



Mental health still top issue in counties

Transportation, housing emerge as potential health barriers

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Mental health is still a top issue that officials want to address with the latest Shawano-Menominee Counties Community Health Assessment following a meeting on the topic Aug. 17 at the College of Menominee Nation.

Health Director Nick Mau noted that almost 40 people, appearing in person and online, came together to discuss the issues. Just like with the last assessment done in 2019, he said mental health continues to be a problem where treatment seems very far away – either by physical distance or the long waiting lists to get into clinics.

Mental health was an issue years ago when the pandemic hit and people found themselves isolated and alone a lot of the time, but now mental health crises have shifted due to other things, such as an over-reliance on technology, according to Mau.

“There’s a lot more new wrinkles to the issue,” he said. “We’re more tied to our devices more than ever. That does bring people together in a way; we’re seeing in our youth risk factor surveys from the schools. Every single year the surveys are done, the kids are saying they’re feeling more anxious. More kids are saying they’re having suicidal thoughts and ideations. This mental health crisis is not getting any better, even though we have all these avenues through social media.”

Attempts to increase connections through technology have actually decreased them, Mau said.

Accessing mental health is also a

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Visit the Shawano Farmers Market from 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays through Oct. 10 at Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St., just one block west of Main Street. The market features 75% produce and processed food, 10% prepared food and 15% arts and crafts. More than 45 local food and craft vendors participate throughout the season. Yoga classes are also taught at the start of each morning. The farmers market includes locally produced fruits and vegetables, bread, prepared foods, crafts, music. It also accepts WIC and the Senior Farmers Nutrition Program. For more photos, turn to page 15.

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Poaching suspect a no-show twice in court

Circuit judges order arrest warrant for Pulcifer man

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

Two circuit court judges recently ordered an arrest warrant for a Shawano County man after he failed to show up for court appearances on nine poaching-related charges.

Dylan J. Wolff, 27, of Pulcifer, faces several felony and misdemeanor charges in connection with alleged poaching incidents in Waupaca and Forest counties.

Waupaca County Circuit Court Judge Troy Nielsen ordered a warrant for Wolff's arrest Aug. 18 after Wolff failed to show up in

Waupaca for his adjourned initial appearance after he was charged with two felonies and six misdemeanors.

Meanwhile, Forest County Circuit Court Judge Robert A. Kennedy Jr. ordered an arrest warrant five days earlier on Aug. 13 after Wolff failed to show up to face a misdemeanor charge.

Wolff's charges in Waupaca County are two felony counts of bail jumping and two misdemeanor counts each of failure to obtain a deer hunting license, hunting deer during closed season and hunting/fishing/trapping after revocation (second offense within five years).

He also faces one misdemeanor count in Forest County of hunting/fishing/trapping after revocation (second offense within five years).

Wolff is also accused

of several poaching violations in Oconto and Brown counties, but no poaching-related charges had been filed against him in either county as of Aug. 18.

He also faced several poaching-related charges in Shawano, Forest and Waupaca county dating back to January 2025, but those cases were all closed.

Waupaca County Assistant District Attorney Nicholas Bolz is handling the case against Wolff in Waupaca County.

"Either he'll turn himself in or if law enforcement has contact with him and see that he has a warrant, he'll come back to the Waupaca County Jail and be seen in front of one of the judges, whoever's on intake," Bolz said. "We'll then discuss his bond again. It might get reinstated, or he'll get a cash bond. After that, we'll do the adjourned

initial appearance again. That hearing will determine whether he wants an attorney or qualifies for either a public defender or a court-appointed attorney, or he could hire his own attorney."

The eight Waupaca County charges came after state Department of Natural Resources conservation wardens confronted Wolff on Jan. 8 at Zion Lutheran Church Cemetery in the Town of Matteson, just north of Embarrass.

The two felony bail jumping charges stem from a case in Shawano County. Wolff's past court history in that county includes a conviction in April 2026 for hunting/fishing/trapping after revocation.

Local law enforcement departments are working on the case with assistance from the DNR and the state Public Defenders Office,

according to Bolz.

"Some of it has to do with the calendars of everyone and the Public Defenders Office based on staffing, whether they can find an attorney for him if he qualifies," he said. "If he gets picked up in Forest or Waupaca (counties), he'll have to be seen in both courts before he'd be released."

Cases that include several allegations, a number of law enforcement agencies and multiple counties can be difficult to prosecute, Bolz said.

"It can, but thankfully, most counties are willing to work with each other," he said. "I'm the dedicated DNR prosecutor for Waupaca County. It's easier when you can talk to someone who has familiarity with DNR statutes and codes and works closely with the DNR to see what

they're looking for."

Wolff was free on a \$2,500 signature bond in Waupaca County.

Bolz said the next step in the case is for authorities to apprehend Wolff.

"They'll pick him up and we'll bring him back," he said. "In a criminal case, it's the warrant that's outstanding. If he lays low and doesn't have any police contact, the warrant can be outstanding for months or even years depending on where he's located."

"Some jurisdictions will make an effort to go find individuals. Given the fact that he's not from Waupaca, they might reach out to another jurisdiction and say, 'Hey, can you drive by the house?' I don't know if they'll do that in this kind of case, but that is a possibility."

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Ideas form to improve Memorial Park's west side

Brainstorming session start to city project

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

Memorial Park is one of the key parks used by the public in the city of Shawano, and officials are gathering ideas about what to do with the park's west side.

Currently, Popp's Ball Park Diner is on the corner at Main and Elizabeth streets. Two concession stands are in place for the adjacent baseball diamonds, and there is also a slope area that, at one time, allowed for an ice skating rink during the winter months.

The city's parks and recreation department is gathering input on what improvements would be good for the park's west side. Parks and recreation director Matt Hendricks said the diner building will be torn down in a few years after Popp's lease ends, and the skating rink has been dormant, because it is difficult to make ice naturally, noting that



Concession stands like this one are in place adjacent to the baseball diamonds at Memorial Park, but brainstorming is underway to determine how to improve the park's west side and make it more attractive and usable to the community.

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six years ago was the last winter where conditions were cold enough to allow ice to develop.

A brainstorming session was held Aug. 19 during the parks and recreation commission meeting at the Shawano Recreation Center, with youth baseball and Sun Drop Dayz representatives invited to give ideas, because those events take up a lot of the

park's usage. Hendricks noted that a plan is expected to come in a few months with the information gathered by the public.

"Many of our parks and public spaces have been built with good input from people. This is no different," Hendricks said. "This is truly initial thoughts and concepts. We are starting at ground zero. We have no preconceived notions about what should go in there."

Blake Tyson with Parkitecture, a firm based in Madison, encouraged those in attendance to consider that the park is one of the first things that people see when coming

to Shawano from state highways 22 and 29.

"We know some things are going to change, like this corner. The diner vacating will certainly open up some opportunity," Tyson said. "It is the gateway to downtown, so how do we want that to appear?"

Parkitecture has worked with the city on several park projects, including the splash pad at Memorial's southeast corner, as well as Franklin Park and the Naberhood Plaza.

The playground at the southwest corner is expected to remain in place, as is the World War II Sherman tank that has

FYI

The city of Shawano is collecting ideas on improvements for Memorial Park's west side. Suggestions can be made by contact parks and recreation director Matt Hendricks at mhendricks@cityofshawano.com.

been in the community since July 1953 with the help of VFW Post 2723. The rest of the west side is a blank slate when it comes to future plans, according to Hendricks.

The ice area is covered in grass, and City Clerk Lesley Nemetz suggested the area be left alone, as the youth baseball leagues use the area for warming up while other games are in play. With that, Nemetz noted that there has been some buzz on social media about having an ice skating rink in the community, possibly at another spot in the park.

"Real ice is challenging, so synthetic ice would probably have to be the way to go," Nemetz said. "I think there is some community desire to have that (ice rink) in some form."

Hendricks said there have been some conversations with Shawano County about moving the veterans memorial from the courthouse to Memorial Park. He noted the plans for the new courthouse would have the existing courthouse space turned into parking, so

the memorial needs a new home somewhere.

Piggybacking off the idea of Memorial Park being the gateway to downtown, Shawano Alderwoman Linda Meyer suggested having an archway similar to what's currently in place at Franklin Park.

"Is there a possibility of having one of those there, too?" Meyer said. "That would draw eyes to that corner if the tank stays there, and that could be place with things around it."

Hendricks said that could be a possibility, noting there are similar pillars in place at the Spirit of Shawano Park.

"Sometimes, putting those things in are not just decorations, but now you have a structure where it's easy to run electricity off of," he said.

Other suggestions included having an area where food trucks could set up for events, along with more restrooms and possibly adding a walk-in cooler to concession stands where food could be stored.

Hendricks said the idea is to get ideas from the community about what could be new and needed in Shawano.

"We're trying to figure out, what don't we have that would make it even more usable," he said.

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County body agrees to open up comments

Public to be allowed to speak on any issue

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

Members of the public wanting to address the Shawano County Board will be free to speak on any subject, not just those on the agenda, after the rules committee adopted the change at an Aug. 20 meeting.

Approval by the full

county board, expected to occur Aug. 26, is necessary for the change to take effect.

Supervisor Joe Miller proposed the change after earlier board meetings turned contentious when residents wanted to speak but were denied that opportunity by Chairman Tom Kautza. Among the reasons for his denial were that they wanted to speak on issues that were not germane to an item on the agenda. That rule was adopted by supervisors earlier this year.

Supervisors Terry Tipton and Steve Schinke were the first committee members to agree with the proposal.

“I would agree with allowing them to speak on whatever they choose for that two or three minutes,” Tipton said. “Let them say their piece and move on.”

County Clerk Raymond Rigsby pointed that regardless of the topic or length of time, the chairman still has the right to end a resident’s comments if they are personally attacking a specific supervisor or staff

member.

“I think it gives the feeling to the public that we’re listening to their concerns, but, if somebody gets out of line ...” Schinke said.

All five committee members approved the change.

A second proposal, this one from Supervisor Randy Mallmann, was unanimously voted down by the rules committee.

Mallmann wanted to change one aspect of how a vacancy on the board is filled.

He wanted the names

and statements of qualifications of interested candidates forwarded to members of the executive committee and the full board, with the intent that supervisors would act on the chairman’s recommendation at the following board meeting, giving them more time to assess the candidates.

“You have a hard enough time as it is to find somebody willing to take these jobs,” Kautza said.

Kautza also noted that state law prevents appointments to be made

by committees or the full board. The board can ratify but not choose an appointee.

“If I had to write about myself, I wouldn’t do it,” Schinke said.

Some supervisors suggested the appointment to fill a vacancy shouldn’t be more complicated than when someone is elected to the post. The only qualifications to run for election are the candidate must be 18 years old and live in the district they will represent.

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PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT Aug. 23

Deputies responded to 55 incidents, including a disturbance on Knoke Street in Gresham; a disturbance on Swanke Street in Tigerton; a noise disturbance on Elm Road in the Town of Angelica; a disturbance at Four Seasons, 201 N. Airport Drive, Shawano; five 911 calls; 16 traffic stops; eight reckless driving incidents; two traffic hazards; three welfare checks; one crash.

Aug. 22

Deputies responded to 53 incidents, including suspicious activity at Captain’s Cove Resort, N9099 Big Lake Road, Town of Red Springs; theft on West Crystal Drive in the Town of Washington; harassment at Long Branch Saloon, W11218 Grunewald St., Town of Herman; disorderly conduct at North Star Casino Resort, W12180 County Road A, Town of Bartelme; bail jumping at Texas Jay’s, N11004 U.S. Highway 45, Town of Aniwa; six 911 calls; 16

traffic stops; one traffic hazard; one welfare check; one crash.

Aug. 21

Deputies responded to 42 incidents, including operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated near Lake Drive and North Shore Lane in the Town of Wescott; harassment on Sarah Street in Birnamwood; disorderly conduct on Marble Avenue in Mattoon; an animal bite on Tower Road in the Town of Fairbanks; a noise disturbance near County Road K and Church Road in the Town of Waukechon; two 911 calls; four traffic stops; five reckless driving incidents; two welfare checks; one crash.

Aug. 20

Deputies responded to 44 incidents, including a disturbance at Homme Alpha House Resale Shop, 711 S. Webb St., Wittenberg; disorderly conduct on South Main Street in Shawano; harassment and disorderly conduct at the county jail, 405 N. Main St., Shawano; suspicious activity on River Road in Bowler; six 911 calls; 13 traffic stops; three reckless driving

incidents; one traffic hazard; four welfare checks; three crashes.

Aug. 19

Deputies responded to 46 incidents, including an animal bite on Balsam Road in the Town of Richmond; vehicle pursuit near McDonald’s, 1202 E. Green Bay St., Shawano; three 911 calls; 19 traffic stops; one reckless driving incident; two welfare checks; two crashes.

Aug. 18

Deputies responded to 59 incidents, including property damage on High Street in Birnamwood; theft at the county jail, 405 N. Main St., Shawano; soliciting on Grand Street in Tigerton; suspicious activity on Valley Ridge Road in Bowler; one 911 calls; 24 traffic stops; three reckless driving incidents; two traffic hazards; one crash.

Aug. 17

Deputies responded to 55 incidents, including criminal damage at Tigerton Legion Park, 236 Pine St., Tigerton; criminal damage at Long Branch Saloon, W11218 Grunewald St., Town of Herman; assisting at a

grass fire near Curt Black Road and Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; criminal damage on Stanley Street in Krakow; theft at True North, 504 E. Grand Ave., Wittenberg; harassment on North Schmidt Lane in Gresham; four 911 calls; 17 traffic stops; four reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazard; three welfare checks; one crash.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT Aug. 23

Officers responded to 41 incidents, including suspicious activity on South Water Street; a disturbance at AmeriVu Inn and Suites, 211 Waukechon St.; suspicious activity near Sunset Avenue and South Franklin Street; disorderly conduct on South Park Street; an intoxicated person at Ole Town Tap, 115 N. Main St.; disorderly conduct on Engel Drive; a disturbance on South Park Street; theft on East Richmond Street; a disturbance at Four Seasons, 201 N. Airport Drive; a disturbance on East Zingler Avenue; one 911 call; 17 traffic stops; three welfare checks.

Aug. 22

Officers responded to 20 incidents, including disorderly conduct at Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St.; suspicious activity on South Water Street; harassment at Eberlein Park, 107 Eberlein Park Drive; two 911 calls; four traffic stops; two welfare checks.

Aug. 21

Officers responded to 22 incidents, including a disturbance on East Randall Street; trespassing on East Randall Street; suspicious activity on South Franklin Street; theft on South Park Street; one 911 call; three traffic stops; one reckless driving incident; two welfare checks.

Aug. 20

Officers responded to 24 incidents, including trespassing on South Andrews Street; two disturbances near Presbyterian and South Franklin streets; disorderly conduct at Fuel On, 404 E. Green Bay St.; assisting the fire department at Martin’s Cleaners, 1025 E. Green Bay St.; four 911 calls; two traffic stops; three welfare checks.

OBITUARIES

MICHELE ROMANE

Michele Ann Romane (nee Cornell), of Ellisville, Missouri, was baptized into the hope of Christ’s resurrection Aug. 18, 2026.

She was the beloved wife of the late Arthur F. “Art” Romane; loving mother of Rhonda (Anthony) Valentino and Rod (Stephanie) Romane; loving grandmother of Kristin (Brandon), Gabriele, Courtney (Chris) and Sophia (Janos); loving great-grandmother of Bryson, Emma, Emma and Ethan; dear aunt great-aunt, cousin and friend to so many.

She was preceded in death by her parents, May and Ray Cornell; and sister, Patricia L. Redenius.

Michele’s family would like to express their gratitude to her loving, devoted friends who were by her side throughout this journey in presence, prayer and love. Many thanks to her exceptional medical care from Dr. Hani Soudah and Dr. Mike Ogawa and the entire oncology staff of St. Luke’s Hospital, Chesterfield.

The family will receive friends for the visitation at Schrader Funeral Home and Crematory, 14960



Manchester Road, Ballwin, Missouri, on Sunday, Aug. 30, 2026, from 3-6 p.m. The funeral Mass will be at St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church, 15642 Clayton Road, Ellisville, Missouri, on Monday, Aug. 31, 2026, at 11 a.m. with visitation one hour prior to Mass. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the PKD Foundation, P.O. Box 871847, Kansas City, MO 64187 or the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation at The Cooper Center, 18251 Quantico Gateway Drive, Triangle, VA 22172-1776.

Friends may sign the family’s online guestbook at www.schrader.com.

• Mequan Corn, 48, Keshena, pleaded no contest Feb. 24 to failure to report to county jail. Judge Katherine Sloma sentenced him Aug. 17 to 126 days in county jail, time deemed served.

• Alexis M. Waukechon, 22, Keshena, pleaded no contest Aug. 18 to battery or threat to a judge, prosecutor or law enforcement officer and misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct and resisting or obstructing an officer. Sloma withheld sentencing and placed her on three years of probation with conditions.

• Danielle D. Tucker, 40, Shawano, pleaded no contest June 25 to possession of narcotic drugs, possession of methamphetamine, 31 counts of felony bail jumping and misdemeanor charges of two counts of retail theft, taking and drive a vehicle without consent, possession of THC, possession of an illegally obtained prescription, resisting or obstructing an officer, violating an ignition interlock device order, two counts of operating while revoked and possession of drug paraphernalia. Judge William Kussel Jr. withheld sentencing Aug. 19 and placed her on four years of probation with conditions including 180 days in county jail.

• Leslie N. Gauthier, 29, Shawano, pleaded no contest Aug. 13 to two counts of felony bail jumping and misdemeanor counts of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (second offense), operating while revoked, and bail jumping. Sloma levied fines and court costs and sentenced her to 180 days in county jail.

• Katherine N. Radandt, 40, a Weston

woman serving a sentence at Taycheedah Correctional Institution in Fond du Lac, pleaded no contest Aug. 17 to possession of methamphetamine and possession of narcotic drugs. Judge Gregory Jerabek sentenced her to 12 months in county jail.

• Elizabeth L. Harrison, 19, Gresham, pleaded no contest April 7 to possession of methamphetamine, possession of narcotic drugs, possession of an illegal article, 10 counts of felony bail jumping and misdemeanor charges of retail theft, disorderly conduct and two counts of resisting or obstructing an officer. Sloma imposed and stayed a prison sentence, then placed her on three years of probation with conditions.

• Skylar Leemichael Allman, 19, Marinette, had his probation revoked June 5 from a February conviction for substantial battery intending bodily harm. Sloma sentenced him Aug. 18 to one year in prison followed by two years of extended supervision with conditions.

• Ricky L. Potter, 63, Oshkosh, pleaded guilty Aug. 18 to a forfeiture violation of possession of drug paraphernalia. A related felony charge was dismissed in a plea agreement. Kussel levied fines and court costs of \$330.50.

• Mitchell A. Waukau, 23, Keshena, was charged Aug. 19 with possession of narcotic drugs, possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia to manufacture or store methamphetamine, eight counts of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a \$2,000 cash bond and scheduled

a status conference for Sept. 8.

• August F. Klitzka, 71, Tigerton, was charged Aug. 20 with first-degree sexual assault of a child younger than 13. Huber set a \$200,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Aug. 28.

• Anthony L. Perez, 41, Shawano, was charged Aug. 21 with six counts of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of operating while revoked. Sloma set an \$1,800 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Aug. 27.

• Delia M. Ortega, 33, Green Bay, was charged Aug. 17 with second-degree sexual assault, battery by a prisoner, three counts of misdemeanor bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. Sloma set a \$5,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Aug. 24.

• Scott A. Jeske, 42, Bonduel, was charged Aug. 17 with possession of methamphetamine and three counts of misdemeanor bail jumping. Sloma set a \$750 signature bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Sept. 2.

• Wade A. Waupoose, 61, Shawano, was charged Aug. 17 with two counts of felony bail jumping. Sloma set a \$1,200 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for Aug. 24.

• George M. Wilm, 83, Shawano, was charged Aug. 17 with fleeing an officer in his vehicle, second-degree recklessly endangering safety and misdemeanor counts of criminal damage to property and disorderly conduct. Sloma set a \$5,000 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for Oct. 6.

COURT NEWS

Marion booster club seeks to replace scoreboards

\$35K price tag to upgrade equipment for both fields

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

If everything falls into place, Marion High School's baseball and softball teams will play their home games with a new scoreboard starting next season.

The Marion Mustang Booster Club recently kicked off a fund-raising campaign to come up with \$35,000 to replace both scoreboards at the Marion Athletic Field.

Club president Luke Stuhr said the organization has raised a couple of thousand dollars for the project so far. He and club treasurer Carrie Aus attended the Marion/Tigerton football team's first game of the season Aug. 20 to help spread the word about the effort.

"We just started our drive for it," Stuhr said. "We're trying to raise \$35,000 for a new scoreboard for our softball and baseball fields. The softball field is dedicated to Debbie Malueg, and we have the John Bartelt Baseball Field. The goal is to have them in place for spring sports, which is going to come up really fast."

Aus said the scoreboards are more than 20 years old.

"The parts and maintenance are



The Marion Mustang Booster Club is currently raising \$35,000 to replace softball and baseball scoreboards used for Marion High School teams. GREG SEUBERT

hard to come by, they're hard to maintain," she said.

"The last five-plus years have been a struggle," Stuhr said. "Some years we would not have (a scoreboard), some years we would be waiting on parts halfway through the season. The battery life is depleted, so we'd need to be plugged in all the time."

Without a scoreboard, players, coaches and fans would be unaware of the score, inning and pitch count.

The club will do what it can to help save money, according to Stuhr.

"We're going to try to use as much existing poles and electrical to save as much money as we possibly can," he said. "The scoreboards are going to look fairly similar. We're not

looking at all the bells and whistles."

The club had fliers available at the game's concession stand that included a donation form. Sponsorship opportunities include platinum (\$1,000 and up), gold (\$750 to \$999), silver (\$500 to \$749) and bronze (\$250 to \$499). Sponsors' names will be displayed near each scoreboard.

Any other amounts will also be accepted.

Contact information for donating to the project can be found on the club's Facebook page.

"The youth are the next generation here," Stuhr said. "Everything we do is for the kids."

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Radford homicide charges upgraded to intentional

New ADA on case says evidence indicates death was not reckless

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

James Radford is now being charged with first-degree intentional homicide in the death of his wife, Sabrina Radford, in 2016.

One month after the preliminary hearing for the case in which he was charged with reckless homicide, the Shawano-Menominee County District Attorney's Office upped the charge. The intentional homicide charge also has a domestic abuse modifier.

The death occurred in the Town of Fairbanks on April 11, 2016. James Radford was taken into custody in April 2025 by Waukesha County and then transferred to the Shawano County Jail, where he is being held on a cash bond of \$800,000.

Assistant District Attorney Brent DeBord said the reckless homicide charges were filed before he became part of the district attorney's office, and he was recently assigned the case. He looked at the evidence, he said, and he felt that it pointed to intentional homicide and not reckless.

DeBord asked for the bond to be set at \$1 million cash, noting the huge incentive to flee, because the crime comes with a sentence of life imprisonment if convicted, as well as the threat of violence to the public.

That received an objection from defense attorney John Swimmer, who noted that his client has been in jail since the initial arrest. He asked for the cash bond to become a signature bond, noting James Radford's ties to Shawano County and claiming there have been no missed court appearances or bail jumping.

"Raising the bond from \$800,000 to \$1 million is arbitrary and capricious," Swimmer said. "The state

has the exact same evidence. There is not one iota of evidence that is different. There is not one new fact. Every fact is identical."

Judge Gregory Huber ruled that the bond would remain what it has been.

Swimmer also objected to proceeding with the current case even though the previous homicide case has not been dismissed. DeBord told the judge he was in the process of getting the case dismissed.

In the latest criminal complaint, it is alleged that James Radford found out his wife had been cheating on him that night and found a scarf with semen on it and claimed similar fluids were on the couch, although investigators found no evidence of semen on the couch. The defendant allegedly left the house for a while and returned at 3 a.m. April 11, where talk of him divorcing his wife came up.

The defendant claimed Sabrina Radford came back with James' gun and allegedly said she wasn't going to live without him. The Wisconsin Crime Lab reported one chamber of the .44 caliber gun was empty, one round had been fired and four bullets were still in the gun. Evidence indicates the incident wasn't a suicide, as James Radford had claimed, due to no blood or other blowback materials on the gun that would be there if the victim had put the gun to her chest and fired.

The criminal complaint also claims that there was a text message on Sabrina Radford's phone claiming James Radford was threatening her if she saw another man. The text was on Feb. 18, 2016.

A preliminary hearing has been set in this case for 11:45 a.m. Aug. 28.

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Marion Body Works seeks more land

By LEE PULASKI
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Marion Body Works opened a satellite facility in Shawano four years ago after more than a century of fabricating commercial truck bodies in Marion, but now the company is looking at expanding its operation even more.

City Administrator Eddie Sheppard told the Shawano Industrial and Commercial Development Committee on Aug. 20 that Marion is looking at more space adjacent to its current 113,000-square-foot manufacturing facility in the Bay Lakes Industrial

Park. He said the space would be the staging area for some of the chassis they're building.

Right now, Marion is looking to lease the land, according to Sheppard, although there are discussions about potentially building more infrastructure to keep up with demand.

"They're doing really well, and they're liking the Shawano location," Sheppard said. "Their immediate needs are some additional space. They reached out ... just to talk about what their long-term plans are."

The lease would be in

six-month increments, Sheppard said.

Marion is also looking at purchasing the building it works out of, according to Sheppard, to do some modifications and increase production. However, the purchase has not occurred yet, he said.

"These are very preliminary conversations but enough so where they want to talk about a lease, and even within that lease, what it can transition into," Sheppard said. "I think it's very positive that they're relatively new to Shawano, although they're not a new company — they've been in

Marion forever — but the Shawano location seems to have been a real solid addition for the company and they want to make a long-term change."

Sheppard said the lease would be drafted for the committee to vote on at its Sept. 17 meeting. He noted that if another company is interested in purchasing that property, Marion would have to decide whether to buy outright or vacate the land.

"We wouldn't set it up in any way that would restrict development," Sheppard said.

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Anderson resigns from county board

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Shawano County Board Supervisor Charles Anderson resigned his post Aug. 18.

In his resignation letter, Anderson wrote, "As of this date for health issues I hereby resign the position of county supervisor."

Anderson was elected to represent District 5 in April with four write-in votes.

Curtis Naja, the previous incumbent, chose to not seek reelection.



CHARLES ANDERSON

There was no candidate on the ballot or official write-in candidate in the election.

The district includes Wards 9 and 10 in the city of Shawano.

Any resident in the district interested in serving should contact County Board Chairman Tom Kautza at 715-216-4369.

Borrowing for courthouse plans still moving along

\$29 million for first phase expected to be approved in September

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

Members of the Shawano County Executive Committee on Aug. 19 approved what's called a "heads-up" resolution alerting the bond market that the county intends to borrow \$29 million for the first phase of a \$121 million building project.

The full county board is expected to follow suit Aug. 26.

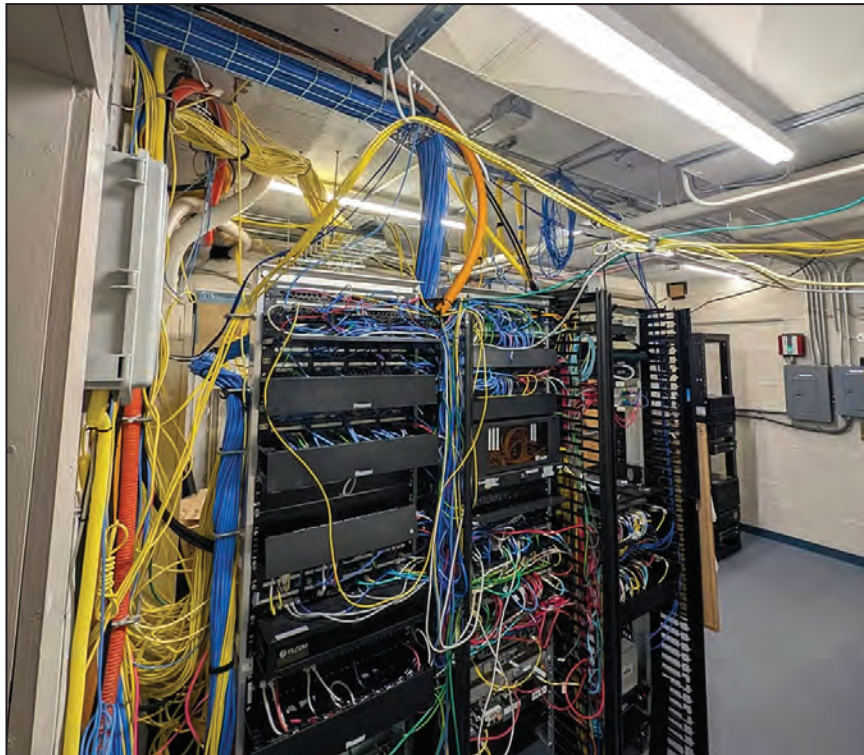
"You're not borrowing money at this time," said Carol Wirth, president and owner of Wisconsin Public Finance Professionals LLC. "You are simply establishing the fact that you are going to the bond market and provide funds for phase 1 of the financing."

Two other phases totaling \$92 million are expected to continue in 2027 and 2028.

The \$121 million project includes constructing and equipping a new courthouse, a secure connection to the existing jail, a vehicle sally port, jail intake and support areas and a new inmate housing unit, as well as acquiring land and related furnishings, fixtures and equipment.

At the Sept. 23 county board meeting, supervisors are expected to pass a resolution to officially borrow the funds. At that time, they will have final interest rates related to the borrowing.

Each phase of borrowing will be paid back over 20 years, the maximum allowed by the state.



The Shawano County Courthouse was built more than 70 years ago and was obviously not constructed with today's technology in mind. This server room does not provide adequate space for current and future server equipment — limiting expansion, proper airflow and efficient equipment management. CONTRIBUTED

"It basically starts with paying back the principal in 2027," Wirth said of the first phase of borrowing. "Then, there's a couple of years that there is no principal. That is intentional, because we're providing room for phase 2 and phase 3 to come in at that time. That's to make sure that we stay on target with the projections that were made back in February. Then we continue to pay that principal through the year 2046."

Green County borrowed \$35 million in August at an interest rate of

4.13%, Wirth said.

"The rates could continue to change ... until we go into the market in September," she said.

In February, she estimated a tax base growth of 8% and an interest rate for borrowing at 4.25%. Those figures would result in an increase in the tax rate of 45 cents per \$1,000 of equalized value.

As of Aug. 18, the growth was 8.75% and interest rate was 4.13%. Those figures would result in a tax rate increase of 44 cents per \$1,000.

Foreclosed properties for county sold online

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

After foreclosing on four properties in January, Shawano County has now rid itself of all of them.

Two properties were sold in April to the village of Gresham, while sites in Mattoon and Wittenberg were recently sold online through Wisconsin Surplus.

Members of the county's executive committee agreed Aug. 19 to sell the latter two properties to recoup its delinquent taxes and other costs associated with the foreclosures.

Land and a house at 502 S. Mission St., Wittenberg, was formerly owned by Ella Mae Decorah. It was sold for \$47,000 to Rachel Olson of RO Wealth Properties LLC in Bonduel. The county's costs were \$16,534.21, leaving a profit of \$30,465.79.

"I definitely feel like the \$47,000 is a fair price for purchasing this property," said County Treasurer Emily Kazik.

She said the property

had an appraised value of \$50,000; an assessed value of \$43,900; and a fair market value of \$51,600.

In Mattoon, property previously owned by Philip Merkle sold for \$10,005 to Dean Johnson, who owns property next to the one that was purchased.

"That definite sold for more than we appraised the value at," Kazik said.

The property was appraised at \$8,100, was assessed at \$6,500, and the fair market value was \$8,800.

The county's costs are estimated at \$7,107.88, leaving a profit of \$2,897.12.

"We may have some additional costs," Kazik said. "That's the estimated right now."

By law, checks for the profits will be sent to the previous owners' last known address, but because both owners are deceased and no one else has responded to previous letters, officials expect the money will eventually make its way to the state as unclaimed property.

Shawano student attends Iowa leadership academy

Paige Bedroske, from Shawano, was among high school students who recently gathered in Des Moines, Iowa, for the Donna and Darnell Pettengill Civic Leadership Academy at Drake University, a three-day summer experience hosted by The Robert D. and Billie Ray Center in association with The Ron and Jane Olson Institute for Public Democracy.

The academy is designed to help students grow as ethical leaders and active citizens — showing them they don't have to wait until adulthood to make a difference.

Throughout the week, students explored leadership, communication, stress management, and integrity through hands-on workshops. They met with civic and business leaders, including representatives from United Way



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of Central Iowa and The Greater Des Moines Partnership, visited the Iowa State Capitol and Judicial Building, and connected with Drake University deans over lunch. They also gave back to the community by volunteering at Meals from the Heartland, packing meals for families in need.

The program also included sessions on personal branding and project planning to help students translate their ideas into real impact. Evening activities gave students a chance to bond with peers from across the nation while experiencing life on a college campus.

City of Shawano taking lessons from Menasha tornado strike

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

The aftermath of the EF-3 tornado that damaged much of Menasha has raised questions of what would happen if a similar catastrophe hit closer to home.

No one can be fully prepared for the magnitude of such an event, according to Shawano City Administrator Eddie Sheppard. However, he said one way to mitigate the damage is to make sure there are good working relationships with other entities like neighboring municipalities, counties and even states.

"There are times when we're sending people out (of the city), and some wonder, 'Why are you doing that?'" he said. "It's the right thing to do, because lives are in danger, but you want to show up so people remember if something like this happens to you."

Sheppard noted the city does have plans in place for minor emergencies, but the EF-3 tornado entering an urban area is rare. He said standard processes tend to

go out the window in such instances.

"We have what we believe are very strong protocols and communications that we have set up for things like snowstorms and minor storms where trees are coming across the road with PD (police department) and public works. Those are things we can plan for and have people who are on-call," Sheppard said. "We make sure everyone knows who they're connected with and informed. I feel like we do a good job of that."

When major catastrophes occur, what Sheppard described as a city administrator's "worst nightmare," the important thing is for leaders to figure out priorities and determine who to contact right away for assistance, he said.

"You don't staff for anything like that," Sheppard said. "You're going to depend on other agencies. For the Menasha thing, as soon as we saw how bad it was, we were working with them, sending down the fire department and clearing gas leaks. Our linemen

went down there, because you can't get public safety people in if they can't get down the roads if there's power lines there."

Developing mutual aid agreements is key to provide aid to others who need it, but it's also a vital tool for when you become the one who needs rescuing, according to Sheppard.

"It's a horrible situation, but it's a reminder to communities that these things are not in our everyday lives, but they are things we need to be thinking about and preparing for," he said.

Sheppard noted having department heads join together, know all the protocols and practice them on a regular basis helps to make sure disaster recovery goes as smoothly as possible. Such measures should never be done after the crisis has occurred, he said.

"That's not the time to start," Sheppard said. "Us interacting daily and communicating is so important."

Sheppard added that what happened in Menasha is providing learning opportunities for other

municipalities. He said Shawano will look at what took place during the recovery, both good and bad, to see what can be done locally to streamline services so that utilities are restored, families are reunited and the community is returned to a semblance of normalcy as quickly as possible.

The League of Municipalities has sessions at their conferences regarding various tragedies to help Shawano and others to keep procedures in mind. One of the things is to make sure that first responders like the police and fire departments have priority service cell phones. Sheppard said that's to make sure that if cell service goes down, emergency responders can still communicate in times of emergency.

"What happened in Menasha could have easily happened here," he said. "I'm so thankful it didn't happen in Shawano, but you're never out of the woods. It could happen tomorrow. You just have to keep a cool head and make sure you have good people who know what to do."

Grants help Ho-Chunk, Menominee projects

In its second Community Grant cycle of the year, Alliant Energy and the Alliant Energy Foundation awarded \$708,599 to various causes and nonprofits, including two locally.

The Ho-Chunk Nation received \$14,010 for project support for the One Million Trees program in Shawano County. The University of Wisconsin Foundation received \$7,000 for the Menominee Nation 4-H summer camp and counselor training.

All Community Grant recipients seek to make an impact in Alliant Energy's

four focus areas: community safety and engagement, environmental stewardship, workforce readiness and hunger and housing.

Conservation projects, like the Ho-Chunk Nation project focus on protecting natural habitats, expanding tree and prairie plantings and supporting wildlife, received nearly \$90,000 in grant funding across 15 communities. Grants also help advance environmental education initiatives and school programs, as well as support park and trail enhancements that help communities.

Community Clothes Closet expands to Shawano

Community Clothes Closet is bringing free clothing and essential items directly to Shawano-area residents through its Traveling Closet program, a mobile outreach effort supported this year by \$3,000 in United Way funding.

The program is designed to help individuals and families experiencing financial hardship overcome barriers such as limited transportation, rising living costs and reduced access to affordable clothing. Community Clothes Closet's broader mission is to provide free clothing to all those in need.

Through the Traveling Closet, staff and volunteers transport and set up mobile clothing distributions that offer high-quality gently used and new clothing for children, adults and older adults. Available items include everyday clothing, work-appropriate attire, seasonal outerwear and children's essentials.

By providing those items at no cost, the organization says the program helps people prepare for work, keep children clothed for school and stay safe during Wisconsin's changing seasons.

The Traveling Closet works with local community organizations and social service agencies in Shawano to reach households with the greatest need. Each event is expected to serve dozens of households and distribute hundreds of clothing items, helping families stretch limited budgets while supporting dignity, employment readiness and school attendance.

In addition to the mobile program, Community Clothes Closet operates several services across Northeastern Wisconsin, including a shopping floor at its Menasha facility, a New Start Boutique for job seekers, back-to-school support, winter clothing distributions, PajamaRama, Baby Kits and Closet to Closet emergency clothing kits for children entering foster care or crisis situations.



Shawano Area United Way board members Rhonda Streb, left, and Carol Sheier, right, present a \$3,000 check to Traveling Clothes Closet project manager Abigail Miles, second from left, and Community Clothes Closet development director Karissa Buck to support the traveling closet as it now comes regularly to Shawano. In its first visit, the closet served 80 people and provided more than 1,200 pieces of clothing to area families. CONTRIBUTED

Together, those programs aim to ensure that individuals and families have access to clothing and essentials that help them feel confident, stable and prepared for everyday life.

Community partners say the mobile model has already made a difference in nearby communities.

In Clintonville, Compassionate Connections Center Executive Director Leah Wojnowiak said the Traveling Closet has had a significant impact by bringing essential clothing to families every 60 days.

"The Traveling Closet puts an incredible amount of time and care into

curating a clothes closet especially for the families they serve here in the Clintonville community," Wojnowiak said. "It has been a true joy for the Compassionate Connections Center to partner with the Traveling Closet and witness families select clothing that suits their personal style and needs, helping to empower them and boost their self-esteem."

Client stories have also underscored the program's effect.

At a Traveling Closet event in Oshkosh, staff met a new father who had welcomed a baby only days earlier. He and his partner are raising five children,

ONLINE

For more information about Community Clothes Closet, email Karissa Buck at karissa@communityclothescloset.org.

Learn more about other organizations funded by the Shawano Area United Way this year at www.shawanocountyunitedway.org/agency-funding-2026-shawano-area-united-way.

and despite the demands of caring for a newborn and a large family, they attended the event because their children needed clothing.

The father, who is attending school and hopes to run for a seat on the local school board, told staff he had never owned a brand-new pair of shoes, because he did not own socks.

After visiting the Traveling Closet, he left with clothing, socks and a renewed sense of confidence. For the first time in his life, he later bought himself a brand-new pair of shoes.

For Community Clothes Closet, stories like that reflect the organization's belief that clothing is more than a basic necessity. Clean, well-fitting clothing can help people attend school, pursue employment, care for their families and participate more fully in their communities.

Since 1980, Community Clothes Closet has provided clothing free of charge to people experiencing financial hardship. What began as a small church-led initiative has grown into a regional resource serving thousands of people each year through its Menasha facility and mobile outreach program.

The organization partners with more than 90 social service agencies and relies on volunteers, donors and community supporters to provide clothing in a welcoming environment where people can choose items that fit their needs and personal style.



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The lot behind the Old Tabor Church and the Limestone Building at Heritage Park is the proposed site for a new Shawano Historical Society building that could house temporary exhibits and be rented for large gatherings. The projected cost is about \$3 million, with \$1 million already pledged.

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Historical society hopes to build again at Heritage Park

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

Members of the Shawano County Historical Society are hoping to add on to Heritage Park, a site that features several 19th century buildings on Shawano's north side.

"This past spring, we were approached by Dean Proper, who is also the gentlemen that built our Zachow Depot," said Jesse Borlen, Shawano County Historical Society president, curator and archives director. "He would like us to build, with his help, a new museum building. It would be a space for temporary exhibits, meeting

space, stuff like that. He has already pledged a million dollars to the project."

In August, Borlen received the tentative OK from the county's highway and parks committee and the public property committee.

The building is proposed to be built west of the church and small stone building at Heritage Park near Sunset Island at North Franklin and West First streets. The land is vacant now.

"He has worked with Somerville Architects," Borlen said of Proper. "Somerville's estimate right now would probably be about \$3 million."

The project would require more fundraising on the part of the historical society.

Borlen said the society hopes to hire someone to write grants and become the spokesperson for the project.

"We'd also probably try to tie it in to our church and wedding venue, so we could rent it out for events," he said.

It was also noted that if nothing happens with the project within 10 years, the \$1 million pledge would be rescinded and given to Bonduel High School for scholarships.

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Shawano tennis wins behind singles sweep

Thursday, Aug. 20

Shawano 5, Green Bay Preble 2
Shawano (3-5) defeated Green Bay Preble (1-6) by a 5-2 score riding a sweep of the singles matches to earn the win.

Tuesday, Aug. 18

Shawano's girls' tennis team won two of three matches on the second day of a meet hosted by Bay Port High School.

After winning all four singles matches, the Hawks defeated Green Bay Preble 5-1 and also shut out Menominee (Michigan) 7-0. Shawano lost 6-1 to Rhinelander.

Shawano is now 2-4 on the season.

Monday, Aug. 17

Pulaski opened its 2026 girls tennis season with a 2-1 performance at Appleton West.

The Red Raiders lost 4-3 to their hosts, but defeated Appleton East 4-3 and Kaukauna 7-0.

Shawano opened its season the same day at Bay Port, going 0-3.

The Hawks lost 4-3 to Howards Grove, 4-3 to Eau Claire Regis and 6-1 to Marshfield.

Appleton West 4, Pulaski 3

Singles

No. 1, Emma Schuchart, Appleton West def. Emory Groteluschen, Pulaski, 6-4, 6-3.

No. 2, Olivia Buettner, Appleton West def. Anna Krause, Pulaski, 3-6, 6-1, 10-8.

No. 3, Molly Buettner, Appleton West def. Alana Stangler, Pulaski, 6-3, 6-2.

No. 4, Riley Hartman, Pulaski def. Amelia McCue, Appleton West, 6-0, 6-1.

Doubles

No. 1, Linde Lemerond, Pulaski, Aubrie Schuessler, Pulaski def. Becca Cox, Appleton West, Evelyn Hammond, Appleton West, 6-0, 6-0.

No. 2, Sophie Rosenbaum, Appleton West, Lucy Pitterle, Appleton West def. Justine Mielke, Pulaski, Vivienne Miskulin, Pulaski, 7-5, 6-7 (8), 10-8.

No. 3, Cora Hansen, Pulaski, Kaylee Avery, Pulaski def. Naomi Konkle, Appleton West, Evelyn Mocco, Appleton West, 6-4, 6-4.

Pulaski 4, Appleton East 3

Singles

No. 1, Aubrie Erickson, Appleton East def. Emory Groteluschen, Pulaski, 6-2, 6-2.

No. 2, Anna Krause, Pulaski def. Shyann Her, Appleton East, 6-2, 6-1.

No. 3, Alana Stangler, Pulaski def. Nadia Bayer, Appleton East, 6-2, 6-3.

No. 4, Riley Hartman, Pulaski def. Ella Sweeney, Appleton East, 6-1, 6-3.

Doubles

No. 1, Linde Lemerond, Pulaski, Aubrie Schuessler, Pulaski def. Kiara Brux, Appleton East, Addi Pavak, Appleton East, 6-0, 6-2.

No. 2, Kyli Mickelson, Appleton East, Cleo Sparmen, Appleton East def. Justine Mielke, Pulaski, Vivienne Miskulin, Pulaski, 6-1, 4-6, 10-3.

No. 3, Gracee Bauer, Appleton East, Adelyn Contreras-Meyer, Appleton East def. Cora Hansen, Pulaski, Kaylee Avery, Pulaski, 6-1, 4-6, 10-5.

Pulaski 7, Kaukauna 0

Singles

No. 1, Emory Groteluschen, Pulaski def. Mikaela Eddy, Kaukauna, 6-0, 6-0.

No. 2, Anna Krause, Pulaski def. Josie Geurts, Kaukauna, 6-0, 6-0.

No. 3, Alana Stangler, Pulaski def. Claire Clausen, Kaukauna, 6-0, 6-0.

No. 4, Riley Hartman, Pulaski def. N/A, 2-0, 2-0.

Doubles

No. 1, Linde Lemerond, Pulaski, Aubrie Schuessler, Pulaski def. Madison VanRooy, Kaukauna, Aly Wendzicki, Kaukauna, 6-0, 6-2.

No. 2, Justine Mielke, Pulaski, Vivienne Miskulin, Pulaski def. Danaca Weter, Kaukauna, Maddison Plutz, Kaukauna, 6-0, 1-6, 10-4.

No. 3, Cora Hansen, Pulaski, Kaylee Avery, Pulaski def. N/A, N/A, 2-0, 2-0.

Howards Grove 4, Shawano 3
Regis (Eau Claire) 4, Shawano 3
Marshfield 6, Shawano 1



Oconto Falls' Jack Falcowski (5) and Trevor Fischer team up to tackle Waupaca's Ryan Frank in a nonconference game at Comet Field at Waupaca High School.

GREG SEUBERT

Panthers' offense wakes up after lightning delays

By GREG SEUBERT

Correspondent

After coming up empty on its first drive, it was back to the drawing board for the Oconto Falls football team.

The Panthers headed to Waupaca on Aug. 21 for a non-conference matchup with the Comets, a team Oconto Falls hadn't faced since both programs competed years ago in the Valley 8 Conference.

A pair of 30-minute delays after lightning was spotted in the area followed a scoreless first quarter, but the Panthers' offense started clicking once the game restarted and the team returned home after handing the home team a 34-14 loss in the season opener for both programs.

"We did not look very good before (the delay)," coach Mark Jonas said. "I wasn't very happy with our energy level, with our effort. There was a whole lot wrong with the first quarter. We only ran seven plays and didn't finish that first drive. Quite frankly, on that first play, if Croix (Gardebrecht) would have made the cut to the outside, he was gone. There was nobody else out there, but we had only run the play three times, so it was not completely his deal. It's mine, too, for not getting them as prepared as we could."

Things weren't any better for the Comets in the opening quarter. Starting quarterback Wyatt Buening left with an injury less than three minutes into the game and didn't return. Waupaca was already playing without its leading receiver from last season, Westen Lauritzen, who is out for



Croix Gardebrecht manages to stay inbounds while picking up a first down for Oconto Falls on Aug. 21 during the Panthers' season-opening 34-14 win over Waupaca.

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the season following an ACL injury during the summer.

Once the game resumed nearly two hours after it started, Gardebrecht opened the scoring with a 52-yard run with 8:46 to go in the second quarter. Jack Falcowski capped a 65-yard drive the next time the Panthers had the ball, and Oconto Falls led 13-0 with 5:27 remaining in the half.

"Coming out of the break, I thought the kids were really fired up and it showed in the second quarter," Jonas said. "There was a lot more teaching than yelling. We talked about where they were lining. It was easy to sit down with the iPads and really walk through our main plays. We got those two quick touchdowns that way."

The Panthers opened the second half with a 67-yard drive that ended with Gardebrecht's 2-yard touchdown run with 8:57 to go in the third quarter.

Levi Mommaerts' interception on Waupaca's next drive set the Panthers up on the Waupaca 30-yard line, and Nathaniel White connected with Aiden Cahak for a 25-yard pass that gave Oconto Falls a 27-0 lead midway through the third quarter.

Waupaca cut the lead to 27-7 in the opening minute of the fourth quarter on Erik Harms' 20-yard pass to Dylan Johnson before White wrapped up the Panthers' scoring with a 2-yard quarterback keeper with 8:28 to go in the game.

Waupaca added a touchdown with just under four minutes remaining, as Harms hooked up with JJ Peterson for a 34-yard score.

"We have an awful lot of kids who don't have a lot of varsity experience, so this was a great learning curve for us," Jonas said. "I was really happy with the offensive line after the first quarter. I think they did the adjustments that we talked about really, really well. This is Lucas Rugg's first game at center. Onni (Hytinen) had played center last year, was all-conference and we bumped him out to tackle. Lucas was a big question mark, and he answered it tonight. I was really happy with that."

White was also effective throwing the football even though the Panthers heavily relied on Gardebrecht and other rushers.

"You can see that Nate can really throw the ball," Jonas said. "I know we had a couple of drops, but that kid can really throw. Those running backs are a fabulous one-two punch, they're quick."

On the other hand, Jonas admitted there's more work to do after the Panthers were flagged for six personal fouls in the game, including two on the final drive.

"Our tackling is reaching and that doesn't do you a whole lot of good," he said. "You have to use shoulder pads."

The Panthers will wrap up their nonconference schedule Aug. 28 with the home opener against Seymour, while the remaining seven games on the schedule are against Packerland Conference opponents.

Red Raiders cruise over Appleton East

Shawano shut out in season opener

By **GREG SEUBERT**
Correspondent

Pulaski, Bonduel and Suring's football teams opened their seasons Aug. 21 with convincing wins. Pulaski topped Appleton East 47-7, Bonduel handed Wittenberg-Birnamwood a 36-7, loss and Suring returned from Almond with a 47-6 win over Almond-Bancroft.

Meanwhile, Shawano and Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas came up short against Wausau East and Laona/Wabeno, respectively.

Pulaski 47, Appleton East 7

The Red Raiders found the end zone three times in the first quarter, led 33-0 at halftime and outscored the Patriots 14-7 in the second half.

Pulaski scored in the first quarter on Anthony Ficarrì's 5-yard run and 6- and 4-yard runs from Bohdan Schmidt.

Ficarrì added 5- and 3-yard touchdown runs in the second quarter and also converted a two-point conversion.

He capped his four-touchdown night with a 7-yard run in the third quarter and a 15-yard run in the final period and ended up with 180 rushing yards on 30 carries.

Schmidt added 85 yards on the ground and also completed three of six passes for 38 yards, while Braun Wotruba intercepted a pair of Appleton East passes.

The Red Raiders finished with 290 rushing yards.

Bonduel 36, Wittenberg-Birnamwood 7

Bonduel opened the 2025 season with a 33-13 loss to Wittenberg-Birnamwood, but the Bears dominated the

Chargers in the rematch behind four touchdowns from Malachi Gray.

Gray scored on runs of 52 yards in the first quarter and on runs of 45 and 4 yards in the second quarter that helped the Bears build a 21-0 halftime lead.

His fourth score came on a 3-yard run in the third quarter before Carter Moesch wrapped up the scoring for Bonduel later in the quarter with a 66-yard run.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood's touchdown came in the fourth quarter on Bo Davis' 14-yard pass to Max Kasprak.

Suring 47, Almond-Bancroft 6

The battle of the Eagles

went to Suring, as the team headed to Almond and returned home with a 41-point win in a non-conference matchup of 8-player teams.

Details of the game were not available.

Wausau East 28, Shawano 0

The Lumberjacks came up with a touchdown in each quarter while holding the Hawks scoreless.

Cash Ryan Seefeldt had rushing touchdowns of 1 and 2 yards in the first half, and Camdyn Rye added a pair of scoring passes in the second half.

He connected with Aiden Kilde for a 14-yard pass in the third quarter and an 18-yarder to Henry Maahs

in the fourth quarter. **Laona/Wabeno 12, Lena/STAA 6**

Lena/STAA eliminated the Rebels from the state 8-player playoffs last year, but came up short against them in Wabeno.

Aug. 27 schedule (all games start at 7 p.m.)

11-player: Bonduel at Coleman. 8-player: Niagara at Suring; Pembine/Goodman at Lena/STAA.

Aug. 28 schedule (all games start at 7 p.m.)

11-player: Seymour at Oconto Falls; Lakeland at Shawano; Tomahawk at Wittenberg-Birnamwood; Pulaski at Hortonville. 8-player: Marion/Tigerton at Almond-Bancroft; Bowler/Gresham has bye.

Thunderbirds steal Thundercatz' thunder

By **GREG SEUBERT**
Correspondent

It wasn't the start the Marion/Tigerton football team was looking for, but a 34-8 loss to Iola-Scandinavia won't make or break the Thundercatz' season.

That's the message coach Mark Fredy had for his team Aug. 20 after Marion/Tigerton fell to the Thunderbirds in Marion. The Thunderbirds were a last-minute replacement to the Thundercatz' schedule after Gillett decided earlier this month to suspend its 8-player varsity season for 2026.

Fredy, the Marion School District's athletic director, is in his first year of coaching a co-op team that includes players from Marion and Tigerton high schools.

The Thundercatz are coming off of an 8-2 season that saw the team advance to the second round of the WIAA 8-player playoffs. Meanwhile, Iola-Scandinavia is playing an independent schedule after moving from the 11-player to the 8-player format for the 2026 season.

The Thunderbirds scored at least one touchdown in each quarter.

Marion/Tigerton took the opening kickoff and had a first-and-goal at the Iola-Scandinavia 1-yard line but ended up turning the ball over after Aiden Bowen's interception ended the drive.

"There are a lot of things that are not going to let me sleep tonight, and that's one of them," Fredy said. "We get it on the 1-yard line, and we've got to score. We had a negative play and then a penalty."

Bowen capped the Thunderbirds' first drive with a 43-yard touchdown run, and the visitors took a 6-0 lead into the second quarter.

Marion/Tigerton's second drive also ended with an interception, as University of Wisconsin recruit Korz Loken picked off Braylon Mielke's pass.

The Thunderbirds added to their lead with 2:05 to go in the first half on Bowen's 8-yard touchdown run on fourth-and-goal to give Iola-Scandinavia a 12-0 halftime lead.

The Thunderbirds began the second half with another touchdown drive, as Mason Kriesel and Loken hooked up for a 60-yard touchdown pass.



Braylon Mielke picks up a first down for Marion/Tigerton on Aug. 20 in the first quarter of the Thundercatz' season opener against Iola-Scandinavia. Mielke left the game with a foot injury in the third quarter and finished with 92 rushing yards on 13 carries.

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Mielke, who rushed for more than 2,000 yards last year as a junior, led the Thundercatz with 82 of his 92 rushing yards in the first half, but he went down with a foot injury

with 8:14 remaining in the third quarter and didn't return.

However, Marion/Tigerton scored on the drive, as Maxwell Wilkening found the end zone

from 6 yards out with 6:09 to go in the third quarter and his 2-point conversion run cut Iola-Scandinavia's lead to 18-8. He ended up leading the Thundercatz with 145 rushing yards on 17 carries.

"It tells me that we're resilient," Fredy said of the way his team responded after Mielke left the game. "We have a never-give-up attitude."

It didn't take long for the Thunderbirds to add to their lead, as Kriesel scored from 11 yards out on the team's next drive and completed a 2-point conversion pass to Loken for a 26-8 lead with 2:25 remaining in the third quarter.

Bowen's third touchdown of the game came on an 89-yard run on Iola-Scandinavia's next drive early in the fourth quarter one play after a Marion/Tigerton fumble and Brody Peterman's 2-point conversion run wrapped up the scoring.

Injuries are already taking a toll on the Thundercatz with only one game played, according to Fredy.

"It's been a rough start to the season," he said. "Caleb Stern went down

with a broken collarbone on the first play of the scrimmage, and he's probably our best defensive player and second-best offensive player. Our tight end went down with a rolled ankle, so he didn't play tonight. We have a senior outside linebacker who's sick and wasn't here tonight. The guys who filled in did everything we asked, and we just ran out of people."

"I wanted to see us be able to compete and execute some things. Offensively, I knew that I wanted to be more than a one-trick pony, and I think we were able to prove that we have some other guys that can carry the load when needed. Defensively, I wanted to see us fly around and make some plays. (Iola-Scandinavia) has a lot of athletes all over the place. They've got speed and they got us a couple of times when we had to move some people around."

Fredy wasn't sure how serious Mielke's injury was shortly after the game ended.

"I have to touch base with the trainer on a couple different guys," he said.

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AJ Springborn, Nolan win at Speedway

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Shawano's AJ Springborn jumped up from a ninth-place starting position to take the checkered flag in the 20-lap sport modifieds feature race Aug. 22 at the Shawano Speedway.

He edge out Oconto Falls' Cole Magnin, who started in 10th and placed

second, as well as Seymour's Tim Jorgenson, who started 11th and finished third.

Pole sitter Andrew Engels, of Oconto Falls, finished in 10th place.

Springborn and Kiel's Ryan Zimmerman won the heat races.

Kevin Feck, of Wausau, won the 20-lap modifieds feature race after starting

fourth. Wausau's Marcus Yarie started eighth and placed second, and New London's Tanner Jahnke started sixth and finished third.

Pole sitter Trent Nolan, of Shawano, did not finish and placed 15th.

Winning the heat races were Shawano's Jordan Bartz, Nolan and Bear Creek's Gary Jahnke.

Nolan won the 20-lap stock car feature race after starting in the 10th position. He topped Montello's Tyler Schrimpf, who started 11th and placed second, and Gillett's Travel Welch, who started seventh and placed third.

Pole sitter Riley Magee, of Pulaski, did not finish and ended up in 16th.

Heat winners were

Nolan, Schrimpf and Welch.

The checkered flag in the 12-lap sport compact division was won by Clintonville's Brad Wedde, who started the race in ninth place.

Clintonville's Tanner Westphal started in 10th and finished second, and Seymour's Nick Everard started second and placed third.

Pole sitter Mark Phillips, of Clintonville, placed 12th.

Winning the heats were Luxemburg's Nathan Lisowe and Clintonville's Seth Collar.

The Dirt King late models return to the track Aug. 28, with the season finale set for Sept. 5.

Racing begins at 6 p.m.

Broncos to play for Dairyland Grand Championship

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

The matchup for this year's Dairyland League Grand Championship baseball game is set, while there's still one more round of playoffs for the Badger Amateur Baseball Association.

Bonduel will host Hortonville in the Dairyland championship game at 1:30 p.m. Aug. 30.

That's the same day that the BABA has scheduled its two semifinal games. Scandinavia will host Gresham, and Little Falls will head to Antigo to face Antigo/Polar. The BABA Grand Championship will be played Sept. 6, with the winner of the Gresham/Scandinavia game hosting.

Dairyland League semifinals
Bonduel 5, Cecil 0

The top-seeded Broncos are returning to the league's Grand Championship game for the first time since 2019 after shutting out the fourth-seeded Mudhens at Jack Reinke Field in Bonduel.

Winning pitcher Jett Thielke struck out 16 batters over seven innings and kept Cecil hitless. Brooks Hartlaben worked the final two innings to get the save and gave up the Mudhens' only hit.

Bonduel opened the scoring



Erik Steigerwald faces Little Falls pitcher Carter Kurki during the Wittenberg Pilots' 8-1 loss to Kurki and the Loggers on Aug. 23 in the BABA West Division championship. Little Falls, the two-time defending grand champion, will head to Scandinavia on Aug. 30 for one of two league semifinals. Antigo/Polar will host Gresham in the other semifinal.

GREG SEUBERT

with a run in the third inning. Cooper Campshure drew a walk, Eric Yogi Gruenewald singled, Chase Reinke flied out and a double from Adam Frost.

The Broncos added four more runs in the seventh inning.

Gruenewald started the rally by reaching on an error. Reinke followed with a base hit, the Mudhens intentionally walked Frost and Easton Reinke drove in a pair of runs with a hit. Frost later scored on J.C. Reinke's sacrifice

fly and Jack Reinke drove in the game's final run.

Hortonville 2, Waupaca 1

Hortonville topped Waupaca in a rematch of last year's Grand Championship game that Waupaca won by the same score.

BABA Division Finals
East Division
Gresham 17, Clintonville 15

Ray White's two-run walkoff home run in the bottom of the ninth inning broke a 15-15 tie and gave the top-seeded Gophers the win over the second-seeded A's.

White wasn't the only Gresham player who hit a homer, as Crew Weisnicht hit two and Mike Pecore added one.

Pecore led the Gophers at the plate with five hits, while Weisnicht added four and Nate Ejniak, Mequon Frechette, Carter Weisnicht and White added two each.

Turner Doornink led Clintonville with five hits, including a home run and double, while James Mutchie and Brock Smejkal added three each, Aaron Morse had two and Matt Morse hit a home run.

West Division
Little Falls 8, Birnamwood 1

The top-seeded Loggers moved a step closer to the team's third straight Grand Championship with a win over the second-seeded Pilots.

North Division
Antigo/Polar 18, Eland 7

Antigo/Polar ended the top-seeded Engineers' season by knocking them off in Eland.

The Bears had 23 hits, including four from Brady Renfro and Will Kubeny. Renfro ended up with three home runs, while Milo Salvesen and Reed Kuenzli added three hits, and AJ Kirsch, Logan Doering and Alec Knapkavage had two each.

Eland's 13 hits included home runs from Jacob Ligenza, Ryan Richter and Jeremy Jensen. Lukas Mandich and Jarod Richter added three and two hits, respectively.

South-Central Division
Scandinavia 6, New London 0

The third-seeded Vikings ended the season for the top-seeded Irish by handing them a shutout loss in New London.

Aug. 30 schedule
Dairyland Grand Championship: No. 3 Hortonville at No. 1 Bonduel, 1:30 p.m.

BABA Semifinals: Gresham at Scandinavia (South-Central champion hosts game), 1:30 p.m.; Little Falls vs. Antigo/Polar at Antigo (North champion hosts game), 1:30 p.m.

Panthers golf team take middle spot at home triangular

Thursday, Aug. 20
Oconto Falls Triangular

The Panthers golf team placed in the middle of a home triangular at River Island Golf Course.

Wrightstown placed first at 186, followed by Oconto Falls at 198 and Waupaca at 240.

Scoring for the Panthers were Riley Borkovec at 40 (second best of the day), Chloe Anastasopoulos and Emery Pagel, each

at 51 (tied for fifth best) and Lilly Wagner at 56.

Tuesday, Aug. 18
Bay North Conference Mini-Meet #1

Bonduel golfers placed third and Shawano golfers were fourth among the five teams competing at Cherry Hills Golf Course in Sturgeon Bay.

Seymour won the meet with a 183, followed by Oconto at 245, Bonduel at 247, Shawano at 248 and Sturgeon Bay at 261.

Scoring for the Bears were Paige Wolf and Quinn Hartlaben at 54 each (in a three-way tie for fifth best), Macey Onesti at 69 and Jennifer Calaway at 70.

Morgan Graf carded an 88.

Scoring for the Hawks were Lauren Seehafer at 58, Alyssa Singer at 62, Hailey Hawkinson at 63 and Mya Coffey at 65.

Nya Huntington carded a 71.



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A large selection of Western-themed women's clothing is available at Twisted Chic Co., 132 S. Main St., Shawano. Owner Bree Hornes displays some of the warmer weather items that can still be purchased in the store.

LYNN ZAFFRANN

Twisted Chic provides western wear to women shoppers

Hat bar allows customers to create their own headwear

By LYNN ZAFFRANN
Correspondent

The Twisted Chic Co. was already an established retailer of women's wear when it moved April 18 into Suites on Main, 132 S. Main St., Shawano.

Owner Bree Hornes had a website, plus space at Boho Belle Boutique before moving to her new location.

"I had a minimal space at Boho Belle," Hornes said. "I was there from January to April. I grew quite a bit, so I ended up finding my new store."

Her website, www.twistedchicco.com, launched Jan. 1, and she moved into Boho Belle Boutique by mid-January. She had started buying up inventory in November and December 2025.

Her new shop's second-floor retail space is bright and modern, allowing customers a lot of room to look over the items for sale.

"I've never been up here before," said Chloe Shoup, of Bonduel, while shopping at Twisted Chic Co. "I saw your sign. It was cute. It was like a little secret up here."

Hornes offers a line of clothing that is unique to the busy Main Street shopping district, selling collections such as Southern Belle, Prairie Moon and Midnight Cowgirl, clothing with a Western twist.

"I'm very picky about what I get," she said.

Hornes noted that she checks out reviews and the experiences other people have had with the wholesalers she uses.

One of her featured clothing items is Western graphic tees.

"Graphics are a big thing in the



Bree Hornes, owner of Twisted Chic Co., models a customized Panama-style hat at the store's hat bar. Twisted Chic Co. offers hat bar events every two weeks where customers can customize their own cowboy or Panama hats in the store.

LYNN ZAFFRANN

Western wear industry," Hornes said. "They are really universal, you can wear the tees with anything."

She currently features clothing for warm weather, with sleeveless tops and vests.

Of one of her lines, Prairie Moon, she said, "It's kind of like Little House on the Prairie."

Some items include patchwork, suede and lace, similar to women's clothing on TV shows like "Yellowstone," "Dutton Ranch" and "Ransom Canyon."

Hornes' Facebook page has examples

of the fall lines coming in next week.

Jeans from a Western wear vendor will be in stock soon.

Hornes said that the fall and winter stock will include sweaters that should appeal to all shoppers.

"I think I'll have a jewelry girl coming up soon," she said.

The jewelry will include turquoise and natural pearls, some of the more authentic Western-style jewelry, according to Hornes.

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Shawano, Menominee stories in new memoir

Davis highlights emerging movement for Indigenous education

A significant part of Thomas E. Davis' new memoir, "Beginnings," grows out of the people, places and events he encountered in Menominee and Shawano counties during a formative period of his life.

Published by All Things That Matter Press, "Beginnings" traces Davis' life from his childhood in western Colorado through more than five decades as an educator, writer and advocate for Native American education. For readers in the Shawano area, some of the book's most compelling stories unfold much closer to home.

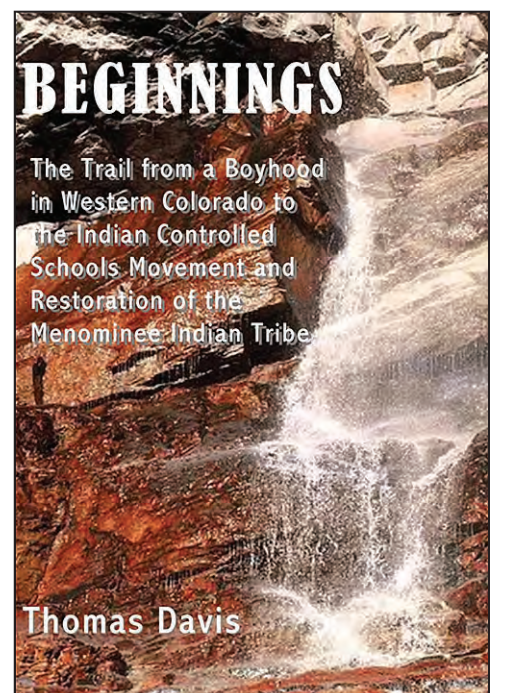
Davis' years in northeastern Wisconsin brought him into contact with the Menominee and with people involved in the emerging movement for Native American-controlled education. His experiences in Menominee County and the Shawano and Gresham area became an important part of his personal and professional development — and ultimately helped shape a career devoted to expanding educational opportunities for American Indian students throughout the United States.

The book recalls people and events associated with Menominee County, Shawano County and surrounding communities at a time when the relationship between Native communities and American education was undergoing profound change. Davis writes not simply as an observer, but as someone who became deeply involved in that transformation.

Those experiences eventually contributed to his role in helping establish the College of the Menominee Nation, the Native American-controlled schools movement and to his broader involvement in the tribal college movement. Over the following decades, his work in American Indian higher education would take him far beyond Wisconsin, including leadership roles at Navajo Technical University.

"Beginnings" is not primarily an institutional history. It is a memoir about the

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While most U.S. infants receive some breast milk, only 27.9% are exclusively breastfed through six months, well below the Healthy People 2030 target of 42.4%, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Health experts say access to breastfeeding education and lactation support before and after childbirth can help families overcome challenges and continue breastfeeding for as long as they choose.

Bailey Trzebiatowski, a labor and delivery nurse and lactation counselor with Aspirus Health, said many breastfeeding questions begin during pregnancy and continue well after a baby is born. She said individualized education and lactation support can

help families address concerns ranging from latching difficulties and pumping to infant weight gain and feeding confidence.

"Aspirus provides breastfeeding support to moms during pregnancy and postpartum,"

Trzebiatowski said. "Every consult is customized. We cover latch, pre- and post-weighted feeds, and address any pumping or breastfeeding concerns. We support families both in the hospital and in our clinics."

During hospital stays, lactation consultants are available to assist mothers with breastfeeding and address questions that may arise after delivery. After discharge, assistance is available through in-person visits, phone consultations and email support.

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She also sells candles, lo-tions, purses and cowboy boots, with more items on the way.

The hat bar at Twisted Chic Co. is definitely unique to the Shawano shopping district. Customers can customize their own cowboy and Panama hats in the store.

"People can sign up to register for my hat bar events," Hornes said.

Customers can call the store or message to sign up.

The biweekly events are

advertised on the Twisted Chic Co. Facebook page and are limited to five people. Customers pick out a hat, Panama flat-brimmed style or traditional cowboy hat. Then they pick out their band and other customizations.

"I can do bachelorette parties and private parties," Hornes said.

Customers need to text or message to make arrangements.

Hornes updates the website when she brings in new

inventory and works in the store along with three part-time helpers.

Hornes is a working mother, with two small girls. Hadley Rose is 6, and Taytum Blayke is 1. She is expecting another child in February.

Along with her partner, Russell Batista, they own Bison Trail Outfitters, in Navarino, where they offer group horseback trail rides. They also breed Pembroke Welsh Corgis and sell horses through Spinning B Equine.

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experiences, relationships, setbacks, discoveries and unexpected turns that shape a life, including the turmoil following the Menominee Warrior Society takeover of the Alexian Brothers' Novitiate outside Gresham more than 50 years ago. Davis combines personal recollection with reflections on education, Native communities, his long-term association with Shawano, family, friendship and the meaning of a life spent trying to make a difference.

For readers familiar with Shawano and Menominee counties, the Wisconsin chapters offer something particularly personal: a look back at

people and communities during a period of significant social and educational change, seen through the eyes of someone who was there and whose life was permanently changed by the experience.

"Some of the most important beginnings in my life occurred in Wisconsin," Davis said. "The people I met and the experiences I had in Menominee and Shawano counties changed the direction of my life. Looking back, I can see how those years became the foundation for much of what followed."

"Beginnings" is available through major booksellers and online retailers.

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 7. *Network/streamer with most nominations for 2026 Emmys
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Harp of Cathedral Woods Lady finds a home

As I have mentioned in previous columns, I became hopelessly bewitched by the spirits of long-dead lumberjacks when I joined the staff of the Holt and Balcom Logging Camp in Lakewood. The camp was badly deteriorated, and subsequent efforts to restore it took seven long years.

With fundraisers and donations from numerous logging history enthusiasts, the oldest logging camp in America sitting on the exact site where it was built was saved, but it was a lot of financial help from direct descendants of the Holt family that enabled this long story to have a happy ending.

In the process, I became director of the camp. During our spring school tours for fourth graders studying Wisconsin history, I often visited the camp's unofficially affiliated site Cathedral Woods. Named one of the seven wonders of Wisconsin, this historic treasure is located just off Archibald Lake Road. Preservation of the Cathedral Woods began as a gift from lumber baron W.A. Holt to his beloved wife Lucy Rumsey Holt, known as the "Cathedral Woods Lady." The U.S. Forest Service is tasked with maintaining the site. Lucy Holt is a fascinating



Lucy Holt's harp has found its forever home at the Beyer Home in Oconto. KATHLEEN MARSH

figure. In her lifetime (1870-1935), wealthy men's wives usually raised the children, ran the household and spent their free time entertaining, churching and socializing with female friends. Most were like potted plants, pampered and petted but considered mostly ornamental.

Lucy was a notable exception. Though she lived in the city of Oconto all of her married life, she had a profound effect on

shaping and recording the history of northern Oconto County. For example, after seeing the results of "cut and run" logging, she was an early proponent of select cutting. Then, too, she was horrified by stories of injuries and deaths during the hazardous waterway transportation of saw logs. Therefore, Lucy supported her husband's expensive but risky decision to introduce the use of rail.

Gifted by her husband with both still and moving picture cameras, she captured priceless images of the logging industry in Oconto County.

Inspired by the thought of sharing her achievements, I decided to use role-play as an entertaining way to articulate her legacy. I found a costume: vintage hat, blouse, brooch, stockings and a full-length skirt. I was overjoyed to find a pair of shoes she may have worn. When I was dressed, I became Lucy from head to toe.

I began writing scripts, asking friends Beth Hartman, Cindy Jonet and Kathy Moerman to act alongside me as I channeled Lucy in dramatic presentations. We did

"Holts, Housewives and Hookers," "Love Letters from the Logging Camp," and "Lucy Loved Lakewood." We had lots of fun; the gals really dug into the experience. We attracted sizable audiences while raising money for the camp restoration.

In a totally unexpected blessing, I became an "adopted" member of the Holt clan, known simply as "The Family." Lucy's great-granddaughters, Marcia Wahoske and Sharon (Shan) Holt, invited Jon and me to visit Island Lodge, Lucy's summer home on Archibald Lake. Through them, we met many of her descendants who continue the tradition of family summer vacations on the Holt private island there.

I also became acquainted with grandson Peter DeWitt, who resided in Oconto. While visiting Peter many years ago, I was ushered into the grand living room to see his grandmother's most prized possession. There sat a beautiful harp. I got goosebumps. I knew Lucy had been a first-class harpist. Could it be? It was.

Last month, Shan, who lives in Philadelphia, met me for coffee at Northern Perks. As we chatted, she opened her phone to show me a photo. Lucy's harp. It's showing its age, but Shan said it's too expensive and somewhat risky to do a full restoration.

With the help of her

cousin, Professor of Archaeology and Religion Robin DeWitt Knauth, Shan said it would be gifted to the Oconto County Historical Society and put on display at the Beyer Home in Oconto. Robin shared some background.

"My father, Dr. Robert DeWitt, came into possession of Great-Grandmother Lucy Rumsey Holt's harp," she said. "I was only 9 when he died, and my mother took ownership. When she died in 2019, she bequeathed it to me. It was the only material inheritance from my father's family."

Robin DeWitt Knauth is thrilled with the result of the cousins' collaboration: "Honestly, the harp has never felt like my own possession. My sense was rather the weight of responsibility as caretaker of this important piece of family history. I am so happy that this bit of our heritage will be preserved."

The harp arrived safely back in Oconto in early August. With loving care, it was carefully positioned in the Beyer home parlor where it will dazzle future visitors. Just like heaven for Lucy, the harp is where it belongs, in its forever home.

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



KATHLEEN MARSH
COLUMNIST

Columnist welcomed to the family by some loons

Some bucket-list items involve distant destinations or once-in-a-lifetime adventures. Mine were much simpler: see a baby loon and photograph one.

You'd think that would have happened long ago. I grew up exploring Wisconsin's lakes and have spent the past 15 years at a Northwoods cabin where loons return each spring. Yet year after year, I heard their haunting calls without ever seeing a chick.

One misty morning changed everything. While quietly kayaking through a bed of water lilies, tucked in among the vegetation, I spotted a female loon sitting calmly on her nest, stretching her neck to gather nearby stems to reinforce it. As she leaned forward, I caught a glimpse of two olive-green eggs dotted with dark brown spots.

I stopped paddling. For several minutes, I simply watched. The lake was still except for the gentle sound of water against my kayak. I felt an overwhelming sense of joy and gratitude. Not wanting to disturb her, I quietly took a few photographs before slipping away.

For the rest of the weekend, I couldn't stop thinking about that nest. Every few hours I returned,



A loon chick takes a fish from its parent in a northern Wisconsin lake. LISA JANSEN

always keeping my distance. Research suggests loons can recognize individual people, so I hoped that by moving slowly, staying quiet and never lingering too long, she'd come to see me as just another harmless part of the landscape. She never seemed to mind having her picture taken – certainly less than many of my human friends.

When I returned the following weekend, my excitement turned to heartbreak. The nest was empty. The mother was gone. Later I learned a predator had taken the eggs. Nature can be breathtakingly beautiful and brutally unforgiving.

A few summers later, rumors spread around the lake that the

resident loons had successfully hatched a chick. I drove to the cabin as quickly as I could. Within minutes of launching my kayak, I found them. There they were – mom, dad and a tiny ball of charcoal-gray fluff floating between them.

Almost instinctively, I lifted my camera and captured my first photograph of a baby loon. My bucket list was complete, but the accomplishment barely crossed my mind. I was captivated by the tiny life before me.

Throughout the summer, each weekend brought new changes. I watched the chick become more confident, more curious and more independent. Every sighting felt like a gift. By autumn, the chick had grown nearly as large as his parents. His fluffy down gave way to sleek juvenile feathers.

Once the parents departed on their annual migration south, I knew it wouldn't be long before he left as well. Because young loons don't usually return to their northern breeding grounds for several years, I knew our time together was coming to an end. I wished him a safe journey. Maybe, someday, he would return to these waters.

This summer brought another emotional chapter. The resident loon pair hatched two chicks, but before I could see them, one fell prey to an eagle. The loss was a reminder of how fragile life is in the wild. Week after week, as soon as I arrived at the cabin, I searched the lake for the surviving chick, relieved each time I found him still swimming beside his parents.

Loons are devoted parents. I often watched them scan constantly for danger, pulling their chick beneath a protective wing whenever they sensed a threat. They patiently delivered tiny fish, one after another, until he was ready to learn on his own. At first, the baby simply peered beneath the surface, watching the adults, but before long, he was catching fish himself.

Like any youngster, the chick provided plenty of entertainment. On one occasion, he surfaced much farther away than his mother expected, sending her

racing across the lake faster than I thought possible. Other times, he popped up directly beside his father, who seemed mildly irritated by the surprise.

Today, the surviving chick is in an awkward adolescent stage, with patches of fluffy down still clinging to his neck while sleek juvenile feathers cover the rest of his body. Before long, he, too, will begin his journey to wintering grounds along the Gulf or Atlantic coasts.

Watching these loons has reminded me that nature offers no guarantees. Every successful nest, every surviving chick and every migration completed is something of a miracle. Those two empty boxes on my bucket list have finally been checked.

Looking back, the photograph was never the real prize. The true reward was being welcomed, however briefly, into the lives of one loon family. Watching a tiny chick grow into a young bird ready to begin his own journey has become one of the greatest wildlife experiences of my life and a reminder that some of nature's greatest gifts are worth waiting for.

Lisa Jansen is a Wisconsin master naturalist, nature writer and award-winning photographer. She specializes in raising awareness of birds and butterflies of the Midwest.



LISA JANSEN
COLUMNIST



Visit the Shawano Farmers Market from 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays through Oct. 10 at Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St., just one block west of Main Street. The market features 75% produce and processed food, 10% prepared food and 15% arts and crafts. More than 45 local food and craft vendors participate throughout the season.



Start your weekend out right with yoga, farmers market



PHOTOS BY GREG MELLIS

Capture beauty of your garden with flower art

Transfer the beauty of favorite flowers onto paper or fabric to create works of art, greeting cards and gifts for family and friends. Pounding flowers is a fun and easy way gardeners of all ages can preserve the beauty of garden flowers.

Use watercolor or other rough surface paper when pounding on paper. Purchase ready to dye or prepared for dying fabric or prepare the fabric yourself. Supplies and directions can be found at most craft stores.

Prepare the space before pounding flowers onto paper or fabric. Use a large cutting board or piece of wood to protect the furniture below. Consider moving the project outside onto the sidewalk or other surface that can't be damaged by the pounding.

Cover the work surface with wax paper and secure it in place with masking tape to prevent the flower color from soaking

GARDENING WITH MELINDA MYERS



MELINDA MYERS
COLUMNIST

through onto the cutting board. Cut the fabric to size and secure it or the paper to the board with masking tape.

Take a walk through the garden and gather a few favorite flowers and leaves. Look for flowers with thin brightly colored petals and leaves for the easiest and best results. Consider starting with rose, daisy, geranium, petunia and pansy petals although any flowers and leaves can work. Remove or reduce the size of the large center of coneflowers, black-eyed Susans

and similar blooms so they lay flat on the fabric, or remove the petals, discard the center and arrange as desired.

Remove stems, sepals, or other plant parts you do not want to transfer. Place the desired parts face down on the paper or fabric and arrange as desired.

Once the design is set, cover it with several layers of paper towel or another sheet of watercolor paper. Tape the leaves and petals in place on fabric to help reduce the risk of the petals moving during the pounding process.

Gently tap the leaves and flowers using the flat side of a hammer. Next, evenly hammer from one side of the design to the other, making sure to hit every part of each plant.

Once the color is transferred, lift the paper covering and remove the crushed flowers and leaves from the paper along with the tape from the fabric. Allow the design to dry

and carefully brush off any remaining plant pieces.

Set the design on fabric using an iron set to the hottest setting without steam. This sets the colors but will not make it washable. Preserve the bright colors of works of art on paper with a UV protective acrylic spray. Be sure to read and follow label directions and apply in a well-ventilated area.

Pounding flowers is a simple way to transfer a plant's natural dye onto paper or fabric. Plan to get together with family and friends to create works of art, greeting cards and more. For more gardening projects, visit www.melindamyers.com.

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.



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WHAT’S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, AUG. 28

GILLETT: Oconto County Youth Fair, 9 a.m. to 11:30 p.m., Zippel Park, 150 N. McKenzie St. Rabbit show 9 a.m., exhibitions open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., beef show 10 a.m., Midway open noon to 10 p.m., music by Randy Peterson 12:30 p.m. and 4 p.m., Bob Bohm’s Family Entertainment at 2 p.m., 4 p.m. and 7 p.m., music by Ken and Kris 3-6:30 p.m., bingo 4 p.m. and 7 p.m., music by Driftwood 8-11:30 p.m., 4x4 Truck Pulls at grandstand 7 p.m. Admission free; parking \$5 or \$10 four-day pass, grandstand admission \$10, \$5 ages 5-17.

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, AUG. 29

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

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

GILLETT: Oconto County Youth Fair, 9 a.m. to 11:30 p.m., Zippel Park, 150 N. McKenzie St. Dairy and poultry shows 9 a.m., exhibitions open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Draft Horse Pull at grandstand 9 a.m., bingo 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Midway open noon to 10 p.m., music by Randy Peterson 12:30 p.m. and 6 p.m., Cake Auction 2 p.m., Bob Bohm’s Family Entertainment at 2 p.m., 4 p.m. and 7 p.m., music by Arilya 3-6:30 p.m., special draft show 5 p.m., tractor/semi truck pulls at grandstand 5:30 p.m., Exhibitor and Animal Formal Show 7 p.m., music by Soul Whiskey 8-11:30

p.m., Admission free; parking \$5 or \$10 four-day pass, truck pulls admission \$10, \$5 ages 5-17.

TOWN OF RIVERVIEW: Puzzle Tournament, 1 p.m., The Blind Walleye, 15463 County Road W.

TOWN OF RIVERVIEW: Paddle Boat Races, 3 p.m., The Blind Walleye, 15463 County Road W.

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

SUNDAY, AUG. 30

GILLETT: Oconto County Youth Fair, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Zippel Park, 150 N. McKenzie St. Exhibitions open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., dairy kiddie showmanship 10 a.m., Antique Tractor/Farm Machinery Show at grandstand 10 a.m. to 5 p.m, Midway open noon

to 4 p.m., Sale of Champi- ons noon, Bob Bohm’s Family Entertainment at 11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., music by TNT Polka Band 1-5 p.m. Admission free; parking \$5 or \$10 four-day pass.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 1

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 2

SHAWANO: Chamber Coffee Connection, 8-9 a.m., Frank- lin Park, 235 S. Washington St.

STILES: St. Patrick’s Rum- mage Sale, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., 5760 County Road I.

LAKEWOOD: ADRC Support Group, 2-3 p.m., Lakes Coun- try Public Library, 15235 State Highway 32. Help for caretakers of friends or fam- ily members with dementia or memory concerns.

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

SHAWANO: Shawano County Fair, 5-10 p.m., Fairgrounds, 990 E. Green Bay St. Open dog show 5 p.m., opening ceremonies 6 p.m., midway rides 6-10 p.m., tractor and truck pull 6:30 p.m. Gate ad- mission \$3.

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

THURSDAY, SEPT. 3

SHAWANO: Shawano County Fair, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Fair- grounds, 990 E. Green Bay St. Junior and open swine show 8 a.m., junior sheep show 4 p.m., midway rides 5-10 p.m., bingo 5-9 p.m.,

junior and open goat show 6 p.m., beer and wine judging 6 p.m., Fireworks Over the Fair dusk. Gate admission \$7, parking \$5 per vehicle.

SURING: Friends of the Sur- ing Library Book Sale, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Village Hall Learn- ing Center, 604 E. Main St.

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

NAVARINO: Senior Safari Lunch and Learning, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. Topic: Wisconsin DNR. Suggested fee \$5; RSVP at 715-758-6999 or navarino. org.

OCONTO: Historical Society Speaker Series, 6:30 p.m., Beyer Home Museum and Carriage House, 915 Park Ave. Guest speaker David Siegel on “The Peshtigo Fire: Some Common Mis- conceptions.” Doors open 6 p.m. Admission free; light refreshments.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 4

SHAWANO: Shawano County Fair, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Fair- grounds, 990 E. Green Bay St. Junior market beef show 8 a.m., bingo 12:30-9 p.m., decorated cake auction 5 p.m., midway rides 5-10 p.m., livestock auction 6:30 p.m., Gate admission \$7, parking \$5 per vehicle.

SURING: Rummage Sale, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 206 Burk St.

SURING: Friends of the Sur- ing Library Book Sale, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Village Hall Learn- ing Center, 604 E. Main St. Brat fry 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

OCONTO: Storytime, 10:30

a.m., Farnsworth Public Li- brary, 715 Main St. Story and crafts for preschool children. A caregiver must stay with the child.

SURING: Labor Day Celebra- tion, 4 p.m. to close, Veter- ans Memorial Park, 414 E. Brook St. Food stand opens 5 p.m., 4x4 Truck Pull 7 p.m.

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

SATURDAY, SEPT. 5

CROOKED LAKE: Fire Depart- ment Breakfast and Bake Sale, 7-11 a.m. or until food runs out, Crooked Lake Com- munity Center, 15455 County Road W. Age 12 and up \$9, ages 7-11 \$5, 6 and under free.

BONDUEL: Amish Consign- ment Auction, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., N4310 Hill Road. Quilt preview 7:30-10 a.m., crafts sales start 8:30 a.m., field auction 9 a.m., quilt auction 10 a.m., furniture at noon. Bake sale 8 a.m. and lunch stand available.

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

STILES: St. Patrick’s Rum- mage Sale, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., 5760 County Road I.

SHAWANO: Shawano County Fair, 8 a.m. to 11 p.m., Fair- grounds, 990 E. Green Bay St. Junior dairy cattle show 9 a.m., midway rides noon to 11 p.m., kiddie tractor pull noon, bingo 12:30-9 p.m., stock car races 6 p.m., dairy futurity show 7 p.m., Gate admission \$7, parking \$5 per vehicle.

SURING: Buy-Sell-Swap, 8 a.m. to close, Ehlinger Street.

SURING: Rummage Sale, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 206 Burk St.

FOOD COLUMNIST

The food column in NEW Media’s publications has been a favorite as families have learned to make tasty treats, healthy dinners and breakfasts, warm soups for cold days and more. Our previous columnist has moved on, but we want to keep up efforts to help folks try new and delicious stuff.

That’s where we need your help.

We’re looking for someone who not only knows how to cook but also has knowledge — or is willing to research — information on food like how healthy it is and/or the historical background on it. Whether it’s a single item or several recipes for a special occasion, we seek someone who loves food, loves to make it, and loves to write about it and take awesome photos of it. The food column would run twice a month, along with some extras for key special sections.

We pay a minimum of \$60 per column and \$10 per photo in print and/or online.



Contact City Editor Lee Pulaski at lpulaski@newmedia-wi.com if you’d like to be NEW Media’s new food columnist!



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RUMMAGE SALES

4-day Garage Sale Labor Day Weekend Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday Christmas items, clothes, tools, and many household items—too much to list! 9-4 each day N 5705 East Channel Drive, Shawano 920-562-9276

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LEGAL NOTICES

Village of Bonduel

Shawano County

117 W. Green Bay Street

Bonduel, WI 54107

ORDINANCE NO.:

2026-07

SPONSORED BY:

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INTRODUCED BY:

Michelle Streetman

SECONDED BY:

Andrew Court

THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF BONDUEL, SHAWANO COUNTY, WISCONSIN, DO

ORDAIN that the Municipal Code of Bonduel, Wisconsin, Chapter 22 Orderly Conduct,

Sec. 22-22. Sexting and harmful sexual communication involving minors, is hereby created as follows:

Sec. 22-22. Sexting and harmful sexual communication involving minors.

(a) Definitions.

Nudity means:

a. The showing of human male or female genitals; pubic area, or buttocks with less than a fully opaque covering;

NOTE: A complete copy of the amended ordinance can be reviewed at the Clerk's office located at the Bonduel Village Hall.

ADOPTED: August 12, 2026

PUBLISHED: August 28, 2026

VILLAGE OF BONDUEL, WISCONSIN

Russ Gehm, Village President

ATTEST:

Michelle Maroszek, Clerk/Treasurer

WNAXLP

SHA-314

Village of Bonduel

Shawano County

117 W. Green Bay Street

Bonduel, WI 54107

ORDINANCE NO.:

2026-06

SPONSORED BY:

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

INTRODUCED BY:

Kay Zuleger

SECONDED BY:

Andrew Court

THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF BONDUEL, SHAWANO COUNTY, WISCONSIN, DO

ORDAIN that the Municipal Code of Bonduel, Wisconsin, Chapter 22 Orderly Conduct,

Sec. 22-17. Restriction on sales or gift of cigarettes, tobacco products, and nicotine products, is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 22-17. Restriction on sales or gift of cigarettes, tobacco products, and nicotine products.

(a) Definitions. The definitions set forth in Wis. Stats. § 134.66(1) are hereby adopted by reference and made a part hereof.

NOTE: A complete copy of the amended ordinance can be reviewed at the Clerk's office located at the Bonduel Village Hall.

ADOPTED: August 12, 2026

PUBLISHED: August 28, 2026

VILLAGE OF BONDUEL, WISCONSIN

Russ Gehm, Village President

ATTEST:

Michelle Maroszek, Clerk/Treasurer

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SHA-316

NEWS CORRESPONDENT

On any given day, there are countless stories just waiting to be told. Our staff reporters can only cover so much, so we count on correspondents to help out when the need arises.

NEW Media is looking to get some help in covering meetings and events in Oconto County, Menominee County and western Shawano County. Anyone with a curious mind, a photographer's eye and the skill to turn a phrase is welcome to apply.

Send a resume with writing and photography samples to city editor Lee Pulaski at lpulaski@newmedia-wi.com.



8/14/26, 8/21/26, 8/28/26

STATE OF WISCONSIN

CIRCUIT COURT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

CLARENCE W. SCHAMPERS

DOD 11-14-2025

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)

Case No. 26 FR52

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.

2. The decedent, with date of birth DECEMBER 14, 1944, and date of death NOVEMBER 14, 2025, was domiciled in SHAWANO County, State of WISCONSIN with a mailing address of W6894 CURT BLACK RD, SHAWANO, WI 54166

3. All interested persons waived notice.

4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is [Date] NOVEMBER 16, 2026

5. A claim may be filed at the SHAWANO Courthouse, 311 N. MAIN ST. Room 202 PROBATE OFFICES SHAWANO, Wisconsin Form completed by: PAUL F. KERSTEN 610 W. GREEN BAY ST SHAWANO, WI 54166 715-524-2302

WNAXLP

SHA-289

8/14/26, 8/21/26, 8/28/26

STATE OF WISCONSIN

SHAWANO COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF

Brystal Erin Burr

From: Brystal Erin Burr

By (Petitioner) Brystal Erin Burr

Name Change Hearing

Case No. 2660157

NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:

From: Brystal Erin Burr

To: Brystal Erin Jozwiak

Birth Brystal Erin Burr

This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of SHAWANO William F Kussel Jr Branch 2 State of Wisconsin: 311 N Main st Shawano, WI September 23, 2026 Time 8:15 AM

WNAXLP

SHA-280

8/14/26, 8/21/26, 8/28/26, 9/4/26

STATE OF WISCONSIN

SHAWANO COUNTY

STATE OF WISCONSIN

CIRCUIT COURT

SHAWANO COUNTY

Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing

Case No. 26CV156

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF

Carson Allen Harris

By Carson Allen Harris

NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:

From: Carson Allen Harris

To: Carson Allen Clay

Birth Certificate: Carson Allen Harris

IT IS ORDERED:

This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Shawano County, State of Wisconsin

Judge Name: William F Kussel JR

Place: Shawano County Courthouse 311 N Main ST, Shawano, WI 54166

Date: 09/02/2026

Time: 8:15a.m.

WNAXLP

SHA-282

8/21/26, 8/28/26, 9/4/26

STATE OF WISCONSIN

CIRCUIT COURT

SHAWANO COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

Robert Lee Jansen

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)

Case No. 26 PR 56

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.

2. The decedent, with date of birth 12/06/1951 and date of death 06/01/2026 was domiciled in - Shawano County, State of WI with a mailing address of N6026 Wolf River Rd Shawano, WI

3. All interested persons waived notice.

4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is November 20, 2026

5. A claim may be filed at the SHAWANO County Courthouse 311 N. MAIN ST. SHAWAND, Wisconsin, Room 202, PROBATE OFFICE

Form completed by: Terri A. Jansen N6026 Wolf River Rd Shawano, WI 54146 952.693.8884

WNAXLP

SHA-302

8/14/26, 8/21/26, 8/28/26

STATE OF WISCONSIN

SHAWANO COUNTY

Case No. 2025CV000280

STATE OF WISCONSIN

CIRCUIT COURT

SHAWANO COUNTY

Associated Bank, N.A.

Plaintiff,

v.

Marie I. Birr a/k/a Marie Inez Birr

Defendant.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a judgment of foreclosure made in the above-entitled action on May 14, 2026 in the amount of \$12,706.47, I will sell at public auction, located in the main lobby of the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano, WI 54166, on

September 9, 2026

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

SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF SHAWANO AND STATE OF WISCONSIN:

A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN THAT PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 26 NORTH, OF RANGE 15 EAST, IN SHAWANO COUNTY, WISCONSIN, BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTH QUARTER CORNER OF THE SAID SECTION 29; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 52 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE QUARTER LINE 300.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 34 SECONDS WEST 24.75 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF A TOWN ROAD; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 52 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE SAID WEST LINE 202.50 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 34 SECONDS WEST 250.25 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE ON THE SAME LINE 250.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 52 SECONDS WEST 209.54 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 34 SECONDS EAST 250.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 52 SECONDS EAST 209.54 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

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Tax Key No. 010-29340-0130

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ROGER AND RAMONA HANSON REVOCABLE TRUST DATED FEBRUARY 12, 1988

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. Eric C. Hanson and Stuart T. Hanson are the co-trustees of the Roger and Ramona Hanson Revocable Trust Dated February 12, 1988.

2. The decedent, Ramona T. Hanson, with a birth date of August 4, 1931, and date of death of June 29, 2026, was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a post office address of N6145 Eagle Lane Wittenberg, WI 54499.

3. Deadline to make claims: All persons or companies having claims against Ramona T. Hanson and/or the Roger and Ramona Hanson Revocable Trust Dated February 12, 1988, must present their claims to the attorney for the trustee on or before November 24, 2026, which is four (4) months after the date of July 24, 2026, the date of first insertion and publication of this Notice in the Shawano Leader, or the claims will be forever barred as set forth in Section 701.0508 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

4. Notice of claims: Claims must be presented by delivering or mailing the claim in the form required by Section 701.0509(2) of the Wisconsin Statutes. The claim is deemed presented upon receipt by the attorney for the trustee at the address set forth herein.

5. Publication of this notice shall constitute notice to any persons whose names or addresses are unknown.

6. Attorney for trustee: Attorney Ashley L. Hawley, Ruder Ware, L.L.S.C., P.O. Box 8050, Wausau, WI 54402-8050. 4921-7622-3934, v. 2

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problem, due to there being no mental health facilities in Shawano or Menominee counties. Those seeking to restore their mental health through treatment must often travel to larger metropolitan areas – sometimes Green Bay but oftentimes to Madison or Milwaukee. Those who do are often put on waiting lists.

“Even though the community is more aware at this point (about mental health) than they were five years ago, the stigma of mental health might be improving,” Mau said. “There’s still not the assets to address these issues.”

It helps that there are organizations like the National Association on Mental Illness, which were developed after the 2019 assessment. Mau said it has expanded and is dealing with a number

of issues around mental health.

While there’s been no change in the priority of mental health, the other priorities to round out the top three have changed in the last seven years. Previously, drugs and alcohol have been near the top of the list, but the current assessment finds that transportation and housing are key barriers in preventing many people from getting the health care they need.

“When you’re looking at the data, you have to look at what resources are currently in place,” Mau said. “With AODA (Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse), since 2019 when we did the last assessment, there’s been a ton of work done in that space through the drug courts, the recovery center in Shawano, and now there’s a sober living house for both men and women that’s opened up to both counties.”

It doesn’t mean alcohol or drugs have become less of a problem, but with the added resources now available to combat addiction, more attention can be paid to other health problems, which is why transportation and housing are now rising he said.

“Transportation and housing, those are what we call social deterrents to help,” Mau said. “They’re not always something that the individual has a ton of control over. So helping look at those problems from a systems level – how can all these agencies and nonprofits come together to address the problems?”

Not having a way to get to and from doctor appointments or treatment sessions can affect a lot of other key health issues like chronic disease, accessing healthy foods and immunizations, Mau said.

“If people don’t have

reliable transportation, it’s a moot point if there’s excellent care in the community or if there’s a really, really great farmers market,” he said. “If they can’t get there because of our really large rural geographic area, what difference does it make?”

For those who are more worried about having a vehicle to get to a job or don’t have reliable housing, self-care is the last thing on their minds, according to Mau.

“If somebody doesn’t have a roof over their head and reliable transportation, getting to a doctor’s visit or even making an appointment is not going to happen, because they might not even be worrying about that,” he said. “They’re worrying about, ‘Where am I going to sleep tonight?’”

Mental health often works hand in hand with transportation and

housing barriers, Mau said. So when community health officials come together to work on solutions, he said they will need to come up with ones that develop assistance on all three issues.

“Instead of having three separate committees that are siloed, we’re taking a different approach to these problems

rather than the old way,” Mau said.

Mau said the community input will be helpful when it comes to developing an actual plan to combat the issues over the next three to five years. He hopes a plan will be in place by the end of 2026 or in early 2027.

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Lake Michigan area summer tour hosted by Shawano County

Three dozen people took part in the Lake Michigan Area Land and Water Conservation Association Summer Tour hosted by the Shawano County Land Conservation and Extension Committee and organized by the Shawano County Land Conservation Department on July 24.

The tour included stops at Tilleda Falls Campground, Brei’s Aqua Farm, Gibson Island, Navarino Nature Center and the Sun Drop Museum. At each stop, county officials showcased what is going on in the county and brought attention to the conservation projects being worked on with various partners.

At Tilleda Falls Campground, attendees saw the shoreline protection and restoration projects completed on the Tilleda Pond made possible through partnerships with property owners Paul and Rachel Janda, Shawano County Land Conservation Department, Waterways Association of Menominee and Shawano Counties and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Craig and Karleen Brei of Brei’s Aqua Farm near Leopolis provided a tour of this family-run operation offering fresh, antibiotic- and chemical-free shrimp raised in a closed-loop aquaculture system. Participants viewed a presentation on the farm’s history from dairy to shrimp and toured the facility. They were also shown their other business ventures on the farm – Trophies and Treasures shop and trials of growing produce via aquaponics.

WAMSCO and volunteers gave a guided tour of the Gibson Island

restoration project on this 25.6-acre island owned by the Town of Belle Plaine. This restoration project included shoreline stabilization of the isthmus, ADA-accessible pathways, thousands of native plants and an innovative way to secure 475 feet of eroding hillside. This was

competed with grants, donations and efforts of more than 60 individual volunteers with more than 1,000 volunteer hours.

At their next stop, about 10 miles south of Shawano, attendees enjoyed a trolley ride at Navarino Nature Center. Nature center staff and volunteers

help area students and residents learn about nature through environmental education and outdoor skill programs.

The last stop of the tour was at Twig’s Sun Drop Museum. Attendees took a self-guided tour of the museum and sampled different flavors of soda.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN AND INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No. WI-0061492-06-0

Permittee: Green Valley Dairy LLC, N5365 Hintz Rd., Krakow, WI, 54137
Facility Where Discharge Occurs: (Green Valley Dairy) : N5365 Hintz Road, Green Valley, WI in the SE 1/4 of Section 27, T27N- R18E
(Sponeberg Pit) : W2048 Cedar Drive, Pulaski, WI in the SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 20, T25N- R18E
(Tauscher Pit) : 2100 County Rd C, Green Bay, WI in the SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section 35, T25N-R19E
(Garbrecht Pit) : 3897 County Rd C, Oconto Falls , WI in NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 16, T27N-R19E

Receiving Water And Location: Surface water and groundwater within the Pensaukee River, Shiock River, and Suamico & Little Suamico River Watersheds
Brief Facility Description : Green Valley Dairy is a n existing Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) located in Shawano County WI. There are also 3 satellite waste storage facilities located in Shawano, Brown & Oconto counties Green Valley Dairy is owned and operated by the Jacobs family & others. It currently has 6,476 animal units (4,475 milking & dry cows, 190 heifers, and 10 calves) and is proposing to expand to 9,898 animal units (6,795 milking & dry cows, 340 heifers, and 25 calves). Green Valley Dairy has a total of 9,901 acres available for land application of manure and process wastewater. Of this acreage, 8,185 acres are owned, and 1,716 acres are rented/agreements of which 9,768 are spreadable.

The Department has tentatively decided that the above specified WPDES permit should be reissued.
Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Brian Hanson, DNR, 647 Lakeland Rd, Shawano, WI, 54166-3843, (920) 366-3302, Brian.Hanson@wisconsin.gov
Persons wishing to comment on or object to the proposed permit action, the terms of the nutrient management plan, or the application, or to request a public informational hearing may write to the Department of Natural Resources at the permit drafter's address. All comments or suggestions received no later than 30 days after the publication date of this public notice will be considered along with other information on file in making a final decision regarding the permit. Anyone providing comments in response to this public notice will receive a notification of the Department's final decision when the permit is re-issued. Where designated as a reviewable surface water discharge permit, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is allowed up to 90 days to submit comments or objections regarding this permit determination. If no comments are received on the proposed permit from anyone, including U.S. EPA, the permit will be re-issued as proposed.
The Department may schedule a public informational hearing if within 30 days of the public date of this notice, a request for a hearing is filed by any person. The Department shall schedule a public informational hearing if a petition requesting a hearing is received from USEPA or from 5 or more persons or if the Department determines there is significant public interest. Requests for a public informational hearing shall state the following: the name and address of the person(s) requesting the hearing; the interest in the proposed permit of the person(s) requesting the hearing; the reasons for the request; and the issues proposed to be considered at the hearing.

Information on file for this permit action, including the draft permit and fact sheet (if required), the operation's nutrient management plan and application may be inspected and copied at the permit drafter's office, Monday through Friday (except holidays), between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Please call the permit drafter for directions to their office location, if necessary. Information on this permit action may also be obtained by calling the permit drafter at (920) 366-3302 or by writing to the Department. Reasonable costs (15 cents per page for copies and 7 cents per page for scanning) will be charged for information in the file other than the public notice and fact sheet. Permit information is also available on the internet at: http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/wastewater/PublicNotices.html . Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodation, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be made to qualified individuals upon request.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No. WI-0021237-10-0
Permittee: Village of Bowler, 107 W. Main St., Bowler, WI, 54416
Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Bowler Wastewater Treatment Facility, N 1/2 of the NW 1/4, Section 6, T 27 N, R 13 E, Town of Seneca
Receiving Water And Location: North Branch of the Embarrass River in North Branch and Mainstem Embarrass River Watershed of Wolf River River Basin in Shawano County
Brief Facility Description: The Bowler wastewater treatment plant treats domestic wastes generated within the village. The single largest user is the K-12 public school. Treatment consists of two aerated lagoons in series with a surface water discharge to the North Branch of the Embarrass River. Aeration is provided using 19 E.D.I. FlexAir t-series fine bubble diffuser plates, 14 in the first lagoon and five in the second. Lagoon effluent is pH adjusted (as needed) using sulfuric acid to meet daily maximum ammonia limitations. Lagoon effluent is also seasonally disinfected using ultraviolet radiation. The system was designed to treat an average flow of 0.034 MGD. The system was originally constructed in 1971 with upgrades in 1987 and 2012.
Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Ashley Clark, 2984 Shawano Ave, Green Bay, WI, 54313, (920) 857-0450, Ashley.Clark@wisconsin.gov
Basin Engineer's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Brooke Klingbeil, 225051RibMtnDr, Wausau, WI 54401, (715) 495-1336, brooke.klingbeil@wisconsin.gov
The Department has tentatively decided that the above-specified WPDES permit should be reissued.
Limitations and conditions which the Department believes adequately protect the receiving water are included in the proposed permit. Land application of waste shall be done in accordance with permit conditions and applicable codes. All land application sites shall be approved prior to their use. To receive a list of approved sites, or to be notified of potential approvals, contact the above-named basin engineer.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the proposed permit action, or to request a public hearing, may write to the Department of Natural Resources at the above-named permit drafter's address. All comments or suggestions received no later than 30 days after the publication date of this public notice will be considered along with other information on file in making a final decision regarding the permit. Anyone providing comments in response to this public notice will receive a notification of the Department's final decision when the permit is issued. Where designated as a reviewable surface water discharge permit, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is allowed up to 90 days to submit comments or objections regarding this permit determination. If no comments are received on the proposed permit from anyone, including U.S. EPA, the permit will be issued as proposed.
The Department may schedule a public informational hearing if requested by any person and shall schedule a public informational hearing if a petition requesting a hearing is received from 5 or more persons or if response to this notice indicates significant public interest pursuant to s. 283.49, Wis. Stats. Requests for a public informational hearing shall state the following: the name and address of the person(s) requesting the hearing; the interest in the proposed permit of the person(s) requesting the hearing; the reasons for the request; and the issues proposed to be considered at the hearing.

Information on file for this permit action, including the draft permit, fact sheet and permit application, may be inspected and copied at either the above-named basin drafter's office or the above named basin engineer's office, Monday through Friday (except holidays), between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Please call the permit drafter or basin engineer for directions to their office location, if necessary. Information on this permit action may also be obtained by calling the permit drafter at (920) 857-0450 or by writing to the Department. Reasonable costs (15 cents per page for copies and 7 cents per page for scanning) will be charged for information in the file other than the public notice, permit and fact sheet. Permit information is also available on the internet at: http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/wastewater/PublicNotices.html . Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodation, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be made to qualified individuals upon request.

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Shawano County Fair ready for 2026

Lifetime members getting cards for entry to fairgrounds

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Lifetime members of the Shawano County Fair will be getting into the fairgrounds by different means when the fair starts its latest run Sept. 2.

The Shawano Area Agricultural Society is now issuing cards to lifetime members that can be used year after year, according to society President Scott Breitrick. Previously, lifetime members received wristbands each year that had to be mailed out to those members who did not make it to the fair office to pick them up.

The new cards have QR codes that will be scanned by volunteers at entry points.

Last year, the fair had more than 70,000 visitors, Breitrick said, but there was no way to count how many of those who came through the gates were lifetime members. The cards will help to determine that, he said, as the regular season passes will remain the standard

wristbands the society has used for years.

“We honestly don’t know how many lifetime members come in,” Breitrick said. “We had no way to track it. This card will keep forever, so it’s not like we’ve got to send a wristband every year. That was an expense for us.”

Returning to the fair this year are the monster trucks, Breitrick said. The event kicks off at 1 p.m. Sept. 7 at the grandstand, but prior to that, Shawano Area United Way and Ho-Chunk Gaming are sponsoring an inflatable race where people in inflatable costumes like dinosaurs can run 40 yards on the pit lane. Admission for the truck rally will be \$20 for adults and \$10 for children, with 2 and younger getting in free.

There will be plenty of bands playing throughout the fair beneath the grandstand, on the midway and in President’s Park. A new addition to this year’s fair is Shotgun Jane, based out of Janesville. The band will perform at 8 p.m. Sept. 6



Goats and other animals will be paraded around the coliseum for most of the Shawano County Fair, with the big event being the livestock auction Sept. 4.

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and will showcase a mix of pop and rock-country.

“The bands are always a big thing under the grandstand,” Breitrick said. “We have a band on the midway stage every day this year. We’ve got more bands than we ever had. Cherry Pie’s

on for Saturday night, and they’ve been a big attraction.”

One of the biggest events at the fair is the livestock auction, which kicks off at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 4 in the coliseum. Breitrick said there will be some new rubber mats in

the coliseum as exhibitors show their animals for people to bid on.

“It’s just the excitement of people wanting to buy, and kids going out and physically asking people to come,” he said. “It’s really great for us.”

The fair will hold its

usual opening ceremony on the midway Sept. 2 at 6 p.m. Shawano County Clerk Raymond Rigsby will be the featured speaker as the fair celebrates the United States’ 250th anniversary.

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The anniversary celebration will really be noticeable the following night as Fireworks Country shoots off fireworks after dusk.

“It’ll be bigger and better than ever,” Breitrick said.

Bingo continues to be a big draw for the fair, according to Breitrick.

The games commence at 5 p.m. Sept. 3 and then at 12:30 p.m. Sept. 4-7.

“I’m sure that will be packed a lot of days,” Breitrick said. “It’s hard sometimes to find a chair,

even.”

Breitrick noted the fair has been lucky to have the last two seasons where rain didn’t fall during the day, allowing for plenty of people to come check out the animals, exhibits, carnival rides and more.

“We got lucky last year that it rained during the night, and it was nice the next morning,” Breitrick said. “That’s all that we can do is hope for good weather.”

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America’s Dairyland includes plenty of representation from Shawano County’s cows, most of them raised by local 4-H members.

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The midway will feature plenty of games and rides — not to mention a variety of foods, including offerings from some local organizations.

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Zeeman named Fairest of the Fair

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Sophia Zeeman emerged victorious from a crowded field of candidates June 28 to become the 2026 Fairest of the Fair for Shawano County.

Five young women competed to become this year's Fairest, the most that the Shawano County Fair has had compete for some time. Zeeman, as the winner crowned during the Shawano County Brunch on the Farm, will represent the county for the next 12 months as she attends other county fairs and various farm events and parades, as well as preside over the local fair when it's held over Labor Day weekend.

"The girls are promoting our fair, and they're promoting it throughout the year," said Kerry Danley, one of the coordinators for Fairest of the Fair. "We have it so they can learn a little more self-confidence, public speaking, everything else."

Zeeman expressed delight that she'll be able to showcase Shawano County and its fair as the official ambassador at other fairs and participate in parades, her first coming up as Bonduel kicks off 250 years of United States independence.

"I'm really excited to do this," Zeeman said. "I'm really excited to go to all of the events and get to promote the county fair."

Zeeman and the other contestants were interviewed June 27, and the winner was selected from those interviews.

Zeeman said she has lived in Shawano County her entire life, and she has shown animals at the fair growing up.

"I just always saw the girls around, and I wanted to help promote the fair and do stuff like that," she said.

The county fair, in Zeeman's view, is "one big community event" that brings the entire county together and helps to promote pride in what Shawano County has to offer.

"It's just like a big family reunion, and it's one of the best parts of the summer for me," Zeeman said.

She added she gets to be outdoors for much of her time as Fairest of the Fair, a spot she enjoys having grown up on a farm.

"I really enjoy seeing everyone outside in community settings," Zeeman said. "I feel like it's a really special year, and I'm going to have a lot of fun."

Besides the Shawano County Fair, Zeeman said she's most looking forward to participating in

the Outagamie County Fair, which was wrapping up during her coronation but will be an event she gets to visit in 2027 as her reign comes to a close.

Zeeman attends Fox Valley Technical College, where she is pursuing a degree in the culinary arts. She is also currently a member of the Landstad 4-H.

The four other contestants were recognized during brunch, as well. Hannah Yeager was named first runner-up, while Faith Posbrig, Matti Koehler and Kendall Wilcox were named fair ambassadors.

The 2025 Fairest of the Fair, Olivia Danley, spoke briefly about her experience before crowning Zeeman as her successor and giving her an idea of where her life will be going over the next year.

"This journey has been nothing short of incredible, and it is something that I will carry with me for the rest of my life," she said. "The number of people I have had the privilege of meeting, the events I have had the honor of attending and the lessons I have learned along the way have shaped me in ways I never expected."



Sophia Zeeman, right, is crowned as the 2026 Shawano County Fairest of the Fair by her predecessor, Olivia Danley, on June 28 during the Shawano County Brunch on the Farm at Kurowski Dairy just east of Bonduel. Zeeman was victorious after competing with four other Shawano County women the day before.

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Gates open at 5 p.m. Sept. 2. Admission is \$3 for those 12 and older, and free for anyone 11 and younger. Parking is free on opening night.

From Sept. 3-7, the gates open at 9 a.m. Adults and children 12 and older get in for \$7, and again anyone 11 and younger gets in for free.

The daily parking fee is \$5.

The main entrance at the fairgrounds is on Fairview Street Gate 1.

There will be free shuttle ride from the east parking area.

Senior Citizen Day is Sept. 6. Anyone 62 and older gets in for \$2. Parking is still \$5.

A season ticket is \$30 and includes daily gate admission and parking during the duration of the fair. It does not include grandstand admission or rides.

A lifetime membership is \$500. This entitles the holder, spouse and children up to 16 years of age

free admission to the Shawano County Fair. Applications are available at the fair office.

Most grandstand events will have additional entrance fees.

The county farm tractor pull will begin at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 2. Admission is \$5.

The fireworks display at dusk Sept. 3 is free for all.

The championship stock car races will begin at 6 p.m. Sept. 5. Admission is \$12 for seniors, \$15 for ages 17 and older, \$6 for ages 11-16 and free for ages 10 and younger with a paid adult.

Starting at noon Sept. 6 is the demolition derby. Admission is \$12 for 17 and older, \$6 for ages 12-16 and free for ages 10 and younger with a paid adult. The monster trucks event starts at 1 p.m. Sept. 7. Get through the gates for \$20 for adults, \$10 for children 3-17 and free for those 2 and younger with a paid adult.

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Fair highlights year's worth of 4-H work

Memories, friendships
more important than
ribbons that are won

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

County fairs are about much more than exhibits, auctions and competitions. They provide an opportunity to bring the community together and showcase the learning, creativity, hard work and personal growth of its young people.

“For me, being at the fair is about helping people make those connections – between youths and caring adults, families and community resources and learning and real-life experiences,” said Megan Suehring, 4-H positive youth development educator with the University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension Shawano County. “It is a privilege to be part of an event that celebrates our young people while creating opportunities for the entire community to learn, engage and grow together.”

During the fair, Suehring’s role is centered on education and community connection, with a focus on supporting youths,

families and fair visitors. “Throughout the week, I work alongside fair volunteers and partners, answer questions, provide guidance related to 4-H projects and youth development, and help create positive and meaningful experiences,” she said.

Suehring noted that 4-H learning happens 52 weeks a year.

“Youths are caring for and training their animals days, weeks and sometimes years before September rolls around,” she said. “Kids are meeting in community club and after-school 4-H club settings every month to improve leadership skills and plan community service events. Youths are increasing their skills in designated project areas, from trapping to foods and nutrition, deciding to bring specific exhibits for judging at the fair.”

Suehring said 4-H’s partnership with the Shawano County Fair provides youths with a place where they can have projects judged, receiving critique for how to make their exhibits even better.



Megan Suehring is the 4-H positive youth development educator with the University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension Shawano County.

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She said one of her favorite parts of the fair is creating hands-on opportunities for visitors to learn.

“Shawano County 4-H

provides education stations, informational displays and interactive scavenger hunts that invite people of all ages to explore, ask questions and discover more about 4-H and the many project areas available to local youths,” she said.

“The week also features the Shawano County 4-H Leaders Inc. main fundraiser, the 4-H Food Stand, which is the main source of financial support toward 4-H educational and outreach programs and youth travel opportunities. The cheeseburgers,

chocolate shakes and watermelon that are purchased directly support Shawano County 4-H kids. It also provides a place for youths and adult volunteers to improve food safety and preparation, teamwork and customer service skills.”

The Shawano County 4-H Program features four youth auctions that happen during the fair:

- Decorated Cake Auction, 5 p.m. Sept. 4 in the Hunting Family Youth and 4-H Building.

- Livestock Auction, 6:30 p.m. Sept. 4 in the

Coliseum.

- Youth Dairy Auction, 6:30 p.m. Sept. 5 in the Coliseum.

- Small Animal Auction, 10 a.m. Sept. 7 in the Coliseum.

Shawano County 4-H has an enrollment of about 570 youths in 19 community clubs, and an additional 200 are in after-school and organizational 4-H clubs and programming at Gresham and Marion school districts, Shawano Boys and Girls Club, Bridge the Gap and the Stockbridge-Munsee Mohican Family Center.

Like many adults involved in 4-H, Suehring’s favorite part of the fair is seeing the hard work of youths on display.

“That doesn’t always mean earning a merit ribbon or being the grand champion,” she said. “(It’s) kids helping other kids – whether it’s washing chickens, grabbing an ice cream together after disappointment or sharing showing tips before walking in the ring. I love seeing fair friends greet each other like they’re at a family reunion. We chuckle hearing the tales of the escapee pig and the cake that cracked.”

“Most of all, I enjoy seeing kids feel proud of the projects they have made, skills they have learned and hours they have put in.”

The week of the fair is full of highs and lows for everyone involved.

“The memories and friendships you make are more important than the ribbons you will take home at the end of the week,” Suehring said.

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