



A lemon shark swims around in a body of water behind the Bimini Biological Field Station while a group of teachers observes. Mary Hansen, a Bowler High School science teacher, stands second from left in the yellow hat.

WYATT ALBERT

Science teacher spends summer learning about sharks in Bimini

Hansen using knowledge in her classroom, plans to lecture out of class

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

School starts in a few weeks, and with that, students will be regaling their teachers about what they did over the summer.

Students might have a hard time topping Bowler High School science teacher Kate Hansen, who spent much of her summer in the Bahamas, specifically Bimini, learning about sharks.

The whole experience started when Hansen received notification from a Facebook group dedicated to helping teachers get scholarships for extended learning opportunities at museums, NASA and other places. When the notice about learning about the shark lab came up, Hansen's interest was captured.

"I knew nothing about sharks, so I was, like, what is this all about?" Hansen said. "I

started reading up on it, and it was about this lab that was in Bimini. I didn't know where Bimini was, so I had to look that up."

The specific lab, the Bimini Biological Field Station, has been operational for more than 30 years, according to Hansen, researching lemon sharks, a vulnerable species that can grow up to 11 feet in length and is known for its yellowish skin. They're more commonly found in the Atlantic Ocean inhabiting areas from the coast of New Jersey all the way to southern Brazil.

The lab had started a summer institute for teachers about four years ago, and Hansen applied. She missed the first deadline, so she applied again. After a longer-than-expected wait, she learned she received one of the 28 available scholarships.

Hansen said she was determined to get into the institute, no matter what.

"I kind of thought, there's no way I'm going to get this, but I'm going to keep applying until I finally do," she said. "It was now a mission. I needed to go there and find out what this is all about."

Prior to the institute, Hansen's first-hand knowledge of ocean life was limited to jellyfish on a trip to the Mediterranean.

"I mean, we're in Wisconsin. There's not an ocean around us," she said.

In one of her essays that was part of the application, Hansen noted her information about sharks was limited to watching Shark Week programs on television and a couple of episodes of "Nova." Her humility appeared to do the trick, as she was sitting in the parking lot of Dollar General in Marion when she got the word that she got the scholarship.

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Blaze destroys Tigerton business

18 departments battle fire as families left homeless

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

A roaring fire destroyed one business and left three families without a home in Tigerton the night of Aug. 16.

Tigerton firefighters were dispatched to The Crossroads Bar and Grill at 300 Cedar St. at about 6:31 p.m.

Upon arrival, fire crews encountered heavy smoke in the attic area. All individuals were safely evacuated prior to the department's arrival, and no injuries were reported.

More than a dozen area departments were called to help as conditions deteriorated. The alarm eventually went to a fifth level for tankers to supply water to the scene.

The Red Cross is assisting the families, but details on what is needed for those left homeless have not been announced.

Several area businesses opened their doors to help provide food and drink to firefighters and other emergency personnel.

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A business was destroyed and three families are left without a home following a huge fire in downtown Tigerton the evening of Aug. 16.

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New director takes charge of Shawano County library system.

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Shawano County Library director Staci Rubenzer believes libraries serve as the heart and hub of a community. She also believes libraries bring people together to a place where they can look beyond their differences.

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Director sees libraries as ‘heart and hub’ of community

Rubenzer returns home to take reins of county system

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

Staci Rubenzer is home again. Rubenzer grew up in Shawano and graduated from Shawano Community High School. Less than a month ago, she returned home as the director at the Shawano County Library system.

“Walking through the building and remembering going downstairs as a child and knowing where my favorite books were, it felt like where I belonged,” she said of her decision to leave the Green Bay Area Public Schools for the job in Shawano.

Serving as a library media specialist at Green Bay Southwest High School, Rubenzer said leaving Green Bay was a very difficult decision.

“I have turned other offers of public library positions,” she said. “But, meeting this staff, looking at what this opportunity was, it seemed like the right move for me to come home and serve this community.”

Rubenzer succeeds Nancy Bell, who resigned July 3. Bell was director for

nearly two years.

“In my career path, I’ve had a deep interest in providing resources and helping people pursue lifelong learning to achieve personal and professional goals,” Rubenzer said.

That career path has taken her from teaching in a public school, working in a public library and serving as a library media specialist.

“Libraries in general serve as the heart and hub of a community. I don’t just say that; I really believe it,” Rubenzer said. “All communities have the opportunity to take advantage of the services libraries are providing. We have the opportunity to reach out to make sure everyone in the community is being served but also that we all take advantage of the library.”

On a national level, people often feel divided.

“Libraries serve to bring people together,” she said.

Known for its collection of books, libraries also provide digital media, public computers, tax information, leads on finding a job, programming for children, teens, adults and families, and more. Shawano also has a Library of Things, which is collecting of nontraditional items such as kitchen appliances, tools and recreational equipment.

Rubenzer said she is looking forward to working with the library board of trustees and community groups to see what else the

library can do, such as offering makerspace services.

A makerspace is a collaborative workspace equipped with tools and resources for making, learning, exploring and sharing. It’s a place where individuals can engage in hands-on activities, experiment with different technologies and turn ideas into tangible creations.

Makerspaces can range from those with high-tech equipment like 3D printers and laser cutters to those using more low-tech materials like cardboard and craft supplies.

Rubenzer earned an economics and political science degree in college and considered a law or teaching career.

Instead, she took a job with the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development in Eau Claire. Rubenzer then enrolled in a post-baccalaureate program and began substitute teaching around the state, eventually working full time as a social studies teacher in Clintonville.

“When I decided to leave the classroom in Clintonville, I started working for the Clintonville Public Library, and I loved it,” she said. “That is where my passion for lifelong learning, for helping people find resources that they need for personal or professional reasons, or to enrich their lives, helping people find those resources, helping people with programming and helping the community

come together, seeing the community come together, really drove home that libraries are the heart and hub of community. The services that you are able to provide to a library are what make a community.”

She earned her master’s degree in library science and then moved on to the Green Bay public schools.

Rubenzer has experience in budgets, staffing, programming and working with others on large scale projects.

“The work of diving into budgets, spreadsheets is what keeps the lights on so that we can fulfill the mission, and I feel like that work supports this wonderful staff and the programming that they’re doing,” she said.

She has yet to visit the other branches of the Shawano County Library but has started making the rounds of other positions within the main branch, including taking stints at the circulation desk.

“It’s always a good practice to be working the different positions in the library so you’re familiar with what is going on in the library,” she said.

What kind of a library director would Rubenzer be if she didn’t enjoy reading? She enjoys science fiction and fantasy with the “Ender’s Game” and “Red Rising” series among her favorites.

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“I reread that email so many times,” Hansen said. “I couldn’t believe that I was going to do this.”

Hansen spent about 50 hours total in the classroom going through the textbooks, but most of the time, about three to six hours daily, was spent out in the water, interacting with and researching the sharks.

“There are different types of sharks, but I didn’t know that some of them give live birth and some had like these egg things,” Hansen said. “It’s this evolutionary process. They learned that some of them started by giving live birth to egg to back to live birth. They can see the formations in their pseudo-uterus that they have. They’re not monogamous. They can have multiple mates.”

The lemon sharks Hansen researched give birth live during high tide behind the lab. The leaders of the institute quickly put Hansen and the other teachers to work on the first day, despite being jet-lagged, and they got to see some sharks in their infancy. She noted that lemon sharks at 1-3 months old are only one foot long.

“You learn that, if you turn them over, they kind of go into this stasis,” Hansen said. “In Bimini, there’s a law that says you can’t flip a shark over longer than five minutes because they have to reset their breathing, so we’re tagging and taking these genetic markers, and you have to do that in five minutes.”

The experience helped to dispel myths, such as that sharks don’t get cancer. Hansen said that they do, but the cancer is not able to spread throughout the body

like it can in a human.

“Because there’s so much more cartilage, they don’t have an expanse of the cancer to fill their bodies like we do as humans,” she said.

One challenge Hansen had during the experience was snorkeling. She did some training at the pool at Clintonville High School but not a lot, because the weather had been colder in the spring and her trip was in June and July.

“They asked you if you could climb up into a boat using a ladder,” Hansen said. “(Clintonville) did have a ladder that I could practice with, and then when we got there (to Bimini), I was like, ‘Well, this is nothing like the ladder I practiced with.’ It was a lot easier getting out of the ocean onto the boat than what they had made it seem.”

Hansen plans to incorporate her summer with the sharks into her environmental biology classes so her students can learn. She has also been invited to give a lecture at the Navarino Nature Center, but details on when are still being worked out.

Hansen encourages all teachers to try out something like the summer institute and try to expand their horizons.

“I really want to get it out there that we should be applying as teachers to go to these things,” she said. “I’ve been talking with other teachers around me (and saying), you can apply to go this. You don’t have to be a science teacher to go. You just have to have a passion to want to learn about them.”

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KATE HANSEN, Bowler High School science teacher

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According to a statement from the Tigerton Fire Department, water source fill sites were set up in two locations to fill tankers to help supply water to the scene. Officials later said about 540,000 gallons of water were used to extinguish the blaze.

“The structure is a total loss, and the cause of the fire remains under investigation,” according to the fire department’s news release.

Fire departments assisting were Grant, Bowler,

Wittenberg, Norwood, Rosholt, Bear Creek, Mattoon, Ringle, Hatley, Marion, Shawano, Navarino, Clintonville, Birnamwood, Pella, Gresham and Stockbridge-Munsee.

Also lending aid were Wittenberg Ambulance, Krause Towing, Shawano County Sheriff’s Department, Marion Police Department, Tigerton Area Ambulance and Meverden Excavation.

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Shawano looks at insurance for ATVs, UTVs

City plans to copy county ordinance, but with additional requirements

By **LEE PULASKI**
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The subject of off-road vehicles traversing the streets of Shawano has been a bone of contention for nearly a year, but now more restrictions seem on the verge of happening.

One reason the city has waited on enacting more stringent requirements is because Shawano County was also looking at changing its rules for all-terrain vehicles and utility-terrain vehicles. The county's new regulations have cleared the first hurdle and are expected to reach the Shawano County Board of Supervisors when they meet Aug. 27.

The Shawano Common Council got a glimpse of what the county is doing when it met Aug. 13, and now, instead of carbon-copying what the county is doing, it wants to go a little further.

"Over time, as communities have adopted ordinances, there's been some things they've identified as maybe being things they want to reconsider," City Administrator Eddie Sheppard said.

The county's proposed ordinance would require drivers 16 and older to have a valid driver's license, while state law allows ages 12 and older to drive ATVs and ages 16 and older to drive UTVs. This would only apply to such vehicles traveling on city streets and not when they're on trails.

Council members are looking to take things a step further, however, and require the vehicles to have, at minimum, liability insurance in the event of a collision or other type of crash.

"Having some type of insurance — at a minimum, liability or something like that — is something we should have," Alderman Jim Hauer said.

The city of New London currently requires off-road vehicles to have insurance, according to Shawano City Attorney Keith Steckbauer.

"A lot of communities have this, and as I have told you before, there is a division whether we can regulate this or not," Steckbauer said. "If you look at the statute, the first sentence says: 'Counties and municipalities can regulate ATVs,' and the paragraph underneath that says you can regulate it provided it's in strict conformity with the statute and only where the statute says."

The ordinance would still allow drivers between the ages of 12-15 to operate the vehicles, but they must be accompanied by a parent or a guardian 18 or older designated by the parents to do so, according to Hauer. Those accompanying the minor must also have a valid driver's license, he said. Also a requirement for drivers 18 and under is wearing safety head gear, Hauer said.

Steckbauer questioned whether the insurance would be effective if a young teen driver is operating an off-road vehicle with a sibling who is over 18.

"There's a lot of people that may listen to their 18-year-old sibling. There's a lot of us who may not have listened to their 18-year-old sibling telling us we should do something different," Steckbauer said, adding that New London's ordinance requires helmets for all drivers, regardless of age.

Steckbauer added that something needed to be done, especially since there have been 26 fatalities involving ATVs and UTVs this year in the state so far.

Hauer said that the ordinance would also ban open intoxicants from being in the vehicle, something law enforcement has had to contend with a number of times.

The changes in city regulations are expected to go back to the field committee for fine-tuning and could be approved by the council in September.

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Man found dead near Mountain-Bay State Trail

The Shawano Police Department is investigating the death of a person discovered on the Mountain-Bay State Trail.

Police responded to a call of an unresponsive male located near the trail on the city's east side at about 6:54 a.m. Aug. 13.

The man was later identified as Timothy Pehlke.

The death is under investigation as suspicious, police said in a new release. However, they also said there is no known threat to the public at this time.

No other information was released.



Police, community jam at Franklin Park

ABOVE: Officers Tyler Thornborrow, left, and Riley Uttecht with the Shawano Police Department try to keep their footing as they engage Shawano residents in a tug-of-war during National Night Out on Aug. 12 at Franklin Park. Law enforcement from multiple agencies came out to interact with the community in a variety of activities, including demonstrations, tours of emergency vehicles, a chili cook-off and more.

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LEFT: Officer Jacob Korth, left, with the Shawano Police Department talks about what K-9 Thor does for the department while Deputy Cody Vigue with the Shawano County Sheriff's Department, another K-9 officer, looks on during a presentation at National Night Out.

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BELOW: Officer Brandy Hoffman, right, with the Shawano Police Department interacts with children while a line forms to the left to taste some of the chili presented at National Night Out on Aug. 12.

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Tigerton to host annual Lumberjack Days

By **MIRIAM NELSON**
Correspondent

The 59th annual Lumberjack Days will be held Aug. 22-24 in Tigerton Community Park.

There will be food and refreshments available for purchase all weekend long. Bucket raffle tickets will be sold both days, with drawings at 5 p.m. Aug. 24.

All proceeds from this popular event go to support the Tigerton community through the Tigerton Advancement Association and the Tigerton American Legion Post 239.

To make a donation or volunteer to help, call Wally Breitenfeldt at 715-459-6115.

Kicking off the event will be a bean bag tournament at 6 p.m. Aug. 22. Mixed couple teams that want to participate in this 100% payback tournament need to register by Aug. 19 with Breitenfeldt. The cost is \$30.

The kids' Hot Wheel races start at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 22.

On Aug. 23, there will be another bean bag tournament, this one is open doubles for \$30 per team with 100% payback.

The corn roast is free and features roasted and broiled corn starting at 2 p.m.

Register at 1:30 p.m. to show off your physical prowess in the Northwoods Preferred Angus

Strongman/Woman Contest at 2 p.m.

There will be plenty of children's activities throughout the day. The kids' bike giveaway is free for children 12 and younger. Tickets will be available at 2:30 p.m. with drawings at 3:30, 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. Donations for this event will be accepted at Premier Community Bank.

Providing live music from 2-5 p.m. will be the band Blast From The Past. Finishing off the day will be Night Shift, performing from 6-10 p.m.

In between the bands, around 5:30 p.m. will be the crowning of the Lumberjack Princess.

Start Aug. 24 with

the parade at 1 p.m. To be included in the parade, participants need to call Anita Kostuch at 920-883-6077.

The Lumberjack Contest is at 2 p.m. and features three antique saw classes.

Along with children's activities, there will be the touch-a-truck event with police, fire trucks, ambulance, semis and stock cars on display.

The Drovers will perform their live music from 2-6 p.m.

At 6 p.m. there will be the \$1,000 prize raffle drawing. You need not be present to win this drawing or any of the bucket raffles.



Green Valley-Morgan Fire Department holds annual picnic

By NATHAN BIRR
Correspondent

Parking was limited in Green Valley on Aug. 9 as crowds of people gathered in the town's usually empty streets. The annual Green Valley-Morgan Firemen's picnic began in the morning with a parade and car show. The fun, food and music continued into the night, despite

the unexpected afternoon rain. This picnic is a major fundraiser for the department. "Planning for the picnic is yearlong," Fire Chief Leonard Wahl said. "It's there every month on the meeting agenda." Proceeds from the picnic will help the department reach its goal of replacing the 23-year-old fire truck, housed at the department's Pulcifer station, in 2028.

Town residents, from left, Carol Dittman, Bob Wolfe and Derick Dittman share some conversation at the annual Green Valley-Morgan Fire Department picnic.

NATHAN BIRR

City of Shawano unveils 2026 capital projects

Street projects take up much of the budget

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

The proposed capital improvement projects for 2026 were presented Aug. 13 to the Shawano Common Council. The city is expected be involved with about \$8 million in projects next year, more than double this year's price tag but understandable once the recreation center project, worth \$5.25 million, is

realized. The city will be utilizing a \$4.25 million grant from the state to help with the completion of the rec center work, but there will be about \$304,000 in other grants utilized for next year's projects. Much of the expense from the city will go toward street work. Complete street reconstruction is scheduled to take place on Pine Street, North Washington Street, South Smalley Street and Center Street. Simple repaving is planned for Bay Lakes Road, Eberlein Park Drive and Arlington Street. "That's the main

driver behind our capital improvement plan," City Administrator Eddie Sheppard said. "We make sure we do an adequate amount of street miles every year. The roads are where, if you fall behind, you never really catch up." Aside from the street projects, the city's public works department could purchase a rubber tire backhoe with a price of \$175,000, as well as a new pickup truck for \$50,000. There is also the annual cost of asphalt crack filling services, sidewalk replacement and pavement sealcoat. The Shawano Police

Department could receive \$133,350 in 2026. The majority of the money would be geared to replacing two squad cars, but the orders for those two vehicles already took place this year, as there is a lengthy backlog on vehicles, especially for any emergency services. The police department could also use the money to purchase new Tasers, radio equipment, drug and tactical equipment, and cameras for squad vehicles. "We were fortunate to get a really good deal on the squads," Sheppard said, noting the \$80,000 price tag for both of them. The city could also spend \$75,000 for the Shawano Area Fire De-

partment, which includes one new garage door and a remodel of the main station's gear room. There should be \$17,000 set aside for annual rail spur repairs on the tracks that go through Shawano. Normally, the parks and recreation department would get a good chunk of money for various park projects, but with the recreation center taking up most of the attention, only an additional \$15,000 is expected to go to the department next year to go toward baseball and softball diamond rehabilitation and land preparation at Woodlawn Cemetery. Sheppard said much of the work of determining

the 2026 capital projects started much earlier this year, in April, due to the recreation center project jumping up in estimated cost. "The \$4.25 million (grant) was awesome, but it also required us to add some city funds to really do it the way we wanted to do it," Sheppard said. "We had multiple council conversations about adding alternates like racquetball courts." In 2025, the city had projects totaling more than \$3.1 million. Sheppard said the list is still a work in progress. The final 2026 budget will be approved in November.

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Hockey league gets extension for Crawford Center rental

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

The Shawano Hockey League finally has the two-year extension it's been seeking for months. The county's public property committee reaffirmed an extension of the current three-year lease at its Aug. 14 meeting. The hockey league is about to enter the second year of that current lease for use of the Crawford Center. In July, the committee agreed to the extension if the hockey league

removed statements from a letter in which it denied guilt for past damages at the building. The hockey league board of directors agreed to pay tens of thousands of dollars in damage to doors and walls at the Crawford Center while denying some of the damage was their fault. With those statements removed, the committee reaffirmed the two-year extension. To avoid future issues of who is at fault for any damages to the building,

Shawano Hockey League President Adam Gafner said he and Nate Hesse, the county's director of facilities and grounds, agreed to a more formalized check-in and check-out at the start and end of the lease period. Both sides agreed that process was lackluster in prior years. Gafner said the new process will protect both sides and ensure situations like this don't happen again.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an application was filed on August 11, 2025, by BOSP Bancshares, Inc., Sun Prairie, Wisconsin, an in-state bank holding company, to acquire Banner Banks, Birnamwood, Wisconsin, an in-state bank and to merge Banner Banks into Bank of Sun Prairie, Sun Prairie, Wisconsin, an in-state bank. The application has been made in accordance with the provisions of Section 221.0901 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

Pursuant to Section 221.0901(5) of the Wisconsin Statutes, a public hearing on the application will be held by the Division of Banking if at least 25 residents of this state petition for a hearing within 30 days of final notice or if the Division of Banking on its own motion calls for a hearing. Petitions must be filed with the Division of Banking, PO Box 7876, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7876.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, this 12th day of August 2025
Kim Swissdorf, Administrator, Division of Banking
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Banner Banks plans to merge into Bank of Sun Prairie

Offices, staffing expected to remain the same

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

Banner Banks, headquartered in Birnamwood, is expected to merge with Bank of Sun Prairie later this year.

BOSP Bancshares Inc., the holding company of Bank of Sun Prairie, and Banner Bancorp Ltd., the holding company and sole shareholder of Banner Banks, have entered into a definitive agreement where BOSP Bancshares will acquire all of Banner Bancorp Ltd.'s ownership interest in Banner Banks.

"All Banner Banks employees will be offered continued employment," Banner Banks President and CEO D. Shannon Blakley said. "No Banner Banks locations will close as part of this transaction."

Sun Prairie, located about 150 miles away in Dane County, is far enough away from Banner Banks' branches that no office overlapping will occur, helping to ensure the local branches remain open.

The transaction, which is subject to customary

closing conditions and regulatory approvals, has been unanimously approved by both the company's and bank's boards of directors and is expected to close in the fourth quarter of 2025. Post-closing, it is anticipated Banner Banks will be moved onto the Bank of Sun Prairie core system in the second quarter of 2026.

Bank mergers and acquisitions contribute to reshaping the banking industry by combining institutions to create larger, more competitive banks.

That, according to Banner Banks, is behind the merger.

An FAQ released by the local bank states, "Both banks are financially strong and well capitalized; however, both our organizations see tremendous synergies in combining our respective strengths into a single, larger, more competitive and even stronger financial institution, which will allow us to offer a broader range of products and services to all customers."

Following the merger of the banks, the combined institution will have eight locations in six Wisconsin communities and total assets of about \$868 million, based on regulatory reporting from Dec. 31, 2024.

Jimmy Kauffman, president and CEO of Bank

of Sun Prairie, will serve as president and CEO, and Blakley will serve as a consultant.

"We were looking for another community bank to partner with that has a dedicated commitment to serving their communities and deeply values their customers and employees," Blakley said. "We are also excited to know our customers will soon have access to new technologies, expanded loan products and enhanced deposit capabilities — well beyond what we offer today."

"We'll also have access to a wider range of agricultural customers as we expand into all the markets the bank will operate in."

Blakley said added benefits will include:

- New technologies, such as a full suite of online banking services including Zelle, TransferNow and online bill pay.
- Enhanced deposit account offerings.
- Expanded commercial and agricultural loan capabilities and larger lending limits.
- SBA lending.
- Additional residential and lending products.
- More mortgage choices and home equity options.
- A full suite of business solutions and cash management services.

Banner Banks was founded in 1900 and chartered in 1903. Through the operation of four bank office locations in Birnamwood, Hatley, Antigo and Wittenberg, the bank offers an array of traditional loan and deposit products and maintains an agricultural loan specialty.

As of Dec. 31, 2024, the bank had \$126 million in assets and 23 full-time equivalent employees.

Bank of Sun Prairie was founded in 1897 and also chartered in 1903. The bank operates three office locations in Sun Prairie and Cottage Grove, as well as a financial literacy outlet inside Sun Prairie West High School.

"I look forward to welcoming our new colleagues

and the customers of Banner Banks to our banking family and working with the entire Banner Banks team to bring the two banking organizations together as seamlessly as possible for the benefit of the bank's customers and staff," Kauffman said. "This is a great opportunity for Bank of Sun Prairie to diversify our balance sheet and expand our footprint. Alignment with another community bank with similar values and a long-standing track record in their community is a perfect fit for us."

In addition to offering a full suite of lending and deposit products, the bank also provides wealth management, trust services and expanded

business solutions. As of Dec. 31, 2024, the bank had assets of \$742 million and 99 full-time equivalent employees.

A public hearing on the merger application will be held by the Wisconsin Division of Banking if at least 25 residents of the state petition for a hearing within 30 days of final notice. Petitions must be filed with the Division of Banking, P.O. Box 7876, Madison, WI 53707-7876.

Comments can also be filed in writing with the regional director of the FDIC at its regional office at 300 S. Riverside Plaza, Suite 1700, Chicago, Illinois, 60606, no later than Sept. 8.

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Poker run benefit raises \$9K for man with cancer

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

A poker run fundraiser earned around \$9,000 to help pay for medical expenses for Jerry Wuske.

"I can't say enough how family, friends and area community businesses all came together to make this such an amazing success," Donna Wuske said.

Donna Wuske and her husband, Ron, organized the benefit for his cousin who was diagnosed with stage 4 metastatic thyroid

cancer earlier this summer.

Jerry Wuske has no health insurance.

"We had over 40 vehicles, including ATVs, UTVs, motorcycles, old vehicles and one semi that came on the ride," Donna Wuske said. "We had 70 people sign up to eat at Sassy's Bad Habit. We had around 107 baskets on the basket raffle, plus around 13 larger silent auction items."

The basket raffle and silent auction items were donated by area individu-

als and businesses.

Eight bars were included in the run that started and ended at the Wuskes' bar, The Dam Barn on Weasel Dam Road east of Tigerton.

After the poker run, the bluegrass band The Burdocks performed, as did Scott Wuske on his concertina. Fireworks ended the daylong fundraiser.

For those who would still like to contribute, there is a GoFundMe page, Support Jerry's Battle Against Cancer.

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Bay Bank honors Menominee organizations

Each organization gets \$3,000, plaque for community efforts

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Three Menominee organizations each received a plaque and a cash award Aug. 13 from Bay Bank in celebration of the bank's 30th anniversary.

Medicine Fish, Menomini U and the Woodland Boys and Girls Club each received \$3,000 in Green Bay and were recognized for the work they do on the Menominee Reservation. Bay Bank, the first tribal-owned bank in the United States, opened a branch in Keshena in 2021 and has been working to improve the financial outlook of the Menominee.

Menomini U started in 2020 as a place to revitalize and revive the Menominee language, something that aligns with Bay Bank's values, according to Nathan King, the bank's vice president.

"They are a young organization, and they've built a brand new facility on the Menominee Reservation," King said. "It's amazing. They're doing some really cool programming and using technology."

Brianne Tepiew accepted the donation on Menomini U's behalf and said it was an honor to be recognized.

"This is going to go back into programming for the revitalization and normalization efforts for the Menominee language," Tepiew said.

Medicine Fish is a program that improves the quality of life for Menominee youth through revitalizing the cultural connection to the earth.

"They are teaching the cultural connections of conservational stewardship, which cultivates a safe and healthy environment to build relationships and power self-resiliency through the model: 'Heal, build and inspire,'" King said.

Austin Peters, one of the Medicine Fish representatives, said after the award ceremony that Medicine Fish is proud to be one of the recipients.

"This is really cool to receive donations like this from another tribal entity," Peters said. "It's going to whatever our future needs are, whether it's equipment or going toward something that we're focused on."

Woodland Boys and Girls Club in Neopit works with youth, as well, as a way to help the Menominee children to reach their full potential. There are 1,000 youth registered in the program, according to King, with an average daily after-school participation of 65 and 25 for the summer programs.

Jeff Bowman, Bay Bank president, said the bank was originally created by the Oneida Nation to empower tribal members and Indigenous-owned businesses with the financial resources that had previ-



Jeff Bowman, right, Bay Bank president, presents a plaque to representatives from Neopit's Woodland Boys and Girls Club on Aug. 13 at the bank branch in Green Bay. The club was one of three Menominee organizations to receive a \$3,000 donation from the bank.

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ously been unavailable. "It was more than just opening checking accounts or approving loans," Bowman said. "It was about creating avenues to opportunity and economic independence. From the start, Bay Bank has proudly embraced its tribal roots. Our foundation rests on values on stewardship, responsibility and economic well-being."

What stands out about the bank, in Bowman's view, is a legacy of giving. Among the other things supported are youth education, housing and small businesses.

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Nathan King, second from right, vice president for Bay Bank, talks about Medicine Fish on Aug. 13 at the bank's Green Bay branch. He's joined by the organization's representatives, Eugene Sanapaw, left, and Austin Peters, second from left. Bay Bank President Jeff Bowman holds the plaque recognizing the organization.

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Man convicted of burglary, assault with intent to murder

A 32-year-old member of the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin was convicted Aug. 6 of burglary and assault with intent to commit murder.

Neegee J. Cloud, a former resident on the reservation, was found guilty in the Eastern District of Wisconsin federal court.

Evidence presented at

trial showed that on the afternoon of Sept. 20, 2024, Cloud broke into a home in Neopit. Once inside, he attacked his girlfriend, violently beating her unconscious on a bedroom floor. Cloud returned to the bedroom several times over the next 20 minutes, and punched, kicked and stomped on the victim's

head. Cloud also slammed the victim's face into the floor.

The trial evidence included video from a camera system inside the home that captured the forced entry and portions of the attacks. The homeowner was alerted by the camera system, saw some of the incident and contacted tribal

police, who responded. The defendant was arrested outside the house.

The evidence also showed that tribal EMS arranged for emergency transport of the victim to a trauma center in Wausau. She remained in the intensive care unit for nearly two weeks and was hospitalized for nearly a month.

The woman sustained fractured orbital bones and soft tissue injuries to her throat that required intubation while in the ICU to prevent her airway from closing.

Cloud faces a maximum of 10 years in prison on the burglary count and a maximum of 20 years in prison on the assault with

intent to murder count when he is sentenced by Judge William C. Griesbach on Nov. 10.

The Menominee Tribal Police Department and Federal Bureau of Investigation investigated this case. Assistant United States Attorneys Andrew J. Maier and Alexander E. Duros prosecuted the case.



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County jail may outsource food service

Move could result in cost savings

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

Officials at the Shawano County Sheriff's Department are considering outsourcing the food service for the county jail.

Sheriff George Lenzner said one of the issues is the recurring theme of not being able to properly staff the kitchen.

"The biggest problem we're having is with the money we're paying them, it's hard to find people to work those hours," he told the public safety commit-

tee Aug. 6. Currently, the county is advertising for a jail cook with a hiring wage of \$16.47 per hour.

The jail employs four cooks and a food service manager. They prepare food for all inmates and staff.

"The main employee that will be affected is our food service manager," Lenzner said.

"Potentially, the (cooks) could stay on as staff," added Troy Beyer, jail administrator.

To make the switch, the county will seek offers from qualified companies.

Beyer said he is currently reviewing a draft of the request for proposal with corporation counsel. Additional information is expected be available at the October public safety meeting.

Lenzner said outsourcing the work could save the county money, although no exact figures are known.

He said one company that will be given serious consideration is Inmate Canteen, the firm that currently handles the jail's commissary.

"That's all they do is jail foods," Lenzner said. "They do have a very good reputation. They do a lot of other states. They're just majorly getting into Wisconsin the last year."

Cook candidates must have a high school diploma or equivalent, experience in quantity food production, a valid driver's license and vehicle insurance.

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Troy Beyer, Shawano County Jail administrator, talks with members of the county's ad hoc building committee during a tour of the jail Oct. 23, 2024. In the background is an Inmate Canteen computer terminal that provides access to inmates' funds for use in the commissary.

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Tick-borne threat real, but don't live in fear of them

A rare but potentially deadly tick-borne illness is making headlines in Wisconsin after health officials confirmed recent cases of Powassan virus.

The virus, transmitted by the same blacklegged tick that spreads Lyme disease, has clinicians on alert and public health experts urging vigilance.

Powassan virus is part of the flavivirus family, a group of viruses that includes more familiar names like West Nile, Zika and Dengue. Unlike its mosquito-borne cousins, Powassan is transmitted exclusively by the Ixodes scapularis,

or blacklegged tick. These ticks are known carriers of multiple pathogens, and once transmitted, the virus can move rapidly through the bloodstream to the brain, causing viral encephalitis, a dangerous swelling of the brain that may result in long-term neurological damage or even death.

Dr. James Thatcher, a physician at the Aspirus Tick-Borne Illness Center, said the symptoms can be severe.

"Fevers and headaches, malaise, not eating, not drinking, not communicating, so, basically, brain on fire symptoms we

would call it," he said.

Unlike Lyme disease, which can often be treated with antibiotics, Powassan virus has no widely recognized cure. It attacks the nervous system and can lead to viral encephalitis, inflammation of the brain, which can be fatal or result in long-term neurological issues.

"Classically, the early Lyme arthritis is going to be joint pain, migratory joint pain. You may or may not get that with viral encephalitis," Thatcher said. "Because, it is mostly going to be more internal suffering, less physical suffering, but neuro-

logical, Lyme disease can look a lot like Powassan infection."

Although the virus remains rare, its severity is alarming. According to reports from state health officials, three adults in Wisconsin have been hospitalized with the virus this summer, and one person has died. Young children, the elderly, immunocompromised and people living alone are especially vulnerable.

"We can't live our lives in fear. People die of Rocky Mountain spotted fever every year, with or without the rash," Thatcher said. "My big-

gest concern with viral encephalitis is dehydration. Because if you're not drinking and you're not nourishing yourself, you start to fall behind an infection."

Thatcher emphasized that early prevention is key. While chemicals like DEET, Permethrin and Picaridin remain effective tick repellents, the Aspirus Tick-Borne Illness Center also promotes natural alternatives.

"There are natural herbs like cedarwood oil, lemongrass, thyme, clove that help repel ticks, but also the other bugs," he said. "You know, the mos-

quitoes that bring us those viral illnesses, the biting flies that bring us Bartonella and some other things that maybe are worse than Lyme disease. So, we got to protect ourselves from all bugs."

The Powassan virus can incubate quickly, and testing is limited. That's why Thatcher recommends acting fast after a tick bite and staying in contact with loved ones if you begin to feel ill. If you or a loved one has been bitten by a tick and develops symptoms like fever, severe headache or confusion, seek medical care immediately.

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JR Machine completes acquisition of ETW

Strategic investment strengthens Wisconsin's role in defense and space manufacturing

JR Machine, a leading contract manufacturer of complex precision components for the space exploration and defense sectors, has acquired ETW Inc., a Waukesha-based company specializing in 5-axis machining, custom tooling and engineering services.

The acquisition is part of JR Machine's ongoing growth strategy and is backed by Schneider Resources Holding, a family-owned investment firm dedicated to supporting Wisconsin-based manufacturing businesses.

The acquisition strengthens JR Machine's core capabilities in lathe and turning operations by adding advanced 5-axis milling, increasing both capacity and technical expertise for its customer base.

ETW Inc. will continue to operate in Waukesha under its current name as a sister company to JR Machine within the SRH portfolio. All employees will be retained, and the existing management

team will remain in place.

The integration will be supported by JR Machine's leadership and a unified sales team, ensuring a smooth transition and scalability across both organizations.

"We are excited to bring ETW onto the JR Machine precision machining team," said Paul Knoll, CEO of JR Machine. "Adding ETW's highly skilled team helps meet the growing needs of our customers, especially those in the space and defense industries. The highly specialized 5-axis milling work that ETW can do will be a great new service in our portfolio."

To accelerate growth, JR Machine and SRH are already investing in new technology, including the recent addition of a DMG MORI DMU 65 (FD) 5-axis milling center. This \$1 million investment will significantly boost ETW Inc.'s milling capabilities and operational efficiency.

This move also aligns

with SRH's long-term vision to foster and sustain family-owned manufacturing operations in Wisconsin. By supporting generational ownership and local leadership, SRH enables high-performing manufacturers like JR Machine and ETW Inc. to serve global industries while maintaining their roots in Wisconsin.

"Our family is excited to join with JR Machine as we work to grow and meet our customers' needs," said Wayne Lehman Jr., vice president of manufacturing and engineering at ETW Inc. "Adding the strength of Schneider Resources Holding will allow us to invest and grow to meet that demand. Partnered with JR Machine and supported by SRH, we see incredible potential for our future."

To learn about how this acquisition enhances JR Machine's capacity and capabilities, visit <https://jrmachine.com/etw-acquisition/>.

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The Weier brothers got an up-close look inside one of the many planes on display at the Shawano Municipal Airport on Aug. 16.

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The annual fly-in gave residents a chance to get an up-close look at some local planes. Stormy weather brought an end to the Young Eagles program early, although 21 youths did get a free ride before the bad weather arrived. The event will be rescheduled from 8 a.m. to noon Aug. 24. Check out the EAA Chapter 1710 Facebook page for details.



Static aircraft, skydivers, warbirds, food vendors, emergency vehicles, classic and modern cars were featured at the airport. Visit www.newmedia-wi.com for more photos.



Cars of all makes, models and colors were featured at the fifth annual Shawano Municipal Airport Fly-in and Car Show on Aug 16.



Kathy and Charlotte Schultz peer inside the 1936 Ford owned by Rick and Cindy Stollfus, of Little Suamico. The car was among the 80 or so featured at the Shawano Municipal Airport Fly-in and Car Show held Aug. 16. Although the event was shortened to 90 minutes due to the weather, a large crowd gathered for the fifth annual event.

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Sun Drop Museum, 920 S. Franklin St., Shawano



Cadence Adelman hands off a Blue Moon double-scoop ice cream cone to Jensen Love at Casimir's The Sweet Spot in Pulaski. Casimir's is a new ice cream and freeze-dried candy venue at 759 S. St. Augustine St.

LYNN ZAFFRANN

New shop in Pulaski really hits the Sweet Spot

Casimir's offers ice cream, freeze-dried candy and more

By **LYNN ZAFFRANN**
Correspondent

Casimir's The Sweet Spot opened June 28, just in time to satisfy summer ice cream cravings in Pulaski and neighboring communities.

Located at 759 S. St. Augustine St. in Pulaski, the family-owned and operated shop serves Cedar Crest ice cream, smoothies, soft drinks and a variety of freeze-dried candies.

"This spot sat vacant for about a year and a half," owner Ben Reiss said. "We were driving to pick up our kids from school, and my wife (Wendy Reiss) said that it would be a great spot for something. And we started to brainstorm around that idea."

At the time, Wendy Reiss was a traveling nurse, and Ben Reiss was a stay-at-home dad — the parents of four girls.

The couple made an offer on the building, a former dental office, in May 2024. By October, they had secured financing through Bank of Luxemburg, and they closed on the purchase in January.

Their initial plan was to open a coffee café and roastery, with soft serve ice cream.

That plan morphed from coffee to ice cream to meet their dreams of a family-friendly store that would provide options for the teens in Pulaski.

"This is our opportunity to do something that would be central for the kids," Ben Reiss said.

The store has been busy this sum-



Sitting on one of the many picnic tables in the yard of Casimir's The Sweet Spot are, from left, Owen LaRock, Olivia LaRock, Kylene LaRock and Easton LaRock. The family was enjoying ice cream treats after Pulaski school registration and picture day.

LYNN ZAFFRANN

mer. The attendance at nearby soccer and baseball fields brought in a lot of customers.

"It was fantastic," Reiss said. "Now, after baseball and soccer, we're shifting to school sports starting again, with football and cross-country. We're really looking to build around the school schedule."

After deciding on an ice cream shop, they tried to figure out what to pair with ice cream and settled on the candy. Reiss said that the freeze-dried candy was his wife's idea.

Freeze-drying candy makes it puff and pop and changes its texture. Caramel M&Ms expand to about three to four times the original size, becoming light and airy crunchy puffs. They're called Caramel Clouds at Casimir's.

Reiss said that it's been trial and error to learn the process.

"We're learning," he said. "I had a bunch of gummy bears that exploded and glued into the machine. It took six hours to clean."

Reiss said that plans for the winter months include freeze-dried ice cream, as well as fruit and other items.

In addition to working her current full-time job with a managed care group, Wendy Reiss is instrumental with creating recipes, workflows and the day-to-day operations.

She also inspired the outdoor recreation area.

"Wendy said we need lots of outdoor

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Through it all, they raised eight children by working hard and living by the principle of waste not, want not. There

was a lot of that going around back then. As members of the Greatest Gen-

eration, they aced the ultimate test of conscience — the willingness to sacrifice something today for future generations whose words of appreciation they would never hear. Their sacrifices enabled my generation to live through the best of times.

When the new administration began slashing government spending last January, Americans were warned we would be going through some "hardships." Typically, people thought the sacrifices would be borne by others. They ignored experts who predicted inflation and a tight job market within a few months. Now, with economic storm clouds on the horizon, this great-grandma boldly offers some unsolicited advice: It's time to take stock of discretionary spending. One strategy comes straight from my cardiologist — watch what you put into your mouth.

After quitting smoking and cutting down on alcohol, do yourself and the planet a favor: Nix beverages bottled in plastic. Scientists have identified the presence of an alarming amount of plastic microparticles in human tissue, including newborn babies. Ensuing studies determined these toxins can have serious life-altering effects, especially for children. Recently, a world-renowned dairy science expert in my family told me that microplastics have been detected in cow's milk. Knowing that, is the convenience of plastic worth you and your loved ones becoming part of a science experiment?

What to do? Get stainless-steel water bottles and refill them. Filter your tap water for an added measure of safety if you can. Make your own cold drinks and serve them in glass instead of plastic. If you like hot beverages and don't have a coffee maker, get one and make your own. You'll have exclusive control over the finished product while saving a lot of money.

True story: A friend likes good quality coffee and was paying \$6 for her morning cup at Starbucks. A year ago, she invested in a coffeemaker, grinder, big bag of Starbucks beans and Yeti travel mug. She kept a record and found she recouped the start-up cost in about a month.

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Lessons pop up while searching for plover

They say we learn from our mistakes. Lord knows I've had my share of "learning opportunities" both in and out of my birding adventures. I'd like to share one embarrassing experience with you in the spirit that you may be spared from learning this one the hard way. Please don't laugh — too hard.

I was new to the birding world when I heard about the rare piping plover coming to a section of Lake Superior shoreline where they hadn't been seen for 25 years. It was a wondrous occasion, and I wanted to see it for myself. So off I went.

Upon arrival, I saw barricade tape strung up in a large circle on the beach. The tape created a visual boundary of where people should not go to protect the birds and their camouflaged nests. While walking around the perimeter of the tape, I searched within its borders for quite a while looking for this special bird. Just as I was beginning to lose hope, something spectacular happened.

A plover appeared. I couldn't believe my eyes. I was ecstatic. He was the cutest little thing with his round body, fluffy feathers and long legs. I couldn't help but giggle as it scurried back and forth across the sand. With a smile from



The precious piping plover makes the Lake Superior shoreline its summer home.

LISA JANSEN



ear to ear, I reveled in this blessing and thanked God for my never to be forgotten piping plover encounter.

I was on top of the world for my good fortune of seeing this beloved bird, that is until I started to go through my photographs. Wait. What? Why does the bird in my photo have two

bands around its neck when the bird guide shows piping plovers have only one? No, no, it can't be. The bird in my photo is not a piping plover but rather a killdeer. You've got to be kidding.

Apparently, the two are often mixed up to the untrained eye, but that didn't make me feel any less embarrassed or depressed. They are similar in that they are both part of the plover family, and have long legs, round bodies, a white breast and belly, brown back and head, and a collar band around their neck.

Lesson: Learn what you can about a bird before heading out to find it including identification marks, habitat, and behavior.

Setting out to learn the lesson, I discovered that the killdeer has a chocolate brown mantle (upper back) and pinkish gray legs. The piping plover has a tan mantle and orange legs. The killdeer's iris is red while the piping plover's is black. Killdeer live in a wide variety of habitats including beaches, fields, parking lots and rooftops, while piping

plovers stick to shorelines and beaches.

Piping plovers, and their killdeer cousins, both perform "broken wing displays." If a person or predator is getting too close to a nest, the bird will hop around, flap its wing as if hurt, and make distress calls to distract the threat and lure it away from the eggs or chicks.

To create the nests, the male creates shallow depressions or "scrapes" in the sand, and the female lines it with small pebbles and shells. She then lays an egg a day until a clutch of four is complete. The eggs blend right into the rocks and sand. Once hatched, the chicks are precocial — able to run around and forage for food almost immediately.

According to All About Birds, piping plovers from the Great Lakes population migrate primarily along the Atlantic coast in Georgia and the Carolinas for the winter. They have been known to return north to the same place and mate with the same bird year after year, even if they didn't migrate together.

The Great Lakes population of piping plovers remains federally-listed as endangered but is showing improvement. From 12-17 pairs in the 1980s, the

population has grown to 85 nesting pairs according to the Great Lakes piping plover conservation team. Piping plovers face a variety of threats including habitat loss due to shoreline development, human disturbance, reduction of federal funding, and the frequency and intensity of storms that can wash away nesting sites.

One simple way we can help these vulnerable birds is by respecting barricade tape and signage placed to protect nesting sites and keep ourselves and our pets a safe distance from the birds. Spreading awareness, making a donation and participating in conservation efforts are other effective ways to support them. Visit www.greatlakespipingplover.org for more information on how you can help.

Since my first attempt at seeing these cherished little birds, they have continued to return to this location every spring. Armed with knowledge of the birds' identification marks, habitat and behavior, I have also returned. Happily and without a doubt, I finally got to see the precious piping plover. Lesson learned.

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GARDENING WITH MELINDA MYERS

Freshen gardens, containers with strawflowers

As summer is winding down and fall approaches, your thoughts may turn to mums, asters and pansies. Consider changing things up this year by adding deer-resistant strawflowers to your late summer and fall containers and gardens.

Grow strawflowers (*Xerochrysum bracteatum* formerly *Bracteantha*) in full to part sun and moist well-drained soil. They are heat and cold tolerant, grown as annuals in most areas and short-lived perennials in zones 8 to 10. You'll enjoy continuous blooming and visiting pollinators from spring through summer and into fall until frost. Plant some now to replace fading summer annuals, freshen up your late season garden or create fall containers. The range of flower colors makes them easy to include in your late season displays.

Plant strawflowers in the garden or a container with drainage holes and fill with a quality potting mix. Select a pot, at least 12 inches in diameter to avoid the plant becoming rootbound and drying out too quickly. Although the flowers look dry, the plants prefer moist well-drained soil. Check containers



daily and water thoroughly as needed. Those growing in the garden should be watered thoroughly when the top few inches of soil are crumbly and moist.

Strawflowers unique blossoms look and feel dry to the touch, making them extra fun for kids to grow. This straw-like texture of the flowers inspired the common name. You may also hear them referred to as everlasting flowers, because they don't wilt readily when picked and retain their shape and color for years once dried.

Granvias (www.suntoryflowers.com) are larger, vigorous plants with much bigger blooms than other strawflowers, making them excellent thrillers in containers and showy in the garden. You can find these supersized strawflowers in gold, pink, white, crimson sun, harvest orange, peachy keen and orange flame.

Set a pot of colorful strawflowers among your



Peachy keen, pink and white granvia strawflowers combine nicely creating a colorful container garden.

SUNTORY FLOWERS

pumpkins, ornamental squash and other fall décor. Combine them in containers and garden beds with other fall favorites like ornamental kale and cabbage, grasses, ornamental peppers, pansies,

calibrachos, and more.

Grow plenty so you'll have enough to enjoy as cut flowers and even more to dry for crafting wreaths, garland, flower spheres, and adding to dried arrangements. Harvest

strawflowers when two to three layers of their petal-like bracts have unfolded but the center is still tightly closed. The flowers will continue to open as they dry so waiting too long results in a more open

bloom. Harvest regularly to encourage even more flowers.

Recut the stems at an angle and place the strawflowers in fresh water and condition them in a cool, dark place for a few hours or overnight when using in fresh arrangements.

Hang the stems in bundles upside down in a warm, dry place when preserving them dried. You may opt to remove the stem and replace it with florist wire if you plan on using the dried strawflowers in a wreath or an arrangement where a stem is needed. As the flower dries, it secures the wire in place. Remove the flowers from the stems once dried if you plan on using just the flowers in crafting projects.

Discover the beauty and many uses of strawflowers this fall. Then next season, start early and grow even more to enjoy all season long.

Melinda Myers has written over 20 gardening books, including "Midwest Gardener's Handbook," "Revised Edition" and "Small Space Gardening." She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" instant video and DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds and Blooms magazine. Myers' website is www.melindamyers.com.

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seating,” Ben Reiss said. “She was also the inspiration for the yard games, stuff for people to do. That will bring people in. Everybody sits outside. It’s been a lot of fun to watch families.”

Neighbors have said that after watching the empty building for so long, they now enjoy watching families eating ice cream and playing catch and football.

“Our niece Ella Reiss is the assistant manager. We hired about 12 local high schoolers. For a lot of them, this is their first job,” Reiss said.

Reiss noted that the work culture Ella, who hires, trains and manages staff, created is loved by the team.

“We’ve got a group of kids that are all hard-working and really great with customers,” he said. “Our older two girls have been fantastic. If they aren’t here helping, they are helping at home with their siblings. We wouldn’t



Ben Reiss, who owns Casimir's The Sweet Spot with his wife, Wendy, stands in front of the nine varieties of freeze-dried candies sold at the new ice cream venue in Pulaski. Casimir's also offers Cedar Crest ice cream, smoothies, novelties and soft drinks. The new shop opened June 28 and is known as a family-oriented venue. LYNN ZAFFRANN

be here without their help. We're fortunate.”

The girls are Cameran, 15, Caylee, 13, Frankie, 5,

and Ruby, 3.

According to Reiss, Cameran and Caylee have been helping with any

recipes and operational suggestions. They also pay attention to the work flow, because they work behind

the counter and can offer advice.

Reiss noted that he didn't see a lot of Cedar Crest ice cream being sold in the surrounding area, so he decided that it would be a good choice for their shop.

He was impressed by their 75 flavors and seasonal selections.

“Out of their 75 flavors, we’ve probably already served 50 this summer,” he said.

Reiss noted that there are some flavors that children gravitate toward, like Playdough and Superman. For the older crowd, some faves include butter pecan and Mackinac Island fudge.

“Pretty quickly, we’ve seen the patterns emerge for who wants what,” Reiss said.

Casimir's has gluten-free cones and provides an allergen list to help any customers' special needs.

Casimir's can be found on Facebook, and Reiss is working on a website.

Future plans include an online store for the freeze-dried candy. They will be doing seasonal candy varieties to tie into holidays like Halloween, Christmas and Valentine's Day.

The store is named after Casimir Pulaski, a Revolutionary War hero, as a nod to the village itself.

They offer free Wi-Fi and hope that kids and adults will hang around inside during the winter months. They may also offer space for private parties in the future.

“We’re looking at being that family hub, is really what the goal is,” Reiss said. “We’re not a franchise; we’re not rich people.”

He stressed that they are a family, just like his Pulaski neighbors.

“We’re trying to figure out how to raise kids and how to have fun,” Reiss said. “We want this to be a place for families to come, make great memories and have fun.”

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wicked cup of Joe,” she told me with a big smile.

Of course, the savings will evaporate if you substitute your own brew with gas station caffeinated drinks.

What about food? Changing eating habits is not easy, but it can be done. I lost 30 pounds in 1975 and have kept it off for 50 years. How? I cut out junk food and kicked carbs to the curb. The

money I saved bypassing the Big Bad Cs (chips, cookies and candy) paid for actual food. Eating protein instead of carbs means you aren't hungry an hour after a meal. What to eat? Low-fat cottage cheese, eggs, lean meat, fruit and veggies instead of Doritos, Oreos and Snickers. After two months, I found sugary and salty junk food lost their appeal. Really.

Here are a few menu ideas. For breakfast, forget the greasy donuts, packaged coffee cake, muffins, coronary counter loaded croissants and sugar-laden dry cereals. A bowl of homemade oatmeal, peanut butter smeared on apple slices or an avocado and cheese sandwich on wholegrain toast is fast and filling. How about getting up 10 minutes early and fixing yourself an

omelet? Not only will you make it to lunch without needing a carb/fat-laden snack, you'll see a gradual decrease in your waistline and corresponding increase in your bottom line.

Lunch? Dinner? For less than the price of a super-sized fast-food combo, you can make a big salad or two quarter-pounders with home fries. Patting out a burger, not to men-

tion peeling and cutting potatoes, is not rocket science. Neither is cooking them in less time than you might spend sitting in a drive-through. Big bonus: You can make it an enjoyable legacy experience by teaching family members how to cook.

Are you up for the challenge? Try it for two months. Weigh yourself before and after and keep track of how much money

you save. You might be surprised at the payoff — and most likely you'll be healthier and happier. Hey, as long as you'll be making sacrifices anyway, why not spend a little time to save money for the rainy days ahead?

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, AUG. 22

OCONTO: Aim Pro Walleye Series Wisconsin State Championships, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Breakwater Park, 1301 Harbor Road. Take-off 7 a.m., Return 3 p.m.

KESHENA: Kehtekaewak Farmers Market, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., College of Menominee Nation, N172 State Highway 47-55.

GILLET: Oconto County Youth Fair, 9 a.m. to midnight, Zippel Park, 150 N. McKenzie St. Rabbit show 9 a.m., beef show 10 a.m., Randy Peterson 12:30 p.m. and 5 p.m., Mischief and Magic Show 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., goat show 3 p.m., Ken and Kris 3-7 p.m., rabbit kiddie showmanship 4 p.m., 4x4 truck pulls 7 p.m., PettyCash band 8 p.m. to midnight.

LAKEWOOD: Rainbow Science Lab, 11 a.m. to noon, Lakes Country Public Library, 15235 State Highway 32. Recommended for ages 5-11. Information: 715-276-9020 or lake@lakescountrylibrary.org.

SHAWANO: Smalley Beach Bash, 2-7 p.m., Smalley Park, 211 Riverside Drive. Presented by city parks and recreation department. Giant water slide and Slip N Slide, crafts with Shawano Public Library, food truck, Dunk a Cop and Popsicles with the Police, Shawano Ski Sharks, music with a DJ, Shawano Paddlers.

TIGERTON: Lumberjack Days, 6 p.m., Community Park, Bean bag tournament 6 p.m., kids Hot Wheels races 6:30 p.m.

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

OCONTO: Movie Night Under the Stars, dusk, Joel's Reel Inn, 400

Holtwood Way. Adult Night: “The Goonies.”

SATURDAY, AUG. 23

OCONTO: Aim Pro Walleye Series Wisconsin State Championships, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Breakwater Park, 1301 Harbor Road. Take-off 7 a.m., Return 3 p.m.

SHAWANO: FRESH Project Farmers Market, 8 a.m. to noon, Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St. NEW Jazz Ensemble Presents Revive 715 big band music 9 a.m.

GILLET: Oconto County Youth Fair, 9 a.m. to midnight, Zippel Park, 150 N. McKenzie St. Dairy show 9 a.m., poultry show 9 a.m., draft horse pull 9 a.m., Mischief and Magic Show 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 5 p.m., Randy Peterson 12:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., cake auction 3 p.m., JD Pickers band 3-7 p.m., poultry kiddie showmanship 4 p.m., tractor pulls 6 p.m., exhibitor/animal formal show 7 p.m., Boom Box band 8 p.m. to midnight.

SHAWANO: Daily Drift Competition Series Round 5, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., USAir Motorsports Raceway, W5901 County Road BE. Admission \$20.

POUND: Lee Lake Tavern Car Show, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Lee Lake Tavern, 9291 Lee Lake Road. Registration through noon, trophies awarded for cars, trucks and motorcycles 2 p.m. Food and raffles available, Pulaski High School Red Raider Jazz Band performs 12:30 p.m.

TIGERTON: Lumberjack Days, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Community Park. Bean bag tournament 10 a.m.; Strong Man/Woman Contest 2 p.m.; live music with Blast From the Past 2-5 p.m.; kids bike giveaway drawings 3:30, 4:30 and 5:30 p.m.; free corn

roast 4:30 p.m.; live music with Night Shift 6-10 p.m.; Lumberjack Princess crowned between bands; food and refreshments, bucket raffles, kids activities.

SHAWANO: Naberhood Block Party, 6-8 p.m., The Naberhood, 214 S. Main St. Live music with Leo G.

SHAWANO: Shawano Speedway, 6 p.m., 990 E. Green Bay St. Gates open 4 p.m. \$12, ages 12-16 \$6, and younger than 11 free. Gates open 4 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUG. 24

SHAWANO: Zurko's Midwest Promotions Flea Market, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Shawano County Fairgrounds, 990 E. Green Bay St. \$2 admission, 12 and under free with adult.

GILLET: Oconto County Youth Fair, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Zippel Park, 150 N. McKenzie St. Mischief and Magic Show 9 a.m., kiddie showmanship 10 a.m., Livestock Sale of Champions Auction noon, TNT Polka Band 1-5 p.m., mini rods and mod tractors 2 p.m.

SHAWANO: Sacred Heart Annual Golf Outing, 11 a.m., Shawano Lake Golf Course, W5714 Lake Drive. Four person scramble with shotgun start 1 p.m. \$100 per person includes 18 holes, cart, snack bag, buffet dinner. Dinner only \$30. Event benefits Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

SHAWANO: Alzheimer's Awareness Walk, 1 p.m., Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St. Registration and resource fair 1 p.m., promise ceremony and walk kickoff 2 p.m.

TIGERTON: Lumberjack Days, 1-6 p.m., Community Park. Parade 1 p.m. live music with the Drovers 2-6 p.m., Touch a Truck, food and refreshments, bucket raffles, kids activities.

SHAWANO: Daily Drift Competition Series Round 5, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., USAir Motorsports Raceway, W5901 County Road BE. Admission \$20.

MONDAY, AUG. 25

SHAWANO: Recovery talking circle, 6-8 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, Room 4, 100 W. Presbyterian St. Information: Dallas Gast, 715-701-5388 or dallasgast8@gmail.com.

TUESDAY, AUG. 26

LAKEWOOD: Gardening Class: Attracting Birds with Plants, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Lakes Country Public Library, 15235 State Highway 32. Master Gardener Volunteers teach what northwoods plants will attract birds to your yard year-round.

OCONTO FALLS: Oconto County Farmers Market, 4-8 p.m., Memorial Field. Vendors, live music, food trucks.

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

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 27

SHAWANO: Walk Wednesdays, 7-8 a.m., USAir Motorsports Raceway, W5901 County Road BE. Track is open for walkers. Free admission.

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

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

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

THURSDAY, AUG. 28

SHAWANO: Shawano County Fair, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Fairgrounds, 990 E. Green Bay St. Junior and open swine show 8 a.m., junior sheep show 4 p.m., midway rides 5-10 p.m., bingo 5 p.m., junior and open goat show 6 p.m., Live music with New Generation 6 p.m., Homegrown 7 p.m., Left on Read 8 p.m., Fireworks Over the Fair 9 p.m. Gate admission \$5.

GILLET: Community Market, 5-7 p.m., Ebenreiter Square, 200 E. Main St.

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

FRIDAY, AUG. 29

SHAWANO: Shawano County Fair, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Fairgrounds, 990 E. Green Bay St. Junior market beef show 8 a.m., bingo 12:30 p.m., decorated cake auction 5 p.m., midway rides 5-10 p.m., market animal auction 6:30 p.m., live music with Gary's Ridgeland Dutchman 1 p.m., Big Snake 6 p.m., Chad Przybylski 6 p.m., Whiskey & Lace 8 p.m. Gate admission \$5.

SURING: Rummage Sale, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 206 Burk St.

LAKEWOOD: Friends of the Lakes Country Public Library Book Sale, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., 15235 State Highway 32.

Little Falls rolls into BABA semifinals

Eland up next for defending champions

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

Last year's BABA semifinals featured Little Falls, Eland, Scandinavia and Clintonville. Those same four teams are still alive in this season's tournament, and the semifinal games set for Aug. 24 are the same matchups as 2024. Little Falls and Eland won the West and North division championships, respectively, on Aug. 17. Little Falls defeated Caroline 24-1, and Eland handed Birnamwood a 4-1 loss. The Loggers and Engineers will meet at 1:30 p.m. in Little Falls.

Meanwhile, Clintonville won the East Division title with an 11-8 win over Neopit, and Scandinavia handed Plover a 10-2 defeat. The A's and Vikings will meet at 1:30 p.m. in Clintonville.

East Division
Clintonville 11, Neopit 8
Turner Doornink's two home runs and team-high three hits helped lead the third-seeded A's over the top-seeded Chiefs in Neopit.

Hunter Vollmer, Austin Hoffman, Braxton Ebben and Jake Van Allen each added two hits for Clintonville.

Five players — Anthony Lee-man, Mequon Frechette, Mike Pecore, Wendell Waukau and Dalen Corn — had two hits each for Neopit.

Brock Smejkal picked up the



Gavin Christopherson led off the top of the first inning for Caroline.

GREG SEUBERT



Klay Finger is ready to make a play at first base for the Caroline Cougars on Aug. 17 in the second inning of their BABA West Division final matchup with Little Falls. The Loggers ended Caroline's season by handing the Cougars a 24-1 loss.

GREG SEUBERT

win on the mound, and Jamison Besaw took the loss.

West Division
Little Falls 24, Caroline 1
Kyle Finger had a big day at the plate for the Loggers, as he finished with three hits, including a pair of home runs, and knocked in seven runs.

Drew Radies and Tanner Nienhaus added three hits for Little Falls, while Parker Gullixson, Spencer Strebe and Jenner Gullixson had two each.

Radies, Jenner Gullixson and Sawyer Strebe also hit home runs for the Loggers.

Klay Barkow, Braiden

Behnke, Mason Breitenfeldt and Kolton Barkow had hits for Caroline.

Chris Dunn picked up the win on the mound, and Klay Barkow took the loss.

Little Falls came into the game as the division's top seed, while Caroline received the No. 2 seed.

North Division
Eland 4, Birnamwood 1

Second-seeded Birnamwood outit the top-seeded Engineers 8-6 but managed to score only one run.

Nic Barnes and Tyler Nelson homered for Eland. Barnes also

led the Engineers with two hits.

Jacob Ligenza, Lucas Mandich and Jeremy Jensen also had a hit each for Eland.

Mason Meverden led the Kings with three hits, while Logan Theix and Carson Meverden added two each and Conner Meverden had one.

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

South-Central Division
Scandinavia 10, Plover 2

Braden Hunkins' three hits and five RBIs helped lead the top-seeded Vikings over the third-seeded Pterodactyls.

Hunkins and Caleb Bembenek hit home runs for Scandinavia. Bembenek added two hits, and Logan Moe and Landon Moe each had two hits while driving in three runs.

Kaden Thauer and Jackson Fox had two hits to lead Plover at the plate.

Ben Lee picked up the win, and Thauer took the loss.

Upcoming schedule
Sunday, Aug. 24

BABA Semifinals (both games 1:30 p.m.): Eland at Little Falls; Scandinavia at Clintonville.

Sunday, Aug. 31

Grand Championship: Scandinavia/Clintonville winner at Little Falls/Eland winner, 2 p.m.

Hortonville, Waupaca win Dairyland semifinal games

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

Waupaca and Hortonville played for a Dairyland League Grand Championship in 2023 and 2024.

They'll meet again in this year's championship game for the third straight season after both teams posted wins in the semifinal round.

Waupaca held Bonduel hitless in a 1-0 win Aug. 17, while Hortonville used a big first inning to hand Pulaski a 13-7 loss.

The championship game is set for 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 24, in Waupaca.

Waupaca 1, Bonduel 0

Brenden Canterbury drove in Johnny Popham with what turned out to be the game's only run in the bottom of the first inning.

Cade Johnson ended up taking the loss on the mound for the Broncos.

Hortonville 13, Pulaski 7

Hortonville opened the scoring with seven runs in the bottom of the first inning.

The Reds chipped away at the lead and eventually cut the deficit to 8-7 heading into the seventh inning.

The Stars added to their lead with five runs in their half of the seventh.

Upcoming schedule
Sunday, Aug. 24

Grand Championship: No. 2 Hortonville at No. 1 Waupaca, 1:30 p.m.



At left, Chase Reinke steps up to the plate for Bonduel. At right, Easton Reinke and the Bonduel Broncos headed to Waupaca to face the Lakemen in a Dairyland League semifinal game Aug. 17. Waupaca held the Broncos hitless and advanced to the Grand Championship with a 1-0 win.

GREG SEUBERT



Hawks scrimmage on gridiron



Shawano Community High School's offense and defense were given a workout in a scrimmage against Rhinelander in Antigo on Aug. 15. Also participating were Crandon, Wittenberg-Birnamwood and Antigo. The Hawks open the regular season Aug. 22 in Denmark.

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▪ Dakota J. Herning, 26, New London, pleaded no contest Aug. 14 to three counts of misdemeanor bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of operating without a valid license. Two of the bail jumping counts were amended from felonies in a plea agreement. Judge Katherine Sloma levied fines and costs and sentenced him to 45 days in county jail.

▪ Pebbles L. Sanapaw, 44, Shawano, pleaded no contest Aug. 13 to possession of methamphetamine, felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor charge of possession of THC. Sloma levied fines and costs and sentenced her to nine months in county jail.

▪ James A. Miller, 23, listed as homeless, pleaded no contest Aug. 13 to two misdemeanor charges of resisting or obstructing an officer and misdemeanor counts of bail jumping and possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma withheld sentencing and placed him on 18 months of probation with conditions.

▪ Doreen A. Gipp, 51, Gillett, was charged Aug. 11 with theft of movable property valued between \$10,000 and \$100,000. Sloma set a \$10,000 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for Sept. 30.

▪ Beverly A. Alexander, 41, Shawano, was charged Aug. 11 with possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), two counts of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. Sloma set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Aug. 26.

▪ Calvin J. Olson, 32, Suring, was charged Aug. 11 with felony bail jumping. Sloma set a \$400 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Aug. 25.

▪ Robert J. Boettcher, 59, Shawano, was charged Aug. 12 with intimidating the victim of a domestic abuse crime. Sloma set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Aug. 18.

▪ Shayne Matthew Huebner, 22, Oxford, Arkansas, was charged Aug. 12 with driving or operating a vehicle without consent and misdemeanor charges of operating while revoked and resisting or obstructing an officer. Slo-

ma set a \$1,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Aug. 18.

▪ Nickolas D. Kunchick, 29, Clintonville, was charged Aug. 14 with battery by prisoners, substantial battery intending bodily harm, three counts of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. Sloma set a \$500 cash bond. In a separate case, Kunchick was charged with possession of methamphetamine, six counts of felony bail jumping, and misdemeanor counts of possession of THC and possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a \$4,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing in both cases for Aug. 21.

▪ Robert J. Vanmeerbeck, 37, Shawano, was charged Aug. 14 with possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), two counts of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a \$5,000 signature bond. In a second file, Vanmeerbeck was charged with possession of methamphetamine, four counts of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a \$1,000 cash bond and and scheduled a status conference in both cases for Aug. 26.

▪ Tammy Ann Lampinen, 50, Gresham, was charged Aug. 14 with possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia to manufacture, compound, convert, produce or store methamphetamine. Sloma set a \$500 signature bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Sept. 2.

▪ Andre D. Creapeau, 17, Bowler, was charged Aug. 14 with felony bail jumping, two counts of misdemeanor bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. Sloma set a \$2,500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Aug. 20.

▪ Brian L. St. Louis, 60, Mattoon, was charged Aug. 14 with possession of methamphetamine, five counts of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a \$5,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Aug. 21.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY Y IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE

OF Joyce J. Goers
DOD 07/26/2025

Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 25 PR 54

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 01/07/1932 and date of death 07/26/2025 ,was domiciled in Shawano County State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 103 Madison Way Shawano, WI 54166.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is November 04, 2025 .
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Wisconsin Room 202 Probate office

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Notice of Public Hearing
Planning, Development and Zoning Committee Meeting
Wednesday, September 3, 2025 @ 9:00 AM
Shawano County Courthouse, Rooms A & B
Members: Ken Capelle, Jeremy Gretzinger, Lowel Hammett, Kathy Luebke, Theresa Serrano
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Shawano County Planning, Development and Zoning Committee under the Shawano County Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 40, at Rooms A/B on September 3, 2025 at 9AM, to consider the following application:
Z-9-25: Clark Schuette request zone change from FP, Farmland and Forest Preservation Zoning District to A-R, Agricultural Residential Zoning District for the purpose of constructing a single family dwelling on approximately 2.2000 total acres. Property is located and described as the West 390' of the North 245' of the NW ¼ of the NW ¼, Section 27, T29N R11E, located in the Town of Aniwa. Tax Parcel #006-27220-0020. Currently vacant land.
CU-8-25: Steven Shur request conditional use permit for the purpose of requesting a conditional use permit for establishment of a Commercial Animal Services and Boarding (land use) for operating of an animal rescue (cats and dogs) to serve the Shawano County area. in the OAR, Open Lands, Agricultural, and Residential on approximately 2.3700 total acres. Property is located and described as Commencing at the NE corner of the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4, thence West 24.75' to the point of beginning thence continue West 150' South 290' West 50' South 300' East 200' North 590' to point of beginning, Section 9, T27N, R17E], located in the Town of Washington. Tax Parcel #044-09440-0000. Property Address: N6561 Cheese Factory Road, Cecil, WI 54111.
CU-9-25: Cole Yach request conditional use permit for the purpose of requesting a conditional use permit to construct 2 Personal Storage Facility/Mini-Warehouse (land use) in the C-G, Commercial General Zoning District on approximately 3.6400 total acres. Property is located and described as part of the Lot 3 Certified Survey Map #4640, Section 17, T29N, R11E, located in the Town of Aniwa. Tax Parcel #006-17320-0000. Property Address: N11016 US HWY 45, Birnamwood, WI 54414. Any interested person may address the Planning, Development and Zoning Committee by letter or appear in person, or by agent, and be heard at the public hearing. Written correspondence must bear a legible signature of the author a well as the primary address of the signer. The Committee will accept and review all previously received pertinent information relative to the above listed item(s) during the open session of the public hearing on September 3, 2025. Notice is further given that printed copies of these proposals are available for public inspection in the Planning and Development office during regular business hours.
Please note that upon reasonable notice, effort will be made to accommodate the needs of any person wishing to attend who, because of disability, requires special accommodation through appropriate aids and services. Call 715-526-6766 to leave a message for arrangements.
Dated this 6th day of August, 2025.
For: The Shawano County Board of Adjustment
By: Kyle Waelchli, Zoning Administrator
NOTE: Any person may appear at the public hearing and be heard and/or submit comments to be read into the record for Committee consideration. Correspondence must bear a legible signature of the author as well as the primary address of the signer. Accommodations due to disability can be made by calling: 715-526-6766
Meeting notice emailed/posted: Shawano County Courthouse, Department of Human Services, Shawano County Library, Shawano Leader, WTCH Radio, Shawano County Civic website @ coshawanowi.civicweb.net

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT SHAWANO COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION

ONEMAIN FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC AS SERVICER FOR WILMINGTON TRUST, N.A., AS ISSUER LOAN TRUSTEE FOR ONEMAIN FINANCIAL ISSUANCE TRUST 2023-1
601 NW Second Street
Evansville IN 47708
Plaintiff,
vs.
BRITTANY D OPPERMAN
W7009 EDGEWATER RD
SHAWANO WI 54166-7057
Defendant.

Case No.: 2025CV000134
Classification Code: 30301
The amount claimed is over \$10,000.

PUBLICATION SUMMONS

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, To the person named above as a defendant:
You are hereby notified that the plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The complaint, which is attached, states the nature and basis of the legal action.

Within 40 (forty) days after August 7, 2025, you must respond with a written answer, as that term is used in Chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the complaint. The court may reject or disregard an answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The answer must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is 311 N Main Street, Shawano, WI 54166 and to Dobberstein Law Firm, LLC, the plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 225 S. Executive Drive, Brookfield, Wisconsin 53005. You may have an attorney help or represent you.

If you do not provide a proper answer within 40 (forty) days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

Dated this 29 day of 7/29/2025 .
DOBBERSTEIN LAW FIRM, LLC
Attorneys for the plaintiff

Electronically signed by Jillian E Caggiano
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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT SHAWANO COUNTY

Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority
Plaintiff,
vs.
David Brooks, Angela Brooks and Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
Case No. 25-CV-000012

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered on May 14, 2025 in the amount of \$162,951.38 the Sheriff will sell the described premises at public auction as follows:
TIME: September 10, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.
TERMS: Pursuant to said judgment, 10% of the successful bid must be paid to the sheriff at the sale in cash, cashier's check or certified funds, payable to the clerk of courts (personal checks cannot and will not be accepted). The balance of the successful bid must be paid to the clerk of courts in cash, cashier's check or certified funds no later than ten days after the court's confirmation of the sale or else the 10% down payment is forfeited to the plaintiff. The property is sold as is and subject to all liens and encumbrances.
PLACE: In the front lobby of the Shawano County Courthouse, City and County of Shawano
DESCRIPTION: Part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4), Section Twenty-five (25) North, Township Twenty-seven (27) North, Range Eighteen (18) East, in the Town of Green Valley, Shawano County, Wisconsin, more particularly described as follows: Commencing Twenty-five (25) feet South and Twenty-five (25) feet East of the Northwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4), Section Twenty-five (25) North, Township Twenty-seven (27) North, Range Eighteen (18) East; thence East One Hundred Twenty-five (125) feet; thence South One Hundred Twenty-five (125) feet; thence West One Hundred Twenty-five (125) feet; thence North One Hundred Twenty-five (125) feet to the place of beginning.
PROPERTY ADDRESS: W497 County Rd E Green Valley, WI 54127-9425
DATED: June 16, 2025
Gray & Associates, L.L.P.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
16345 West Glendale Drive
New Berlin, WI 53151-2841
(414) 224-8404
George Lenzner
Shawano County Sheriff
Please go to www.gray-law.com to obtain the bid for this sale.
Gray & Associates, L.L.P. is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If you have previously received a discharge in a chapter 7 bankruptcy case, this communication should not be construed as an attempt to hold you personally liable for the debt.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HAROLD N. MOESCH
DOD: JULY 24, 2025

Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 25 PR 56

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 12/29/1929 and date of death 7/24/2025 , was domiciled in Shawano County, State of WI , with a mailing address of W3340 County Road E, Cecil, WI 54111 .
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is November 14, 2025 .
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano , Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate Office .
Attorney Tori L. Kluess
PO Box 23200
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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUITCOURT SHAWANO COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF

Willow Rose Kabble
Notice and Order for
By (Petitioner) Cheyenne Marie Kabble
By (Co-Petitioner Zadeus Kim Huxford

Amended
Name Chance Hearing
Case No.2025cv128

NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: Willow Rose Kabble
To: Willow Rose Huxford
Birth Certificate: Willow Rose Kabble
IT IS ORDERED:
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Shawano County State of Wisconsin Shawano Court Judge Sloma BR1 311 N Main St Shawano WI September 30 2025 8:15 a.m. If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-526- 9347 prior to the scheduled court date.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WAYNE MANTEUFEL

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No. 25PR55

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 01/06/1950 and date of death 06/08/2025 , was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin with a mailing address of N4449 Highway 45, Tigerton, WI 54486
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is November 5, 2025.
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street #202, Shawano, WI Attorney Bruce J. Meagher P.O. Box 335 Iola, WI 54945 715 445 7000 1013332

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PETER J. JENSEMA
DOD 07/13/2025

Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 25PR58

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth October 23, 1968 and date of death July 13, 2025 , was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin , with a mailing address of N2624 Rustic Circle Drive, Clintonville, WI 54929 .
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is November 24, 2025 .
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano , Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate Office .
Attorney Jeremy R Dobbe
DI RENZO & BOMIER, LLC
Two Neenah Center, Ste. 701, Neenah, WI 54956
Telephone
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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Grace A. Czarniak
DOD: 08/30/2024

Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 25PR59

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE::

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent with a date of birth 11/22/1932 and date of death 08/30/2024 ,was domiciled, with a mailing Shawano County, State of Wisconsin mailing address of N3933 Green Valley RD Krakow, WI 54137
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is November 14, 2025 .
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Wisconsin Room 202 Probate Office.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUITCOURT SHAWANO COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF

Kinsey Leigh Fletcher
Notice and Order for
Name Chance Hearing
Case No.25cv155

By (Petitioner) Lacy Yvonne Giese
By (Co-Petitioner Dustin Dean Fletcher

NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: Kinsey Leigh Fletcher
To: Kinsey Leigh Kaquatosh
Birth Certificate: Kinsey Leigh Fletcher
IT IS ORDERED:
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Shawano County State of Wisconsin Shawano Court Judge William Kusssel BR2 311 N Main St Shawano WI September 04 2025 8:15 a.m. If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-526- 9347 prior to the scheduled court date.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Joyce E. Buss
DOD: 11/19/2024

Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 25PR60

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent with a date of birth 09/16/1930 and date of death 11/19/2024 ,was domiciled, with a mailing Shawano County, State of Wisconsin address of W12762 Elm Street, Caroline, WI 54928
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is November 25, 2025 .
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano , Wisconsin, Room 202, Michael C. Meyer, Attorney at Law P.O. Box 178, 111 Grant Street Marion, WI 54950
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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT SHAWANO COUNTY

Wisconsin Electric Power Co. d/b/a WE Energies
231 W. Michigan St.
Milwaukee, WI 53203
Plaintiff,
vs.
Jeffery A Heath
102 Oak Ct, Apt 3
Shawano WI 54166
Defendant(s).

PUBLICATION SUMMONS
Case Number: 25CV000132
Amount Over \$5,000.00
Case Classification: Money Judgment

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, To each person named above as a Defendant:
You are hereby notified that the Plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The complaint, which is also served upon you, states the nature and basis of the legal action.
Within 40 days after August 13, 2025, you must respond with a written answer, as that term is used in chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the complaint. The court may reject or disregard an answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The answer must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is 311 N. Main St., Shawano, WI 54166, and to Case Law Firm, S.C.4 00 North Broadway, Suite 402, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202. You may have an attorney help or represent you.
If you do not provide a proper answer within 40 days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.
August 6, 2025
Dorothy Ann Case (SBN: 1014013)
Gerald L. Crouse, Jr. (SBN: 1000315)
Annemarie Dorothy Case (SBN: 1068678)
Plaintiff's Attorney
400 N. Broadway, Suite 402
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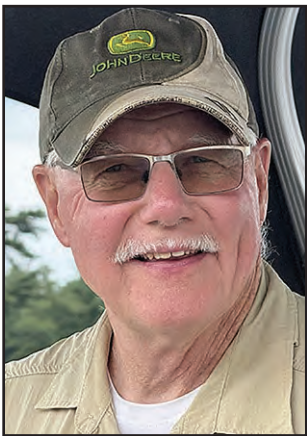
David K. Raether

David “Dave” K. Raether, 74, of Marion and Waupaca, passed away Saturday, Aug. 9, 2025, in his daughter’s arms, wife and son by his side. Thursday he was diagnosed with advanced pulmonary fibrosis at ThedaCare Regional Medical Center in Appleton. Family and close friends expressed their love and gratitude in those few precious days. Dave, in true character, never lost his sense of humor.

David Kevin Raether was born May 16, 1951. as the son of the late Gordon and Luella (Mickelson) Raether. He graduated from Marion High School in 1969 and went on to UW-Green Bay where he earned a degree in education.

Dave taught social studies in Wild Rose for seven years prior to joining his father and brother Ken at the family business, Caroline Implement. As a local John Deere dealer, Dave made many lasting friendships over the years with his employees, farmers and customers.

In 1970, he was united in marriage to Connie Rades. The couple raised two children and later divorced. Dave then met Kim Anderson, and the couple wed on April 6, 2002. In January 2019, Dave sold the family business and officially retired.



He enjoyed spending time at the couple’s lake house and land near Waupaca, working on projects around the “ranch,” especially when his grandsons came to help. He remained an active part of the Marion community, as a member of St. John’s Lutheran Church, and on the board of directors for Premier Community Bank. He spent hours at the Marion Area Historical Society where he created a beautiful Caroline Implement museum. Dave loved helping people and became an integral part of every community he spent time in.

Dave loved to travel, especially if it meant he got to spend time with Eric at an away Packer game or make a surprise visit to one of his grandchildren’s events or son-in-law’s concerts. Dave would always stop to appreciate a great sunset and even took a picture

of one on his ride to the hospital to share with his family.

Dave is survived by his wife, Kim Anderson; children, Eric (Teri) Raether and Erin (Ivan Resendiz) Raether; three grandchildren, Devin and Calvin Raether and Ariel Resendiz-Raether; brother, Gary (Mary Beth) Raether; sister-in-law, Sue Raether; wonderful cousins and many beloved nieces and nephews. He is further survived by a family friend he treated as a son, Bob (Bobbi) Buss and family, and countless friends.

Dave was preceded in death by his parents, Gordon and Luella; his sister, Karen Welch; and brother, Kendall “Ken” Raether.

A service and celebration of Dave’s life will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 23, 2025, at his ranch, N2291 Old Highway 22, Waupaca, with the Rev. Mark Ziemer officiating. Friends may gather at the ranch from 9 a.m. A meal, refreshments and live music will follow the service. In lieu of flowers, memorials for the Marion Area Historical Society or Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation are greatly appreciated by Dave’s family.

The Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory of Marion is assisting his family. www.eberhardtstevenson.com

James Lyman Schulz entered the gates on Tuesday, Aug. 5, 2025, welcomed by Jesus and the angels – all the musicians he’s ever loved who passed before him. He joins in the chorus, smiling and singing and strumming his guitar.

His earth angel parents, Lyman and Leonora Schulz, welcomed him first on Nov. 27, 1934.

A consumer of “Popular Mechanics,” Jimmy learned to master the art of building and repairing guitars. He was a bandmate, a bachelor, a jack-of-all-trades. His greatest gift, some could argue, was his friendship – and it always came with that contagious smile.

He made friends with cashiers, waitresses and auto mechanics, important people in Nashville and hobos on trains. He loved the deer, his cats and his beloved dog, Sally. He turned strangers to friends with handwritten letters

Gary E. Sipiorski, 73, of Clintonville, passed away

Clyde F. Meyer, 93, of the Town of Bear Creek,

Mark R. Beier, 63, of Tigerton, passed away Aug.

Larry L. Rohan, 60, of the Town of Gillett, passed

James Schulz



and long phone calls.

His home was off the grid but full of warmth. On his kitchen table were always stacks of cards he received from family and friends, acquaintances new and old. No guests of his ever went hungry or left without a wave goodbye.

Jimmy was the kind of person who made sure family and friends were taken care of, giving selflessly of what he had. If you feel inclined, please give to a charity of your

Gary E. Sipiorski Aug. 14, 2025. Eberhardt-Stevenson

Clyde F. Meyer passed away Aug. 11, 2025. Eberhardt-Stevenson

Mark R. Beier 16, 2025. Eberhardt-Stevenson

Larry L. Rohan away Aug. 12, 2025. Eberhardt-Stevenson

choice in honor of his giving spirit.

Jimmy was welcomed to heaven by his sibling angels: sister, Delores (Dale Schoepke) ,and brother, Daniel Schulz. He leaves behind his sister, Naomi (Stephen Dohms); sister-in-law, Pat Schulz; and loads of other relatives, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

We’re honored to have the Rev. Paul Johnson from the Church of the Wilderness officiate at Jimmy’s memorial service on Saturday, Sept. 13, 2025, at Schmidt and Schulta Funeral Home, Wittenberg, with visitation at 9 a.m. until the 11 a.m. service. Lunch will be provided.

One more thing. Please share thoughts and memories on the Tribute Wall so we can laugh and cry and honor Jimmy’s well-lived life together.

Memories and messages of support may be shared at schmidtschulta.com

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PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT SHAWANO COUNTY

SECURA SUPREME INSURANCE COMPANY AS SUBROGEE OF THOMAS WALENSKI AND ANN WALENS Plaintiff, vs. TREVOR BRITTEN Defendant.

SMALL CLAIMS AMENDED SUMMONS

Case No. 25SC000343

TO: TREVOR BRITTEN
110 S LEMKE ST
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You are being sued by: SECURA SUPREME INSURANCE COMPANY AS SUBROGEE OF THOMAS WALENSKI AND ANN WALENS in the Small Claims Court of SHAWANO County, located at 311 N MAIN ST SHAWANO WI 54166.

A hearing will be held at 1:00 p.m. on September 9, 2025. If you do not appear, a judgment may be given to the party suing you. A copy of this amended summons along with the summons and complaint is being mailed to you.

Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin this August 5, 2025.

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incidents, including drugs in the Town of Hutchins; disorderly conduct at the county jail, 405 N. Main St., Shawano; suspicious activity near Robin Road and East Grand Avenue in the Town of Wittenberg; two reports of criminal damage on Wolf River Road in the Town of Richmond; a disturbance on South Webb Street in Wittenberg; assisting at a fire on Cedar Street in Tigerton; a disturbance on Swamp Road in the Town of Pella; harassment on South Warrington Avenue in Cecil; trespassing on East Main Street in Bowler; fireworks on Stone Avenue in Mattoon; operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated on Shady Road in the Town of Lessor; four 911 calls; two reckless driving incidents; three traffic hazards; four welfare checks; five crashes.

Aug. 15 Deputies responded to 37 incidents, including prostitution on Red Oak Lane in the Town of Wittenberg; suspicious activity on County Road A in Bowler; operating after revocation near state Highway 29 and Bucholz Lane in the Town of Herman; harassment on East Green Bay Street in Shawano; operating after revocation on state Highway 22 in the Town of Belle Plaine; a disturbance on Derby Lane in the Town of Washington; burglary on West College Avenue in the Town of Wittenberg; operating after revocation near Partridge Lane and U.S. Highway 45 in

the Town of Aniwa; bail jumping on Trieglaff Road in the Town of Grant; a noise disturbance near Pioneer Drive and Wipperwill Lane in the Town of Wescott; 10 911 calls; one reckless driving incident; two welfare checks; two crashes. Aug. 14

Deputies responded to 39 incidents, including suspicious activity on County Road U in the Town of Herman; suspicious activity on North Genesee Street in Wittenberg; trespassing on Main Street in Birnamwood; suspicious activity on West Baehr Street in Cecil; property theft on Eland Road in the Town of Birnamwood; two 911 calls; two reckless driving incidents; two welfare checks; four crashes. Aug. 13

Deputies responded to 33 incidents, including a noise disturbance on South Prouty Street in Wittenberg; suspicious activity near County Road MMM and state Highway 29 in the Town of Richmond; a disturbance on Ash Circle in the Town of Wescott; an animal bite on Loon Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; a disturbance on North Warrington Avenue in Cecil; operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated near Maple Road and County Road S in the Town of Angelica; disorderly conduct on East Express Way in Bonduel; one 911 call; three reckless driving incidents; three welfare checks; one crash. Aug. 12

Deputies responded to 37

incidents, including suspicious activity on Norrie Road in the Town of Birnamwood; a noise disturbance on South Park Street in Bowler; intoxication near state Highway 29 and Campground Road in the Town of Seneca; suspicious activity at Aspirus Clinic, 375 Main St., Birnamwood; three 911 calls; two reckless driving incidents; three traffic hazards; four welfare checks; two crashes. Aug. 11

Deputies responded to 34 incidents, including threatening at Pond Park, 401 S. Mill St., Wittenberg; a disturbance on Shady Lane in the Town of Washington; intoxication near state Highway and River Bend Road in the Town of Belle Plaine; two reports of theft on County Road T in the Town of Waukechon; threatening on Bohn Road in the Town of Waukechon; five 911 calls; one reckless driving incident; one traffic hazard; two welfare checks; one crash.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Aug. 17 Officers responded to 15 incidents, including a disturbance on West Green Bay Street; suspicious activity outside Shawano County Library, 128 S. Sawyer St.; a disturbance on West Picnic Street; one 911 call; one reckless driving incidents; three welfare checks. Aug. 16

Officers responded to 21 incidents, including trespass-

ing on Valley Lane; trespassing on East Center Street; theft on Beauprey Road; drug offenses on East Richmond Street; a disturbance on Prospect Circle; a disturbance near East Stevens and South Sawyer streets; three 911 calls; one reckless driving incident; two welfare checks; one crash.

Aug. 15 Officers responded to 17 incidents, including suspicious activity on Woodlawn Drive; lewd and lascivious behavior on South Water Street; harassment on South Main Street; property damage on South Main Street; one 911 call; three welfare checks; four crashes, one involving deer. Aug. 14

Officers responded to 15 incidents, including a disturbance at Woodport Doors, 1275 Industrial Drive; trespassing on East Green Bay Street; operating after revocation near Cecil and North streets in Bonduel; one 911 call; three reckless driving incidents; two welfare checks. Aug. 13

Officers responded to 34 incidents, including a death investigation at an undisclosed location; an animal bite at ThedaCare Medical Center, 100 County Road B; property theft at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; disorderly conduct at Dunham Sports, 1211 E. Green Bay St.; a disturbance on East Green Bay Street; suspicious activity near North Franklin and West Second streets; trespassing on South

Sawyer Street; bail jumping on West Fourth Street; suspicious activity on South Hamlin Street; a no-trespass order at Aarrowcast, 2900 E. Richmond St.; suspicious activity on South Sawyer Street; suspicious activity on Prospect Circle; four 911 calls; two welfare checks. Aug. 12

Officers responded to 26 incidents, including a disturbance at CoVantage Credit Union, 911 E. Green Bay St.; trespassing at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; a disturbance on South Sawyer Street; threatening at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; bail jumping at Sharona’s, 111 S. Washington St.; a noise disturbance at Kuckuk Park, 700 Oak Drive; three 911 calls; one reckless driving incident; three welfare checks; one crash. Aug. 11

Officers responded to 25 incidents, including trespassing at The Gathering, 2600 E. Richmond St.; disorderly conduct near Northridge Drive and Alpine Court; bail jumping on East Stevens Street; an animal bite on East Green Bay Street; harassment on County Road B; suspicious activity at Safe Haven, 380 Lakeland Road; property theft at Skateboard Park, 137 E. Elizabeth St.; operating after revocation on East Green Bay Street; suspicious activity near East Green Bay Street and North Airport Drive; one 911 call; one reckless driving incidents; two crashes.

Callahan files complaint over wildfire smoke

Legislator calls dirty air from Canada ‘threat to our health’

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

State Rep. Calvin Callahan, R-Tomahawk, is joining lawmakers from Iowa, Minnesota and North Dakota in filing a formal complaint against Canada over the wildfire smoke that continues to drift across the U.S. border.

The joint letter, submitted to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Lee Zeldin and the International Joint Commission, cites Canada’s inability to get its wildfires under control, resulting in a blanket of smoke across the Midwest.

The letter calls for an investigation into Canada’s wildfire management practices and for potential remedies under international law.

The IJC was established under the Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909 to prevent and resolve disputes affecting the shared waters and air quality along the border.

The legislators argue



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20 million Americans in the Midwest.

“From farming and forestry to fishing and construction, Wisconsin is a proud state built on being outdoors,” Callahan said. “However, our skies are being choked by wildfire smoke we didn’t start and can’t control. (On July 31), six of the 10 worst air quality readings in the entire country were right here in Wisconsin. That’s not only frustrating, but it’s a threat to our health and way of life. Our workers, families and kids can’t afford to breathe toxic air day after day.”

Lawmakers requested a response within 30 days from the IJC and EPA.

“Enough is enough,” Callahan said. “We owe

that Canada’s failure to contain massive wildfires has harmed the health and quality of life of

it to our constituents, especially our kids, seniors and those with respiratory issues, to fight for clean air. If Canada can’t get these wildfires under control, they need to face real consequences. We won’t sit back while our air becomes a health hazard.”

Callahan is also calling on the federal government to push Canada to overhaul its forest-management practices, including asking to consider targeted diplomatic action against Canada until the Canadian government takes steps to improve its forest management practices and contain wildfire smoke crossing into the United States.

“This is a public health crisis, an economic burden and an affront to our way of life,” Callahan said.

Over the last two summers, Canadian wildfires have led to dangerous levels of smoke drifting into the United States, triggering air quality alerts in Wisconsin.

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Notice of Bank Merger Act Filing

Notice is hereby given that Bank of Sun Prairie, 228 East Main Street, Sun Prairie, Wisconsin 53590 has filed an application with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for approval of the merger of Banner Banks, 416 Main Street, Birnamwood, Wisconsin 54414, into Bank of Sun Prairie. Bank of Sun Prairie will be the surviving bank in the merger. It is anticipated that all offices of the above-named institutions will continue to be operated.

Any person wishing to comment on this application may file his or her comments in writing with the regional director of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation at its regional office located at 300 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 1700, Chicago, IL 60606, not later than September 8, 2025. The non-confidential portions of the application are on file at the appropriate FDIC office and are available for public inspection during regular business hours. Photocopies of the non-confidential portion of the application file will be made available upon request.

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OBITUARIES

Vicki Kolpack

Vicki Lynn Kolpack, 66, of Bowler, died on Thursday, Aug. 14, 2025, at Dimensions Living of Rib Mountain.

Vicki was born July 2, 1959, in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, to Merton and Marjorie (Larsen) Dahring. Vicki spent her first two years of school at a two-room country school near Vergas, Minnesota. She received her bachelor’s degree in early childhood education from Minnesota State University Moorhead and her master’s degree in library sciences from UW-Madison. Afterwards, she was the librarian at Bowler School District for 30 years.

Vicki met the love of her life, Curtis, in 1986 on a blind date set up by the then ag teacher at Bowler. They were joined in marriage April 21, 1990, at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Bowler.

Vicki was dedicated to being a librarian. She loved reading to the younger children and inspiring them to enjoy reading. Vicki was treasurer for the PTCO at Bowler School District and a member of the local FFA Alumni. She also ran the book fair at the school every year.

When Vicki wasn’t at school, she would help on the family farm. She and Curtis raised beauti-



ful Guernsey heifers and cows. Vicki also worked hard to care for her flower gardens and veggie gardens every summer. In the summer and fall, she canned many jars of rhu-barb sauce, applesauce, apple pie filling and peaches, and froze fresh-picked strawberries.

Vicki had a soft spot for the calves, her dogs and especially for her cats. She always carried one cat on her shoulders while she helped with milking the cows. In the winter, you could always find a cat snuggled up against her inside her winter coat. Vicki enjoyed gardening, reading books, crocheting and genealogy.

Vicki is survived by her husband, Curtis; two sons, Bradley Kolpack and Kevin Kolpack; sister, Pamela (Mark) Tessmer; brother, Jim (Misty) Dahring; brother and sisters-

in-law, Keith (Lynn) Kolpack, Chana (Al) Chechik and Jeannine Carpenter; nieces and nephews, Matt (Sara) Kolpack, Pete (Lindsey) Kolpack, Sara Kolpack, Matt (JoJo) Tessmer, Ryan Tessmer, Brianna (Cody) Lawrence, Lauri Wilson and Kristin Wilson; great-niece and -nephews, and other relatives and friends.

Vicki was preceded in death by her parents, Merton and Marjorie; her daughter, Rose; and her grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 23, 2025, at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Bowler. The Rev. Walter Gilkey will officiate. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery in the Town of Almon. Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. until the time of service at the church.

Schmidt and Schulta Funeral Home, Wittenberg, is assisting the family with arrangements. Memories and messages of support may be shared at schmidtschulta.com.

The family wishes to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the staff at Homme Home of Wittenberg and Dimensions Living of Rib Mountain for the kind, loving, and gracious care they gave Vicki throughout her illness.

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Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District

Board of Education Meeting August 25, 2025

August 25, 2025

5:30 P.M. - Annual Meeting

6:00 P.M. - Regular Board Meeting Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School

AGENDA

I. Meeting Called to Order, Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.84(1)

II. Roll Call of the Board - Pledge of Allegiance

III. Motion to Approve the Minutes of the July 28, 2025 Regular Meeting as Circulated.

IV. Communications and Delegations

V. Public Comments

VI. Board Concerns or Reports

VII. Student Representative

VIII. Financial Report

IX. Approve the Agenda

X. I. The Board will adjourn to Closed Session at the close of the meeting pursuant to WI STATS.19.85(1)© for Personnel Matters, and 19.85 (1)(g) for Legal Matter and 19.85(1)(e) for Negotiations.

II. The Board will reconvene to Open Session to ratify any decisions made in Closed Session.

XI. Administrative Reports

-Birnamwood Elementary and Middle School

-Wittenberg Elementary and Middle School

-Witt-Birn High School

-Pupil Services

-Technology

-Aquatic Center

XII. Old Business

None

XIII. New Business

A. IT Technician Hire for Approval

B. Lift Purchase for Approval

C. Coach Hire for Approval

D. Payroll & Benefits Specialist Resignation for Approval

XIII. Adjournment

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Danley serving as Fairest of the Fair

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Olivia Danley was crowned the 2025 Shawano County Fairest of the Fair on June 22, taking over for Lydia Rasmussen as the county fair’s newest spokesperson.

With the crown comes the responsibility of representing Shawano County at other county fairs over the next year, as well as the Wisconsin State Fair. She will also be the face of the fair at other community events in the county. During the year, Danley will also learn more about presenting a professional appearance, showing good etiquette and more.

Danley comes from the Clintonville area and is going into her senior year at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

“I am beyond honored to be your 2025 Shawano County Fairest of the Fair,” Danley said to a crowd of people at the Olson Dairy Farm in the Town of Birnamwood during the Shawano County Brunch on the Farm. “I’m a fifth-generation sheep showman, and even though I aged out of the junior fair, I am still showing sheep in open class. I am also project leader, and I help out at the 4-H food stand.”

To get the crown, Danley had to go through the interview process at the fair office, a week earlier, prepare a radio ad that promotes the fair and write an essay on why the Shawano County Fair is important.

After the big announcement, Danley she was proud to take on the role of Fairest and represent the fair.

“I’m super happy and excited to have this role, and I can’t wait to see what new experiences I have,” Danley said.

Danley had previously attempted to run for Fairest in 2022, but she finished as the first runner-up. Things went better for her this go-around.

“I’m getting more comfortable in my schooling,” Danley said, noting that juggling the spokesperson role with pursuing her plans to get a bachelor’s degree in elementary education is part of the challenge of being Fairest of the Fair. “It was tough at first, but now that I’m comfortable, I really wanted to get out there just because I’ve been at the fair my entire life.”

Danley said she loves how the county fair brings together the community for almost a week of laughter and fun.

“It’s just amazing to see how everyone helps one another out and how we all come together to create this wonderful experience,” Danley said.

She said she hopes that her visits to other county fairs across the state might allow her to bring back some ideas to make Shawano County’s big event even better.

Danley’s ascension also meant Rasmussen’s final moments on the stage, and the outgoing Fairest reflected on what the previous 12 months meant to her.

“As I stand here today for the final time as your Shawano County Fairest of the Fair, I’m overwhelmed with joy, gratitude and a touch of sadness as I reflect on a year that has truly meant the world to me,” Rasmussen said. “This journey has taken me to parades, numerous community events and unforgettable moments representing Shawano County, a place I will always proudly call my home.”

Rasmussen fondly remembered her work bringing many fair events to life, traveling to other places and sharing why the Shawano County Fair means so much.



Olivia Danley is the 2025 Fairest of the Fair, having been crowned in late June. Danley comes from the Clintonville area and is going into her senior year at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. CONTRIBUTED

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At left, Cherry Pie recently performed at Franklin Park in Shawano. The band will be the closing act at the 2025 Shawano County Fair. Cherry Pie will perform on the Main Stage at 8:30 p.m. Aug. 31. Cherry Pie is a family-friendly band with 25-plus years of experience, playing the biggest rock hits. Above, the Sacred Heart Catholic Church picnic included music from New Generation, which will perform at 6 p.m. Aug. 28 at President's Park as part of the 2025 Shawano County Fair music lineup.

FILE | NEW MEDIA

Music fills the air at county fair

Four stages will offer plenty of music and entertainment opportunities for those attending the 2025 Shawano County Fair. Main Stage entertainment will kick off with Left on Read at 8 p.m. Aug. 28. Left on Read is a band in

the Fox Valley bringing a variety of covers from the '90s to today, including hits from Sheryl Crow, No Doubt, Shania Twain and more. Whiskey & Lace will perform at 8 p.m. Aug. 29. This is a high-energy band

from central Wisconsin playing the best country music from the '90s and today, mixed with popular pop, pop-punk and rock hits from the '90s and today. Spicy Tie Band will be on the Main Stage at 8

p.m. Aug. 30. Winners of multiple Wisconsin Area Music Industry awards, this rock 'n' roll party band draws the audience in with multiple lead vocals and a variety of instrumentation, including harmonica, saxophone and trumpet — not

to mention a concert-style sound and light show. Their music covers popular hits spanning decades. The final act on the Main Stage is Cherry Pie, which will play at 8:30 p.m. Aug. 31. Cherry Pie is a

family-friendly band with 25-plus years of experience, playing the biggest rock hits. Playing on the Midway Stage will be Homegrown at 7 p.m. Aug. 28. Jamie

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Spicy Tie Band will be on the Main Stage at 8 p.m. Aug. 30. Their music covers popular hits spanning decades. CONTRIBUTED

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Hubbard and JT Crocker joined together to create the mixed music acoustic duo.

Big Snake will play at 6 p.m. Aug. 29. This Green Bay-area band plays Southern rock, classic rock and blues.

Lovin Country takes the stage at 1 p.m. Aug. 30. Country and variety are their staples.

Enjoy the sounds of classic country tunes with Country Rewind, which performs at 6 p.m. Aug. 30.

Green Bay musician Logan Spicer will play Southern rock and classic country at 1 p.m. Aug.

31. Bill Hurley and Mike Daley will perform several genres of music from classic rock to country to folk songs at 6 p.m. Aug. 31.

The final act on the Midway Stage will be Olivia Maro, who will perform at noon Sept. 1. The singer and songwriter will play country music.

President's Park will be the site for polka performers throughout the fair.

Up first will be New Generation at 6 p.m. Aug. 28. On Aug. 29, Gary's Ridgeland Dutchman will play at 1 p.m., and Chad Przybylski will play at 6 p.m. Performing Aug. 30

will be Musical Brass at 1 p.m. and The Mix at 6 p.m.

Jerry Voelker takes to the stage at 1 p.m. Aug. 31, with the Maroszek Brothers performing at 6 p.m.

Finally, Zander's Music Ray Makers will play at 1 p.m. Sept. 1.

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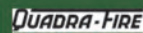
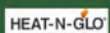


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Fair has more than big animals, carnival

Activities also include mixologist contest, bingo, cake auction

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Sure, the Shawano County Fair has rides, animals, music and plenty of food, but it also has a variety of other activities throughout the fairgrounds.

Opening ceremonies will kick off at 6 p.m. Aug. 27 in Veterans Park.

Beer and wine judging

will be held at 6 p.m. Aug. 28 in the Crawford Center.

Show off your skills by trying to become Shawano County's No. 1 mixologist. The Old-Fashioned Challenge will be held at 4:30 p.m. Aug. 31 at the Midway Stage.

There is a \$10 entry for the amateur and professional categories, with a payout in both categories.

The first 12 entries will be accepted in both categories. Participants must be 21 or older.

If you like bingo, make your way to the Bingo Building. The fun begins at 5 p.m. Aug. 28 and 12:30 p.m. daily from Aug. 29 through Sept. 1. Bingo will be played until 9 p.m. each night, except for Sept. 1, when it closes at 5 p.m.

Play for only 50 cents a card.

The coliseum will host a several events.

The livestock auction will be held at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 29.

The Dairy Futurity

Show and State Fair exhibitor auction will be held at 7 p.m. Aug. 30.

Catch the small animal auction at 10 a.m. Sept. 1. Pre-auction activities get underway at 9 a.m. Featured will be chickens, rabbits, geese, turkeys and

ducks raised by Shawano County youths especially for this auction.

The decorated cake auction will begin at 5 p.m. Aug. 29 in the Huntington 4-H Building.

The kiddie tractor pull will be held at noon Aug.

30 by the Main Stage. Registration begins at 11 a.m.

Church services at the fair include a contemporary service at 9:30 a.m. Aug. 31 on the Main Stage.

A polka Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Aug. 31 at President's Park.

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Noah Wendorff, of Shawano, tries to keep his duck from escaping while moving it to the poultry barn during the 2024 Shawano County Fair.

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"Going through the cattle barns."

"Going to the 4-H stand for food and ice cream."

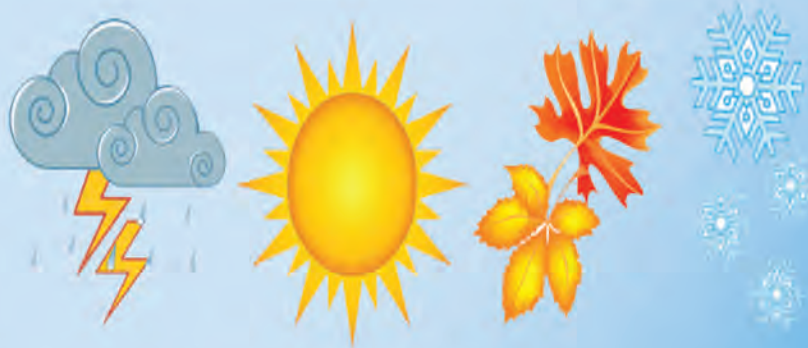
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Daily admission starts at 9 a.m. Aug. 28 through Sept. 1.

The daily parking fee is \$5, with a free shuttle ride from the east parking area.

On the opening night of the fair, Aug. 27, gate admission begins at 5 p.m. at a cost of \$3 per person and free parking.

Senior citizens 62 and older pay \$2 for admission and \$5 for parking from noon to 5 p.m. Aug. 29.

Season tickets are \$25 per person. This includes daily gate admission and parking during the duration of the fair. It does not include grandstand admission or rides.

There is also a life membership available for \$300. This entitles the holder, spouse and children up to 16 years of age to free admission to the fair. Applications are available at the Fair Office.

Some grandstand events have an additional fee.

The tractor pull at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 27 has an added cost of \$5 per person.

Action roars its head at



Rainbow Valley Rides will once again operate the midway rides at the 2025 Shawano County Fair. Wristbands at select times will provide unlimited rides.

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the Shawano Speedway at 6 p.m. Aug. 30. Admission for the stock car races is \$12 for those 17 and older, \$6 for those 11-16 and free for children younger than 11 with a paid adult.

Those same prices are in effect for the demolition derby that will begin at 1 p.m. Aug. 31 and for the trailer races that start at 1 p.m. Sept. 1.

Fireworks at dusk Aug. 30 are free for everyone to enjoy.

No dogs or glass bottles are allowed on the fairgrounds or in the grandstand.

For more information, call the fair office at 715-526-7069 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays, or send at email to shawanofair@gmail.com.

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Shawano County

2025

FAIR

SHAWANO COUNTY FAIR

AUGUST 27TH - SEPTEMBER 1ST

MAIN STAGE ENTERTAINMENT

Left on Read	Whiskey & Lace	Spicy Tie Band	Cherry Pie
Thursday 8PM	Friday 8PM	Saturday 8PM	Sunday 8:30PM

GRANDSTAND EVENTS

County Truck & Tractor Pull	Fireworks Over the Fair	Stock Car Races	Demolition Derby	Trailer Races with Spectator Eliminator
Wednesday 6:30PM	Thursday Dusk	Saturday 6:00PM	Sunday 1:00PM	Monday 1:00PM

MIDWAY STAGE

Homegrown Thur, Aug. 28 | 7PM
Big Snake Fri, Aug. 29 | 6PM
Lovin Country Sat, Aug. 30 | 1PM
Country Rewind Sat, Aug. 30 | 6PM
Logan Spicer Sun, Aug. 31 | 1PM
Bill & Mike Acoustic Duo Sun, Aug. 31 | 6PM
Olivia Maro Mon, Sept. 1 | 12PM

SHAWANO COUNTY FARM BUREAU STAGE

Matthew Scherer Magical Entertainment

PRESIDENT'S PARK

New Generation Thursday | 6:00PM
Gary's Ridgeland Dutchman Friday | 1:00PM
Chad Przybylski Friday | 6:00PM
Musical Brass Saturday | 1:00PM
The Mix Saturday | 6:00PM
Jerry Voelker Sunday | 1:00PM
Maroszek Brothers Sunday | 6:00PM
Zander's Music Ray Makers Monday | 1:00PM

AROUND THE FAIR

Opening Ceremonies Wednesday | 6:00PM
Beer & Wine Judging Thursday | 6:00PM
Kiddie Tractor Pull Saturday | 12:00PM
Small Animal Auction Monday | 10:00AM
Dairy Futurity Show Saturday | 7:00PM
Livestock Auction Friday | 6:30PM
Decorated Cake Auction Friday | 5:00PM

MIDWAY RIDES

WRISTBAND PRICE | \$25

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SUNDAY | NOON-11PM
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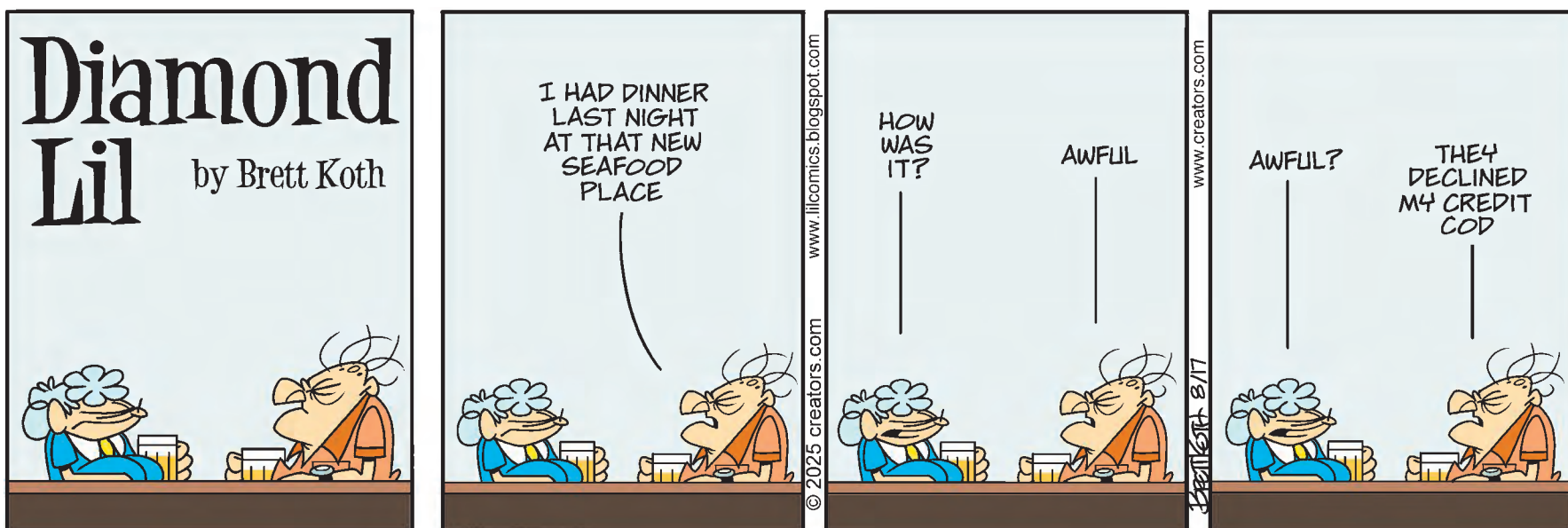
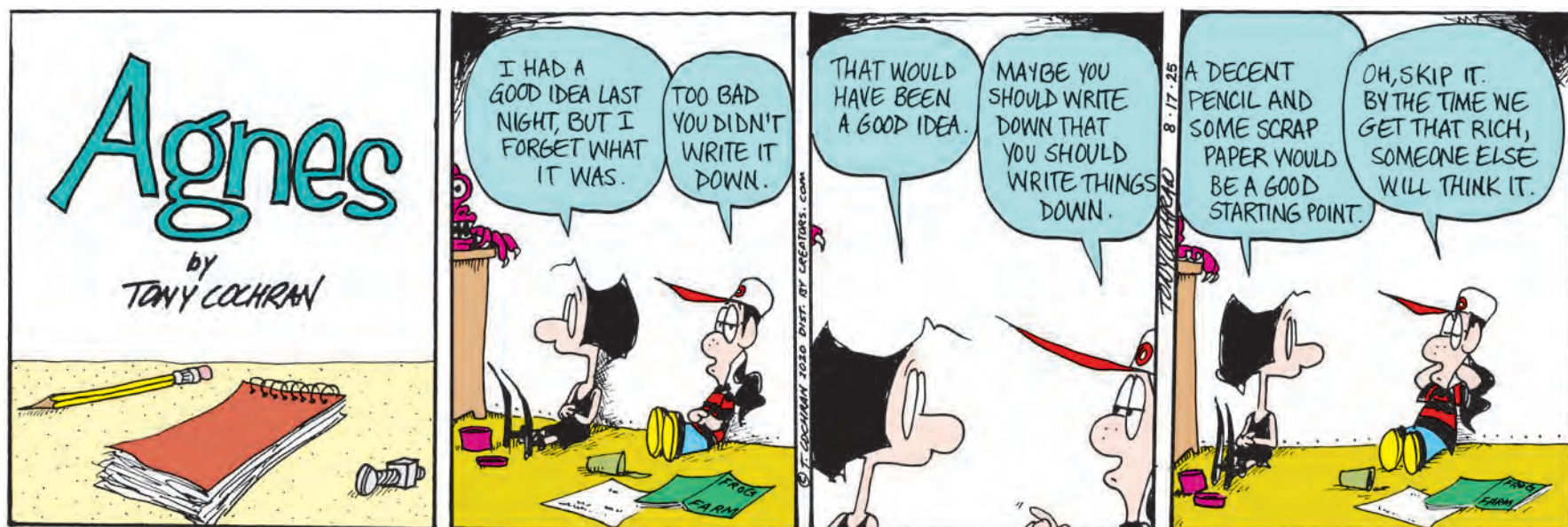
Thursday | 5:00-9:00PM
Friday - Sunday | 12:30-9:00PM
Monday | 12:30-5:00PM

ADMISSION

Gate Admission
Wednesday | \$3.00 per person
Thursday - Monday | \$5.00 per person
11 and under FREE

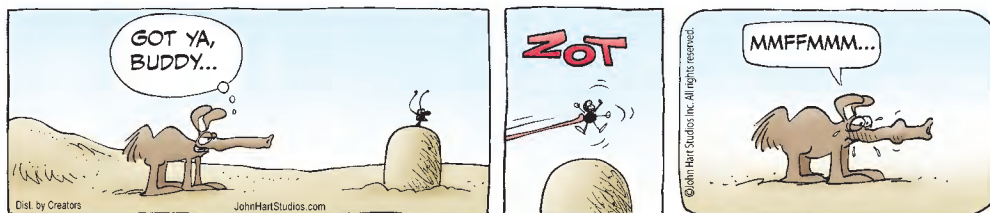
Parking
Wednesday | Free
Thursday - Monday | \$5.00 Per Car
Season Pass
\$25 Includes Admission and Parking
-Does NOT include Grandstand Admission or Rides
Senior Citizen Day | Sunday, August 31
62 & Over | \$2.00 - Parking \$5.00
LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP - \$300



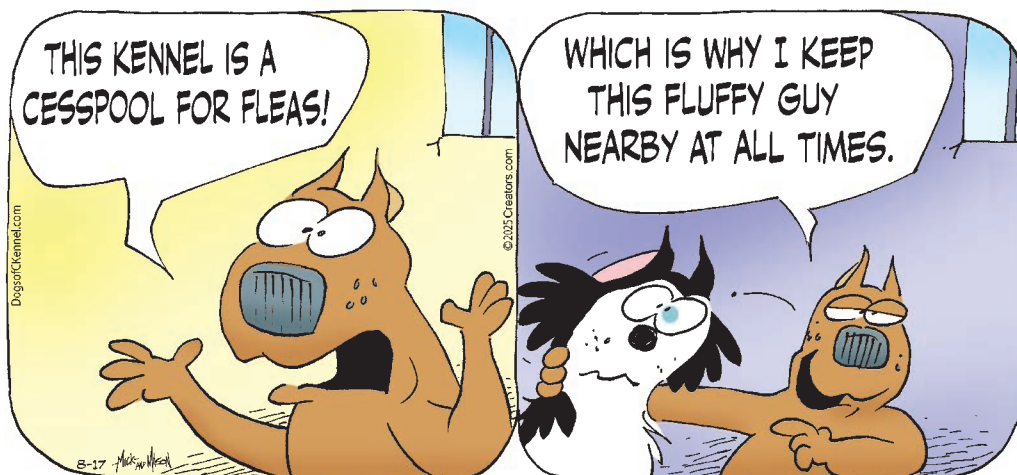


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