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No matter how you play, enjoy the day on the golf course







One lucky winner at the Shawano Area Waterways Management golf outing walked away with a year's supply of Sun Drop. Jeremy Buenning from American Marine, above, helped crews and other volunteers prepare the Golden Sands Golf Course prior to the start of the annual SAWM golf outing.The nonprofit group is a source of pride for those who use the waterways, as shown through the outpouring of community support for the fundraiser. For more information on SAWM and the golf outing, turn to page 13.

At left, Dusty Delorme, owner of Shawano Mini Golf, prepares to power up his leaf blower to clear the greens at the 18-hole course. After being shut down the past four years, the business is open again, this time under Delorme's management. For more information, turn to page 6.

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Shawano schools look at library curriculum

Additional lessons expected to improve reading, critical thinking

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

The Shawano School District is looking at implementing a new library curriculum for its four libraries as part of a three-year plan that is expected to be approved by the Shawano School Board on June 22.

The plan is a requirement of the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, according to Aleksandra Hernandez, the district's new library media specialist. It is slated to be on the board's consent agenda and will not add any cost to the district, as the library funding is provided through Common School Funds – a permanent, state-funded trust established by the state constitution in 1848.

Currently, elementary schools have classrooms visit the library for 30 minutes. At Hillcrest Primary School, interactive read-aloud times are held. This is also the case at Olga Brener Intermediate School, but class activities also include hands-on activities and digital citizenship lessons.

At the middle and high schools, the libraries provide research support for students.

While the existing programs do help with literacy in the schools, more needs to be done, which is why the district is creating a library curriculum to supplement students' reading time, according to Hernandez.

"It is our goal that every student will become an accomplished reader, critical thinker and informed citizen through the resources and services provided by the school library program and staff," Hernandez said.

The creation of the library curriculum is expected to take up much of the three years. In the 2026-27 school year, Hernandez plans to meet with school officials and begin creating course guidebooks for

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Crime numbers stay steady in county

Sheriff's annual report also highlights department programs

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

Wondering how many crimes against property were reported to the Shawano County Sheriff's Department in 2025?

What about the number of sheriff's department incidents responded to in the Town of Grant or the Town of Wescott?

Those figures and more can be fond in the department's 2025 annual report, but officials point out there's more to the report than numbers.

"We want to highlight different areas instead of just having numbers every year," Sheriff George Lenzner said.

Dana Ritchie, office manager, compiles many of the numbers as well as information on department programs and initiatives.

"We have our dive team on there, honor guard, things like that. Court security is a big one," she said. "Next year, we're probably going to look into putting more information on the jail programs."

The report was approved by the public safety committee June 10 and will be forwarded to the county board for approval June 24.

With the resignation of one of the departments's K-9 officers and the sale of the dog to the Menominee County Sheriff's Department, Shawano County has only one K-9 unit. Lenzner said a second dog won't be brought on board until 2027.

"Luckily, there's not a shortage of dogs in the area," he said. "We all help each other. Not too many people have dogs on 24 hours a day, at least not with the smaller agencies. Luckily, Brown or Marathon (counties) usually do, so if we need something on that end, everybody helps everybody out."

By the way, there were 259 crimes against property in 2025, which resulted in 61 cases cleared and 51 arrests (33 adults and 18 juveniles). Sheriff's department incidents in the Town of Grant numbered 217, while 1,329 were reported in the Town of Wescott.

"As far as the crime stats that are in there, it's pretty consistent with prior years," Ritchie said. "I can't think of anything last year that really spiked in one area. It's kind of interesting how your area stays consistent throughout time unless there's a big event. COVID threw things off, of course."

Crimes against property are often lower in winter months.

"A lot of times … people come up to their summer cottages – they're not there all year – they come up and find it broken into, so it gets reported then," Lenzner said.

The more populated areas tend to have more crimes.

The department also routinely tracks the time of day when crimes are reported. Chief Deputy Ty Raddant recently compiled the information for the past 25 years.

"It hasn't changed in 25 years," Lenzner said. "It's the same time of the day that most of your complaints get called in. It's always in that afternoon area."

The most popular time for reported incidents is from 3-6 p.m., with 4-5 a.m. being the slowest time.

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Keek-Oche grows, feeds Stockbridge-Munsee

Apple tree planted to honor tribal council member

By LEE PULASKI
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Luken Schreiber, 5, left, and his siblings, Eli, 9, and Brynn, 11, check out some of the tobacco seeds on display outside the new farm building at Keek-Oche Tribal Farm on June 11. The farm held a soft opening for the facility, as well as planted an apple tree in memory of tribal council member Ella Kazik.
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Keek-Oche Tribal Farm held a soft opening June 11 of its new farm building, dedicated a tree to a tribal council member for the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohicans and showed tribal members they've come a long way to help achieve food sovereignty.

Keek-Oche, which stands for From the Earth, started out a half-acre learning farm in 2018 in the Town of Bartelme where tribal members could learn traditional ways of growing food that were sustainable. In that first year, 4,250 pounds of food were harvested.

That amount has tripled in the last eight years as Keek-Oche has grown to six acres with hoop house-style greenhouses to extend the amount of time that food can be grown in the area. It has reached the point where the tribe is almost able to feed the entire community.

The family of Ella Kazik, a member of the tribal council who died at home May 30, planted an apple tree at Keek-Oche not only to honor the beloved elder who believed in cultural preservation but also to serve as a point for walking trails that will be part of the farm.

Kim Hoffman, Kazik's daughter, said her mother was proud to make a difference on the tribal council, and she was pleased to see council members in attendance. She said the tree being planted will serve as a symbol of the love Kazik had for the Stockbridge-Munsee people.

"Our mother was a gift," Hoffman said. "She grew from humble soil – no running water, no electricity. Yet she flourished. She gave sweetness to us, her community, her grandchildren and even her great-grandchildren. Today, we plant this tree in her honor, and her love will continue to blossom. offering sweetness and strength to every generation that follows."

Hoffman told an Algonquin story about apple trees and how they are seen as a gift to the people from a spirit because there was a time when there was no fruit on the earth.

"As the tree grew, it offered more than fruit," Hoffman said. "It was a place of gathering, laughter, stories and connection. Its apples reminded the people that sweetness is not only something that we taste, but something we create through love, family and community."

Maria Duits, Stockbridge-Munsee agriculture manager who oversees Keek-Oche, said community interest has allowed the farm to flourish and expand in the last eight years.

"There's no purpose in us continuing to grow bigger if people don't want it," Duits said to a group of more than 50 people on the farm. "Clearly, you people want it."

The farm was born out of a strategic plan developed by the tribe years earlier, Duits said in an interview after the welcome ceremony. Food sovereignty was a main factor, as tribal members had to travel quite a bit to grocery stores to get the food they needed.

In the first year, there was a small farmers market on the site, and a few tribal members indulged in some of the available vegetables.

"From there, the farm has pretty much grown exponentially with the support from tribal council," Duits said.

Four of the existing acres are in cultivation, she said, and there's also a pollinator habitat with bees that the tribe utilizes. An apple orchard is also part of Keek-Oche, and tribal officials also grow repatriated Mohican and Lenape seeds.

The new building will serve as an education space, as well as storing much of the food harvested on the farm like squash, onions and potatoes, according to Duits.. The building will allow farmers to dry traditional corn and beans on a larger scale.

"We'll do some recipe development with the Indigenous foods and inspire people to try new things that they haven't been able to have in their homes for a few generations," Duits said.

Wet years recently have really helped Keek-Oche to flourish, especially since the farm is in a sandy area and water has been able to get to crops where needed, according to Duits.

"We've been able to get some irrigation to our fields, and everything's staying wet," she said.

The walking trails planned for the future will provide more educational opportunities through language kiosks, Duits said, but they will also provide a path for tribal elders and others to reach the pollinator areas and harvest tribal medicines.

Food sovereignty has always been a necessity for the Stockbridge-Munsee and other tribes, but with food prices continuing to go up at unsettling rates, having Keek-Oche available to provide food to the community helps to curb any sticker shock when it comes to food.

"We've definitely taken those food prices into consideration when we've planted the fields this year," Duits said. "We're doing a 30% increase in planting for the fields this year, and the community is going to come out in droves."

Brock Schreiber, one of the Stockbridge-Munsee's Mahican language teachers, offered up tobacco and honey before saying a prayer in the traditional language and said Keek-Oche shows how fortunate the tribe is.

"I was talking to one of my friends up in Keshena recently, and he said as we were in this new farm building, 'You know, our ancestors prayed really hard so we could have a life like this,'" Schreiber said. "I just thought about that on my way here and how good of a life that we do have."

Schreiber recounted how tribal ancestors struggled for survival, not always having the food or clothing they needed, and he suggested that tribal members remember that as they enjoy food on the farm.

"We have a life with such abundance," he said. "So when I say this prayer, it's in appreciation to our ancestors for everything they did and sacrificed so we can have the life we have and all of this abundance."

DID YOU KNOW?

Keek-Oche Tribal Farm offers a community-supported agriculture program to Stockbridge-Munsee tribal members. Here are some details:

- Community Supported Agriculture is a crop share program where a box of vegetables is picked at the farm and set aside every week for 15 weeks during the growing season. Having committed members allows tribal officials to plan crops, use sustainable practices to reduce waste, and provide vegetables at the peak of freshness. This is the seventh year Keek-Oche has offered a CSA program.
- Membership is reserved on tribal preference and first-come basis. Sixty memberships are available for 2026. The tribe will keep information for wait-lists if spots become available.
- Each week's box will have a variety of in-season vegetables. As the summer progresses, the box will become more diverse closer to the fall harvest peak.
- Boxes start out green and light with lettuces, cucumbers, green onions, beans and peas, but with every week more color is added and the boxes get heavier with tomatoes, beets, carrots, broccoli and more. Variously throughout the season, Keek-Oche buys from tribal and local producers to fill boxes with extra goodies that aren't produced at the farm at this time like strawberries, apples, and mushrooms.
- There will be recipes available weekly to help inspire cooking with new flavors, how to use multiple items in one meal, or tips on preserving produce.
- For information on the CSA program, go to www.mohicanag.com/csa.

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Shawano Country tourism generates $125M

Visitation contributes to state tourism's booming year in 2025

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The Wisconsin Department of Tourism released 2025 economic impact data showing Shawano Country tourism generated a record economic impact total of $125 million, contributing to Wisconsin tourism's booming year.

The $125 million includes $119 million in Shawano County and $6 million in Menominee County.

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

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

"The communities of Shawano Country are more than just places to visit – they are destinations that inspire a connection with nature, create memorable experiences and drive tourism and economic growth throughout our great region of the state" said Michelle Eron, tourism and marketing specialist for the Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce. "Every event, attraction and local business contributes to a vibrant community that welcomes visitors, supports economic spending and showcases the best of what our region has to offer."

Wisconsin tourism hosted 117.9 million visits in 2025, including all-time highs for day and overnight trips, for back-to-back record years for visitation. Across the state, the tourism industry supported more than 183,000 part- and full-time jobs, and locally, tourism supported 841 jobs in Menominee and Shawano counties.

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

In Menominee and Shawano counties, tourism generated $7.6 million in state and local taxes. Without the revenue generated by tourism, each Wisconsin household would pay an additional $692 to maintain the current level of government services.



Festivals like Pulaski Polka Days brings in thousands of people to the area, and they end up spending plenty of money in the community as well as at the event. Shawano County's total economic impact from tourism increased from $116 million in 2024 to $119 million in 2025, a 2.6% increase, according to the Wisconsin Department of Tourism.

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"Wisconsin tourism is booming, because it is the ideal destination for making memories," said Wisconsin Department of Tourism Secretary Anne Sayers. "Travelers who choose to visit one more attraction, dine at one more restaurant and stay one more night generate many more dollars for Wisconsin tourism."

Shawano County's total economic impact increased from $116 million in 2024 to $119 million in 2025, a 2.6% increase. At $6 million, Menominee County showed a 5.2% increase.

Direct visitor spending rose from $77.6 million to $79.9 million, up 3.0%, for Shawano County. In Menominee County, the increase was 5.3%, up from $3.4 million to $3.6 million.

Shawano County saw a decrease in tourism-related employment, down 1.1% from 806 to 798. Menominee County's total increased 1.3%, up from 42 to 43.

Total labor income related to those tourism jobs rose 1.1%, from $25.2 million to $25.4 million for Shawano County. In Menominee County, it rose 4.3% to $0.6 million.

Finally, state and local taxes generated in Shawano County increased 1.5% from $7.1 million to $7.2 million. For Menominee County, the taxes increased 4.1% to $0.4 million.

"Looking specifically at what we did in 2025, the Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center amplified our regional economy by putting our community front and center where it matters most," said Suzanne Wittman, chamber president and CEO. "From targeted TV campaigns in Milwaukee and Madison, prime placements in the Milwaukee Brewers and Green Bay Packers yearbooks, as well as our partnering with the Packers by creating a barn quilt for the NFL draft, we aggressively marketed our hidden gems.

"We also paired high-visibility digital and print campaigns with boots-on-the-ground presence at major sport shows and beloved local events like Shawano's Octoberfest, Wittenberg's Community Days and the Bonduel 4th of July Celebration. Our tourism efforts didn't just invite people to visit; we actively drove sustainable economic growth and supported our local businesses."

The Shawano Country Visitor Center is operated inside the chamber building at 1263 S. Main St. in Shawano. It provides resources for visitors including printed materials and verbal recommendations on information for area lodging, restaurants, shopping opportunities, recreational activities, cultural points of interest and events.

Bonduel RDA looks at some ideas for downtown

Public parking area eyed for commercial development

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

The Bonduel Redevelopment Authority is looking at ideas to revive its downtown buildings for more commerce, even though it still faces challenges from building owners to open their doors.

Samantha Cassius presented some ideas she developed as part of her master's thesis at UW-Madison on some simple things the village could do to turn vacant buildings into viable businesses. In some places, it's as simple as installing newer windows: For this, she showed designs for one East Green Bay Street building to the authority June 9.

Cassius also tweaked the appearance of another Bonduel building to turn it into a cafe, adding to it the village's bear theme to make it more attractive. She also saw the potential for planters to beautify Cecil Street, although those would have to be planned carefully; the road is part of state Highway 117, and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation has jurisdiction.



Closed buildings, like the one on the right on Green Bay Street in Bonduel, are ones that the Bonduel Redevelopment Authority seeks to revive. Ideas were tossed about June 9 on what the authority could do to make its downtown thrive again.

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"We want to keep what's already there, but we also want to spruce it up," Cassius said while explaining her ideas.

The idea is not to condemn blighted buildings, if at all possible, but fix them up so they look new again when potential entrepreneurs develop ideas.

"The goals for this project were to create a vision for the community to enhance existing buildings and under-utilized space, to suggest to the authority recommendations and to determine economic development opportunities," she said.

Cassius also pitched the idea of turning the public parking area at the southwest corner of Cecil and Green Bay streets into a three- or four-story building that could be mixed use or even a hotel.

Bonduel is a blue-collar community, according to statistics that Cassius found as part of her thesis. Almost 90% of residents have a high-school diploma, but only 20% hold any kind of college degree. Median home values for the village currently hover around $173,900.

Kristen Fish-Peterson, a consultant with Redevelopment Resources who has been working with the village of Bonduel, said that visual ideas like the ones Cassius provided can help building owners who are unsure what to do with their properties. She said last fall that there were more than a dozen storefronts in the village that were vacant.

"Sometimes owners need an idea. They need a visual example of what could happen to their buildings to see the vision of what it could look like," Fish-Peterson said.

She pointed out that the public parking area in Cassius' presentation is currently not generating any tax revenue, so selling it and putting up a building could generate about $200,000 in tax revenue, in her estimation.

"That would be money that the village could spend in the (tax incremental finance) district," Fish-Peterson said. "Right now, you have a parking lot that's generating nothing, and if you put a development in there, it could generate a significant amount of income for downtown. Right now, you have three corners developed and one not developed."

RDA member Brad Luepke said he liked the ideas, but the impediment would be getting building owners on board. He noted that innocent conversations and inquiries he's made have sometimes turned hostile.

"I have no idea, because they don't want to move," Luepke said. "They don't want to budge. To get some of the property owners to buy into that is where the struggle is."

Luepke added that it's not the speed of traffic that's an issue for the village, but the fact that many downtown buildings are closed.

Municipal operations director Jesse Rankin expressed support for Cassius' ideas and hoped there was a way to make them happen.

"There's a lot of low-hanging fruit that could be converted into something nice," Rankin said.

No action was taken on Cassius' presentation.

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Trucks receive children's touch



Deputy Bill Uelmen with the Shawano County Sheriff's Department dive team shows some of the equipment the team uses for water rescues to Anna Wilkinson and her children, Silas Michalski, being held, and Bennett Michalski.



The tables are turned as Chase Corn, of Keshena, puts handcuffs on Officer Tyler Thornborrow with the Shawano Police Department while sitting in a squad car during Touch a Truck on June 8 at Walmart. Walmart's event was set up to raise money for the Children's Miracle Network, and visitors got to meet with folks with the Shawano Police Department, Shawano Area Fire Department, Shawano County Sheriff's Department and Menominee Tribal Police.





ABOVE: Brooklyn Janssen, 4, of Shawano, peeks out of one of the view ports in the Shawano Police Department's recently acquired tactical vehicle June 8 during Touch a Truck at Walmart.

LEFT: Kevin Kammers, of Shawano, helps his daughter, Mika, 3½, to roast a marshmallow as the first step to make s'mores June 8 at Walmart as one event of many at Touch a Truck.

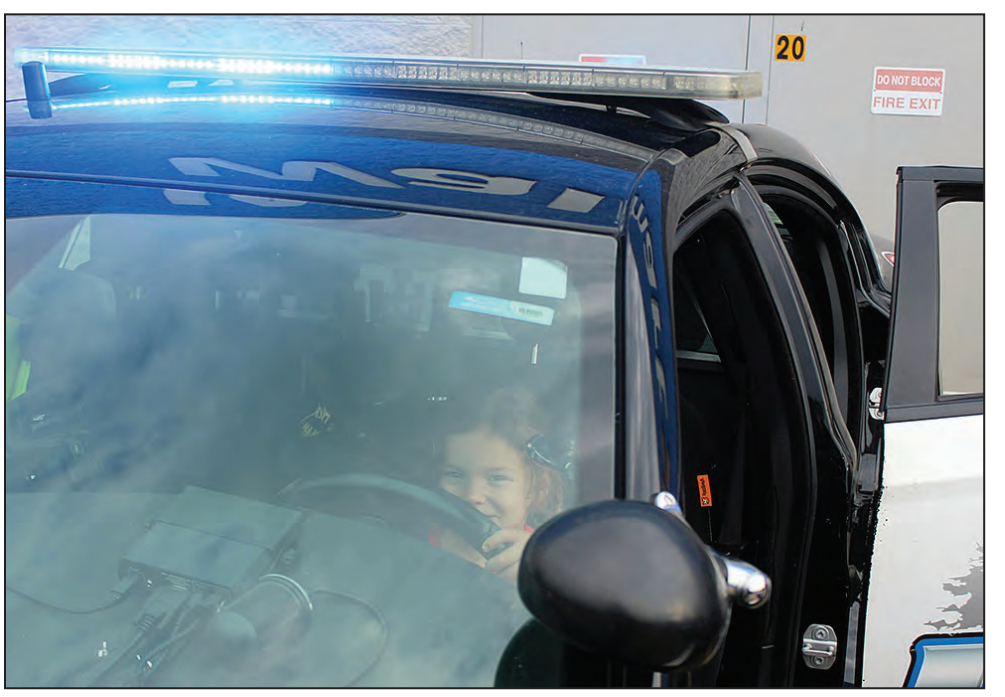
BELOW: Beckett Brooks, 2, of Shawano, hangs out inside a fire engine used by the Shawano Area Fire Department during the Touch a Truck event June 8 at Walmart.



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Officer Jeff Krause, left, with the Menominee Tribal Police, shows off some tactical gear, a speed radar gun and a drone used by the department to visitors during Touch a Truck on June 8 at Walmart.



Rowan Carroll, 4, plays at driving a Shawano police squad car June 8 at the Walmart Touch a Truck.



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

Firm will make initial contacts for fundraising campaign

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Speed limit change approved

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

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Library hopes to digitize newspapers

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Ducks interact with Sacred Heart children



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

Family fun offered 7 days a week

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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16 openings available for BBBS program

Coordinator working to get mentors across Shawano County

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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FYI

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

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

Healthfirst Network expands in Wisconsin

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

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

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

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

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

Stolen vehicle suspect arrested in Outagamie County on June 10

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

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

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

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

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

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







Sacred Heart community picnic

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

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

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Volunteers needed to make Empty Bowls a success

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

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

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

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

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

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

Digital passport from WATA money saver on vacation

The Wisconsin Agricultural Tourism Association (WATA) has launched the Sip and Savor Digital Savings Passport.

Running through Oct. 31, this free digital pass is the ultimate mobile companion for adventurous travelers, weekend warriors and foodies looking to explore Wisconsin's vibrant agricultural landscape.

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"The Sip and Savor Savings Passport is your ticket to discover and save at incredible hidden gems," said Sheila Everhart, WATA executive director. "Whether you love crisp local wines, sharp cheeses, fresh cranberries or authentic farm meals, this pass helps you plan an unforgettable road trip while keeping money in your pocket."

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Annual tradition: Community and volunteers invest in day of fun

Proceeds used to maintain and improve local waterways

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

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

Beautiful weather doesn't hurt, either.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Having fun on the course

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





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



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



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





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SAWM enjoys a successful year caring for area waters

Volunteers preserve, protect Shawano Lake, Wolf River and channel

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Key activities in 2025 included:

• Private weed cutting to more than 100 members.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Other key priorities for 2026 are to:

• Provide public and private nuisance weed harvesting.

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

• Maintain lighted buoy navigation lane.

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

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

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

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Bob Carstedt sinks the long putt on the putting green.





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DoorDash spends most lobbying in Wisconsin

Bill would have banned drivers classification as employees

By PETER CAMERON
The Badger Project

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

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

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

BY THE NUMBERS

Top lobbying spenders in Wisconsin in 2025

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Wisconsin Infrastructure Investment Now Inc.
HOURS: 0
DOLLARS: $1,006,943

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HOURS: 4,840
DOLLARS: $911,593

Wisconsin Hospital Association
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DOLLARS: $608,246

Americans For Prosperity
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Wisconsin Property Taxpayers Inc.
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DOLLARS: $508,232

Wisconsin Insurance Alliance
HOURS: 856
DOLLARS: $491,115

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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
Bamboo Bar, LLC-agent Rory Burns, W5884 Cedar Ct., Shawao , WI 54166
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Shawano Mini Mart, LLC. – agent Prabhu Dhungana, N5847 State Road 47-55, Shawano, WI 54166
SIX-MONTH CLASS "B" BEER
Shawano Archery Club – agent Mary Pluger, N5820 Old Lake Rd, Shawano, WI 54166
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Members of the 2025 Pulaski girls soccer team are, front row, from left, Estella Vieaux, Alli Glinski, Leah Grygiel, Sydney Kunstman, Emmah Hyer, Ruth Krause, Leah Kapla, Anna Krause, Kara Barber, Ellie Janus and Caitlyn Burkel. Back row, from left, are Tatum Wentland, Alina Harnowski, Lucia Di Gennaro, Maggie Gumina, Elizabeth Dornfeld, Gretchen Rottier, Lydia Stangler, Anya Hasser, Grace Melzer and Elizabeth Ryan.
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Red Raiders shut out in sectional title game

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

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

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

Thursday, June 11

Pulaski 2, Cedarburg 1

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

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

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

Goalkeeper Tatum Wentland had 18 saves in the victory.

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

Little Falls, Leopolis get seven-inning BABA wins

By **GREG SEUBERT**
Correspondent

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

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

West Division

Little Falls 26, Shawano 2 (7 inn.)

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

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

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

Kris Krause had two hits for the Lakers.

Leopolis 10, Tigerton 0 (7 inn.)

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

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

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

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

Menominee 12, Caroline 6

The Chiefs picked up a home win over the Cougars.

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

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

Clintonville 17, Tilleda 0

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

Wittenberg at Marion

Results not reported.

North Division

Antigo/Polar 18, Crandon 4

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

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

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

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

Antigo/Polar 11, Hatley 2

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

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

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

Kirsch picked up the win and Meerstein took the loss.

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Numerous updates pertaining to ATV and UTV operation took effect June 1.
WISCONSIN DNR

UTV riders now required to wear seat belts

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

Updates include:

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

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

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

• UTVs now have window tint restrictions.

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

Nichols' comeback ends up one run short

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

Hortonville 10, Nichols 9

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

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

Hortonville outhit the Nitros 14-8.

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

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

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

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

Nichols 7, Pulaski 5

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bonduel 9, Shawano 3

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

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

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

Hofa Park 5, Marinette 1

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

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

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

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

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

Cecil 7, Hofa Park 1

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

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

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

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

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

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

Navarino 5, Cecil 4

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

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

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

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

Nichols at Waupaca

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

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Birnamwood 11, Aniwa 6

The Kings picked up a win over the Orioles.

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

Eland 9, Elderon 8

The Engineers outscored the Whiskey Jacks in Eland.

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

East Division

Gresham 16, Weymont 2 (7 inn.)

Gresham defeated the White Bass on June 12 in Weyauwega.

South-Central Division

Plover 11, Scandinavia 2

The Pterodactyls defeated the Vikings in Scandinavia.

New London 10, Tigerton 0

The Irish shut out the Tigers on June 12.

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

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

Hall of Fame inductees

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

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







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Glacial Stone Nursery provides plants to 3 Midwestern states

Leopolis nursery celebrates 11 years of being in business

By KAY REMINGER
Correspondent

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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Roots above ground natural part of tree aging

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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and allowing the energy to go to root development.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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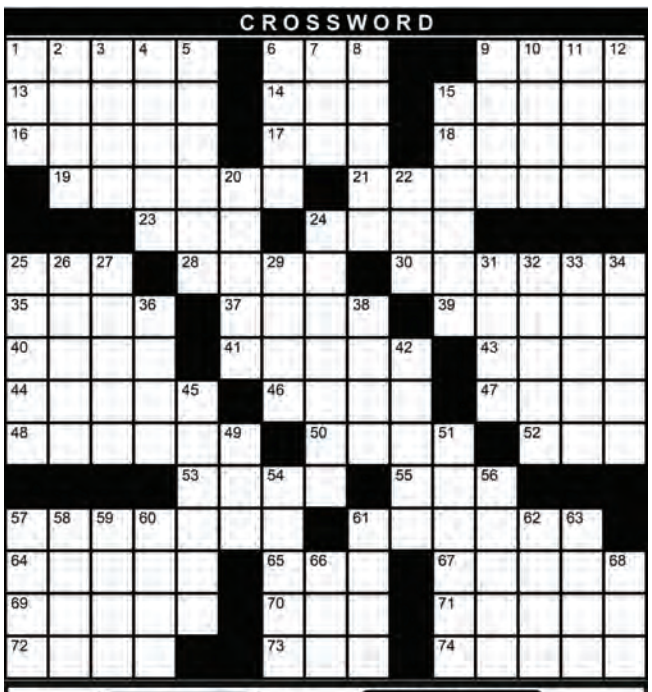
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17. Crime scene evidence, acr.
18. Roast host
19. *Unalienable ones in the Declaration of Independence
21. *Colony that originally abstained from voting on independence
23. Baba of "One Thousand and One Nights"
24. Parsley or basil, e.g.
25. Mountain peak
28. *Four Declaration signers were alums of this CT Ivy Leaguer
30. Most mature, as in fruit
35. It must go on?
37. Small brook
39. *"...to assume among the powers of the ____"
40. Cap and gown accessory
41. Where there's trouble
43. Rani's dress
44. Useful quality
46. Volcano off Sicily coast
47. State on Old Glory
48. Dionysus' follower
50. Dems' opponents
52. Not divisible by two
53. Like certain people's glasses
55. Australia's flightless bird
57. *First Declaration of Independence signer
61. *Self-evident ones
64. Not a minor
65. "____ it or lose it!"
67. Songs for two
69. Formally surrenders land
70. *Last name of the only brothers to both sign the Declaration
71. Last Supper cup
72. "If you only ____!"
73. Boy
74. Item in diary

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5. In a foolhardy manner
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7. Long, long time
8. Stupid or silly
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11. ____ and anon
12. 168 hours
15. Rookie
20. Beauty pageant winner's headgear
22. Make a blunder
24. Serfdom, archaically speaking
25. Indian black tea
26. Capital of Tibet
27. One's entourage
29. *Liberty's partner
31. Permission to leave
32. Muse of love poetry
33. Nickname for a certain violin
34. *Certain George, with The
36. *"____ in the course of human events..."
38. Like TV's famous ranger
42. Candle shape
45. Fortune teller's deck, pl.
49. Who is Bugs Bunny talking to?
51. Blemish
54. Cranial bones + facial bones
56. Driver's 180
57. Bypass firewall, illegally
58. Yemeni port
59. Classic art subject
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61. Started during the Ryder Cup, e.g.
62. Miami basketballer
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68. Sylvester Stallone's nickname

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Fawn's appearance caps turkey hunting adventure



ROSS BIELEMA
COLUMNIST

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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FARM LIFE FROM A FARM WIFE



KAY REMINGER
COLUMNIST

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Not true. Well, OK. Once.

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

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

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

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

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

I promptly got lost.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

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

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

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

MONDAY, JUNE 22

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 23

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

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

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

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

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

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

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

SHAWANO: Shawano Paddlers Morning Paddle, 9 a.m., Huckleberry Harbor, 122 N. Sawyer St. Check Shawano Paddlers Facebook page for updates.

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

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

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

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ROOTS, continued from page 20

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

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

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

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

Names of police should be public



PETER CAMERON
GUEST COLUMNIST

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

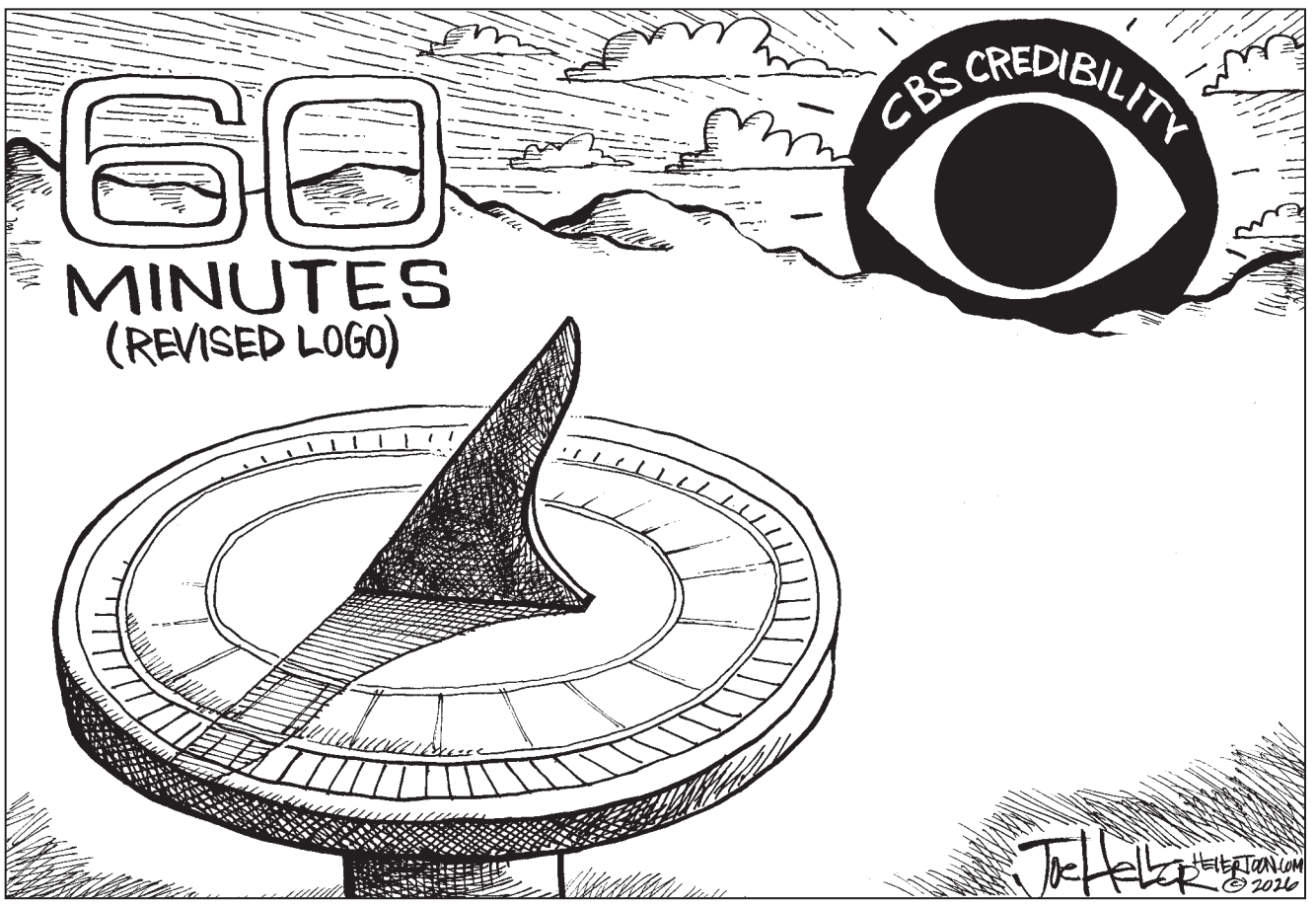
The state DOJ raised another objection, saying release of the names would jeopardize undercover officers. What cop uses his or her real name when working undercover? We did not request photos of the officers.

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

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

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

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



Time for '60 Minutes' may be running out



BILL BARTH
GUEST COLUMNIST

Journalism done right has always been a little bit subversive.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

How will that impact viewership? Revenues? Unknown.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bill Barth is the former editor of the Beloit Daily News and a member of the Wisconsin Newspaper Hall of Fame. Readers can contact him at bbarth@beloitdailynews.com.

PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

June 14

Deputies responded to 27 incidents, including a disturbance at Jungles On Main, 1215 Main St., Gresham; criminal damage on South Webb Street in Wittenberg; six 911 calls; four reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazard; four crashes, two involving deer.

June 13

Deputies responded to 54 incidents including a noise disturbance on High Street in Birnamwood; a disturbance on North U.S. Highway 45 in Tigerton; a disturbance on Military Road in Shawano; bail jumping at The Coachlight, W5814 Lake Drive, Town of Wescott; an assault on West Town Hall Road in the Town of Red Springs; a disturbance on North Smalley Street in Shawano; fireworks on Sarah Street in Birnamwood; 10 911 calls; three reckless driving incidents; two traffic hazards; one welfare check; three crashes.

June 12

Deputies responded to 42 incidents, including suspicious activity at Amico's, 106 N. Cecil St., Bonduel; suspicious activity at the courthouse, 311 N. Main St., Shawano; assault at Hayman Falls County Park, N4347 Hayman Falls Lane, Town of Belle Plaine; criminal damage on South Webb Street in Wittenberg; illegal burning on Oak Street in Tigerton; fireworks near Resort and Woodland roads in the Town of Washington; five 911 calls; two reckless driving incidents; four traffic hazards.

June 11

Deputies responded to 35 incidents, including disorderly conduct on Oak Street in Bowler; a death investigation on West State Street in Bonduel; a disturbance on Rosenow Lane in the Town of Morris; criminal damage on Sugar Bush Road in the Town of Morris; a scam on South Broadway Road in the Town of Hartland; a disturbance on North Warrington Avenue in Cecil; five 911 calls; two reckless driving incidents; three traffic hazards; two crashes.

June 10

Deputies responded to 33 incidents, including identity theft on Robert Moore Drive in the Town of Washington; a disturbance on North Warrington Avenue in Cecil; fraud at the county jail, 405 N. Main St.; assault at the county jail; trespassing at True North, 413 N. Genesse St., Wittenberg; six 911 calls; one reckless driving incident; three traffic hazards; one welfare check; three crashes, one involving deer.

June 9

Deputies responded to 34 incidents, including a disturbance near County Road Q and state Highway 29 in the Town of Wittenberg; attempted theft on state Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; trespassing on Witt-Birn Townline Road in Ho-Chunk jurisdiction; harassment on County Road C in the Town of Angelica; a scam on Rustic Drive in the Town of Belle Plaine; three 911 calls; four reckless driving incidents; two welfare checks.

June 8

Deputies responded to 38 incidents, including a disturbance at the county jail, 405 N. Main St., Shawano; a disturbance on Basswood Road in the Town of Richmond; bail jumping on North Main Street in Shawano; suspicious activity at Kwik Trip, 101 W. Express Way, Bonduel; an animal bite on state Highway 160 in the Town of Angelica; threatening at North Star Casino Resort, W12180 County Road A, Town of Bartelme; three 911 calls; four reckless driving incidents; two traffic hazards; two welfare checks; one crash, involving deer.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

June 14

Officers responded to 21 incidents, including trespassing on South Main Street; a noise disturbance outside Amerivu Inn Suites, 211 Waukechon St.; harassment at All Aboard Nutrition, 620 S. Main St.; vandalism on Oak Avenue; a disturbance on South Main Street; one 911 call; two reckless driving incidents; one welfare check; one crash.

June 13

Officers responded to 25 incidents, including disorderly conduct at Odisha House of Rest, 1330 E. Green Bay St.; harassment on South Franklin Street; a weapon offense on Green Bay Court; fireworks on South Andrews Street; a disturbance on North Smalley Street; a disturbance on Hill Street; one 911 call; one reckless driving incident; one traffic hazard; three welfare checks; one crash.

June 12

Officers responded to 33 calls, including operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated near County Road B and Bay Lakes Road; suspicious activity near County Road B and South Main Street; a disturbance on South Union Street; illegal burning on South Franklin Street; suspicious activity on South Smalley Street; elder abuse or neglect at Birch Hill Care Center, 1475 Birch Hill Lane; disorderly conduct on South Smalley Street; harassment on South Washington Street; suspicious activity on South Sawyer Street; four 911 calls; one reckless driving incident; one traffic hazard; one crash.

June 11

Officers responded to 36 incidents, including suspicious activity on South Union Street; drug offense at Peoples Express East, 1206 E. Green Bay St.; fraud on South Lutz Street; identity theft at Associated Bank, 129 E. Division St.; vandalism at Arlington Park, 300 N. Humphrey Circle; theft at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 302 S. Main St.; theft at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; suspicious activity on Woodlawn Drive; disturbance at Twig's Beverage, 711 S. Main St.; curfew violation at Sturgeon Park, 811 S. Water St.; four 911 calls; two welfare checks; one crash.

June 10

Officers responded to 31 incidents, including suspicious activity at Kuckuk Park, 700 Oak Drive; theft on South Lafayette Street; automobile theft on North Main Street; a disturbance at Charlie's County Market, 521 S. Main St.; a drug offense at ThedaCare Medical Center, 100 County Road B; a disturbance on East Richmond Street; a disturbance on Mountain Bay Trail Drive; four traffic hazards.

June 9

Officers responded to 53 incidents, including disorderly conduct at Amerivu Inn Suites, 211 Waukechon St.; disorderly conduct on East Richmond St.; suspicious activity outside Wisconsin House, 216 E. Green Bay St.; fraud on East Randall Street; assault on South Union St.; harassment on North Humphrey Circle; a death investigation on Sunset Avenue; a scam on West Richmond Street; harassment near East Richmond and South Main streets; assault and, later, suspicious activity at Memorial Park, 901 S. Lincoln St.; illegal burning on South Sawyer Street; drug offenses on East Richmond Street; three 911 calls; one reckless driving incident; one crash.

June 8

Officers responded to 24 incidents, including a disturbance outside ThedaCare Medical Center-Shawano, 100 County Road B; trespassing on South Washington Street; a disturbance on West Richmond Street; a drug offense at Sturgeon Bay, 811 S. Water St.; a disturbance on South Maiden Lane; theft on South Andrews Street; suspicious activity outside ThedaCare Medical Center-Shawano, 100 County Road B; two 911 calls; two reckless driving incidents; two welfare checks.

OBITUARIES

ALAN E. MARQUARDT



Alan E. Marquardt, 73, of the Town of DuPont, passed away Tuesday morning, March 31, 2026, at Care Partners Assisted Living, Clintonville, with his family by his side.

Alan Eugene Marquardt was born Oct. 6, 1952, son to the late Norman and Lois (Seefeldt) Marquardt.

Alan's lifelong passion for music was a gift passed down from his mother. A proud 1970 graduate of Marion High School, his musical journey was ignited by his teacher, Larry Schuster. This inspiration led him to the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, where he earned a double major and graduated with degrees in music education and vocal performance.

In 1975, Alan began a distinguished career as a music educator with the Bowler School District. Over the course of 50 dedicated years, he shaped the lives of countless students, eventually retiring in 2025 due to health concerns.

His career was marked by extraordinary milestones, including leading the Bowler marching band at the Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, D.C., with additional out-of-state trips to music festivals in Dallas and Atlanta. They also performed across Europe with his students as part of the Wisconsin Ambassadors of Music program, traveling to England, France, Switzerland, Germany and Austria.

Beyond the classroom, Alan was a man of diverse interests and a kind heart. He found joy in hunting white-tailed deer with his family, tending to his beautiful gardens and sharing his musical talents by playing in various polka bands throughout the years. He was a great brother and a thoughtful friend, Alan was always ready to lend a hand to anyone in need.

He is survived by his siblings, Edward Marquardt, Steve (Nancy) Marquardt, Roger (Darlene) Marquardt and Leanne Marquardt; many loving nieces, nephews and other relatives, and friends; and his best friends, Gary (Marina) Kuchenbecker and Denise Brodbeck.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his grandparents, Edgar and Nettie Seefeldt.

The Marquardt family would like to thank the staff of Care Partners and ThedaCare Hospice, especially Kristy for taking care of Alan in his final days.

Graveside committal and inurnment will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday June 20, 2026, at Trinity St. Johns Cemetery, Town of DuPont. The Rev. Karen Reimer will be officiating.

A celebration of life with a light lunch will be held following the graveside service at the DuPont Town Hall.

The Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory, Clintonville, is assisting the Marquardt family with arrangements. An online guestbook is available at eberhardtstevenson.com.

COURT NEWS

• Deon L. Duke, 48, Cecil, had his probation revoked March 13 from a 2024 felony conviction for criminal damage to property. Judge Katherine Sloma sentenced him June 8 to one year in county jail.

• Joshua J. Bessert, 51, Eland, pleaded no contest June 8 to failure to report to county jail. Judge William Kussel Jr. levied fines and court costs and sentenced him to six months in county jail.

• Steven Lee Quasius, 61, Suring, pleaded no contest June 8 to a misdemeanor charge of possession of THC. The charge was amended from a felony in a plea agreement. Sloma levied fines and court costs of $1,555.50.

• Joey R. Tucker, 35, Shawano, pleaded no contest June 9 to a felony charge of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (third offense) with a passenger younger than 16, two counts of misdemeanor bail jumping and a misdemeanor charge of operating while revoked. Sloma withheld sentencing and placed him on three years of probation with conditions.

• Brian L. Pamonicutt, 58, Cecil, pleaded no contest June 11 to battery or threat to a judge, prosecutor or law enforcement officer, five counts of felony bail jumping and misdemeanor charges of retail theft, two counts of theft of movable property and three counts of bail jumping. Sloma imposed and stayed a prison sentence, then placed him on five years of probation with conditions.

• Beverly A. Alexander, 42, Shawano, pleaded no contest June 11 to possession with intent to distribute THC. Sloma imposed and stayed a prison sentence, then placed her on four years of probation with conditions.

• Joshua M. Healy, 40, Wittenberg, pleaded no contest June 11 to possession with intent to distribute amphetamine/methamphetamine, possession with intent to distribute psilocin and a misdemeanor charge of possession of amphetamine/LSD/psilocin. Sloma imposed a stayed prison sentence, then placed him on five years of probation with conditions, consecutive to any other sentence he is now serving.

• Aaron L. Jacobs, 36, Appleton, was charged June 8 with first-degree recklessly endangering safety, felony bail jumping, three counts of misdemeanor bail jumping and misdemeanor charges of operating while revoked, violating an ignition interlock device order, carrying a concealed weapon, and disorderly conduct. Kussel set a $7,500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for June 12.

• Rylee M. Kruschke, 23, Bonduel, was charged June 8 with strangulation and suffocation, false imprisonment and misdemeanor counts of battery and disorderly conduct. Kussel set a $1,000 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for Aug. 31.

• John J. Aguilar, 49, Keshena, was charged June 8 with taking and driving a vehicle without consent. Kussel set a $1,000 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for Aug. 18.

• Clinton Joseph Lawler Bradley, 17, Groverton, Indiana, was charged June 8 with second-degree sexual assault of a child and two counts of child enticement. Kussel set a $15,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for June 15.

• Amanda V. Sandvick, 45, Milwaukee, was charged June 9 with possession of narcotic drugs and misdemeanor counts of possession of an illegally obtained prescription and possession of drug paraphernalia. Kussel set a $1,000 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for Aug. 4.

• Jacob Michael Malitz, 32, Shawano, was charged June 10 with first-degree sexual assault of a child younger than 13. Kussel set a $20,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for June 19.

• Thomas J. Menore, 25, Shawano, was charged June 10 with child abuse reckless causing harm and misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct, resisting or obstructing an officer and resisting/failing to stop. Kussel set a $1,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for June 15.

• Angelo Tyger Perez, 42, Keshena, was charged June 11 with making terrorist threats and misdemeanor counts of disorderly conduct and attempted retail theft. Kussel set a $1,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for June 16.

• Vince N. Crow, 35, Neopit, was charged June 12 with two counts of felony bail jumping. Kussel set a $1,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for June 16.

LEGAL NOTICES

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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SHAWANO
CITY ON THE WOLF

City of Shawano
127 S Sawyer Street, Shawano, WI 54166
(715) 526-6138 Fax: (715) 526-5751

ORDINANCE NO.: 2055
SPONSORED BY: Field Committee
INTRODUCED BY: Keuschel
SECONDED BY: Hauer

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHAWANO, WISCONSIN, DO ORDAIN that **Chapter 4, TRAFFIC CODE, Section 4.03, Speed Limits, (1) SPEED LIMITS INCREASED** is hereby amended as follows:

Name of Street	Speed Limit (mph)	Location
East Green Bay Street	35 mph	East Green Bay Street between Eberlein Park and Airport Drive.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as provided by law.

Adopted: June 10, 2026
Published: June 19, 2026

Signed: /s/ Bruce Milavitz
Bruce Milavitz, Mayor

Signed: /s/ Lesley Nemetz
Lesley Nemetz, City Clerk

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6/19/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

PUBLIC NOTICE
Clintonville Public Schools
MILK BID

The Clintonville Public School System is requesting sealed bids for milk products for our 2026-2027 school year. Sealed bids are due to the district office 64 West Green Tree Road Clintonville, WI 54929 attn Trevor Drake no later than 3:00PM Thursday, July 30th, 2026. No late bids will be accepted. No changes will be allowed after the bid opening date and time specified. The outside envelope of these bids must be marked "Milk Bids." The Clintonville School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids in whole or in part and to waive informalities therein. The Clintonville Public School District reserves the right to award the bid as it deems in its best interest. Questions may be referred to Trevor Drake Food Service Director tdrake@clintonville.k12.wi.us 715-823-7215.
Product specifically desired are the following:
1/2 Pint Skim Milk -
White 1/2 Pint
1% Milk - White 1/2 Pint
Fat Free Chocolate
Skim Milk and Other Flavors
1 Gallon 1% Milk - White
Whole milk-12 pint

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6/12/26, 6/19/26, 6/26/26

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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6/19/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT
WINNEBAGO COUNTY
Case No. 26 SC 793
COMMUNITY FIRST CREDIT UNION
P.O. Box 1487
Appleton, WI 54912-1487,
Plaintiff,
-vs-
NICOLE LYONS
W852 County Road VV
Keshena, WI 54135-9552 ,
Defendant.

Small Claims
Publication Summons and Notice
TO THE PERSON NAMED ABOVE AS DEFENDANT:
You are being sued by the person named above as Plaintiff. 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:
WINNEBAGO COUNTY
DO NOT APPEAR-WRITTEN RESPONSE ONLY
This is Due Date for Defendant's Written Response
Find Answer Form (SC-5200V) @www.wicourts.gov
See Notice of Hearing on how to Mail; Fax; or Hand Deliver**
on the following date and time:
Date: JULY 1, 2026
Time: 3:30 p.m.
*****THIS RETURN DATE IS NOT AN IN COURT APPEARANCE BY EITHER PARTY*****
Methods to file the Answer and Counterclaim (Small Claims), (Form # SC-5200V) have been mailed to you:
IF AN ANSWER AND COUNTERCLAIM (SMALL CLAIMS), (FORM#SC-5200V), IS NOT RECEIVED BY THE CLERK OF COURTS OFFICE **PRIOR** TO THE ABOVE SCHEDULED DATE AND TIME, THE COURT MAY GRANT A DEFAULT JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU.
You must send a copy of your Answer to the Plaintiff(s) named above at their address.
Dated: June 9, 2026
/s/David J. Van Lieshout
State Bar No. 1012641
Van Lieshout Law Office
PO Box 186
Little Chute, WI 54140-0186
920-788-0800

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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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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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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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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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6/5/26, 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
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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6/12/26, 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. Â§ 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
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6/19/26, 6/26/26, 7/3/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Marilyn M. Dahl
DOD 5-16-2026

Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 26 PR 37

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 3-13-1939and date of death 5-16-2026 was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of N6437 County Road J, Bowler, WI 54416
3.All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is September 18, 2026
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano Co Courthouse
311 N. Main Street, Shawano
Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate Office
Form completed by
James E. Aschenbrener
P.O. Box 146, Shawano, WI 54166
715-524-6258
Bar Number 1008896

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6/19/26, 6/26/26, 7/3/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

STOCKBRIDGE-MUNSEE
TRIBAL COURT
State of Wisconsin
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Ella Sharon Kazik
D.O.D. 5/30/2026
County of Shawano
ORDER GIVING NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Case No. 2076 PROOOZ
An application has been filed for informal administration of the estate of the above named person, In Shawano County (Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Court) County, Wisconsin, whose post office address was N8108 Huntington Road, Gresham, WI 54128 (P.O. Box 372) and all interested persons have waived notice.
IT IS ORDERED THAT creditor's claims must be filed on or before or be barred.
*Notice shall be given:
•September 11th, 2026
Marie Higgins
Stockbridge-Munsee
Tribal Judge Marianne Higgins,
Chief Justice
Kimberly Barbara Hoffman
Personal Representative/Attorney
552 Schabow St
Gresham, WI 54128

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6/19/26, 6/26/26, 7/3/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
SHAWANO COUNTY
Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing
Case No. 26CV120
IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF
Lily AnnaChristine Krasavage
By Lily AnnaChristine Krasavage
NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: ? Lily AnnaChristine Krasavage
To: Lily AnnaChristine Reopelle
Birth Certificate: Lily AnnaChristine Krasavage
IT IS ORDERED:
This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Shawano County, State of Wisconsin
Judge Name: Kathrine Sloma
Place: Shawano Courthouse Branch 1
311 Main Street, Shawano, WI 54166
Date: Augut 12,2026
Time: 8:30 a.m.

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6/19/26, 6/26/26, 7/3/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
SHAWANO COUNTY
Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing
Case No. 26CV117
IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF
Owen Reynold Frechette
By Owen Reynold Frechette
NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: Owen Reynold Frechette
To: Owen Reynold McGuire
Birth Certificate: Owen Reynold Frechette
IT IS ORDERED:
This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Shawano County, State of Wisconsin
Judge Name: William F Kussel
Place: Branch 2
311 N. Main ST, Shawano, WI 54166
Date: July 2, 2026
Time: 8:45 a.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
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SAM25 Free Clinic names new manager

Etten no stranger to community service



Shawano native Anna Etten has been named the new manager for the SAM25 Free Health Clinic. Since July 2025, she has volunteered at the SAM25 Free Health Clinic as a nursing assistant. In addition, she continues to work as a certified nursing assistant and medication technician at a memory care facility, a role she has held since 2023.

CONTRIBUTED

Shawano native Anna Etten has been named the new manager for the SAM25 Free Health Clinic.

Etten recently graduated summa cum laude from St. Norbert College with a bachelor of science degree in biology, concentrating in biomedical sciences, along with a minor in chemistry. She completed her degree in just three years while also graduating from the college's honors program.

During her time at St. Norbert, Etten demonstrated exceptional leadership and service. She served as concertmaster of the string orchestra, president of the American Medical Student Association chapter and held board positions with the PreHealth Club and Colleges Against Cancer. She was also active in the Biology Honors Club and Omicron Delta Kappa leadership honors society, and spent three years serving on the state-level National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Youth Advisory Council.

Etten is no stranger to SAM25. Since July 2025, she has volunteered at the SAM25 Free Health Clinic as a nursing assistant. In addition, she continues to work as a certified nursing assistant and medication technician at a memory care facility, a role she has held since 2023.

A lifelong Shawano resident and 2023 graduate of Shawano Community High School, Etten has a long history of community involvement. Her volunteer efforts throughout middle and high school earned her the Shawano Area Youth Volunteer Award. Through college and beyond, she has continued serving communities in Shawano, Green Bay and De Pere.

When she is not working or volunteering, Etten enjoys long-distance running, camping, reading, playing the violin, spending time with family and friends, and caring for her three cats.

SAM25 operates a free health clinic for uninsured and underinsured individuals every Thursday from 4-8 p.m. The organization also offers a free eye clinic on the third Monday of each month from 6-8 p.m., helping area residents access essential healthcare and vision services.

For more information about clinic services, volunteer opportunities or ways to support the organization, visit www.sam25.org.

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each range. There will also be discussions at Shawano Community Middle School and Olga Brener to discuss the implementation of test pilot lessons.

"Brener and the middle school, that's where I've identified that many of these skills need to be dug in and taught the most," Hernandez said. "By high school, they have a lot of these skills, and a lot of these skills aren't as relevant for K-2."

The following school year will look at those test pilot lessons for all schools — Olga Brener and the middle school during the first semester, and Shawano Community High School and Hillcrest in the second semester. After the test lessons, library officials will review the course guidebooks and make changes.

The library curriculum will be fully implemented in the 2028-29 school year, and Hernandez plans to survey all staff to determine if the lessons properly teach library and research skills, digital citizenship and computer literacies.

Hernandez noted that a lot of the library curriculum will be pre-integrated into classes, but she'll need to supplement what teachers are doing at times. She noted that library aides cannot teach the lessons, because they are not certified teachers.

"There are times when they come into (a) library class, and I use those 30 minutes to deliver a digital citizenship lesson to those students," Hernandez said.

Reorganizing library space is also on the plan. The recent remodel of the SCHS library through the referendum has helped, but there are concerns about the middle school and Olga Brener — including mismatched, old and worn out furniture.

According to Hernandez, the shelves at SCMS are not compatible with some large book sizes, and the library space is suited more for staff than for students. She noted that the collection at Olga Brener is being reorganized to provide more space for independent reading.

The library plan also includes beginning professional development sessions for library staff at least once a month on Wednesdays, when the schools release students early. Hernandez plans to also create media center newsletters for staff to stay current on library programming and resources.

Hernandez said the plan also includes working with Follett Services to weed most older books, especially outdated nonfiction books. She expects that the average age of most of the books will be 2016 or newer, although there are still plans to keep classic and timeless fiction books in the libraries.

"We get the final say on those books," Hernandez said, noting that Follett Services only provides recommendations. "Ours is more of a 10-year gap, whereas Follett recommends a five-year gap. They want us to have the newest books, because they also sell us books. I did create that bigger gap, because we are taking into consideration all of those older materials that still have a lot of value or that teachers use."

There will also be a priority of adding books that address students' social-emotional health and diverse voices. Hernandez said the books could be promoted through displays, read-alouds and book clubs. She added that the books are expected to comprise 50% of the school's media items.

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**NOTICE OF ANNUAL JOINT REVIEW MEETING
FOR TAX INCREMENTAL FINANCE DISTRICTS NO. 1 & 2
VILLAGE OF GRESHAM**

Notice is hereby given that the Village of Gresham will hold a meeting of the Joint Review Board (JRB) for the Village of Gresham TIF Districts on Tuesday, June 23, 2026, 9:00 A.M. At Gresham Village Hall, 801 Main Street, Gresham, WI. Representatives of tax underlying districts are encouraged to attend.

Judith Kristof, Clerk
Village of Gresham

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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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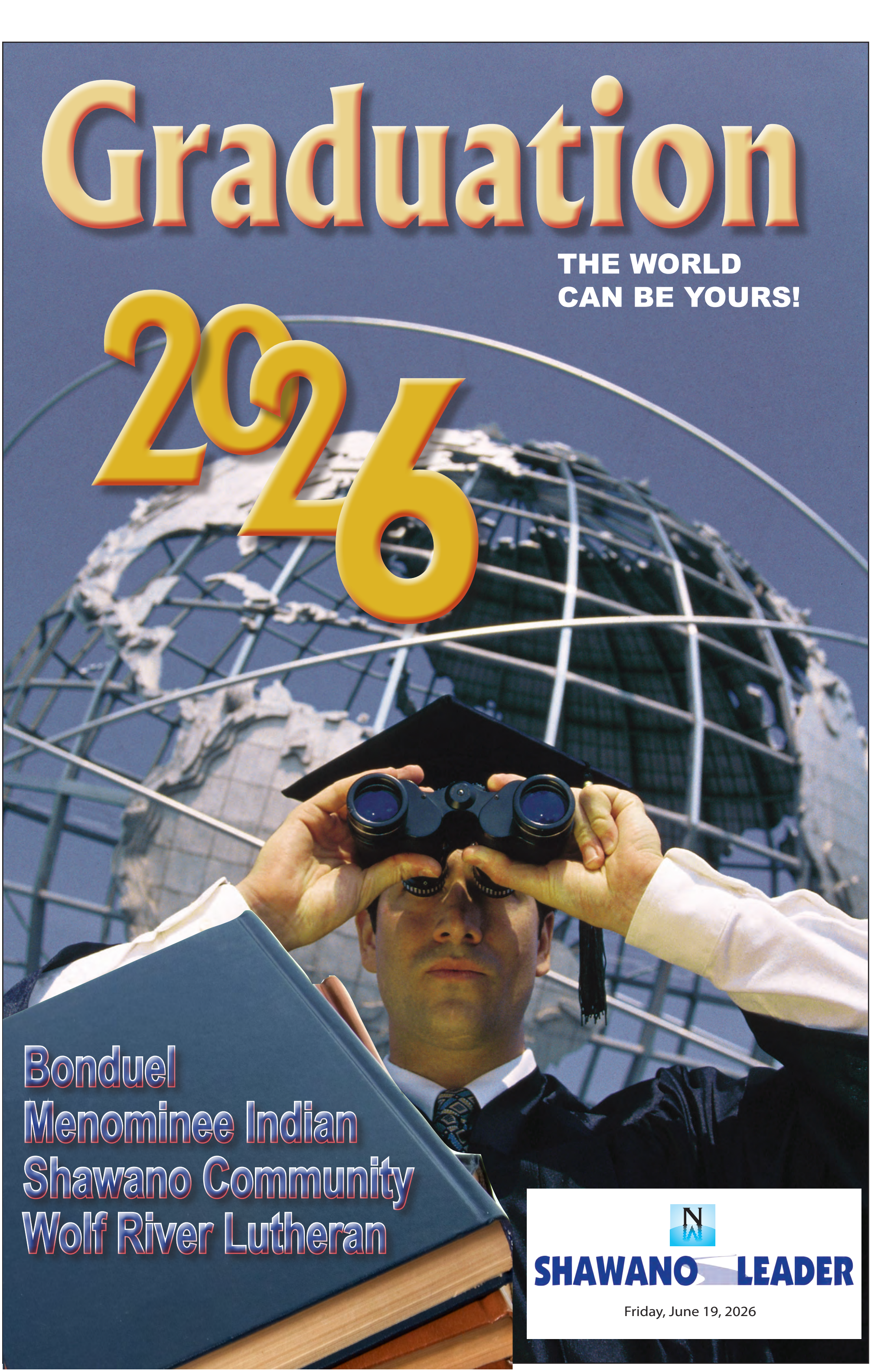
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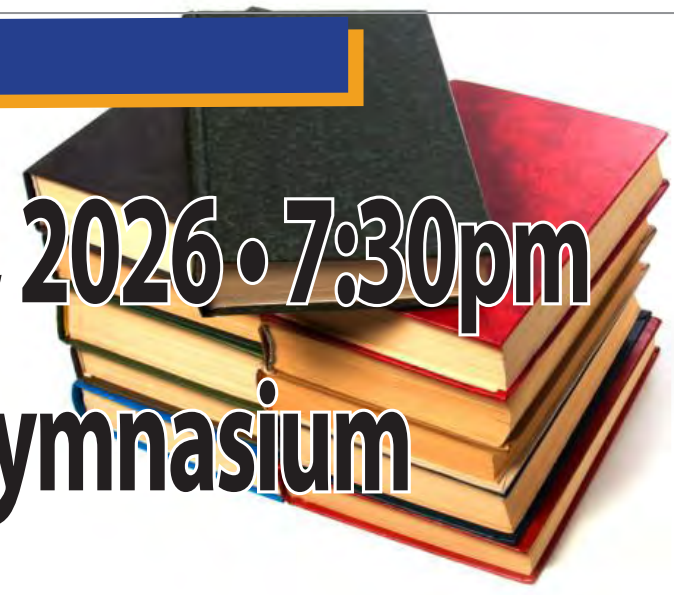


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Friday, June 19, 2026

Bonduel High School



Graduation: Friday, May 22, 2026 • 7:30pm
Bonduel High School Gymnasium

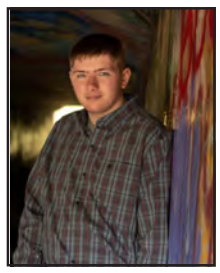

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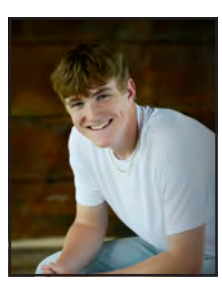

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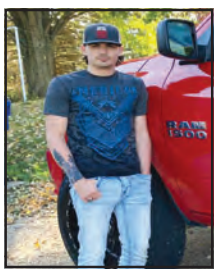

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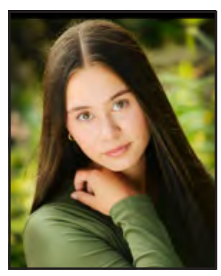


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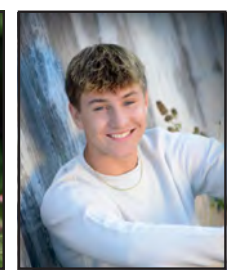

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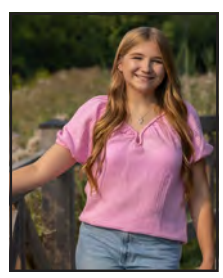

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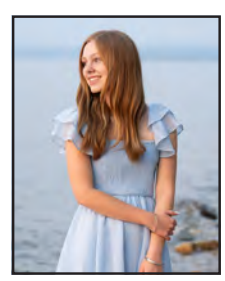

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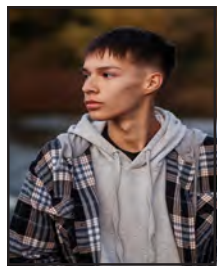
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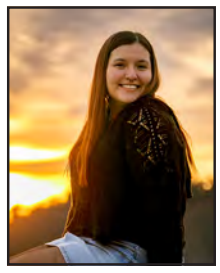

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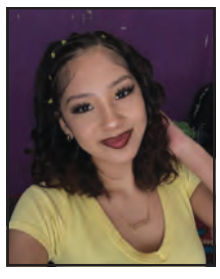

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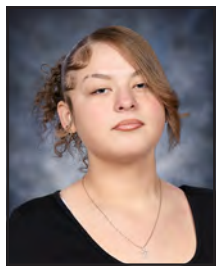

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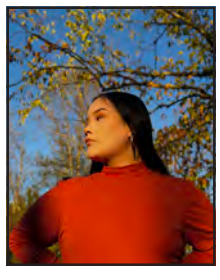

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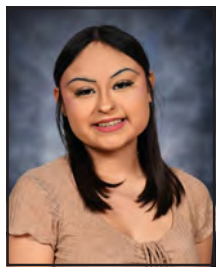

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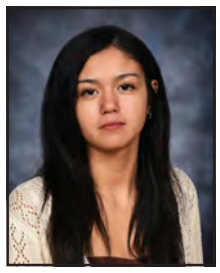

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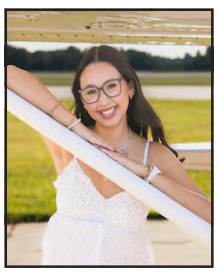

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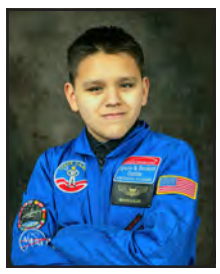
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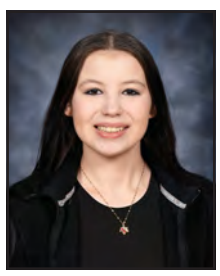

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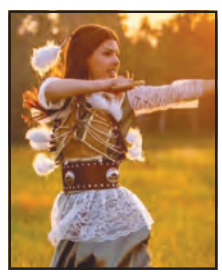

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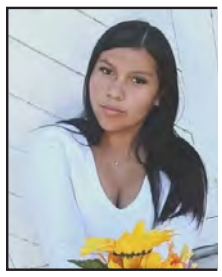

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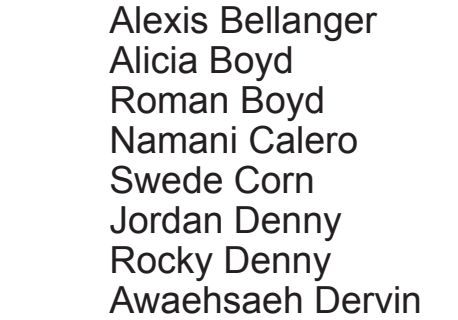

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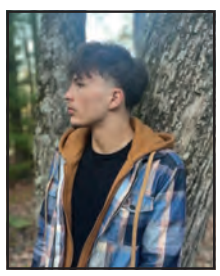

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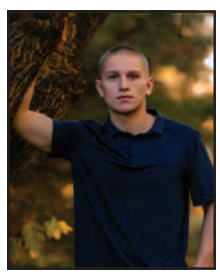

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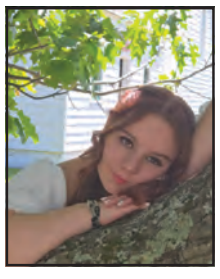

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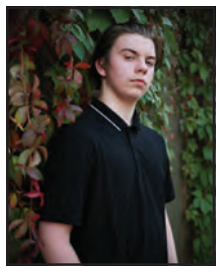

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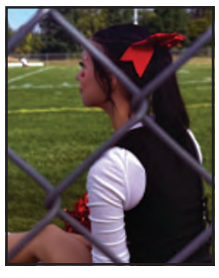

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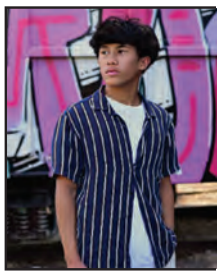

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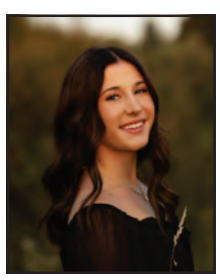

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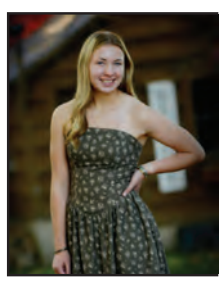

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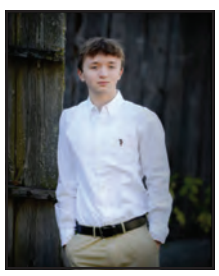

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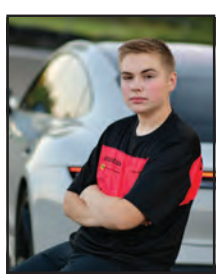

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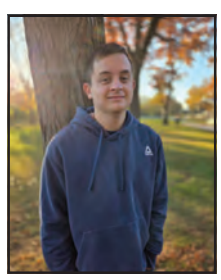

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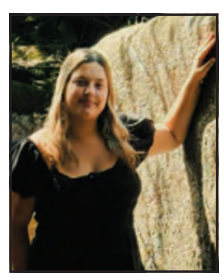


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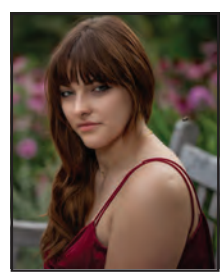

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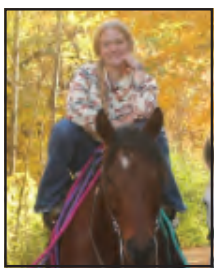

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Harley Ziemer

Class Flower: Rose
Class Song: "Have it All" *Jason Mraz*
Class Motto: "You don't have to take the whole stair-case, just take the first step" *MartinLuther King Jr.*

Wolf River Lutheran High School



Graduation: Saturday, May 16, 2026
2:00 pm
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Valedictorian:
Julia Young

Salutorian:
Joshua Lange



Class Colors: Navy Blue
Class Flower: White Lily
Class Scripture: Deut. 31.8 - "The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you, he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."

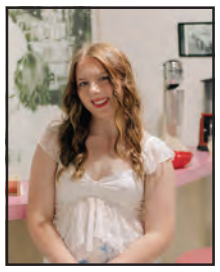




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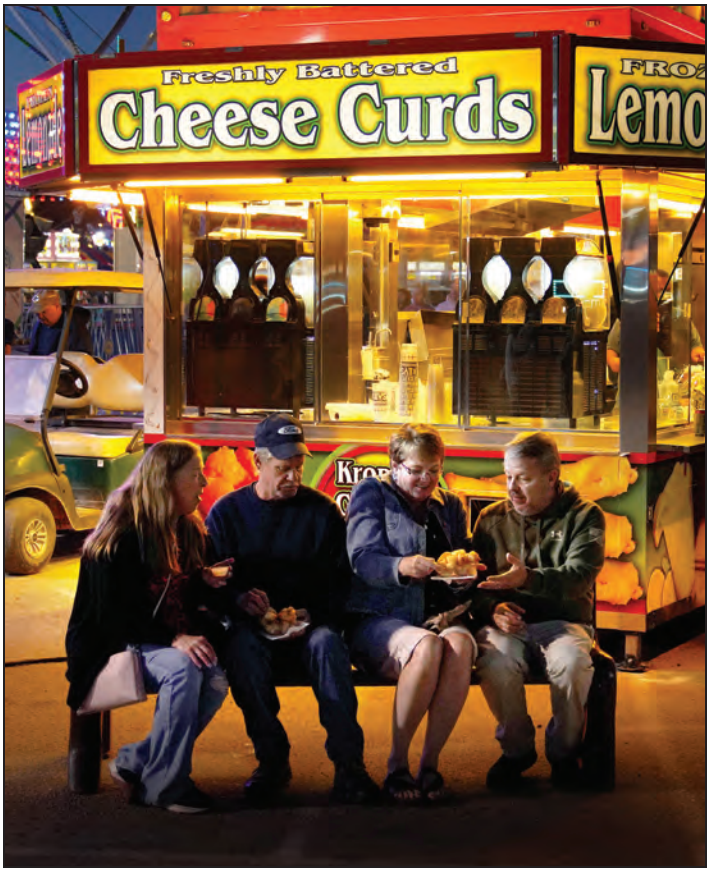
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Each of the five regions include several waypoints, refuges and wild places that offer the best birding and wildlife-watching opportunities. Complete viewing guides for all five regions can be found at dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/EndangeredResources/birdtrail.

Waypoints in the Central Sands Prairie Region include:

Shawano County

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

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

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

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

Menominee County

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

Waupaca County

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

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

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

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

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

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

Outagamie County

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

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

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

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

Marathon County

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

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

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

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

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



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

Waypoints in the Lake Michigan Region include:

Oconto County

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

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

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

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

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

Brown County

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

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

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

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

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

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

Marinette County

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

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

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

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

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

Waypoints in the Lake Superior Northwoods Region include:

Forest County

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

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

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

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

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

Langlade County

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

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

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

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

SUMMER GEMS

93 DAYS OF SUMMER, 2026



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

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Recurring Events

Music

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Mondays

Richard Craniums, 840 S. Broadway, Green Bay

8-11 p.m.

Free

Sunset Sessions at the Garden

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

Green Bay Botanical Garden, 2600 Larsen Road, Green Bay

6-8 p.m.

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

Music in Bloom

July 17, Aug. 7, Sept. 11

Green Bay Botanical Garden, 2600 Larsen Road, Green Bay

7-9 p.m.

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

Acoustic Lunch

Fridays through Sept. 25

Titletown, 1025 Lombardi Ave., Green Bay

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

Free

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

Karaoke Fridays with Leather & Lace

Fridays

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

8 p.m to midnight

Free

Sky Bar Karaoke

Fridays

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

9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Free

Live Music at Paradise North Distillery

Saturdays

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

5:30-8:30 p.m.

Other recurring events

Kids Art

Wednesdays through Sept. 20

Titletown, 1025 Lombardi Ave., Green Bay

10 a.m. to noon

Free

Simple crafts with natural materials offered to kids of all ages. Registration not required



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

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

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

Cuban Salsa Dance Class

Recurs weekly on Thursday

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

5:30-7:30 p.m.

$10

Cuban salsa lessons. No partner or experience necessary.

Paint & Sip

Fridays

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

6:30-8 p.m.

$35

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

Bend & Brews

June 16

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

6-7 p.m.

$18

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

Books & Brews

June 23

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

5-9 p.m.

Free

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

"Dingaling Bros Circus"

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

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

7:30 p.m.

$43

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

Green Bay Blizzard

Through July 26

2276 Lawrence Parkway, De Pere

Individual single game ticket prices: $14-$67

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

Green Bay Botanical Garden

2600 Larsen Road, Green Bay

9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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

Woodland Wonders

Daily until April 30, 2027

Tree-focused programs for all ages.

Getaway Wednesdays at the Garden

Through Aug. 26

Buy one, get one free admission, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Garden Ambassador available; Discovery Cart offers science activities focused on trees.

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

Blue Ribbons Baseball

Through July 29

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

7:30-10 p.m.

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

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

Daddy D Golden Oldies

June 10, 11,12

Riverside Ballroom, 1560 Main St., Green Bay

5 p.m.

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

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

Mechanical Bull Rides

June 26, July 24

Cowboy Mac's, 789 Armed Forces Drive, Green Bay

Free to ride

Events

June 6

Summer Fun Days Showcase

Titletown, 1025 Lombardi Ave., Green Bay

3-10 p.m.; concert, 8:30 p.m.

Free

A full day of family-friendly activities.


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BayCare Clinic Century Ride
1035 Kepler Drive, Green Bay
7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Adult prices, $55 to $95; 17 and under, $20
The event features 100-, 60-, 30- and 15-mile route options. Designed for riders of all ages and experience levels, the BayCare Clinic Century offers a day of scenic riding. All riders will receive a short-sleeve tri-blend shirt, access to rest stops, food and beverages at rest stops, a post-ride meal and beverage voucher and access to SAG vehicles if needed. https://baycareclinicfoundation.betterworld.org/events/baycare-clinic-century-2026

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Journey Final Frontier Tour 2026
Resch Center, 820 Armed Forces Drive, Green Bay
7:30 p.m.
Tickets $85.50 to $327.50. Premium packages available.
The Rock & Roll Hall of Famers are touring with their catalog of hits, including "Don't Stop Believin," and "Any Way You Want It." https://ticketstar.evenue.net/events/26JO

June 22
Summer Solstice Sound Healing Submersion
Heritage Hill State Historical Park, 2640 S. Webster Ave., Green Bay
6:30-7:30 p.m.
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Jay and The Americans light up the stage at a concert in Red Bank, New Jersey. The group will perform July 8 at the Meyer Theatre, 117 S. Washington St., Green Bay. From 1962-71, this group scored five Billboard top 10 hits and 12 top 20 records.

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

June 27

Wings of Freedom: America250

Pilotsmith / Jet Air Group hangar, Green Bay Austin Straubel International Airport, 1911 Airport Drive, Green Bay

Noon to 5 p.m. Doors open at noon, concert at 2 p.m.

Free, donations accepted.

The Civic Symphony of Green Bay will present patriotic music in an aviation setting. Doors open at noon, concert at 2 p.m. https://gbcivic.org/seats/

Jonnie W. Comedy

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

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

$28.50

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

July 8

Jay and The Americans

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

7-9 p.m.

$58, $65

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

July 15

Get the Led Out

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

7:30-9:30 p.m.

$47, $61, $83.50

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

July 17

Riley Green: Cowboy As It Gets Tour

Resch Center, 820 Armed Forces Drive, Green Bay

7 p.m.

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

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

July 24

Austin French

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

7 p.m.

$28.50

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

Aug. 10

Tenth Avenue North

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

7 p.m.

$28.50

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

Aug. 17

Beer & Ballet

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

7.30 p.m.

Tickets $29.75, $39.75. $49.75

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

Aug. 19-23

Brown County Fair

1500 Fort Howard Ave., Green Bay

Music, demolition derby, animals, food, rides, rodeo.

General admission, $15; advance tickets, $12. Weekly wristband, $55.

Schedules and pricing, https://browncountyfair.com

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Recurring Events

Rock the Block

June 12, July 17, July 31

Centennial Park, 5146 Linden St., Laona

4:30 p.m.

Free

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

Crandon Water Shows

Wednesdays in June and August; Mondays and Wednesdays in July

Lake Lucerne, 4140 County Road W, Crandon

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

Free

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

Live Music on the Porch

June 25, July 16, Aug. 6

Carter House 105 W. Jackson St., Crandon

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

Events

June 6-7

Veterans Powwow

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

July 8

Prehistoric Pets

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

6-7 p.m.

Free

Travel back in time with J&R Aquatic Animal Rescue for a prehistoric adventure.

June 19-21

33rd Forest County Potawatomi Brush Run

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

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

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

June 27

Popple River Centennial Celebration

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

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

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

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



SUMMER GEMS

93 DAYS OF SUMMER, 2026



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

50 YEARS AND COUNTING

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July 3

Steve Sekel Freedom Fiesta

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

5 p.m.

Food, drinks, live band, raffles. https://www.facebook.com/nightowlclubs/

July 18

Wabeno Art and Music Festival

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

11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

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

Aug. 20-23

Forest County Fair

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

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

Sept. 4-6

57th Polaris Crandon World Championships

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

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

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

Camping available.

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



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

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Fridays, July 3, Sept. 4

Fifth Avenue, downtown Antigo

9 am. to 4 p.m.

Free

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Music in the Park 2026 — Elcho

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

Elcho Community Pavilion, N11283 Dorr St., Elcho

6 p.m.

Free

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

Music in the Park 2026 — Antigo

Mondays and Thursdays through Aug. 31

City Park West Bandstand, 230 Aurora St., Antigo

Free

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

Go For It Raceway 2026 Series

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

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

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

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

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

R/C Off-Road Racing

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

800 Dorr St., Antigo

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

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

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

Twisted Sisters Outdoor Market

Second Saturday of June, July, August

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

Thrifted, vintage and handmade goods https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61557138383328&sk=events

Music in the Park 2026 — White Lake

June 16, July 4, July 21

White Lake Pavilion, 812 Lake St., White Lake

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

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

Events

June 21

Celebrate Father's Day Concert

Northwoods Inn, N8905 State Highway 55, Pickerel

Makayla Lee, 4 p.m.

https://northwoodsinnpickerel.com/

June 25-27

Northern Roundup Vintage Weekend Car Show

MC Festival Grounds, N 5890 County Road H, Gleason

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

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

June 26-27

Phlox Softball Tournament & Fireworks Show



Phlox Pond, Pond Road, Phlox

5 p.m. to midnight

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

June 27

Summer Slam & Jam Pickleball Tournament

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

Times and brackets to be determined

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

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

Elcho UCC Festival of the Arts

Elcho Community Pavilion, N11283 Dorr St., Elcho

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Community art festival features area artists, musicians, displays.

June 28

Parking Lot Party at Northstar Lanes

Northstar Lanes, 400 Prosser Place, Antigo

Noon to 9:30 p.m.

Free

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

July 3

Celebrate America 2026

Northwoods Inn, N8905 State Highway 55, Pickerel

Gates open, 4:30 p.m.

$30; ages 12 and younger, $10

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

PLIA Fireworks Show

Upper Post Lake

Dusk. Rain date, July 11.

Sponsored by the Post Lake Improvement Association.

July 4

White Lake 4th of July Celebration & Fireworks

Country Possum Chase, Bissell Street, White Lake

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



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Parade, noon, Corner of Bissell and Church streets.

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

Elcho July 4 Celebration

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

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

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

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

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

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

Post Lake Boat Parade

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

1 p.m.

July 11

Boulder Dash Mountain Bike Race

Nicolet Roche Trails trailhead, State Highway 64, White Lake

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

7:30 a.m. registration opens.

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

July 14

Kids from Wisconsin Concert

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

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

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

July 19

Pickerel Family Fest — Sundae Fun Day

State Highway 55 and County Road DD, downtown Pickerel

11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

July 23-25

Moon Dance Festival

MC Festival Grounds, N5890 County Road H, Gleason

Music, camping

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

Aug. 1

Deerbrook Rumble Motorcycle Ride

Held's Bar, W13298 County Road C, Gleason

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

$25 per bike, $5 per passenger

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

Aug. 5-8

MC Fest 2026

MC Festival Grounds, N5890 County Road H, Gleason

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

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

Aug. 8

Dinner Comedian Show

Northwoods Inn, N8905 State Highway 55, Pickerel

Live music begins at 5 p.m.

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

Aug. 22

Midget Wrestling

Northwoods Inn, N8905 State Highway 55, Pickerel

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

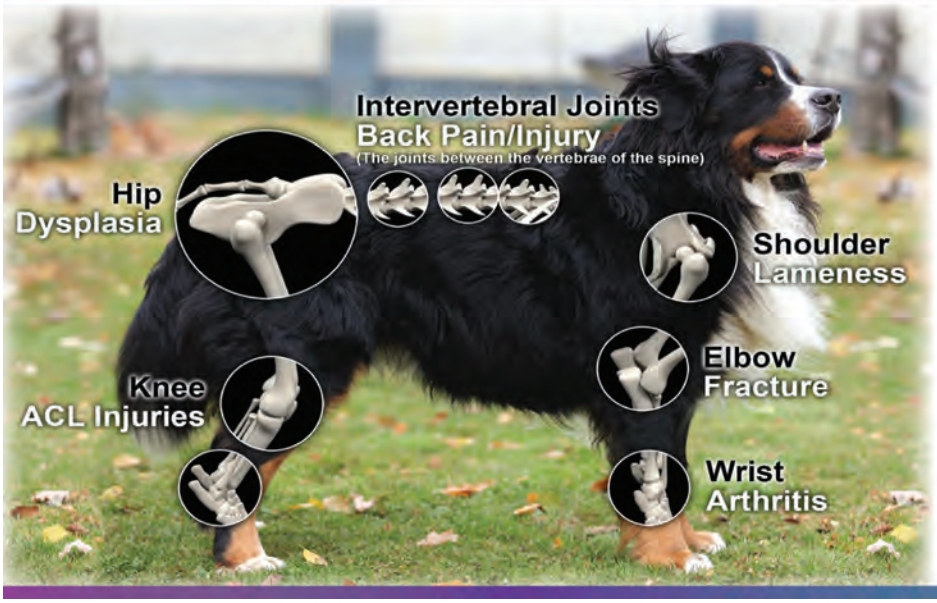
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Shawano County is home to a thriving Old Order Amish community centered around Bonduel and Marion. Established in 1987, the settlement has grown to more than 600 residents across multiple church districts. The Amish are an integral part of the local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

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

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1008 S. Monroe Ave., Green Bay

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Tours by appointment

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

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

Children's Museum of Green Bay

1230 Bay Beach Road, Green Bay

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

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

https://www.gbchildrensmuseum.org

Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame and Stadium Tour

1265 Lombardi Ave. Green Bay

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

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

Heritage Hill State Historical Park

2640 S. Webster Ave., Green Bay

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

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

https://heritagehillgb.org

Mulva Cultural Center

221 S. Broadway, DePere

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

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

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

National Railroad Museum

2285 S. Broadway, Green Bay

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

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

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

Neville Public Museum

210 Museum Place, Green Bay

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

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

Forest County

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

Wabeno Logging Museum

4500 N. Branch St., Wabeno

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

https://friendsofwabeno.org/historical_attractions.html

Langlade County

The Corners' School at Neva

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

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

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

Langlade County Historical Society

404 Superior St., Antigo

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

Free, donations appreciated.

https://www.langladehistory.org

White Lake Area Historical Society Center and Depot Museums

700 Lake St., White Lake

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

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

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

Manitowoc County

Farm Wisconsin Discovery Center

7001 Grass Lake Road, Manitowoc

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

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

Manitowoc County Historical Society Museum and Pinecrest Village

924 Pinecrest Road, Manitowoc

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

Wisconsin Maritime Museum and USS Cobia

75 Maritime Drive, Manitowoc

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

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

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

Rahr-West Art Museum

610 N. Eighth St., Manitowoc

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

Free, donations accepted.

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

Marathon County

Center for the Visual Arts

427 N. Fourth St., Wausau

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

Free

https://www.cvawausau.org

Children's Imaginarium

195 N. Second St., Wausau

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

$10 per person; 1-12 months, free

https://childrensimaginarium.org

Greater Wausau Children's Museum

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

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

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

http://www.wausauchildrensmuseum.org

Jurustic Park

112021 Old Sugarbush Lane, Marshfield

Open most days, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. To confirm that the park is open, email Clyde@Jurustic.com or Nancy@Jurustic.com

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









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

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





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

SUN DROP DAYZ KICKS OFF SUMMER FUN

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

Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum

700 N. 12th St., Wausau

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

Free. Donations accepted.

https://www.lywam.org

Marathon County Historical Society Yawkey House and Woodson History Center

410 McIndoe St., Wausau

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

Free admission.

https://www.marathoncountyhistory.org/visit

Wausau Museum of Contemporary Art

309 McClellan St., Wausau

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

https://www.wmoca.org

Marinette County

Marinette Historical Museum

1650 Bridge St., Marinette

Free; donations accepted.

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

Peshtigo Fire Museum

400 Oconto Ave., Peshtigo

Open Monday through Saturday through Oct. 8

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Donations accepted.

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

https://peshtigofiremuseum.com/

Menominee County/Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin

Menominee Cultural Museum

W3426 County Highway VV West, Keshena

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

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

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

Menominee Logging Museum

W3426 County Highway VV West, Keshena

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

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

Oconto County

Beyer Home & Carriage Museum

915 Park Ave., Oconto

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

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

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

Copper Culture Museum

260 Copper Culture Way, Oconto

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

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

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

Holt & Balcom Logging Camp Museum

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

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

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

Outagamie County

1000 Islands Environmental Center

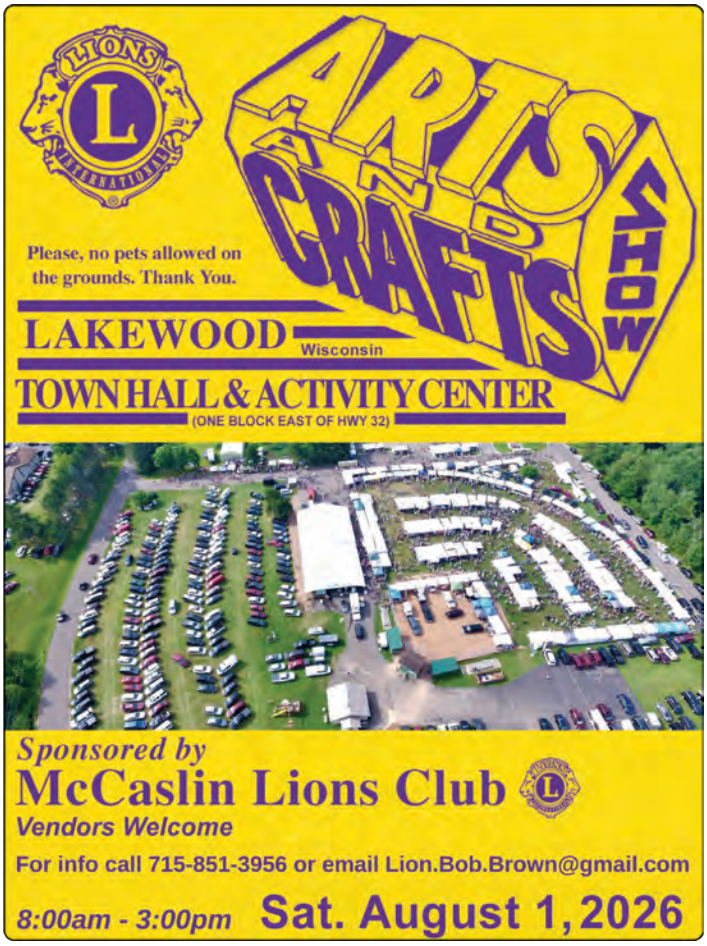
1000 Beaulieu Court, Kaukauna

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

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

Free, but donations accepted.

https://kaukauna.





gov/1000-islands-environmental-center/

Building for Kids

100 W. College Ave., Appleton

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

$11 per person; infants younger than 1 are free

https://www.buildingforkids.org

Appleton History Museum

231 W. Franklin, Appleton

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

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

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

Hearthstone Historic House Museum

625 W. Prospect Ave., Appleton

All tours are guided.

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

History Museum at the Castle

330 E. College Ave., Appleton

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

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

https://myhistorymuseum.org

Mosquito Hill Nature Center

N3880 Rogers Road, New London

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

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

Trout Museum of Art

325 E. College Ave., Appleton

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

Free admission

https://troutmuseumart.org/visit/

Shawano County

Arvid E. Miller Library/Museum

N8510 MoHeConNuck Road, Bowler

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

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

Doc's Classic Car & Cycle Museum

W2709 State Highway 29, Bonduel

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

https://docshd.com

Heritage Park Museum Tours

524 N. Franklin St., Shawano

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

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

Motorama Auto Museum

181705 Stradale Lane, Aniwa

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

Adults, $10, age 15 and younger, free

https://www.motoramaautomuseum.org

Navarino Nature Center

W5646 Lindsten Road, Shiocton

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

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

https://www.navarino.org

Shawano Has History

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

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

Sun Drop Museum & Gift Shop

920 S. Franklin St., Shawano

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

Free

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

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

Waupaca County

Clintonville

FWD Seagrave Museum

325 15th St., Clintonville

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

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

https://www.fwdseagravemuseum.org

Museum on Main

102 S. Main St., Clintonville

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

Free, donations accepted.

Displays of a varied collection of historical items.

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

New London

New London Public Museum

406 S. Pearl St., New London

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

Free

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

https://www.nlmuseum.org

















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

Tuesday Tunes

Tuesdays through Aug. 15

Washington Park, 1115 Washington St., Manitowoc

6:30 p.m.

Free

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

Manitowoc Marine Band

Washington Park, 1115 Washington St., Manitowoc

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

6:30 p.m.

Free

The Manitowoc Marine Band plays in concert.

Other recurring events

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Tuesdays through September

PetSkull Brewing, 1015 Buffalo St., Manitowoc

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

Wednesdays at One

Wednesdays, June 17 through Aug. 12

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

1 p.m.

Free

Features 12 educational speakers, demonstrations and activities

Events

June 5

Wish You Were Floyd

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

7:30 p.m.

$31-$51

Tribute to Pink Floyd

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

June 6-7

World War I Encampment

Manitowoc County Historical Society, 924 Pinecrest Road, Manitowoc

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

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

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

June 5-7

Sail into Summer Dog Show

Manitowoc County Expo, 4921 Expo Drive, Manitowoc

6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

$5 admission and parking

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

June 7

Froedert and MCW Holy Family Memorial Maritime Marathon

705 Viebahn St., Manitowoc

7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Marathon and virtual marathon, $110; half marathon and virtual half marathon, $100; four-person relay, $250, nautical mile run, $50.

This race is flat, quiet and a Boston qualifier. Events offered: full marathon, half marathon and four person relay; Virtual events available; 5 nautical mile run, $50.

Details on pricing and registration: https://runsignup.com/Race/WI/Manitowoc/Maritime-Marathon

"The Little Mermen & The Princess Pals"

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

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The Wisconsin Maritime Museum will host Subfest on July 3-5. Museum admission is $10, and events surrounding the museum are free. Veterans, retired military and active duty military are free. This is the annual lakeside celebration of WWII submarine history. Music, food trucks, self-guided submarine tours and child-friendly activities are included.

2 p.m.

$23-$44

The Little Mermen bring Disney's beloved songs to life with a rocking twist. https://cccshows.org/events/the-little-mermen-the-princess-pals/

June 13

Manitowoc's Garden Faire Extraordinaire

1115 Washington St., Manitowoc

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Free

Flowers, herbs, hanging baskets, vegetables for sale; crafts, local foods, raffle. Offsite parking with shuttle. https://www.facebook.com/manitowocsgardenfaireextraordinaire/

June 19-20

Metro Jam

Washington Park, 1115 Washington St., Manitowoc

5:30 p.m. on June 19, all day June 20

Metro Jam celebrates 47 years of bringing national, regional and local music to the Lakeshore. The main headline of this event will be Sonny Landreth, a Louisiana slide guitar icon and multi-Grammy nominee.

https://www.metrojam.org

June 26

Family Pool Party

Manitowoc Family Aquatic Center & Mini Golf Course, 830 N. 18th St., Manitowoc

5:30-7:30 p.m.

General admission.

Music, pool toys and games, concession stand. A parent or guardian must accompany anyone under age 18. https://www.manitowoc.org/777/Admissions-Passes

June 28

Blues n' Brews

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

2 p.m.

Individual tickets, $40. Reserved table with four admissions, $400. Tickets include food and three free drinks.

For ages 21 and older. Ticket includes blues, local breweries, BBQ-style appetizers.https://cccshows.org/events/blues-n-brews/

July 1

America's Soundtrack: The Pulse of a Nation

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

7 p.m.

$14

The Kids from Wisconsin present a show that honors America's composers, songwriters, musicians and instrumentalists. https://cccshows.org/events/americas-soundtrack-the-pulse-of-a-nation/

July 1-5

Fourth on the Shore

75 Maritime Drive, Manitowoc

8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Free

Live music, food, parade, salmon derby, free showing of "Jaws," fireworks. https://www.visitmanitowoc.com/event/fourth-on-the-shore/9/

July 3-5

Subfest

Wisconsin Maritime Museum, 75 Maritime Drive, Manitowoc

Museum admission, $10; events surrounding the museum are free. Veterans, retired military and active duty military are free.

Annual lakeside celebration of WWII submarine history. Music, food trucks, self-guided submarine tours and kid-friendly activities. https://www.wisconsinmaritime.org/explore/subfest/

July 15

Touch the Trucks!

Manitowoc Public Library, 707 Quay St., Manitowoc

10 a.m. to noon

Free

Kids and kids at heart can get close to big and little trucks in the parking lot across from the library.

July 22-25

1976 Throwback Week

Manitowoc County Historical Society, 924 Pinecrest Road, Manitowoc

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Adults, $1; youth, 50 cents; younger than age 12, free

A few Pinecrest Village buildings will be open. This year, 1976 is featured with activities, presentations and prices.

https://www.manitowoccountyhistory.org/programs/throwback

July 25

Farm Fun at the Zoo

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

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Free

The zoo's Big Red Barn becomes the place to find games and activities related to farming.

July 25

Mid-Summer Meltdown Hot Rod and Custom Car Show

Manitowoc County Historical Society, 924 Pinecrest Road, Manitowoc

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cars enter at 10 a.m.; best viewing begins at 11 a.m.

$10 per person

Pre-1966 hot rods, customs, stock cars, motorcycles and vintage fire engines. Music, ice cream and a Jell-O contest. https://www.manitowoccountyhistory.org/programs/midsummer-meltdown

July 27-Aug. 1

"The Emperor's New Clothes"

Tickets available June 15, using a pay-what-you-like system.

The Missoula Children's Theater and local performers help an emperor learn that sometimes, less is more. Performance times and tickets: https://cccshows.org/events/the-emperors-new-clothes/

Aug. 1

Malt City Brewfest

720 Quay St., Manitowoc

2-5:30 p.m.

General admission, $45-$55; VIP, $70-80; designated drivers, $15

Unlimited sampling of more than 100 beers and ciders; souvenir pint glass; local food trucks and vendors; live music 2:15-5:15 p.m.

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/malt-city-brewfest-2025-tickets-1226903995879

Aug. 6

Outdoor Movie Night — "The Incredibles"

Washington Park, 1115 Washington St.

8:30-10 p.m.

Free

Family-friendly movie; concessions. Some chairs available or bring chairs and blankets.

Aug. 7

Adult Pool Party

Manitowoc Family Aquatic Center & Mini Golf Course, 940 N. 18th St., Manitowoc

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Food, live music. Cash only event for adult beverages. Must be age 21 or older.

Aug. 9

Silver Creek Beer Garden

Silver Creek Park, 3001 S. 10th St., Manitowoc

2-5 p.m.

Free

Presented by Manitowoc Parks & Recreation. Live music, beverages, food, yard games.

Aug. 21-23

Great Lakes Watercross

Red Arrow Park, 1931 S. Eighth St., Manitowoc

8 a.m.

The Great Lakes Watercross series concludes with a championship weekend. https://www.greatlakeswatercross.com/Events/manitowoc-wi

Aug. 23 to Sept. 13

Rahr West Art Museum Biennial Members & Manitowoc County Exhibition

Rahr-West Art Museum, 610 N. Eighth St., Manitowoc

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Free

Museum members and Manitowoc County residents show their work.

Aug. 26-30

Manitowoc County Fair

Manitowoc County Expo, 4921 Expo Drive, Manitowoc

$15 including parking.

Sea lion show, pony rides, live music, food, animals, carnival rides. https://manitowoccountywi.gov/departments/expo/manitowoc-county-fair/

MARATHON COUNTY

Night sky glows with airshows and balloons

Recurring Events

Manic Monday Karaoke

Mondays, 9 p.m.

Moua's Callon St. Pub, 209 Callon St., Wausau

Cost: Purchase of beverage

Concerts on the Square

Wednesdays, June through August

400 Block in downtown Wausau.

Play and Learn

June 9, 23; July 7, 21; Aug. 8, 18

Monk Botanical Gardens, 1901 N. Fourth Ave., Wausau

10-11 a.m.

Free

Outdoor program for children up to 6 years old. No registration required. Indoor activities available on rain days.

The Water Walkers Central Wisconsin Water-Ski Show Team

Tuesdays, June 9 to Aug. 18 on Lake Wausau, Bluegill Bay Park, 153030 Oriole Lane, Wausau.

Thursdays, June 18 to Aug. 13 on Lake Dubay, South Bay Beach, 4480 Park Road, Lake Dubay

No shows June 11, July 16

6:30 p.m.

Free

Concessions available. Bring a chair and sunglasses. https://www.cwwaterwalkers.org/show-schedule

Film, Farm & Culture Fest of Wausau

Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, July 23 to Aug. 1

Woodson History Center, 410 McIndoe St., Wausau

6 p.m.

$10

Independent films that focus on farm and farm culture.

Descriptions of films and tickets are available at https://www.filmfarmculturefest.com

Events

June 5-6

Holy Name of Jesus Parish Summer Fun

Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church, 1104 Ninth Ave., Wausau

June 5, 4-10:30 p.m.; June 6, 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Bingo, cake walk, cash raffle, kids' games, food, vendor and craft fair, cheese curds, beer tent, breakfast bar, live music.

June 6

Wausau Pride

316 Third St., Wausau

Family Pride Fest, downtown Wausau

An outdoor gathering with community vendors designed to celebrate LGBTQIA+ in a supportive environment.

https://www.wausaupride.org/

June 6

Pride at Night

Central Wisconsin Convention & Expo Center, 10101 Market

St., Rothschild

$30; $75 VIP tickets which includes premiere seating and a meet and greet with Bosco.

Bosco and performers from RuPaul's Drag Race present a show.

https://www.wausaupride.org/prideatnight

June 27-29

ACA North American Whitewater Open Canoe Slalom Championships

Wausau Whitewater Park, 200 River Drive, Wausau

9 a.m.

Free for spectators

Whitewater open canoes used for slalom racing are based on traditional canoe designs and are propelled with single bladed paddles. A slalom course is set for the competition using hanging vertical poles for gates and paddlers attempt to negotiate the course in numerical order without touching any poles, or missing any gates, in the fastest time possible.

https://www.wausauwhitewater.org/open-canoe-slalom-nationals

June 20

Wausau Summer Shindig 2026

400 Block, 401 N. Third St., Wausau

Noon to midnight or later

Free

Nine bands, local vendors and food

June 26-27

Wings over Wausau

Wausau Downtown Airport, 725 Woods Place, Wausau

June 26, gates open at 4 p.m.; airshow, 5 p.m.; 8:45 p.m. dusk and dark lighted airshow

June 27, 7 a.m., IncredibleBank Clear for Takeoff 5K; pancake breakfast, 7-11 a.m.; gates open to public, 11 a.m.; 1-4 p.m. live entertainment; airshow, 4 p.m.; 8:45 p.m. dusk and dark lighted airshow, followed by fireworks.

Food, live music, airplane and helicopter rides, kids' area. Parking is limited. Free shuttle runs to local hotels.

https://wausauevents.org/wings-over-wausau

June 27

IncredibleBank Clear for Takeoff 5K

7 a.m.



Among the many hot air balloons appearing at the Taste 'N Glow Balloon Festival on July 10-11 in Marathon City will be Just-Us by Jeff Conley of Ohio, sponsored by CoVantage Credit Union. Gates open at 11 a.m. July 10. The day will feature a craft show, children's activities, food vendors, beer tent, live music and a balloon liftoff at 6:30 p.m. Tethered balloon rides will be available from 6:30-10 p.m., with the balloon glow held from 9-10 p.m. Gates open at 6 p.m. July 11. Activities include a pancake breakfast, balloon flight, tethered balloon rides, children's activities, music, food vendors, beer tent, lumberjack show and a balloon liftoff at 6:30 p.m. and balloon glow from 9-10 p.m. Single-day admission is $10, weekend pass $15 and children younger than 12 are free.

Run with members of the armed forces on the taxiways and runways of the Wausau Downtown Airport.

$35 in advance, $40 on race day. Includes pancake breakfast and shirt.

https://wausauevents.org/incrediblebank-5kJune 27-29

Chalkfest

400 Block, 401 N. Third St., Wausau

9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Free to view

Artists color the sidewalks of the 400 block with chalk drawings.

July 4

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https://wausauevents.org/4th-of-july-fireworks

July 10-11

Taste 'N Glow Balloon Festival

141678 Stettin Drive, Marathon City

July 10, gates open at 11 a.m. Day features craft show, kids' activities, food vendors, beer tent, live music. Balloon liftoff, 6:30 p.m.; tethered balloon rides, 6:30-10 p.m. ($20); balloon glow, 9-10 p.m.

July 11, gates open at 6 a.m.. Day features a pancake breakfast, balloon flight, tethered balloon rides ($20); kids' activities, music, food vendors, beer tent, lumberjack show. Balloon liftoff, 6:30 p.m., balloon glow, 9-10 p.m.

Single-day admission, $10; weekend pass, $15. Children younger than 12, free.

Complete schedule and ticket: https://tastenglowfest.com/schedule/

July 11

Taste 'N Glow Balloon Fest Car Show

140914 Stettin Drive, Marathon City

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

$15 to register a vehicle

Car show with 19 vehicle classes.

Aug. 1

Thunderstruck: A Classic Rock Tribute

Jefferson Street Inn & Event Space, 201 Jefferson St., Wausau

7:30-9 p.m.

$32

Blue Violin blurs the line between classical technique and rock energy, including music by Queen, AC/DC and Led Zepplin.

https://blue-violin.com/thunderstruck-wasaua/

Aug. 4-9

Wisconsin Valley Fair

Marathon Park, 1201 Stewart Ave., Wausau

8 a.m. to 11 p.m.

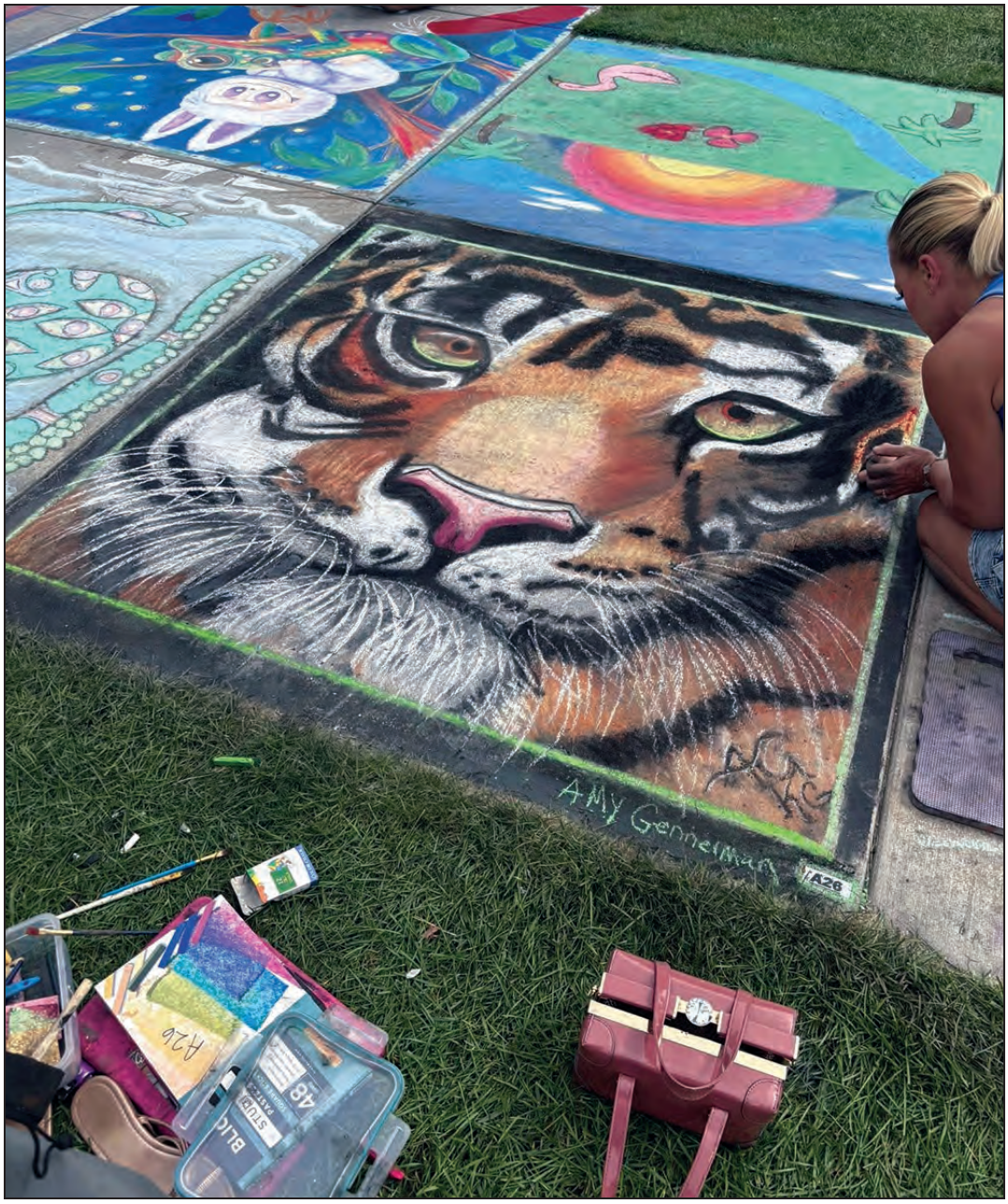
Tickets before 1 p.m., $9; after 1 p.m., $13. Age 10 and younger, free

Grandstand events, except for demolition derby, is included with gate admission. Free seating is available in the grandstand and grass berms. Reserved seats are $25 prior to the fair and $30 after the fair begins.

See farm animals, adult and youth projects, commercial vendors, live entertainment, carnival. Schedule of fair events and shows is available online at https://www.wisconsinvalleyfair.com

Aug. 15-16

Midwest Freestyle Championships



Check out Chalkfest in Wausau from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. June 27.

Wausau Whitewater Park, 200 River Drive, Wausau

9 a.m.

Free for spectators

About 100 kayakers and canoeists from across the Midwest travel to Wausau for their chance to be the Midwest Freestyle Champion in their respective class. Participants will complete as many tricks as they can in one minute, and the individual with the most points moves on to the next round.

Aug. 21-22

Big Blue Falls Blues Fest

Oak & Fern Island Parks, 500 River Drive, Wausau

Aug. 21, gates open at 4 p.m., music at 5 p.m., 7 p.m., 9 p.m.

Aug. 22, gates open at noon. Music at 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m., 9 p.m.

Two-day tickets, $87.21, VIP tickets, $193.92, includes VIP T-shirt, lanyard, access to private VIP area, drink passes and dinner both days; Friday only tickets $15.

This outdoor music festival will be held rain or shine. Bring lawn chairs. Limited parking; a shuttle to area hotels will be available.

https://wausauevents.org/big-bull-falls-blues-fest

MARINETTE COUNTY

Head northeast to find Strong Falls, power boats and soft baby goats

Recurring Events

Concerts in the Park — Marinette

July 2, The Silver Cream Band; July 16, Neon Detour; July 30, The Daizy Roots Band

6 p.m.

Stephenson Island Park, 1600 Bridge St., Marinette

Free

Bring lawn chairs. https://www.mandmchamber.com/community-concerts-series/

Concerts in the Park — Menominee

June 25, Eddie Larsen's Classic Memories; July 23, Kind of Blues Band; Aug. 13, ALEGACYONE

6 p.m.

Menominee Bandshell, 1000 First St., Menominee, Michigan

Free

Bring lawn chairs. https://www.mandmchamber.com/community-concerts-series/

Baby Goat Cuddling Sessions

Varied schedule through August

Blazing Bear Homestead, W3070 Hale School Road, Peshtigo

Sessions, 10 a.m. to 3:40 p.m.

$10 per person, maximum of six per time slot

Spend time with Nigerian dwarf dairy goats. Get a bag of grain to feed to the baby and mama goats. Benches and blankets provided for seating. For times and tickets, go to https://www.blazingbearhomestead.net/goatevents

Forgotten Fire Winery music series

Forgotten Fire Winery, N2393 Schacht Road, Marinette

June 19, 20, 27; July 11, 18, 25; Aug. 8, 14, 15, 22

Free



Self-guided waterfall tours take visitors to 15 waterfalls, including the 12-foot falls. Trails are rated from easy walks to difficult hikes. Some camping and picnic areas are available.

Picnic table space available. Lawn chairs recommended. For a list of performers and start times, go to https://www.forgottenfirewinery.com/event-calendar

Bands at Badger

Badger Park, 300 E. Park Drive, Peshtigo

June 10, Neon Detour June 24, Jet Pack Stereo; July 8, The Rapid Transit Band; July 22, The Big Snake; Aug. 5, Sweet Acoustic

All shows, 6-8 p.m.

Concessions open, 5 p.m. Free. Bring lawn chairs. https://www.facebook.com/100068355325225/posts/%EF%B8%8F-2026-bands-at-badger-summer-concert-series-lineup-announced-%EF%B8%8Fthe-peshtigo-woma/1235861558702343/

Waterfall Tours

Self-guided waterfall tours take visitors to 15 waterfalls. Trails are rated from easy walks to difficult hikes. Some camping, picnic areas available.

A Marinette County park pass is required. Day passes may be purchased at some parks. Both annual and day passes can be purchased in advance at marinettecounty.com/parks/. Parks not owned by Marinette County may require a different pass. Get a map at https://www.exploremarinettecounty.com/i/f/files/2022%20Waterfall%20Tours.pdf

Events

June 6-7

Second Annual APBA Rumble on the River Power Boat Races

Riverside Avenue along the Menominee River

Races both days, 10 a.m. to noon and 3-5:30 p.m.

Free

Bring lawn chairs. Food trucks, drinks and official T-shirts available. https://www.apba.org/racing-schedule.html

June 6

ERS 911 5K Fun Run/Walk

Peshtigo High School Track, 380 Green St., Peshtigo

8:30 a.m.

Adults, $25, children $15

5K Run/Walk, 1 mile community walk and children's run.

https://runsignup.com/Race/Info/WI/Peshtigo/911run

June 11

Mama Ginger & the Red Hots

Bayshore Arts Center, 750 W. Bay Shore St., Marinette

7-8 p.m.

Free

Mix of blues, swing, R&B. https://www.uwgb.edu/marinette/community-theatre/

June 13

Fourth Annual Walmart Charity Car Show

Walmart parking lot, 2900 Roosevelt Road, Marinette

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

$15 per vehicle donation.

Proceeds benefit Children's Miracle Network of Wisconsin. Several prizes, no trophies. Food concessions on site. https://www.facebook.com/events/walmart-marinette/marinette-wisconsin-walmart-charity-car-show/1273158560230592/

June 20

Strong Falls Trails Bike & Hike

N13980 Harper Road, Athelstane

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Biking, walking, running. Drawing for Marinette Area Mountain Bike Association swag. Food and beverages available. https://www.exploremarinettecounty.com/events/events-calendar/2026-06/strong-falls-trails-bike-and-hike-2026-06-20/?view=c

June 21

Levi Ballenger on the Bob Berndt Stage

Crivitz Community Veterans Park, 515 Park Place, Crivitz

2 p.m.

Bring snacks, beverages, chairs. https://www.bananasentertainment.com/events/view/395692/crivitz/bob-berndt-theater/levi-ballenger/sunday-june-21

June 27

Miles for a Mission Bike Ride (Formerly LEOWSTRONG Bike Ride)

Greater Marinette-Menominee YMCA, 1600 West Drive, Menominee

6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

All proceeds stay local and support the YMCA. The ride is on country roads in Menominee County and along the river. All abilities. https://www.raceentry.com/miles-for-a-mission-bike-ride/race-information?affiliate=hGNRn6JIRg5Wr7UntR-0ra8v4rwtiRO39exl9N6wr

Asphalt Gypsies

Crivitz Community Veterans Park, John Shaffer Pavilion, 515 Park Place, Crivitz

1-4 p.m.

Bring snacks, beverages, chairs.

July 4

Crivitz Flea and Farmers Market

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Village Parking Lot, 801 Henriette Ave., Crivitz

July 10-12

Logging & Heritage Festival

Stephenson Island Park, 1600 Bridge St., Marinette

Opens at noon July 10. Closes at 3 p.m. July 12.

Free

Friday, Hotel California Eagles Tribute Band; Saturday, live music, logging demos, vendor show, free kids' activities; 5K run/walk, 8 a.m.; kids' fun run, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday car show and parade. https://marinette.wi.us/597/The-Logging-and-Heritage-Festival

July 17-19, 24-26

"The Music Man"

7 p.m.

Bayshore Arts Center — Herbert L. Williams Theatre, 750 W Bay Shore St., Marinette

Tickets $18-$22

The classic musical featuring Harold Hill, conning the people of River City, Iowa, into buying instruments and uniforms for a boys' band despite the fact that he doesn't know a trombone from a treble clef. He plans to skip town with the cash but he falls for Marian, the librarian. https://www.uwgb.edu/marinette/community-theatre/

Aug. 1

Happy 250th Birthday USA!

Equity Hall , W7403 State Highway 64, Pound

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

$5 requested donation

Presented by Marinette & Oconto Counties Literacy Council, Inc. Visit with people representing those who immigrated to the USA, learn why they came and what the country has learned from them. Entertainment and ethnic food tasting. https://www.exploremarinettecounty.com/events/events-calendar/2026-08/happy-250th-birthday-usa-2026-08-01/?view=c

Aug. 1

BDP Community Picnic

N18765 Sauld St., Pembine

11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Horse pulls, craft show, food trucks, kids' activities. https://www.facebook.com/events/pembine-wi/bdp-community-picnic/1609648530148327/

Aug. 6

Safe Sax Entertainment

Bayshore Arts Center Patio, 750 W. Bay Shore St., Marinette

6-8 p.m.

Free

Michael Pruzinsky on vocals, saxophone and percussion in a variety of styles. https://www.uwgb.edu/marinette/community-theatre/

Aug. 7

Legends of Rock – A Tribute to the '80s

Bayshore Arts Center — Herbert L. Williams Theatre, 750 W Bay Shore St., Marinette https://www.exploremarinettecounty.com/events/events-calendar/

7 p.m.

Tickets $18-$22

1980s tribute performance brings classic arena shows back to the stage. With hits from Bon Jovi, Def Leppard, Journey, Van Halen, Guns N' Roses, AC/DC, Mötley Crüe and Poison. https://www.uwgb.edu/marinette/community-theatre/

Aug. 8

WiMi Wish Ride

1125 University Drive, Marinette

Rides start at 6:30 a.m.

Registration and packet pickup Aug. 7 in the afternoon and Aug. 8 in the morning

Bike ride benefiting Make-A-Wish Wisconsin and Make-A-Wish Michigan. Choose from rides of 20-100 miles in parts of Marinette and Menominee counties.

https://raceroster.com/events/2026/95717/wimi-wish-ride

Aug. 27-30

Marinette County Fair

100 Fairgrounds Road, Wausaukee

$5 per day; $15weekend pass; $12 in advance; Sunday only, $2. Full event schedule at https://www.marinettecountyfair.com

MENOMINEE COUNTY

Powwows bring together traditions and communities

Events

July 29

Menominee Pageant

Woodland Bowl, Fairgrounds Road, Keshena

Free

A revived tradition of the Menominee Nation, the annual Menominee Pageant is a show of pantomime, live music and Native dance that marks the beginning of Menominee Powwow week each summer.

The Menominee community will play a role in the United States' 250th anniversary celebration. "Of the People: The Smithsonian Festival of Festivals" will host about 40 festivals around the country, with the July 29 production of the Menominee Pageant being the only event held in Wisconsin.

July 31 to Aug. 1

Menominee Nation Contest Powwow

Woodland Bowl, Fairgrounds Road, Keshena

58th annual event set in a grove of 200-year-old pine trees. https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=933511426192228

OCONTO COUNTY

Kayak, bike, run: Try Dri Tri

Recurring Events

Music at Primal Eats

Fridays and Saturdays; additional music July 1-4

Primal Eats, 14109 County Road VV, Gillett

See a list of musicians and performance times at https://www.primaleats.com/events

Music at Memorial

Sundays, June 21 through Aug. 16

6:30 p.m.

651 S. St. Augustine St., Pulaski

For a list of performers, go to https://pulaskichamber.org/news/

Music by the River

June 19, July 17, Aug. 14

East Side Beach, 631 N. Main St., Oconto Falls, Oconto Falls

6-9 p.m.

Free

Bring a lawn chair. Food and refreshments available. No carry-ins. https://ocontofallschamber.com/concerts/

Events

June 12-14

Copperfest

American Legion Post 74 Park,



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Lena's Thunder On Main gives off-road racing fans an opportunity for an up-close look at the vehicles and interact with the drivers competing in the weekend's AMSoil Off-Road National races. Thunder on Main will be held from 5-8 p.m. July 24, with the AMSOIL Off-Road Nationals to be held July 25-26 at the Dirt City Motorplex.

709 Madison St., Oconto

June 12, 4:30-11 p.m.; June 13, 10:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.; June 14, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

June 12, $4; June 13, $6; June 14, $2. Ages 6-17, age 60 and older, $2; age 5 and younger and veterans and current military, free

Tractor pulls, trout pond, petting zoo, pony rides, vendors, pie and ice cream social, food and refreshments, kids' area; non-denominational church service https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064820316017

June 14

Chase Stone Barn Craft Show

8246 County Road S, Sobieski

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Handmade items from local artists and crafters.

June 19-20

Roy Hubbard Memorial Truck Show

Zippel Park, 150 N. McKenzie Ave., Gillett

June 19, Grounds open and truck registration, 10 a.m.; vendor and craft show, 3 p.m.; live music, 6 p.m., fireworks at dusk.

June 20, Grounds open and truck registration, 10 a.m.; vendor and craft show, 10 a.m.; live music, 11 a.m.; kids' judging, 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; live music, 3 p.m.; light show/parade, 9:30 p.m.

July 4

Fourth of July in Townsend

Craft fair, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Townsend Town Hall, 16564 Elm St., Townsend

Parade, noon, starting at Front Street and Timber Edge Lane in Townsend.

July 10-11

Fourth Annual Oconto Falls Dri Tri

West Side Beach, 307-399 N. Flatley Ave., Oconto Falls

$85 plus $5.80 fee

Early registration, July 10, 5 p.m.

July 11, 7:30 a.m. registration; competitions launch in waves starting at 8:30 a.m.; course closes at noon

Community wellness race including kayak, 1 mile; bike, 13 miles; walk/run 3 miles. Start times are based on level of competitiveness. https://runsignup.com/Race/Events/WI/Oconto-Falls/OcontoFallsDriTri

July 16-19

Pulaski Polka Days

July 16, Music from 4-11:15 p.m.; fireworks at dusk, gates open at 4 p.m. Admission, $5

July 17, Music from 2 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.; gates open at 1 p.m. Admission, $20

July 18, Music from 12:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., gates open at 11 a.m. Admission, $20

July 19, Music from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; gates open at 8 a.m. Admission, free

Parade, arts and crafts fair, food, dance lessons, Ms. Pulaski Polka Days Contest; worship service, pancake and porkie breakfast. Musician schedule and other details, https://pulaskipolkadays.com

July 24

Thunder on Main

5-8 p.m.

Cars from the races at Dirt City Motorplex parade through downtown Lena. https://wecnmagazine.com/events/thunder-on-main-2/

July 25-26

AMSOIL Off-Road Nationals

Dirt City Motorplex, 416 E. Main St., Lena

Short-course off-road racing, truck pulls and community events. For details of this race, go to https://dirtcitylmc.com/events/

Aug. 20-24

Oconto County Youth Fair

Zippel Park, 150 N. McKenzie Ave., Gillett

Aug. 20: 4:30-9 p.m.; Aug. 21, 9 a.m. to end of 7 p.m. Ag Olympics; Aug. 22, 9 a.m. to midnight; Aug. 23, 9 a.m. to midnight; Aug. 24, 9 a.m. to end of 2 p.m. show of Mini Rods and Mod Tractors.

Christman Amusements (carnival), wristbands, $25 at the door

Food trucks, animal shows, music, truck pulls, magic show, mini rods and mod tractors. https://www.facebook.com/OcontoCountyFair/

OUTAGAMIE COUNTY

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Recurring events

Music

Traditional Irish Session

Fourth Monday of every month

McFleshman's Brewing Co., 115 S. State St., Appleton

6:30-8:30 p.m.

Free

Open session for players who enjoy traditional Irish music. Prior playing experience is encouraged. Musicians and listeners are welcome. https://www.mcfleshmans.com

Appleton City Band Concerts

Tuesdays, June 9 through Aug. 11

Pierce Park Pavilion 1035 W. Prospect Ave., Appleton

7-8 p.m.

Free

Bring a lawn chair. https://area509appleton.com

Open Mike Night

Wednesdays

McFleshman's Brewing Co., 115 S. State St., Appleton

7-9 p.m.

Free

Sign up at 6:30 p.m. https://www.mcfleshmans.com

Heid Music Summer Concert Series

Thursdays through Aug. 27

Jones Park, 301 W. Lawrence St., Appleton

Free

Music, food trucks. https://appletondowntown.org/events/heid-music-summer-concert-series/

Thursday Night Live Music

Thursdays through Aug. 27

Tanners Grill and Bar West, 110 S. Nicolet Road, Appleton

7-10 p.m.

https://tannersgrillandbar.com

Sundays at the Amphitheater

Sundays through Aug. 16

Sunset Park Amphitheater, 800 W. Kimberly Ave., Kimberly

6:30 p.m.

Free

List of performers https://www.vokimberlywi.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/2026-Line-Up-Poster.pdf

Other Recurring Events

Summer on the Veranda

June 12, July 10, Aug. 7

Hearthstone Historic House Museum, 625 W. Prospect Ave., Appleton

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Dress for the occasion, be served cool drinks and listen to the 1875 grand piano.

Advance tickets, $15. $18 at the door. Ticket includes beverages. https://www.hearthstonemuseum.org/events

Food Truck Fest

June 24, July 22, Aug. 26

Poplar Hall, 141 S. RiverHeath Way, Appleton

4-8 p.m.

Free admission

Food trucks, music, full bar, indoor and outdoor seating

Let's Go Froggin'!

June 26, July 10, July 24, Aug. 7, Aug. 21

Bubolz Nature Preserve, 4815 N. Lynndale Drive, Appleton

6-8 p.m.

Members, $20 per family; non-members, $25 per family

Learn about frogs and toads and go pond dipping to find them and water insects. https://bubolzpreserve.org/bubolz-events/calendar/

Yoga in the Pines

July 14, July 19, Aug. 9

Bubolz Nature Preserve, 4815 N. Lynndale Drive, Appleton

9-11 a.m.

$15 per person; pre-registration required

Join instructor Lauren from Grace Under Fire Yoga Studio for a morning of yoga. https://bubolzpreserve.org/bubolz-events/calendar/

Fleet Feet Pub Walk/Run

Appleton Beer Factory, 603 W. College Ave., Appleton

Tuesdays at 6 p.m.

Free

Meet walking buddies on routes up to 6 miles. App supported. https://www.fleetfeet.com/s/foxvalley/activities-resources/fun-runwalk-group

Food Frenzy Midweek Rally

Wednesdays through Oct. 28

Area 509, 1025 N. Badger Ave., Appleton

5-8 p.m.

Rotating food truck and musicians. https://area509appleton.com

Food Truck Friday Rally

Fridays through Oct. 30

Area 509, 1025 N. Badger Ave., Appleton

5-8 p.m.

Rotating food truck and musicians. https://area509appleton.com

Wisconsin Timber Rattlers

Games and special events through Aug. 30

Neuroscience Group Field, 2400 N. Casaloma Drive, Appleton

High-A minor league affiliate of the Milwaukee Brewers. https://www.milb.com/wisconsin/ballpark/fox-cities-stadium

Fox Cities Performing Arts Center

400 W. College Ave., Appleton

June 2-7: "Juliet," a musical that asks, "What if Juliet didn't end it all over Romeo?"

June 12: "Girls Night: The Musical," a musical that follows a group of female friends

June 13: One Vision of Queen, a rock tribute to Queen

Performance times, prices and tickets at https://foxcitiespac.com/events-tickets/events/

Skyline Comedy Club

1004 S. Olde Oneida St., third floor

Comedy performances throughout the summer. https://www.skylinecomedy.com

Events

June 5

Ales on the Trails

Bubolz Nature Preserve, 4815 N. Lynndale Drive, Appleton

5-8 p.m.

All access pass, $45; designated driver, $25; extra meal ticket, $25

An evening hike at the Bubolz preserve includes drinks and music, beer and wine sampling. https://bubolzpreserve.org/bubolz-events/ales-on-the-trails/

June 5-7

Cheesefest

Doyle Park, 100 Van Buren St., Little Chute

June 5, 5 p.m. to midnight

June 6, 10:30 a.m., parade through downtown Little Chute; Cheddar Chase non-competitive 1-mile run. At Doyle Park, 11 a.m. to midnight

June 7, 11 a.m. to midnight

Admission pass needed on Friday and Saturday, Adults, $5; ages 4-12, $3; age 3 and younger, free. Sunday, free for all. Cash only.

Music, free cheese tasting, food booths, kids' entertainment; amusement rides; petting zoo. https://cheesefest.org/schedule/

June 12

Firefly Exploration

Bubolz Nature Preserve, 4815 N. Lynndale Drive, Appleton

8-9:30 p.m.

Members, $20 per family; non-members, $25 per family

Learn about fireflies and take a hike to see them in the preserve, as well as other creatures that are active at night.

https://bubolzpreserve.org/bubolz-events/calendar/

June 13

Flag Day Parade

Downtown Appleton

2 p.m.

Appleton is home to the nation's oldest Flag Day parade, dating back to 1950.

June 17-20

Electric City River Jam



Art at the Park returns July 25–26 to Appleton, bringing together 200-plus artists from across the country. Set in a historic downtown park, this two-day event draws more than 30,000 visitors each year for a full weekend of art, live music, food and live art-making. Admission is free, and hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. July 25 and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 26.

Hydro Park, 100 Crooks Ave., Kaukauna

June 17, 5-9 p.m.; June 18, 4-9 p.m.; June 19, 5-10 p.m.; June 20, 4:30-10:30 p.m.

Music, carnival rides, children's activities, food trucks. https://kaukauna.gov/electric-city-river-jam/

June 24-28

Outagamie County Fair

627 N. Main St., Seymour

June 24, noon to close

June 25-27, 9 a.m. to close

June 28, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tractor pull, music, magic show, fair food, farm animals. https://outagamiecountyfair.com

July 3

Independence Day Fireworks

Veterans Memorial Park, 620 E. Witzke Blvd., Appleton

Entertainment, food, activities start at 4 p.m.

Fireworks, 9:45 p.m.

July 22

Building for Kids Children's Parade

Houdini Plaza, downtown Appleton

6 p.m.

Free

After the parade, there will be activities, entertainment and food trucks at City Park, 500 E. Franklin St., Appleton

July 25-26

Art At The Park

City Park, 500 E. Franklin St., Appleton

July 25, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. July 26, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Free

Art, music, food and more than 200 artists displaying paintings, prints, photos, sculpture, jewelry. https://troutmuseumart.org

July 30 to Aug. 2

Mile of Music

Downtown Appleton

July 30 to Aug. 1, 11 a.m. to midnight; Aug. 2, noon to 7 p.m. Times may vary based on location and artists.

Free admission

Mile of Music is a free music festival that features original music from hundreds of emerging artists each summer. Music by more than 175 artists is performed at more than 30 venues. An app is available to show venue locations and artists. https://mileofmusic.com

Aug. 8-14

PGI Wisconsin Fireworks Festival — Ignite the Night

Wisconsin International Raceway, W1460 County Highway KK, Kaukauna

Aug. 8, 6-10:30 p.m., grand opening show, adults, $27; age 5-15 with an adult, $16; reserved parking, $22

Aug. 12, 6-10:30 p.m, competition, adults, $18; age 5-15 with adult, $13.75; reserved parking $14

Aug. 14, 6-10:30 p.m., grand public display, adults, $31; ages 5-15 with adult, $16, reserved parking, $22

Presented by the Pyrotechnics Guild International as a public opportunity to experience the PGI national convention. https://www.tickettailor.com/events/pyrotechnicguildinternational

Aug. 28

Light the Night Market

Downtown Appleton

5-10 p.m.

Food trucks, music, arts and crafts vendors, street performers, carnival.

SHAWANO COUNTY

Tuesdayz, Thursdayz and SunDrop Dayz: The lazy, hazy, crazy dayz of summer

Recurring Events

Shawano Flea Market

Sundays through Oct. 4, except for Labor Day weekend

Shawano County Fairgrounds, 990 E. Green Bay St., Shawano

7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Admission, $2 Early buyers before 7 a.m., $10

Antiques, collectibles, food, plants, household goods, crafts for sale. https://zurkopromotions.com/shawano-wisconsin-flea-market/

Shawano Speedway

Saturdays through Sept. 5

Shawano County Fairgrounds, 990 E. Green Bay St., Shawano

Pit gates open, 3 p.m.; ticket booth, 4 p.m.; hot laps, 5:30 p.m., racing, 6 p.m.

Admission: Age 17 and older, $45; ages 12-16, $6; 11 and younger free with paid adult; senior citizens, $12; pit pass for those age 12 and older, $35, 11 and younger, $10. Season passes available.

Late Models, IMCA Modifieds, IMCA Northern Sport Modifieds and IMCA Stock Cars & IMCA Sport Compacts run weekly. https://www.shawanospeedway.net/shawano-speedway-race-schedule

Naberhood Block Party

Tuesdays through Aug. 18, 6 p.m., family activities including family game night, magic show, raptor education, dinosaurs and Disney

Saturdays, June 6-8 p.m., live music

214 S. Main St., Shawano

https://www.cityofshawano.com/689/Community-Events

Shawano Ski Sharks Show

Wednesdays through Aug. 19. Special show on June 28 and 50th Anniversary Alumni Show, Aug. 8

Wolf River Beach at Smalley Park, 211 Riverside Drive, Shawano

Pre-show, 5:30 p.m.; show, 6 p.m.

Free, donations accepted

Water-ski shows with flips, lifts and speed. Concessions available. Bleacher seats available but lawn chairs or blankets are welcome. https://www.skisharks.org

Thursdayz @ Franklin

Thursdays through Aug. 27

235 S. Washington St., Shawano

6-8:30 p.m.

Band shell performances of rock, jazz, metal, country and the show choir from Kids from Wisconsin. Food and drinks available. Bring a lawn chair. https://www.



The Shawano Ski Sharks perform at 6 p.m. Wednesdays through Aug. 19 at Wolf River Beach at Smalley Park, 211 Riverside Drive, Shawano. Admission is free, but donations are accepted. Bleacher seats are available, but lawn chairs or blankets are welcome.

cityofshawano.com/689/Community-Events

Events

June 5-6

Sun Drop Dayz

East Elizabeth Street, between Main and Lincoln streets, Shawano

June 5, 4:30-10 p.m.; June 6, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Free

Kids' activities and inflatables, music, craft fair, lumberjack competition, 5k walk/run, food and beverage vendors https://www.sundropdayz.com

June 7

St. Paul Church & School Picnic

St. Paul Lutheran Church & School, 240 E. Green Bay St., Bonduel

Church services, 8 a.m., sanctuary; 9:30 a.m., outdoor service

Picnic, 10:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Free, donations accepted

Bounce house, picnic lunch, face painting, kids' activities, music, pie and dessert auction fundraiser.

June 14

Sacred Heart Community Picnic

Franklin Park, 235 Washington St., Shawano

Polka Mass, 10 a.m.; picnic and activities, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Free admission

Sacred Heart Catholic Church invites the public with music, food trucks, beer and soda, kids' activities ($5 for a wingspan of tickets), raffles.

https://sacredheartshawano.org/picnic

June 18-21

Central Wisconsin Pride Festival

Motorama Auto Museum Grounds, 181705 Stradale Lane, Aniwa

June 18, noon to June 21, 5 p.m.

$10 for one or all days; campsites, $83 for tents or $110 for RV site with electricity

Vendors, river tubing, karaoke night, drag queen bingo, drag and fashion show, dance party, champagne drag brunch. https://www.centralwipride.org

June 19-21

Birnamwood Polka Days

Chet & Emil's Restaurant and hotel, 338 Main St., Birnamwood

June 19, 4 p.m. to midnight; June 20, noon, dance lesson, dancing from 1-11 p.m.

June 20, 9:30 a.m. church under the tent; noon, parade on Main Street, 1-6 p.m. music and dancing under the tent

Free admission

Kids' games, petting zoo, food trucks, rummage sales, craft and vendor fair. https://www.facebook.com/BirnamwoodPolkaDays

June 20

Leopolis Booster Club Kids' Fishing Day

Leopolis Pond, Fourth and Water streets, Leopolis

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Free

Open to kids 14 and younger. Free fish cleaning. All kids must be accompanied by an adult. Food and drink available. https://www.facebook.com/p/Leopolis-Booster-Club-100064534698935

Rhubarb Fest

Heritage Park, 524 N. Franklin St., Shawano

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Free admission

The Shawano Historical Society's annual festival with all things rhubarb. Live music, crafts, children's games, pie contest, plant sale. https://www.shawanohistory.org/rhubarb-fest-2026/

June 27

Tilleda Fun Dayz

Pack It In Pub, N6185 County Road D, Tilleda

11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Parade at 1 p.m.

Food, beverages, vendors, music, kids' games, bounce house. https://www.facebook.com/p/Pack-it-in-Pub-LLC-61575665592832/

June 28

Shawano County Brunch on the Farm

Kurowski Dairy, W3052 Swamp Road, Bonduel

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Age 12 and older, $10; ages 4-11, $5; age 3 and younger, free

Church service, 8 a.m. country breakfast, wagon rides and farm tours, petting zoo, live music. https://www.shawanofarmbureau.com/brunch-on-the-farm

July 4

Celebrate Bonduel 4th of July

Downtown Bonduel, parade at 11 a.m.

After the parade, at Village Park, 214 E. Park St., Bonduel, food trucks, baseball games, bounce houses, bike raffle, bull



Johnny Wad is among the performers at Shawano's Thursdayz @ Franklin summer concert series. The band played in 2025 and returned in 2026. The free concerts run through Aug. 27, and are held from 6-8:30 p.m. at Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St.

ride, rock climb. Fireworks at dusk. https://www.facebook.com/CelebrateBonduel

July 11

ShawanoFest

Downtown Shawano

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Music, car show, craft vendors, kids' activities, food and drinks. https://www.facebook.com/events/1708724753828707/

July 24-26

Wittenberg Community Days

Washington Park, 104 Park St., Wittenberg

This event kicks off on July 24 with rides from 5-10 p.m., live music, American Legion Food Stand; fireworks on July 25, community breakfast on July 26 from 7 -11 a.m.; parade at 11 a.m. https://wolfrivermedia.newsengin.com/gps2/gps.php

July 26

Shawano Arts and Crafts Fair

Mielke Art Center and Mielke Park, N5649 N. Airport Road, Shawano

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Local artists and crafters are spread around the theater on the Mielke grounds. https://www.shawanoarts.org

Aug. 7-8

Bowler Bash

104 E. Main St., Bowler

Corn and beer specials on Aug. 7

Homemade pies, food available for purchase, cow and horse drop, bike giveaway.

Parade on Aug. 8 at 2 p.m.

Aug. 7-9

Shawano Folk Music Festival

Mielke Art Center and Mielke Park, N5649 N. Airport Road, Shawano

Evening concerts, Aug. 7, 8

Music from 10 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. on Aug 8, 9

Small concerts, sing-alongs, jam sessions and open mic all day; two evening concerts. Food, crafters. https://www.shawanofestival.org

Aug. 8

Green Valley-Morgan Fire Company Annual Picnic

N5746 Oak Ave., Green Valley

11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Parade, 11 a.m.; corn roast, noon; car show, noon. Live music; kids' bike giveaway, chicken booyah, brats, burgers, Sun Drop smoothies; kids' tractor pull and bucket brigade, bounce houses. Cash event.

Aug. 14-15

Central Wisconsin Military Show and 4X4 Show

Motorama Auto Museum Grounds, 181705 Stradale Lane, Aniwa

Adults, $10 for one or both days; children younger than age 12, free.

Military vehicles from around the world on display; civilian 4X4 vehicles on display; swap meet and gun show. https://www.motoramaautomuseum.org/central-wi-military-show

Aug. 15

Shawano Airport Fly-in & Car Show

Shawano Airport, N5468 N. Airport Road, Shawano

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Aircraft on display; vendors; skydivers; warbirds; police and fire demos; food vendors; veterans tent. Rain date, Aug. 16.

Cecil Fireman's Fest

Cecil-Washington Fire Station, 111 E. Hoffman Court, Cecil

1-11 p.m.

Free admission

Food, drinks, raffles, DJ, cornhole tournament, meat raffle; live music at 7 p.m. https://www.facebook.com/CecilWashington-FireDept

Aug. 29

Bonduel Amish Consignment and Quilt Auction

N4310 Hill Road, Shawano

7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Quilts, crafts, farm equipment, furniture auctions; bake sale and lunch stand available. Cash or check accepted.

Sept 2-7

Shawano County Fair

Opening ceremony Sept. 2, 6 p.m.

Bingo, carnival rides, cake auction, animal auctions, live music each night, stock car races, demolition derby

Fireworks over the fair, Sept. 3, dusk.

Daily admission, age 12 and older, $5; children 11 and younger, free. Daily parking, $5. Sept. 2, gate opens at 5 p.m., $3. Sept 6, Senior Citizen Day, $2 admission noon to 5 p.m. for age 62 and older. Season ticket, $30. Admission does not include grandstand shows or rides.

Entertainment, farm animals and crops, adult and youth projects on display; food, music, bingo. https://www.shawano-countyfair.net/event-schedule



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NORTH SHORE HEALTHCARE



The 2026 Iola Car Show & Swap Meet will be held from July 9-11 at the Iola Car Show grounds, 350 Chrome Place. Spectator gate opens at 7 a.m. The show ends after the evening concert. This annual event hosts 2,500 show cars; 4,000 swap spaces; 1,600 campsites; 350 sale corrals; food, contests and music. Visit https://www.iolaoldcar-show.com for tickets and and more information.

WAUPACA COUNTY

Dig into history, as well as jazz, strawberries and acres of cars

Recurring Events

"Elf, Jr.," the musical

July 16, 6 p.m., July 17 , 3 p.m., July 18, 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Waupaca Middle School, Knoepfel Auditorium, 1149 Shoemaker Road, Waupaca

Waupaca Community Children's Theatre production. https://fineartsfestival.org/events-list/

Rodgers & Hammerstein's "Cinderella" (Broadway Version)

July 25, 30, 31, 7 p.m.; July 26, 2 p.m.; Aug. 1, 7 p.m.; Aug. 2, 2 p.m.

Waupaca High School Perorming Arts Center, E2325 King Road, Waupaca

Waupaca Community Theatre production. https://finearts-festival.org/events-list/

Waupaca Chain Skiers Ski Show

June 13, 20, 27; July 4, 11, 25; Aug. 1, 8, 15

Rainbow Lake, Wisconsin Veterans Home at King, N2665 County Road QQ, King

Juniors Ski at 5:30 p.m.; main show, 6 p.m.

Free

No smoking or alcohol. https://www.waupacachainskiers.com/about/2026-show-schedule/86481

Dig into History: U.S. 250th Celebration

June 6 to Aug. 1

Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Free

Waupaca Area Public Library, 107 S. Main St., Waupaca

Learn about the American Revolution, early history-makers, battlefields, archaeology, the Declaration of Independence and how government works in this interactive exhibit. https://waupacalibrary.org/calendar/

Events

June 5

Summer Kickoff Bash

SUMMER GEMS

93 DAYS OF SUMMER, 2026



The Stock sisters are excited to share their love of good wine. Once a month, they pair a five-course meal with five amazing wines featuring different varietals, regions and wineries. Follow them on Facebook to check out what's coming up.

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EST. 2018
103 S. Main St., Shawano, WI • 715-201-1111 • shawanostockmarket.com

Downtown New London, West North Water Street

5-10 p.m.

Free admission

Night market with local vendors, bistro lights, food trucks, live music, kids' activities. https://newlondonchamber.com/new-summer-kick-off-bash/

June 7

Annual Car Show/Swap Meet/Craft Show

Wolf River Classic Chevy Club

Hatten Park, 801 Werner-Allen Blvd., New London

8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Free for spectators. https://www.facebook.com/WolfRiverClassicChevyClub/

June 14

Ninth Annual Rhubarb Fest

Thern Farm, 425 E. Fairview Drive, New London

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Free admission

Vendors; bake sale; concessions; music; antique machinery. https://www.facebook.com/events/1925583228027870/

June 20

Waupaca Strawberry Fest

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Free

Celebrate the first taste of summer. Arts and crafts, children's activities, strawberry shortcake, fresh picked locally grown strawberries for sale, food and live music. https://festivalnet.com/4059/Waupaca-Wisconsin/Festivals/Waupaca-Strawberry-Fest

July 2-4

Manawa Rodeo

E5888 County Road B, Manawa

July 2, 7:30 p.m., evening performance; July 3, 9 a.m., slack performance; 7:30 p.m., evening performance; July 4, 2 p.m., matinee; 7:30 p.m., evening performance. Tickets, $11-$25, https://www.manawarodeo.org/rodeo-tickets

July 9-11

Iola Car Show & Swap Meet

Iola Car Show grounds, 350 Chrome Place, Iola

Spectator gate opens at 7 a.m. Show ends after the evening concert.

One-day admission, $20; three-day admission, $30. Free admission for 12 and younger, free parking.

This annual event hosts 2,500 show cars; 4,000 swap spaces; 1,600 campsites; 350 sale corrals; food, contests and music.

https://www.iolaoldcarshow.com



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July 24-26

Union Thresheree at Symco

Union Thresheree Grounds, E6361 State Highway 22, Manawa

Gates open at 7 a.m. each day

Adult daily admission, $10; weekend pass, $25. Veterans admitted free. Children 12 and younger, free.

Breakfast served each day. Music, displays, demonstrations of combining grains, threshing grain, bailing, rock crushing, shelling and grinding corn; blacksmith shop; antique tractor pull; kids pulling events. https://www.symcoutc.com/

July 25

37th Annual Embarrass Fun Daze

Embarrass Fireman's Park, 130 Depot St., Embarrass

10 a.m.

Jaidyn LaBorde performs at the park, 4-6 p.m. Parade on Main Street. 8U 9U baseball tournament. https://www.infosports.com/?req=listing&t=t&s=b&n=226239&lr=WI

Aug. 1-3

Scandinavia Corn Roast

110 Industrial Park Drive, Scandinavia

Free admission

Corn Roast Parade, tractor pulls, Cob Run (family friendly 5k), wood carving, adult prom. https://scandinaviaboosterclub.org/

Aug. 6-8

Symco Hotrod & Kustom Weekender

Union Thresheree Grounds, E6361 State Highway 22, Manawa

Gates open at 9 a.m.

Admission: Weekend wristband, $30; Aug. 6, $10; Aug. 7, $15; Aug. 8, $20. Additional camping fee.

Pre-1965 traditional hot rod and custom show inside the main grounds. The VIP car show is pre-1976. Vintage camping on the river, RV camping available, swap meet, minibike drag races, engine raffle, more than 25 bands on two stages; flame-throwing at night, burnout pit, pinup contest, charity pinstriping panel jam, camping, food, music. https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/PCE4R3LQZBVKQ

Aug. 8

Third annual Rock 'N' Corn Festival

Hatten Park, 801 Werner Ave., New London

10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Free

Four bands, corn roast, corn hole tournament, beer tent, kids' games, food, vendors, food trucks, beer tent.

https://www.wolfriverbank.com/events/rock-n-corn-festival-new-london-hatten-park/

Aug. 25-30

Waupaca County Fair

Fairgrounds, 602 E. South St., Weyauwega

Events include lawnmower races, entertainment on the Midway Stage, BMX & FMX Stunt Show, N.E.W. Motorsports truck & tractor pull; mutton bustin' (kids ride sheep; helmets required), barrels and bulls rodeo, demo derby, hockey, church service. Free parking. Tickets at https://www.waupacacountyfair.com/tickets/ Camping available. Apply at https://www.waupacacountyfair.com/camping/



Northeast Wisconsin counties promote their natural resources to residents and tourists, who spend millions of dollars each year in the area.





The casino experience at Potawatomi Casino Hotel Carter, 618 State Highway 32, Carter, includes bingo, slots, 6-deck blackjack and three-card poker. Potawatomi Sportsbook is available for nearly every sport, team, player and game.

Casinos bring entertainment, dining and a shot at cash to the Northwoods

Check with each casino or resort for special events, entertainers and details on how to make the most of your visit.

Bowler

North Star Mohican Casino Resort, W12180 County Road A, Bowler

https://www.northstarcasinoresort.com

The casino experience

• Slots, blackjack, Let It Ride, dealer-assisted electronic craps, three card poker and Ultimate Texas Hold 'em.

• Bingo.

• Pine Hills Golf Course, N9499 Pine Hills Drive, Gresham, is open and usually closes in early September. More information at https://www.pinehillsgolf.net. Call 715-787-3778 to book tee time.

• Lodging at the North Star Hotel and RV Park. Stay-and-play packages available for lodging and golf.

Hours of operation

• Casino Gaming floor is open daily.

• Table games — Sunday through Thursday: 10 a.m. to 2 a.m.

• Table games — Friday through Saturday: 10 a.m. to 2:30 a.m.

• Bingo: Tuesday, doors open at 9 a.m. with Early Birds at 10:30 a.m., regular session at 11 a.m.; Friday mornings, doors open at 9 a.m. with Early Birds at 10:30 a.m., regular session at 11 a.m.; Friday evenings, doors open at 4 p.m. with Early Birds at 5:30 p.m., regular session at 6 p.m.; closed Saturdays; Sundays, doors open at noon with Early Bird at 1:30 p.m., regular session at 2 p.m.

Food and beverages

• Gravity Bar is open Sunday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 2 a.m.; Friday and Saturday 8 a.m. to 2:30 a.m.; happy hours, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5-7 p.m.

• The Groove offers draft beer, happy hour specials and new local bands playing for free every week. Dine in daily, noon to 8 p.m.; Bar, Monday-Thursday, noon to 8 p.m.; Bar, Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12:30 a.m.; happy hours, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5-7 p.m.

• Embers Grill has options for dine-in or takeout. Open Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Friday through Sunday, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday breakfast buffet, 7-11 a.m. New barbecue buffet on Fridays.

• Aroma Deli and Cafe is open Sunday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to midnight; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 2 a.m. Dine-in or takeout.

• Pine Hills restaurant at the golf course offers Grill lunch, daily, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m; Grill dinner, daily, 3-9 p.m.; Bar daily, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Entertainment

Shows are for those age 21 and older. Scheduled is the Lalas, June 12-13. For upcoming show details and ticket information, go to https://www.northstarcasinoresort.com/entertainment.

Carter (Wabeno)

Potawatomi Casino Hotel Carter, 618 State Highway 32,

Carter

https://www.cartercasino.com

The casino experience

• Bingo, slots, 6-deck blackjack, three card poker.

• Potawatomi Sportsbook for nearly every sport, team, player and game.

• The 98-room hotel is open to guests of all ages.

Hours of operation

• Slots are open seven days a week.

• Table games, Sunday through Thursday, noon to 10 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 3 p.m. to 1 a.m. Electronic versions are available 24 hours per day.

On-site Sportsbook self-service kiosks, available all day, every day

Food and beverages

• Rock & Brews offers American food, more than 50 craft and classic beers on tap and live music; Sunday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. (limited menu, 10 p.m. to midnight); bar hours, Sunday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to midnight; Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 2 a.m.

Entertainment

• Third annual Rad Dad Car Show, Sunday, June 21

• Dueling Pianos Performance, Saturday, July 11

• Summer Concert Series, British Rock Weekend, Aug. 13-16

Go to https://www.cartercasino.com/events for headliners and free shows.

• The Springs Restaurant. Open daily for breakfast, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., lunch, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; dinner on Friday and Saturday, 4-9 p.m. Dine in or takeout. Seafood buffet on Friday nights, chef's buffet on Saturday nights and a breakfast buffet on weekends.

Crandon

Mole Lake Casino Lodge and Conference Center, 3084 State Highway 55, Crandon

https://www.molelakecasino.com

The casino experience

• Open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 2 a.m. No smoking.

• Gametime Sportsbook, watch games on wall-to-wall TVs. Food and bar. Kiosks now available.

• Slots

• Lodge with 75 rooms and suites.

Hours of operation

Bingo: Closed Monday-Thursday. Fridays and Saturdays, Early Bird, 6 p.m., regular session, 6:40 p.m.; Sundays, Early Bird at 3 p.m., regular session at 3:40 p.m.

Food and beverages

• Gametime Sportsbar, open seven days a week, food served 11 a.m. to midnight. Bar open 11a.m. to 1:15 a.m.

• Wiisini-Daa, Ojibwe word for "Let's Eat." Open for breakfast, lunch, dinner, Wednesday to Sunday, 11 a.m to 7 p.m.; no takeout orders on Friday and Saturday, 3 p.m. to close.

Entertainment

Go to https://www.molelakecasino.com/upcoming-events/ for the latest events.

Green Bay

Oneida Casino

The Oneida Casino has several locations in northeast Wisconsin.

https://www.oneidacasino.net

Oneida Casino Main — Airport, 2020 Airport Drive, Green Bay

The casino experience

• Table games include Baccarat, blackjack, craps with bonus craps side bet, four card poker, Mississippi stud, roulette, Royal Match 21, three card poker, Ultimate Texas Hold 'em.

• High stakes poker room. Play Texas Hold 'em, seven card stud and Omaha. No limit.

• Bingo.

• Hotel and RV parking available on site.

• Sports betting available in-person, via kiosk or mobile app.

• Free shuttle service to other venues.

Hours of operation

• Bingo. AM Express Session, daily, sales start at 9 a.m., regular session, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Quest Session, Monday-Wednesday, sales start at 4:30 p.m., Early Birds, 6 p.m., regular session, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Evening Session, Thursday and Friday, sales start at 4 p.m., Early Birds, 6 p.m., regular session, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, sales start at 3 p.m., Early Birds, 5 p.m., regular session, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Nite Owls Saturday Nights, sales start at

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Food and beverages
• Cedar & Sage Grill House. Breakfast, daily, 6:30-10 a.m.; lunch, Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; dinner, Tuesday-Thursday, 5-9 p.m., Friday-Saturday, 5-10 p.m. Bar hours, Sunday, closed except for Packer home games; Monday, closed; Tuesday-Saturday, 4 p.m. to midnight.
• Sportsbook Bar, dining, Monday-Friday, noon to 10 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Bar hours, Sunday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to midnight, Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 1:30 a.m.
• Noodle Bar: Sunday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to 1 a.m., Friday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 2 a.m.
• Food Market, open every day around the clock for sandwiches, salads, pizza, snacks, made-to-order grill items. Dine in or takeout.
• Sky World Coffee and Custard, Sunday-Thursday, 6 a.m to 6 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.
• Purcell's Beer Garden, open seasonally, Friday and Saturday, 4-10 p.m.

Oneida Casino West Mason, 2522 W. Mason St., Green Bay.
The casino experience
• Slots.
• Smoke shop with jewelry and other items.
• Sports betting available in-person, via kiosk or mobile app.
• Shuttle service.
Hours of operation
• Slots Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Sportsbook, daily, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Food and beverages
• The Lodge: Dining, daily, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Packers game day until 9 p.m. Bar 1, Thursday-Sunday, 11 a.m. to 1 am., Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 1:30 a.m. Bar 2, Sunday-Thursday, 4 p.m. to midnight, Friday and Saturday, 4 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.



Irene Moore Activity Center, 2100 Airport Drive, Green Bay
The casino experience
• Slots.
• Bingo.
• Smoke shop.
• Shuttle service.
• RV parking.
Hours of operation
• Slots: Sunday-Thursday, 8 a.m. to midnight; Friday and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 2 a.m.
Food and beverages
• Bingo Hall, Wednesday-Friday, 4-9 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

One Stop — Packerland, 3120 S. Packerland Drive, Green Bay
The casino experience:
• Slots.
• Convenience goods, tobacco products, gasoline.
Hours of operation:
• Casino (slots), daily 8 a.m. to 2 a.m.
• Convenience store, 5 a.m. to 10 p.m.

One Stop - Travel Center, 5939 Old Highway 29 Drive, Pulaski
The casino experience:
• Slots.
• Tobacco, groceries, travel goods, gasoline, showers, laundry, interstate scales, free wireless internet, professional drivers' lounge, ATM.
Hours of operation:
• Travel center casino (slots) hours daily, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
• Convenience store hours, Saturday and Sunday, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Monday-Friday, 5 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Keshena

Menominee Casino Resort, N277 State Highway 47/55, Keshena
https://www.menomineecasinoresort.com
The casino experience
• Slots.
• Blackjack, Ultimate Texas Hold 'em, Mississippi stud.
• Bingo.
• On-site hotel with pool, hot tub and fitness center; RV parking available.
• Gift shop.
Food and beverages:
• Forest Island Restaurant open for breakfast, 8-11 a.m.; lunch and dinner, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
• Spirit Island Lounge, beer and cocktails, Sunday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 a.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2:30 a.m.; happy hour, Monday-Wednesday, 5-7 p.m.
Hours of operation
• Slots, daily, 24 hours.
• Table games, Monday, 4 p.m. to midnight; Tuesday-Wednesday, 6 p.m. to midnight; Thursday, 4 p.m. to midnight; Friday-Saturday, 4 p.m. to 2 a.m.; Sunday, 4 p.m. to midnight.
• Bingo: Monday, Thursday, Friday, doors open at 5 p.m., Early Birds at 6 p.m., regular games at 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, doors open at noon; Early Birds at 1 p.m., regular games at 1:30 p.m. Closed Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday.
• Gift shop: Open daily 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Entertainment
International Boxing Presents Jason Komanekit. Jr., Pride of Wisconsin, June 27.
Go to https://menomineecasinoresort.com/entertainment/ to find the latest shows.

Menominee Casino's ThunderBird Convenience Store, W110 County Road VV, Keshena
https://www.menomineecasinoresort.com
The casino experience:
• Slots.
• Bar.
• Convenience goods, tobacco products, gasoline.
Hours of operation:
• Gas and convenience store: Sunday-Thursday, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 7 a.m. to midnight
• Casino, Monday-Thursday, noon to 10 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to close; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
• Restaurant: Monday-Thursday, noon to 9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Wittenberg

Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg, N7198 U.S. Highway 45, Wittenberg
https://www.ho-chunkgaming.com/wittenberg
The casino experience:
• Slots including video poker.
• Dragon's Den slots.
• Electronic table games including blackjack, ultimate Texas Hold 'em, three-card poker, baccarat, roulette-multiplayer station, roulette-single player station, craps-multiplayer station, craps-single player stations, roulette X.
• High limit area.
• Hotel.
• Entertainment venue.
• Gift shop.
• Shuttle service and valet service.
Hours of operation
• Sunday-Thursday, 8 a.m. to 2 a.m., Friday-Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4 a.m.
Food and beverages:
• Forest Edge, breakfast, Wednesday-Sunday, 8-11 a.m.; lunch and dinner, Sunday-Tuesday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.
• River's Edge, Thursday and Friday, 4-9 p.m., Saturday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sunday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
• Village Bar, daily at 11 a.m. to 2 a.m.
Entertainment
Scheduled for June 6, Brawl in the Backwoods. Special appearance by five-time World Champion Virgil "Quicksilver" Hill. Go to https://www.ho-chunkgaming.com/wittenberg for entertainment updates.

Wagner's Market puts Black Creek on the map

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

Peppers and cabbage and sweet corn, oh my!

That's what visitors are thinking to themselves as they wander around Wagner's Market, a mainstay for more than 30 years at Black Creek's main intersection of state highways 54 and 47.

Kim Kamp owns the business with her brothers, Chris and Nick Wagner, at the site of a grocery store that their grandparents and great-grandparents owned and operated.

The state Department of Transportation widened state Highway 54 — Main Street in Black Creek — in 1989, which changed everything for the Wagners.

"They purchased the store and took the store down," Kamp said. "My parents bought the lot from my grandparents in '89, and they brought this building here. It was supposed to move off the lot that year, but they filed with the village to keep it here and the building never left."

The building eventually became Wagner's Market, which Kamp's parents, James and Margaret Wagner, operated.

Most of the market's fresh produce comes from the Wagner farm, with the exception of bulk potatoes, onions and carrots.

The market also sells apples from Door County.



A customer checks out the selection of peppers at Wagner's Market in Black Creek, a village of 1,300 residents between Appleton and Shawano.



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