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Admiring the flowers outside the Gillett Public Library are, from left, Jessica Beaumia, Katie Dahl, Marti Matyska, Kathy Campshure and Kay Rankel. The City of Gillett hosted its first Garden Walk on July 14, as several dozen people took advantage of the opportunity to tour gardens at nine local sites. **SEE STORY AND MORE PHOTOS ON PAGE A5.**

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Work continues on new referendum question

Middle school, secure entrances, roofs seen as top priorities

By **WARREN BLUHM**
Editor-in-chief

The planning committee working on a new Oconto Falls school referendum was scheduled to meet July 21 to continue its efforts to draft a proposal for the school board to consider in August.

Voters in April turned down a \$49.9 million question that aimed to build a new middle school for approximately \$31 million and perform various upgrades at the school district's three other buildings.

School officials have been preparing for more than five years to build a middle school, with Washington Middle School showing its age. The oldest sections of the building date to 1917, and a significant area of the structure was built in 1957. The most recent addition is from 1996.

A recent survey showed support for a new middle school but concerns about some of those other projects. However, survey respondents also said they were willing to support improving security at school entrances and replacing a roof.

Inflation has raised the estimated cost of a new middle school to about \$34 million, and the task force has been trying to keep the new question under \$40 million, Superintendent Dean Hess reported to the school board July 18.

"There are absolutely needs. The question is: What level of need?" Hess said. "As you can imagine, given the fact that we have already been through one referendum that failed, there is a lot of concern as to the level of ask."

If planning team can reach a general consensus by the end of July, consultants may be able to arrange a "brush fire survey" by phone to get some additional feedback on op-

tions, he said.

Board member Ken Harter said he was "incredulous" over survey data that indicated people voted against the referendum because they felt they didn't have enough information about the project.

"Boy, it sure seems (the information) was out there, and we all thought it was," Harter said. "Based on past experiences, I thought we had an excellent plan for getting the information out, but it's obvious, unless people aren't telling the truth, that it wasn't very effective."

Detailed information about the referendum was posted on the school district's website, and several public meetings were held — including a tour of Washington Middle School — among other initiatives to get the word out.

Hess agreed with Harter that the district needs to review its communication efforts.

"Whether we thought it was adequate or not is irrelevant; we're hearing that they thought it wasn't," he said.

The task force is looking at new ways to interact with the public, including the possibility of a virtual tour of the middle school, Hess said.

A number of people criticized the district for not offering blueprints or more detailed visual representations of the proposals, but Hess said that level of detail from architects comes at a price.

"If we had just done that in the last process and then your referendum doesn't pass, you are out more than a million dollars for the cost of all of that work that's done by the architect," he said. "So instead, the architects came up with what they saw as conceptual drawings. ... That didn't work, so people are adamant that we need to do something dif-

ferent."

The committee needs to try to find a middle ground between conceptual drawings and blueprints, Hess said.

Board member Sarah Schindel said she understood the desire for a visual representation.

"One of the reasons people want a blueprint is because they're concerned with waste, wasting money on X-Y-Z," Schindel said. "So they want to see exactly what they're paying for."

She also said she wished the school auditorium and other meeting venues would be fuller when the administration describes what it has done over the last several years to prevent waste and prepare the way to build a large multimillion-dollar project with minimal impact on property taxes.

Hess agreed it would be helpful to have a larger audience, for example, at the district's annual meeting, where detailed reports are given to describe efforts to maintain financial stability.

Hess said public entities build buildings in a fashion that is "180 degrees" from how the private sector does it, because they don't control the money.

"You ultimately go through and first determine whether you have the dollars, and then you invest six or seven months with all the different groups — employees, taxpayers, community businesses. Everybody gets input on what that final product should look like," Hess said.

The district's consulting contractor, Nexus Solutions, has found that districts can get "serious pushback" when the final product doesn't look like what was presented in the campaign, he said.

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Town of Morgan to move on with new team

First regular town board meeting with new chairman and supervisor is Aug. 9

By **WARREN BLUHM**
Editor-in-chief

The Morgan Town Hall faces a nearly complete overhaul after two-thirds of the town board were recalled July 12, the day after the town clerk and treasurer resigned in the wake of recent acrimony.

Town Chairman Fran Wranosky and Leonard Wahl were defeated by Rob Berg and Jeffrey Folts, respectively. Clerk Julie Belongia and Cindy Smith announced their resignations at the end of the July 11 town board meeting, which was to be the final session for Wranosky and Wahl.

"It is sad to say that the main reason for leaving is due to the anger and the hatred that this town has created," Belongia said, reading from a prepared statement that was captured in a Facebook Live transmission by Jolene Barkhaus. "I feel sorry for the good ones who know that I mean no harm. It is unfortunate for the bad apples ruining it for the good apples. I truly love what I was doing, it was the people who second-guess what I was doing; people had no trust in me."

Describing herself as "a hard worker and dedicated to my work putting 100-plus into what I do," Belongia said the anger and hostility shown at town meetings and social media has left her feeling disrespected and unappreciated.

"I'm willing to take my hard work and dedication and go where it is appreciated," she said. "I did nothing wrong; my family's been hurt, and so



Oconto County Clerk Kim Pytleski, standing, counts the ballots from the Town of Morgan recall election July 12 assisted by poll workers Shirley Kaczmarowski, left, and Patti Konkle. Pytleski supervised the election in the absence of Town Clerk Julie Belongia, who resigned the night before. WARREN BLUHM | NEW MEDIA

have I."

Belongia said it seems the world of politics has become all about anger and hostility from Washington to "this little town of Morgan" and she hopes the town can move forward from "the evil and the destruction" of the past few months.

Treasurer Cindy Smith also announced her resignation, also effective immediately.

"I worked for the town for 17 years; I've also been in banking for over 30 years, and I've always had the trust of my co-workers and my customers, and I just can't work for a community that doesn't trust me," Smith said.

The only person remaining from the five-person team that ran the town is longtime Town Supervisor Ron Korzeniewski.

In Belongia's absence, Oconto County Clerk Kim Pytleski took charge of the polling place July 12, overseeing the election. The real work was processing and preserving the ballots after the machine counted them, she said. That process took from 8 p.m. when the polls closed to 9:07 p.m., when the ballots were sealed in a tamper-proof bag after being counted and examined for the initials of a certified clerk.

A total of 335 voters filled out ballots for the recall from a pool of 696 registered voters in the Town of Morgan, Pytleski said.

The turnout of nearly 50% "rivals a gubernatorial election," she noted.

Berg and Folts are scheduled to participate in their first town board meeting on Aug. 9. They campaigned on a platform of greater transparency.

"I truly appreciate all of the support from the town," Berg posted July 17 on the "Town of Morgan Chat + Stop Birch Solar Farm" page on Facebook. "I know change can be scary, but we do have the best interest of the town in mind."

Berg added that he has decided to withdraw from the chat page "because of all of the negativity that is here that I do not want to be associated with." He suggested that people contact him via Facebook Messenger with comments and concerns.

Folts said he also is withdrawing from the chat page because of negativity.

"As a town we need to move forward and work together," Folts said.

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Fatal motorcycle crash in Abrams

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

An Antigo man has died of injuries sustained in a July 10 motorcycle accident in the Town of Abrams.

The Oconto County Sheriff's Department identified the victim as Jonathan Collins, 42.

Dispatchers were notified about

3:54 p.m. that the motorcycle had crashed along U.S. Highway 41 near Falk Road.

According to the accident report, witnesses said the vehicle was northbound on U.S. Highway 41 when its front began to shake in what was described as a "death wobble," and Collins lost control

when he hit some loose gravel and flipped the motorcycle several times into the median.

Collins was taken by ambulance to St. Vincent Hospital in Green Bay, where he later died from his injuries.

Sheriff Todd Skarban's news release said an investigation is being

conducted by the Oconto County Sheriff's Office and the Brown County Medical Examiner's Office. The sheriff's office was assisted at the scene by the Abrams, Little River and Pensaukee fire departments, Oconto Ambulance Service, County Rescue, and Pensaukee First Responders.

OCONTO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Proceedings of July 15

- Jenny L. Tennant, 43, Gillett, was sentenced to 18 months in prison, followed by two years of extended supervision, for possession of narcotic drugs, and misdemeanor counts of obstructing or resisting an officer, in connection with an incident that occurred Nov. 20. Among other conditions of extended supervision, Judge Jay Conley ordered Tennant to maintain absolute sobriety, obtain and maintain full-time employment, undergo an alcohol and other drug abuse assessment and psychological evaluation and follow up with recommended treatment, and complete all assessments, counseling and treatment deemed necessary by her agent.

- Joseph Daniel Gaffney, 65, Lakewood, pleaded no contest to felony bail jumping and misdemeanor disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that occurred Sept. 24, 2021. Judge Michael Judge scheduled sentencing for Sept. 16 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

- A jury trial was rescheduled for Nov. 29-Dec. 2 for Phillip E. Miller, 42, Gillett, who is charged with repeated sexual assault of the same child in connection with incidents dating to 2020. A status conference was scheduled for Sept. 20.

- A Dec. 13-14 jury trial was scheduled for Gerald W. Tucker III, 52, Lakewood, on charges of possession of a firearm by a person convicted of a felony, and misdemeanor counts of battery, carrying a concealed weapon, possession of THC, disorderly conduct, and possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Aug. 8, 2020. A final pre-trial conference was scheduled for Nov. 15.

- Cynthia Annette Pecore, 26, Appleton, pleaded not guilty to fleeing an officer in a vehicle, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred May 13. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for Aug. 11.

- Brian T. Baeten, 32, Oconto, pleaded not guilty to operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fourth offense), and misdemeanor counts of failure to install ignition interlock devices and operating while revoked, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred May 19. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for Sept. 15.

- Jayson C. Giordana, 29, Green Bay, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to possession with intent to deliver methamphetamine, felony bail jumping, possession of methamphetamine, possession of narcotic drugs, maintaining a drug trafficking place, misdemeanor possession of drug



A statue of Themis, ancient Greek goddess of Justice, looks down from the atop the dome of the Oconto County Courthouse.

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paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred June 10. A bail/bond hearing was scheduled for July 25.

- Maya R. Hrabik, 17, Oconto, pleaded not guilty to possession with intent to deliver methamphetamine, felony bail jumping, escape from criminal arrest, possession of methamphetamine, possession of narcotic drugs, maintaining a drug trafficking place, and misdemeanor counts of resisting or obstructing an officer and possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred June 10. A motion hearing was scheduled for Sept. 19.

- Shana Lynn Courchaine, 24, Green Bay, waived her right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred March 10. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for Sept. 15.

- Jacob T. Wenzel, 21, Oconto, pleaded not guilty to possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor counts of bail jumping and possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred June 9. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for Aug. 11.

Proceedings of July 14

- Charges were dismissed against Phillip John Waupoose, 38, Neopit, who had been charged with substantial battery intending bodily harm, intimidating victim/damage property, and misdemeanor counts of criminal damage to property and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident

that allegedly occurred March 29, 2020. Prosecutor Lawrence Lasee told the judge investigators have been able to locate the alleged victim.

- Landon W. Burkett, 17, Oconto, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to first-degree reckless endangering safety and felony bail jumping, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred June 21. He is already awaiting trial on charges of robbery with the threat of force and misdemeanor disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred May 16. A pre-trial conference covering both cases was scheduled for Aug. 11.

- A bench warrant was authorized for Daniel R. Williams, 29, Keshena, after he failed to make a court appearance on charges of felony bail jumping, criminal damage to property, and possession of burglarious tools, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred April 2.

- Paige N. Klivickis, 29, Oconto, pleaded not guilty to possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor counts of possession of THC and possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Jan. 20. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for Sept. 15.

- David J. Oberhuber, 44, Oconto, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to burglary, possession of narcotic drugs, and misdemeanor counts of theft of movable property and possession of a controlled substance, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred May 11. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for Sept. 15.

- Jessica J. Baxter, 25, Oconto Falls, waived her right to a preliminary

hearing and pleaded not guilty to felony bail jumping and misdemeanor possession of THC, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred May 22. A preliminary hearing was scheduled for Sept. 15.

Proceedings of July 12

- Joey J. Vandewettering, 60, formerly of Gillett, pleaded not guilty to attempted first-degree intentional homicide, first-degree reckless endangerment, battery to a law officer, and misdemeanor battery, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred May 1. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for Aug. 29.

- Troy Allen Whisman, 18, Abrams, was sentenced to 20 days in the Oconto County Jail for misdemeanor battery, in connection with an incident that occurred Oct. 26, and placed on two years probation after a prison sentence was imposed and stayed for felony bail jumping, in connection with an incident that occurred Nov. 11. Among other conditions of probation Judge ruled that Whisman must maintain absolute sobriety and complete anger management, alcohol and other drug abuse, and domestic violence assessments and follow-through.

- Bradley J. Andrews, 32, Abrams, pleaded no contest to misdemeanor charges of battery and disorderly conduct with the use of a dangerous weapon, in connection with an incident that occurred Sept. 20. The battery charge was amended from a felony in a plea agreement. Conley scheduled a restitution and sentencing hearing for Aug. 17.

- Michelle D. Sturdevant, 56, Oconto, waived her right to a preliminary hearing and was bound over on a charge of second-degree recklessly endangering safety, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred April 30. Arraignment was scheduled for July 20.

Proceedings of July 11

- On a prosecutor's motion charges were dismissed against Gillie Robinson, 42, Kankakee, Illinois, regarding an incident that had allegedly occurred Sept. 4, 2020.

- Brandon L. Selissen, 41, Oconto, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to felony bail jumping and misdemeanor battery and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred March 25. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for Aug. 11.

- After a preliminary hearing Jenna R. Garrigan, 32, Oconto Falls, was bound over and pleaded not guilty to false imprisonment and misdemeanor disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred March 27. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for Aug. 11.

Garden walk features library, other bright spots

By **WARREN BLUHM**
Editor-in-chief

Former Gillett Public Library director Kay Rankel was back at her old haunts July 14, volunteering at the library for the “first annual” Garden Walk hosted by the city of Gillett.

Rankel was head of the library for 20 years before her retirement two years ago, and she helped facilitate the expansion project that involved purchasing the former BMO Harris Bank building next door for use as a community center, as well as developing a community square between the two buildings.

“It was all done with donations and community support,” Rankel said.

The library was one of nine locations in the spotlight for the first walk, with its lush flower garden behind the community center known as Jean Frank’s Courtyard, which was created by two Eagle Scouts who installed an outdoor checkerboard, a brick landing off the handicapped parking space, and the landscaped garden.

The community square includes seating areas and a public gathering space. The area was completed by a pergola build by Gillett Secondary School industrial arts students, funded by a grant from Little Rapids Foundation.

Several dozen people toured the various gardens over four hours, which Rankel said was a good response for the first time around.



Flowers surround the community square between the Gillett Public Library and Community Center buildings.

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Jean Frank’s Courtyard offers a quiet space to reflect on a sunny day behind the Ebenreiter Community Center, part of the Gillett Public Library campus.

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A froggy face is part of Dee Vandermause’s garden on Lakeshore Drive in Gillett.

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New administrator takes over Oconto Falls

By **WARREN BLUHM**

Editor-in-chief

Peter Wills' career in economic development and municipal management has brought him home.

Wills started his new job as Oconto Falls city administrator on July 11, succeeding Vicki Roberts, who resigned earlier this year. A native of Abrams, he is a proud member of the Oconto Falls High School Class of 1992.

"I'm certainly familiar with the area," he said, having worked for Senn Landscaping as a teenager. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay with a degree in business and political science and worked first in the banking industry and later economic development. Most recently he was city administrator in Brillion.

Wills was executive director for several years for Progress Lakeshore in Manitowoc County, and his eyes light up remembering that experience.

"We had a great team," he said July 14. "We were able to bring in more than 40 businesses and create 1,200 new jobs."

He's hoping to bring some of that level of success to his new post. On his second night in Oconto Falls, he was sworn in during a City Council meeting that included a report on the \$7 million American Rescue Plan Act grant that will enable a new fire station and a council vote approving new luxury apartments along Chestnut Avenue.

"I can't take any credit for that, of course, but we'll be looking for opportunities like that to help Oconto Falls grow," Wills said. He points to the



Oconto Falls City Administrator Peter Wills attends his first city council meeting July 11.

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city's industrial park as having lots of potential, and he hopes to encourage more residential growth as well.

He was looking forward to his first

meeting of the Oconto Falls Main Street Committee, which was scheduled for July 19. The group has been working with a consultant on ways to

spruce up the downtown area.

"I try to always ask, what are we doing today to move the ball forward?" Wills said.

OBITUARIES

Thomas S. Wawiorka

Thomas S. Wawiorka, 68, Morgan, passed away peacefully, Thursday, July 14, 2022, at Aurora BayCare Medical Center, Green Bay, surrounded by family. The son of Leo and Anita (McDermid) Wawiorka was born Nov. 14, 1953, in Oconto Falls.

Tom graduated from Pulaski High School with the class of 1972. He was offered a scholarship to play football collegiately but was unable due to injuries. He was a member of International Unions of Operating Engineers Local 139 and was a heavy equipment operator for most of his working career.



Tom was an avid outdoorsman who loved anything hunting related such as deer, rabbit, fox and coyote. He also loved making wood. Spending time at "Uncle Tom's Cabin" in Crooked Lake was a favorite pastime for Tom. He was obsessed with the color orange and loved his Allis Chalmers. He was a lifelong member of the National Rifle Association.

Tom is survived by his daughter,

Katie (Adam) Peebles; a brother and his family, Robbie (Jackie) Wawiorka and their children, Lee, Anna and Henry; two sisters and families, Ruth Magee, and her children, Adam, Erin and Jaimie, and Diane Trevarthen and her sons, Michael and David; the mother of his daughter, Jolene Brusky; a great-niece, KylaRayne; and his beloved beagle, Tiger.

In addition to his parents, Leo and Anita, he was preceded in death by a brother, Randy Wawiorka; his hunting buddies, Russ Hudson, Russ VanDenLangenberg and Jim Schweda; and his dog, Smedley.

Friends are invited to gather with family at Marnocha Funeral Home, 186 E. Pulaski St., Pulaski, on Tuesday, July 19, from 3-6 p.m. There will be a time for memory sharing beginning at 6 p.m.

The family would like to thank caregiver Tina Slezewski for all of her care and support over the past year and the third floor staff at Aurora BayCare in Green Bay for their care and compassion over the past week.

Online condolences may be offered to Tom's family at www.marnochafuneralhome.com or the funeral home Facebook page.



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Traditional food secrets way to good health

Sioux Chef tells about how easy it is for Menominee to find food on reservation

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Health issues like diabetes and other maladies have been an issue for Native Americans for decades, but some are pushing for a return to traditional tribal diets that were part of the culture before the tribes were displaced by the American government.

Returning to traditions of hunting food and growing it in the forests of the Menominee Reservation and other tribal lands were at the forefront of the “For the People” conference, which included Indigenous cooking classes and more, and then culminated with guest speaker Sean Sherman, also known as the Sioux Chef, and a community feast.

Sherman is a member of the Oglala Lakota tribe in South Dakota but lives today in Minneapolis, and he is the co-founder for North American Traditional Indigenous Food Systems (NATIFS). He has been traveling the country with his Indigenous Food Lab program, a key part of NATIFS and been showing Native Americans how to combine Native American ingredients with modern technology to make delicious — and healthy — meals for all to enjoy.

“He’s been featured recently as one of the top chefs in the United States and beyond,” said Wade Fernandez, a Menominee musician who played for more than 100 attendees prior to the feast and sat on a panel discussing food and health needs for Native Americans. “The coolest thing is that he’s Native, and he is doing this in a way that respects our medicines, respects our plants, respects our animals and also our ancestors — respecting the food that came and fed our people for so many thousands of years.”

Fernandez and Sherman feel that the way to return to health is to “decolonize” tribal foods, to go back to meals that didn’t include flour, cane sugar, salt and dairy. Sherman said NATIFS is hoping to become a support center, research and development facility and more to help improve tribes’ efforts to create healthy food systems.

“We’re trying to set up a lot of focus on Indigenous education and Indigenous food access,” Sherman said.



Rob Kinneen, left, outreach director for Native American Traditional Indigenous Food Systems, works with Menominee chef Francisco Alegria to put the finishing touches on a bison dish July 16 for a community feast at Menominee Indian High School.

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Francisco Alegria, left, and Beth Waukechon speak on a panel about Indigenous food July 16 in the Menominee Indian High School auditorium as part of the “For the People” event.

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American government efforts like the Homestead Act from 1862

and the Indian Appropriations Act of 1871, among other things, took

land from the tribes and forced them to be relocated to reservations and stripped of their cultural heritage as children were sent to boarding schools where they were forced to practice Christian ways, Sherman noted. That washing away of Native culture included the knowledge of what to eat to be healthy and thrive, he said.

“All of these things were designed to strip away rights from Indigenous people and make their land access easier to grab,” Sherman said. “It was an intentional situation by the U.S. government to weaken the tribes ... to remove some of their food resources.”

A key factor that has kept the tribes from returning to traditional diets is the lack of acknowledgement and acceptance about the abuses suffered at the boarding schools and other places. Sherman noted that by reinstalling the pride of being Native American, tribal members can return to the old ways without fear.



Sean Sherman, known as the Sioux Chef and co-founder for Native American Traditional Indigenous Food Systems, sets out some fish July 16 prior to the community feast in the commons area at Menominee Indian High School.

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“We’re still facing so many problems in our own communities,” Sherman said. “We’re dealing with domestic violence, sexual abuse, chemical abuse and all these things.”

The commodity foods programs created many of the health woes that tribes face, Sherman said, and many people are still on diets where the food they eat is artificially preserved and not a part of nature.

“These are not our ancestral foods,” Sherman said as he pointed to images of meat in a can, commodity cheese, flour and other items Native Americans received when they were kept on reservations in the mid-1800s. “This is what’s making us sick. There’s way too many carbs, there’s way too many sugars, and there’s way too much processed food.”

Sherman added that cultures today believe that fry bread is a traditional staple for Native Americans, not realizing it was something they were forced to make with the limited commodities available in order to survive. He believes, in order to spread the word about traditional Native foods, tribes need to open restaurants in cities and towns that

showcase Indigenous ingredients.

“We didn’t do fry bread tacos, Indian tacos, Navajo tacos, whatever you want to call them, because there’s so much cooler stuff out there,” Sherman said. “This shouldn’t identify every Native American out there. We’re too diverse. We have too much to share.”

Sherman said he hopes to continue to come back, whether it’s annually or quarterly, to help other tribes and tribal members rediscover their own agricultural roots that can return them to a healthy state. NATIFS opened up a food truck a few years ago, and it was a big hit, he said, which furthers his belief that Indigenous cuisine and foods are not dead yet.

“We all have to work toward food sovereignty in order to have food security at some point,” Sherman said. “We need regional food systems, and we need local control, which means not governmental control. We shouldn’t be following the USDA (U.S. Department of Agriculture) model of what a school should be eating because otherwise we’re feeding our kids pizza and sugary juices.”

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Among the dishes served up July 16 at a community feast at Menominee Indian High School is wild rice with carrots and other vegetables.

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Stews with Indigenous ingredients were on the menu for the community feast July 16 at Menominee Indian High School.

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Ramthum makes stop in Shawano on campaign trail

Gubernatorial candidate covers topics from election integrity to Second Amendment rights

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

Election integrity, agency oversight, taxpayer relief and Second Amendment rights were among the key topics touched on July 13 by Republican gubernatorial candidate Tim Ramthum. In a campaign stop at the Shawano County Republican Headquarters ahead of the Aug. 9 GOP primary, the candidate also talked about education in Wisconsin, the importance of agriculture and an end to drug and sex trafficking.

“When I see injustice, I think that I have to go there and help,” Ramthum told the crowd. “I want to be a part of the solutions to address injustice and resolve them.”

Ramthum said he first became involved in public office 12 years ago when he ran for a position on the Kewaskum School Board.

“It was a contentious environment — just like any government body,” said Ramthum. “It was, ‘Just say yes, and everything will be fine.’ I thought, ‘No. I do not work that way.’ When representatives go in front of bodies, they can’t think for themselves. They have to think for the people that they are representing, and that is what I do.”

His first point of emphasis revolved around election integrity.

“This happens to probably be the most important issue in our state and our nation right now, because it affects everything else,” said Ramthum. “Election integrity matters because elections have consequences. You have had the process and people, who are manipulating elections for more than two and half decades, to get what we have today.”

Ramthum said that voters in Wisconsin helped to perpetuate his claim of unfair elections.

“It is because of our indifference,” said Ramthum. “We did not get engaged. We did not ask questions. We did not hold the people in the process accountable.”

He pleaded with voters to not let that same trend continue and to become more informed to find the right candidate for the position.

“Let’s not continue the same practice that continue the problems,” said Ramthum. “If you want something to get better, you have to find somebody who has the leadership, conviction, courage, passion, integrity, honesty and a sense of urgency. There is not a



Wisconsin Republican gubernatorial candidate Tim Ramthum talks to audience members during his Shawano campaign stop July 13. In his speech, Ramthum put an emphasis on election integrity.

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lot of time to fix this stuff.”

Ramthum slammed members of Wisconsin’s government, including Gov. Tony Evers and Attorney General Josh Kaul, saying that he is still confused about their platforms.

“I don’t know what they are running on,” said Ramthum. “What is Evers running on? Is he going to defend a tax reduction that was a part of the GOP plan? I don’t know how they can vote for him; he raised \$10 million this quarter. I don’t know how people can give a failing situation money.”

According to Ramthum, if he is elected governor, all of the agencies in Wisconsin will get “an enema.”

“Our state agencies spend tons of money,” said Ramthum. “I do not know of, see any sort of oversight that says how they can spend money without some level of accountability. Where is the return on investments for the taxpayers? I am going to peel the onion of every agency to make sure that the dollars they get are being provided properly across the board. To get this ball rolling, I am going to recommend 10% tax cuts in their budgets across the board. That will rattle them to the core. We can hold them accountable and make them testify about what they are asking for.”

With his position on the Kewaskum School Board, Ramthum said that

education is very important to him and a topic that will be addressed if he is elected as the governor.

“Kids are our future,” said Ramthum. “I am going to take common core out of our schools. I am not going to allow for the indoctrination of our students in our schools.”

He said that he has had a thought to eliminate property tax money to pay for schools.

“We can use more of a sales tax approach,” said Ramthum. “If I could take school tax off of all your property tax bills, the bills would drop by about 65%. When you buy something, the sales tax might be a little higher than 5%, but you are making a choice to buy something, instead of getting slammed.”

According to Ramthum, there needs to be more tax relief for the majority of taxpayers in Wisconsin.

“When you reduce taxes, you reduce revenue and when you reduce revenue you effect other programs,” said Ramthum. “Our sliding scales are still too high for what we do with withholding people’s payroll. I want to see the middle scale come down because that’s where most of us are.”

As he was wrapping his speech up, Ramthum said that he is a huge proponent of agriculture.

“If there are no farms, there is no

food,” said Ramthum. “Farmers are the salt of the Earth. They have been hurt for too many years with the foreclosure of dairy farms around the state. That will be a priority of mine in my administration.”

Ramthum also talked about the importance of stopping human and drug trafficking in Wisconsin.

“Sex trafficking and otherwise is a big deal in our nation and in our state,” said Ramthum. “It is a pandemic of sorts. Children, women and even men are being damaged for life.”

Talking about opioid problems in Wisconsin, Ramthum said that fentanyl is a major reason why there are overdoses in the state.

“Fentanyl is 100 times more potent than morphine,” said Ramthum. “We need to address the access, the care elements, the source elements — we need to address drug and opioid abuse and fentanyl as a big deal.”

Finally, Ramthum touched on his opinion of Wisconsin citizens exercising their Second Amendment rights.

“I am a huge proponent,” said Ramthum. “I would like to see Wisconsin be constitutional carry, day one. I would like to suggest that if we need to, to make Wisconsin a sanctuary state for Second Amendment rights.”

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Survey indicates Pulaski referenda have support

Capital referendum scaled back to address expansion of two schools, other urgent needs

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

The Pulaski Community School District knows from a recent survey that residents support referenda to expand facilities and go past state-established budget caps, but it's also hoping residents will provide some additional details before going out for a vote in November.

The district held two listening sessions on July 18 at Sunnyside Elementary School in the Town of Chase and Pulaski High School in the hopes that people would give information on what projects would be supported if the school board decides to call for a November referendum. According to Superintendent Allison Space, the board would make its final decision sometime in August.

"The board had tasked the administrative team to have a couple more conversations about narrowing the scope, and so we've been working from the findings on the survey," Space said.

Parents are enthusiastically in support of both referenda, with 68% in favor of an operational referendum that would provide an additional \$1.9 million annually on top of the established budget, and 64% supporting a \$73.5 million capital referendum that would expand two elementary schools, replace major building systems that are aging, improve safety measures and provide additional technical education space at the high school.

However, parents and staff generally make up about 25% of voters at election time, with the other 75% consisting of people who have no children in the schools, according to Clint Selle, vice president for Bray Architects. Once the non-family and non-staff survey results were compiled, it's estimated that 51.5% of the community would favor the operational referendum, while the capital referendum would be on the bubble with 49.75% support.

"This is our grandparents, perhaps retired people, likely people that have no affiliation with our school district," Selle said. "These are the people that are voting."

To that effect, the district scaled back its capital referendum plans to only include the most urgent projects. Sunnyside is expected to reach



Sunnyside Elementary School is one of two in the Pulaski School District where an increase in student growth is expected to exceed the building's capacity soon, so the district is holding listening sessions to find out what voters would favor if it asked for a capital referendum in November.

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its capacity in a few years, but Hillcrest Elementary School in Hobart is already surpassing its capacity, so those two schools would be seeing expansions if the referendum gets the green light.

"At Hillcrest, there are portable classrooms going in this week to deal with that," Selle said. "As we look at the referendum, it's primarily the elementary capacity we're looking at."

Projects originally eyed for a capital referendum but could be taken off include renovations and expansion of the district's other three elementary schools, Fairview, Glenbrook and Lannoye; updates and renovations to the middle and high schools; adding an indoor turf facility, creating an additional multi-purpose area; and building a swimming pool at the high school. Although those projects had broad parent and staff support, the remainder of the community indicated in the survey it would vote no in higher numbers than yes.

If the capital referendum passes,

it would add \$1.18 to the tax rate.

The operational referendum, if it were to pass, would allow the school district to continue to make wage adjustments and provide teacher compensation without having to cut the number of staff drastically. Passing the operational referendum would result in an increase of 58 cents in the tax rate for the next five years, district officials estimate.

"This deals with retaining staff and obtaining new staff," said Mark Logan, the district's business services director. "This district has prided itself in low turnover, and when teachers come here, they stay here. That number is slightly increasing in recent years, so we're making sure we are competitive with our neighbors."

Even with the big hike in tax rates should both referenda pass, Pulaski's tax rate would remain below most of its neighboring districts, according to Logan. The current tax rate is \$6.32 per \$1,000 of equalized valuation, and both

propositions would raise next year's rate to \$8.18, which means the owner of a property valued at \$100,000 can expect to pay \$818 in taxes.

The survey received a 20% response rate, as 10,000 surveys were sent out district-wide. Selle noted that might seem like a low number, but any number over 400 surveys (4%, in Pulaski's case) provides validation that the survey results would reflect a future vote.

"We were well above that, and it just reinforces the margin of error, which they had at 2.25%," Selle said.

An operational referendum would go into effect right away, while the capital referendum results would likely not be finished until 2025, as there would still need to be design work into what the expansions and renovations would look like, according to Selle.

The district plans to hold one more listening session at 5:30 p.m. July 25 at Hillcrest Elementary School, 4193 Hillcrest Road, Hobart.

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CW		14 The Big Bang Theory (DVS) 64 MacGyver (DVS)		13 The Big Bang Theory Leonard questions his principles. (DVS)		Riverdale "Chapter One Hundred and Sixteen: The Stand" The forces of good and evil face off. (N) (DVS)		Penn & Teller: Fool Us "Penn & Teller Double Down" Tattoo; Siegfried Tieber; Rick Wilcox. (DVS)		14 American Ninja Warrior 64 The Goldbergs		64 ** Goya's Ghosts (2006) Javier Bardem. (DVS)		14 Truth of God		14 Extra (N) (DVS)		14 Moviefone TV (DVS)																	
14 WCWF		34 WYOW																																	

WEEKDAYS				MORNING / AFTERNOON																		JULY 25	
	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30	
ABC	Good Morning America				9 Live 2 News	2 25 Words or Less	The View		9 News 9 2 Inside	9 Paid Program 9 Pawn Stars	9 GMA3: What 2 News	2 Paid Program	General Hospital		9 Drew Barrymore 2 GMA3-Need to Know		9 Tamron Hall 2 Dr. Phil		9 Dr Phil 2 Action 2 News	2 Action 2 News at 4:30	9 News 9 2 News	ABC World News	
CBS	CBS Mornings				9 Local 5 7 25 Words	7 Paid Program	The Price Is Right		The Young and the Restless		9 News 9 NewsChannel 7	Bold and the Beautiful	The Talk		Let's Make a Deal		9 Friends 7 Clarkson	9 Friends	9 Local 5 News 7 Jdg Judy	7 Judge Judy	9 News 9 NewsChannel 7	CBS Evening News	
FOX	95 Business First 55 WZAW 11 News	95 Ag Day	95 Dateline		95 Rachael Ray 11 Live with Kelly and Ryan		95 The Good Dish 11 Fox 11 Living With Amy		95 Relative 11 Rachael	95 Relative Justice	95 Blast 11 Varied	95 Daily Blast 11 Jdg Judy	95 Judge Mathis 11 The Good Dish		95 Hot Bench 11 Barrymore	95 Hot Bench	95 Judge Ellen Show	95 Judge Judy	95 News 11 Jdg Judy	95 Last Man 11 Judge	95 Sheldon 11 News	95 Young Sheldon	
NBC	Today				Today 3rd Hour		Today With Hoda & Jenna		26 This-Minute 12 Daily	26 List 12 Funny You Ask	Days of our Lives		26 Dateline 12 Jeopardy	12 You Bet Your Life	26 Tamron Hall 12 The People's Court		26 FamFeud 12 Ellen Show	26 Family Feud	26 Jeopardy!	12 Jeopardy!	26 News 12 News	NBC Nightly News	
PBS	20 Hero Elementary	Alma's Way	Curious George	Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood	Donkey Hodie	Elinor Wonders Why	Sesame Street	Pinkalicious & Peterrific	Dinosaur Train	Clifford the Big Red Dog	Sesame Street	Donkey Hodie	This Old House	America's Test Kitchen From Cook	Poldark on Masterpiece		All Creatures Great and Small on Masterpiece		Odd Squad	Molly of Denali	Nature Cat	BBC World News America	
	32 WACY	Divorce	Relative	Minute	Wom	Grill'n	The First 48		Dateline		Chicago Fire		Wendy Williams		Nick Cannon		TMZ Live		Mod	Mod	Mike	Mike	
	48 WTPX	Varied Programs																					
CW	14 National 14 WCWF 34 Divor.	34 Judge Jerry	14 Paid Program 34 Maury	14 America's Court	14 Court 34 S. Wilkos	14 Couples Court	14 Hot Bench 34 Maury	14 Hot Bench	14 Paternity 9 N. Cannon	14 Paternity Court	14 Law & Order 34 Paid Prog.	34 Paid Program	14 Jerry 34 Paid Program	14 Judge Jerry 34 Mom	14 Mathis 34 Jerry	34 Judge Jerry	14 People Court 34 Divor.	34 Divorce Court	14 Jeopardy 34 Steve Wilkos	14 Funny You Ask	14 You Bet 34 N. Cannon	14 Young Sheldon	

MONDAY				EVENING								JULY 25											
6 PM		6:30		7 PM		7:30		8 PM		8:30		9 PM		9:30		10 PM		10:30		11 PM		11:30	
ABC		9 News 9 WAOW at 6PM (N)		Entertainment Tonight (N) Ⓢ Ⓣ		The Bachelorette (N) Ⓢ Ⓣ (DVS)						(:01) Claim to Fame "There's No X in Team" Alliances continue to form. (N) Ⓢ Ⓣ (DVS)		9 News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N) 9 Action 2 News at 10 (N)				(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live! Ⓢ Ⓣ				(:37) Nightline (N) Ⓣ	
9 WAOW 2 WBAY																							
CBS		9 Local 5 News at 6:00 7 (5:59) NewsChannel 7 at 6		9 Local 5 News at 6:30 (N) Ⓣ 7 Inside Edition (N) Ⓢ Ⓣ		The Neighborhood Ⓢ Ⓣ (DVS)		Bob Hearts Abishola Ⓢ Ⓣ		NCIS "Road to Nowhere" Agent Knight goes under cover. Ⓢ Ⓣ (DVS)		NCIS: Hawai'i Ⓢ Ⓣ (DVS)		9 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N) 9 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)				(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert Ⓢ Ⓣ				(:37) The Late Late Show With James Corden Ⓢ Ⓣ	
FOX		63 The Big Bang Theory Ⓢ Ⓣ 11 Jeopardy! (N) Ⓢ Ⓣ		63 The Big Bang Theory Ⓢ Ⓣ 11 Wheel of Fortune Ⓢ Ⓣ		Don't Forget the Lyrics! "I'm About to Shock the World!" A contestant from Las Vegas competes. Ⓢ Ⓣ		Beat Shazam "Million-Dollar Mommies!" Teams of mothers and daughters compete. Ⓢ Ⓣ (DVS)		63 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N) 10 Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)		65 Seinfeld George wants to postpone marrying Susan. Ⓣ		9 Seinfeld "The Old Man" Ⓣ 11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) Ⓣ		63 Seinfeld "The Old Man" Ⓣ 11 (:35) Seinfeld (N) Ⓢ		63 Last Man Standing Ⓣ 11 (:35) Seinfeld (N) Ⓢ		63 Modern Family Ⓢ 11 (:05) DailyMailTV (N) Ⓢ		63 Modern Family Ⓢ 11 (:35) DailyMailTV (N) Ⓢ	
NBC		23 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) Ⓣ 12 Newswatch 12 at 6 (N) Ⓣ		23 Family Feud Ⓢ Ⓣ 12 Wheel of Fortune Ⓢ Ⓣ		American Ninja Warrior "Semifinals 2" The semifinals continue. (N) Ⓢ Ⓣ (DVS)				Weakest Link "Who Thinks K-Pop is a Breakfast Cereal?" Contestants play trivia for \$1 million. Ⓢ Ⓣ (DVS)				63 NBC26 News at 10pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)		63 (:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon (N) Ⓢ Ⓣ 12 (:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon Ⓢ Ⓣ				(:37) Late Night With Seth Meyers Ⓢ Ⓣ			
23 WGBA 12 WJFW																							
PBS		PBS NewsHour (N) Ⓢ Ⓣ		Antiques Roadshow "Ca' d'Zan Hour 2" An Otto Georgi painting; Kiddush cup. Ⓢ (Part 2 of 3) Ⓣ		Antiques Roadshow "Ca' d'Zan Hour 3" Nakashima table; New York Yankees ring. Ⓢ (Part 3 of 3) Ⓣ		POV "Winter's Yearning" Greenland anticipates economic renewal. (N) Ⓢ Ⓣ				Grantchester on Masterpiece A va-grant is found murdered. Ⓢ Ⓣ (DVS)				Concerts on the Square "The Planets and Ho Chunk" Ⓢ Ⓣ							
20 WHRM 38 WLEF 38 WPNE																							
WACY		Family Feud Ⓢ		Two/Half Men		Dateline "Deadly Deceit" Ⓢ		Monk Surprise birthday party.		My News at 9		NBC 26 Tonight		Two/Half Men		Mom Ⓢ Ⓣ		Mom Ⓢ Ⓣ		2 Broke Girls Ⓢ			
WTPX		MacGyver Ⓢ Ⓣ				MacGyver Ⓢ Ⓣ		Leverage: Redemption Ⓢ Ⓣ		Leverage: Redemption Ⓢ Ⓣ		Leverage: Redemption Ⓢ Ⓣ		Leverage: Redemption Ⓢ Ⓣ		Leverage "The Miracle Job" Ⓣ							
CW		14 The Big Bang Theory Ⓢ Ⓣ 34 Family Guy Ⓢ Ⓢ		14 The Big Bang Theory Ⓢ Ⓣ 34 Family Guy Ⓢ Ⓣ		Roswell, New Mexico "Dig Me Out" Liz and Max have a major disagreement. (N) Ⓢ Ⓣ		In the Dark "C.I. Was Right" Murphy gets an unwelcomed partner. (N) Ⓢ Ⓢ		14 Last Man Standing Ⓣ 34 The Goldbergs Ⓢ		14 Seinfeld Ⓢ Ⓣ 34 The Goldbergs Ⓢ Ⓣ		14 The National Desk (N) (Live) 34 Bob's Burgers Ⓢ		14 The National Desk (N) 34 Bob's Burgers "Boywatch"		14 The King of Queens Ⓣ 34 black-ish Ⓣ		14 Young Sheldon Ⓢ 34 black-ish Ⓢ			

TUESDAY			EVENING								JULY 26																					
6 PM			6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30																			
ABC	9	News 9 WAOW at 6PM (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	9 Celebrity Family Feud Salt-N-Pepa; The Proud Family. (DVS)		Judge Steve Harvey "See What Happened Was..." Friends argue over money. (DVS)		The Rookie "Real Crime" Thorsen decides to rebrand his image. (DVS)		9	News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live!	(:37) Nightline (N)																			
WBAY	2	9 Action 2 News at Six (N)		9 Cover 2: Camp Edition (N)						9	Action 2 News at 10 (N)																					
CBS	5	9 Local 5 News at 6:00 (5:59) NewsChannel 7 at 6	9	Local 5 News at 6:30 (N)	FBI "Allegiance" A shooter targets detectives.		FBI: International		FBI: Most Wanted "Covenant" Investigating a series of homicides.		9	Local 5 News at 10:00 (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert	(:37) The Late Late Show With James Corden																		
WFRV	7	WSAW	9	Inside Edition (N)							9	NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)																				
FOX	35	WZAW	11	The Big Bang Theory	9 The Big Bang Theory		Crime Scene Kitchen "Fight Until the Batter End" The bakers head back into the kitchen.		(:01) Fantasy Island "Once Upon a Time in Havana" Alma revisits her family history.		9	NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N)	11	Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)	9	Seinfeld Elaine's friend comments on villas.	9	Seinfeld "The Implant"	11	Fox 11 News at 10 (N)	9	Last Man Standing	11	(:35) Seinfeld	9	Modern Family	11	(:05) DailyMailTV (N)	9	Modern Family	11	(:35) DailyMailTV (N)
NBC	26	WGBA	12	WJFW	9	NBC26 News at 6pm (N)	12	Newswatch 12 at 6 (N)	9	Family Feud	12	Wheel of Fortune	America's Got Talent "Auditions 8" Variety acts audition. (N)		(:01) Snake in the Grass "Masters of Gameplay" Survivor and Naked and Afraid alums. (N)		9	NBC26 News at 10pm (N)	12	Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon		(:37) Late Night With Seth Meyers									
PBS	20	WHRM	36	WLEF	38	WPNE	PBS NewsHour (N)		Finding Your Roots With Henry Louis Gates, Jr. "Science Pioneers" Harold Varmus; Francis Collins.		America Outdoors With Baratunde Thurston "Appalachia: A Different Way" How Appalachians interact with nature. (N)		Frontline "Facing Eviction" The nation's affordable housing crisis. (N)		Rabbett Before Horses An Ojibwe artist's work.		NOVA "NOVA Universe Revealed: Age of Stars" Details about the sun's history. (DVS)															
WACY	46	WTPX	Family Feud		Two/Half Men		Dateline "Internal Affairs"		Monk Sharona returns.		My News at 9		NBC 26 Tonight		Two/Half Men		Mom		Mom		2 Broke Girls											
CW	14	WCWF	34	WYOW	The Big Bang Theory		The Big Bang Theory		Family Guy		Superman & Lois "The Inverse Method" A mission to find Lois' sister Lucy.		Tom Swift "... And the Night to Remember" Tom searches for the last capsule piece. (N)		14 Last Man Standing		14 The Goldbergs		14 The National Desk (N) (Live)		14 The National Desk (N) (Live)		14 The King of Queens		14 Young Sheldon		14 black-ish					

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, JULY 22

KESHENA: Kehtekaewak Farmers Market, noon to 4 p.m., College of Menominee Nation, N172 State Highway 47-55.

PULASKI: Pulaski Polka Days, 1 p.m. to 1:15 a.m.,
Polka Days Grounds.

SHAWANO: Smalley Beach Bash, 2-7 p.m., Smalley Park, 211 Riverside Drive. Free event featuring themed water games and activities, giant inflatables, visits from the Ski Sharks, Shawano Dive Team and the Shawano PD. Sponsored by the Shawano Park and Recreation Department.

LENA: Music on the Patio featuring Open Mic Night, 6-10 p.m., Wooden Shoe Bar and Grill, 100 W. Main St.

OCONTO FALLS: Music by the River Sunset Concert Series featuring the Bad Mother Truckers, East Side Beach, North Main Street. Free music; food and refreshments available on the grounds; no carry-ins.

SHAWANO: "Legally Blonde: The Musical," 7 p.m., Mielke Arts Center, N5649 Airport Road, presented by Box in the Wood Theatre Guild. \$15 adults, \$10 children. 715-526-2525 or shawanoarts.com.

SATURDAY, JULY 23

SHAWANO: The FRESH Project Farmers Market, 8 a.m. to noon, Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St.

MARION: Historical Society Heritage Day, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., antique cars and trucks show, swap and craft meet, basket raffles, silent auction, buildings open, food and refreshment, music under the bandstand.

LAKEWOOD: 125th Anniversary Celebration, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Memorial Park, North Road. 5K run/walk and kids fun run 9 a.m., family activities, door prizes, old-fashioned picnic lunch 11:30 a.m.

PULASKI: Pulaski Polka Days, 11 a.m. to 1 a.m., Polka Days Grounds. Arts and crafts fair 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

SHAWANO: "Legally Blonde: The Musical," 7 p.m.,

Mielke Arts Center, N5649 Airport Road, presented by Box in the Wood Theatre Guild. \$15 adults, \$10 children. 715-526-2525 or shawanoarts.com.

SUNDAY, JULY 24

SHAWANO: Zurko Promotions flea market, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Shawano County Fairgrounds, 990 E. Green Bay St.

PULASKI: Pulaski Polka Days, 8 a.m., Polka Days Grounds. Church services, pancake and porkie breakfast 8-11 a.m., Arts and crafts fair 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., parade 11 a.m.

SHAWANO: "Legally Blonde: The Musical," 2 p.m., Mielke Arts Center, N5649 Airport Road, presented by Box in the Wood Theatre Guild. \$15 adults, \$10 children. 715-526-2525 or shawanoarts.com.

SHAWANO: Music on the Patio featuring Tribute Night (Elvis and the Blues Brothers), 4-8 p.m., The Lighthouse Sports Bar and Grill, W6440 Gumaer Road.

SHAWANO: Music in the Park, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Memorial Park, 909 S. Lincoln St.

TUESDAY, JULY 26

OCONTO FALLS: Oconto County Farmers Market, 4-8 p.m., Highland Square, 323 E. Highland Drive. Produce vendors, food trucks, kids' activities, music.

OCOTO: Tunes on Tuesday featuring Steve Peterson and Friends, 6-7 p.m, Surrendered Heart 7-8 p.m., Beyer Home gazebo, 917 Park Ave.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

SHAWANO: Shawano Ski Sharks, 6 p.m., Smalley Park, 211 Riverside Drive, Pre-show 5:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, JULY 28

SHAWANO: Thursdayz at Franklin featuring Panic Station, 6-8:30 p.m., Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St. Food and beverage vendors.

FRIDAY, JULY 29

CECIL: Sunflower Fest, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Bergsbaken Farms, W2095 County Road E. Photo ops, ride the sunflower wagon, pick your own sunflowers (fee),

kids' activities, vendors.

KESHENA: Kehtekaewak Farmers Market, noon to 4 p.m., College of Menominee Nation, N172 State Highway 47-55.

LENA: Thunder On Main, 6-8 p.m., downtown. Dirt City Duel racers and teams line the streets; food and drink specials at local businesses.

LENA: Music on the Patio featuring Almost Normal, 6-10 p.m., Wooden Shoe Bar and Grill, 100 W. Main St.

SATURDAY, JULY 30

SHAWANO: The FRESH Project Farmers Market, 8 a.m. to noon, Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St.

LENA: Dirt City Duel Amsoil Off-Road Championships, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Dirt City, 414 E. Main St. Tickets and camping information at dirtcitylmc.com.

CECIL: Sunflower Fest, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Bergsbaken Farms, W2095 County Road E. Photo ops, ride the sunflower wagon, pick your own sunflowers (fee), kids' activities, vendors.

OCOTO: Machickanee Players Stage Acting Workshop, noon to 4 p.m., Park Avenue Theatre, 408 Park Ave.

SUNDAY, JULY 31

SHAWANO: Zurko Promotions flea market, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Shawano County Fairgrounds, 990 E. Green Bay St.

LENA: Dirt City Duel Amsoil Off-Road Championships, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Dirt City, 414 E. Main St. Tickets and camping information at dirtcitylmc.com.

SHAWANO: 53rd annual Art and Craft Sale, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Mielke Arts Center, N5629 N. Airport Road. Sponsored by the Shawano County Arts Council.

CECIL: Sunflower Fest, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Bergsbaken Farms, W2095 County Road E. Photo ops, ride the sunflower wagon, pick your own sunflowers (fee), kids' activities, vendors.

SHAWANO: Music in the Park featuring It's Just Us Band, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Memorial Park, 909 S. Lincoln St.

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FRIDAY			EVENING							JULY 29				
	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30		
ABC	9 News 9 WAOW at 6PM (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	Shark Tank A new take on a drawing tool.	(:01) 20/20 (N)					9 News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N) 9 Action 2 News at 10 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live!	(:37) Nightline (N)			
WBAY	9 Action 2 News at Six (N)													
CBS	8 Local 5 News at 6:00	8 Local 5 News at 6:30 (N)	Secret Celebrity Renovation "Debbie Gibson" Pop icon Debbie Gibson. (N)	Magnum P.I.		Blue Bloods (DVS)			8 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N) 8 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert	(:37) The Late Late Show With James Corden			
WFRV	7 (5:59) NewsChannel 7 at 6	7 Inside Edition (N)												
WSAW														
FOX	53 The Big Bang Theory	53 The Big Bang Theory	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (N) (Live)				53 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N) 53 Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)	53 Seinfeld "The Soup Nazi" Vendor won't serve Jerry's friend.	53 Seinfeld "The Smelly Car" 53 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) (Live)	53 Last Man Standing 53 (:35) Seinfeld (N)	53 Modern Family 53 (:05) DailyMailTV (N)	53 Modern Family "Promposal" 53 (:35) DailyMailTV (N)		
WZAW	11 Jeopardy! (N)	11 Wheel of Fortune												
WLUK														
NBC	63 NBC26 News at 6pm (N)	63 Family Feud 62 Wheel of Fortune	American Ninja Warrior "Semifinals 2" The semifinals continue. (DVS)				Dateline NBC (N)		63 NBC26 News at 10pm (N) 62 Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon		(:37) Late Night With Seth Meyers		
WGBA														
WJFW														
PBS	PBS NewsHour (N)		Washington Week (N)	Here and Now (N)	Broadchurch Time is running out to solve the murder.		Unforgotten on Masterpiece Cassie and Sunny interview suspects. (DVS)		POV "Winter's Yearning" Greenland anticipates economic renewal.		Front and Center "John Hiatt With Jerry Douglas and Special Guest Tommy Emmanuel" John Hiatt and Jerry Douglas perform.			
WHRM														
WLEF														
WPNE														
WACY	Family Feud	Two/Half Men	Dateline "The Root of All Evil"		Monk Monk helps his father-in-law.		My News at 9	NBC 26 Tonight	Two/Half Men	Mom	Mom	2 Broke Girls		
WTPX	Hawaii Five-0		Hawaii Five-0		Hawaii Five-0		Hawaii Five-0		Hawaii Five-0		Hawaii Five-0			
CW	13 The Big Bang Theory	13 The Big Bang Theory	Penn & Teller: Fool Us "Ghostbusters" Sean-Paul and Juliana Fay; Disquido.		World's Funniest Animals Jennifer Veal; a cat-astrophe.	World's Funniest Animals Comic Stephen Kramer Glickman.	13 Last Man Standing	13 Seinfeld 13 The Goldbergs	13 The National Desk (N) (Live) 13 Bob's Burgers	13 The National Desk (N) (Live) 13 Bob's Burgers	13 The King of Queens	13 Young Sheldon		
WCWF	34 Family Guy	34 Family Guy												
WYOW														

Democrats hold open house



Bill Switalla, a Democrat running for the 6th District Assembly seat in November, talks with a constituent July 12 at the Shawano County Democratic Party headquarters in Shawano.

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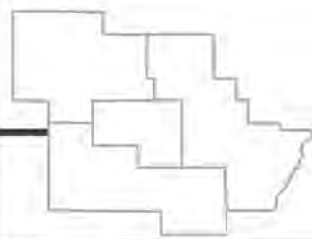
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Local resident highlights experience with scam call

Police get several calls a week about scams

By **LUKE REIMER**
 Reporter

A local resident was on the receiving end of a scam call that stated they won \$1.5 million, among other prizes, from Publishers Clearing House.

"They called me three different times," said Shawano resident Dennis Zapp. "We were supposed to meet the Publishers Clearing House van at Walmart. I drove around the parking lot looking for the Publishers Clearing House van, and it wasn't there."

After leaving, he said that he received another call from the same person, saying that Zapp did not meet them at Walmart. He added that the person asked if Zapp was still interested in \$1.5 million, a 2022 Ford 150 and \$7,000 a week for life.

"What he didn't realize is that I had his number on my cellphone," said Zapp. "I had Walmart look that number up to find out what area code is from. They did that for me and the area code was from Jamaica."

Zapp added that he never entered a contest for the prizes.

"I told them that I never entered a contest, and he didn't call me again," said Zapp.

Shawano Police Department Capt.

Shane Stange said that calls like these are very difficult to pursue.

"We have tried and to be honest it is very difficult," said Stange. "A lot of the times it's not only out of the state, but out of the country. We just encourage the public to contact law enforcement if they ever are questioning anything. If something is too good to be true, then it probably is."

Stange said that calls like this are becoming a problem in Shawano.

"I would say that every week, you get two or three people a week calling the police department with some sort of phone scam or a question that they have on the phone scam," said Stange. "Usually, we just try to inform people in the community how to stay safe with these."

Stange said there are a couple of things to look out for when someone receives a call like this.

"First, they should know that the government is not going to be asking for any of your personal information over the phone," said Stange. "You are not going to be arrested, as well. There is never a good reason to send cash money for a gift card. If they are unsure, just say, 'I am not going to make a decision right now, but you can send more information.'"

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OPINION

YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW

When transparency is treated with contempt

Most of the time, public officials in Wisconsin obey the state's openness laws. Sometimes, they need a little prodding from the courts. The recent conduct of Robin Vos and Michael Gableman is something altogether new, and deeply disturbing.

Both Vos, the speaker of the state Assembly, and Gableman, whom Vos hired at taxpayer expense (more than \$1 million and counting) to look for fraud in the 2020 election, have been cited for contempt of court regarding open records requests.

Vos, the architect of a failed 2015 attempt to gut the state's open records law, was held in contempt by Dane County Circuit Judge Valerie Bailey-Rihn, for failing to produce records as ordered or explain why he couldn't. He responded by lashing out at Bailey-Rihn, calling her "a liberal judge in Dane County trying to make us look bad." Bailey-Rihn later opted not to impose penalties for contempt, but Vos (read: taxpayers) might yet have to pay associated legal costs.

Similarly, Dane County Circuit Judge Frank Remington found Gableman's Office of Special Counsel in



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court proceeding.

Gableman sneeringly refused to answer questions from Christa Westerberg, an attorney representing American Oversight, a group seeking records regarding Gableman's probe, and vice president of the Wisconsin Freedom of Information Council.

Gableman's conduct was "misogynistic" and "an affront to the judicial process and an insult to Atty. Westerberg," Remington wrote in his contempt order. "The circus Gableman created in the courtroom destroyed any sense of decorum and irreparably damaged the public's perception of the judicial process."

Gableman is appealing the \$2,000-per-day penalty as "grossly

contempt over its handling of records requests and referred the former justice to the Office of Lawyer Regulation for possible disciplinary action for his disgraceful conduct during a

disproportionate to the violation."

At a subsequent hearing in which he managed to maintain his composure, Gableman admitted that he has routinely destroyed records he considers not relevant to his investigation.

"Did I delete documents? Yes, I did," he told the court. These include his notes from trips he took on the taxpayer's dime to Arizona to watch the widely ridiculed recount and to South Dakota to hear My Pillow founder Mike Lindell make baseless allegations of electoral fraud. ("I didn't find anything that I could use during that seminar," Gableman testified.)

Indiana attorney James Bopp Jr., representing Gableman's Office of Special Counsel, argued in an April 8 letter that, absent a pending records request, there is no statutory requirement that records be preserved. The Wisconsin Legislative Council, a nonpartisan service agency, had previously determined that this office was required to retain these records.

That's right — Bopp declared from his perch in Indiana that he knew more about Wisconsin's rules

than the state itself. Gableman attained the same level of hubris in contending to reporters, "If I had to keep every scrap of paper, I would do nothing else. I would need a warehouse."

Really? A warehouse? How many taxpayer-funded records has Gableman destroyed?

In fact, released records reveal, among other things, that the work for which Gableman was pocketing \$11,000 per month (it has since been cut in half) was, in the estimation of Judge Bailey-Rihn, "minimal." Gableman is now being sued again by American Oversight, over his destruction of records.

Clearly, the state Legislature must do a better job of ensuring that those it hires are complying with their obligations under the state's transparency laws. Robin Vos and Michael Gableman should be held accountable for treating these laws with contempt.

Bill Lueders, former editor and now editor-at-large of The Progressive, is president of the Wisconsin Freedom of Information Council, a group dedicated to open government. Your Right to Know is a monthly column distributed by the council.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Arrowood qualified to succeed Tauchen

To the editor:

I will be voting for Craig Arrowood in the 6th Wisconsin State Assembly District Republican primary on Aug. 9. I will do so because I know Craig to be intelligent, hard working and experienced in the functioning of the Assembly. He is knowledgeable about the issues that will come before the Assembly, has a Bachelor of Arts in political science, and he will communicate with his constituents about the issues.

I first learned of him when he started to work for Rep. Gary Tauchen in 2006. Tauchen told me that he found an excellent person to be a staffer in his office. He thought so highly of him that he promoted Craig to chief of staff in 2007.

I got to know Craig personally as I was still on the executive committee of the Republican Party of Wisconsin, and I helped Tauchen in all his re-election campaigns. Craig was always professional, personable, honest and open to the opinions of others.

At one time, Craig was committee clerk for the Assembly on various committees including elections and campaign Reform, small business, and agriculture.

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July 13

Deputies responded to 46 incidents, including a disturbance on Krause Road in the Town of Little Suamico, threatening on Fawn Street in the Town of Townsend, a drug investigation at an address in Suring, threatening on Peshtigo Brook Road in the Town of Breed, suspicious activity on Cedar Point Lane in the Town of Riverview, theft on Teto Lane in the Town of Oconto, suspicious activity on County Road T in the Town of Doty, a disturbance on Sherrie Lane in the Town of Underhill, a noise disturbance on Lilac Road in the Town of Little Suamico, illegal burning on Cross Road in the Town of Little Suamico, fire on Fish House Road in the Town of Pensaukee, one traffic stop, three traffic offenses, two citizen assists, three miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; three 911 hangups and three open lines; two crashes, both involving deer.

July 12

Deputies responded to 36 incidents, including stalking on South Wedgewood Drive in the Town of Little Suamico, suspicious activity on West Frontier Road in the Town of Little Suamico, theft on East Frontage Road in the Town of Abrams, harassment on County Road M in the Town

of Maple Valley, fraud on County Road VV in the Town of Underhill, three traffic stops, one traffic hazard, two traffic offenses, one citizen assist, one miscellaneous traffic incident, two welfare checks; four 911 hangups and three open lines; one ambulance call; three crashes, two involving deer.

July 11

Deputies responded to 43 incidents, including an adult at risk in the Town of Oconto Falls, suspicious activity on East Frontage Road in the Town of Abrams, a wanted person on Arbutus Avenue in Oconto, child abuse at an address in the Town of Abrams, property damage on Timberwood Court in the Town of Abrams, fireworks near state Highway 32 and Dudzik Road in the Town of Chase, four traffic stops, one traffic hazard, two traffic offenses, two citizen assists, three miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; three 911 hangups and one open line; four crashes, two involving deer.

July 10

Deputies responded to 50 incidents, including fireworks on state Highway 32-64 in the Town of Mountain, fireworks on state Highway 32 in the Town of Chase, an unwanted party on Muehl Drive in

Suring, harassment on West Main Street in Lena, property damage on County Road S in the Town of Chase, an animal bite on Elm Lawn Road in the Town of Morgan, suspicious activity on state Highway 32-64 in the Town of Mountain, a disturbance on Ball Park Road in the Town of Little Suamico, harassment on County Road I in the Town of Stiles, suspicious activity on East Highland Drive in Oconto Falls, three traffic stops, three traffic hazards, two traffic offenses, two citizen assists, six miscellaneous traffic incidents, three welfare checks; four 911 hangups and three open lines; three ambulance calls; four crashes, one involving deer.

July 9

Deputies responded to 58 incidents, including property damage on Pioneer Park Road in the Town of Stiles, a disturbance on Menominee Line Road in the Town of Underhill, fireworks on Casey Lane in the Town of Chase, threatening on state Highway 22 in the Town of Gillett, suspicious activity on Lake John Road in the Town of Lakewood, fireworks on County Road J in the Town of Pensaukee, suspicious activity on state Highway 32 in the Town of Lakewood, fireworks on Casey Lane in the Town of Chase, five traffic stops,

one traffic hazard, five traffic offenses, four citizen assists, three miscellaneous traffic incidents, two welfare checks; five 911 hangups and two open lines; three ambulance calls; two crashes, one involving deer.

July 8

Deputies responded to 51 incidents, including suspicious activity on Bridge Street in Oconto, suspicious activity near Bobcat and Swan Lake roads in the Town of Townsend, a disturbance on High Ridge Trail in the Town of Chase, suspicious activity on Cheyenne Drive in the Town of Abrams, identity theft on County Road G in the Town of Spruce, fraud on Sampson Road in the Town of Pensaukee, fireworks on Sunset Bay Lane in the Town of Townsend, harassment on East Chain Lake Road in the Town of Lakewood, sexual assault at an address in the Town of Oconto Falls, property damage on Peterson Road in the Town of Chase, an unwanted party on North Rosera Street in Lena, fireworks on County Road J in the Town of Pensaukee, four traffic stops, one traffic hazard, two traffic offenses, three citizen assists, five miscellaneous traffic incidents, two welfare checks; three 911 hangups and two open lines; two crashes, both involving deer.



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RESOLUTION 22-003; Action by Unanimous Consent of Government Entity Restatement of Qualified Retirement Plan.
Posted by City Deputy Clerk
Jenny Friedman

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CITY OF GILLETT

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE APPROVAL

The following Ordinance has been passed by the Common Council for the City of Gillett.

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Summary

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SKI SHARKS READY FOR STATE

Shawano seeking first
title since 2018

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The Ski Sharks show off a pyramid during a show on July 13 in Shawano.

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Shawano Ski Sharks eager to keep up recent success at state



The Shawano Ski Sharks ballet line performs during a show on July 13 in Shawano.

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Several individual competitors also eyeing strong finishes

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Shawano Ski Sharks have had plenty of success at the Wisconsin State Water Ski Show Championships over the past few years and are ready to keep the trend going this week.

The Ski Sharks will be headed to South Wood County Park to compete on Lake Wazeecha over a couple of days. Several Ski Shark members will be competing on July 21 before the team competes together during the afternoon on July 22.

Shawano's string of success began in 2017 when the team won the Division 3 state title, which bumped the team up to Division 2 the following year. The better competition didn't intimidate the Ski Sharks, who shocked many by winning the 2018 D2 title.

The Ski Sharks placed 10th at the 2019 D1 championships while taking on teams often double their size. After the pandemic canceled



Ski Sharks skiers gesture to the crowd during the team's show on July 13 in Shawano.

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the championships in 2020, the Ski Sharks put up another strong score at the D2 championships last summer, placing second.

"We won in 2018 and that put us up against the big boys in '19 and we were humbled quite well, but we came back last year, second place in Division 2," said team president Dave Passehl before the team's show on July 13. "Our goal obviously is to win. If we get bumped up to the big guys, then we'll see where we place the following year."

"We're hoping to get the title this year," said Carsten McHugh, this year's show director. "Everyone's been doing really great, the talent's been just amazing and I couldn't ask for much more from them. They've been putting the work in."

For those who can't make the trip to Wisconsin Rapids for the free state championships, fans who have attended any of the team's shows this summer can know that what they watched in Shawano is what the team is using at state.

"Everything that happens during the theme show is what we do at state," said McHugh. "We have 60 minutes to run the whole show, we have 20 minutes to set up and 10 minutes to tear down after that. It's really quick and goes by fast, but everyone just has to keep their heads on straight and it goes really well."

Passehl says the team sticks to entertaining its home fans first and foremost, but that by doing that, it also helps the team at the state championships. He added that the increased crowd sizes at this summer's home shows should help the team on the big stage at state.

He added that even though some weeks the team can struggle during its Wednesday shows, they can get to state and be among the best in the state.

"You get to the tournament and you're like, 'Holy cow, we really are good,'" said Passehl, adding that the underdog mentality that the team often takes with them seems to help them out.

"We're very confident when we get there. We roll in with all our beautiful sponsored boats. We pull in like a D1 team, but with a D2 size. We roll in there pretty confident."

Individual competitors

During the individual competition July 21, Faith Passehl and Faith McHugh will compete in the swivel competition.

Passehl placed second in the competition a year ago and is hoping to leave Wisconsin Rapids this year as the top swiveler.

"I have set very high expectations for myself, especially with placing second last year," said Passehl. "You go there and it could be anyone's day, especially in an individual thing like

that. I have a very technically difficult routine set up for myself.

"The lineup is always very good, Wisconsin is insanely good with their swivel competitors. Now that I know I can compete with the top people, and have a chance to go to D1 Nationals, it gets my adrenaline pumping. I'm very excited — I'm nervous, but just the idea of taking first and being able to go to D1 Nationals just really makes me more excited and makes me want to work harder."

Faith McHugh also competed in

the swivel competition at state last summer, taking ninth.

Carsten McHugh and his cousin Jessa Jochman will be competing in the strap doubles competition, along with Brad Keuschel and Kylie Wallace also teaming up in that competition.

Keuschel and Wallace came in third last year at state, while McHugh and Jochman placed sixth.

Keuschel and Wallace were given a bid to compete at D1 Nationals after their third-place finish last year but instead decided to compete in the

D2 Nationals event, because the Ski Sharks were hosting it.

"This year, we hope to do as well or better than we did last year, get our D1 qualifier and then go to D1 and see how well we can do against the best," said Keuschel.

Cody Siolka is also expected to compete in the freestyle competition under the Ski Sharks' name, even though he's not on the team this summer.

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The Shawano Ski Sharks perform in front of a big crowd on July 13 in Shawano. The Ski Sharks are hoping the atmosphere at their home meets help the team perform on the big stage at state this week.

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DAIRYLAND LEAGUE HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Hofa Park 7

Navarino 1

Hofa Park rode a five-run third inning to a win over Navarino on July 17 in Navarino.

Grady Brick homered, drove in three runs and scored three times to lead Hofa Park offensively. Ty Myers drove in two runs.

Robert Schuettelpz picked up the

win after striking out eight batters over seven scoreless innings. Gavin Rusch worked the final two frames.

Austin Deiter took the loss on the hill, while Spencer Dauphany also pitched. Dauphany drove in the team's lone run, while Matt Krause had three of the team's eight hits.

Pulaski 11

Nichols 3

Pulaski cruised to a lopsided win over Nichols on July 17 in Nichols.

Jack Maastricht homered in the second inning to give Pulaski a 4-3 advantage, and then the Reds pulled away with a five-run fifth frame.

Maastricht, Hunter Larson, Cody Pangrazzi and Mac Cisar all tallied multiple hits in the win for Pulaski. Joel Vandehei was the winning pitcher, while Drew McDermid also pitched for the Reds.

Hortonville 9

Cecil 3

FYI

Game details for the Shawano, Waupaca matchup were not available at press time. More details on Dairyland games can be found by visiting teams' Facebook pages.

Hortonville picked up a win over Cecil on July 17 in Cecil.

Hortonville outhit Cecil 12-8 in the contest.

Braden Uelmen took the loss on the hill for Cecil, but led the team with three hits.



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BABA HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Northern Division

Elderon 10

Aniwa 2

Elderon outhit Aniwa 13-4 and rolled to a win on July 17 in Elderon.

Austin Worzalla led Elderon with four hits, while Matt Meronk had three. Brandon Groshek tallied two hits, including a home run.

Casey Kerstner picked up the win on the mound. Nolan Hoppe was handed the loss.

Kody Szews homered to lead Aniwa at the plate.

Antigo/Polar 8

Birnamwood 2

Antigo/Polar took down Birnamwood in a July 17 matchup in Birnamwood.

Antigo/Polar had 17 hits, with Dylan Schielke leading the team with three knocks. Jed Weix, A.J. Kirsch, Logan Doering, Neil Brett and Cole Kuenzli had two hits each.

Kirsch also was the winning pitcher. Logan Thiex took the loss for Birnamwood.

Mason Meverden had three of Birnamwood's five hits.

Eland 13

Wittenberg 3

Eland rolled past Wittenberg on July 17 in Eland.

Zach Bembenek, Ryan Richter, Shane Larson, Alex Bembenek and Jarod Richter had two hits each for Eland. Tyler Nelson was the winning pitcher.

Nate Waupekenay took the loss on the mound. Max Kersten led Wittenberg at the plate with two hits.

East-West Division

Tigerton 8

Marion 5

Tigerton earned a home win over Marion on July 17 in Tigerton.

Justin Sivertson homered among his three hits to lead Tigerton at the plate. Patrick Bailey also had five hits, while Dylan Berg and Conner Harris had two each.

Paul Sellner earned the win on the hill, while John Dunleavy took the loss.

Marion's Jake Westphal and Dunleavy each homered, with Westphal finishing with two hits.

Little Falls 7

Tilleda 3

Little Falls moved to 10-0 in league play with a win over Tilleda on July



Elderon's Casey Kerstner pitches during the team's win over Aniwa on July 17 in Elderon.

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17 in Little Falls.

Kal Fischer posted two hits for Little Falls. Carter Kurki pitched all nine innings to earn the win.

Zach Fehrman suffered the loss on the mound. Lane Schultz and Adin Brei posted two hits each for Tilleda.

Caroline 13

Neopit 3

Caroline eased past Neopit in a July 17 clash in Caroline.

Caroline tallied 21 hits in the contest, with Aaron Hoffman leading the team with four. He also got the win on the mound after pitching seven innings.

Austin Hoffman drove in four runs and had three hits for Caroline. Eric Kroening chipped in three hits, while Justin Reminger, Neil Hoffman, Tyler Marquardt, Kade Rosenow and Braiden Behnke had two each.

Walker Smith led Neopit with three hits, while Bob Peters had two. Alex Peters IV took the loss on the mound.

Gresham 14

Clintonville 1

Gresham routed Clintonville on July 17 in Gresham.

Cody Reimer and Joe Ejnik each posted three hits for Gresham. Reimer, Paul Murphy, Tom Nietzer and Chase Quinney all homered.

Murphy earned the win on the hill after striking out 10 batters over seven innings. Hunter Vollmer was the losing pitcher.

Leopolis wins by forfeit over Shawano

Leopolis earned a forfeit win over Shawano. The teams played seven innings on July 17 in Shawano, with Leopolis outscoring Shawano 24-8.

Shawano forfeited as it did not field a valid rostered team.

South Central Division

Plover 12

New London 4

Plover cruised to a win over New London on July 17 in New London.

Zack Hintz earned the win for

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Plover. Wyatt Blaskowski and Kevin Jastromski posted four hits each.

Andrew Parker was the losing pitcher. Myles Parker tallied three hits for New London, while Gabe Wholt added two.

Scandinavia 14

Green Lake 6

Scandinavia eased past Green Lake on July 17 in Scandinavia.

Jeremy Duniho picked up the win after pitching all nine innings for Scandinavia. Jason Steinbach led the team at the plate with three hits, including a homer, and four RBIs. R.J. Rosenthal and Sterling Lutz posted three hits each.

Carter Rhode was dealt the loss on the hill. Damien Netzler drove in three runs on three hits to lead Green Lake at the dish.

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By SCOTT J. OWEN
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Halloween at Shawano Speedway brought the kids out in droves in search of candy. The racing was just as sweet.

Tyler Sobiesczyk lost an engine just as he took the checkered flag for his third win of the year. Joel Bennett held off Ron Berna and Nick Anvelink for his second Late Model win. Marcus Yarie scored his first IMCA Modified win of the year. Travis Van Straten outdueled Dan Michonski for win No. 2 in the IMCA Stock Car feature, while Tanner Westphal nailed down his fourth Mighty 4 win.

Gunner Frank took the lead to start the Late Model feature as Bennett quickly gave chase. Frank's night ended on lap six as he made a hard left turn to pit lane. Bennett took over the lead as Berna and Anvelink applied the pressure in second and third.

Troy Springborn soon broke through the pack and began tracking down the leaders. Bennett ran a mistake-free race in front of two of the best to wheel a Late Model at the Shawano Speedway.

With two laps to go, Berna was glued to the back of Bennett. As the leaders approached the tail of the field on the final lap of the race, Bennett moved to the outside of Shawn Miller to put him a lap down as Miller spun to bring out a caution.

Bennett secured the win followed by Berna, Anvelink, Springborn and Luke Postl.

Yarie started outside row one of the IMCA Modified feature and went the distance, leading all 20 laps of the race. Tony Wedelstadt and Rob Charapata battled for second for numerous laps.

Wedelstadt finished second. Charapata had to settle for third. Jerry Wilinski and Jordan Bartz rounded out the top five.

Vern Stedjee grabbed the early lead in the IMCA Stock Car feature before Dan Michonski moved to his outside to snag the lead on lap five.

Van Straten passed Stedjee to move to second on lap six.

Longtime adversaries, Michonski and Van Straten soon began a high-speed chess match that would last the rest of the race. Van Straten was able to drive in deeper down low in turn one of the the speedway while Michonski raced the high line and continued to lead.

In turns three and four Michonski preferred a lower line. Their side-by-side duel continued until lap 17, when Van Straten took the lead. Michonski quickly crossed Van Straten over and began to run the lowside with Van Straten up high. Michonski continued to pressure Van Straten, but could not muster a pass.

In the end it was Van Straten followed by Michonski, Stedjee, Trent Nolan and Jordan Barkholtz.

Looking to put a season of bad luck behind him with a heat win earlier in the night, AJ Springborn grabbed the lead at the start of the IMCA Northern Sport Modified feature. As he led, Sobiesczyk moved to second.

Springborn's bad luck continued, though, as he spun while leading on lap five to bring out a caution flag and send him to the rear of the field. Sobiesczyk inherited the lead on the restart and was immediately pressured by Jeffery Teske until Teske spun on lap five.

When the race went back green, Sobiesczyk held serve the rest of the event. The final lap of the race Sobiesczyk began to show smoke. As he took the checkered flag, the motor expired in a cloud of smoke.

Travis Rhoades was able to advance from ninth to finish second. Max Oreskovich took third, while Bryce Clements finished fourth. Teske raced back through the field to finish fifth.

In Mighty 4 action, Tanner Westphal rocketed from ninth to first on lap one and never looked back. Lucas Hacker fought his way to second, Jody Cornelius, Lexi Michonski and Carl King completed the top five.

Racing will continue July 23, with \$5,000 on the line to win the IMCA Modified feature and \$2,500 to win the IMCA Stock Car feature. Full results and more information can be found online at www.ShawanoSpeedway.net.

LEGION BASEBALL HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Shawano 11

Bay Port 1 (5 inn.)

Shawano cruised past Bay Port in a July 12 clash in Shawano. The hosts scored seven times in the third inning to pull away.

Zac Jurmu and Brady Hannes drove in two runs each for Shawano. Jacob Polzin, Brady Glysch and Dylan Hodkiewicz all provided two hits, while Warner Beyer, Parker Beyer, Carson Popp and Polzin scored twice each.

Glysch earned the win on the mound after pitching all five innings. He worked around five hits and a walk and struck out five batters.

Pulaski 14

Reedsville 7

Pulaski doubled up Reedsville in a July 11 matchup in Pulaski. The hosts jumped out to a big lead after scoring 10 runs in the first inning.

Jonah Klingeisen belted two home runs among his four total hits, drove in five runs and scored three times to lead Pulaski at the plate.

Lincoln Simons, Mason Petzel and Logan Hochevar all drove in two runs for Pulaski. Hochevar and Kyle Olson scored two runs each.

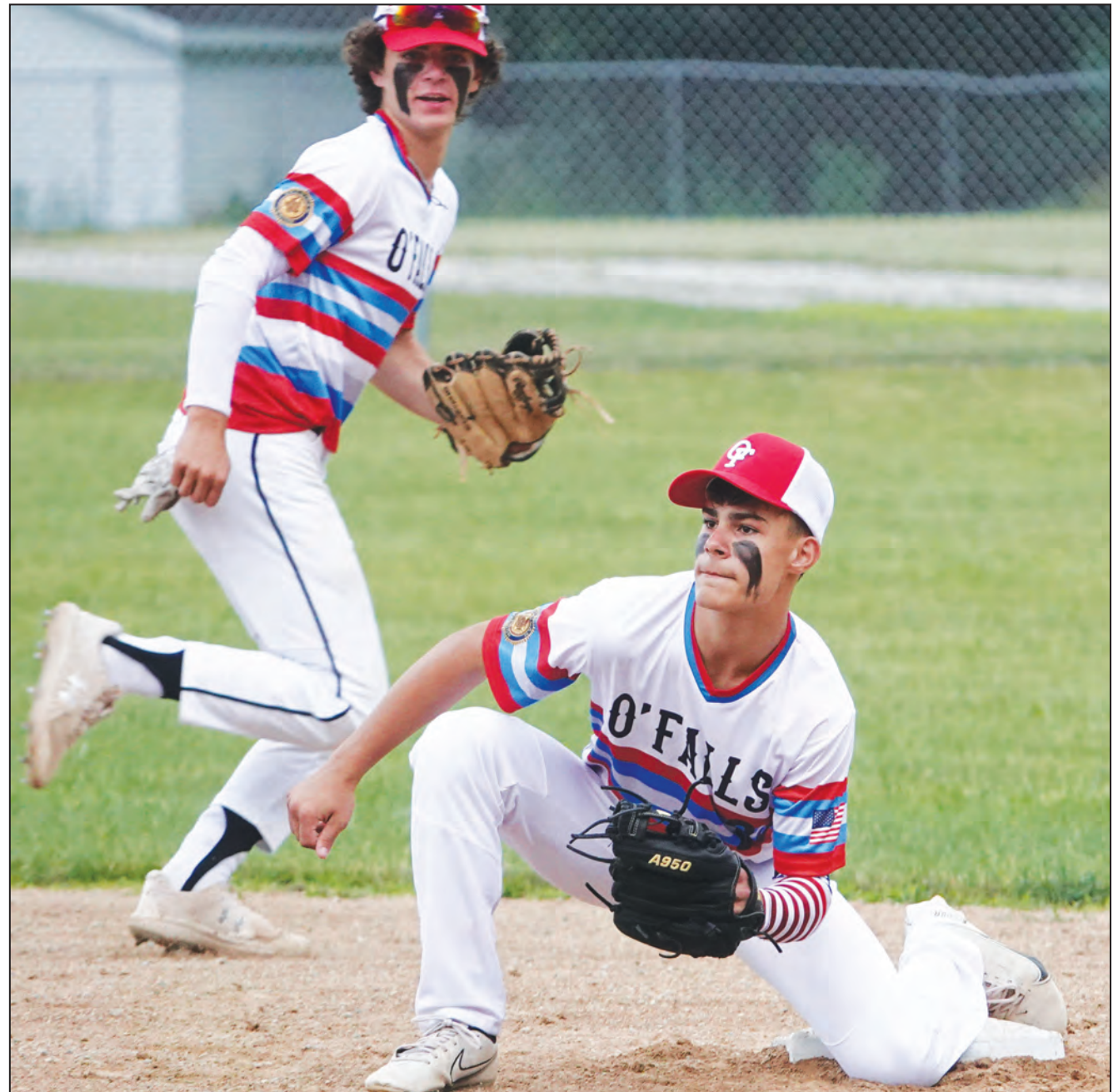
Pulaski's Will Friedman pitched three innings and picked up the win. Hochevar struck out five batters over two innings, while Petzel also had five strikeouts in two innings of work. Only two of the runs Pulaski pitchers allowed were earned.

Bonduel 9

De Pere 5

Bonduel toppled De Pere on July 13 in De Pere.

Garrett Engel got on base four times and scored three times to lead Bonduel offensively. Carson Ro-



Oconto Falls' Cole Bozile, front, ducks down to field a throw as teammate Jake Sager backs up the throw during a game against Bonduel on July 12 in Oconto Falls. The teams were tied at one in the second inning before rain halted the contest.

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baidek scored twice, while Easton Reinke led the team with two hits.

Cole Anderson earned the win on the hill after striking out four bat-

ters over six innings. Jack Johnson got the final three outs.



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Ski Sharks' Carsten McHugh wins freestyle jump competition

STORY AND PHOTOS BY MORGAN RODE • SPORTS EDITOR

Three members of the Shawano Ski Sharks competed in the Division 2 national qualifiers event on July 16 in Shawano, with Carsten McHugh taking home a first-place finish in the intermediate freestyle jump competition to lead the trio.

Ben Wagner placed third in the freestyle jump competition, while Faith McHugh came in 10th in the 360 swivel event.

Carsten McHugh earned a score of 90 on his three jumps. He landed his first two jumps, doing a helicopter for a mark of 63.33 and spread eagle for 26.67.

Tyler Berglund came in second with a score of 27.5 after landing one of his three jumps. Wagner also landed one jump to earn a score of 9.17.

Faith McHugh turned in a score of 4.33 to earn her finish. Presley Cupp won the event with a score of 10.27.

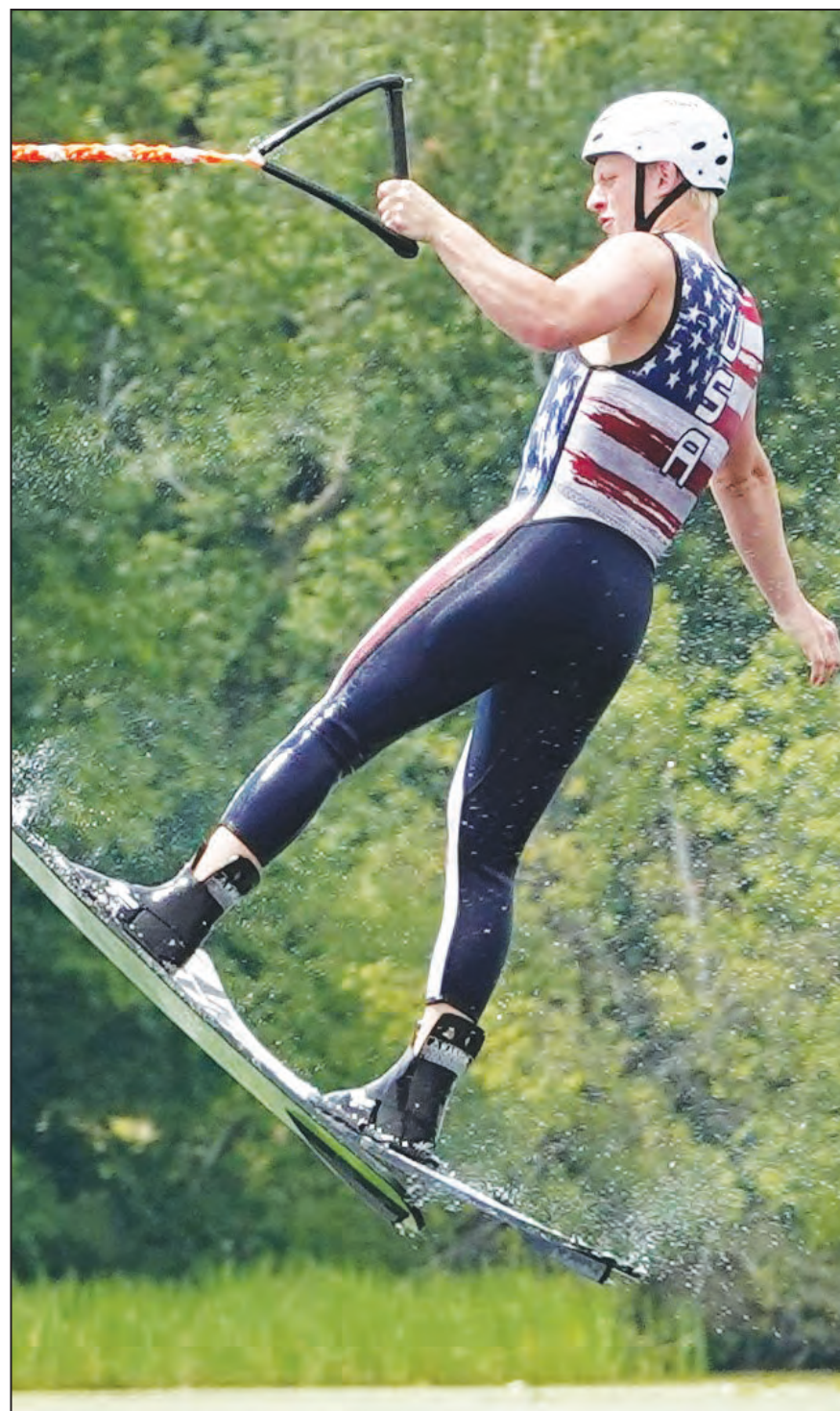
Lexie Gunderson took home first in the 180 swivel competition with a mark of 8.17. Kate Draeger and Jack Misina teamed up for a score of 9.26 to take first in the strap doubles event. Shae Landsverk and Ella Smedema were the lone competitors



Ski Sharks' Ben Wagner competes in the intermediate freestyle jump competition at the Wisconsin State Water Ski Show Championships on July 16 in Shawano.

in the swivel pairs event, earning a mark of 8.63.

The entire competition had a total of four strap doubles pairs, three freestyle jumpers, five competitors in the 180 swivel event and 10 competitors in the 360 swivel event.



Shawano Ski Sharks' Carsten McHugh competes in the intermediate freestyle jump competition at the Wisconsin State Water Ski Show Championships on July 16 in Shawano.



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AMATEUR BASEBALL

Cecil wins Bonduel Broncos Tournament

Mudhens take down Broncos in title game

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Cecil won games against Nichols, Navarino and Bonduel to emerge as the Bonduel Broncos Tournament champion.

The Mudhens defeated Nichols 15-1 on July 11. Cecil then rallied to a 6-5 win over Navarino on July 14 before taking down Bonduel 10-7 in the championship game on July 15. All games were played at Jack Reinke Field in Bonduel.

July 15

Bonduel scored first in the championship game when Adam Frost drove in Chase Reinke on a sacrifice fly, but Cecil responded with the next nine runs to take control.

Cecil's Kenny Casper hit a 3-run homer in the bottom of the first inning to put Cecil ahead.

The Mudhens added three more runs in the second. Garrett Engel drove in a pair on a single before Casper drove in a run on a fielder's choice groundout.

Braden Uelmen drove in Cecil's seventh run in the third inning on a groundout. In the fifth, Isaac Boldt and Braden Uelmen each drove in runs for the Mudhens.

Bonduel scored the game's next six runs to make things interesting. Eric Gruenwald got the rally going with a solo homer in the sixth.

J.C. Reinke drove in a pair in the seventh and was followed by a Frost RBI single to make it a four-run game.

Bonduel got within two in the eighth after a run scored on a Jack Reinke groundout and Cecil error and another runner crossed home on a sacrifice flyout from Bryce Weier.

Cecil scored once in its half of the eighth on a Bonduel error to go back up three, and that score held the rest of the way.

Cecil's Isaac Boldt was the winning pitcher. He struck out seven batters and pitched all nine innings. Isaac Boldt, Jordan Boldt and Noah Beilfuss all had three hits for the Mudhens.

Uelmen was named the tournament's MVP.



Cecil's Kenny Casper looks on after homering during a tournament game against Bonduel on July 15 in Bonduel. Cecil topped Bonduel 10-7 in the championship game.

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Jack Reinke took the loss after getting the first five outs. J.C. Reinke pitched the rest of the game for the Broncos.

July 14

In its comeback win over Navarino, Cecil trailed 5-1 in the third inning.

Tucker Bouche gave the Mudhens the lead in the sixth when he drew a bases-loaded walk. He earned the win on the mound after striking out eight batters over four innings.

Uelmen, Beilfuss and Jake Sager all posted two hits for Cecil, with Uelmen also homering.

Ryan Boettcher drove in two runs for Navarino, while Matt Krause had a pair of hits.

Parker Bohm was the losing pitcher after allowing a run in two innings of work. Boettcher worked the first five innings and struck out seven batters.

Bonduel knocked off Shawano 13-9 in the other semifinal game.

Frost homered and drove in four runs to lead the Broncos at the plate. Chase Reinke drove in three on three hits, while Luke Kostreva had two RBIs on two hits. Hunter VanderLinden and Gruenwald tallied three hits each.

Chase Reinke was the winning

pitcher, striking out 12 over seven innings.

Chase Henning drove in four runs on three hits for Shawano. He also homered and scored two runs.

Cole Nelson took the loss after pitching three innings. He was one of four Lobos' pitchers to take the mound in the contest.

July 13

After games were rained on on July 13, Navarino and Shawano picked up shutout wins on July 13. Navarino blanked Nichols 10-0, while Shawano topped Hofa Park 5-0.

Mason Dingeldein drove in three runs for Navarino, while Bailey Dingeldein and Austin Deiter each drove in two.

Spencer Dauphany was the winning pitcher, striking out five batters and allowing just one walk and one hit over five innings.

Javon Leisgang took the loss for Nichols, while Riley Allen also pitched.

Henning homered and drove in two runs on two hits to lead Shawano past Hofa Park.

Luke Krueger was the winning pitcher, striking out eight while working around three hits and four walks in seven innings of work.

A.J. Crooks took the loss for Hofa Park, while Mike Delgado and Zach Brzezczkowski also pitched.

July 11

On the first day of the tournament, Bonduel topped Hofa Park 11-1 to go along with Cecil's 15-1 win over Nichols.

Frost and Gruenwald each homered for Bonduel, driving in three and two runs, respectively. Jack Reinke had four RBIs and four hits, while Kostreva scored three runs.

VanderLinden earned the win on the hill after pitching all five innings.

Delgado drove in Hofa Park's lone run. Ty Myers took the loss, while Marcus Hornacek also pitched.

Cecil scored 11 runs in the sixth inning to roll past Nichols.

Bouche earned the win, striking out 10 over five innings. Connor Peetz worked an inning.

Beilfuss led the Mudhens with three hits. Jordan Boldt, Braden Vandermoss and Grant Bouche all had two hits.

Jaxon Leisgang led Nichols with two hits, while Joey Wagester took the loss on the hill.

LEGION BASEBALL

Shawano, Bonduel split pair of games



Shawano's Braedyn Kowalkowski, left, and Bonduel's Cole Anderson look to the umpire after a play at third base during the team's matchup on July 14 in Shawano.

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Patriots pull away late to win suspended July 4 game, while Grizzlies nab game 2

By MORGAN RODE
Sports Editor

The Shawano and Bonduel Legion baseball teams split a pair of games on July 14 in Shawano.

Shawano took game one 11-6, which was a completion of a suspended July 4 game. Bonduel then held on late for a 6-5 win in game two.

Game 1

Shawano led 4-0 heading into the bottom of the fourth inning on July 4 when heavy rains fell in Bonduel and postponed the conclusion of the contest.

The four runs all came in the third inning. Ashton Henning belted a two-run homer to right-center field to

plate Carson Popp. Andrew Popp later scored on an error before Jacob Polzin singled home Braedyn Kowalkowski.

Henning was on the mound for the July 4 game and also was pitching when the game resumed. He ended up getting an additional eight outs before being replaced by Polzin, who got the final four outs.

A couple of Shawano errors allowed Bonduel's Jack Johnson to score in the bottom of the fourth, making it 4-1. Shawano got the run right back, with Kowalkowski scoring on a Polzin groundout.

The Patriots tacked on another run in the sixth and looked to be in cruise control when Zac Jurmu scored on a wild pitch, but the Grizzlies tightened things back up with a four-run sixth.

Garrett Engel, Charlie Tauchen and Reece Stoltenow each drew bases-loaded walks, scoring Johnson, Brett Margelofsky and Noah Weier. Cole Anderson earned a RBI the hard way, being plunked by a pitch to force in Mason Bohm.

The back-and-forth affair continued as Shawano put up five runs in the seventh. Polzin plated Kowalkowski on a single for the first run before Dylan Hodkiewicz drove in Carsen Herm and Parker Beyer on a single. A Bonduel error allowed Hodkiewicz and Brady Hannes to each cross home plate.

Most of the damage done in the frame came on well-placed hits.

"If we get down in the count, we're down 0-2, your goal should be to put the ball in play," said Polzin. "You're

more likely to get runners moving when you put the ball in play, so as long as we can do that, good things can happen for us."

Bonduel scored once in the seventh, as Weier singled in Margelofsky, but Polzin was able to induce a groundout to end the contest.

Mason Bohm started the July 4 game for Bonduel and worked the four innings. Weier began the resumed game on the hill and got the final nine outs.

Game 2

After a brief break, game two began, with a pitching matchup of Bohm against Polzin.

Bonduel struck first in the top of the second inning, with Tauchen singling



Shawano's Brady Hannes makes a throw to first base during the team's games against Bonduel on July 14 in Shawano.

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home Margelofsky with two outs. Shawano came back with two runs in its half of the second. Kowalkowski scored after a Jurmu single and Bonduel error. With the bases loaded, Bryce Popp scored on a Henning chopper to third, with Jurmu being called safe on a close force play at third. Bonduel scored its final five runs in the third inning. The Grizzlies took advantage of three Patriots' errors in the frame.

Weier scored on the second error of the inning before Johnson drew a bases-loaded walk to plate courtesy runner Mason Zuleger. Anderson drove in Stoltenow on a sacrifice fly for another run before the third Shawano error allowed Margelofsky and Johnson to both score.

After the two-run second inning, Bohm settled in and allowed just one more run in the fourth. Shawano's Carson Popp drove in Hodkiewicz on a sacrifice fly to center, with Johnson making a sliding catch on the play.

Bohm ended up working five innings to earn the win on the hill. "I really struggled there in the middle of my outing today. I started off well, and then things didn't go well, but I got back to it," said Bohm. "At the end of the day, I just got to throw strikes and trust my guys to make plays behind me."

Tauchen pitched the sixth inning for the Grizzlies. The inning started with a single and walk before a fielder's choice play had runners on first and third with one down. Engel, the Grizzlies' catcher, threw out a runner trying to steal second before Tauchen got a strikeout to end the threat.

Cade Johnson worked the seventh for Bonduel to finish off the win. Shawano got within two when Kowalkowski singled in Henning and then within a run when Andrew Popp scored on an error, but Johnson got a flyout to center to end the contest.

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Bonduel's Reece Stoltenow, front, settles under a popup as Shawano's Carson Popp looks on during the team's matchup on July 14 in Shawano.

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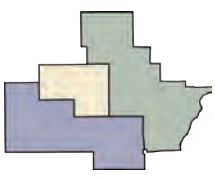


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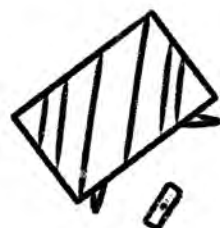
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Max Wagner helps New View Industries' clients swing and hit whiffle balls off of a tee at Zippel Park in Gillett on July 12. Wagner is a Green Bay Preble graduate, student and baseball player at the University of Clemson and a second round draft pick by the Baltimore Orioles in the 2022 Major League Baseball draft.

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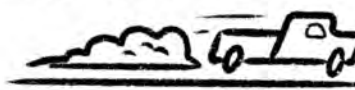
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Bonduel keeps wealth of history in archives

Volunteers needed, visitors welcome from all over

By **NICOLE HIXSON**
Correspondent

Nestled on a quiet side street off a busy stretch of downtown Bonduel, the Bonduel Community Archives stands proudly as the entrusted repository of the artifacts relating to the history of Bonduel.

This volunteer-run organization, founded in 1991, is a great resource for anyone interested in learning more about Bonduel and its surrounding communities and past businesses, or those researching genealogy.

Located at 108 S. First St. in Bonduel in a large, two-story home, the archives contain room after room of well-organized and safely preserved documents and object artifacts. Currently, it holds family surname files, donor files, church records, closed business records, photographs, plot books, maps, local newspapers, original census records, cemetery records and a wide variety of other objects and documents.

These records are available for individual research and inspection in person or can be accessed by contacting one of the many helpful volunteers who help make the archives the organization that it is today. The facility offers a photocopy service at reasonable rates. Copies of records and photographs can be mailed or scanned, as well.

When visiting, guests can purchase mementos in the back of the building at the archives' gift shop. Currently offered for sale are past issues of *The Historian*, the archives' newsletter which shares some of the many stories and photographs of early Bonduel. In addition, reprints of old photographs from Bonduel's early days are offered for sale as unique souvenirs.

Visitors can also meet enthusiastic volunteers such as Mark Jensen, who are excited to share the history of Bonduel and the role of the archives. Jensen is happy to provide a tour of the many rooms and files the archives holds.

"I wish more people would come," he said, noting that when



Volunteer Mark Jensen searches for business records in one of the many file cabinets at the Bonduel Community Archives.

NICOLE HIXSON

visitors "stumble across something interesting, then they're hooked. It's a lot of fun, and I wish I knew more." Jensen ensures that visitors who are careful will be allowed to handle the materials for closer examination.

There is certainly a lot in the archives that is interesting. One collection of materials of particular interest are its collection of Bonduel Times newspapers from the 1930s through the 1970s.

"They would run little town stories about what was going on in the local and personal ads, like who was coming to visit or who had a party," Jensen said. "They would run up to the newspaper in town and get their story in the newspaper."

An interesting piece in the front

office is the original 1897 postmaster's desk.

"The railroad came in 1905, and people would come to the post office to pick up their mail," Jensen said. "There were just 20 boxes at that time. It's changed."

The building itself has an interesting history and stories attached to it, as well. Originally belonging to the Froehlich family, it was donated in 1991 to hold Bonduel's artifacts and collections.

Referring to a room upstairs, "The old family that lived here called this the naked room, but we don't know why," Jensen said.

The archives not only serve local residents, but sometimes interested parties from out of state who are looking for help in researching

their family history. Jensen tells of a woman from Florida who called just that morning to seek information on her family who used to live in the area. He was able to immediately assist the woman in finding the records she was searching for. Jensen encourages everyone, especially those who are nearby, to come and visit as they are sure to have fun discovering more about Bonduel's beginnings and development over time.

Not only acting as a storehouse for relics of the town's past, the archives also offers events that assist with fundraising and bringing the present community together. On Aug. 7, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. a pie and ice cream social will take place at the archives. In celebration of Bonduel's Founders Day on Sept. 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. the archives will be organizing a chili dump.

The year's final planned event, a holiday bake sale, is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 9 at Bonduel State Bank, 130 N. Cecil St., Bonduel.

The archives is always in need of volunteers, and there are lots of ways to become involved. Help is needed to staff the archives during open hours and to help organize records. Writers are needed for *The Historian*, and extra hands for this year's upcoming events are always appreciated.

Jensen acknowledges that "technology is an issue" with the archives as it is trying to digitize some records. But he says they need volunteers to help scan and upload. The goal is to make all of the archives' records accessible online for easy searching. Individuals with an interest in volunteering are encouraged to reach out to the archives directly to make arrangements.

For those interested in providing financial support while learning more about Bonduel's past, a variety of annual and lifetime memberships are offered to help support the archives. All memberships come with a subscription to *The Historian* and an acknowledgment of support.

The archives are currently open Wednesdays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For information, call 715-758-2687 or visit the archives' Facebook page to find details on upcoming events and to see a selection of photos from their collection.



A photo depicts another rural schoolhouse in the Birnamwood area from years ago. More than 50 of these were later combined to form the Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District, and the Wittenberg Historical Society is hosting a free event to discuss this bygone kind of building July 24.

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Stories in the walls of rural schoolhouses

Wittenberg Historical Society to host discussion about them

By **EVAN J. PRETZER**
Correspondent

Education is something that has changed with time and, on July 24, the Wittenberg Area Historical Society will highlight the way things used to be during a free afternoon gathering with Susan Apps-Bodilly.

The teacher with decades of experience across elementary and middle-school education has written a book titled "One Room Schools: Stories from the Days of 1 Room, 1 Teacher, 8 Grades." She will be discussing her book and the history of local rural schoolhouses at the WOWSPACE.

Carla Strassburg, president of the historical society, said these buildings became the heart of education in the area today, and there has been a lot of

interest from local people with first-hand experiences.

"A lot are just gone," she said. "They've been torn down, and they've been gone for a long time. We have pictures of them, and we found out there are approximately 57 one-room schoolhouses that after a while were all combined into the Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District. It has been pretty positive. It has caused quite a bit of conversation. I went to a senior meal site one day, and some were like 'Oh, I never went to a one-room schoolhouse,' but then a couple of the younger ones said, 'Well, I did' ... I think we are going to a positive response and good crowd."

At the gathering, people will have the opportunity to purchase Apps-Bodilly's book and donate old photos, records and other memorabilia from this era which ended in the 1950s and 1960s in Wisconsin. Strassburg says a lot of this sort of material has come in already to a high degree.

"I think we are done collecting

"We have pictures of them, and we found out there are approximately 57 one-room schoolhouses that after a while were all combined into the Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District."

CARLA STRASSBURG, Wittenberg Area Historical Society president

things," Strassburg said. "It has been a pretty community-wide effort. We have a couple of interviews with former teachers and are hoping to get some more."

Of course, not all who know history are moved by it. Some dismiss the past and focus on the now. For Strassburg, however, this event is important to the present, too, because it helps show how things today were built on those from yesterday and, sometimes, the past is good to look to.

"It might give a little bit of perspective on education in general," she said. "(Think of) how important people back then thought it was. They were willing to put forth effort to make sure

students could learn. Families and neighbors would cut firewood; they would help clean with special events, and it puts a light on what's going on today with our education. Everybody's so up in arms about what we can and cannot teach; maybe this will give a little better perspective."

Apps-Bodilly could not be reached for comment about her upcoming appearance.

The historical society's free event kicks off at noon and runs until 3 p.m., with Apps-Bodilly speaking at 1 p.m. The WOWSPACE is located at 114 W. Vinal St. in Wittenberg.

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MLB draft pick teaches baseball in Gillett

Wagner works with clients at New View Industries

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

A recent Major League Baseball draft pick experienced a different audience of baseball in Gillett recently.

Green Bay Preble graduate, current Clemson University third baseman and 2022 Baltimore Orioles second-round draft pick Max Wagner visited New View Industries on July 12 to teach and play baseball with their clients.

New View Industries provides vocational services to the disabled in Oconto County.

"We just put on a small, fun clinic, so clients could participate in a new baseball experience," said New View Industries case manager Dustin Coopman.

Coopman said the event was organized in order to add another new experience for their clients.

"We always love to give new experiences to our people," said Coopman. "We saw this as a great opportunity to connect with Max and get to learn about his journey. It was nice to get our folks outside and playing some baseball with him."

Wagner said that giving back to the community and seeing others enjoy baseball has always been a big part of who he is.

"Most people are God's angels and always have smiles on their faces, so it is always fun to spend time with others in the community who like baseball," said Wagner. "I was born and raised in Green Bay — I volunteer with the Miracle League — I want to help out small towns who don't get attention. That is the kid that I have always been."

Wagner, along with his father Paul and case workers at New View Industries walked the adults and teenagers through three different stations, including hitting, aiming throws and long toss. Wagner then signed autographs after the field work.

"One reason why I do this is to see all of the smiling faces," said Wagner. "Everyone is in a different situation, so it is fun to see everyone just make the most out of every opportunity. It is just fun to be with them."

Coopman said everyone involved in the event left smiling and talking about how they had a good time.



Max Wagner watches and coaches New View Industries' clients swing and hit whiffle balls off of a tee at Zippel Park in Gillett on July 12. Wagner said that giving back to the community has always been a part of his mission as a baseball player.

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Max Wagner signs and hands autographs to New View Industries clients after an afternoon of throwing and hitting baseballs at Zippel Park in Gillett on July 12.

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"Everyone enjoyed the different stations and meeting Max," said Coopman. "Just doing something physical outside made everyone have a fun experience."

He added that participating in events like this is very important to New View Industries.

"Everyone loves it," said Coopman. "Interacting with other people from the community and learning new experiences is very important to us."

Through Coopman's point of view,

he said that he was as excited as those participating in the stations to see their reactions.

"It was really cool to meet Max and to see him interact with our folks," said Coopman. "It was really cool to see how happy everyone was to participate."

Even though Wagner has played two seasons for the University of Clemson and is a recent MLB draft pick, he said that continuing to meet and play baseball with those who may

not get his opportunity is still a priority for him.

"I want to be a part of my community and give back where I can" Wagner said.

Coopman said that a goal of New View Industries is to get outside and give clients the opportunity to experience different sports and games.

"We try to be community-oriented, get involved with different events in the community and enrich their lives," said Coopman. "This helps our folks to feel involved and know that they have supports. This gives them the chance to enjoy an opportunity just like any everyday person."

Moving forward in his baseball career, Wagner said that doing things like teaching baseball will help him in the mental aspect of the sport.

"With baseball being such a hard sport, knowing that there are people with smiles on their faces and that are happy helps me in that aspect," said Wagner. "I always come back to working with these kids and adults and they couldn't care less what happens. It is just a bright spot for me."

Wagner, a sophomore who was 2022 Player of the Year in the Atlantic Coast Conference, joins a list of players including former Milwaukee Brewer Ryan Braun as ACC Players of the Year drafted into the MLB.



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Bow clubs host 3-D archery, other contests

Area bowhunters will have several opportunities to hone their shooting skills in a wooded setting next month as two archery clubs host 3-D archery competitions.

If bowhunting isn't your thing, you can still shoot in the clubs' field archery contests.

Clintonville Bow Hunters recently rebuilt 17 of its 28 wood-framed field targets, according to club president Jim Schoenike. The frames hold bag-style targets with cardboard deer silhouette targets attached to the front. A sheet of heavy rubber behind each target stops any stray arrows that miss the mark, potentially saving a valuable carbon or aluminum arrow. Club treasurer Mike Bevernitz used his carpentry skills to rebuild the frames, which are designed to be left outside so club members can use them almost any time.



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Field archery pre-dates the more recent sport of 3-D archery. As the name implies, targets are three-dimensional and typically animal-shaped, with popular game animals like deer, elk, bears, antelope, bobcats and other critters laid out on an extensive wooded course. Field targets are flat, cardboard deer or other options, and cost an archery club much less than the expensive foam Reinhart or McKenzie targets, which can cost hundreds of dollars each.

Field archery courses normally include known distances from the shooting position to the target, and are marked on stakes. Three-dimensional courses normally do not include distance markings to help bowhunters practice their range-estimation skills in preparation for the shot.

Most high-speed compound bows today have precision sights with closely bundled sight pins; if a bowhunter guesses the wrong yardage and therefore the wrong pin, it's likely the shot will miss by several feet or more. Some clubs allow shooters to use digital rangefinders, while others do not.

Both the Clintonville Bow Hunters and the Shawano Archery Club welcome non-members to the club shoots. These events are a good time to meet club members, fling a few arrows to get the cobwebs off your equipment (and muscles), and perhaps even join.

First up is a Clintonville Bow Hunt-



Clintonville Bow Hunters president Jim Schoenike shoots his compound bow at a club practice field target in preparation for the club's upcoming 3-D archery shoots next month.

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ers 3-D shoot Aug. 6-7 at the 28-target club course, N11517 Boy Scout Lane, Clintonville. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 6 and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 7. Food and beverages are available. Various categories are available at sign-up, depending on your equipment and age. Entry fee is \$10 for adults, \$2 for age 14 and under, which includes hot dogs, chips and soda. There are no cash prizes.

Shawano Archery Club has a Two-Man Scramble 3-D shoot Aug. 13 at the club range, N5820 Old Lake Road, Shawano. Each two-person team must register for the 20-target event by 11 a.m., with a shotgun start for the event at 11:30 a.m. Hunter's rules apply. The fee is \$40 per team with a 70% cash payback.

The Shawano club will host a unique Cricket Tournament shoot Aug. 26. This two-person event combines darts and archery, with the paper targets resembling a dart board and scored the same, explained club president Rick Habeck. Registration begins at 7 p.m. and shooting is under

the lights. Food and drinks are available at both Shawano shoots. The fee is \$30 per team with a 70% payback. Contact Habeck at 715-853-6800 for more information.

Clintonville Bow Hunters offers its second 3-D shoot Aug. 27-28, again featuring the club's 28 targets but with a fresh set-up. Hours are the same as the Aug. 6-7 event. Entry fee is \$10 for adults, \$2 for age 14 and under, which includes hot dogs, chips and soda. The club also features its reverse raffle on Aug. 27, with only 300 tickets sold. All tickets are drawn and placed on a large board. Every 10th ticket wins \$50, the 100th and 200th tickets drawn win \$200 and the last ticket wins \$1,000. Those present for the 6 p.m. drawing can enjoy free beer.

The club, currently at 35 members, is trying to gain new members. In addition to the club ranges, members may hunt on two land parcels totaling 353 acres for a modest fee after a one-year probation period, Schoenike said. His grandfather, John Schoenike, founded the club and donated the land for the

club's range and hunting woods. At one time, John Schoenike's Stalker Archery Co. in Clintonville was the largest archery shop in Wisconsin.

"He was right on Highway 45 on the way up north for the bowhunters," his grandson said. "He sold thousands of bows and many thousands of arrows." John, an avid bowhunter, died in 1996, but his legacy lives on with the club.

In 1940, John was one of only five hunters to kill a deer with a bow. He received a personal letter from state natural resources staff congratulating him on his harvest. That letter remains one of Jim's most prized possessions.

Wisconsin was the first state to have an archery deer season. Bill McCrary's book, "The History of Wisconsin Bowhunting," includes a section about John Schoenike. The book is available through Wisconsin Bowhunters Association in Clintonville and online.

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Kitty Werner explains to the Oconto County Genealogical Society how to access information on its website, which also provides information on family history and is in the process of digitizing the county's newspapers for anyone researching the history of the area.

KATHRYN HENNES

County's past can be found with click or two

Genealogical society makes it easy to find history, dearly departed

By KATHRYN HENNES
Correspondent

Efforts to preserve local history through digitization were laid out July 14 during a meeting of the Oconto County Genealogical Society.

The goal of Digitize Oconto County is to preserve the history of the county for future generations, one page at a time collecting information from early newspapers, to make county history accessible to everyone online, and to make newspapers searchable.

The speaker, Kitty Werner, is from Oconto and is the webmaster for the Oconto County Historical Society, the genealogical society and Digitize Oconto County. The genealogical society website can be found at <https://www.wiocgs.org>.

Werner gave information on what the contents contained and how to use the website. Categories on the website include cemetery information, Digitize Oconto County, family history, schools, newsletters, research help and more.

To find the location of the burial plot of someone who has died, users can click on cemetery information and then click on cemetery transcriptions. The site will give users several options to use to search for people whose remains are buried in a particular cemetery. There are several ways to search for a name

such as exact match, start with, sounds like, and contains. The "exact match" search may not give a person the results as easily as another search format might.

On the list of names that appears, if the record number is red, that means there was an obituary. If the number is blue, no obituary was found. Users can click on the red number to view the information of what newspaper it was printed, the date it appeared, and the birth and death dates of the deceased.

If a search does not give users the information needed, they can try Find A Grave, the national cemetery data base.

The Digitize Oconto County section of the OCGS website contains digitized copies of newspapers from 17 different publishers. The oldest digitized newspaper is from 1859, and the site has a search area to enter information.

Jay Merline, president of OCGS, collects articles from old newspapers from around the area depicting historical events. The articles are submitted and digitized for family members or the general public to view or obtain a copy.

There is a donation of \$3 per issue for a copy. For information, please send inquiries to: digitizeoconto@gmail.com or wicgs@gmail.com or visit the Oconto County Genealogical Society Facebook page.

Sharie Merline, Jay's wife and secretary for OCGS, updates and maintains the genealogical records and the family history room at the Suring Village Hall.



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Spreemans surprised by new barn quilt

Ken and Linda Spreeman have sponsored Shawano County's 388th barn quilt, which now adorns their barn at N5027 Oakcrest Drive, east of Shawano. The name of the quilt pattern is "Diamond Cross."

Neither of the Spreemans were home when the quilt was mounted on their barn. When Ken saw it for the first time, he said, "It's the prettiest one I've seen yet."

"We just love the vibrant colors and how much it stands out on our barn," Linda added.

The farm was established in 1850. In 1874, a warranty deed was issued by Michael and Caroline Friend to Carl Marquardt. Later, Julius Marquardt took over until he sold it to Arthur and Tomah Backhaus in 1920. They owned it until they sold it to Leo and Hilda Uelmen in 1943, who then sold it to David and Gladys Uelmen in 1962.

Ken Spreeman grew up on a farm just north of where he and Linda now live. So when they were able to purchase the farm in 1994, they were especially excited since it adjoined Ken's home farm. On the home farm, they had a herd of about 60 Holstein milk cows, which they sold about seven years ago.

After Ken and Linda moved to their farm in 1994, they raised the heifers for the home farm. Now, their daughter Erica, her husband, Jason Eggert, and their three children raise several steers, some chickens and goats. Most of the cropland is rented out.

Ken and Linda love the fact that their daughter and her family live next door.

"They help a lot with upkeep on the farm and also have a garden," Linda said.

Erica is a nurse in the surgery department at ThedaCare Medical Center-Shawano, and Jason teaches technology education at Shawano Community High School.

Along with their daughter, Ken and Linda also have a son, Jaken, and another daughter, Holly. Jaken also helps on the farm whenever he is needed.

Thinking about their farm upbringing and the experiences their grandchildren are getting, Linda said, "The old family farms/barns are absolute. We want to preserve our heritage of farming and are very proud to be able to do that."



Shown with Shawano County's 388th barn quilt are, at right, Jaken Spreeman (Ken and Linda's son), Ken and Linda Spreeman; at left, their daughter Erica with her family, husband Jason Eggert, and their children, Lauren, Lincoln and Laney. Seated is Ken's mom, Linda Spreeman.

JIM LEUENBERGER

Ken and Linda's barn quilt is the second one on a Spreeman barn on Oakcrest Drive. The first one is on Ken's home farm at N5133 Oakcrest Drive, which was put up in October 2011.

The Spreemans' barn quilt was painted by the Shawano County barn quilt committee and was put up by LeRoy and Keenan Raddant, who work for Raddant Electric in Shawano.

COLLEGE NOTES

UW-Milwaukee

The following individuals have been named to the dean's list at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee for the spring 2022 semester.

- Birnamwood: Lya Wendel
- Gillett: Camryn Long
- Mountain: Dominic Giuliani, Anna Wood
- Oconto Falls: Madison Pecha, Taylor Tousey, Madeline Walters
- Bonduel: Fritz Eckstrom
- Shawano: Christian Bergmann, Sydney Steinbach

Milwaukee School of Engineering
Milwaukee School of Engineering

held its graduation in spring 2022, including the following students:

- Benjamin Bruckert, of Pulaski, received a Bachelor of Science in biomolecular engineering with honors
- Michael Teeter, of Shawano, received a Master of Science in architectural engineering
- Cody Smith, of Suring, received a Bachelor of Science in civil engineering.

Undergraduate students with a cumulative GPA between 3.2 and 3.69 are listed as having graduated with honors.

Minnesota State University-Mankato
Cole Gille, of Sobieski, made the

honor list for the spring semester at Minnesota State University-Mankato.

Students earning at least a 3.5 grade-point average qualify for the honor list.

UW-Whitewater

The following students earned degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater as part of the 2022 spring commencement:

- Clintonville: Kaylie Branstrom graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in biology
- Shawano: Lauren Roloff graduated with a Master's of Business Administration.

• Pulaski: Jamison Vandenberg graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in communication.

• Cecil: Atty Wagner graduated with a Bachelor of Science in physical education.

• Oconto Falls: Ethan Cunningham graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration in general business.

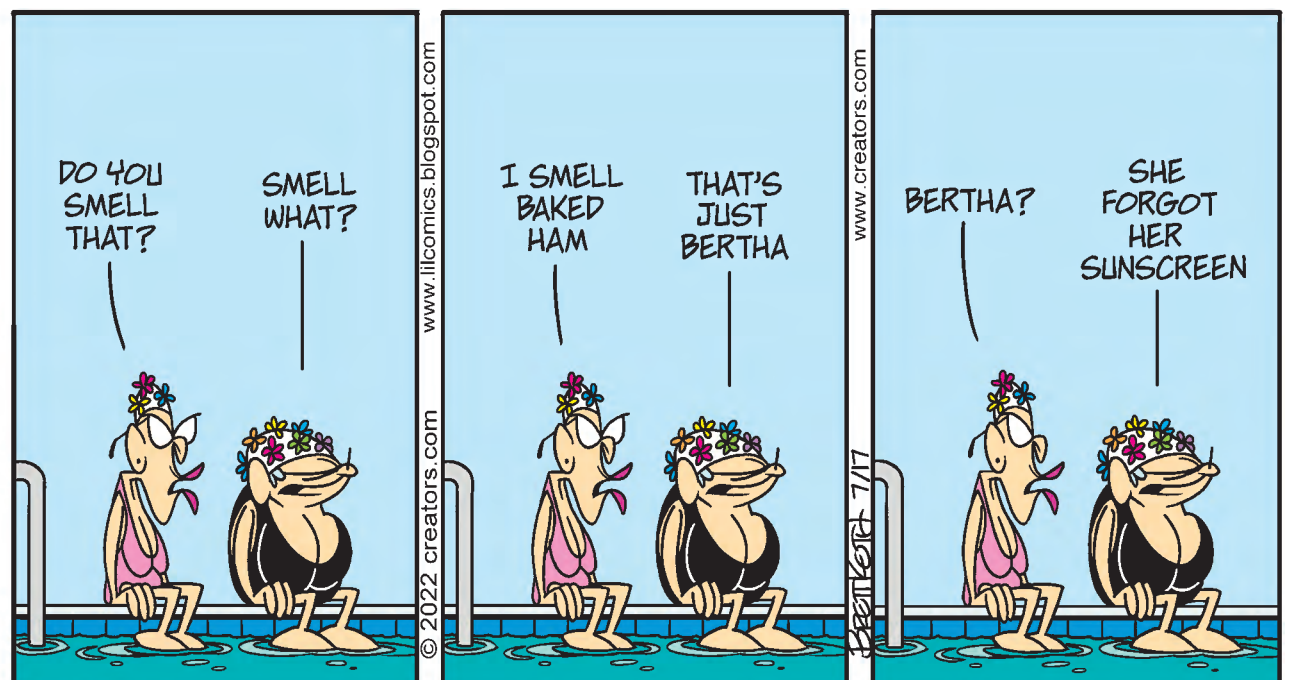
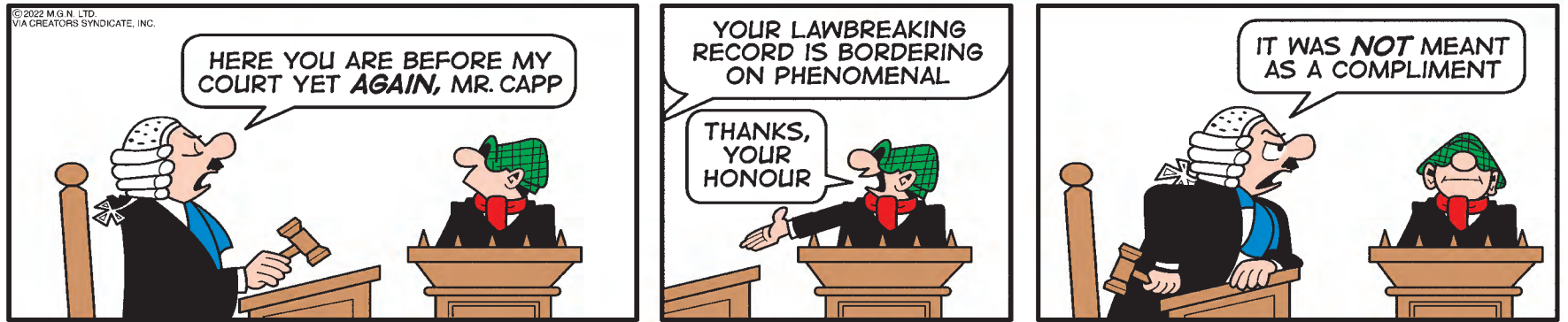
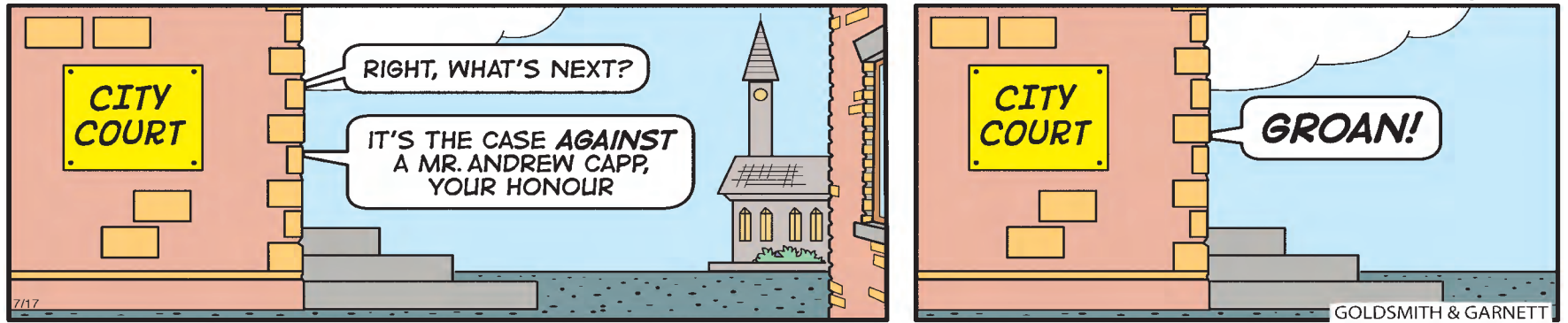
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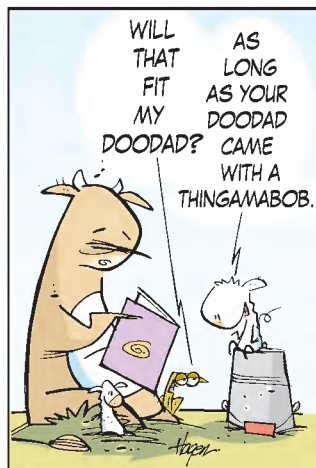
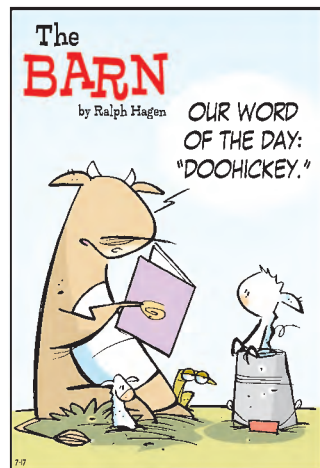
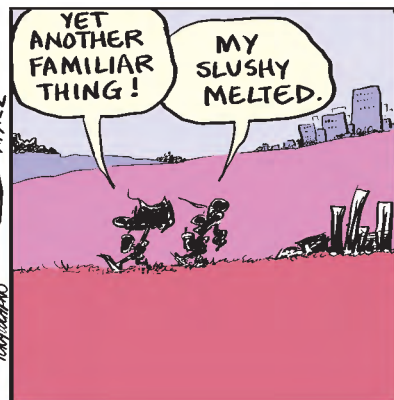
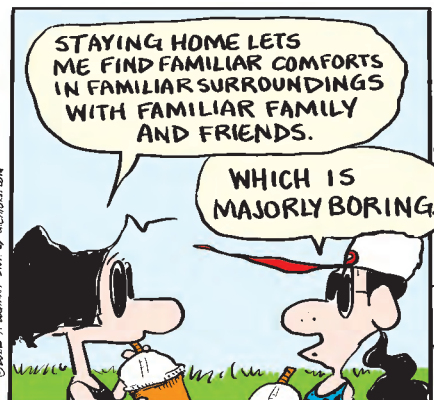
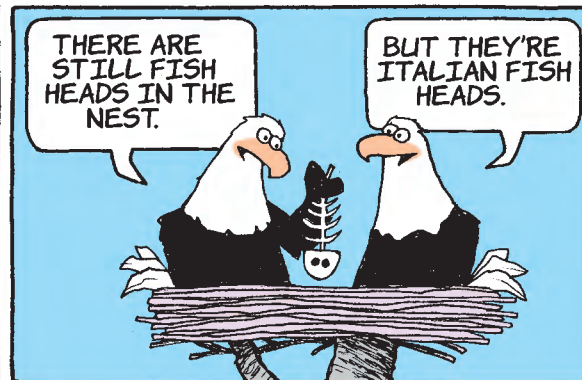
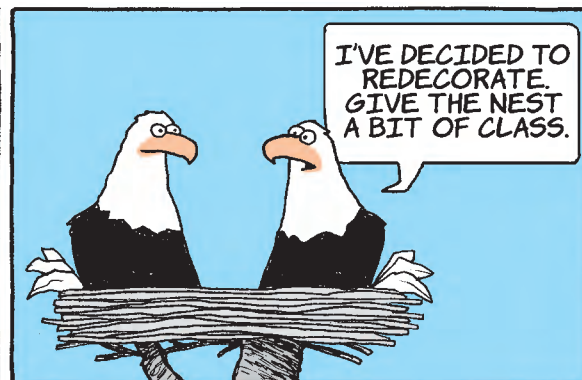
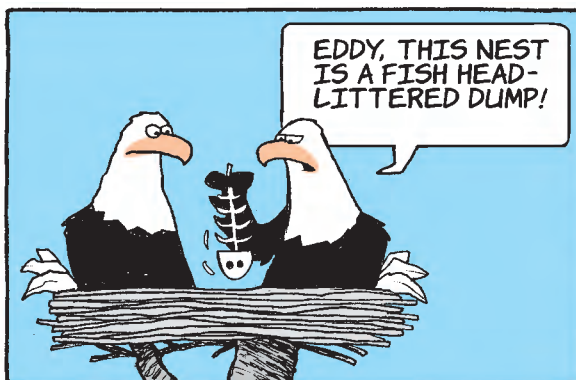
Lauren Kane, of Pulaski, has earned semester honors for the spring 2022 semester at Edgewood College.

Full-time students who achieve a 3.5 grade-point average for the semester are eligible for this honor.

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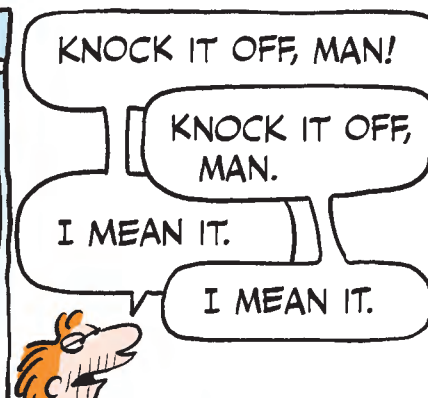
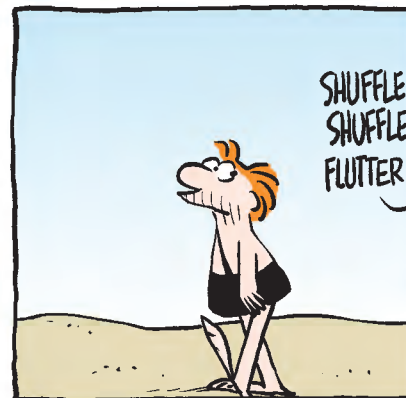
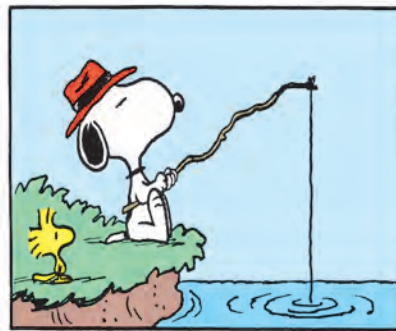
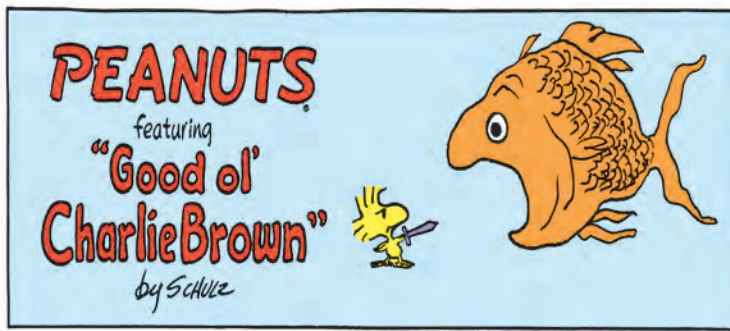


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AROUND THE COMMUNITY

CMN, NWTC sign off on teaching degree plan

The College of Menominee Nation and Northeast Wisconsin Technical College signed an articulation agreement in June. This agreement will provide an easy transfer process for students from NWTC who wish to further their education to enter CMN's Bachelor of Science degree in elementary/middle school education.

Students from NWTC must successfully complete their associate degree in early childhood education, meet the admission requirements from CMN, declare their major for the Bachelor of Science degree and meet any other requirements outlined by the teacher education department. This agreement will take effect Aug. 1 — just before the beginning of this academic year.

"There is such a need for highly qualified daycare, Head Start and licensed school teachers, and this articulation agreement gives NWTC graduates an opportunity to effortlessly continue their educational journey at the College of Menominee Nation," said Dr. Kelli Chelberg with the CMN teacher education department.

"The articulation agreement shows a working partnership between our two institutions that is in the best interest of our students," said Geraldine Sanapaw, CMN chief academic officer. "This agreement will serve as a pathway to creating more agreements that will benefit our communities."

CMN has offered a bachelor's degree in early childhood/middle childhood since 2012, but the teacher education program has recently received approval from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction to offer an elementary/middle school license. Additionally, CMN's education degree has seen an increase in popularity due to a higher demand for licensed teachers.

Harris named PCSD student services director

Julie Harris is the new student services director for the Pulaski Community School District.

Harris spent the last three years as director of special education and pupil services for the Shorewood School District. She previously spent four years in the Green Bay Area Public School District and,



Flipping for police officers

Randy Santy flips burgers and other meats July 14 in the parking lot of the Mountain Bay Plaza in Pulaski for the first Ride With the Lights event, which supports positive interactions with local law enforcement. Money from the cookout was expected to go to a local charity or used to buy gift cards for officers to give to area children. Prior to the cookout, Pulaski Police Department officials and other vehicles both modern and vintage paraded around Pulaski to show the good connection between officers and community members.

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JULIE HARRIS

prior to that, she spent 20 years in the Bonduel School District. "We couldn't be more excited to have Julie join our team," said Allison Space, PCSD superintendent. "With her knowledge and experience, Julie is a perfect fit as she is already demonstrating being the supreme advocate for our student learners."

Harris said she heard many positive things about PCSD while at Bonduel, noting that "It has a great reputation."

Harris was hired early in the 2021-22 school year with the start date of July 1. She spent five days in the district during last school year to get a head start.

"Wellness is a top priority for staff and students and families.

That was a big factor with COVID. Mental health has been a big thing — anxiety, depression, social skills, all those things. Trying to get back into a routine and structure is something we'll be focusing on."

Sanitary district to hold monthly meeting

Kelly Lake Sanitary District 1 will hold its monthly meeting on July 26 at 6 p.m. at the district office building, 9535 Green Acres St., Suring.

An agenda will be posted at Kelly Lake Kwik Stop, two posting boards around Kelly Lake and on the office door. Visitors are welcome.

To be placed on the agenda, call 920-842-4527 by July 22.

Vacation Bible school planned in Gillett

Hillside Assembly of God, 5890 State Highway 22, Gillett, will be

hosting vacation Bible school July 25-29 for all kids up to sixth grade.

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Yearly Review



Plenty of memorable moments during 2021-22 seasons

This special All-Region Review section marks the end of 2021-22 coverage of high school athletics in the area. What a year it was.



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The reason this section originated was to help shine an even brighter spotlight on area sports athletes and teams. Let me tell you, I had no idea how difficult it would

be to determine athletes and teams of the year, but that just goes to show the amount of talent in the area.

It seemed that no matter what sports were being played, there was always an area team or two vying for the conference title. Every season included multiple conference players of the year, and there were a handful of area coaches that were also recognized for their team's strong seasons.

With the entire year now wrapped up and having some time to reflect on it all, I thought it would be fun to revisit some of the top moments and games.

Let's begin with the fall season. While the temperatures were beginning to drop, the sports action was just heating up.

The high school football season was incredible, with several teams in the hunt for conference titles and some



Oconto Falls' Hailey Peitersen, left, defends Bonduel's Brenna Hertzfeldt during a nonconference basketball game on Feb. 14 in Oconto Falls.

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really intense regular season games along the way.

I came into the school year expecting a fun and exciting year and was treated to a thrilling contest between Oconto Falls and Oconto for my first football game. It was a low-scoring, defensive battle, with Oconto Falls prevailing in the final minute with a couple of clutch plays.

I got my first look at the Witten-

berg-Birnamwood football team a couple weeks later and quickly learned that the Chargers would not only be one of the top teams in the area, but also the entire state. It was a blast getting to cover the Chargers during their deep postseason run, which included one of the top games in the state when Witt-Birn edged conference foe Amherst.

While area football teams were

making postseason runs, the Pulaski boys soccer team was doing the same, with three shutout wins earning the team a regional title.

Witt-Birn and Gresham served as the top volleyball teams in the area, with each team winning conference titles. The talent didn't stop there though, as just about every area team had at least one player that I deemed must watch.

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CONGRATULATIONS ATHLETES, COACHES, AND TEAMS!

Cross-country runners and teams continued to impress in the fall, with several eventually qualifying for state. It isn't often I get too overwhelmed trying to capture photos of area athletes at events, but state cross-country was one of those because of the amount of athletes across several different teams.

Girls golfers in the area continued to shine, with several qualifying for sectionals, while Pulaski's Taya Schmidt capped a solid year for girls swim teams with an individual state appearance.

The winter season was a mixed bag of emotions, with plenty of triumphs and some absolutely heartbreaking finishes.

We'll start with the positive of Oconto Falls wrestler Clayton Whiting. What a treat it was to get to watch him wrestle over the past four years, and it was extremely satisfying to see him stand atop the state podium a fourth time after learning of all the work and time he puts into the sport.

Whiting was just one of 16 state qualifiers in the area, so that was another time where it got a touch overwhelming to keep track of all the area athletes. A number of those wrestlers placed at state, putting a bow on yet another successful season.

While there wasn't a whole lot of team success for boys basketball, the individual talent was off the charts. It was always fun to watch opposing teams try to take away those players, only for adjustments to be made and big games still achieved.

Girls basketball teams enjoyed a little more success, with Bonduel and



Gillett's Alex Peterson, center, lines up for the 3,200-meter run during the State Track and Field Championships on June 4 at Veterans Memorial Stadium in La Crosse. MORGAN RODE | NEW MEDIA

Gresham tying for conference titles.

As you might know, the Bonduel program has turned in several deep postseason runs over the past few seasons, and they did it again in the winter. The Bears took down a nemesis in Crandon on their way to a sectional title game, which might have been the most intense sporting event I covered this year.

Bonduel fell behind early on but battled all the way back to tie it in the final moments, only to have a last-second heave from Westfield win it (video is posted on the NEW Media Inc. Sports YouTube page). It was absolutely gut-wrenching to watch it happen live, but was one of the few times I could safely say the losing team left it all on the playing surface and really should have no regrets.

In the pool, Pulaski's T.J. Shaw swam his way to state for the top moment in the boys swim season.

Connor Heezen and Eric Sperruto continued the theme of Pulaski athletes qualifying for state this spring when they made it to the big stage for boys tennis.

On the softball diamond, the girls from Bonduel carried over their success from the basketball season, turning in a perfect regular season before claiming a regional title. The Bears were part of another one of the top events I got to witness, but came up short in a tight sectional semifinal contest.

Shawano and Marion each won conference titles for baseball. Shawano and Lena went on to win regional titles. The Hawks' run at a state bid fell short after a seventh-inning rally in a sectional semifinal game fell just short.

Another top sporting event from this spring ended in a loss for a local team, but it wasn't for lack of effort. The Pulaski girls soccer team battled

100 minutes with Green Bay Southwest in a sectional semifinal match before eventually falling in penalty kicks. I don't think I've ever been more nervous at a sporting event than I was that evening.

On the golf course, there was good individual and team play. Many of the area's golfers traded top finishes throughout the season before a few teams and one individual qualified for sectionals. That individual, Witt-Birn's Calvin Scheurer, ended up representing the area at state to end the season.

The state track and field meet quickly became something I looked forward to every year, and there were plenty of headlines made at state this spring. Several individuals and a relay team finished on the podium, and a number of them barely missed out on state titles.

All in all, it was an incredible year of sports across the three seasons.

While some of the heartbreaking finishes stick out, they also serve as stories of grittiness and show that the area is more than capable of producing some of state's top teams. Only one team can stand victorious at the end of it all, so don't let that diminish the fun and memories you made getting to those points.

For the athletes that have graduated and are moving on to the next phases of their lives, best of luck to you. To the remaining high school athletes, enjoy the rest of your summers, and then let's get back to making more memories this coming year.

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CONGRATULATIONS WITTENBERG-BIRNAMWOOD ON A WINNING YEAR!

Shawano's Lowney named top boys athlete

Athlete starred
in football,
basketball and
track and field

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Shawano Community High School athlete Elliott Lowney endured an up-and-down finish to his high school athletic career.

Lowney battled through some adversity and was a big contributor in all three sports he competed in, helping him earn the NEW Media Inc. Boys Athlete of the Year honor.

"What helped me be successful in all my sports was the dedication during the summer and not let anything distract me from what I wanted to accomplish," said Lowney.

Lowney, a Bemidji State University football commit, had big expectations for himself and the Shawano football team coming into the season.

Things got off to a strong start for the Hawks when Lowney scored a touchdown in the first quarter of a game against Denmark, but the star receiver was tackled in the end zone and he suffered a broken collarbone.

A couple days after sustaining the injury, Lowney tweeted, "I have decided to have surgery and am out for 6-8 weeks cutting it close with the end of the season."

"After I broke my collarbone, I wasn't even sure if I was going to have a senior football season, but after a quick surgery and some convincing to my doctor, I got to get back and got to help the team make the playoffs for the third year in a row," said Lowney.

Lowney returned to the field against Winneconne — only missing five games — and immediately got back to producing for the Hawks, but not without some fear in the back of his mind.

"When my doctor gave me the OK to play I was a little hesitant because it still was not fully healed and I was not even fully cleared to lift weights so going in to the first game I knew I just had to get past that first hit and then I knew I was going to be OK," said Lowney.

Lowney had three catches for



Shawano's Elliott Lowney dribbles the ball during a Division 2 regional semifinal playoff game against Rhinelander on March 5 in Shawano.

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34 yards against Winneconne, but dominated the rest of the regular season.

Against Seymour the following week, he caught nine passes for 181 yards and two scores. He caught seven passes for 172 yards and two more scores against Fox Valley Lutheran and then hauled in 11 passes for 130 yards and a score against Menasha.

So in his four games and opening quarter, Lowney still managed

32 receptions for 627 yards and six touchdowns, still putting him among the top receivers in the state. His 125 yard per game average was second in the state.

As Lowney mentioned, he helped the Hawks make the playoffs for a third straight season. Shawano had just three playoff appearances ever when Lowney began his high school career.

Lowney then turned his attention to the basketball season and

helped the team to a strong 16-9 overall finish and third place tie in the tough Bay Conference.

Lowney served as the primary point guard for Shawano. He attacked the basket often, averaging 6.6 points per contest to go along with 3.4 assists.

He was a pest on defense, often picking up opponents full court and disrupting their offensive flow. He averaged 3.1 rebounds and 2.2 steals a game.

Lowney capped his athletic career at Shawano competing on the track and field team in the spring.

He primarily competed in the 100- and 200-meter dashes. During the regular season, Lowney was consistently earning top finishes, despite taking on some of the area's and state's best sprinters.

After making state in Division 2 as a junior, the competition stiffened for the Shawano athlete this spring when the team was back in Division 1 action. It didn't bother Lowney much, as he still qualified for state in both sprinting events.

At state, Lowney made the finals in each event and then placed sixth in the 200 and eighth in the 100 in the finals.

It was a strong finish to Lowney's athletic career, especially considering the injury concerns he had in the fall.

"With the uncertainty I really wasn't sure what I was going to do but I accomplished everything I wanted to and I had no regrets for my high school sports career walking off the track in La Crosse," said Lowney.

Honorable mentions

There was no shortage of impressive boys athletes in the area that also enjoyed strong athletic years.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Ben Wesolowski was one of those athletes, starring in football, basketball and baseball for the Chargers as a senior. Wesolowski was the Offensive Player of the Year in the Central Wisconsin Conference-Large Division in football, a first teamer in the CWC-East for baseball and a second-team selection in the CWC-East for basketball.

Lena senior Logan Shallow also played football, basketball and baseball. For football, he landed on the MONLPC first team on offense and second team on defense. Shallow made the second team in the Marinette & Oconto Conference for basketball and M&O first team for baseball.

Pulaski's T.J. Shaw was an individual state qualifier in cross-country and boys swim. He capped his strong year competing in track and field, with a third-place finish in the 3,200 at the Fox River Classic Conference as a highlight.

Bowler's Emmitt Kietlinski was the quarterback for the Bowler/Gresham football team, making the Central Wisconsin Conference 8-player honorable mention team. He landed on the CWC-North first team for basketball and then placed



Shawano's Elliott Lowney competes at the state track meet on June 4 at Veterans Memorial Stadium in La Crosse.

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second in the high jump and third in the triple jump at the state track and field meet.

Gillett's Alex Peterson was a state qualifier in cross-country and track and field, placing 10th in cross-country and sixth in the 3,200 at the state track meet. He also played on the basketball team.

Bonduel's Noah Weier made the Packerland Conference list for football at two positions. He then made the CWC-East second team for basketball before landing on the first team during the baseball season.

Oconto Falls' Clayton Whiting isn't the multi-sport athlete like some of the others listed, but his

dominant wrestling season and career more than warrants him a spot here.

Whiting went 50-1 this winter season and won a state title. For his career, Whiting earned a 163-5 record and won four state titles.

Witt-Birn's Rogowski the top girls athlete

She was on volleyball, basketball, track and field teams

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Reese Rogowski has been a star since her freshman year at Wittenberg-Birnwood High School.

Rogowski turned in her best year yet as a junior and it helped her earn the NEW Media Inc. Girls Athlete of the Year honor.

"I was consistent with my workouts and continued to work hard to get better in all my sports that I compete in," said Rogowski.

Rogowski began the year helping the Witt-Birn volleyball team to another strong season. She was named the Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division Player of the Year after helping the Chargers win a conference title.

The outside hitter accumulated 352 attack kills during the season. She also was credited with 33 blocks.

Rogowski's strong play didn't stop there. She was also the team's leader in digs with 299.

As if that wasn't already enough, she also served 44 aces and had 208 service points to her name.

"In volleyball, my coach (Becky Rew) knew my strengths and knew where I would be best on the floor which helped to maximize my success," said Rogowski.

After the fall season ended, with Witt-Birn appearing in a sectional semifinal match after winning a regional title, Rogowski's attention turned to basketball. While the basketball team wasn't as successful as the volleyball team, Rogowski led the way again.

In 27 games, Rogowski averaged 18.6 points, the most in the CWC-East. She was named to the all-conference first team unanimously.

Rogowski, who shot 41% overall and 34% from behind the 3-point line, was 14th in the state with 5.3 assists per contest. The junior also averaged 4.6 rebounds, 3.4 steals and 1.6 blocks per game.

"My coach (Nick Mechelke) for basketball helped by scouting other teams to find their weaknesses and came up with ways to position me



Wittenberg-Birnwood's Reese Rogowski leaps up to spike the ball during a CWC-East match against Menominee Indian on Sept. 23 in Wittenberg.

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and the team offensively and defensively so we could be efficient," said Rogowski.

Rogowski and the basketball team won a pair of playoff games to advance to a regional title game before being eliminated, at which point Rogowski's focus shifted to the spring track and field season.

Rogowski ran in the 100-, 200- and 400-meter dashes and also competed in long jump. Despite the heavy workload, the junior was simply dominant all season, winning just about every time she competed.

After winning CWC-Large conference titles in all four events, the competition stiffened in the postsea-

son, but Rogowski was still able to qualify for state in all four events.

She ended the season and her standout year placing second at state in the 200 and 400, seventh in the 100 and 10th in the long jump while also vowing to work even harder to improve those marks as a senior.

“My coach (Mike Balliett) for track helped by pushing me every practice and meet to keep me going in a strong direction,” said Rogowski.

While track was more of an individual effort for Rogowski, she also recognized her teammates in all three sports for helping her achieve the success she did.

“My teammates challenged me and pushed me of course, but most importantly they helped me when I was having an off day which encouraged me to come back stronger,” said Rogowski.

As you can imagine, Rogowski didn’t have too many off nights of competition during any of her three seasons, which led to strong showings and a growing confidence.

“Having one strong season definitely motivated me for the next sports season because I had high expectations for myself following each season,” said Rogowski.

Honorable mentions

There were a number of multi-sport girls athletes that also enjoyed strong seasons during the 2021-22 school year.

Gresham’s Valarie Cervený competed in volleyball, basketball and track and field. She was the Player of the Year in the CWC-North for volleyball and Co-Player of the Year in basketball.

She also had a solid spring season, winning the shot put, taking third in high jump and being a part of a first-place finishing 4x100 relay team at the CWC-Small Meet.

Suring’s Christine Sleeter competed in the same three sports. She made the Marinette & Oconto Conference second team in volleyball and was a first teamer for basketball. She won a M&O track and field title in high jump, was second in pole vault and third in the 400. Sleeter made it to state in the high jump and pole vault, tying for second and placing 17th, respectively.

Lena’s Natalie McNurlen also was a force in the M&O. She was an honorable mention selection in volleyball and first teamer for basketball. She then won a M&O track and field title in triple jump while also placing second in the 400 and third in the long jump. McNurlen also made it to the state track meet, placing sixth in the triple jump.

Bonduel’s Brenna Hertzfeldt was yet another star in volleyball, basketball and track. She made the CWC-East second team in volleyball before earning a first-team spot in basketball. Along with placing ninth at state in discus, Hertzfeldt



Witt-Birn’s Reese Rogowski puts up a shot during the team’s CWC-East game against Bonduel on Jan. 20 in Bonduel.

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was on a first-place finishing 4x100 relay team at the CWC-Large Meet. Individually, she was second in the shot put and third in the discus at the conference meet.

Oconto Falls’ Alexis Euclide played golf, basketball and softball

as a senior. She earned first-team selections during the basketball and softball seasons.

Gillett’s Carleigh Kaczmarek ran for the cross-country and track field teams, while also playing basketball. She placed second at the M&O meet

for cross-country and then made the first team all-conference in basketball. She placed first in the 1,600 and second in the 800 and 3,200 during the M&O Meet this spring.



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Witt-Birn named School of the Year

Chargers turned in strong seasons throughout year

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

There was no shortage of strong teams in the area throughout the 2021-22 high school sports seasons.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood had a number of teams enjoy plenty of success in the fall, winter and spring seasons, and earned the NEW Media Inc. School of the Year honor for its collective effort.

"Success has become an expectation at Wittenberg-Birnamwood," said WB athletic director Chris Nier. "The main reason I believe that Wittenberg-Birnamwood teams are successful is because the athletes buy into preparing in the offseason and the coaches are committed to seeing that happen. The majority of our ath-

letes are committed to strength training, speed work and agilities, along with attending contact days, open gyms, summer leagues and clubs."

Witt-Birn boasted two of the area's top teams during the fall season in its football and girls volleyball squads.

The Chargers' football team turned in a 6-1 record in the Central Wisconsin Conference-Large Division to place second, losing only to Amherst. Witt-Birn got its revenge on Amherst in the postseason, knocking out the state power in an epic level three playoff battle in Amherst.

The Chargers rallied from several deficits during the game, including a seven-point deficit with just over three minutes to play. Witt-Birn scored with 86 seconds to play to get within a point, and then converted a two-point conversion to snatch the lead.

Witt-Birn's magical postseason run came to an end the next week after a hard-fought loss to Aquinas, but it didn't diminish the incredible season the Chargers put together.

Witt-Birn's volleyball team continued its recent dominance in the CWC-East, posting a perfect record to claim the conference title. The Chargers then won nine of 10 sets across three matches to win a regional title. The team's postseason run came to an end against Oconto in a sectional semifinal match.

"Starting the year off with a conference and regional championship in volleyball and making it to the fourth round in football helped kick off the year setting a positive mindset for winning," said Nier.

"However, the success of the previous year prompted the success of this past fall season. During the 20-21 year, WB had conference championships in volleyball, girls basketball, girls track, softball and golf. Along with that we had a regional championship in boys basketball and softball, helping to motivate athletes to continue working hard in the summer leading to success this year as well. Success breeds success."

The girls swim team also had a solid fall season. The Chargers

placed fourth in the Bay Conference despite having one of the smallest rosters.

The Witt-Birn boys basketball team was in the hunt for a CWC-East title most of the winter season, eventually settling for second place. The Chargers also earned a playoff win.

Had it not been for several close losses, the girls basketball team would have had an even better season than it did. The team tied for third in the conference and won 17 games overall, including two playoff wins.

The Witt-Birn wrestling team placed second in the CWC after having one individual champion and eight second-place finishers. Pierson Potrykus and David Gauderman represented the team at state.

The Chargers' baseball team was in the CWC-East title hunt this spring, eventually taking second. Witt-Birn won 19 games overall and appeared in a regional title game.

Witt-Birn's boys golf team placed second in the CWC. Calvin Scheurer then represented the team at state.



Wittenberg-Birnamwood athletes pose for a photo. Several of the school's teams enjoyed strong seasons this school year.

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The girls track and field team also placed second in the CWC-Large. Reese Rogowski and Jalynn Horacek won conference titles and both ended the year competing at state.

On the boys track and field team, Simon Schairer was part of two conference titles and also made it to state.

While it's the athletes that have to perform on the playing surfaces, Nier also made sure to recognize the men and women leading the teams and athletes.

"The great thing about Wittenberg-Birnamwood is the coaching staff," said Nier. "We have a ton of coaching experience. Our staff works well together regardless of the gender or sport they are coaching."

"Largely, we agree on the need for strength, speed and agility, and we work together to help create multi-sport athletes. When not in season, our coaches are often seen at other events, whether reffing, doing the book and clock or just spectating. Basically there is buy-in all the way around."

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The Witt-Birn volleyball team poses for a photo after winning the Central Wisconsin Conference title again this past fall. The Chargers helped set the tone for a strong year of athletics for the school.

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The Witt-Birn football team huddles up before a game this past fall. The Chargers enjoyed a strong regular season and made a deep postseason run, and it was just the start of the school's strong year of athletics.

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