cookout, but then it shifted to holding a gala that allowed first responders a night of fun and celebration, as well as award outstanding people in their fields.

“The idea came about – why don’t we make it something bigger?” Williams said. “What if we did a formal event? Shawano County does not have a formal event. The closest formal event we had was when Dollars for Scholars did their gala.”

There was apprehension about doing the ball at first, as Shawano County tends to be more laid back and casual, Williams said. However, that first year exceeded expectations and momentum is still going strong today.

“The buzz about becoming a nonprofit started in year two,” when COVID-19 derailed plans for the ball and hundreds of other local events in 2020, Williams said. “We wanted to continue it for a handful of years to make sure we were solid and really had our footing.”

Because Safe Haven was taking the risk and paying for much of the infrastructure, it would receive any proceeds from the ball. Now, with the new nonprofit forming, anything raised from the

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Panel puts brakes on data centers

County Board to make final decision at June 24 meeting

By KEVIN PASSON Editor-in-Chief

Members of the Shawano County Planning, Development and Zoning Committee voted unanimously June 3 to halt development of data centers for the next 12 months.

The moratorium on the siting, construction, establishment and operation of data centers affects only those towns in the county that are under the county’s zoning rules. It does not affect any cities, villages or the towns of Almon, Bartelme, Belle Plaine, Hartland, Hutchins, Lessor, Pella, Richmond and Wescott, all of which have their own zoning laws.

The matter will go in front of the county board June 24 for final approval.

“At that time, we’re going to study, analyze and look over ordinances or whatever needs to be done,” said Kathy Luebke, committee chairwoman, in describing what’s next if the county board gives the OK. “We want to keep the public involved and informed.”

More than 100 people attended the public hearing, and several dozen addressed the panel.

“Once these data centers come in, it is



This is a rendering with a southwest view of the Lighthouse campus, a massive \$15 billion-plus artificial intelligence data center located in Port Washington. Developed by Vantage Data Centers with major tech tenants OpenAI and Oracle, the 672-acre campus is scheduled for completion in 2028.

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damn near impossible to get rid of them,” said Bonduel’s Gracie Waukechon. “We really need to take a year and figure out how this will impact us economically, how this will impact us ecologically and how it will impact everyone in Shawano County seven generations ahead.”

She noted that large data centers can require up to 5 million gallons of water each day to cool the infrastructure.

“I would rather our water goes to supporting our farmers,” she said. “This is going to pollute our waters. It’s going to pollute our air.”

Marion’s Sarah Brewer cited several issues, including noise pollution; water usage; water discharge that is warmer than before, which can harm fish, aquatic life and drinking water; high electrical costs for the community as infrastructure updates are needed; and misleading job promises.

Spencer Gauthier, of Gillett, is a gaming professional working spent years analyzing data and metrics. He said he can’t perform as efficiently as his younger

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City’s summer entertainment in full swing

Franklin, Arlington parks ringing with music while family stuff occupies Naberhood

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

The arrival of summer means that the city of Shawano’s parks and recreation department is unleashing its music and entertainment programs that have become common signs of summer.

Thursdayz at Franklin will be continuing its tradition of providing bands and performers that keep people dancing, laughing and clapping. Local favorites like Spark Spark Bang and Star Six Nine will be back on the stage at Franklin Park, but a new addition to the lineup is the Two Fifts Party Band bringing polka to the park in August.

Thursdayz will also be bringing back the Kids From Wisconsin to perform outside July 2. Traditionally, the Kids have performed at Shawano Community High School each summer, but when the COVID-19 pandemic hit in 2020 and most venues were closed down, Shawano arranged from the Kids to perform at Franklin Park.

“One of the things we do when we’re booking is try to get community feedback on what people liked and suggestions for the future,” said Maddie Stuewer, programs and events coordinator. “We try to mix some favorites with some new.”

A new act that is coming is a Pink Floyd tribute band called Wish You Were Floyd. That band will perform July 16.

“One of the things we started doing last year was getting cover artists,” Stuewer said.

Franklin Park tends to

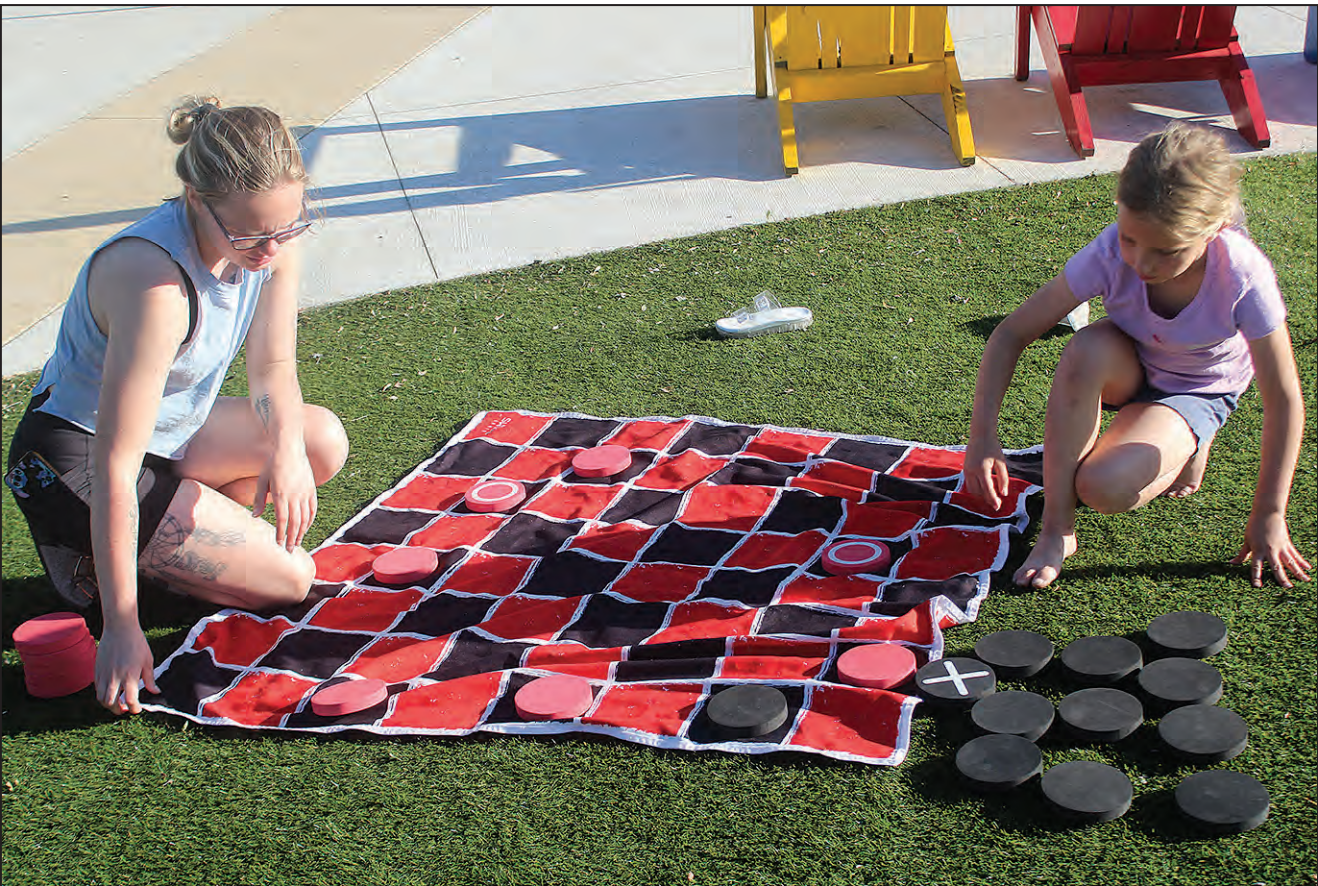
fill quickly for Thursdayz events, so for those who prefer something a little more laid back, the city’s Sunday night Music in the Park, one of the oldest city music programs, is kicking off another summer at Arlington Park. Familiar musicians like Wade Fernandez, Sarah Koenigs, Lonesome Road, Mike Magee and Skip Jones will perform in the wilds of the park through Aug. 16.

“I think the thing about the Arlington Park series that sets it apart is the overall vibe,” Stuewer said. “It’s more acoustic. It’s a little more laid back. On Sunday, you’re at the end of your weekend and getting ready for the next week. You just kind of want to relax, and Arlington Park just has that atmosphere.”

The city is also continuing its tradition of the Naberhood Block Parties, bringing families to the newest addition of the park family, the Naberhood Plaza. However, the city is only doing programs on Tuesdays due to the Saturday events and performances drawing much less attention than hoped.

Matt Hendricks, parks and recreation director, noted the department annually reviews programs to see what works and what doesn’t. The city tried changing the time of the Saturday events, as well as the setup, doing concerts on that day instead of family activities to see if it would make a difference, he said, and it didn’t.

“At the end of the day, for some reason, they weren’t greatly attended as we had hoped, so it



Chelsea Kroll and Braylin Kroll play a game of checkers during Family Game Night on June 2 at the Naberhood Plaza. A variety of different themed nights, including Nintendo Night and Theatre Night, are planned for the 2026 Naberhood Block Parties.

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wasn’t worth that particular effort,” Hendricks said. “The Tuesday programs have been. We’ve seen growth. We’ve seen a lot of people showing up and having fun. We decided to concentrate our efforts on what was going well.”

Among the family events at the Naberhood are a Nintendo Night on June 26, Theatre Night on June 23 and Raptor Education on July 21. Returning for some fun shows are the Mischief and Magic Music Show on July 14 and the Cloud Nine Fire Show on Aug. 18. Cloud Nine will do a free workshop at 6 p.m. with the actual show taking place at 7 p.m.

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Abigail Brown, after having carefully stacked dice one on top of another, decided it was time to bring the tower down as her father, Tom Brown, of Shawano, watches during Family Game Night on June 2 at the Naberhood Plaza.

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Neopit couple sentenced for child neglect

By **KEVIN MURPHY**
Correspondent

A Neopit couple whose 9-month-old infant suffered broken bones and bruises while in their care were recently sentenced in federal court after being indicted on child abuse and neglect charges.

According to court documents: Louis A. Tucker and Nyomi L.M. Acosta were arrested after Menominee Tribal Police received

an anonymous tip about bruises on Acosta’s infant’s back, face and head made by an adult.

MTP and a social worker visited the couple on Oct. 20, 2025, and found the baby in a bedroom. The MTP officer saw bruising to the infant’s face and head and sores around her mouth.

Tucker blamed Acosta’s 4- and 2-year-old children for injuries to the infant, saying they learned violent behavior from their own father. He denied injuring the child

but said a burn on the child was caused by accidentally spilling hot ramen noodle broth on her.

Acosta agreed to answer questions; she said she didn’t know how the baby was bruised, and the injuries must have occurred overnight as she hadn’t noticed them until this morning.

Tucker and Acosta were taken into custody for child neglect.

Police also spoke with a family who watched the children when Acosta and Tucker went for a

methadone treatment in September. They gave a tribal detective several photos they took of the infant’s burn and bruises.

The infant was taken to Children’s Hospital in Milwaukee where fractures of her left ulna and radius in her forearm were revealed in X-rays. Doctors estimated the fractures occurred a few weeks prior to their examination.

The doctors also confirmed the burn and bruises noted by the tribal officer.

Tucker and Acosta both faced maximum penalties of 7 1/2 years in prison after pleading guilty to child neglect. Federal prosecutors recommended a three-year prison term for Tucker, which U.S. District Judge William Griesbach imposed on May 15.

Prosecutors asked for a year-and-a-day prison term for Acosta. She was sentenced May 29 to six months. The couple will each be on supervised release for three years after their sentences.

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County Road BE reopens to traffic

Crews continue working on Hwy. 29

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

Slow-moving motorists and getting cut off by others are two major pet peeves of drivers, but they probably don't compare to the sight of orange barrels and detour signs.

For anyone driving around Shawano County the past several weeks, it's enough to make you want to stay home.

Around the city of Shawano, state Highway 29 is down to one lane, and the exits in and out of Bonduel switch between open and closed. Even the thought of taking County Road BE between the communities was ruled out for several weeks.

Then, just to make matters worse on Highway 29, a semi trailer full of wood chips caught on fire a few weeks ago, forcing vehicles to detour through the city for several hours.

Along Highway 29 between County

Road M and Highland Road, crews are repairing concrete joints, replacing sections of deteriorated concrete pavement, milling and overlaying the asphalt shoulders and replacing the guardrails, according to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

Workers are also removing old concrete pavement and placing new concrete pavement on the state Highway 117/47 ramps, milling Highway 29 inside shoulders and placing new asphalt shoulders, and installing new guardrails and gravel shoulders.

Traffic is reduced to one lane in each direction, but the ramps by Bonduel are both expected to be open for good before the month ends.

In both directions along Highway 29 from County Road J to County Road M, crews are replacing existing guardrails, repairing the concrete pavement, replacing the concrete pavement in five areas and replacing a culvert under westbound Highway 29.

Watch for lane closures and crossover traffic patterns.

Work is scheduled to continue through Nov. 5.

Also on Highway 29, from County Road D to County Road OO, crews will complete concrete pavement joint and crack repairs, replace concrete pavement, resurface the existing asphalt pavement, replace existing guardrails, install shoulder rumble strips and complete rehabilitation work on the Highway 29 (eastbound) structure over the South Branch Embarrass River.

Again, watch for lane closures and crossover traffic patterns. Speeds will also be reduced. Work will continue until July 31.

A project along state Highway 22 from County Road BE to the Oconto County line will include asphalt replacement, culvert repair and intersection improvements.

Crews began replacing a cross culvert starting south of County Road C and progressing toward Cecil. They will also work on smaller areas between County Road R and County Road C in preparation for guardrail improvements. Watch for road closures and a signed detour.

This project will continue through Oct. 1.



County Road BE between Shawano and Bonduel is open to traffic once again following the successful repaving of the roadway. Many drivers use it as a way to avoid the reconstruction work going on along state Highway 29 between the two communities.

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Hockey league proposes Crawford Center addition

Officials cite need for locker rooms, showers, storage space

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

Officials with the Shawano Hockey League are proposing an addition to the Crawford Center, their home rink, with intentions of paying for the project themselves.

Adam Gafner, hockey league board president, offered several options at a June 4 public property committee meeting.

"One of the things that was never implemented into the building was showers," he said.

A new addition would include larger locker rooms, showers, storage, training areas and a community conference room.

"We could use it for hockey for film with our older levels of teams, but

I also think it could be an add-on facility for the community to use throughout the year as a gathering space," he said of the conference room.

Suggestions included an addition to the west side of the building facing the Huntington building. The roof in this area drops, so an addition would most likely be one level only.

An addition to the north side was offered, although Gafner admitted most people would not like this as it would touch up against the sidewalk and infringe on the area used by the horse show during the county fair.

Another suggestion was made for the east side of the building.

"The actual original kitchen area was supposed to be built on that end of the building," Gafner said. "For whatever reason, it got put on the other end. If this building was ever wanted to be used more as for weddings or events or something like that, that might be

a better area to put a new kitchen. Then we could use the current kitchen area, bathroom area, lobby area, that could actually be remodeled into showers, locker rooms, etc."

An addition could also be put on the south side of the building that would allow for even more storage space.

A fifth option is to remodel space inside the existing Crawford Center for a larger locker room and showers.

"Regarding any of these ideas, we would not be looking to the county to fund any of it," Gafner said.

Gafner said it would take two or three years to execute the plan, but they want to know if the county is OK with the concept before investing time, effort and money into the project.

County bidding rules would be followed in the construction phase.

Tanya Anker, hockey league board secretary, noted that in the 2025-26 season, Shawano Hockey

League hosted four two-day tournaments that brought 55 teams to the community. One concern they heard centered on the capacity of the building.

"We are going to spread that tournament out over three days instead of just

two so that we aren't filling so many people in the building at one time," she said.

Also, in 2026-27, a fifth tournament will be added, which will also be three days.

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League had three teams compete at the state tournament in 2025-26.

Committee members agreed to consider the building plans and discuss them further July 2.

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Even washout couldn't dim Sun Drop Dayz



ABOVE: Patrick Bogardus from Chelsea, Vermont, had wood chips flying while he furiously chopped on a log June 6 during the lumberjack contest at Sun Drop Dayz.

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LEFT: Jess Marie, female lead vocalist for the Spicy Tie Band, adjusts her sunglasses and sings during the band's June 6 performance at Sun Drop Dayz.

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Before the rain began in earnest the night of June 5, attendees at Sun Drop Dayz continued to place orders at the food trucks.

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The Trigger Trippers, a band from central Wisconsin, had plenty of old school rock and roll and country tunes to share with visitors June 6 during Sun Drop Dayz.

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Trell Raddant, left, and Saylor Prey, right are the 2026 Golden Boy and Golden Girl for Twig's Beverage. Trell will be a fifth grader at Sacred Heart Catholic School, and Saylor will be a fifth grader at Olga Brener Elementary School. Each wins a year's supply of Sun Drop, a tour of the museum, pizza party and more.

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Weather ended the evening before the scheduled 10 p.m. close June 5. The event, in its ninth year, resumed June 6 with sunny skies throughout the day.

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Experiment with GovAI ends for county

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Books and brats sold at library



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

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

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'Into the Outdoors' features Menominee sustainability

"Into the Outdoors," an Emmy award-winning kids' edutainment series that leads in outdoor and science education both nationally and internationally, has released a new episode featuring the Menominee Nation.

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

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

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

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

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

young audiences while highlighting the importance of stewardship and sustainability.

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Courthouse plans advance behind scenes

Approvals still needed from chief judge, DOC

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Soil boring tests

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

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

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

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

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

FACEBOOK

Oconto Falls’ Bursa wins long jump title

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Miller and Rylie Shallow finished fifth.

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

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

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

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



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FACEBOOK

Red Raiders soccer team wins regional title over Jaguars

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

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

Thursday, June 4

Seymour 4, Shawano 0

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

Shawano ends the season at 9-10-1.

Tuesday, June 2

Pulaski 2, West De Pere 0

Pulaski opened WIAA

regional action with a semifinal win over West De Pere.

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

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

third, and the Phantoms were 14th.

Thursday, May 28

Pulaski 2, Manitowoc Lincoln 0

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

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

Tuesday, May 26

Fox Valley Lutheran 3, Shawano 1

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

Chargers softball team loses regioanl title game

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

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

Tuesday, June 2

Wittenberg-Birnamwood 12, Amherst 2

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

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

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

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



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

TINA BACON

Golf season ends for area athletes

Tuesday, June 2

Seymour Sectional

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

Oconto Falls golfers scored 349 and placed seventh.

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

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

Shawano’s Duane Gristeau-Blanche scored 98.

Crandon Sectional

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

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

Lena’s Cooper Demmish scored 92.

Monday, June 1

Hortonville

Sectional

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

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

Shawano athletes named all-conference

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

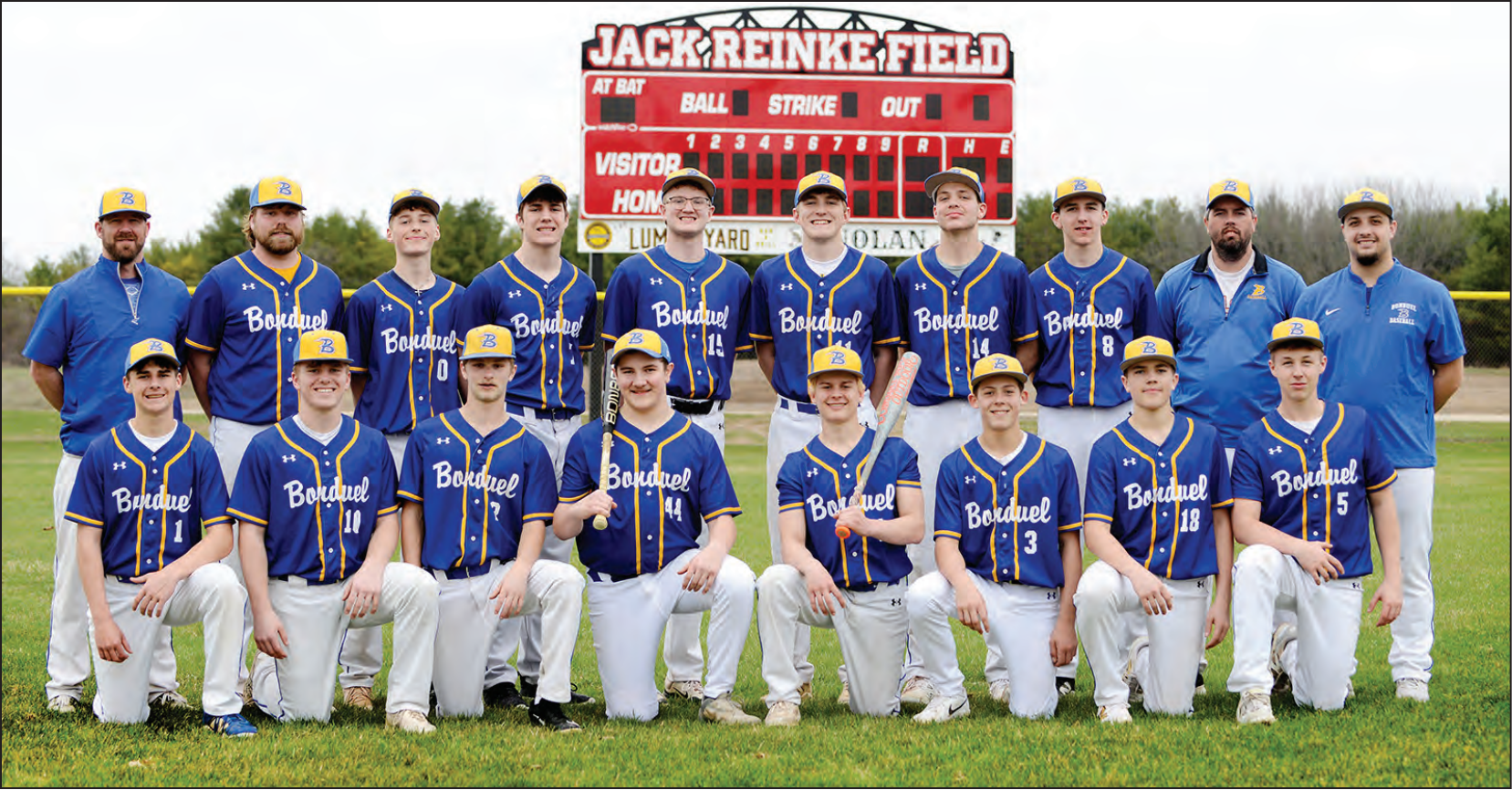
Second team softball honors were awarded to sophomore Jaelyn Hietpas, outfield, and senior Lily Bubolz, pitcher.

Senior soccer

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

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

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



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

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Seasons end in regional title games for Red Raiders, Bears

Thursday, June 4
Kimberly 8, Pulaski 5

Ten hits by the Paper-makers and three errors by the Red Raiders combined for a loss in the regional title game for Pulaski.

Eli Heuser hit 3-for-4 with a double and run scored. Gavin Sikorski was 2-for-4 with a run scored.

Eddie Van Roy collected two RBIs and a double.

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

Wednesday, June 3
Brillion 7, Bonduel 4

Brillion led 4-3 after four inning and sealed the regional title with three runs in the sixth inning.

The Bears collected nine hits and had one error.

Tuesday, June 2
Pulaski 7, Ashwaubenton 1

Braun Wotruba hit 2-for-3 in the Red Raiders' regional second-round playoff win.

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

Bonduel 4, Sturgeon Bay 3

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

Columbus Catholic 13, Tigerton 3

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

Tigerton's season.

Florence 12, Lena 2

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

Auburndale 4, Wittenberg-Birnamwood 1

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

M&O conference award winners announced

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Eland outhits, outscores Hatley in BABA North Division contest

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

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

North Division
Eland 10, Hatley 2

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

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

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

Nick Cotter added two each.

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

Aniwa 11, Crandon 6

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

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

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

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

hits.

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

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

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

No additional results reported.

Little Falls 9, Weymont 0

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

Leopolis at Tigerton

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

Scandinavia at Wittenberg

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

East Division
Menominee 17, Clintonville 16

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

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

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

the plate.

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

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

Marion 13, Shawano 9

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

South-Central Division
Plover at New London

Results not reported.

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

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

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

AJ, Troy Springborn claim wins in features at Shawano Speedway

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Springborn won the only heat race in the division.

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

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

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

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

Heat race winners were Shayne Collar of Marion and Wedde.

Dorn helps lead Hofa Park to Dairyland win over Nichols

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Winning pitcher Jake Olson held Nichols to

two hits over six innings and finished with nine strikeouts.

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

Bonduel 3, Waupaca 1

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

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

Adam Frost's sacrifice fly.

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

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

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

Pulaski at Shawano

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

Marinette at Hortonville

No results reported.

Hofa Park at Navarino
No results reported.

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

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

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

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

Lena students sign college letters



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

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Shawano tennis season ends with forfeit at state tournament

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

Pulaski lacrosse teams end seasons with losses in regional games

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

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

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

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Rocky Top Greenhouse offers variety of flowers, vegetables

Leopolis business flourishing in 10th year

By KAY REMINGER
Correspondent

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

and moisture to jump start them,” said Fehrman.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

KAY REMINGER

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

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

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

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

Red oak tree witness to nearly 300 years of history

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

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

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



JOHN J. MUTTER JR.

GUEST COLUMNIST

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

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

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

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

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

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

WENDY JOHNSON

Sacred Heart students feted for faith

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The trees grow steadily to this day.

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

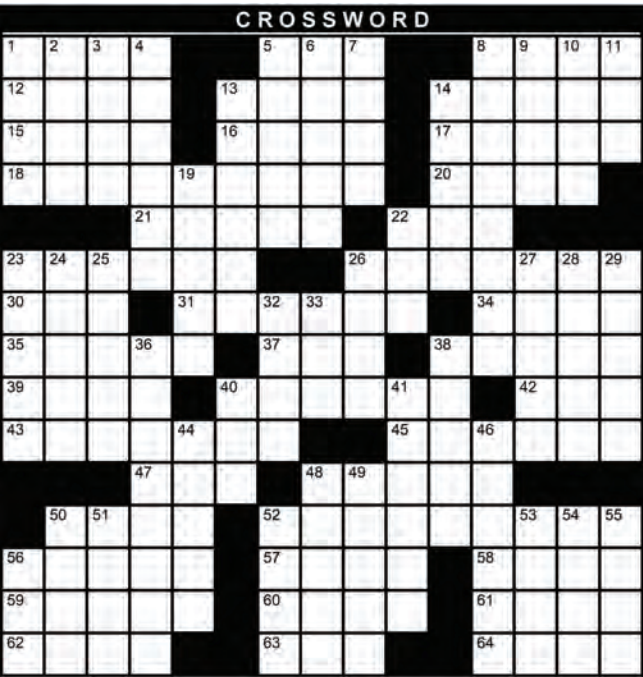
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Perusing scrapbooks evokes centennial memories

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

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

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

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

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



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

KATHLEEN MARSH

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

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

was a reenactment of the township's founding.

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

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

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

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

gravestones.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



KATHLEEN MARSH
COLUMNIST

Vande Corput named CMN's Faculty of the Year

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



SARAH VANDE
CORPUT

associate professor at CMN.

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

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

faculty member to achieve that recognition.

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

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

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

Vande Corput's advice to

students echoes her own engagement with the school.

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

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

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

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

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



RYAN WINN
COLUMNIST

WHAT’S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

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

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

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

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

SHAWANO: Auto racing, 6 p.m., Shawano Speedway, 990 E. Green Bay St. Gates open 4 p.m. Adults \$15, seniors \$12, younger than age 11 free. Check the Shawano Speedway

page on Facebook for updates and weather-related conditions.

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MONDAY, JUNE 15

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

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

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

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

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

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

LEOPOLIS: Leopopolis Booster Club Kids Fishing Day, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Leopopolis 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, Zipel Park. Craft and Vendor Show 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Kids Choice Judging 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., light parade approximately 9:30 p.m., live music, food and refreshments.

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

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

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

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

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Hospital, schools partner to expand health care opportunities

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

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

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

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

“It’s incredibly impactful for students to see professionals who started in the same classrooms and are now serving their own community,” Otto said. “That connection makes these pathways feel real and attainable.”

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

“The career exploration event helps us connect directly with young students from across the region that are interested in a potential career in health care,” said Kristie McCoic, vice president of critical access hospitals at ThedaCare. “Meeting face-to-face with students allows us to help guide these bright, curious minds as they explore health care careers. This benefits our communities in the long term as many of these students grow into the next generation of much-needed health care professionals.”

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

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

PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT June 7

Deputies responded to 34 incidents, including a disturbance on East State Street in Bonduel; trespassing on County Road M in the Town of Grant; trespassing on Nass Lane in the Town of Green Valley; a disturbance on Butternut Road in the Town of Richmond; a disturbance on County Road M in the Town of Fairbanks; four 911 calls; four reckless driving incidents; two traffic hazards; two welfare checks; one crash.

June 6

Deputies responded to 39 incidents, including intoxication at Shipwreck'D, 110 S. Warrington Ave., Cecil; intoxication at Ella Besaw Center, W12806 County Road A, Bowler; a vehicle fire at Ebert's Garage, 831 Fischer St., Gresham; harassment on Hiawatha Court in the Town of Wescott; a disturbance on Riverside Drive in the Town of Wescott; a disturbance on South Jefferson Street in Bonduel; seven 911 calls; four reckless driving incidents; two traffic hazards; five crashes, one involving deer.

June 5

Deputies responded to 44 incidents, including attempted burglary on Marble Avenue in Mattoon; a vicious animal on County Road D in the Town of Seneca; bicycle theft

at Cedar Street Market, 234 Cedar St., Tigerton; an animal bite on River Drive in the Town of Wescott; theft on West Railroad Street in Bonduel; theft at the Shawano County Fairgrounds, 900 E. Green Bay St., Shawano; drugs near state Highway 47-55 and Anderson Avenue in Shawano; four 911 calls; four reckless driving incidents; six traffic hazards; three welfare checks; three crashes.

June 4

Deputies responded to 37 incidents, including intoxication at Golfside Bar, W5802 Lake Drive, Town of Wescott; a disturbance at Immanuel-Mohican Church, W10161 County Road G, Town of Red Springs; a disturbance on North Ellms Street in Wittenberg; suspicious activity on Butternut Road in the Town of Richmond; four 911 calls; six reckless driving incidents; six traffic hazards.

June 3

Deputies responded to 40 incidents, including trespassing on Highland Drive in the Town of Washington; threatening on Pioneer Road in the Town of Belle Plaine; harassment on Country Lane in the Town of Washington; theft at North Star Casino Resort, W12180 County Road A, Bowler; four 911 calls; one reckless driving incident; two traffic hazards; three welfare checks; four crashes, two involving deer.

June 2

Deputies responded to 38 incidents, including disorderly conduct on Ah Toh Wuk Court in Stockbridge-Munsee jurisdiction; a disturbance on Old Shawano Road in the Town of Pella; bail jumping at the county jail, 405 N. Main St., Shawano; trespassing on Rustic Drive in the Town of Belle Plaine; disorderly conduct at the county jail, 405 N. Main St., Shawano; a disturbance on Mader Street in Gresham; disorderly conduct on County Road Y in the Town of Belle Plaine; two 911 calls; three reckless driving incidents; two traffic hazards; four welfare checks; two crashes.

June 1

Deputies responded to 45 incidents, including bail jumping on Fourth Street in Mattoon; theft on North Pathfinder Circle in the Town of Wescott; harassment on Cedar Road in the Town of Angelica; a scam on Maple Leaf Circle in the Town of Belle Plaine; drugs on West Alder Street in Tigerton; three 911 calls; four reckless driving incidents; six traffic hazards; four welfare checks; one crash.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

June 7

Officers responded to 24 incidents, including disorderly conduct on Olson Street; a disturbance on

Waukechon Street; disorderly conduct at Luigi's Pizza, 607 S. Main St.; a disturbance on Acorn Street; theft at Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St.; two 911 calls; two reckless driving incidents; three welfare checks.

June 6

Officers responded to 28 incidents, including a fight in progress at Memorial Park, 901 S. Lincoln St.; disorderly conduct at Peoples Express South, 716 S. Main St.; disorderly conduct on South Smalley Street; child abuse or neglect at an undisclosed location; a disturbance on South River Street; disorderly conduct on Prospect Circle; four 911 calls; two crashes.

June 5

Officers responded to 40 incidents, including suspicious activity on South Lutz Street; harassment on South Union Street; a disturbance outside Charlie's County Market, 521 S. Main St.; assault at an undisclosed location; trespassing on Olson Street; harassment on South Sawyer Street; three 911 calls; one reckless driving incident; one traffic hazard; two welfare checks; one crash.

June 4

Officers responded to 31 incidents, including harassment on East Richmond Street; two weapons offense complaints on Alpine Drive; an animal bite on South Andrews Street; sexual assault

at an undisclosed location; suspicious activity at Arlington Park, 300 N. Humphrey Circle; four 911 calls; one reckless driving incident; one traffic hazard; three welfare checks; two crashes.

June 3

Officers responded to 33 incidents, including a scam on West Richmond Street; theft on South River Street; a disturbance on South Washington Street; suspicious activity on East Green Bay Street; a missing person on East Randall Street; operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated near South Weed Street and West Lieg Avenue; one 911 call; two reckless driving incidents; one welfare check.

June 2

Officers responded to 28 incidents, including a disturbance on South River Street; disorderly conduct on South Washington Street; a disturbance on South Lincoln Street; four 911 calls; two welfare checks; two crashes.

June 1

Officers responded to 26 incidents, including a disturbance on South Lincoln Street; a disturbance on West Second Street; fraud on South Sawyer Street; harassment near South Main Street and East Zingler Avenue; an animal bite on South Franklin Street; two 911 calls; two reckless driving incidents; two welfare checks; two crashes.

COURT NEWS

- Robert A. Hansen, 54, Suamico, pleaded no contest June 1 to possession of a firearm by a person convicted of a felony. Judge William Kussel Jr. levied fines and costs totaling \$1,158.
- Issaeh A. Basina, 23, Green Bay, pleaded no contest June 3 to burglary while armed with a dangerous weapon and misdemeanor charges of possession of a dangerous weapon by a person younger than 18, theft and resisting or obstructing an officer. Judge Katherine Sloma imposed and stayed a prison sentence, then placed him on 10 years of probation with conditions.
- Dshawn M. Peterson, 19, Neopit, pleaded no contest June 2 to misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct, resisting or obstructing an officer, retail theft and two counts of bail jumping. Several felony bail jumping charges were dismissed but read into

the record in a plea agreement. Sloma levied fines and costs and sentenced him to 90 days in county jail.

- Tyson A. Schreiber, 27, a Shawano man serving a sentence at Stanley Correctional Institution, pleaded no contest March 24 to fleeing an officer in his vehicle and six counts of felony bail jumping. Sloma sentenced him June 3 to two additional years in prison and two additional years of extended supervision.
- Drew J. Madosh, 35, Keshena, was charged June 1 with battery and disorderly conduct as a domestic abuse repeater, as well as felony bail jumping. Kussel set a \$3,000 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for Aug. 10.
- Robert J. Beattie Jr., 21, Shawano, was charged June 1 with two counts of felony bail jumping. Kussel set a \$500 cash bond and

scheduled a status conference for July 27.

- Vincent T. Newton, 34, Shawano, was charged June 1 with possession of narcotic drugs and two misdemeanor counts of possession of drug paraphernalia. Kussel set a \$100 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for Aug. 18.
- Darmen L. Cloud, 32, Suring, was charged June 1 with battery and disorderly conduct as a domestic abuse repeater, two counts of felony bail jumping and two counts of misdemeanor bail jumping. Kussel set a \$2,500 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for July 8.
- Miles L. Clark, 61, Shawano, was charged June 1 with two counts of threatening to cause bodily harm to certain individuals involved with a court or legal system, as well as misdemeanor counts of disorderly conduct and

resisting or obstructing an officer. Kussel set a \$2,500 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for July 6.

- Aaron W. Weso, 46, Keshena, was charged June 1 with five counts of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of knowingly violating a domestic abuse injunction. Kussel set a \$10,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for June 9.
- Christopher E. Kilgore, 47, Keshena, was charged June 2 with possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), five counts of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of operating while revoked. Kussel set a \$750 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for June 9.
- Corey A. Welch, 40, Mattoon, was charged June 2 with 11 counts of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer. Kussel set a

\$50,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for June 11.

- Virgil Anton Brusky, 72, Green Bay, was charged June 3 with second-degree recklessly endangering safety. Kussel set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for Aug. 24.
- Winona K. Pyawasit, 50, Shawano, was charged June 3 with three counts of felony bail jumping and misdemeanor counts of possession of THC and possession of drug paraphernalia. Kussel set a \$500 cash bond and a \$2,000 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for Aug. 4.
- Malinda C. Kleeman, 51, Shawano, was charged June 5 with two counts of second-degree recklessly endangering safety, a misdemeanor count of criminal damage to property and 13 counts of misdemeanor bail jumping. Kussel set a \$1,000 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for Aug. 11.

LEGAL NOTICES

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

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT SHAWANO COUNTY Village Capital & Investment LLC Plaintiff, vs. Austin James Fleming a/k/a Austin Fleming and Destiny Yessenia Reacco-Davis Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Case No. 25-CV-000248 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered on December 16, 2025 in the amount of \$177,740.27 the Sheriff will sell the described premises at public auction as follows: TIME: July 8, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. TERMS: Pursuant to said judgment, 10% of the successful bid must be paid to the sheriff at the sale in cash, cashier's check or certified funds, payable to the clerk of courts (personal checks cannot and will not be accepted). The balance of the successful bid must be paid to the clerk of courts in cash, cashier's check or certified funds no later than ten days after the court's confirmation of the sale or else the 10% down payment is forfeited to the plaintiff. The property is sold 'as is' and subject to all liens and encumbrances. PLACE: In the front lobby of the Shawano County Courthouse, City and County of Shawano DESCRIPTION: Lot Four (4), Block Seven (7), according to the recorded Plat of Hartman and Lutz Addition, in the City of Shawano, Shawano County, Wisconsin. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1018 S Lutz St Shawano, WI 54166-3345 DATED: May 7, 2026 Gray & Associates, L.L.P. Attorneys for Plaintiff 16345 West Glendale Drive New Berlin, WI 53151-2841 (414) 224-8404 George Lenzner Shawano County Sheriff Please go to www.gray-law.com to obtain the bid for this sale. Gray & Associates, L.L.P. is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If you have previously received a discharge in a chapter 7 bankruptcy case, this communication should not be construed as an attempt to hold you personally liable for the debt.

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6/5/26, 6/12/26, 6/19/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
SHAWANO COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Carl H. Slagle 05-27-2026

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration) Case No. 26 PR 30

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: 1. An application for informal administration was filed 2. The decedent, with date of birth July 20, 1945in Shawano and date of death April 18, 2026, was domiciled County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 403 Forest Street, Birnamwood, WI 54414 3. All interested persons waived notice. 4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is [Date] September 4, 2026 5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano Courthouse, 311 N. Main St., Shawano, WI 54166 Form completed by: Attorney Miranda M. Lamb Nolan and Deffner Legacy Law 1803 Stewart Avenue, Wausau, WI 54401 715-842-0888 Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate Office Bar Number 1112872 County

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5/29/26, 6/5/26, 6/12/26

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, MENOMINEE TRIBAL CT COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF Angela Marie Kayler By (Petitioner) Angela Marie Kayler

Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing Case No 26NC01

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: [First] Angela [Middle] Marie [Last] Kayler To: [First] Angela [Middle] Marie [Last] Waukau LaRoque Birth Certificate [First] Angela (Middle) Marie [Last] Davis IT IS ORDERED This Petition will be heard in the Circuit court of Menom.Tribal County, State of Wisconsin Honorable Michael O'Reilly Menominee Tribal Court W3293 Wolf River DR Keshena, WI 54135 July 1, 2026 10:00a.m.

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6/12/26, 6/19/26, 6/26/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
SHAWANO COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF STEWARD G. BELTZ DOD: APRIL 28, 2026 Case No. 26PR35 Please Take Notice: 1. An application for informal administration was filed. 2. The decedent, with date of birth July 25, 1950 and date of death April 28, 2026, was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 324 S. Washington Street, Shawano, WI 54166. 3. All interested person waived notice. 4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is September 15, 2026. 5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate Office. Attorney Emily J. Briski Hager, Dewick & Zuengler, S.C. 200 S. Washington St., Ste. 200 Green Bay, WI 54301 (920) 430-1900 Bar No. 1140898

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6/5/26, 6/12/26, 6/19/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
SHAWANO COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BRETT L. ROSENOW DOD: MARCH 21, 2026 05-27-2026

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration) Case No. 26 PR 32

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: 1. An application for informal administration was filed. 2. The decedent, with date of birth September 25, 1954, and date of death March 21, 2026, was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 1046 South Evergreen Street, Shawano, WI 54166 3. All interested persons waived notice. 4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is [Date] September 4, 2026 5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate Office Attorney Christina L. Peterson HANAWAY ROSS, S.C. 345 South Jefferson Street Green Bay, WI 54301 Telephone 920-432-3381 Bar Number 1045760

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5/29/26, 6/5/26, 6/12/26

STOCKBRIDGE-MUNSEE TRIBAL COURT

Mohican Nation Stockbridge-Munsee Community

Dakota Sky Adams Petitioner, requesting the change of name from: Dakota Sky Adams to Dakota Sky Linwood Case No.2026-NC-0001

NOTICE OF COURT DATE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a petition for name change has been filed in the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Court in Bowler, Wisconsin.

A hearing on the petition will be held on Friday, July 17, 2026, at 10:00 AM at the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Court in Bowler, Wisconsin.

Any person objecting to the requested name change may appear at the hearing and present objections to the Court.

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5/29/26, 6/5/26, 6/12/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

STATE OF WISCONSIN IN THE MATTER OF: THE EGGERT REVOCABLE TRUST DATED FEBRUARY 7, 1994 SHAWANO COUNTY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS LIMITATION ON CLAIMS (Trust Administration)

The administration of the trust has commenced for the decedent-grantor, Kenneth C. Eggert, whose date of birth was December 29, 1933, and date of death was January 7, 2026. The decedent died with a residence in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a post office address of W1436 Naumann Road, Shawano, Wisconsin 54111. Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes §701.0508, creditors' claims must be filed with Faye A. LeTourneau, trustee of The Eggert Revocable Trust dated February 7, 1994, with the power and authority to pay the debts of the decedent, at the address provided below, on or before September 15, 2026. Lewis & Van Sickle, LLC 2149 Velp Avenue, Suite 206 Green Bay, WI 54303 8th day of May 2026. Faye A. LeTourneau, Trustee

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6/5/26, 6/12/26, 6/19/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
SHAWANO COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Darlene R. Slagle

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration) Case No. 26 PR 31

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: 1. An application for informal administration was filed. 2. The decedent, with date of birth December 28, 1948, and date of death April 18, 2026, was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 403 Forest Street, Birnamwood, WI 54414 3. All interested persons waived notice. 4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is September 4, 2026 5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse Room 202, Probate Office 311 N. Main St., Shawano, WI 54166 Form completed by: Attorney Miranda M. Lamb Nolan and Deffner Legacy Law 1803 Stewart Avenue, Wausau, WI 54401 715-842-0888 Bar Number 1112872

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6/5/26, 6/12/26, 6/19/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
SHAWANO COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Reuben H. Erickson DOD 3-9-2026

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration) Case No. 26 PR 34

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: 1. An application for informal administration was filed. 2. The decedent, with date of birth 4-6-1941 in Shawano and date of death 3-9-2026 was domiciled Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 1250 South Evergreen Street, Shawano, WI 54166 3. All interested persons waived notice. 4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate September 11, 2026 5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse 411 N. Main St Probate Room 202 James E. Aschenbrener P.O. Box 146, Shawano, WI 54166 715-524-6258 Bar Number 1008896

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6/12/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

Publication Summons and Notice (Small Claims) STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY Case No. 2026SC000211

Plaintiff(s): BCG Equities, LLC 225 S. Executive Dr, Suite 200 Brookfield WI 53005 VS. Defendant(s): FRANK STALLINGS W19129 LAKE ST ANIWA WI 54408-9756

TO THE PERSON(S) NAMED ABOVE AS DEFENDANT(S):

You are being sued by the person(s) named above as Plaintiff(s). A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above. The lawsuit will be heard in the following small claims court: SHAWANO County Courthouse Telephone Number of clerk of court: 715-526-9347 Courtroom/Room Number: Address: 311 N Main Street Address: City: Shawano, WI 54166 on the following date and time: Date: 06/30/2026 Time: 01:00 pm

If you do not attend the hearing, the court may enter a judgment against you in favor of the person(s) suing you. A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate (property) you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property. You may have the option to Answer without appearing in court on the court date by filing a written Answer with the clerk of court before the court date. You must send a copy of your Answer to the Plaintiff(s) named above at their address. You may contact the clerk of court at the telephone number above to determine if there are other methods to answer a Small Claims complaint in that county.

Electronically Signed by EMMA N. SCHRAM State Bar # 1116788 6/1/2026 DLF Law Group, LLC (formerly Dobberstein Law Firm, LLC) 225 S. Executive Dr. Suite 201 Brookfield, WI. 53005 262-641-3715

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6/12/26, 6/19/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Shawano Plan Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, June 24, 2026 at 5:00 PM at Shawano City Hall, 127 S. Sawyer St., Shawano, WI to consider the following:

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT to allow Shawano Thrift Store (Arland Dillenburg) to have an outdoor display at 713 E. Green Bay Street, Shawano, WI per City of Shawano Municipal Code Section 10-58(4) Outdoor Display, as a conditional use. The property is located in the Urban Mixed Use (UMU) zoning district. (Legal description: #281-751500140 City of Shawano Shanahans Addition Lot 2 Ex RR & W 60' of Lot 3 Blk 4)

At the above time and place all interested persons will be given the opportunity to be heard.

Lesley Nemetz, City Clerk City of Shawano

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6/12/26, 6/19/26, 6/26/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

Circuit Court

COVANTAGE CREDIT UNION PO BOX 107 ANTIGO, WI 54409 Plaintiff, vs. THOMAS LEE KLINGBILE, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF THOMAS LEE KLINGBILE, COVANTAGE CREDIT UNION AND ASPIRUS CLINICS, INC., Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Case No. 25-CV-275

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered on March 9, 2026 in the amount of \$35,257.03 the Sheriff will sell the described premises at public auction as follows: TIME: July 8, 2026, at 9:00 am TERMS: Pursuant to said judgment, 10% of the successful bid must be paid to the sheriff at the sale in cash, cashier's check or certified funds, payable to the Shawano County Clerk of Courts. (Personal checks cannot and will not be accepted). The balance of the successful bid must be paid to the clerk of courts in cash, cashier's check or certified funds no later than ten days after the court's confirmation for the sale or else the 10% down payment is forfeited to the plaintiff. The property is sold 'as is' and subject to all liens and encumbrances. PLACE: Shawano County Courthouse, main lobby 311 N. Main Street in Shawano, WI 54166 in Shawano County DESCRIPTION: Parcel Two (2) of CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP No. 2350 recorded on July 17, 2001 in Volume 8 of Certified Surveys on pages 355-356, as Document No. 546957, being a part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4 SE 1/4) of Section Thirty-six (36), Township Twenty-eight (28) North, Range Eleven (11) East, Town of Birnamwood, Shawano County, Wisconsin.PIN: 012-36440-0000 PROPERTY ADDRESS: N7381 County Road Q, Wittenberg, WI 54499 Galanis, Pollack, Jacobs & Johnson, S.C. Attorneys for Plaintiff 413 N. 2 nd Street, Suite 150 Milwaukee, WI 53203 414-271-5400 Galanis, Pollack, Jacobs & Johnson, S.C. is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If you have previously received a discharge in a Chapter 7 bankruptcy case, this communication should not be construed as an attempt to hold you personally liable for the debt.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

NOTICE IN REPLEVIN STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT SHAWANO COUNTY Case Code 31003 Case No. 26-SC-257

To: CHARLES NICHOLAS TOURILLOTT

You are hereby notified that a summons and complaint has been issued to recover possession of the following described goods and chattels, to wit: 2019 Chevrolet Traverse - VIN: 1GNERGW4KJ279477 of which I, the plaintiff am entitled to the possession, and which you have unjustly taken and unlawfully detain from me.

NOW, THEREFORE, unless you shall appear in the Circuit Court of Shawano County, located in the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street in the City of Shawano, State of Wisconsin, on June 30, 2026 at 1:00 P.M. before the calendar judge or any other judge of said court to whom the said action may be assigned for trial, judgment will be rendered against you for the delivery of said property to the plaintiff and for damages for the detention thereof and for costs.

Dated at Milwaukee, WI this 1st day of June , 2026 .

ALLY CAPITAL CORP. d/b/a ALLY BANK Plaintiff

By: Zachary L. Enstrom, Attorney State Bar# 1102478 413 N. 2 nd Street, Ste. 150 Milwaukee, WI 53203 Tele: 414-271-9556

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT SHAWANO COUNTY

JOYCE VERSTOPPEN N7874 MORGAN ROAD GRESHAM, WI 54128, Plaintiff, vs. BERNADINE MARQUETTE N7874 MORGAN ROAD GRESHAM, WI 54128, and JONATHAN MARQUETTE N7874 MORGAN ROAD GRESHAM, WI 54128, Defendants.

Case No. 26 CV 105 Class Code: 30106

PUBLICATION SUMMONS THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, TO DEFENDANT JONATHAN MARQUETTE: You are hereby notified that the Plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. Within forty (40) days after the date of the first publication, you must respond with a written demand for a copy of the Complaint and all subsequent documents. The demand must be sent or delivered to the Court who address is: Shawano County Clerk of Courts Shawano County Courthouse 311 North Main Street Shawano, WI 54166 Case 2026CV000105 Document 6 You may have an attorney help or represent you. If you do not demand a copy of the Complaint within forty (40) days, the Court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the documents. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property. Filed 06-04-2026 Plaintiff's Attorney: Attorney Lawrence G. Vesely Olson, Kulkoski, Galloway & Vesely, S.C. 416 South Monroe Avenue Green Bay, WI 54301

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5/29/26, 6/5/26, 6/12/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT SHAWANO COUNTY Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing Case No. 26CV114

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF Julie Jean Hoeffs By Julie Jean Hoeffs NOTICE IS GIVEN: A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: Julie Jean Hoeffs To: Julie Jean Luepke Birth Certificate: Julie Jean Luepke IT IS ORDERED: This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Shawano County, State of Wisconsin Judge Name: William F Kussel Jr Place: Shawano County Courthouse 411 S. Main St, Shawano, WI 54166 Date: July 1 2026 Time: 8:45 a.m.

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6/12/26, 6/19/26, 6/26/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

Case No. 2025CV000264 STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT SHAWANO COUNTY

Rocket Mortgage LLC s/b/m Nationstar Mortgage LLC Plaintiff, v. Estate of Donna Dobbs Defendant.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a judgment of foreclosure made in the above-entitled action on March 31, 2026 in the amount of \$58,911.10, I will sell at public auction, located in the main lobby of the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano, WI 54166, on

July 8, 2026

At 9:00 AM, all of the following described premises, to wit:

LOT 7 IN BLOCK 2 OF NABER AND RUEDEBUSCH'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SHAWANO. SHAWANO COUNTY, WISCONSIN. ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF.

Street Address: 218 S. Lincoln Street, Shawano, WI 54166 Tax Key No. 281-70150-0120

THE PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD AS IS AND SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL REAL ESTATE TAXES, SUPERIOR LIENS OR OTHER LEGAL ENCUMBRANCES.

TERMS OF SALE: CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK or CERTIFIED FUNDS, payable to the Shawano County Office of the Sheriff (10% down payment at sale, balance due within ten (10) days of Court approval; down payment to be forfeited if payment not received timely). Buyer must comply with minimum bidder qualifications as set forth in Wis. Stat. Å§ 846.155. Buyer to pay applicable Wisconsin Real Estate Transfer Tax in addition to the purchase price.

George Lenzner Sheriff of Shawano County, Wisconsin

Codilis, Moody & Circelli, P.C. Attorneys for Plaintiff (414) 775-7700 50-25-01364 NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector.

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peers if he does not use AI. “We have beautiful land here,” he said. “We have farms. We have timber. We have loggers. We have farmers. We have dairy. We’re neighbors. This is our community. We love it here.”

Gauthier said pollution from data centers would harm fishing and other water sports.

“This is the best place in the world to live,” Gauthier said. “This (moratorium) needs to happen all throughout the state, because we’ve seen what happens. They don’t care about us. They don’t care about our land. They don’t care about our water. All they care about is their profits. We can do better. We deserve better. Let’s not let this happen. Let’s push back on this.”

Kyle Waelchli, zoning administrator, said no company has approached officials about constructing a data center in the county.

Sarah Zarling, a statewide activist from Watertown, congratulated the committee on taking action before it is too late.

“I really commend you for even considering the moratorium,” she said. “In the data center space, I believe it to be the most important issue to address.”

She said that in Beaver Dam in Dodge County, where a data center is being built, there are reports of wells drying up, water contamination and cracked foundations of nearby properties, with no protections in place to help those affected.

“It’s very vital that, moving forward, we need

to pause new data center approvals and take a step back and get protections in place for residents and communities,” Zarling said.

Shawano’s Lori Hayes said any data center should be required to be a good community member like any other business.

“Rules can be put into place that make them give money back or provide energy back to the county that they’re actually living in, so that they’re not a user, they’re now part of the community,” Hayes said. “They can be part of a community, but they have to be responsible members of a community.”

In May, residents packed the Pella Town Hall for a discussion about data centers and solar farms, with several residents

noting they have been approached by firms interested in their land.

“The impact of data centers does not stop at the edge of the town,” Pella resident Marcena Neil said. “It doesn’t stop at a property line. We share groundwater. What affects one absolutely affects the other.”

Lucas Hartwig, of Shawano, said he used AI a lot to learn different things, but he added that because so much knowledge is now available online, he interacts less with friends, neighbors, teachers and others.

He also said that even though he personally learned from AI, the good of the community outweighs any personal benefits.

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Desirae Grignon, of Neopit, speaks in favor of Shawano County temporarily halting any development of data centers. She and others expressed concerns about noise pollution, water usage, high electric rates, damage to lakes and rivers, fish and aquatic life, and how they affect tourism, housing and lifestyles.

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More communities say no AI data centers

Data centers are physical facilities that can house thousands of computer servers and networking equipment.

They act as the backbone of the digital world, used to store, process and manage massive volumes of data for everything from cloud computing and video streaming to enterprise operations and artificial intelligence.

According to Wisconsin Watch’s Tom Kertscher, moratoriums to

block hyperscale data centers have been adopted by at least four Wisconsin local governments and are being considered in at least six more.

Most recently, the Door County Board adopted a one-year data center moratorium. Moratoriums have already been adopted in Madison, Manitowoc County and the Town of Cassville in Grant County, where developers have proposed a \$1 billion-plus data

center.

Also in Grant County, the Beeton Town Board adopted an interim zoning ordinance that specifically blocks large data centers, and the Bloomington Town Board is considering one.

In the village of Wrightstown, officials decided to put an advisory referendum on the Aug. 11 ballot asking residents if the village should support infrastructure for potential data centers.

Wisconsin ranks 29th among the states in artificial intelligence adoption, according to a Microsoft estimate, with 28% of working-age residents using generative AI products such as ChatGPT or Microsoft Pilot.

An online survey showed 55% of adults in the Midwest, compared with 47% nationally, say construction of new data centers have a very or somewhat negative effect on the country.

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ball goes toward first responder agencies and the needs they have to help protect the community.

Johnson noted the committee had received questions over the years about where the money raised during the ball was going.

“When Safe Haven received the funds, first responders benefited from it,” Johnson said. “Safe Haven is a great partnership with our community first responders.”

According to Williams, Safe Haven will still remain a partner with the Ball of the Badges.

One of the reasons Behind the Badge was formed was because Safe Haven had to cut a

FYI

Behind the Badge is currently seeking nominations for its 2026 awards. These honors recognize outstanding individuals across multiple first responder disciplines who exemplify courage, compassion and dedication to their communities.

Each award recipient will be recognized during the Ball of the Badges program and will also have the opportunity to direct a \$1,000 donation to a nonprofit organization or agency of their choice. Selected organizations must align with the mission of supporting first responders, their families or causes closely connected to their service.

The nomination deadline is July 23. Submissions can be mailed to Behind the Badge, Inc., P.O. Box 123, Shawano, WI 54166. They can also be emailed to BalloftheBadgesEvents@gmail.com.

community service position. That employee had done much of the planning and preparation for the ball, but it’s clear that the domestic violence shelter’s close relationship makes sense to keep it involved.

“It’s a few full-time jobs to put this on,” Williams said, noting that volunteers with Behind the Badge will handle what the Safe Haven employee handled previously. “If we didn’t step up, the event wouldn’t happen. Most of

us have full-time jobs, but because we were successful in doing this last year, we thought now was the time.”

Behind the Badge is also partnering with VFW Post 2723, with Williams noting that many who serve in the military often move on to careers in law enforcement and other first responder agencies.

The 2026 ball will take place Nov. 13 at North Star Mohican Casino Resort, with a red carpet theme planned. An addition to this year’s ball is that award winners will receive \$1,000 each to be donated to the organization

of their choice.

“Imagine a room full of 400 people, and you hear these stories about what happened or why they’re getting the award or the little things that happened during the workday,” Williams said. “Now to actually hear it in a room full of your peers, it is a different energy.”

Behind the Badge is looking at opening the opportunity for additional nonprofits to benefit from event proceeds beginning in 2027 and working with the group to develop other ideas.

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06/12/2026
TOWN OF WESCOTT
NOTICE OF APPLICATION
FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE
LICENSE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following applications for alcohol beverage licenses have been filed with the Clerk in the Town of Wescott for the licensing period of July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027. Names and addresses of applicants are as follows:

CLASS "B" BEER AND "CLASS B" LIQUOR

American AMVETS Post #10 – agent Bobbette Hacker, W5785 Lake Dr, Shawano, WI 54166
Golfside, LLC-agent Anthony Powers, W5802 Lake Dr, Shawano, WI 54166
Classic's Restaurant & Lounge LLC – agent Robin Himebauch, W6026 Lake Dr, Shawano, WI 54166
Shalagoco LLC – agent Anthony Powers, W5714 Lake Dr, Shawano, WI 54166
Jeff & Tammy's Lighthouse LLC-agent Jeffrey Stachowiak, W6440 Gumaer Rd, Shawano, WI 54166
Billy's Higher Wire, LLC -agent Victoria Weaver, N6017 Lake Dr, Shawano, WI 54166
Acres for Recreation- Agent Monique Knope- N6999 Retreat Rd, Shawano, WI 54166
Brothers Pub, LLC- agent Dustin White, N5867 Lake Dr, Shawano, WI 54166
Coachlight Bar and Grill, LLC- agent Gregory Buss, W5814 Lake Dr, Shawano, WI 54166
Big Time Sports Bar and Grill, Inc, agent Tawni Belonger, W6014 Lake Dr, Shawano, WI 54166
Brother Pub, LLC- agent Jeffrey White, N5858 Lake Dr, Shawano, WI 54166
Docker's On The Corner Supper Club, LLC-agent Scott Mocco, N5846 Lake Dr

CLASS "A" BEER AND "CLASS A" LIQUOR

Lake Mart LLC-agent Tammy Hass, N6612 Lake Dr, Shawano, WI 54166
Shawano Mini Mart, LLC – agent Prabhu Dhurgana, N5847 State Road 47-55, Shawano, WI 54166

SIX-MONTH CLASS "B" BEER

Shawano Archery Club – agent Mary Plugger, N5820 Old Lake Rd, Shawano, WI 54166

CLASS "B" BEER

Holzmann Motorsports, LLC-agent Robert Holzmann-W5901 Cty Rd BE-Shawano, WI 54166

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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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