



Lena Motorsports Club President Troy Schaden estimated over 10,000 attended this past weekend’s three-day event. “It was the best yet. In its ninth year, the mood, spirit and attendance helped make for a “smooth weekend.” The Saturday and Sunday races were streamed on both Flo Racing and Amazon Prime. Fifteen-year-old Lena native Collin Paitl “mod kart” class racer, center, participates in Saturday’s opening ceremony at the Dirt City Motorplex. Jodi Marquardt, clerk/treasurer for the village of Lena, said 300 volunteers contribute to making the event a success.

National off-road series takes over Lena

AMSOIL CHAMPIONSHIP OFF-ROAD WEEKEND

Dozens of drivers got behind the wheel and took to the Dirt City Motorplex in Lena on July 24-26 for the latest round in the AMSOIL Championship Off-Road, America’s premier short-course racing series.

But, even before the dirt started flying, drivers and their cars made their way to downtown Lena for the annual Thunder on Main event where residents and visitors were treated to a close-up look at the cars and a chance to meet the drivers.

Up next in the series is the 50th anniversary of Bark River International Raceway and the Island Resort and Casino Rumble in the U.P. in Bark River, Michigan, on August. 14-15.

Prior to Lena, events were held in Wheatland, Missouri, Antigo, Crandon and Elk River, Minnesota.

Following the Michigan race, drivers will return to Crandon on Sept. 4-5 and then wrap up the series at CFMoto Off-Road National at Glen Helen Raceway in San Bernardino, California, on Oct. 2-3.



Saturday’s weather cooperated as off-road vehicles crest over the main hill and straightaway at the Dirt City Motorplex in Lena for the ninth annual event.. Thunder on Main parade and evnet fills the streets of Lena with joy and crowds. For more photos, turn to page 5.

GREG MELLIS | NEW MEIDA

New owners breathe life into popular diner

By **GREG SEUBERT**
Correspondent

Motorists traveling on U.S. Highway 141 north of Green Bay have plenty of options when it comes to grabbing a bite to eat.

Several of them have discovered a diner near the state Highway 22 exit that locals have been frequenting for almost 20 years.

Jolene “JoJo” Barkhaus opened JoJo’s Diner 17 years ago and sold the business to Gazmend “Gus” and Vlora Fetoja, who

took it over in May 2025.

Vlora Fetoja said she and her husband, who were living at the time in Waunakee near Madison, were looking online for a restaurant to purchase and run.

“We wanted our own restaurant and he found this place,” she said. “We liked

the restaurant and the area here.”

The Fetojas came to the United States about four years ago from North Macedonia, a country in southeastern Europe. They first settled in Eagle River in

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Bees are buzzing at John and Lorraine Ballbach’s honey farm.

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Spectrum expansion connects more of county

Over 1,300 additional homes, businesses to be served

Spectrum’s fiber broadband network has expanded to bring Spectrum internet, mobile, TV and voice services to more than 1,300 residents and businesses in previously unserved or underserved areas of Oconto County, including in the towns of Oconto, Little River, Mountain and Townsend.

Spectrum’s multiyear rural construction initiative is driven by more than \$7 billion in private investment from Spectrum and will ultimately add an additional 100,000-plus miles of fiber network infrastructure and deliver symmetrical and multigigabit speeds to more than 1.7 million new locations across the country.

“Spectrum is bringing gigabit broadband to unserved communities in Wisconsin and across America,” said Matt Brown, Spectrum’s

area vice president of field operations in Wisconsin. “Our investment is providing residents and small businesses superior connectivity at highly competitive prices, backed by a team of skilled local technicians and 100% U.S.-based customer service.”

Reliable, high-speed internet access benefits rural communities with the speeds necessary to stay connected in a digital world. To support those efforts, Spectrum donated \$2,500 to The Bellin Health Foundation on July 15 to advance virtual care needs and technology access for patients.

“At Emplify Health by Bellin, we are committed to preserving and enhancing access to rural healthcare at a time when many health systems are pulling back,” said Molly Vandervest, president of The Bellin Health Foundation. “Technology is

critical to this effort, whether it’s a patient’s ability to quickly schedule an appointment or view test results through MyChart or the ability to see a provider remotely from the comfort of their own home.”

Local residents and business owners should visit spectrumruralex-pansion.com to learn more about when their home or business may be able to receive Spectrum services.

“For far too long, many rural Wisconsinites have been missing out on economic opportunity due to a lack of access to dependable, fast internet,” state Rep. David Steffen said. “Wisconsin’s partnership with Spectrum to expand its network in Oconto County will be sure to bring affordable high-speed internet to residents and keep our communities competitive in the 21st century.”

OBITUARIES

MARTHA FISCHER

Martha Rose Fischer, 92, of Gillett, passed away Sunday, July 19, 2026, with family by her side.

Martha was born on the Menominee Indian Reservation on Aug. 17, 1933, to the late Martin and Caroline (Vigue) Krueger. She was an enrolled member of the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin. Martha was raised on her family farm on Berry Lake and always looked back on that time very fondly. She graduated from Gillett High School with the class of 1951.

On March 20, 1954, Martha married Robert Fischer at Christ Lutheran Church, Hintz. Together, the couple ran the family dairy farm for 70 years.

She was the runner-up for Wisconsin Farm Woman of the Year in 1997. Martha was very active in the community including as a University of Wisconsin-Extension 4-H leader, member of the Oconto County Homemakers for 50 years, president of Christ Lutheran’s Ladies Aid, and member of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League.

She also greatly enjoyed participating in her Tuesday Swingers-Oak



View Farm golf group and was proud to earn a hole-in-one Oct. 16, 1994. Martha walked with the Lord by her side her entire life as a member of Christ Lutheran.

Martha is survived by her six children, Ralph Fischer, Rebecca (Jeff Vele) Edler, Susan Ladwig, Ruth Fischer, Amy (Lou) Williams and Ellen Matson; brothers, David (Karen) Krueger and Doug (Kathy) Krueger; sisters, Kerianna (Martin) Fuhrmann and Gerry Siegel; sister-in-law, Mary Fischer; brother-in-law, Jake Jacobson; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband,

Robert; parents; brother, Roger Krueger; sisters, Carol (John) Lynch and Dolores Jacobson; son-in-law, Richard Ladwig; daughter-in-law, Barbara (Reed) Fischer; niece, Patty Tupper; nephews, Roger Jacobson and Gary Siegel; brothers-in-law, Roger Fischer and Ray Siegel.

Visitation will be held Saturday, Aug. 1, 2026, at Christ Lutheran Church, Hintz, from 9 a.m. until the funeral service at 11 a.m. with Pastor Michael Paholke officiating. Martha will be interred at Christ Lutheran Cemetery beside Robert.

Gruetzmacher Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences can be expressed at www.gruetzmacherfuneralhome.com.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established.



PUBLIC RECORD

OCONTO COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT

July 26

Deputies responded to 68 incidents, including an animal bite on Timberline Road in the Town of Morgan; assault at Sandtrap Bar and Grill, 14804 County Road F, Lakewood; suspicious activity near U.S. Highway 41 and Frog Pond Road in the Town of Oconto; fire near U.S. Highway 141 and Kruegers Quarry Road in the Town of Abrams; a disturbance on Pleasant View Drive in the Town of Chase; a death investigation at a redacted location; an ATV accident near Oak Orchard and Froelick roads in the Town of Pensaukee; harassment on Woodstock Lane in the Town of Chase; suspicious activity on County Road M in the Town of Maple Valley; assault on County Road T in the Town of Townsend; one traffic stop, one traffic offense, three citizen assists, three miscellaneous traffic incidents, three welfare checks; three 911 hangups and one open line; three ambulance calls.

July 25

Deputies responded to 79 incidents, including a noise disturbance on Jamie Lane in the Town of Brazeau; a fire control burn on County Road C in the Town of Morgan; fireworks on County Road E in the Town of Abrams; an animal bite on South White Potato Lake Road in the Town of Brazeau; a noise disturbance near Doran Street and Collins Avenue in Oconto; suspicious activity on the ATV trail near East Brook and North Heasley streets in Suring; three traffic stops, five traffic offenses, one citizen assist, four miscellaneous traffic incidents, three welfare checks; three 911 hangups and three open lines; three ambulance calls; four crashes, two involving deer, one involving a bear.

July 24

Deputies responded to 77 incidents, including an incident at the county jail, 220 Arbutus Ave., Oconto; fraud on Gohr Road in the Town of Chase; fraud on County Road C in the Town of Chase; noise disturbance on Hip Hus Court in the Town of Underhill; trespassing on Meadow Parkway in the Town of Townsend; suspicious activity on Saint Johns Road in the Town of How; threatening on Gillette Lane in the Town of Mountain; four traffic stops, three traffic hazards, three traffic offenses, two citizen assists, six miscellaneous traffic incidents, four welfare checks; six open-line 911 calls; four ambulance calls; two crashes.

July 23

Deputies responded to 64 incidents, including sexual assault at a redacted location; harassment on Pleasant View Drive in the Town of Chase; an animal bite on Reagan Lane in the Town of Lakewood; fraud on Lee Lake Park Lane in the Town of Brazeau; theft at Super-Valu, 17186 Twin Pines Road, Lakewood; a disturbance near South Chestnut Avenue and

South Adams Street in Oconto Falls; five traffic stops, one traffic hazard, one traffic offense, four citizen assists, four miscellaneous traffic incidents, four welfare checks; one 911 hangups and four open lines; 11 ambulance calls; six crashes, one fatal, four involving deer.

July 22

Deputies responded to 62 incidents, including fire on County Road SS in the Town of Pensaukee; suspicious activity on Landing Lane in the Town of Stiles; fraud on Dionne Street in Lena; suspicious activity near Crawford and Chicken Shack roads in the Town of Stiles; drugs at a redacted location; a wanted person at the Law Enforcement Center, 220 Arbutus Ave., Oconto; an animal bite on Pine Road in the Town of How; an internet crimes against children incident at a redacted location; theft on County Road I in the Town of Stiles; an animal bite on Sandalwood Road in the Town of Abrams; a noise disturbance on Ball Park Road in the Town of Little Suamico; suspicious activity on Old F Road in the Town of Lakewood; suspicious activity on Wintergreen Road in the Town of Stiles; an animal bite on South Zippel Avenue in Gillett; four traffic stops, one traffic hazard, three traffic offenses, one citizen assist, six miscellaneous traffic incidents, four welfare checks; two 911 hangups and five open lines; three ambulance calls; two crashes, one involving deer.

July 21

Deputies responded to 60 incidents, including suspicious activity on Hogan Trail in the Town of Little Suamico; harassment on East Frontage Road in the Town of Little Suamico; a disturbance on Black Bass Lane in the Town of Riverview; a disturbance at the courthouse, 301 Washington St., Oconto; suspicious activity on County Road S in the Town of Little Suamico; fraud on Daisy Court in the Town of Little Suamico; suspicious activity on Wilderness Trail in the Town of Abrams, a disturbance on County Road A in the Town of Maple Valley; harassment on Fendryk Lane in the Town of Little River; threatening on Black Bass Lane in the Town of Riverview; harassment on County Road HH in the Town of Underhill; trespassing on County Road VV in the Town of Underhill; two traffic stops, one traffic hazard, one traffic offense, one miscellaneous traffic incident, one welfare check; two 911 hangups and two open lines; seven ambulance calls.

July 20

Deputies responded to 80 incidents, including sexual assault at a redacted location; a drug investigation at a redacted location; suspicious activity on East Frontage Road in the Town of Little Suamico; suspicious activity on County Road C in the Town of Morgan; 13 traffic stops, one traffic hazard, six traffic offenses, one citizen assist, three miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; five 911 hangups and eight open lines.

COURT NEWS

• Justin W. Craig, 40, Oconto, pleaded no contest May 20 to attempted battery to certain individuals involved with a court or legal system and a misdemeanor charge of resisting or obstructing an officer. Judge Jay Conley imposed and stayed a prison sentence July 20, then placed him on two years of probation with conditions.

• Christopher L. Uhl, 42, Marinette, waived extradition to Michigan during a July 22 hearing before Judge Hannah Schuchart.

• Samantha Lee Christie, 41, Shiocton, was charged July 20 with two counts of possession of an illegal article, one count of possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), two counts of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of possession of a controlled substance. Schuchart set a \$2,000 cash bond and adjourned her initial appearance until Aug. 13.

• Tony M. Tomcheck, 48, Suring, was charged July 20 with operating a motor vehicle

while intoxicated (fifth or sixth offense), two counts of misdemeanor bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of operating while revoked. Schuchart set a \$7,500 cash bond and adjourned his initial appearance until Aug. 13.

• Dillon William Eckstein, 29, St. Edward, Nebraska, appeared July 20 pending extradition on a Nebraska fugitive warrant. After consulting with an attorney, Eckstein waived extradition during a July 21 hearing before Schuchart.

• Qwaunice Lashaye Tippitt, 32, San Antonio, Texas, appeared July 20 pending extradition on a Texas fugitive warrant. After consulting with an attorney, Tippitt waived extradition during a July 21 hearing before Schuchart.

• April M. Westphal, 31, Suring, was charged July 22 with four counts of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of operating while revoked. Schuchart set a \$1,750 cash bond and adjourned her initial appearance until Aug. 13.

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Oconto woman dies in Little River crash

One person is dead after a crash involving a vehicle versus pedestrian accident July 23 in the Town of Little River.

The Oconto County Sheriff's Department Emergency Dispatch Center was notified just after 2 p.m. about the crash near the 7000 block of Hillcrest Road.

The pedestrian, an 86-year-old woman from Oconto, was found unresponsive alongside the road. She was pronounced dead at the scene, according to a sheriff's department press release. A preliminary investigation revealed a vehicle, driven by a 75-year-old woman from Oconto, was southbound on Hillcrest Road when it struck the pedestrian.

An ongoing investigation is being conducted by the sheriff's department and the Brown County Medical Examiner's Office. No other information is being released at this time.

The sheriff's department was also assisted by the Wisconsin State Patrol, Coleman Rescue and Little River Fire Department.

Planning necessary to manage seasonal allergies

Getting outdoors and enjoying the warmer weather conditions may require a bit of extra planning for those managing seasonal allergies.

ThedaCare medical experts have advice on how to do so more effectively this spring.

"If not managed properly, allergies may cause challenges for people trying to enjoy the seasonal change," said Katie Harris, nurse practitioner. "Finding effective treatments and lifestyle changes can help reduce allergy symptoms."

Allergens such as spores, grass and tree pollen in the air and molds may trigger symptoms. These include itchy and watery eyes, stuffy and runny nose, congestion and post-nasal drip, throat scratchiness or tickle, and coughing.

"These symptoms occur when your immune system recognizes allergens as intruders," Harris said. "Your immune system will release chemicals that are meant to fight off the supposed pathogen,

DID YOU KNOW?

- Common treatments for allergies include:
- Oral antihistamines may help relieve sneezing, itching, a stuffy or runny nose and watery eyes. Name brands include Zyrtec, Allegra, Claritin and Alavert.
 - Corticosteroid nasal sprays may help improve nasal symptoms. Examples include Flonase, Rhinocort and Nasacort.
 - Oral decongestants such as pseudoephedrine (Sudafed) may provide temporary relief from nasal stuffiness.
 - Saline sprays offer a non-medicated way to help relieve nasal congestion. This method directly flushes out mucus and allergens from the nose.

Harris said. "Because colds and allergies call for different treatments, it's important to know which you're dealing with."

Certain signs might signal a cold, not allergies or vice versa. Sore throat and cough are more common in colds than allergies. Allergies also do not typically cause a fever, while colds often do. People with allergies might experience puffy eyelids or dark circles beneath their eyes.

To find the exact cause of a person's symptoms, a health care provider may recommend a skin or blood test to determine which allergens are impacting them, Harris said.

"It's important to treat seasonal allergies to help relieve bothersome symptoms and because they can worsen other conditions such as asthma," she said.

For more tenacious allergies, a health care provider may recommend allergen immunotherapy through injections or prescription tablets that dissolve under the tongue.

"Talk to your doctor, because they can offer ways to help you manage your symptoms if over-the-counter medications aren't sufficient," Harris said. "Ideally, that conversation happens before allergy season begins. Addressing allergies early may help head off the challenges they can bring."

While treatment goes a long way in alleviating symptoms so does prevention.

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Town of Underhill
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The TOWN OF UNDERHILL, OCONTO COUNTY is accepting sealed bids for pavement replacement of .82 miles of Cardinal Road.

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Work to be provided will consist of complete pulverization of existing road and to be replaced with 2" x 20' hot mix asphalt with 2' shoulders. (10' lanes, 2' shoulders). Bids will be accepted until 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 4, 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, August 4, 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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Town of Lena
Notice of Public Test of Electronic Voting Equipment for the August 11, 2026 Primary Election

Notice is hereby given that a Public Test of the electronic voting equipment to be used at the August 11, 2026 Primary Election, will be held on Thursday, August 6, 2026, at 6:00 PM at the following location:
Town of Lena, Town Hall
6087 Goatsville Road
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The test is open to the public.
Dawn VanArk, Lena Town Clerk
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SHERBERT



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LILY



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

07/31/2026

Town of How
NOTICE OF PUBLIC TEST

Notice is hereby given that the Public Test for the Voting Equipment to be used at the Partisan Primary Election on Tuesday, August 11, 2026, will be conducted on **Thursday, August 6 at 9:30 a.m.** at the Town of How Community Building in accordance with the Wisconsin State Statutes, Ch. 5.84(1). The Public Test is open to the general public.
Becky Dickson, Clerk
Town of How, Oconto County, WI

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DIRT CITY MOTORPLEX AND EVENTS DRAW 10,000 TO LENA, ORGANIZERS SAY



Local resident Ed Patenaude counted 164 racers who traveled in Friday's parade from the Dirt City Motorplex to downtown Lena where they lined the streets from 6-8 p.m. for the Thunder on Main event.



Crowds filled Main Street Lena mingling between, off-road race vehicles, drivers, food and drink.



Eli, of Gillett, is a supporter of the Christensen Racing team of Shawano.



Above, Marcus Watts holds son Oliver, in the tan hat, enjoying Thunder on Main on Friday evening. At left, Marek Watts, 3, leans out from his brother Draxton's racing truck as his family enjoy Friday's Thunder on Main.

GREG MELLIS |
NEW MEDIA

Folk music festival set for Aug. 7-9

Daytime and evening shows, quilt raffle, dance, children's programs make up schedule

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

About to celebrate its 48th year, the Shawano Folk Music Festival is set to return to the Mielke Park and the Mielke Arts Center on Aug. 7-9.

Co-directors for the 2026 festival are husband and wife Linda Blohowiak and Mike Stiefvater. The two had been crossing paths at the festival for more than 30 years without realizing it. A few years ago, they met up at a house concert, and their mutual love of live music – and each other – resulted in an exchange of wedding vows July 20, 2024.

“Our wonderful, hard-working committee has been working and playing all year long to bring you some of the best music around,” they said in a joint statement. “We’ve rounded up talented artists, crafters and food vendors. So, get ready to sit back and relax, sing along, get a few good laughs and maybe shed a tear or two.”

Anne Hills is the honorary director.

“Selecting musicians ... actually begins on the last day of the festival (Sunday) when we select an honorary director from



Art Stevenson and High Water have been performing traditional bluegrass music in Wisconsin and surrounding states since 1993. Since then, they have released seven CD recordings of well-chosen songs and original compositions.

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among the current year's musicians,” said Norm Cook, one of the organizers. “We look for someone who understands the kind of festival we try to create. That person is the first booked artist for the following year.”

The honorary director then suggests two or three others not on the radar of the organizing committee.

“We’ll choose one of them, and if they’re available, interested and affordable, we’ve got two artists,” Cook said.

From there, organizers select six artists for the evening concerts and a few others for daytime shows only.

“Committee members submit names of solo artists and bands that they know,” Cook said. “We’ll listen to their music and debate each one. Eventually, we’ll have a list that we think will make a great festival. We look for a weirdly eclectic mix of musicians – men, women, solo artists and bands; folk musicians, blues, jazz, bluegrass, classical,

pop, dance music, string bands and anything else we run across.

“It’s the eclectic mix that sets us apart from many other festivals.”

The list is given to the directors who contact the artists, check availability and affordability, and fill the schedule with a mix that’s unique.

A pair of evening concerts are scheduled in the air-conditioned theater.

Pat Wiley and John Wilson will be masters of ceremonies Aug. 7. Performing will be Tom Pease; Ellis, Cohen and Ellis; Hills; and Steve March-Torme.

March-Torme is the master of ceremonies Aug. 8. Playing that night will be Wiley and Wilson, Ilene Weiss, Patty and Craig, and Art Stevenson and High Water.

There are three outdoor venues during the day featuring musicians, crafters and food vendors. Test out your own voice with an open mic all day Aug. 8 in the food tent.

The evening concert performers will also play at these venues and will be joined by Door County Sound, Anything You Want, Wattle and Daub, Schwenke and Srubas, Cigar Box Scott, Pinolio, Dayshawn Taylor, and Brenda Belongia.

The theater comfortably holds 250 for the evening concerts. There are about 500 people attending the festival each day.

“Many audience members are local; others come from across Wisconsin and neighboring states. A few will come from farther away,” Cook said. “Many come back year after year, greeting the friends they’ve made. A few have been coming since the first year.”

He said there are many reasons audience members return year after year.

“We’re the only week-end-long folk music festival in the area (there’s one in La Crosse and another in Marquette Michigan),” Cook said. “We’re small enough for it to be an intimate musical experience and big enough to attract regional and national artists. The artists come for the week-end, not just for a single set, so the audience has a chance to really get to meet them.

“The Mielke Park setting is a perfect site for this kind of festival – beautifully wooded and big enough for multiple outdoor stages for daytime programs, and small enough to be easily maneuverable.”

Cook said artists often ask to return as well, knowing the festival doesn’t feature any artist more than two years in a row.

“Some tell us it’s their favorite small festival – friendly staff, friendly appreciative audience, incredible site,” he said. “And they all mention how much they enjoy spending the weekend with other musicians. They comment on the high quality of the artists we get and how much they appreciate working with artists they’ve never met before, some in completely different musical genres. Some have even returned as audience members, driving from several states away.”

The festival tradition of a quilt raffle is back with this year’s quilt created by Jennifer Tagliapietra, Clintonville.

“This year’s quilt is my take on the Star Pop II pattern by Emily Dennis,” she said. “This uses the Sawtooth design.

AT A GLANCE

WHAT: Shawano Folk Music Festival

WHEN: Aug. 7-9

WHERE: Mielke Park and the Mielke Arts Center, N5649 Airport Road, Shawano

COST: A daytime pass is \$15 per day (free for those 12 and younger. Each evening concert is \$30. A Saturday (Aug. 8) pass is \$40 and includes the daytime events and evening concert. A weekend pass for both daytimes and both evening concerts is \$80.

TICKETS: Available online at shawanofestival.ludus.com, in person at the box office (only open festival weekend) or the Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce (exact cash or check), 1263 S. Main St., Shawano.

ONLINE: Visit www.shawanofestival.org for information.

The Sawtooth Star is one of the oldest and most popular American quilt blocks, dating to the late 18th century, representing strength, protection and hope. Spring and summer time are my inspiration for the quilt, using contrasting colors throughout.”

The longarming was donated by Rose Fast.

Programs for children include arts and crafts projects, a chance to play percussion, dance and movement, clowning around, writing Haiku poems, making a wash-tub bass, giggling a tune and the rockin’ stompin’ buzzin’ music of Cigar Box Scott.

Souvenirs include the musicians’ recordings, T-shirts, book and other products. There are also festival T-shirts, hats, coffee mugs and the festival CD.

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NORM COOK, organizer for the Shawano Folk Music Festival

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‘THIS IS NOT YOUR FATHER’S BICYCLE’

E-bikes, scooters combine efficiency with danger

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

Electric bikes and scooters have changed how we get around, whether for a daily commute, riding the trails or hauling cargo.

Modern e-bikes have transformed from heavy, clunky novelties into sleek, high-tech and efficient machines. The change is similar to the classic General Motors’ rebranding of the Oldsmobile cars in the late 1980s.

The new e-bikes and e-scooters also bring confusion and the increasing possibility of injury.

“What are these things?” asked Randy Wiessinger, Bureau of Transportation Safety, at the July 21 Shawano County Highway Safety Commission meeting. “It’s the hottest topic.”

According to the Shawano Police Department, Class 1 e-bikes provide pedal assistance and stop assisting once the rider reaches 20 mph. Class 2 e-bikes can be powered by a throttle without pedaling and also have a maximum speed of 20 mph. Class 3 e-bikes provide pedal assistance up to 28 mph, but riders must be at least 16 years old and the bicycle must be equipped with a speedometer.

“We have received complaints about e-bikes,



Riders of e-bikes and e-scooters are expected to follow the same rules of the road as traditional bicyclists. These include obeying traffic signals, yielding when required and avoiding reckless behavior such as weaving in and out of traffic. A crash between the rider of an e-scooter and a car in mid-June sent the e-scooter rider to the hospital. GREG MELLIS | NEW MEDIA

e-motos and e-scooters traveling at excessive speeds in residential neighborhoods and city parks,” Chief Mike Musolff said. “We have not moved forward with banning these devices in the parks at this point in the year, although it remains an option for future consideration.”

Under Wisconsin law, e-bikes must have fully operable pedals, a motor rated at no more than 750 watts and a manufacturer-applied

class label identifying the bicycle as a Class 1, 2, or 3 e-bike. Riders who operate compliant e-bikes do not need a driver’s license, registration or insurance.

E-bike riders are expected to follow the same rules of the road as traditional bicyclists. These include obeying traffic signals, yielding when required and avoiding reckless behavior such as weaving in and out of traffic.

Not following the rules

can lead to accidents.

“I heard about a reported collision involving a scooter and a child, possibly at Franklin Park or Naberhood Park, following Thursday at Franklin,” Musolff said. “My understanding is that the child was transported to the hospital.”

On June 16, police responded to a crash involving an e-scooter and a car.

“The crash at McDonald’s involved a vehicle exiting the restaurant and

an e-scooter traveling at a relatively high speed on the sidewalk,” Musolff said. “The vehicle was exiting slowly when the collision occurred. The scooter rider was transported to the hospital.”

A 2024 U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission report said e-bike injuries doubled every year from 2017 to 2022.

Officials also warn riders against modifying e-bikes in ways that push them beyond legal limits. E-bikes capable of speeds greater than 28 mph, motors exceeding 750 watts or bikes altered to remove pedals or bypass factory speed controls may be considered motor vehicles under Wisconsin law and could be subject to additional regulations.

Local law enforcement are also seeing increased use of e-motos, electric dirt-bike-style devices that lack pedals and are not legal for use on public roads, sidewalks, or multi-use trails.

“If it goes over 20 mph by power of an electric motor, it is not an e-anything,” Wiessinger said. “It is a motorcycle. E-motos, e-scooters, a bunch of them go 50 mph, obviously they can’t be registered as a motorcycle, so they’re illegally operating on the roadway.”

“The biggest thing we’re seeing right now is e-motos. They’re basically like ... a minibike. They go 50-60 mph, but they have no pedals. Those are e-motos. By definition, they’re motorcycles, but they can’t be licensed or registered as a motorcycle, so they’re illegal to operate anywhere except on your own private property, but people are buying them left and right.”

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Change made to roadside markings

Width of white lines won’t be altered on Shawano County roads

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

Anyone cruising down state Highway 29 at 70 mph (or even at slower speeds due to construction efforts) probably hasn’t realized the width of the white lines on the side of the road has changed.

Tony Kemnitz, of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation,

briefly discussed the change at the July 21 meeting of the Shawano County Highway Safety Commission.

“Paint lines have gone from 4 inches to 6 inches,” he said. “We’ve done that on all the state highways; however, on county highways, they’re still allowed to go to 4 inches.”

Many counties have opted to stay at 4 inches of county roads due to the cost.

“We’re staying with 4 inches except for certain ones that line with state roads,” said Grant Bystol, Shawano County highway commissioner. “Bottom line is it’s 50% more product. A lot more money.”

Kemnitz and Randy Wiessinger, Bureau of Transportation Safety, said they understood the reasoning behind the county’s decision, while Kemnitz said there is a known safety benefit going to wider lines.

“Wider lines and pavement markings, there’s evidence to show that that’ll slow people down,” Wiessinger said. “The perception (is that) the lane is narrower, so narrower lanes, the slower people tend to drive.”

Bystol said if the Shawano County made the switch to wider lines, it would cost an additional \$150,000.

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Pulaski School District makes summer fun

Summer school offerings provide academic help, also cater to students' interests

By **MIRANDA DUNLAP**
Wisconsin Watch

On a Thursday in early July, more than 1,000 kids flooded the halls of Pulaski Community Middle School. Heaps of backpacks were piled in corners of classrooms and hallways. Bikes crowded the racks outside. At lunchtime, lines of children snaked around the building as they waited for hamburgers.

Summer school is a phrase usually wielded as a threat to keep students on task in the classroom.

Not in Pulaski. For six weeks each summer, the middle school transforms into the place to be, instead of a punishment.

More than 2,600 kids – 68% of the school district's enrollment – sign up for summer classes ranging from knitting and cooking to swimming lessons and science experiments. Students who need extra academic help get it, but the focus is on exploring new interests, spending less time on screens and nurturing children's creative sides in a way classwork doesn't always encourage. At a time when affordable child care can be hard to find, the free program has become a lifeline for the community. Signing up for classes is as competitive as queuing to buy Bruno Mars tickets, staff said – the most popular classes fill up in minutes.

"You get to see a lot of kids from other schools that you don't get to see normally," sixth grader Xiomara Lloyd said as she strung beads to add to the stack of bracelets on her wrist, each adorned with her nickname, "Xio." "I love it."

The classes help students build a positive association with school, explore new hobbies, get offline and into the real world – and, of course, learn.

"There's a lot of anxiety and different things as soon as they get close to those (school) doors, because now they're asked to do a lot of things that are difficult for them to do," said Pulaski Area Community Education director Mark Heck, who leads the summer school. "But when we can have them come in and have great success and really enjoy it, that's a win."

Different type of learning

Walking through the halls is like stepping between different worlds.

In one classroom, students dressed in Halloween costumes have a dance party. In another, students take turns using American Sign Language to describe emotions. Upstairs, students cook pizza from scratch in a home economics classroom. And in the



Instructor Bill Mihalski works with students in a class on how to play chess as part of the Pulaski Community School District's summer school program on July 9 in Pulaski.

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gymnasium, shrieks and shouts echo as kids play an intense game of dodgeball.

The chaos is organized – every classroom has at least two adults, and kids wear a badge printed with their name and their schedule, so adults know where they belong if they get lost.

"Summer school is stuff that you learn new, like swimming floats, or you learn how to make diamond art, or even make hearts made out of clay ... Summer school lets you have fun in the summer, if you don't know what to do at your house," said elementary student Ava Lentz.

It's not all fun and games. Those behind in classes or on tests take reading and math classes designed to catch them up. Several teachers also host tutoring sessions.

Generally, the classes take a more creative approach. That includes a science class where kids gleefully partake in a series of science experiments – on that Thursday, they combined soda and Pop Rocks and watched the fizzy reaction.

"It's really great learning, but it might not be exactly what they're learning during the school year, where (educators are) worried about standards, and worried about the tests that they're going to be getting kids ready for, and things like that," Heck said. "All of those things are very important, but during the summertime we can do a little different type of learning."

That philosophy has guided the program for two decades.

When Pulaski leaders launched the summer school 22 years ago, it was a small program consisting of one or two classes

at several schools, because the state would only fund a few hours a day.

Busy parents begged for a full-day program. Not long after Pulaski schools started offering afternoon programming at a cost, the state's rules changed. Now, schools can get funding for eligible programs all day, all summer long. So Heck dreamed of something bigger.

"I just had this idea in my head that was going, 'I think we could do something a lot better than this.' ... I want to make a program where your kids say, 'No, I want to go to summer school,'" he said.

Nowadays, they do. Kids beg to sign up to be where their friends are. About 68% of the district's 3,800 students will enroll in at least one summer school course. Signing up for classes is "an Olympic sport," staff say. Parents take off work to refresh the computer. They post to Facebook the night before registration, wishing each other luck. The best classes fill up in minutes.

It takes a village

Keeping such a beehive summer school running smoothly takes a village, but in the tight-knit community, it works.

The district employs roughly 130 teachers, 25 classroom aides, various high school and college students and other community members to keep over 2,500 students busy.

"When we hire our teachers ... The first thing I say is, if you weren't here right now, what would you be doing?" Heck said.

Those answers often become classes. For example, a local farmer teaches kids about horses, even bringing in equestrians as guest speakers and taking kids to

visit the farm animals. Two food service workers teach students how to cook. A hobby fisherman took students to different ponds in the area during a previously offered course.

Running such a major operation has also brought challenges. It was tough getting all of the departments – transportation, food, academics – on board, but that's much easier to do in a small district like Pulaski, Heck said.

Ironically, another major challenge is child care.

Many educators have young children who are too young to attend summer school but still need care during the workday. Without viable child care, they couldn't commit to working in the warmer months.

The district's solution: One classroom is transformed into a "babysitting room," where fellow teachers and aspiring early childhood educators change diapers, make bottles and keep a handful of babies entertained.

The program has become a workforce pipeline,

too. Heck estimates about 15 young adults who first worked summer school have since returned as full-time educators either in Pulaski or in neighboring districts.

A lifesaver

Affordable child care has become increasingly difficult to find, and securing spots in summer camps is notoriously competitive. For that reason, the free summer school that turns away no one has become a lifeline for local families.

Parent and Pulaski Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Stacey Von Busch said her kids have participated in the camp for years, calling its affordability a "lifesaver."

"To have something like this in our community, where we don't have to drive 30 minutes to get our kids to (other camps), is huge," she said.

The district provides bus transportation for students who need it, and thanks to a federal grant, children can eat breakfast and lunch at school.

While by law the school must be tuition-free, the district may charge modest fees for supplies, such as beads for making bracelets or yarn for knitting and crocheting. Course fees range between \$0 and \$40 for each two-week term.

The school is funded by the state – Wisconsin schools can receive funding for summer school classes that meet certain academic requirements. Rather than paying schools a flat amount for each student, the state bases funding on the total instructional time students attend. Therefore, Heck is on a mission to keep enrollment high, as more students involved equals more funding.

That includes everyone. Parents of children with disabilities often struggle more to find summer schools and camps that serve them, Heck said. He didn't want that to be the case in Pulaski.

Many of the district's special education employees staff a classroom dedicated to children with disabilities. That includes those who require federally mandated "extended school year instruction," an individualized academic program meant to stop students from regressing over break.

"I look forward to this every year," said special education teacher Tessa Badtke. "You just get to know them in such a different way, because there's not this academic pressure like at school, so you can just build these relationships."

Then, Badtke said, students have a better school year. Heck agreed.

"What's the win out of it for us? We got our kids to walk through the school doors and actually not be angry and upset when they came in," Heck said. "They're coming in and they're happy. Our hope is maybe next year, when they come back in the fall, they're coming in and they're saying, 'I'll give it a chance.'"



Student Quinn Kitzman watches balloons inflate after dropping Pop Rocks into bottles of soda as part of a class called edible chemistry.

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Bonduel improves to 12-2 in Dairyland

Cecil rallies to win Shawano tournament championship

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

The Bonduel Broncos are still in the mix for a Dairyland League championship.

Bonduel hosted Pulaski on July 26 and picked up a 7-4 win over the Reds to improve to 12-2 in league play.

Bonduel 7 Pulaski 4

Jett Thielke held the Reds hitless over seven innings while striking out 16 batters. Jack Reinke and Noah Weier each pitched an inning of relief and gave up two runs.

Bonduel had 14 hits, with Cooper Campshire, Adam Frost, Weier, Eric Yogi Gruenewald, J.C. Reinke and Jack Reinke leading the way with two each.

Cecil 11, Waupaca 5

The Mudhens hosted league-leading Waupaca at Joe Peterman Field and handed the Lakemen a loss.

It didn't take long for the Lakemen to take the lead, as leadoff hitter Parker Krcmar sent the first pitch of the game over the right field fence.

Cecil returned the favor in the bottom half of the inning on Garrett Engel's solo home run.

Cecil took the lead in the second inning after Isaac Boldt reached on an error, Mason Zuleger hit into a fielder's choice and Reese Stoletenow's RBI double.

The Mudhens added to their 2-1 lead in the third

inning with five runs, scored in every inning except the seventh and improved to 8-6 in league play.

Engel, Easton Engel and Ken Casper hit home runs as the Mudhens had 15 hits. Stoltenow, Boldt, Braden Uelmen and Mason Meverden each had two hits.

Meverden started on the mound for Cecil and pitched five innings to pick up the win while allowing eight hits and four runs. Noah Beilfuss completed the game by holding the Lakemen without a hit over four innings. The pair also combined to strike out batters.

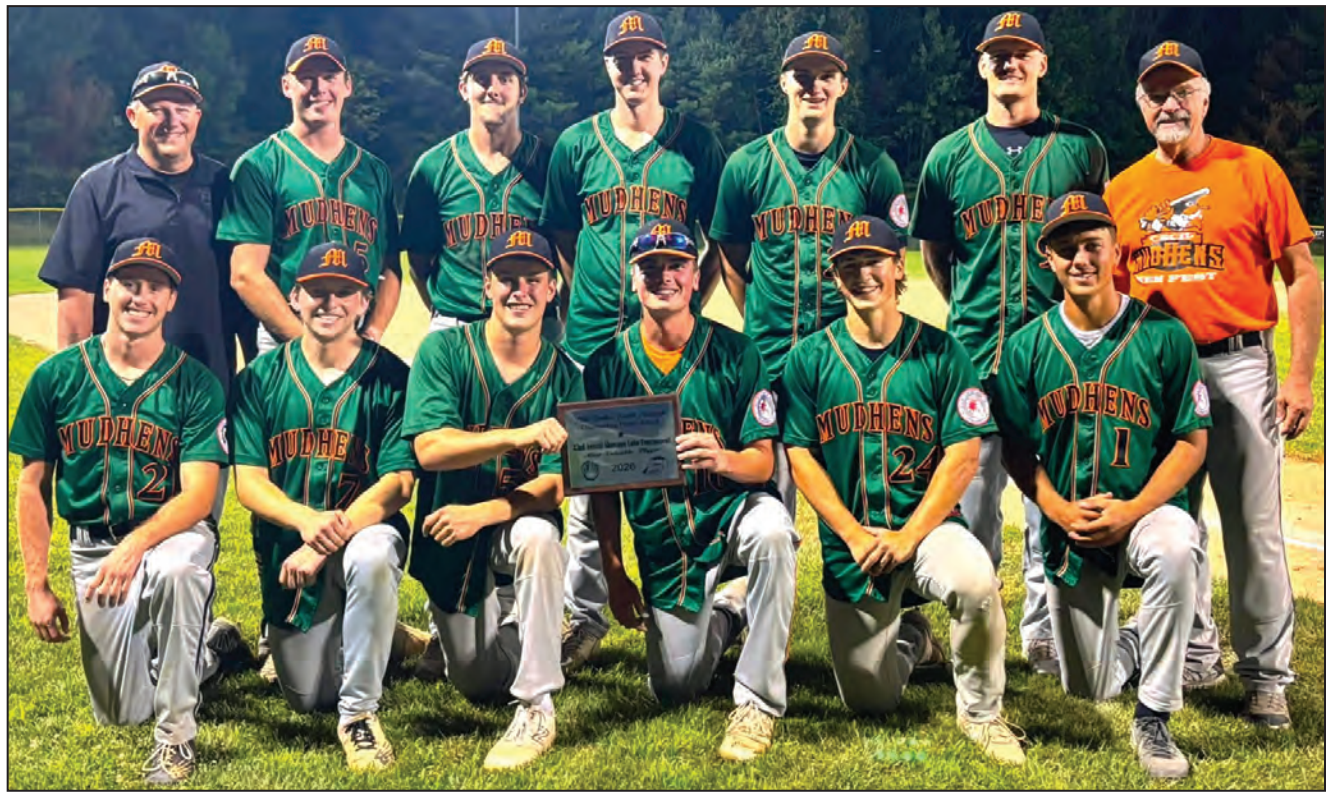
Following the game, the Mudhens inducted Robbie Uelmen, Jesse Uelmen, Bill Uelmen, John Uelmen, Chris Popp, Justin Popp, Ryan Robley, Dan Stoltenow, Lucas Torbeck, Josh Marohl and Ryan Engel into the team's Hall of Fame.

Navarino 4, Hortonville 3

Hunter Larson's double that scored Owen Weber in the bottom of the ninth inning gave the Rangers a walkoff win over the Stars.

Navarino took an early 2-0 lead in the first inning on RBI singles from Brett Krull and Ethan Bemowski.

Hortonville scored single runs in the third, fourth and fifth innings to take a 3-2 lead before Mason Dingledein's RBI single that scored Larson



The Cecil Mudhens won the Shawano Lobos' annual baseball tournament July 24 in Shawano with a 7-5 win over Hofa Park in the championship game. Bonduel, Shawano, Navarino and Wittenberg/Antigo also competed in the tournament.

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in the fifth inning tied the game.

Ryan Boettcher picked up the win on the mound in relief of Mike Nompoggi. Nompoggi scattered six hits over five innings and didn't allow an earned run. Larson and Bemowski each had three of the Rangers' 13 hits, while Krull and Mason Dingledein added two each.

Hofa Park at Shawano

Results not reported.

Marinette at Nichols

Results not reported.

Nichols at Waupaca

Results not reported from a makeup game played July 24.

Shawano Lobos Invitational Tournament

Cecil 7, Hofa Park 5

After trailing 5-0 in the fourth inning, Cecil outscored the Panthers 7-0

to win the championship game of the Shawano Lobos Invitational Tournament on July 24.

Hofa Park scored all five of its runs in the top of the fourth inning on three hits, but the Mudhens answered with two runs in the bottom of the frame.

Braden Uelmen and Logan Thiex walked, Mason Meverden's double to center field scored Uelmen, and Meverden came home on Jake Polzin's sacrifice fly.

Cecil completed its comeback in the bottom of the sixth inning. Garrett Engel started the rally with a leadoff single, Uelmen walked and Engel stole third base and eventually scored on Thiex's single to left field. Hits from Meverden and

Polzin gave the Mudhens a 6-5 lead and Miles Friedman wrapped up the scoring with an RBI single.

Hofa Park's runs came on Heinrich Walder's sacrifice fly, Caden Czyzewski's RBI single, a wild pitch and Aiden Linsmeyer's two-run double.

Thiex earned the win for Cecil Mudhens. The hurler gave up two hits and zero runs over three innings, striking out four and walking two. Walder took the loss for Hofa Park Panthers. The hurler went 5 1/3 innings, giving up seven runs on six hits, striking out four and walking three. Cole Anderson led things off on the hill for Cecil Mudhens. The starting pitcher gave up one hit and zero runs over one inning, striking out two and walking none.

Darek Diekman had two hits to lead Hofa Park at the plate.

Thiex picked up the win on the mound after relieving Connor Kurki in the fourth inning. Kurki gave up four hits and five unearned runs while striking out six batters.

Cecil's Reese Stoltenow was named tournament MVP after batting .556 with two doubles and three runs scored.

July 31 schedule: Hofa Park at Shawano, 7:30 p.m.

Aug. 1 schedule: Navarino at Nichols, 1:30 p.m.

Aug. 2 schedule (all games start at 1:30 p.m.): Shawano at Bonduel; Navarino at Cecil; Nichols at Pulaski; Hofa Park at Marinette; Waupaca at Hortonville.

Eland, Hatley combine for 33 hits, 29 runs

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

Eland and Hatley's BABA baseball teams put up some big numbers under the lights July 24 in their North Division matchup in Eland.

The Engineers scored 10 runs in the bottom of the fifth inning and went on to hand the Braves a 22-7 loss in a game that included 33 hits and 29 runs.

North Division

Eland 22, Hatley 7

Jacob Ligenza had five of Eland's 20 hits, while teammate Ryan Richter added four hits, including three home runs. Tyler Nelson and Peyton Flees had three hits; and Nic Barnes had two hits.

Kodie Kocher and Jeremy Schmidt each had three of Hatley's 13 hits, while Nick Cotter, Braxton Olsen and Tanner Kocher added two each.

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

Aniwa 7, Crandon 1

Jayden Karcz had three of Aniwa's 15 hits in a road win over the Kentucks on July 26.

Gavin Steppart, Kody Szews, Ryan Govek, Max Kasprak and Cory Mortenson added two hits each.

Cole Shepherd led Crandon with three of his team's eight hits, while Tyler Sprink added two.

Denton Mortenson picked up the win on the mound, and Trent Palubicki took the loss.

Elderon 13, Antigo/Polar 5

The WhiskeyJacks headed to Antigo on July 24 and returned home with a win over the Bears.

Justin Meronk and MacLaen Alwes each had three of Elderon's 16 hits, while Trevor Groshek, Brandon Groshek and Matt Meronk added two each.

Braxton Olson, Reed Kuenzli and Brady Renfro each had two of Antigo/Polar's nine hits.

Thomas Lemanczyk picked up the win on the mound, and Will Kubeny took the loss.

West Division

New London 10, Wittenberg 0

The Pilots didn't have an answer for Mike

Helsten, who struck out 10 batters while holding Wittenberg scoreless to get the win on the mound.

Austin Warren drove in three runs on two hits for the Irish, while Tyler Gerriets, Ethan Hertzfeldt and Ethan Bergen added two hits each.

Caroline 13, Weymouth 0

Mason Breitenfeldt hit his first BABA home run in the Cougars' win over the White Bass on July 24 in Weyauwega.

Jack Yaeger added a home run for Caroline, while Klay Barkow pitched five shutout innings to pick up the win on the mound.

Yaeger had three hits for the Cougars, while Cole Rosenow added

three hits and scored three runs. Breitenfeldt finished with two hits.

Tilleda at Leopoldis

Results not reported.

Gresham at Tigerton

Results not reported.

South-Central Division

Plover 10, Menominee 4

Plover, out of the South-Central Division, hosted Menominee, an East Division team, July 26.

Plover opened the scoring in the bottom of the first inning with a pair of runs on Kaden Thauer's double and Josh Marcione's groundout.

The Pterodactyls added to their lead in the next inning on Zach Houston's groundout before adding five runs on five hits in the

fourth. Jason Jones and Brady Houston had RBI singles; Marcione added a two-run single, and an error brought in another run.

Jackson Fox, Thauer, Zach Houston and Brady Houston each had two of Plover's 12 hits.

Bryce Dixon and Mitchell VonDeWolle each drove in a run for the Indians, and Austin Peters led Menominee with two hits.

Jones picked up the win on the mound after holding the Indians to one hit and no runs over six innings. Pete O'Kimosh took the loss for Menominee after relieving starter Ray Lemieux.

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Scandinavia 6, Plover 3

Scandinavia picked up a win over Plover on July 22.

Ben Lee and Matt Glodowski led Scandinavia with two hits, while Tim Sackmann and Kaden Thauer led Plover with two hits.

Cyle Zblewski got the win on the mound, and Josh Opiola took the loss.

Marion at Scandinavia

Results not reported. East Division Clintonville at Shawano

Results not reported. Plover at Clintonville Results not reported. July 31 schedule

West Division: Clintonville at Caroline (Fan Appreciation Night), 7 p.m. East Division: Clintonville at Caroline (Fan Appreciation Night), 7 p.m.

Aug. 2 schedule (all games start at 1:30 p.m.)

East Division: Menominee at Clintonville; Shawano at Marion; Gresham has bye. West Division: Tigerton at Leopolis; Tilleda at Caroline (Battle for Tom Malueg's Bat); Wittenberg at Little Falls. North Division: Birnamwood at Aniwa; Eland at Elderon; Antigo/Polar at Crandon; Hatley has bye. South-Central Division: Weymont at Scandinavia; New London at Plover.



Before the dirt started flying at the Dirt City Motorplex in Lena on July 25-26, drivers and their cars made their way to downtown Lena for the annual Thunder on Main event where residents and visitors were treated to a close-up look at the cars and a chance to meet the drivers. There are three more stops in the AMSOIL Championship Off-Road season.

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Swedberg wins dirt late models race

Shawano's AJ Spring-born moved up from a 10th-place start to capture the checkered flag in the 20-lap IMCA sport modifieds feature race at the Shawano Speedway on July 25.

Oconto Falls' Cole Magnin started eighth and finished second, while Seymour Tim Jorgensen started 11th and placed third.

Gillett's Brad Miller started on the pole and finished in four place.

Miller and Magnin won the heat races.

In the IMCA sport compact 12-lap feature, it was Clintonville's Tanner Westphal winning after starting in seventh place. Shawano's Jasper Drengler finished second after starting ninth, and

Clintonville's Brad Wedde took third after starting in eighth.

Pole sitter Dylan Arndt, of Shawano, ended up in seventh place.

Gleason's Dylan Henry and Drengler won the heat races.

The 20-lap IMCA modifieds feature race was won by Shawano's Trent Nolan, who started the race in sixth place.

Wausau's Marcus Yarie started in eighth and placed second, while Shawano's Jordan Bartz started ninth and placed third.

Bonduel's Sean Falk had the pole but did not start.

Yarie and Nolan won the heat races.

The 20-lap dirt late models feature race victory went to Shawano's

Brett Swedberg. He also started on the pole.

Shawano's Troy Spring-born started third and moved up to second, while Bonduel's Nick Anvelink started eighth and placed third.

Heat races were won by Swedberg and Shawano's Lukas Postl.

Green Bay's Luke Lemmens started 10th and won the 20-lap IMCA stock cars feature race. Marion's Don Michonski started third and placed second, while Shiocton's Vern Stedjee started fourth and placed third.

Pole sitter Jeremy Christians, of Horicon, finished in 11th place.

Michonski, Oconto Falls' Kyle Frederick and Wisconsin Rapids' Mark Eswein won the heat races.

Henderson, Greaves battle for AMSOIL points lead in Lena

Jimmy Henderson snatched the Pro 4 points lead away from CJ Greaves on July 25, but Greaves responded by taking it right back the next day at the Dirt City Motorplex in Lena for the latest round in the AMSOIL Championship Off-Road.

Mickey Thomas was on the move early with Henderson in tow, but the championship picture shifted dramatically on Lap 5 when Henderson sheared a tire and saw his day come to an early end.

Thomas was left alone out front, but the field tightened again at the mandatory mid-race caution. Greaves kept the pressure on as Thomas began showing noticeable steering issues, then made his move for the lead on Lap 12. One lap later, Thomas stalled and was unable to re-fire, ending a promising run.

With clean air ahead of him on a dry and dusty track, Greaves pulled away for his third victory of the season and reclaimed the championship lead. Adrian Cenni always seems to find his way onto the podium in Lena, and he did it again by slipping around Thomas to secure second and his first podium of the season. Andrew Pate stayed within reach of the leaders throughout the race and moved into third when Thomas dropped out, driving cleanly to his first career Pro 4 podium.

Five drivers are separated by just 59 points with five rounds of Pro 2 racing remaining in 2026. The driver sitting sixth happens to be defending champion Keegan Kincaid, who was forced to miss the Minnesota race while getting his truck back in order. Despite the setback, Kincaid remains one of the

most dangerous drivers in the field.

Saturday winner Cory Winner controlled the opening four laps before Kincaid found an opening and powered past for the lead. Kincaid never gave up the top spot, but the victory was far from comfortable. Johnny Holtger worked around Winner on Lap 12 and remained glued to Kincaid's rear bumper through the finish.

Kincaid held firm at the line, edging Holtger by just 0.290 seconds for his second victory of the season. Holtger finished second for his third consecutive podium and left Dirt City third in the standings, 30 points behind leader Ryan Beat. Winner capped a breakout weekend with a third-place finish and back-to-back podiums.

For complete results, visit <https://champpoffroad.com>.

Bonduel golfers honored for success in the classroom

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The Bonduel girls golf team was recognized for their work in the classroom while also participating in the 2025 WIAA girls golf season.

The Golf Coaches Association of Wisconsin awarded the girls the Team Academic All-State Award.

The Team Academic All-State Award was established to recognize high

school golf teams with the highest team GPA ("team" is defined as the five golfers on the roster for the girls 2025 WIAA regional tournament or conference championship). This year's teams were recognized in one of three tiers based on the average GPA of the five athletes who were nominated:

• Gold Level Academic Teams: Teams with an average cumulative GPA of 3.75 or higher.

• Silver Level Academic Teams: Teams with an average cumulative GPA of 3.50-3.74.

• Bronze Level Academic Teams: Teams with an average cumulative GPA of 3.25-3.49.

Bonduel achieved Gold Level status for the 2025 season.

Team members were Hailey Spates, McKenna Onesti, Morgan Staszak, Paige Wolf and Quinn Hartlaben.

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Bees buzzing at Hobby Honey Farm

Honey, beeswax used to create a variety of products for people to use

By **KAY REMINGER**
Correspondent

In rural Shawano County, the bees are busy making honey at John and Lorraine Ballbach's Hobby Honey Farm in Gresham.

However, their farm offers more than raw honey.

In addition to selling local raw and creamed honey, the Ballbachs also sell their own beeswax products which include tea lights, votive cups and candles as well as beeswax bars.

Beeswax bars can be used as a lubricant, a sealant, used for cutting boards and for cabinetry – even for ease of opening windows and drawers.

“My customers have taught me how many uses they come up with for beeswax bars,” said Lorraine Ballbach. “They use it to season cast iron pans and bowstrings for their bows, and to lubricate guitar strings.”

Bees make the wax, gorging themselves with honey, extracting the wax out of their abdomen. The wax is then scraped out of the frames, and Lorraine Ballbach melts it, pouring it into 5-cup mold trays.

“We keep bees throughout the state of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan for specialty honeys. We have 24 Michigan hives we tend,” said John Ballbach.

Bees carry pollen back to the hive and produce honey. Each source reflects the flavor from where it came. Some come from the buckwheat plant, others from the basswood tree and still others from wild flowers.

All the honeys at the farm are labeled and named after the source.

For example, Starthistle is from the thistle plant. It's a light-brown, caramel-tasting honey, velvety and smooth. Summer Blend is a conventional honey and what the bees put in the box from spring to fall. Buckwheat honey is black and has a syrupy, molasses taste with 20 times the antioxidants of any light honey. Honey from basswood has a stronger flavor, with a light mint taste.

The honeys are stored separately in



A honeycomb is visible as it's being formed within the mobile observation hive for John and Lorraine Ballbach's Hobby Honey Farm. The hive is used for educating the public about the role bees play.

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water-jacketed stainless steel tanks, with the water kept at 90 degrees.

“Otherwise, sitting long enough, raw honey will granulate,” said John Ballbach.

The family has downsized to 100 hives this year from approximately 230 because of health issues and age.

“My dad used to run 650 hives here in addition to 40 head of beef cattle and work the land well into his 70s,” said John Ballbach. “We grew up in southern Wisconsin near Port Washington and bought this property in 1989. He brought the bees with him. He was a migrant beekeeper, spending winters in Florida

and summers in Wisconsin, packing the bees up in a semi and taking them with him.”

Since there is a lot of misinformation on the internet, John Ballbach stresses getting correct information first-hand from a seasoned beekeeper if anyone has a notion to start keeping bees.

“Ninety percent of the stuff out there is false. I tell people what not to do, and they do it and they wonder why it didn't work out even though they saw it on YouTube,” said John Ballbach.

After marrying, the Ballbachs only had one hive. In 2008, Lorraine Ballbach quit working because of health issues.

After making a list of things she could do, she discovered one was making honey. For one year, they researched the ins and outs of selling raw honey.

“The next year we got 25 more hives, and it just kept going up from there,” said Lorraine Ballbach.

The Ballbachs don't have any helpers on the honey farm.

“It takes dedication. You can't let the bee stings bother you; you gotta love the bees,” said John Ballbach. “You can read all the books you want, but there's no learning like hands-on experience.”

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Shawano author Greg Stezenski shows off the display for his children's book “My Pet Pig” at Heather's Books and Beans, 1235 W. Green Bay St., Shawano. The popular book is a story about a Shawano farm boy who raises a pig on his grandparents' farm.

LYNN ZAFFRANN

Children's book ‘My Pet Pig’ a true story – almost

Stezenski's story recalls time spent on grandparents' farm

By **LYNN ZAFFRANN**
Correspondent

A new children's book written by a local man may be the perfect end-of-summer, and going forward, book for 5- to 9-year-olds.

“My Pet Pig,” written by Shawano's Greg A. Stezenski, is a warm and endearing story of a child growing up on a Shawano farm with a pet pig named Max.

“I wanted to write a book showing how much pets can mean to children and adults and the responsibility that goes along with it,” he said. “I also wanted to pick a pet that's not a common pet.”

He said that he envisions parents reading the book with preschoolers, or elementary-aged children reading

on their own. The story is engaging for young children, and the illustrations fit the story perfectly.

A lot of what's in his debut children's book reflects farm life 70 years ago.

“I've had several (people) come up to me and tell me how amazing life was when we were children,” he said. “The story is life on a farm, a love story between the child and his pig.”

His enthusiasm for this book is catching.

He said that the pig in the story is fiction, but everything else is from Stezenski's childhood. After some people have read it, he said they've told him they couldn't believe some of it wasn't true.

“It's so real when you read it,” Stezenski said.

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Talking about growing up on a Shawano farm, he reminisced about going to West Shawano Grade School.

“Our fifth grade class had only seven students,” he said. The school was out in the country, in Richmond,” Stezenski said. “It was really a pleasure growing up. There’s a little bit in the book about my teacher, Miss Krumbach. She was a wonderful teacher, kind-hearted. I think about her a lot.”

Stezenski said that “My Pet Pig” is a good book, and he’s happy how it turned out.

“It is really popular, especially around Shawano now,” he said. “It’s a popular book with elementary teachers and is in several libraries already.”

His sister, Debbie Stezenski, is a former elementary teacher and has spread the word in the education community about

AT A GLANCE

TITLE: “My Pet Pig”
AUTHOR: Greg A. Stezenski
PAGES: 36
PUBLISHER: Rey’s Endure Ink
PRICE: \$12.95 for paperback, \$4.95 for e-book
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the book.

He said that he’s seen some people buy a book and then buy another copy. Stezenski was surprised that 50 copies sold in just a few weeks.

The book includes references to the Shawano County Fair and the Bonduel livestock auction. The story’s location is based on the farm owned by his grandparents, Emil and

Ruth Glueths.

Their farm, adjoining Stezenski’s parents’ farm, was about 2 miles south of Shawano, behind where Arby’s and the Shell gas station are now.

Illustrations in the book and on the back cover are based on Stezenski’s memories of his grandparents’ farm. He dedicated the book to them.

His parents were Joe and Gladys Stezenski. “Really wonderful parents,” he said.

He is the oldest of four children, two boys and two girls. His siblings are Debbie Stezenski, Sue Fletcher and Jeff Stezenski.

His book is also dedicated to two of his siblings, Debbie and Jeff.

He also dedicated the book to his son, Rick, “For helping make ‘My Pet Pig’ a reality.” Stezenski was the first in

his family to attend college. He went to Winona State University in Minnesota on a baseball scholarship and won 20 games there as a pitcher. While earning his bachelor’s degree, he wrote an article on pitching.

He did some more writing, mostly articles on hunting and fishing, followed by two short books. “101 Ways to Get Your Deer Every Year” was written around 1980. In the 1990s, he wrote “How to Catch Big Northern Ice Fishing.” Stezenski said he sold a lot of these booklets, mostly through word-of-mouth.

He said that Rosie Rey with the Shawano Area Writers, developer of www.mamarosiesdream.com and teacher with Shawano Community Education, was the catalyst for getting his book published.

He knew that he wouldn’t

be able to get “My Pet Pig” ready to publish on his own, so he sought Rey’s professional help. She took his handwritten notes, edited them and met with him to ensure the book’s illustrations she created on her technical platforms were what he envisioned.

Rey said that, after she showed him a work-up of the first picture she created, Stezenski said, “That’s the farm I grew up on.”

The book was published by Rey’s Endure Ink, in collaboration with BookBaby, which helps authors with every step of self-publishing.

“My ultimate goal is to have a movie made about the book. I’ve already approached the director where they are making a movie in Wausau right now,” Stezenski said. “We’ll see how it goes.”

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GREG A. STEZENSKI, author of “My Pet Pig”

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- 5. Mary ____, business-woman extraordinaire
- 8. Downloadable smartphone purchase
- 11. In ____ of
- 12. Greek salad staple
- 13. Appraisal
- 15. Law school prerequisite, acr.
- 16. “Once ____ a Time in America”
- 17. Dictum, pl.
- 18. * ____ press, Johannes Gutenberg’s invention
- 20. “Sittin’ On the Dock of the Bay” singer
- 21. In need of a muffler
- 22. Make a choice
- 23. *Genghis Khan’s ____ Empire
- 26. Intima, pl.
- 30. Fertility clinic stock
- 31. Tranquil
- 34. Famous Steeler coach, Chuck ____
- 35. Twisted cotton thread
- 37. Key next to spacebar
- 38. Like a gymnast
- 39. Naysayer’s favorite prefix
- 40. Develop, as in story
- 42. ____-AFTRA
- 43. Famous fox of fable
- 45. Like a smell of soil
- 47. *World’s first 24-hour TV news network, acr.
- 48. Molten rock

- 50. Smoke plus fog
- 52. *First Roman emperor
- 55. Part of foot, pl.
- 56. Chowder protein
- 57. Pelvic parts
- 59. Are not
- 60. *Homesteader’s purchase, sing.
- 61. “ ____ the good die young”
- 62. *Pres. during the Cuban Missile Crisis
- 63. It is
- 64. Fermented rice brew

DOWN

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance ending
- 2. Talk like Daffy
- 3. Eye drop
- 4. Day trip
- 5. Flat-topped military caps
- 6. Lack of muscle tension
- 7. Opposite of yin
- 8. Mushroom spore sacs
- 9. Benatar and Morita, e.g.
- 10. Money in Myanmar
- 12. Pointless
- 13. Take as one’s own
- 14. * ____ Bull, Lakota’s famous leader
- 19. Gallows’ rope
- 22. *World War ____, 1914-18
- 23. Wisdom tooth, e.g.
- 24. Sheep-like
- 25. Highly unpleasant
- 26. “He’s Just Not That ____ You”
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Owners John and Lorraine Ballbach pose before their specialized honey at their Honey Hobby Farm located outside of Gresham. KAY REMINGER



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wash the nectar out of the flowers. Those trees start blooming around the Fourth of July, and if the conditions are favorable, the bees can fill a 10-pound box in a day.

“It started out slow, but it’s shaping up well this year. The rains have been excellent for maintaining sweet and Dutch clover. A huge crop all came at once. The sweet clover is exploding everywhere. This year, everything is ready at the same time,” said John Ballbach.

The Ballbachs take a small observation hive along to their farmers markets – encased in clear plastic – so customers can see inside the hive and observe the bees at work. They also use it for teaching 4-H groups or schools that ask the couple to come and speak.

If the bees need to make heat, they’ll consume honey and shiver to contain heat, keeping the brood warm – between 92 and 95 degrees. If it gets too hot, they’ll haul water into the open cells and fan it so it evaporates to cool.

“We work hard to provide a good product. Quality is a big thing,” said Lorraine Ballbach. “For example, I test all my candles before I sell them. I expect quality from others, so I want to offer a quality product. Every year, I think of something new to sell.”

Sales are conducted directly on farm located at W9790 Thurner Lane, Gresham, and also at area farmers markets. For more information, like them on Facebook at John and Lorraine’s Hobby Honey Farm.

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Add homegrown flavor to any meal with garden fresh herbs that will elevate any dish. Continue enjoying them well past the end of the season by preserving favorites to use in winter meals.

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kitchen counter and cold-tolerant herbs, like parsley and cilantro, in the refrigerator. Wrap thicker-leaved herbs, like sage and thyme, in a paper towel set inside a plastic bag and place in a warmer section of the fridge.

Keep harvesting throughout the growing season to encourage new growth for future harvests. Just leave enough foliage to maintain plant growth. Harvest as much as 50-75% from established annual herbs and one-third of perennial herbs at a time.

Freeze sprigs, whole leaves or chopped clean herbs on a cookie sheet. Pack clean diced herbs in ice cube trays and fill the empty spaces with water. These are great for use in soups and stews. Store the frozen herbs and ice cubes in an airtight container or baggie in the freezer.

Dry herbs by bundling several stems together, secure them with a rubber band, and use a spring-type clothespin to hang them in a warm, dry place to dry out. A drying rack

can be made from an old embroidery hoop, string, and S hooks.

Get creative and use some herbs to make a fragrant edible wreath. Use fresh herbs that are flexible and easier to shape into a wreath. They will dry in place and can be harvested as needed.

Speed up the drying process in the microwave. Place herbs on a paper plate and cover it with a paper towel. Start with one to two minutes on high. Repeat for 30 seconds as needed until the herbs are brittle. Store dried herbs in an airtight plastic or glass jar.

Share extra fresh and dried herbs with family and friends. They make great hostess and holiday gifts.

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.

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northern Wisconsin, where Gus spent a year working at Friendship House Family Restaurant as a server and manager before moving to Waunakee, where he and his wife worked at a factory.

The Fetojas live in Oconto Falls, where their sons Ben, 17, and Albin, 13, attend school while also working part-time at the restaurant.

Ben Fetoja is going to be a senior at Oconto Falls High School.

“The co-workers are really nice, and everybody is friendly,” he said. “The job is pretty easy. There’s nothing that’s really complex that I have to do. Compared to my last job, the owners are really nice.”

His previous job was at a McDonald’s in Eagle River.

“There were three managers working the same day and kept pushing me around,” he said. “When you work in a fast-food establishment, it’s more like a factory. You do a specific thing you’re told to do every single day. Here, you’re going to help with the cash register, you’re going to help the waitresses. I do a little bit of everything.”

Last year’s move from Waunakee to Oconto County worked out well for the Fetojas as well as the diner’s customers and employees.

Those employees include Nancy Peterson, who has worked at Jojo’s for 15

years. “They are very hard workers,” she said. “When they came, they just fit right in, they really did. They literally don’t take a day off.”

Peterson spent several years working for Barkhaus.

“She started it and it was really small back then with one server,” she said. “Every year, it gets busier and busier. We get visitors from Oconto, Lena, Oconto Falls and people going up north.”

The diner is about 5 miles south of Lena, 4 miles east of Oconto Falls and 8 miles west of Oconto.

Peterson said her job as a server turned into the perfect opportunity.

“I live 4 miles down the road, we close at 2 o’clock and all the people are so nice, all the customers,” she said. “Every day is different, especially now. It’s just been so busy since I started. There’s not a dull moment. We’re



The Fetoja family – Albin, Gazmend “Gus,” Vlor and Ben – have owned and operated Jojo’s Diner since purchasing the restaurant in May 2025 from Jolene Barkhaus. The diner is open daily from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 5774 Duame Road, Lena. GREG SEUBERT

running from the time we get in here until the time we leave.”

The diner’s menu includes breakfast items such as pancakes, French toast, waffles, omelettes, skillet bowls and lunch items such as sandwich melts, burgers and wraps.

“Gus and Vlor brought some new dishes, new entrees, specialties like French toast and pancakes,” Peterson said.

Vlor Fetoja said the new menu items include stuffed French toast with berries and vegan salads.

“Sometimes people

don’t like change, but we were lucky,” Peterson said. “They kept the whole crew. They’re very nice and easy to work for.”

The diner’s sale happened quickly, according to Peterson.

“It happened so fast,” she said. “(Barkhaus) told us and it was like a month later that they took over. They were here when Jolene was here, too, to make the transition. It was pretty smooth.”

Peterson said customer service sets the diner apart from the competition.

“We are very fast,” she said. “It’s not like you’re waiting 45 minutes to eat. Our average ticket time is about 12 minutes. These are homemade desserts, homemade soups, homemade mashed potatoes, homemade ranch (dressing). It feels like fast food, but it’s not. It’s quality meals.

“The prices are

amazing, too. People from Green Bay say, ‘You are kidding me with the prices here.’ Not one thing is \$20.”

The diner has about 30 employees and is open from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily at 5774 Duame Road, Lena.

Fetoja said she or Gus are almost always there.

“I don’t like to not be here, because I want to see if somebody doesn’t like something and I want to know why,” she said. “Sometimes, I’m here until 4 or 5 at night. We like to do that, because when we see the restaurant growing, that makes us happy.”

Sundays are typically the busiest day of the week.

“It’s in a good location because you have Oconto, Lena, Oconto Falls, Suamico,” Peterson said. “We have one couple that come all the way from Sheboygan. They take a drive every couple of weeks and come here to eat. Isn’t that crazy?”

07/31/2026
**NOTICE OF
JOINT REVIEW BOARD MEETING
VILLAGE OF LENA, WISCONSIN**

Notice is Hereby Given that the Village of Lena will hold a Joint Review Board meeting on August 12, 2026, at 3:00 PM.

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

The meeting is being held to consider approval of the resolution adopted by the Lena Village Board creating Tax Incremental District No. 3. The meeting is open to the public.

By Order of the Village of Lena, Wisconsin

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC TEST
TOWN OF MAPLE VALLEY**

A Public test of the electronic Voting equipment for the August 11, 2026 Primary will be held on August 4th at 5:30 PM At the Maple Valley Town Hall 9088 Cnty Hwy Z Suring, WI 54174
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07/31/2026
**TOWN OF MORGAN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC TEST**

In accordance with Wis Stats 5.84(1), Notice is hereby given that a Public Test for the voting machine to be used at the 2026 Partisan Primary Election on Tuesday, August 11, 2026, will be conducted for the Town of Morgan on Wednesday August 5 at 9:00 AM at the Morgan Town Hall, 3276 County Rd C, Oconto Falls, WI 54154. This public test is open to the general public.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
The Annual Meeting of the **Berry Lake Community District** will be held on **Saturday, August 22, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.** Town of Underhill Community Center, 5597 Cardinal Road, Gillett, WI 54124
This Meeting is Open to the Public

Agenda items include: Call Meeting to Order; Discuss Meeting Operating Guidelines; Approve Minutes from 2025 Annual Meeting; Chairperson’s & Committee Reports; (AIS Committee & Education and Communication Committee); Treasurer’s Report; Present and Submit Financial Audit Report for 2025 Fiscal Year; Present and Approve 2027 Budget; Approve Resolution #R2026-08-01 Establishing an Operating Reserve Fund for Anticipated Aquatic Invasive Species Management; Election of One Commissioner; Open Discussion; Schedule 2027 Annual Meeting; Adjourn.

Additional information on a specific agenda item may be obtained by sending an e-mail to commissionsecretary@berrylakedistrict.org or by viewing the District website at <http://www.berrylakecommunitydistrict.org>

Berry Lake Community District 2027 Proposed Budget Lake Management Costs	2025 Actual	2026 Budget	YTD 6.30.2026	Expected YE 2026	2027 Budget
Lake Trmt. (AIS) Non-Lapsing Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00
Lake Treatment (AIS)	\$53,962.43	\$16,790.00	\$1,031.50	\$7,321.50	\$3,500.00
Lake Management Plan (CPM)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00
Lake Management Projects Total	\$53,962.43	\$16,790.00	\$1,031.50	\$7,321.50	\$34,500.00
Expend./Admin. Operational Costs					
Grant Matching Funds	\$0.00	\$16,473.08	\$0.00	\$14,118.81	\$2,249.00
Loan Payment - Town of Underhill	\$0.00	\$42,788.06	\$42,788.06	\$42,788.06	\$0.00
Professional Services	\$87.50	\$200.00	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$200.00
General Admin	\$401.15	\$2,747.00	\$188.29	\$388.29	\$228.43
Meeting Expense	\$420.67	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$450.00	\$450.00
Insurance	\$2,790.00	\$2,790.00	\$0.00	\$2,790.00	\$3,000.00
Training/Conference	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$272.00	\$522.00	\$600.00
Dues/Memberships/Sponsorship	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Other	\$0.00	\$25.16	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sub Total	\$3,699.32	\$66,323.30	\$43,473.35	\$61,282.16	\$6,777.43
Total	\$57,661.75	\$83,113.30	\$44,504.85	\$68,603.66	\$41,277.43

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**NOTICE TOWN OF BAGLEY
PUBLIC TEST**

The Town of Bagley will test the electronic tabulating machine to be used for the AUGUST 11, 2026 PARTISON PRIMARY ELECTION to be held on **WEDNESDAY AUGUST 5, 2026 at 6:00 PM at the Bagley Town Hall 9812 COUNTY HWY Z, POUND, WI. 54161**

This test is open to the public.

ALAN SLEETER, CLERK
TOWN OF BAGLEY

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**STATE OF WISCONSIN
OCONTO COUNTY**

**TOW OF SPRUCE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC TEST**

In accordance to Wis Stats 5.84(1), Notice is hereby given that the Public Test of the ICE voting machine to be used at the 2026 Partisan Primary Election on Tuesday, August 11, 2026 will be conducted for the Town of Spruce on Monday, August 3rd, 2026 at 5:30 PM at the Spruce Town Hall, 9097 County Rd B, Oconto Falls. The Public Test is open to the general public.

Lisa Peitersen
Spruce Town Clerk
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**STATE OF WISCONSIN
OCONTO COUNTY**

**TOWN OF OCONTOFALLS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC TEST**

In accordance to Wis. Stats 5.84(1), Notice is hereby given that the Public Test of voting equipment to be used at the Partisan Primary Election on Tuesday, August 11, 2026, will be conducted for the Town of Oconto Falls on Wednesday, August 5, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at the Town of Oconto Falls Town Hall, 8680 State Hwy 22 West, Oconto Falls. The Public Test is open to the general public.

Susan L Mogged
Town of Oconto Falls, clerk

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**STATE OF WISCONSIN
OCONTO COUNTY**

**CITY OF OCONTO FALLS
NOTICE OF ORDINANCE APPROVAL**

The following Ordinances were passed by the Common Council for the City of Oconto Falls on July 14, 2026. A full text of said Ordinances may be obtained from the Oconto Falls Clerk’s Office located at 500 N. Chestnut, Oconto Falls, WI 54154. Phone: 920-846-4505.
Ordinance 26-003 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR DETACHMENT OF A PORTION LAND FROM THE CITY OF OCONTO FALLS, OCONTO COUNTY, WISCONSIN TO THE TOWN OF STILES, OCONTO COUNTY, WISCONSIN.

Jenny Friedman Deputy Clerk
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7/31/26
**STATE OF WISCONSIN
OCONTO COUNTY**

**CITY OF OCONTO FALLS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC TEST**

In accordance to Wis Stats 5.84(1), Notice is hereby given that a Public Test for the voting machine to be used at the Fall Partisan Primary Election on August 11, 2026 will be conducted for the City of Oconto Falls Tuesday, August 4, 2026 at 10:00 AM at the City Municipal Building, 500 N Chestnut Avenue. The Public Test is open to the general public. Jenny Friedman Deputy Clerk
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- 1. 238 Ridge Road, Oconto Falls, Thurs 8-5, Fri. 8-5, Sat. 8-12.** Trolling motors, ice augers, walking sticks, and lots of collectibles.
- 2. 7665 Splinter Creek Lane, Oconto Falls. Thurs 8-4, Fri. 8-4, Sat. 8-4, Sun. 8-1pm.** Tools, womens clothes, X-mas ornaments, knick knacks, tires, camp stove, tractor 9N, brush cutter, disc bottom plow, camper awning, oil lamps, machining tools, misc. kitchen.
- 3. Grace Lutheran Church, 501 S. Main Street, Oconto Falls. Friday Only-Church Bake Sale 8am-3pm.** Many delicious treats. Also, church cookout 10am-2pm-

- hamburgers, brats, sweet corn. Dining inside and outside and take-out available.
- 4. N6411 State Hwy 32, Oconto Falls. Thurs. 8-4, Fri. 8-4, Sat. 8-4, Sun 8-4.** Multi Family Sale. Tons of furniture, household, antiques, clothing, baby items, snoo system, high brush mower, bikes, hunting, exercise equipment, puzzles, toys, Golld Sim launch monitor, and more.
- 5. 5076 Golden Corners Rd. Thurs. 7-4, Fri. 7-4, Sat. 7-1.** Downsizing Sale. Blow molds, hand tools, power tools, tool boxes, maple syrup , 26’ camper, Pyrex, halloween decor, patio umbrella, furniture, china, microwave, tent, 20’ camper cover,

- household items.
- 6. 6004 N. Chestnut Rd, Oconto Falls. Thurs 8-6, Fri. 8-6, Sat. 8-6.** Table saw, antiques, elk deer moose antlers, deer cart, tree stand, pellet pistol rifle, binoculars, waders, leaf vac, leather chair, kitchenware, collectible dolls, sewing patterns, adult clothing, crafts, toys, so much more!



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8. 454 McDougal Circle, Oconto Falls. **Thurs. 7-5, Fri. 7-5, Sat 8-4.** Booster Seat, toys, art, easel, kids workbench, cradle, boys/girls clothes 5-8, mens/womens clothes, housewares, TVs, Leafpro, ice fishing/trapping, Thirty-one, much more. No Checks.

9. 543 Countryside Lane, Oconto Falls. **Thurs. 8-4, Fri. 8-4, Sat. 8-4.** Like new refrigerator and lawnmower, large assortment of tools, mens clothing, jackets, jeans, shirts, houseold items, massager, drills, pictures, mirror, **old records.**

10. 214 Cherry Ave., Oconto Falls. **Thurs. 8-5:30, Fri. 8-5:30, Sat. 8-4.** Bargains galore. 1/2 off most items. \$5 fill a tote setion. Man tools, antiques, some clothes, S/P, household, pictures, vacuums, CDs, DVD, Stuff and Stuff.

11. 340 Poplar Ave, Oconto Falls. **Thurs. 8-5:30, Fri. 8-4, Sat. 8-noon.** Huge Multi-famliy sale. Tons of clothes boys size 10-16, Juniors boys and girls. Womens small to X-Large, Mens small -3XL, houseolds and much more.

12. 5126 Elm Lawn Rd. Oconto Falls. **Thurs. 9-4, Fri. 9-4, Sat. 9-4.** Craft supplies, yard goods, cookie jars, tools, books, puzzles, canning jars, adult clothes, home decor, kitchen gagets, luggage, sewing machine, organ, camper.

13. 5308 Elm Lawn Rd, Oconto Falls. **Thurs 8-5, Fri. 8-5, Sat. 8-5.** Huge Multi-Family. Teen- womens XL name brand clothes. Womens shoes up to 9. Mens clothes small - XL. Household, decor, crafts, outdoor, antiques, bedding, kid toys, and much more. Cash only. No Early Sales.

14. 207 King St., Oconto Falls. **Thurs. 8-5, Friday 8-5, Sat. 8-4.** Holiday decor, kayak, DVDs, Hallmark ornaments. Girls, womens, mens clothing, Panther apparel, shoes, books, puzzles, Wilton bakeware, 12 lb. bowling ball, bridal shower decor, lots of misc.

15. 160 Sunrise Ct., Oconto Falls. **Thurs 8-4, Fri. 8-4 Sat., 8-4, Sun 8-noon.** Multi-family. Baby, toddler items, household items, womens and mens clothing, clothes for teenagers, outdoor items.

16. 404 McDougal Circle, Oconto Falls. **Thurs. 8-4, Fri. 8-4, Sat. 8-4, Sun 8-12.** Huge selection of baby clothes, toys, swing and more. Household decorations and large amount of nearly new womens clothes.

17. 5742 Larson Lane, Oconto Falls. **Thurs, Friday 8-5:30, Sat. 8-2.** 3-family: Maternity clothing, little girl clothing, adult

clothing, toys, books, teacher supplies, household, many more treasures.

18. 213 N. Franklin St., Oconto Falls. **Thurs. 8-4, Fri. 8-4, Sat. 8-4, Sun. 8-1.** Multi family rummage sale. New and used items. Childrens , a lot of womens adult clothing, new Amazon items, jewelry, accessories, puppy pads, seasonal and home decor, gaming, chair, shoes and more.

19. 420 Cedar Ave., Oconto Falls. **Thurs 8-12, Fri. 8-4, Sat. 8-4.** Flower pots, books, WII games, kitchen items, collectible Barbie dolls, toys, bike, bike pump, womens clothes, kids clothes, TV stand, shoes.

20. 327 Quincy St., Oconto Falls. **Thurs 8-6, Fri. 8-6, Sat. 8-6, Sun. 9-4.** Storage House Clean Out Sale. Clothes all sizes, dishes, pans, household good, tons of stuff. All must go. Priced to sell.

21. 145 W. Highland Dr. **Thurs. 8-5, Fri. 8-5, Sat. 8-?** Multi family. Furniture, decor, clothing and more.

22. 7630 Beaver Lake Rd., Oconto Falls. **Fri. 8-4, Sat. 8-4.** Multi family . Trailers.

23. 8155 Gray Lake Rd, Oconto Falls. **Sat. 8-4. Huge 5-Family Sale. (1/2 mile heading out of town off of CC)** Baby clothing and other baby items, purses, shoes, toys galore, household items and decor, *guy stuff* Much more!

24. 6848 Cty B, Oconto Falls. **Thurs. 8-4, Fri. 8-4, Sat. 8-12.** Tools, pictures, collector plates, miscellaneous items, sporting goods, Harley T-shirts.

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