

Graduates told to remember roots

Witt-Birn seniors receive diplomas

By **GREG SEUBERT**
Correspondent

Nervous, but ready to move on.

Those were the thoughts going through Carter Cieslewicz's mind as he stood in line to enter the Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School gymnasium for the last time as a high school student.

He was one of 83 seniors to graduate May 22 in front of family, friends, community members and Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District staff.

"It'll probably sink in when I'm walking across the stage with my diploma," Cieslewicz said. "When I came in as a freshman, it was new. I was nervous, because I didn't know what to expect. Sophomore year, it got a little easier, because I was used to it. Junior year flew by really quick, and no one told me that."

"Senior year was the quickest, probably, because you're just nervous about the end of the year. It just sneaks up on you."

Cieslewicz is heading to the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point to study wild-life management and ecology, which he said turned out to be an easy decision.

"I've always been interested in the outdoors, and I wanted to have a future in it," he said. "My parents said, 'You better go to Point then, that's what they specialize in.' I think I'm ready, but I won't really feel that. It's kind of like coming in as a freshman here again."

One of Cieslewicz's classmates, Rory Salvesen, who is headed to the University of Minnesota on a softball scholarship, addressed the seniors during the ceremony.

"We've all been pushed out of our comfort zones, forced to face unexpected challenges and tasked with figuring things out," she said. "These uncomfortable moments – the ones where we felt the most out of our element – are the ones that actually changed us."

Salvesen called the last 13 years of school the best and worst of times.

"Looking back, we covered an incredible amount of ground," she said. "I remember elementary school, a time when our biggest life crisis was whether we'd get the best basketball at recess. Back then, your social status was peak celebrity if you had a fidget spinner."

Salvesen recalled dealing with COVID-19 in middle school.

"We spent our days staring at screens, battling bad Wi-Fi and realizing 'You're on mute' had officially become the catch phrase of our education," she said. "We survived the teachers who said, 'This will



Grant Hanson is ready to enter the Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School gymnasium before graduating. GREG SEUBERT

only take 10 minutes' and it definitely took longer than an hour."

On the other hand, those 13 years are filled with memories, according to Salvesen.

"Some we'll hold onto forever and some we'd probably rather forget," she said. "Yes, I'm sure there are things I wish we could change. There are moments and decisions we made that are probably not our finest hours. If you're anything like me, you definitely chose to learn almost everything the hard way."

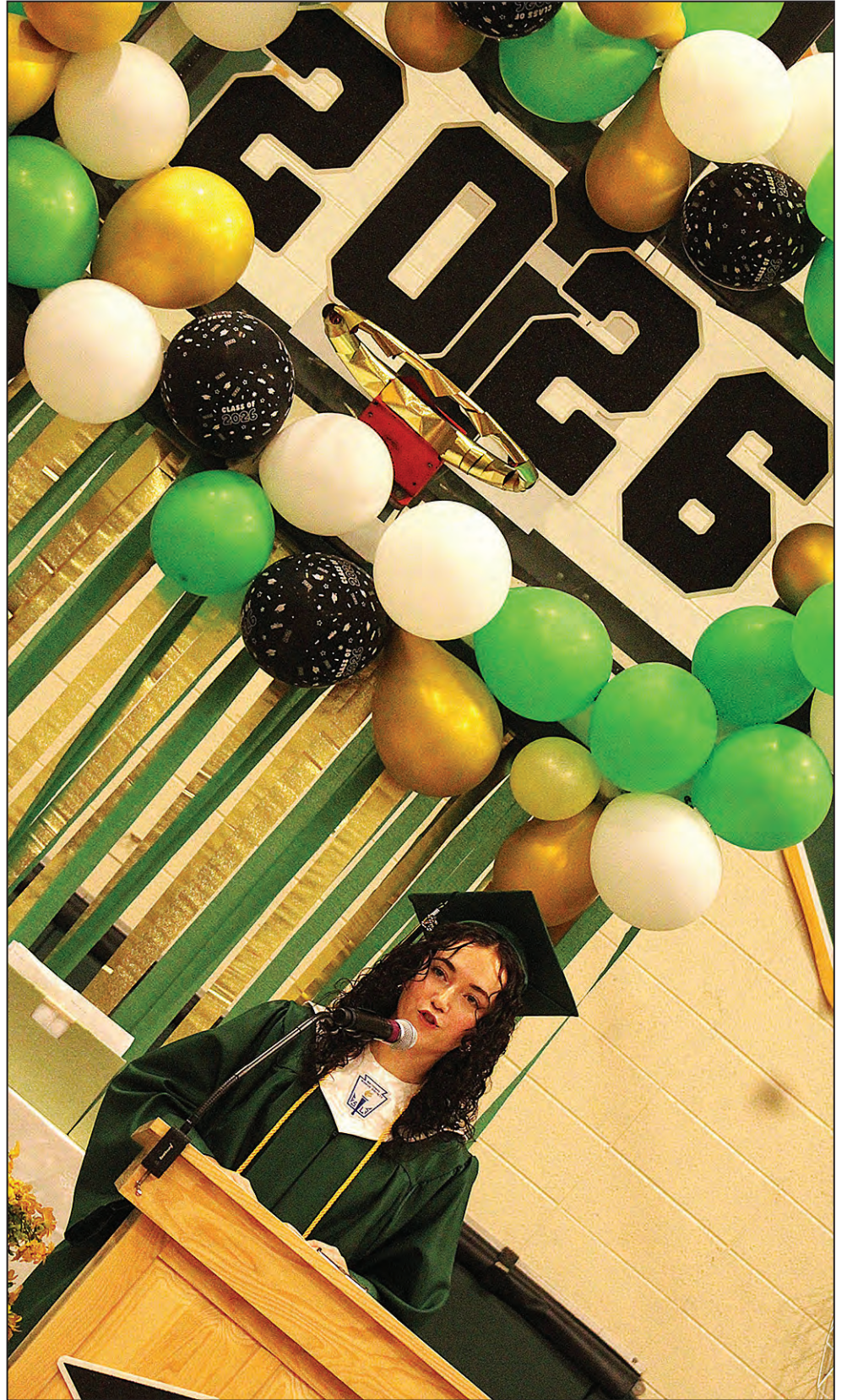
"We are not defined by one mistake, one bad grade or one bad day. What matters is that we show up, that we try, that we keep going, especially when it's uncomfortable and when times get hard. Moving forward, life isn't perfect, but everything happens for a reason. Let's keep our heads up on the good days and the bad ones."

The district invites a Wittenberg-Birnamwood alumnus to be the ceremony's guest speaker. This year, it was Jessica Almazar from the class of 1995.

After earning degrees in journalism and history from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, she attended law school and worked as an attorney, as a moderator with the state Department of Workforce Development, and as an instructor and board member at the Woodson YMCA in Wausau.

Almazar encouraged the seniors not to forget where they came from.

"Whether you realize it, being from Wittenberg-Birnamwood is part of your roots now," she said. "The experiences that you had here are going to carry with



Lillian Fischer addresses Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School's class of 2026 May 22 at a graduation ceremony at the school. GREG SEUBERT

you long after tonight. These experiences are going to continue to shape how you grow."

Life gets bigger after graduation, Almazar said.

"That's why staying connected matters," she said. "Stay connected to each other. Go to your class reunions, come back for homecoming, come back for the corn roast. Keep up with the people

sitting with you today, because someday, those relationships will mean more to you than you probably realize right now."

"Stay connected to this place. Communities like this shape you in ways that you don't fully appreciate until later. Your teachers, your family, your coaches, your neighbors, your friends invested in you

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Former Wittenberg teen has five published books at age 15.

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*Ryan Winn talks about
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SEE HIS COLUMN IN TODAY'S PAPER!



Tucker Sypien already prolific author at 15

Teen has 5 books in print, plans plenty more in the future

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Youths always have active imaginations and stories they want to tell.

For Tucker Sypien, he's bringing many of those stories to life, and they're already in paperback and e-book for those willing to go on the ride. The 15-year-old Wittenberg native has already published multiple books, and he doesn't plan on stopping there.

"I got into writing since I was 11 years old," Sypien said. "My mom used to give me these little, empty, white books to write in. My first published book was when I was 12 years old. That one's not for sale anymore, but since then, I've published five books that I have on Amazon."

Sypien said he's always had the urge to write and be creative. He said he's always been the introverted one in school, so writing serves as his voice when he doesn't want to speak his thoughts and dreams.

"Everybody has their own creative little aspect to that, and mine is just writing," Sypien said. "That's how I tell that



Tucker Sypien, who was born in Wittenberg but lives near Wausau today, is surrounded by some of his published books at home. Sypien's latest novel is "The Flag Thief," a story about how a game of Capture the Flag becomes a terrible war.

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information."

The first novel Sypien wrote spoofed J.K. Rowling's "Harry Potter" books, he said. He admitted his first effort was not the best, but it was enough to get him involved and "put my feet

into the water."

"Since then, I've just been getting better and better," Sypien said.

After that, Sypien wrote "Colt," where a robot awakens on an alien world with only a dog

for a companion and no memory of how they arrived there. While on the journey, memory fragments reemerge, but they point to something horrible happening in the past.

"I've always loved dogs. I'm a dog person," Sypien said. "There's almost always a dog in the story, but I've branched out and started doing more things."

Sypien's latest novel that came out earlier this year is "The Flag Thief," a dystopian tale where a different version of Capture the Flag is played. There are two families engaged in a gruesome war that started centuries ago, and one of the descendants, Adam Beluvin, discovers that each of the families holds a secret that could change the tide of the war.

"The Flag Thief" is part science fiction, part western; it's a story Sypien had originally written years ago but since improved upon.

"I think it's my best work yet," he said. "There are two different parties battling between these two flags on a post-apocalyptic work. I think it's an interesting take on playing Capture the Flag with my friends and brothers, and it just kind of transformed into a story."

Sypien noted his youth might be a factor in why he hasn't had tremendous sales on Amazon, where most books are written

by adults. However, he's not as worried about the profit margin as he is giving form to those stories in his head.

"Not many people think that books by 15-year-olds are going to be any good," Sypien said. "It's more something I do for me — putting the words out there and getting them out for people to read, if they want to."

Sypien admitted it was difficult for him to bring himself about to publish novels initially, because of his age. However, the urge to share the stories won out.

"Part of me was saying, 'People are going to judge you,' but also there's another part of me that says, 'Who cares?' Because it's better to get a head start now, put it out there," Sypien said. "If people read it or don't read it, it doesn't really matter. It's more for me than for them."

Sypien plans to keep writing in the sci-fi and horror genres for now, with his next book being a survival story involving a mining facility in space. However, there are plenty of ideas waiting to be unlocked, he said.

"I'm thinking all the time," Sypien said. "I have, like, 50 projects, and eventually, one of them catches on. I just roll with it and write something."

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long before today. That doesn't stop after you've graduated."

Almazar said it's easy to believe that success comes from having a perfect plan.

"The truth is most people — including myself

— are figuring it out as we go along," she said. "There's a lot of life between where you are right now and where you hope to end up. At some point, everybody's going to hit a wall where you're wondering if you're actually going to make it. Those things happen to everybody. What matters is persistence, not perfection."

"You're going to meet new people, move to new places and experience things that challenge you.

It's going to change you in ways that you can't fully imagine now. Even as your world gets bigger, the things that shape you here will stay: your family, your values, your teammates, your teachers, your co-workers, your coaches, your friends. You already have people in your corner: people who know you, people who believe in you, people who want nothing but the best for you.

"As you leave here

today, take chances and go experience new things, but don't forget your roots and each other. No matter where life takes you, you'll always be part of the Wittenberg-Biramwood community."

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Graduating seniors McKenna Manley, left, and Alyssa Schultz chat before Wittenberg-Biramwood High School's graduation ceremony May 22. GREG SEUBERT



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Address: W14874 Old Cty Rd D, Bowler, WI 54416
Premise location: W14874 Old Cty Rd D, Road, Bowler, WI 54416

Name: Gerald and Melissa King
Trade Name: King's G Spot Bar LLC
Address: 184758 Village Rd, Aniwa, WI 54408
Premise location: N9095 Cty Rd D, Bowler, WI 54416

Name: Justin Shanklin, Brian Shanklin
Trade Name: Otter Springs Campground LLC
Address: N9126 Hwy D, Bowler, WI 54416
Premise location: N9126 Hwy D, Bowler, WI 54416

Name: Jennifer Hoffman
Trade Name: Sadler's Shadview
Address: 1121 Park Street, Gresham, WI 54128
Premise location: N8330 Cty Rd D, Bowler, WI 54416

Name: Tom Miller
Trade Name: Stoney Curve LLC
Address: N8089 Kolpack Road, Bowler, WI 54416
Premise location: N8089 Kolpack Road, Bowler, WI 54416

Dated: 5/18/2026
Heather Matsche, Almon Town Clerk
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Trade Name: Mama's Place
Address: 184412 State Hwy 153, Elderon, WI 54429

Name: Amanda Schmidt
Trade Name: Straight Home, LLC
Address: 184060 State Hwy 153, Elderon, WI 54429

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Notice is hereby given that the following application for a Class A Beer & Liquor license has been filed with the Village Clerk.

Name: Chris Brown
Trade Name: Elderon Food Store
Address: 211212 State Hwy 49, Elderon, WI 54429

Rob H. Wyman, Village of Elderon Clerk
May 22, 2026
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Justin Stewart, Agent
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Amy White, Agent
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Hille Zeinert, LLC
d/b/a Wittenberg Lanes
Darcy Hille, Agent
407 S. Howard

Class A Beer & Liquor:

Dolgencorp LLC
d/b/a Dollar General Store #13790
Jessica Allen, Agent
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Confetti floats through the air as the Gresham Community School graduates in the class of 2026 celebrate reaching the big milestone May 22. The school gave diplomas to 17 and wished the graduates well on their journey. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

Gresham gives 17 grads diplomas

Valedictorian: Classmates knew each other well

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

Gresham Community School sent 17 graduates out into the world May 22 with diplomas and messages of hope.

Most of the graduates have known each other since kindergarten, according to valedictorian Riley Hohensee, which means there has been no hiding for the class of 2026, because everybody knows each other in the school.

"We didn't just grow up together. We grew into ourselves together," Hohensee said. "In a world where people come and go, most of us have been side by side since kindergarten. We learned our ABCs together, survived middle school together – which might have been our greatest accomplishment – and somehow made it all the way here to graduation night."

Hohensee recounted how his grandfather received his diploma from Gresham 50 years ago, and he said it wouldn't be that long before he and his classmates would be looking back on high school as a distant memory.

"Not every part of high school was easy, but even the hardest parts taught me resilience and self-respect," Hohensee said. "I learned that other people's opinions don't define your direction. Only your choices do,



Alivia Perez, president of the class of 2026, told her fellow graduates May 22 that they will excel because "that's just who we are" during the Gresham Community School graduation commencement. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

so let's be our most authentic selves." Hohensee said something he'll miss is the simple, everyday moments, being a team and knowing the people surrounding him. Even though the class is now heading off in different directions, he said, he knows there is no limit to the impact that the graduates can have on the world.

"We carry something in common – the lessons, the friendships and the resilience we've built right here in this small but mighty class," Hohensee said.

Graduation is the end of one chapter, but it's not the end of the story, according to salutatorian Allie Cerveny.

"I remember when I was an underclassman, I couldn't wait to be 18

and graduate," Cerveny said. "Now that I am, I don't understand why I was so excited."

Cerveny looked back on her memories and recounted how nap time was her favorite time in kindergarten. She also told the crowd how she was married in third grade and divorced in fourth grade. She described middle school and high school as scary at times, but the class of 2026 made it through because they did it together.

"After spending every day together for the last 12 years, I can see us as more of a family," Cerveny said. "Even those who haven't been here the whole time, it feels like you've been here all along."

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Teachers speak out on board's votes

They warn legal action could come from decisions

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

The Shawano School Board is still feeling the heat from a recent vote in closed session to issue nonrenewal notices for contracts to three teachers, even though the board voted again on the matter in open session.

Shawano Community High School teacher Matt Brunette read a letter May 18 at the board meeting on behalf of another teacher warning that the actions taken in secret could result in legal troubles for the Shawano School District due to "a growing number and severity of issues." When asked by a school board member who wrote the letter, Brunette declined to disclose the teacher's identity in public.

According to the letter read by Brunette, poor video and audio recording of meetings has made it difficult to keep up on what has happened as the board has taken steps to cut \$1.7 million in expenses from next year's budget for the school district. This has included the nonrenewal notices, not filling positions vacated by staff resigning or retiring, and cutting course offerings, according to the letter.

Brunette said through the letter that some of the actions involving the nonrenewal notices could be illegal.

"Two grievances related to improper disciplinary actions resulted from alleged improper communications between staff and board members and alleged improper and illegal actions surrounding nonrenewals have been properly submitted in late April and the fifth of May," Brunette said through the letter. "The former was denied on the basis of timeliness by the superintendent and the review by the board was immediately requested by the grievant, but no action by the board appears to have been scheduled or taken as required by board policy PO3340."

In both grievances, it was requested the matter be brought before an impartial hearing officer, as required under the policy, according to the letter.

Another grievance was

filed May 17, according to the letter, specifically referring to the board votes on the nonrenewal notices. Initially, the board voted in its April 27 closed session to issue the notices. Another vote took place at a May 11 board workshop to meet the state deadline of May 15 for the notices.

According to the letter as read by Brunette, the votes involve "statutory violations of the open meeting law."

Shawano Community Middle School teacher Dan O'Connell, who has been vocal in other meetings about the board's actions in recent months, said his own attorney has also found the recent closed session vote suspect. He reiterated a stance taken by Jennifer Schmidt, president of the Shawano Education Association, that the vote for the nonrenewal notices should have taken place originally in open session.

"School boards should not vote in closed session when it comes to cutting positions," O'Connell said.

O'Connell called out the district's attorney, Geoff Lacy, for first saying the notices could be voted on in closed session, only to reverse his stance two weeks later, saying that the vote in open session was to protect the district's interests and to avoid any appearance that the district did not want the vote to be public.

"Is it possible to be cautious against allegations after they have already been alleged?" O'Connell said. "Again, Ms. Schmidt already warned against this two weeks before."

O'Connell said the district received a public records request May 12, the day after the open vote on the notices.

"Members of the board, we need you to ask yourself if you can put your confidence in the competency and actions of the district's leadership and legal counsel," O'Connell said. "The district's legal counsel is apparently not paying attention to what you are doing, doesn't fully understand the law or is willing to let the district cross the legal line."

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City sets record straight on courthouse

By KEVIN PASSON
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Statements by Shawano County officials and its consultant that the city of Shawano supports its plans for a new courthouse and jail complex are not going over well at City Hall.

On May 13, city officials sent a letter to the county board and county administration admonishing them for making "inaccurate statements" and attributing them to city officials.

"The city has not taken any position on the project, directly or indirectly, nor does it intend to," according to the letter. "Our administration and elected officials remain committed partners and will continue to defer to the county's authority and decision-making for this project."

The county continues making plans for a \$121 million project that will include a new courthouse, 150-bed jail and auxiliary services for the jail, all to

be located west of the current courthouse and sheriff's department.

City officials said any misattributions will be addressed privately with the parties involved.

At the April county board meeting, supervisors requested city officials attend a future meeting, so supervisors could hear directly from them their thoughts on the building plans.

"Moving forward, the city will not offer further

public comments or attend any meetings to address opinions or false statements being made without our knowledge," the letter reads.

City officials said they remain willing to assist and support the county as necessary.

The letter was signed by Mayor Bruce Milavitz, City Administrator Eddie Shepard and City Attorney Keith Steckbauer.

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City seeks disaster aid to repair culvert

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

Heavy rains and flooding on April 12-13 and beyond led to several area culverts being washed out and roads closed due to high water.

The city of Shawano was no exception. A culvert washed out on East Richmond Street east of South Airport Drive, and it cost the city \$5,000 to repair it.

However, state disaster aid will help cover much of that

cost.

At the May 13 Shawano Common Council meeting, aldermen approved a resolution seeking reimbursement.

“This is really the extent of our public flooding issues that we had,” City Administrator

Eddie Sheppard said. “We had a culvert wash out on Richmond Street, and as being part of a disaster declaration area, if you have any damage to your public infrastructure related to the flooding, you’re eligible for 75% replacement costs plus

50% of the increased cost to reconstruct it.”

Sheppard said that because of the dam at Sturgeon Park, most of the city’s waterways area are not in the floodplain.

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PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT

May 24
Deputies responded to 36 incidents, including a disturbance on Richards Street in Gresham; harassment on County Road G in Gresham; harassment on West Cherry Road in Birnamwood; harassment on Maple Street in Birnamwood; assault at an undisclosed location; operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated on North Sawyer Street in Shawano; trespassing at Kellogg’s Kampsites, N5740 Airport Drive, Town of Wescott; six 911 calls; four reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazard; two welfare checks; one crash involving deer.

May 23
Deputies responded to 32 incidents, including intoxication at Kwik Trip, 102 W. Express Way, Bonduel; assault on West College Avenue in Wittenberg; suspicious activity on County Road T in the Town of Waukechon; a fire control burn on Emily Lane in the Town of Washington; six 911 calls; one reckless driving incident; one traffic hazard; five welfare checks; two crashes, one involving deer.

May 22
Deputies responded to 63 incidents, including a disturbance on Elm Street in Birnamwood; identity theft on North Beech Street in Tigerton; bail jumping at the county jail, 405 N. Main St., Shawano; criminal damage on County Road Y in the Town of Belle Plaine; a disturbance on South Andrews Street in Shawano; harassment on South First Street in Bonduel; intoxication at the Pulcifer Pub, W2319 State Highway 22, Pulcifer; six 911 calls; seven reckless driving incidents; two traffic hazards; one welfare check; two crashes, one involving deer.

May 21
Deputies responded to 29 incidents, including disorderly conduct at Four Seasons, 201 N. Airport Drive, Shawano; trespassing on state Highway 160 in the Town of Angelica; three 911 calls; two reckless driving incidents; two crashes, one involving deer.

May 20
Deputies responded to 31 incidents, including suspicious activity near Lake Wagner Road and State Highway 22 in the Town of Belle

Plaine; an animal bite on Balsam Row Road in the Town of Wescott; three 911 calls; four reckless driving incidents; two traffic hazards; one welfare check; two crashes, one involving deer.

May 19
Deputies responded to 45 incidents, including a fatal crash on state Highway 29 near Porter Road in the Town of Hartland; identity theft on Hofa Park Road in the Town of Lessor; drugs at the county jail, 405 N. Main St., Shawano; attempted burglary on State Street in Leopold; an animal bite on Big Lake Road in the Town of Red Springs; bail jumping at Shipwreck’d, 110 S. Warrington Ave., Cecil; 10 911 calls; three reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazard; one welfare check; one other crash.

May 18
Deputies responded to 29 incidents, including suspicious activity near County Road Z and Hummingbird Lane in Aniwa; a sex offense on South First Street in Bonduel; bail jumping in Aniwa; property damage near Lake View Circle and Rustic Drive in the Town of Belle Plaine;

theft on County Road MMM in the Town of Richmond; a vehicle fire on state Highway 29 in the Town of Angelica; one 911 call; three reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazard; two welfare checks; two crashes.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

May 24
Officers responded to 22 incidents, including a disturbance on East Richmond Street; a disturbance on South Bartlett Street; an intoxicated person near North Main and West Fourth streets; suspicious activity on East Green Bay Street; disorderly conduct on East Fifth Street; fireworks on East Green Bay Street; trespassing on Engel Drive; two welfare checks; two crashes.

May 23
Report not received at press time.

May 22
Officers responded to 50 incidents, including operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated outside Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; trespassing on West Wescott Avenue; internet fraud on Channel Track; sexual assault at an

undisclosed location; bail jumping on South Sawyer Street; suspicious activity at CoVantage Credit Union, 911 E. Green Bay St.; a scam on Engel Drive; a disturbance on South Andrews Street; one 911 call; four reckless driving incidents; one welfare check; two crashes.

May 21
Officers responded to 42 incidents, including disorderly conduct at Four Seasons, 201 N. Airport Drive; a drug offense at Walgreens, 401 E. Green Bay St.; theft at Memorial Park, 901 S. Lincoln St.; an animal bite on East Green Bay Street; a drug offense near South Main and Presbyterian streets; fraud on South Cleveland Street; one welfare check.

May 20
Officers responded to 39 incidents, including sexual assault at an undisclosed location; suspicious activity on South Franklin Street; a disturbance on South Andrews Street; threatening on Fairview Way; theft at IHOP, 1398 E. Green Bay St.; a noise disturbance on Estates Lane; two reckless driving incidents; one welfare check; one crash.

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- Daniel J. Punke, 43, Athens, pleaded no contest May 18 to misappropriating ID information to obtain money and a misdemeanor charge of theft. Judge Katherine Sloma levied fines, ordered restitution and sentenced him to eight months in county jail.
- Brandi L. Shawanokasic, 30, Keshena, pleaded no contest May 19 to possession of methamphetamine, possession of narcotic drugs, five counts of felony bail jumping, a misdemeanor charge of resisting or obstructing an officer, and two misdemeanor counts of operating while revoked. Judge Rick Cveykus withheld sentencing and placed her on three years of probation with conditions.
- Scott A. Tainter, 44, Shawano, had his probation revoked April 2 from a 2023 conviction for battery or threat to a judge, prosecutor or law

enforcement officer, and possession of methamphetamine. Judge William Kussel Jr. sentenced him May 18 to two years in prison followed by three years of extended supervision.

- Cayenne C. Ross, 30, Wautoma, pleaded no contest May 19 to possession of narcotic drugs. Sloma imposed and stayed a one-year jail sentence, then placed her on two years of probation with conditions.
- Steven T. White, 37, Clintonville, pleaded no contest May 20 to felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor ignition interlock device order violation. Sloma levied fines, ordered ignition interlock devices installed on White’s vehicles for six months and sentenced him to 90 days in jail, time deemed served.
- Paul M. Bahr, 59, Wittenberg, pleaded no contest May 18 to misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct and two counts of negligent

operation of a motor vehicle. The two charges were amended from felonies in a plea agreement. Sloma withheld sentencing and placed him on two years of probation with conditions.

- Lukus S. Bohm, 34, Shawano, waived extradition to another jurisdiction May 22 during an appearance before Sloma.
- Keith B. Budnik, 69, Green Bay, was charged May 20 with seven counts of felony bail jumping and misdemeanor charges of operating while revoked, possession of drug paraphernalia and violating an ignition interlock device order. Sloma set a \$2,000 cash bond, and Kussel scheduled a status conference for July 2.
- Christopher E. Kilgore, 47, Sturgeon Bay, was charged May 21 with possession of methamphetamine, possession of THC (second

or subsequent offense) and a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. Kussel set a \$250 cash and a \$2,000 signature bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for June 9.

- Tonia Jean Krahenbuhl, 56, Shawano, was charged May 21 with possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor charges of possession of THC and possession of drug paraphernalia. Kussel set a \$2,500 signature bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for June 9.
- Alicia I. Pamonicutt, 19, Shawano, was charged May 21 with battery to certain individuals involved with a court or legal system, threatening bodily harm to certain individuals involved with a court or legal system, battery to public officers, and misdemeanor counts of resisting or obstructing an officer, intentionally

giving a false alarm and disorderly conduct. Kussel set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for June 3.

- Rhiannon R. Lyons, 45, Neopit, was charged May 22 with possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor charges of possession of THC and two counts of possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a \$2,500 signature bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for July 21.
- Mashaquit Waupekenay, 36, Neopit, was charged May 22 with possession of methamphetamine, possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), and misdemeanor counts of possession of drug paraphernalia, operating while revoked and violating an ignition interlock device order. Sloma set a \$1,000 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for July 6.

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Shawano schools launch social media campaign

Officials hope to shed light on school financing through videos, articles

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

During the summer months, the Shawano School District will be posting videos and articles to address school finances. District officials hope this will help those who disagree with recent cost-cutting decisions to understand why those decisions were made.

Superintendent Kurt Krizan sent out a letter May 18 to staff members and the community, noting that the community cares about the schools and the people who make up those schools, and that communication on the issues was important. Krizan wrote that a recent bill that was considered by the Wisconsin Legislature that intended to provide additional funding for special education in schools did not pass.

"Recently, we learned that one-time funding from the state budget surplus was brought



This screenshot is from a video the Shawano School District is running about school finance — one of several tools the district is using to help explain why the Shawano School Board cut \$1.7 million in expenses for next year's school budget.

forward for a vote in the state legislature," Krizan wrote. "As of this writing, the measure did not pass. We don't know what future actions, if any, may emerge to partially use the state's budget surplus to provide one-time support for education. However, many complicating factors continue to contribute to the ongoing school funding challenges faced by districts across the state."

A bipartisan \$1.8 billion budget surplus plan made it through the Wisconsin Assembly on

May 13 but was rejected by the Wisconsin Senate that night as three Republicans crossed the aisle and joined the Democrats in rejecting the proposal. Of the total, \$600 million for special education reimbursements and general school aid was part of the deal.

Krizan wrote in an email to NEW Media that it was unclear how much the bill would have helped Shawano's public schools.

"I can't honestly answer this question, as we were never

provided with an exact amount that we could have expected or the timeline for distribution of funds," he wrote.

Krizan hopes that community members can learn through the videos about why districts like Shawano's are finding it difficult to provide services, with funding from the state estimated to be \$3,500 per student below the cost of inflation. The videos are providing information delivered by the Wisconsin Association of School Boards, Wisconsin Association of School Business Officials and the Wisconsin School Public Relations Association.

"To help us tell this story, we are going to rely on information that has been composed by several statewide organizations to help districts like ours explain the school funding challenge facing all Wisconsin school districts," Krizan wrote in the letter to the community. "I am happy that our professional organizations have started supplying materials that we can all use, because budget reductions are not just here in Shawano. They are sweeping across almost every district in the state. Schools are facing major staff reductions, school closures and the

elimination of programs across the board."

New videos are expected to be posted every two or three weeks with more details on the different funding systems for schools, including the difference between operating funds and capital funds.

"Later in our series, we will post about how state aid and increasing costs impact us locally," Krizan wrote in the community letter. "I also will be describing the difference between operating funds — those that are being strained and causing our budget reductions — compared to capital referendum funds, those that are being used right now to repair and upgrade our buildings. In later articles, we will address other factors affecting our schools."

For those district residents who don't utilize computers or access the internet, Krizan informed NEW Media that the district is looking at sending consolidated information out in the mail.

For information or questions on the social media campaign, contact Krizan at kkrizan@shawanoschools.org.

lpulaski@newmedia-wi.com

Dispatch center awarded grant for new equipment

County's share totals over \$70K

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

The Shawano County Dispatch Center was awarded an over \$700,000 grant for new equipment, but elected officials have to sign off on it first as it comes with a need for county funds that aren't part of the current budget.

The grant is from Round 2 of the Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs Office of Emergency Communications PSAP Grant. The application was due in February and awarded May 1.

The grant award total budget is \$705,829, and the county would be responsible for a 10% match.

"It sounds strange to say only \$70,582.90," said

Kasey Cross, communications supervisor. "I am a taxpayer in this county, too. I don't want to do anything that is going to put more strain on taxpayers than what we already have to contend with."

The total of the remaining 90% is \$635,246.10.

Grant money will help cover the costs of upgrades to the dispatch radio consoles and backup consolettes, upgrades to the phone system and an online subscription to improve the efficiencies of mutual aid fire dispatching.

"The new console that they're offering us will bring us up to speed, keep us in communication with our patrol guys, link to our surrounding counties that have that technology built in already," Cross said.

Upgrades to the dispatch consoles will better incorporate the tools that

are available with the radio upgrade the sheriff's department did in January.

"Our current equipment does still function but not as seamlessly as it would if we complete the dispatch equipment updates," Cross said. "For our dispatch center to communicate with neighboring counties that do not operate on the same frequencies that we do, we have to set up radio patches to make communication possible. Thankfully, it is not something that we have to do often, but in the event that something critical takes place, establishing the patch takes time and background coordination to make sure the correct channels are selected."

For Shawano County deputies using the new portables that came along with the January upgrade, the radio service created some permanent patches

on existing consoles so they can stay in contact with dispatchers regardless of what frequency the deputy is using.

"We have had a few hiccups with the setup when we've lost the connection briefly and have one console (out of our five total consoles) that is programmed to maintain the patch connection and cannot be used to page fire and EMS responders," Cross said.

The dispatch center currently operates on the Motorola Callworks platform and has about five years left on a contract with the company.

Motorola has decided to discontinue development of the Callworks system, but it is contractually obligated to honor the contract.

"What Motorola has told us moving forward, they're

not going to be supporting (the phone system)," Cross said. "Within another five years, we have to get a new one. It's not an option. We have to do something."

Motorola is investing development in its cloud-based Vesta products, which is what is being offered to the county now.

"Their proposal takes into consideration what we have already paid for Callworks and applies credits toward all of the equipment that would be needed to complete the transition," Cross said. "This amounts to considerable savings now."

The county has the option to continue with the remainder of its Callworks contract and not spend anything, but at the end of the contract, it would have to decide a next step.

"I don't have numbers on what the cost would be

without the credits, but a quote I received about a year ago on the previous version of Vesta was in excess of \$500,000," Cross said.

Finally, the grant would cover a subscription to the HIEBA software application specifically related to mutual aid for fire dispatching.

Cross explained how the program works now.

"Every department has cards for different scene circumstances with the agency and equipment they will need," she said. "This saves them time to just call out a card number instead of a drawn out list over the radio of who and what they want. Dispatch has a copy of every Shawano County fire department card set. Once they call out a card, we go to that particular card and contact the responders needed."



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Housing projects get go-ahead from council

Over 100
condos could
be added
over time

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

Shawano Common Council members agreed to swap land in and out of a tax incremental finance district and rezone another parcel in hopes of spurring a pair of developers into building upwards of 100 condo units in the city.

At the May 18 meeting, aldermen altered the boundaries of TID 7 to include all of the land owned by HNKZ LLC. The land is northeast of Hillcrest Primary School and east of Piccadilly Circle and Timber Trail.

"We are maxed out at our overall TID value. So when we do have amendments that we are making, we have to make corresponding reductions to the district," City Administrator Eddie Sheppard said about the change to the TID 7 boundaries.

"We did the same thing for TID 6 last year when we were taking some parcels out and moving some

parcels in. When you create these boundaries, you take your best guess as to where projects are going to happen. You aren't able to just grab the whole thing. You have to be mindful of what the values are, what's likely to happen. In both of these instances, a couple of panels where we didn't anticipate much happening is happening."

The council also approved a developer's agreement with HNKZ LLC (Pine View Estates Development). All of the company's property needed to be included in the TID for the project to move forward, Sheppard said. Land along Beauprey Road was removed to accommodate the addition.

"They're going to commit to putting the infrastructure and the roadways in for most of a 64-lot layout," Sheppard said. "We're tying the development agreement to 35 developable lots over seven years, and at the same time, we're working with them to build out a regional stormwater pond not only to serve their development, but we have significant stormwater with all of the development that happened on Engel Drive. They're essentially oversizing it, so

we can use it as a public stormwater, which we'll then take over management of."

HNKZ will spend \$2.18 million on infrastructure and roads.

The city will commit \$206,661 in TID dollars for the regional stormwater pond.

The city will also purchase six corner lots for \$120,000 in phase 2, hoping to make them into a park.

Finally, HNKZ will have a forgivable loan of \$380,000 if they build 35 condos in seven years. If not, city can recuperate a portion of the loan for any condos not completed.

Phases 1 and 2 will result in 64 lots. A potential phase 3 would become a single-family neighborhood.

"As soon as they get approved through council and through joint review board (in June), they intend to start digging," Sheppard said.

In a related matter, council members agreed to rezone 45.8 acres at 221 N. Airport Drive (across from the airport) to spur development there.

Sheppard said the city has been working with a developer to make a project financially feasible. The land is owned by

Dallas Waterstradt.

"To do that, the proposer of the project needs to get comfortable, knowing that: 'Hey, if I'm going to spend a bunch of money, by the end of the day, the city's going to actually allow for the zoning change,'" Sheppard said.

This project would affect the north portion of the parcel.

"In this case, the developer's looking to do some residential units — some low-density, multifamily,"

Sheppard said.

The rezoning was approved pending approval of a development agreement, which is expected to happen in June.

At the April 16 meeting of the city's industrial and commercial development committee, it was noted the proposed project would include construction of 40 condo units for rentals on the north portion of the property. The 1,400-square-foot units would each have three

bedrooms, two baths and two-car garages with no basements. The condos would rent for about \$1,700 per month.

Sheppard also reported that a developer is showing interest in the south portion of the Waterstradt property. The project could include construction of four 20-unit apartments and possibly a clubhouse with a recreational area.

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Pulaski soccer team ties 3 games in a row

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Saturday, May 23
Pulaski 1, Oshkosh West 1

It was three games and three tie scores as Pulaski and Oshkosh West battled to a 1-1 draw. It was the

Red Raiders' third straight tie game.

Thursday, May 21
Pulaski 0, Green Bay Preble 0

For the second game in a row, Pulaski's soccer team played to a tie.

On the road at Green

Bay Preble, the Red Raiders tied the Hornets 0-0.

Goalkeeper Tatum Wentland had three saves in the draw.

Other scores: Shawano 8, Green Bay West 0.

Tuesday, May 19
Pulaski 1, De Pere 1

The Red Raiders and the Redbirds battled to a 1-1 tie.

Pulaski's goal was scored by Leah Kapla, who was unassisted.

Goalkeeper Lucia Di Gennaro had six saves in the draw.

The Red Raiders are now 7-5-3 on the season and 4-1-2 in the Fox River Classic Conference.

Other scores: Xavier 8, Shawano 0.

Monday, May 18
Shawano 5, Wautoma/Wild Rose 2

The Hawks girls soccer team jumped out to a 3-0 lead by halftime. They maintained the lead with each team scoring twice in the second half, as Shawano went on to defeat Wautoma/Wild Rose 5-2 in a non-conference match.

Chargers sign to play in college



Five Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School athletes signed with their respective colleges May 20 and will continue their sports careers. From left are Ben Miller, UW-La Crosse, wrestling; Kaden Yaeger, UW-Oshkosh, football; Brielleigh Ladika, UW-Stout, softball; Eddie Nowinsky, UW-Eau Claire, football; and Mason Wierzbna, UW-Stevens Point, football. TINA BACON

Suring girls take first at M&O conference meet

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Thursday, May 21
Manawa Grand Finale
Manawa won the girls events, and Weyauwega-Fremont won the boys events at Manawa.

For the girls, it was Manawa with 144 team points, Weyauwega-Fremont 108, Bonduel 97, Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy 97, Wittenberg-Birnamwood 94, Marion/Tigerton 70, Gresham/Bowler 40 and Wolf River Lutheran 17.

For the boys, scores were Weyauwega-Fremont 189.5, Bonduel 162, Manawa 113, Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy 72, Marion/Tigerton 58, Wittenberg-Birnamwood 53.5, Gresham/Bowler 41 and Wolf River Lutheran 10.

Top finishes for the girls included:

Bonduel: Peyton Westrich, 400-meter dash, first, 59.65; Lillian Burack, 1,600-meter run, first, 5:52.19.

Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy: Brynn Heise, high jump, first, 4 feet, 10 inches; Abby Kostreva, triple jump, first,

33-2.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood: Eleanor Tassler, 100-meter dash, first, 13.46; Harper Rogowski, 800-meter run, first, 2:26.57; Harper Krull, 100-meter hurdles, first, 16.94; Krull, 300-meter hurdles, first, 40.19; 4x400 relay team of Deajah Cornelius, Krull, Rogowski and Tassler, first, 4:25.55; Krull, long jump, first, 16-3.

Marion/Tigerton: 4x75 relay team, first, 45.12.

Gresham/Bowler: 4x75 relay team, third; Emily Jensen, shot put, third; Jensen, discus, third.

Wolf River Lutheran: Violet Buchholz, 3,200-meter run, second.

For the boys, top finishes included:

Bonduel: Carter Moesch, 200-meter dash, first, 23.65; Gage Anderson, 1,600-meter run, first, 4:50.80; Ryan Westrich, shot put, first, 48-5.50.

Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy: Erik Kosch, 3,200-meter run, first, 12:21.17; Zander Thomson, 110-meter hurdles, first, 15.51; Parker Boomsma, pole vault, first, 11-0.

Marion/Tigerton: Tristan Herro, high jump,

first, 6-0.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood: Logan Gibson, 100-meter dash, second; Gibson, triple jump, second.

Gresham/Bowler: 4x200 relay team of Riley Hohensee, Cody Mehlberg, Ethan May and Leif Steffen, first, 1:44.51.

Wolf River Lutheran: Caleb Bohmbach, 110-meter hurdles, fourth.

Jeff Braun Memorial Throwers Meet

Six teams competed in Pulaski with Noelle Manning of the Red Raiders winning the discus and the shot put.

In the discus, she had a throw of 122 feet, 5.5 inches, and in the shot put, her distance was 36-2.

For the boys, Mason Skenadore placed third in the discus and the shot put.

Shawano's Drew Chelberg won discus at 139-0.75. Joseph Doperalski was fourth in the shot put.

For the girls, Nya Huntington took fifth in the discus and eighth in the shot put.

Competing for Gillett's boys, Jed Herzog was 13th in the shot put, and Mason

Herzog was 14th in the discus.

Tuesday, May 19
Rosholt Relays

Bonduel's boys and girls teams each placed second at Rosholt. The boys collected 75.95 points, and the girls had 67.95.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood's girls were fourth with 49.97 points, and the boys were sixth with 38.

Winners for the girls included Bonduel's Cierra Schnell in the 300-meter hurdles in 50.26, Josie Pawlak in the long jump at 16 feet, 9.5 inches, and Pawlak in the triple jump at 33-10.50.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood winners were the 4x200-meter relay team in 1:53.62 and Kelsie Davis in the shot put at 31-4.

Boys claiming the top spots were Bonduel's 4x200-meter relay team in 15:18.09.

For Wittenberg-Birnamwood, Logan Gibson won the 100-meter dash in 11.63, and Phoenix Horacek won the shot put at 42-11.

M&O Conference Meet

Suring's girls took first place with 179 points, and

the boys team was third with 94.5 points at the conference meet in Suring.

Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy boys finished fourth with 87, and the girls were fifth with 87.5.

Gillett took sixth place on both sides of the ledger, with the boys getting 51 and the girls 41.

Suring girls winning were Ginger Gerndt in the 800-meter run in 2:40.17. Aliya Cox won the 100-meter hurdles in 15.93, the 300-meter hurdles in 49.66, the long jump at 16-9 and the triple jump at 34-4.50.

Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas girls taking gold were Alisa Finger in the 1,600-meter run in 5:53.53; the 4x400-meter relay team of Abby Kostreva, Kate Peters, Finger and Brynn Heise in 4:27.70; the 4x800 team of Laila Collier, Sydney Pirlot, Finger and Peters in 11:14.96; and Heise in the high jump at 5-1.

For Gillett, Amanda Pate won the 3,200-meter run in 13:02.40.

Suring boys who claimed gold were the 4x200 relay team of Kroix

Kempka, CJ Richard, Dayne Ermis and Dyllan Flynn in 1:38.69.

Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy's winner was Zander Thomson in the long jump at 21-7.

For Gillett, Bradyn Wendorff won the 800-meter run in 2:02.66, the 1,600-meter run in 4:51.26 and the 3,200-meter run in 10:47.21.

FRCC Championship Meet

Pulaski track and field members collected seven gold medals in the conference meet in De Pere.

Emerson Fabry won the girls 800-meter run in 2:16.84 and the 1,600-meter run in 5:09.55.

Teammate Noelle Manning was first in the discus at 116-5 and first in the shot put at 34-0.75.

For the boys, Keaton Dauk won the 200-meter dash in 22.57 and the 300-meter hurdles in 38.61.

Max Fredrickson won the 400-meter dash in 50.61.

In the end, the girls team finished second with 98 points. The boys tied with West De Pere for third place with 94 points.

Panthers win opening game in softball regionals

WIAA regionals Oconto Falls 12, Wau-paca 10

The No. 9 seed Panthers topped No. 8 Waupaca 12-10 in the opening round of WIAA regional action. Oconto Falls advanced to the Round 2 game at No. 1 Fox Valley Lutheran on May 26.

Xavier 13, Menominee Nation 0

The No. 9 Eagles ended their season with a 13-0 shutout at the hands – and bats – of No. 8 seed Xavier.

Xavier will play at No. 1 Wittenberg-Birnamwood on May 26.

Coleman 13, Bowler/Gresham 0

Bowler/Gresham, the

No. 10 seed team, was shut out 13-0 by No. 7 Coleman in regional action.

Coleman advanced to play No. 2 Auburndale on May 26.

Shiocton 7, Gillett/Suring 2

The No. 8 seed Shiocton defeated No. 9 Gillett/Suring 7-2 to end the season for the Oconto County team.

Shiocton moved to play at No. 1 Bonduel on May 26.

Regular season Shawano 6, Antigo 1

Riley Krueger led the Hawks with a 3-for-3 performance at the plate with two RBIs and a run scored as Shawano beat Antigo

6-1.

Ayanna O'Kimosh hit 2-for-4 with a double. Also hitting doubles were Amiyah O'Kimosh and Kaden Meyers.

Meyers was the winning pitcher. In five innings, she allowed one run on one hit and struck out five.

Medford 2, Wittenberg-Birnamwood 0

Medford scored twice in the bottom of the fourth inning to beat Wittenberg-Birnamwood 2-0.

Rory Salvesen and Kennedy Benbo had the only two hits for the Chargers.

Kendall Lex pitched six innings. She gave up two runs on seven hits and struck out two.

Raiders' pitcher Rylee Hardy struck out 10 Chargers.

Other scores: Seymour 6, Bonduel 0.

Wednesday, May 20 Marion 24, White Lake 5

Julie James was 5-for-7 with three doubles, six RBIs and five runs scored as Marion walloped White Lake 24-5.

Josie Goethe was 3-for-5 with an RBI and three runs scored.

Ella Stuhr hit 2-for-6 with two RBIs and three runs scored. Alexis Berg was also 2-for-6 with two RBIs and three runs scored.

Ashlynn Kussman had

four RBIs, and Bailee Miller had two.

Heidi Krueger pitched all seven innings. She gave up five runs on three hits, walked 10 and struck out 14.

Tuesday, May 19 Bonduel 9, Stratford 7

Gracyn Wudtke hit 4-for-4 with a double, a triple, an RBI and three runs scored in a 9-7 win for the Bears over the Tigers.

Mary Margelofsky and Juliana Jacobs each had a home run, and Jacobs had four RBIs.

Maddie Hart was the winning pitcher. In three innings, she allowed two runs on one hit, walked three and struck out three.

Emery Thompson pitched one inning, and Kallie Wilcox pitched three.

Coleman 10, Oconto Falls 8

Ava Holtz had a pair of RBIs in the Panthers' 10-8 loss to Coleman.

Delaney McNichols hit 3-for-4 with an RBI and a run scored.

Amelia Danielczak recorded a triple, and Katelyn Kurek and Braelyn Schultz each hit a double.

Schultz took the loss on the mound, striking out three and waling seven.

Other scores: Manawa 18, Menominee Nation 2; Notre Dame 13, Pulaski 9; Lourdes Academy 11, Bowler/Gresham 1.

Oconto Falls baseball team splits games with Marinette

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Thursday, May 21 Wittenberg-Birnamwood 10, Weyauwega-Fremont 0

Wittenberg-Birnamwood pounded out 17 hits and shut out the Warhawks 10-0.

Connor Meverden hit 3-for-4 with two doubles, two RBIs and a run scored.

Eddie Nowinsky was 2-for-4 with three RBIs and a run scored.

Oliver Fraaza was 4-for-5 with an RBI and four runs scored, and Zandyr Barke was 3-for-5 with a run scored.

The Chargers had 11 stolen bases – including three by Barke and two each by Meverden and Fraaza.

Marinette 11, Oconto Falls 9

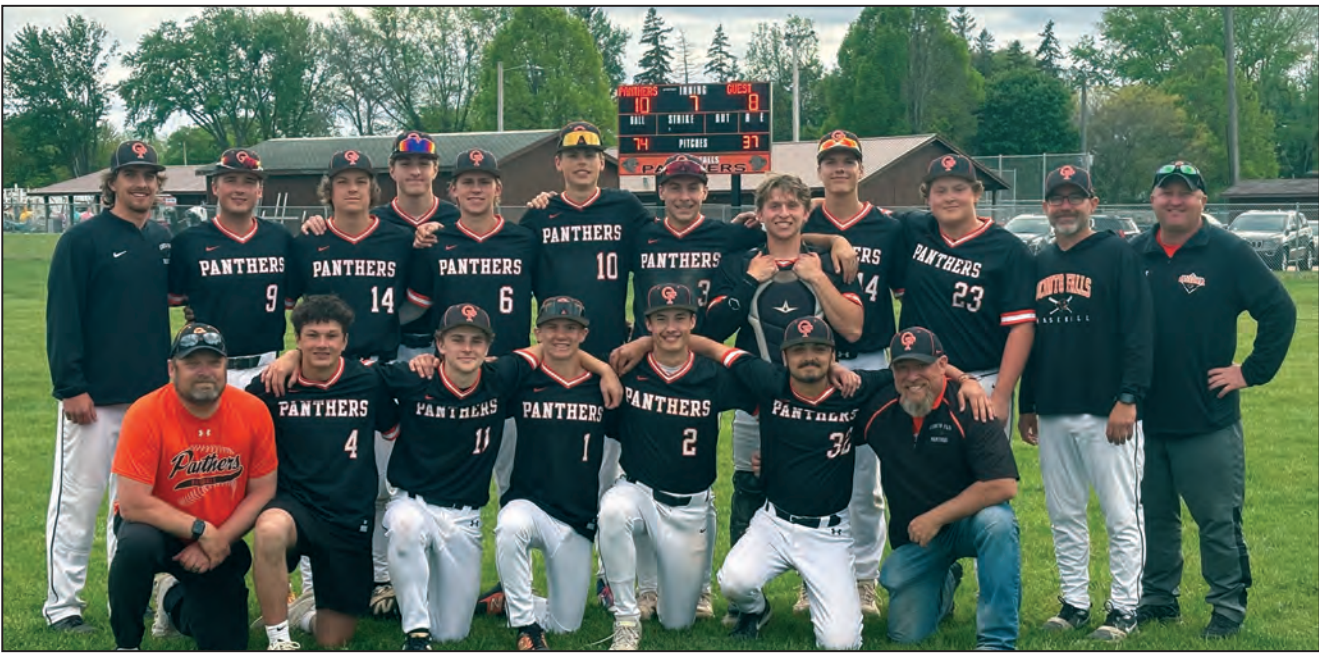
Teagan Tate hit 3-for-5 with a pair of doubles, a pair of runs scored and three RBIs, but Oconto Falls lost 11-9 to Marinette.

Trace Brehmer was 2-for-4 with one run and one RBI.

Landon Thompson took the loss. In 3 1/3 innings, he gave up two runs on two hits and walked one.

Marion 11, Bowler 7

Gage Wanta had a pair of triples and an RBI, but Bowler lost 11-7 to Marion.



Members of the 2026 Oconto Falls baseball team are, kneeling, from left, coach Ric Belanger, Jack Falkowski, Logan Berg, Isaiah Holtz, Landon Bramer, Landon Thompson and coach Leo Kramer. Standing, from left, are varsity assistant coach Connor Peetz, Chase Belanger, Aidan Cahak, Teagan Tate, Carter Heroux, Landon Timm, Landon Delfosse, Trace Brehmer, J.J. Pytleski, Dom Triechel, head coach Jesse Delfosse and coach Nick Berg.

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Blake Brunner also had two hits for the Panthers.

Other scores: Bonduel 4, Amherst 3; Shiocton 18, Menominee Nation 4; Sevastopol 5, Gillett/Suring 2; Xavier 3, Shawano 2; Gibraltar/Washington Island 12, Lena 10.

Tuesday, May 19 Oconto Falls 10, Marinette 8

Trace Brehmer hit a grand slam in the fifth inning as Oconto Falls beat Marinette 10-8. Brehmer ended the day hitting 2-for-4 with a home run,

four RBIs and one run scored.

Landon Delfosse hit 2-for-3, scored twice, and had a double and an RBI. Chase Belanger was 2-for-3 with an RBI and a double.

Logan Berg pitched four innings for the win. He gave up two runs on four hits, walked three and struck out three.

The game was mostly likely the last Panthers varsity game at Memorial Field, as a new field is being built.

Pulaski 15, Notre Dame 9

Pulaski exploded for 10 runs in the sixth inning as Pulaski beat Notre Dame 15-9.

Braun Wotruba and Matt Heck each had three RBIs.

Wotruba was 4-for-5 with a double, a triple and a run scored. Heck was 2-for-3 with a double and two runs scored.

Isaac Sonnenberg also had a double. Eli Heuser had two RBIs and two runs scored.

Maverick Amenson was the winning pitcher, working from the mound for the last 1/3 inning, strike out one batter in the process.

Other scores: Marion 3, Bowler 1; Xavier 9, Shawano 2.

Monday, May 18 Wittenberg-Birnamwood 13, Shiocton 2

Braxton Olson hit 4-for-4 with a double and five RBIs as the Chargers topped the Chiefs 13-2.

Zandyr Barke hit 2-for-3 with three runs scored,

and Carson Meronk was 2-for-3 with an RBI and a run scored.

Colby Wincensten had a pair of RBIs.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood 12, Shiocton 2

The Chargers won both ends of doubleheader against the Chiefs, including a 12-2 victory.

Oliver Fraaza hit 3-for-3 with six RBIs. Barke hit 2-for-3 and scored four runs.

Drayden Kersten hit a double.

Bonduel 10, Manawa 5

Beckett Hartlaben hit 3-for-4 with a double, an RBI and three runs scored as the Bears beat the Wolves 10-5.

Jackson Rudzinski was 2-for-2 with an RBI and run scored, and Jack Zernicke was 2-for-2 with two runs scored.

Carter Beilfuss was the winning pitcher. In four innings, he allowed four runs on three hits, struck out two and walked three. Ryan Niles pitched three innings and struck out six.

Iola-Scandinavia 13, Menominee Nation 3

CJ Pyawasay hit a double and had an RBI in the Eagles' 13-3 loss to the Thunderbirds.

Other scores: Marion 8, Gresham 1; Sturgeon Bay 11, Lena 7.



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Lena's Cooper Demmuth is the 2026 golf player of the year for the Marinette & Oconto Conference. He finished the regular season with a 265 score. CONTRIBUTED

Demmuth named M&O golf player of the year

Lena High School golfer Cooper Demmuth is the 2026 player of the year for the M&O Conference. Demmuth ended the regular season with a 265 score. Also named to the first team all-conference was Gillett's Brody Halla, who was tied for second best with a 267. Second team honors went to Len'a Tanner Behnke with a 270, Gillett's Bradyn Kiedrowski with a 286, and Gillett's Parker Jenerou and Chase Rosenlund, each with a 300. Coleman won the team title with a 1,273. Lena and Gillett tied for second with a 1,350.

Pulaski's Hayward wins top spot at Wander Springs

Thursday, May 21 FRCC Championship
Pulaski senior Brady Hawyard's 75 made him the top golfer at Wander Springs Golf Course in Greenleaf.
Pulaski golfers scored 331 and finished fourth. Joining Hayward on the links were Bradin Schultz with 83, Ben Klarner with 86 and Casey Madlem with 87.

Wednesday, May 20 M&O Conference Championship
Gillett placed second and Lena was third at Parkway Golf Course in Pound.
Gillett's 358 included Parker Jenerou at 86, Brody Halla at 90, and Chase Rosenlund and Bradyn Kiedrowski, each at 91.
Lena totaled 366, including Tanner Behnke at 86, Colt Miller at 88, Cooper Demmuth at 90 and Zander Thomson at 102.

NEC Championship
Dylan Clark was the medalist with 73 as Oconto Falls won the conference championship meet with a 329 on the Brown County Golf Course in Green Bay. Along with Clark, Brock McDermid had 81, Carson McDermid had 85 and Nick Schroeder had 90.

Tuesday, May 19 Thornberry Invitational
Menominee Nation/Gresham placed second with a 338 at Thornberry Creek at Oneida in Hobart, a meet hosted by Bonduel.
Marion finished sixth with a 363, Wittenberg-Birnamwood was 10th at 379 and Bonduel was 12th at 402.
"It wasn't our worst outing of the year, but it was far from where we need to be," Chargers Coach Chris Bartletti said. "This was our last regular season meet, and we need to put it behind us and focus on regionals."
For Menominee Nation/Gresham, Alex Mahl had 81, Elliott Penass had 82, Gabe Boivin had 85 and Pepeakechiseah Cleveland had 90.
Marion's scores were Javen Prickette and Collin Grogan, each at 88, Elijah Scheef at 92 and James Nolan at 95.
Wittenberg-Birnamwood had scores of Roman Johnson with 92, Slade Wierzba at 94, George Seegmiller at 95 and Nicholas Flak at 98.
Scoring for Bonduel were Tyson Lyons at 90, Joseph Felhofer at 98, Aiden Hillsberg at 105 and Gavin Hundt at 109.

Bay Conference Championship
Shawano had an incomplete team score at Wander Springs Golf Course in Greenleaf.
Scoring for the Hawks were T.J. Smith with 94 and Levi Anobong with 105.

Monday, May 18
Wittenberg-Birnamwood's duo of George Seegmiller and Roman Johnson finished fourth with a score of 69 in a two-person scramble event at Golden Sands Golf Course in Cecil.
The scramble featured 32 teams from 11 schools.
Menominee Nation/Gresham 1 placed fifth with a score of 70, and Lena 1 was in a tie for seventh with a 71. Menominee Nation/Gresham 2 placed eighth with a 73.
Other local schools participating were Bonduel and Marion.

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Aaron Gilling, co-owner of Stubborn Brothers Brewery, stands with Julie and Tyler Schmidt as they conclude their ratings of cheeses offered on free pizza slices at brewery. Free pizza slices were offered to customers to help choose which cheese will be used on the Neapolitan and thin cracker pizzas at Stubborn Slice.

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Stubborn Brothers slicing its way into pizza market

Brewery tests cheeses on patrons to determine best ingredients

By **LYNN ZAFFRANN**
Correspondent

Free pizza? In Shawano? It happened. Free pizza was the ticket May 15 at Stubborn Brothers Brewery to help choose the cheese that will be featured on the pies at Stubborn Slice, the new venture of Erik and Aaron Gilling, owners of Stubborn Brothers.

Classic Neapolitan style pizza and thin crust pizzas will be on the menu.

Neapolitan pizza originated in Naples, Italy. It has a thin dough with high edges. A few simple, quality ingredients are typically featured, rather than heavy toppings.

Three slices of pizza were offered to each customer at the tasting, along with a rating sheet.

Customers were encouraged to focus on the qualities of the cheese. Aaron Gilling said that the crust and sauce were not what they would be making their pizzas with.

Customers rated the three cheeses on a scale of one to five, with five being the best. The brands of the cheeses weren't revealed, so the raters would focus only on the taste and consistency.

The results of the tasting haven't been revealed.

The Gillings don't have an opening date yet for Stubborn Slice.

"We are waiting for approval from the state of Wisconsin," Gilling said. "We are constantly working on improving and getting ready to open."



Bartender Josh Carlson takes an order May 15 at the Stubborn Brothers bar during the free pizza cheese tasting event. Three cheeses were the main feature of the tasting, each on one of three free pizza slices.

LYNN ZAFFRANN

Lily Miller was hired by the Gillings to develop their pizza offerings.

"She went to Pizza University in Maryland and another program as well to really dial in on making pizza," Gilling said. "She's an amazing and talented part of our team."

He said that she is dedicated to making the best pizza around.

Pizza University is a pizza school that

helps passionate cooks learn how to create, innovate and learn about the world of pizza.

Miller chose most of the equipment that will be used at Stubborn Slice, such as a special oven that operates with gas and wood fire.

"She's been really amazing in doing

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Poppies show more than veterans' sacrifice

Memorial Day weekend may prompt visions of the red poppy known as Flanders or corn poppy (*Papaver rhoeas*). This beautiful flower inspired the poem *In Flanders Field* written by the Canadian doctor Lt. Col. John McCrae, who ran a field hospital during World War I.

The red poppy continues to symbolize sacrifices made by veterans. On National Poppy Day, celebrated the Friday before

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Memorial Day weekend, members of the American Legion Family distribute crepe paper red poppies, requesting donations used to support veterans.

The flower has a long history linked to bloodshed and death as well as life and fertility. While you may associate it with World War I, it was also the subject of a medieval poem, *Le Chanson de Roland*, where the blood red flowers of this poppy were associated with a battle during the reign of Charlemagne.

Its more positive past includes the Greeks' dedication of the flower to Aphrodite, the goddess of vegetation and its association with Ceres, the Roman corn goddess. Pictures show her holding sheaths of corn and seed pods of this poppy. In Great Britain it also symbolized fertility and remembrance, perhaps inspired by the longevity of the seeds that can sprout and grow after being dormant in the soil for up to 80 years.

Corn poppy is native to Europe and Asia and arrived with imported agriculture seeds. Before extensive use of herbicides, it could be seen growing in farm fields which inspired the common name, corn poppy.

Its beautiful red flowers were once used as dye, for coloring red ink and medicinal purposes. The individual flowers only last a day but the plant blooms for months, leaving an abundance of seeds behind.

Make sure they are not invasive in your area before adding them to your garden. In areas where they don't pose a threat you can enjoy them in the garden, use as cut flowers and watch for visiting pollinators. Plus, the deer tend to leave these plants alone.

Plant the seeds directly in the garden in fall or early spring. Allow the plants to set seed if you want them to return each

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this,” Gilling said. It was Miller’s idea to do the cheese tasting, to try out a few different cheeses and get people’s feedback.

“Sometimes you think that this is the best product, but there’s also a thing about it being specific to where you live, your regional area,” Gilling said.

According to Gilling, there are cheeses in Italy that aren’t popular here. He’s committed to having the best cheese for the local taste.

Stubborn Slice will be in the old Reinhold Shoe Store, right next to the Stubborn Brothers Brewery at 220 S. Main St. in Shawano. Plans are to do

carryout, with very limited sit-down.

“We’re trying to treat it as a separate business,” Gilling said. “Our goal is, if we expand and open up more breweries, we don’t know if we’re going to do our full menu at other locations.”

He said that they would probably focus on their pizzas if they go to other locations.

Gilling said that Shawano has a number of pizzerias in town and noted specifically how their friends at Luigi’s do a great job.

“I can’t give anything but compliments about Luigi’s,” he said.

Stubborn Slice’s classic Neapolitan pizzas and

classic thin cracker crust pizzas aren’t offered anywhere in the Shawano area. Eventually, once the pizzas are perfected and the restaurant is open, Stubborn Slice plans to also offer bagels.

“Pizza, bagels and the salad bar are the goal,” Gilling said. “There are more things that we are working on, also.”

Taste testing of sauces and crusts are planned for the future. Announcements will be made on the Stubborn Brothers Facebook page.

“I’m a big believer in that if you want to see change in the world, be the change that you want to see,” Gilling said.

“Sometimes you think that this is the best product, but there’s also a thing about it being specific to where you live, your regional area.”

AARON GILLING, co-owner of Stubborn Brothers

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year. When the seeds drop on bare soil and are left undisturbed, seedlings will appear in next year’s garden. Just thin out unwanted seedlings and add them to the compost pile.

Grow Flanders poppies in full sun to light shade and those in hotter climates should plant them in a spot with afternoon shade. Although tolerant of a wide range of soils, they prefer those that are moist and well-drained. They do not tolerate wet, soggy conditions. Mature plants

will grow 12-30 inches in height and are often used in naturalized, informal, or cutting gardens.

Flanders poppy’s close relative, oriental poppy, is a popular perennial garden plant and cut flower. Grow it in full sun or partial shade in well-drained soil. Enjoy the late spring to early summer blooms. Don’t worry when the foliage disappears after flowering. This is normal and you can partner it with a later blooming perennial to cover the void that’s left

in your garden.

Take a moment to remember our veterans as you enjoy a weekend of gardening and visiting with family and friends.

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Menominee Pageant partners with Smithsonian

The Menominee community will play a role in the United States' 250th anniversary celebration. "Of the People: The Smithsonian Festival of Festivals" will host about 40 festivals around the country, with the July 29 production of the Menominee Pageant being the only event held in Wisconsin.

A revived tradition of the Menominee Nation, the annual production is a show of pantomime, live music and Native dance that marks the beginning of Menominee Powwow week each summer. Since the pageant's renaissance in 2016, the College of Menominee Nation has imagined the event as an opportunity to engage performers and storytellers across generations, bridging heritage with contemporary theater practices and highlighting culture bearers of all ages.

Staged in the famed Woodland Bowl at dusk, the show offers patrons a chance to partake in a cultural exchange that the Smithsonian concurs will further the mission to "commemorate, celebrate and contemplate" our shared national milestone.

Pageant attendees will be treated to a new script titled "Timeless Teachings." Written by the



Lloyd Frieson speaks while Jeremiah Moses Jr. listens during the 2025 Menominee Pageant production. JAMES KELLY

Menominee Pageant Players Guild, the 2026 show includes adaptations from "A Sampling of Menominee Legends," assembled by the Menominee Tribal Historic Office, and "The Legend of the Dells" by the late Theresa Wescott, as well as additional songs and performances from

Menominee youths sharing their language and culture.

Joining existing sponsors, the Wisconsin Arts Board, the Menominee Powwow Committee, and Taproot Artists and Community Trust, this year's Smithsonian collaboration enables CMN to purchase new lighting and technical equipment that will enhance the special effects, as well as a designated sound system that Menominee elders requested be placed at the top of the amphitheater.

Because encouraging the next generation is central to both Menominee teachings and the

Smithsonian festivals' ideals, this summer will also extend intern and mentorship opportunities to emerging voices.

While the union between the Menominee Pageant and the Smithsonian is unique to America's semiquincentennial, the value of the show is as evident now as it was during the initial run that spanned from 1937 into the 1970s.

"The pageants are the highlight of my year," stage manager Melinda Cook said. "I have been a part of the planning since

the start of the revival pageants. I believe the pageants provide an avenue to share Menominee history, language, songs, dancing and community."

Pageant actor Karen Ann Hoffman agrees about the value of the shows.

"Being part of the Menominee Pageant is a highlight of my year," Hoffman said. "It's fun. It's a welcoming group. It's a chance to use Menominee language while we act out and celebrate traditional values."

Cook and Hoffman are members of the team writing this summer's show. Dawn Wilbur is also an integral person in the process of guiding a show from concept to script to staging.

"My mother and grandfather's connection to the past pageants inspired me to be a part of the shows," Wilbur said. "I enjoy planning and creating the most recent plays and scripts. I believe it can help portray our legends and help our people, especially our youth to learn about our history."

This summer's cast and crew have yet to be set, as auditions will be held on CMN's Keshena campus from 5-7 p.m. June 8. Interested members should arrive at the campus atrium or contact me through the college's website or phone switchboard.

Non-Native pageant veteran Brian Marquardt expressed the sentiments of the Pageant Players

Guild concerning anyone who is debating joining us this summer.

"Anyone interested in attending pageants should attend. Those who wish to be part of the show should simply audition. Regardless if they're Native American or not, I'm certain they all will enjoy it," Marquardt said.

"The 250th anniversary is a time to celebrate our extraordinary cultural democracy, to visit with the people, places and traditions within it and to contemplate our shared future," wrote Clifford Murphy, director of the Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage. "By taking the Folklife Festival beyond Washington, we recommit to our original purpose to take the Smithsonian beyond objects and buildings; we also carry out our mission to connect communities across cultures —cultivating curiosity, understanding and belonging for all people."

CMN and the Smithsonian Folklife Festival hope you'll join us as we mark our shared contribution to this national celebration. The pageant builds upon traditions while looking to the future, creating space for everyone to come and partake in the wisdom of Menominee cultural teachings.

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WHAT’S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, MAY 29

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

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

BOWLER: Clint Black in Concert, 8 p.m., North Star Mohican Casino Resort, W12189 County Road A. Tickets \$113.50 at <https://ticketstar.venue.net/events/MNS>.

SATURDAY, MAY 30

LENA: Fourth annual Fitness on the Farm, 8:30 a.m., Alsteen Farm, 9399 Belgian Road. Farmer-inspired obstacle course hosted by The Farmer Next Door and Homegrown Fitness. Open for registration 8 a.m. \$35.

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

SURING: Graduation, 1 p.m., Suring High School, 411 E. Green Bay St.

OCONTO: Graduation, 1 p.m., Oconto High School, 1717 Superior Ave.

SHAWANO: Auto racing, 6 p.m., Shawano Speedway, 990 E. Green Bay St. Gates open 4 p.m. Adults \$15,

seniors \$12, younger than age 11 free. Check the Shawano Speedway page on Facebook for updates and weather-related conditions.

SUNDAY, MAY 31

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

ABRAMS: Farmers Market, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Town Square, 5877 Main St.

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

SHAWANO: Shawano Paddlers – Evening Paddle, 6 p.m., Loon Lake, W4900 Stark Road. Check Shawano Paddlers Facebook page for updates.

SHAWANO: Naborhood Block Party, 6 p.m., The Naberhood, 214 S. Main St. Family Game Night.

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

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

SHAWANO: Chamber Coffee

Connection, 8-9 a.m., Glas Coffeehouse, 511 N. Main St. Business networking.

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

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

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

CECIL: Shawano Paddlers — Morning Paddle, 9 a.m., Korth Lake to Bahr Lake, W3776 State Highway 22. Check Shawano Paddlers Facebook page for updates.

SHAWANO: God’s Little Wonders: Parent/Tot Hour, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Zion Lutheran Church, 1254 S. Union St. Hands-on activities and crafts, songs and stories, faith nurturing.

OCONTO: Thursday Play Group,

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

NAVARINO: Senior Safari Lunch and Learn, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. Topic: Spring wildflowers. Suggested program fee \$5 for luncheon.

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

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

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

SHAWANO: Sun Drop Dayz, 4:30-10 p.m., East Elizabeth Street between Main and Lincoln streets. Children’s activities, food and beverage vendors, Music by Badger State DJs 4-6:30 p.m. and Wet Possum 7-10 p.m.

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

MOUNTAIN: Dusty Trails ATV Club Vintage Show, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Schoolhouse Bar and Grill, 14007 State Highway 32. All makes, years and models welcome. No registration, free to ride trails and routes.

SHAWANO: WAMSCO (Waterways Association of Menominee and Shawano Counties) Annual Meeting, 9 a.m. to noon, Heritage Park, 524 N. Franklin St. Coffee and snacks, networking, plant sale 9 a.m., presentations and speakers 9:30 a.m., lake health group discussion 11 a.m., guided river walk to Sunset Island 11:45 a.m.

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

SHAWANO: Sun Drop Dayz, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., East Elizabeth Street between Main and Lincoln streets. Craft fair 10 a.m., flea market, children’s activities and inflatables, 5K walk/run, lumberjack competition, food and beverage vendors, Music by Trigger Trippers noon to 2 p.m., Spicy Tie 3-6 p.m., Glam Band 6:45-10 p.m.

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- 5. Refrigerator sound
- 8. *One of original Life Savers flavors
- 12. Diabolical
- 13. Supernatural life force
- 14. Dust allergy triggers
- 15. Magnesium silicate
- 16. Thor’s father
- 17. Audience’s approval
- 18. *Coconutty candy bar (2 words)
- 20. Baltimore player
- 21. Dip a ____ the water
- 22. Acronym, abbr.
- 23. *”The Freshmaker” candy
- 26. Deck painter, often
- 30. Flight info
- 31. Russia’s plain
- 34. Nat of Jazz
- 35. N in RN
- 37. Across, in verse
- 38. *Inspired by “Willie Wonka & the Chocolate Factory
- 39. Under the weather
- 40. Lipase or sucrase, e.g.
- 42. Part of a match
- 43. English traveling courts
- 45. Ones with title
- 47. ____ Aviv
- 48. Sign of life
- 50. Between Phi and Kappa
- 52. *Once known as Chicken Feed (2 words)
- 56. Trollop, in the olden

- days
- 57. Eyeball rudely
 - 58. “I ____ wed”
 - 59. Opposite of fires
 - 60. Bear’s den
 - 61. Gives a hand
 - 62. Between ids and super-egos
 - 63. Symbol of industriousness
 - 64. *Dad’s ____ Beer Barrels candy

DOWN

- 1. ____ good example
- 2. Like West Wing’s office
- 3. 35mm, e.g.
- 4. “Little Men” author
- 5. Mecca pilgrim
- 6. Teamsters group
- 7. “Out of ____, one”
- 8. *Good & Plenty flavor
- 9. It will
- 10. Animal protein
- 11. Is, in France
- 13. Unassuming
- 14. Muhammad’s birthplace
- 19. Gallows loop
- 22. *Polished off candy, e.g.
- 23. High IQ society
- 24. Lady’s pocketbook
- 25. Narcotics agents
- 26. Light on one’s feet
- 27. Relating to Scandinavia
- 28. Village V.I.P.
- 29. Catches one’s breath
- 32. Ages and ages
- 33. *Pfefferminz, for short
- 36. *”Taste the Rainbow” candies

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Antigo man dead in Highway 29 rollover

An Antigo man is dead after a crash where a semi-tractor/trailer flipped over in the Town of Hartland.

On May 19 at 4:54 a.m., the Shawano County Sheriff's Department dispatch center received the call about the crash on state Highway 29 near

Porter Road. Initial reports indicted the driver was trapped inside the vehicle on the eastbound lanes of the highway.

Sheriff's deputies responded to the scene along with fire and emergency medical service units. Upon arrival, the eastbound lanes were

completely blocked due to the crash. The driver of the semi, a 59-year-old man, was trapped inside the cab and pronounced dead.

Preliminary investigation indicates the semi-truck was traveling westbound on the highway in the right lane through the

construction zone. In this area of the construction zone, there was a large section of roadway cut out in the left lane which had orange traffic posts around it. The driver side tire entered this cut out causing the tire to blow and the semi-truck driver to lose control. The semi

then flipped over into the median. The trailer came to rest in the median, and the semi cab came to rest in the eastbound lanes of Highway 29. Both the semi-tractor and trailer sustained severe damage.

Witnesses reported they observed the semi traveling westbound,

enter the median and flip over.

No further details, including the name of the individual, will be released at this time as the investigation remains ongoing, according to a sheriff's department press release.

OBITUARIES

PATTI PETERMAN

Patti Jean Peterman, of Shawano, 65, passed away Friday, May 22, 2026, in Shawano.

Patti was born Sept. 28, 1960, in Shawano to Elroy "Butch" and Beverly "Bev" (Malley) Bergner. With the artistic abilities of her mother and her father's flare for mischief, Patti's philosophy in life was simple: be kind and enjoy the simple things. The family's summer cottage on Shawano Lake was the source of most of Patti's favorite memories.

Being one of the original Ski Sharks, her perfect days could be described as skiing from sunup until sundown.

For 27 years, she was known famously as Payroll Patti while working for the Menominee Tribe of Wisconsin as payroll coordinator, a position she took the utmost pride in. She was a dedicated employee who loved to show off her superpower of knowing everyone's employee number at a moment's notice. She was usually the first one in the building and set off the occasional alarm, which conveniently introduced her to the maintenance guy, Guy Crowe.

The pairing was truly a perfect example of opposites attract. Together, they had daughter, Carina, who was the long-awaited,



final member of Patti's children, the original misfits Melody, Ross and Reid.

As amazing as Patti was at payroll, being a mom was where she truly shined. She guided by sharing lessons from her mistakes rather than preaching "because I said so." She encouraged following your own path but knowing home would always be right where you left it, all while knowing Mom is your number one fan. Because of this, Patti found herself surrounded by bonus kids. Those who made it to the famed fourth visit seemed to never leave, enjoying countless movie nights, bonfires and Sunday suppers.

She is survived by her sister, Wendy (Curt) Retzlaff; children, Melody (Jason) Bartz, Ross Peterman, Reid (Kori) Peterman and Carina Crowe;

MARVIN GEHM

Marvin Gehm, 87, Town of Washington, passed away May 15, 2026, in the same house he was born in, in 1938.

He attended Tracy Corners Grade School and Bonduel High School, graduating in 1956. He met his future wife, Carol Schneider, at a dance at the Fox Ballroom in Cecil. They were married March 22, 1958. Together, they worked on the family farm and raised two children, Bonnie and Steve.

He was a member of the Cecil/Town of Washington Fire Department and White Clay Lake Sportsman's Club. He found time to work off the farm as well, as an LTE Wisconsin conservation warden, Town of Washington constable, tilling gardens for a multitude of local residents and probably his favorite job — picking up roadkill deer



in Shawano and Oconto counties.

He was an avid trapper, hunter and fisherman. While he fished quite a few lakes and rivers, White Clay Lake was definitely his favorite. After his health kept him home, he stayed in close contact with his fishing buddies, Scott and Fred.

In his 40s, he was diagnosed with muscular dystrophy and told by the

grandchildren, Zoey, Syrus and Draxton; grand puppies, Sharlow and Oakley; grand kitty, Bellatrix; sister by choice, Debbie Downs; and lifelong best friend, Cindy Melau.

She was preceded in death by parents, Elroy "Butch" and Beverly "Bev" Bergner; significant other, Guy Crowe; and grand puppies, Chevy, Fiona, Max and Windsor.

For those who knew Patti, her infectious smile, kind heart and comical comments brought sunshine to the stormiest of days. She would not want her loved ones to mourn her but celebrate her, so get outside on a beautiful sunny day in a field of daisies, enjoy the world around you while listening to Michael Bolton's greatest hits and enjoy her in your memories.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, May 29, 2026, at Swedberg Funeral Home in Shawano with Pastor David Kaiser officiating. Visitation will begin on Friday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service.

The family would like to share gratitude to the wonderful, caring staff of Shawano Place and Moments Hospice for all the love they gave their "Patticakes/ Ms. Patti," especially during the difficult final weeks.

doctors that he would be in a wheelchair within 20 years. He was bullheaded enough to keep going and put off the wheelchair until his last few years of life.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ewald and Esther (Brede) Gehm; and his wife of 64 years, Carol, in 2023.

He is survived by his children, Bonnie (Tom) Timm and Steve; granddaughters, Jennifer (Tom) Richter and Emily (James) Brown; great-grandchildren, Gianna and Hunter; friend and caregiver, Armando Llanas; and his dog, Paco.

A private remembrance will be held at a later date.

The family would like to express their deepest thanks to everyone at Unity Hospice, especially CNA Hannah, for their extraordinary care and support.

Diana Lee Radtke, 77, of Zachow, passed away Friday, May 15, 2026.

She was born Aug. 6, 1948, to the late Richard and Alice (Sauer) Mayef-ske in Panama. Diana graduated from Bonduel High School and went on to earn her bachelor's degree in physical therapy from UW-Madison. On Feb. 4, 1971, she was united in marriage to Terry Radtke in Anamosa, Iowa.

Diana worked as a physical therapist all her life through CESA 8 and through various school districts that included Green Bay, Gillett, Oconto Falls, Bonduel and numerous others. She possessed a kind and gentle heart especially for the children she worked with who had disabilities. She had a deep passion for her career for over 40 years.

Diana was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Zachow all her life. When she wasn't busy working and raising her children, you could always find her tending to her vegetable

DIANA LEE RADTKE



garden and visiting with loved ones. Diana loved to travel and spend time with her family. Whether it was traveling to Europe with her kids and grandkids, or visiting at the cabin at Crooked Lake near Mountain, her family was her world.

She was an avid Brewers, Packers and Badgers fan. Those who remember Diana knew her as being a patient, kind, sensitive, loving, and caring woman, and she will be deeply missed.

Diana is survived by: her husband of 55 years, Terry; her children, Suzie

(Bill) Wons, Tom Radtke, Mike (Carolyn) Radtke and Rian (Emma) Radtke; her grandchildren, Leah (Dale), Garrett, Sophia, Ava and Ruthie; her siblings, Steve Mayef-ske, Tina (Gary) Huck, Pam (Jeff) Dercks, David (Jeanne) Mayef-ske, Jim (Lori) Mayef-ske and Becky (Darren) Wheelock; her brother-in-law, Don (Ruby) Tincher. She is further survived by numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Preceding Diana in death is: her parents, Richard and Alice; and her sister, Sandra Tincher.

A funeral service for Diana was held Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at Zion Lutheran Church in Zachow with the Rev. Richard Buhrke officiating. Burial was held in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Shawano.

Swedberg Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

www.swedbergfuneralhome.com

PATRICK MAURICE BENTZ



Patrick Maurice Bentz, better known as "Otto" to his family and friends, was called to his final rest at 11 p.m. Monday, May 18, 2026. He passed on to his eternal rest after an eight-yearlong battle with several reoccurring cancers, as a result of his exposure to Agent Orange while serving with distinction as a corporal with the United States Marine Corps in the highlands of Vietnam.

Patrick was born Dec. 16, 1947, in Shawano to the late Maurice C. Bentz and Marian Elizabeth (Harris) Bentz.

Patrick lived his early life in Shawano, attending Sacred Heart Catholic, Shawano Junior High and Shawano Senior High School, graduating with the class of 1967. After his service with the Marines, he worked for 35-plus years as a maintenance engineer with the Kimberly-Clark Corporation in Neenah.

After his retirement,

Patrick moved to Arizona for a number of years before returning to Shawano in 2019.

Patrick will be remembered as a man dedicated to his family, his love of camping and the outdoors, and his devotion to those in need, especially to his fellow veterans. In his later years, he loved recounting the tales of his youth driving his 1956 Chevy through the mooseyards with his lifelong buddy, "Faz."

Patrick was preceded in death by his wife, Karen

Bentz; his parents, Maurice and Marian Bentz; and one infant half-brother, Maurice Bentz.

Patrick is survived by his daughter, Rebecca, and son-in-law, Aaron Foster, of Winona, Minnesota; daughter, Rachel, of Shawano; son, Bernard, of Forest Lake, Minnesota. He is further survived by his siblings, Jeffrey (Carol) of Shawano, Gregory of Green Bay, Rosemary of Shawano, Maureen of Shawano, Michael (Lota) of Shawano and Jennifer Bentz-Kriewaldt of Shawano; as well as numerous cousins, in-laws, nieces and nephews.

Per Patrick's request, a private family graveside service will be conducted at the Holy Family Catholic Cemetery in Mattoon. A celebration of Patrick's life will be held on Saturday, May 30, 2026, from 11:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. at Stubbins Brothers in the upstairs ballroom.

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LEGAL NOTICES



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ORDINANCE NO.: 2058
SPONSORED BY: Plan Commission
INTRODUCED BY: Hauer
SECONDED BY: Meyer

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHAWANO, WISCONSIN, DO ORDAIN that Chapter 10, ZONING CODE, Article X Administration and Procedures, Section 10-170 Zoning Map amendment is hereby amended to re-zone the following described property from Rural Holdings (RH-35) to Multifamily Residential (MR-10) zoning district:

Property more commonly known as: parcel #281-294100020, Legal description: City of Shawano NE ¼ SE ¼ & Prt of SE ¼ NE ¼ & Prt of SE ¼ SE ¼ KNA Lot 1 CSM V12 P227 Map #2976 Sec 29 T27N R16E). Said parcel contains 45.80 acres. This parcel is located behind 221 N Airport Drive.

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

Adopted: May 18, 2026
Published: May 29, 2026

Signed: /s/ Bruce Milavitz
Bruce Milavitz, Mayor
Signed: /s/ Lesley Nemetz
Lesley Nemetz, City Clerk
WNAXLP
SHA-207

5/22/26, 5/29/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

Agenda
Board of Adjustment - Public Hearing Notice Meeting
Thursday, June 11, 2026 @ 9:00 AM
Shawano County Courthouse, Rooms A & B
311 N Main St., Shawano, WI
Members: Alan Beyer, Bill Bowers, John Stezenski, Thomas Tauferner, Gary Thomack
Alternates: 1st Robert Krause, 2nd David Korth
Notice is hearby given that a public hearing will be held by the Shawano County Board of Adjustment under the Shawano County Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 40, in rooms A/B on June 11, 2026 at 9AM, to consider the following application:
V-1-26: Henry & Windy Perry, owners of Maple Leaf Farms of Tigerton LLC request variance to construct a single family dwelling at a maximum of 850 feet from the centerline of School House Road in the OAR, Open Lands, Agriculture and Residential Zoning District, where the maximum allowed setback between principal residential structure and public road right of way centerline is 323 feet per Option A of the Shawano County Code of Ordinances Property is located and described as the Northwest ¼ of the Fractional Northeast ¼. Except Part Described in Volume 499 Page 437 Section 6, Town 27 North, Range 13 East, in the Town of Seneca. Tax Parcel #: 042-06120-0000. Property Address: W14261 School House Road.
Any interested person may address the Board of Adjustment 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 Board 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 June 11, 2026 Notice is further given that printed copies of these proposals are available for public inspection in the Planning & 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 12th day of May, 2026.
For: The Shawano County Board of Adjustment
By: Kyle Waelchli, Zoning Administrator
The Board of Adjustment will be meeting after the public hearing to deliberate and take possible action on the following items:
1. Public hearing decisions
V-1-25: Henry & Windy Perry owners of Maple Leaf Farms of Tigerton LLC
2. Approval of minutes from previous meeting.
6-12-25 Public Hearing and Meeting Minutes
3. Board member comments or new business to be considered at a future meeting.
4. Correspondence.
5. Set next public hearing date.
6. Adjournment.
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, WTCR Radio, Shawano County Civic website @ coshawanowi.civicweb.net

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5/22/26, 5/29/26, 6/5/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BEVERLY J. BERGNER
Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No. 26 PR 29
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 07/29/1932 and date of death 02/18/2026, was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 1008 E Stevens Street, Shawano, WI 54166.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is August 28, 2026.
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, Attn: Register in Probate, 311 N. Main St., Shawano, WI 54166, Room 202.
BY THE COURT:
DATE SIGNED: May 12, 2026
Electronically signed by Gwen Hoffman, Probate Registrar
Form completed by: Attorney Michael A. Maas
Heritage Law Firm, LLC
2050 Riverside Drive
Green Bay, WI 54301
Telephone: 920-785-8570
Bar Number: 1061377

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SHA-201

5/22/26, 5/29/26, 6/5/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT
IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE
Shawn Alexander Terry
By Shawn Alexander Terry
Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing
Case No. 26CV102
NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From:
Shawn Alexander Terry
To:
Shawn Alexander Coffey
Birth Certificate:
Shawn Alexander Terry
This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Shawano County, State of Wisconsin
Katie Sloma

Shawano County Courthouse Branch 1
311 Main St, Shawano, WI 54166
July 29, 2026
8:15 a.m.

WNAXLP
SHA-203

5/29/26, 6/5/26, 6/12/26
STOCKBRIDGE-MUNSEE
TRIBAL COURT

Mohican Nation Stockbridge-Munsee Community
Dakota Sky Adams
Petitioner,
requesting the change of name from:
Dakota Sky Adams
to
Dakota Sky Linwood
Case No.2026-NC-0001
NOTICE OF COURT DATE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a petition for name change has been filed in the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Court in

A hearing on the petition will be held on Friday, July 17, 2026, at 10:00 AM at the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Court in Bowler, Wisconsin.

Any person objecting to the requested name change may appear at the hearing and present objections to the Court.

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5/22/26, 5/29/26, 6/5/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MATHIAS J. KATCH
Notice Setting Time to Hear Application and Deadline for Filing Claims (Informal Administration)
Case No. 2026-PR-000024
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 01/23/1939 and date of death 11/19/2025 was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 212 N. Humphrey Circle, Shawano, WI 54166.
3. The application will be heard at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main St., Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202, before Gwen Hoffman, Probate Registrar, on Tuesday, July 7, 2026 at 10:00 A.M.
You do not need to appear unless you object. The application may be granted if there is no objection.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is September 11, 2026.
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, Attn: Register in Probate, 311 N. Main St., Shawano, WI 54166, Room 202.
6. This publication is notice to any persons whose names or address are unknown.
The names or addresses of the following interested persons (if any) are not known or reasonably ascertainable: Sara Katch and Jessica Smith
If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-526-8631 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.
BY THE COURT:
DATE SIGNED: May 13, 2026
Electronically signed by Gwen Hoffmann, Probate Registrar
Form completed by: Atty. Michael A. Maas
Address
Heritage Law Firm, LLC
2050 Riverside Drive
Green Bay, WI 54301
Telephone Number: 920-785-8570
Bar Number: 1061377

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5/29/26, 6/5/26, 6/12/26

STATE OF WISCONSIN,
CIRCUIT COURT, MENOMINEE TRIBAL CT COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF
Angela Marie Kayler
By (Petitioner) Angela Marie Kayler
Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing
Case No 26NC01

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From:
[First] Angela
[Middle] Marie
[Last] Kayler
To:
[First] Angela
[Middle] Marie
[Last] Waukau LaRoque
Birth Certificate
[First] Angela
[Middle] Marie
[Last] Davis
IT IS ORDERED
This Petition will be heard in the Circuit court of Menom. Tribal County, State of Wisconsin
Honorable Michael O'Reilly
Menominee Tribal Court
W3293 Wolf River DR
Keshena, WI 54135
July 1, 2026
10:00a.m.

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5/15/26, 5/22/26, 5/29/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

STATE OF WISCONSIN - CIRCUIT COURT- SHAWANO COUNTY

File No. 2026CV000047
WI260031
Case Code: 30404

Newrez LLC
55 Beattie Pl
Greenville, SC 29603

Plaintiff,

vs.

Cody Wanta;
Unknown Spouse, if any, of Cody Wanta;
Bobbijo Schreiber;
Unknown Spouse, if any, of Bobbijo Schreiber; and
Unknown Tenants, if any, of W16064 Dent Creek Rd
Tigerton, WI 54486

Defendants,

If you need help in this matter because of a disability, please call: 715-526-9347

TO THE PERSON(S) NAMED ABOVE AS DEFENDANT(S):
You are being sued by the person(s) named above as Plaintiff(s).

Within forty (40) days of 05/15/2026, you must respond with a written demand for a copy of the complaint. The demand must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is: Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N Main Street, 2nd Floor, Room 206, Shawano, WI 54166, and to Janelle G Ewing of The Sayer Law Group, P.C., attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 925 E 4th St, Waterloo, IA 50703. You may have an attorney help or represent you.

If you do not demand a copy within 40 days of 05/15/2026, the court may enter a judgment against you in favor of the person(s) suing you. A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above. 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 15th day of May 2026

By:/s/ Janelle G Ewing
Janelle G. Ewing, Esq. of counsel
Wisconsin State Bar No.: 1120973
The Sayer Law Group, P.C.
925 E 4th St.
Waterloo, IA 50703
Phone: 319-234-2530
Fax: 319-232-6341
E-Mail: jhiller@sayerlaw.com
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5/29/26, 6/5/26, 6/12/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

STATE OF WISCONSIN
IN THE MATTER OF:
THE EGGERT REVOCABLE TRUST
DATED FEBRUARY 7, 1994
SHAWANO COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
LIMITATION ON CLAIMS
(Trust Administration)
The administration of the trust has commenced for the decedent-grantor, Kenneth C. Eggert, whose date of birth was December 29, 1933, and date of death was January 7, 2026. The decedent died with a residence in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a post office address of W1436 Naumann Road, Shawano, Wisconsin 54111.
Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes §701.0508, creditors' claims must be filed with Faye A. LeTourneau, trustee of The Eggert Revocable Trust dated February 7, 1994, with the power and authority to pay the debts of the decedent, at the address provided below, on or before September 15, 2026.
Lewis & Van Sickle, LLC 2149 Velp Avenue, Suite 206 Green Bay, WI 54303
8th day of May 2026.
Faye A. LeTourneau, Trustee
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SHA-204

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STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
SHAWANO COUNTY
Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing
Case No. 26CV114
IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF
Julie Jean Hoeffs
By Julie Jean Hoeffs
NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: Julie Jean Hoeffs
To: Julie Jean Luepke
Birth Certificate: Julie Jean Luepke
IT IS ORDERED:
This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Shawano County, State of Wisconsin
Judge Name: William F Kussel Jr
Place: Shawano County Courthouse
411 S. Main St, Shawano, WI 54166
Date: July 1 2026
Time: 8:45 a.m.

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5/15/26, 5/22/26, 5/29/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC
Plaintiff,
vs.
DUSTIN G. DEMRO; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DUSTIN DEBRO, IF ANY; et al., Defendants.
CASE NO.2025CV000220
FORECLOSURE CASE CODE: 30404
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered on January 13, 2026, in the amount of \$253,867.76, the Sheriff, or Designee, will sell the described premises at public auction as follows:
TIME: June 10, 2026, at 9:00 AM
TERMS:
1. 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 of certified funds no later than ten days after the court's confirmation of the sale or else the 10% down payment will be forfeited to the Plaintiff.
2. Sold "as is" and subject to all legal liens and encumbrances.
3. Buyer to pay applicable Wisconsin Real Estate Transfer Tax in addition to the purchase price.
PLACE: main level of the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 North Main Street, Shawano, WI 54166
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: LOT THREE (3), BLOCK TWO (2), OF J.J. BRZEZINSKI'S FIRST ADDITION, IN THE TOWN OF ANGELICA, SHAWANO COUNTY, WISCONSIN. TAX KEY NO.: 004600500100 PROPERTY ADDRESS: W145 CENTER STREET, KRAKOW, WI 54137
Submitted by: _ Scott D. Nabke Bar No.: 1037979 Diaz Anselmo & Associates, P.A. P.O. BOX 19519 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33318 Telephone: (954) 564-0071 Facsimile: (954) 564-9252 Service E-mail: answersms@dallegal.com Dated this 1 day of May 2026
George Lenzner Shawano County Sheriff or Designee
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5/15/26, 5/22/26, 5/29/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT
Plaintiff,
Aida Noemy Umana
422 N. Ashland Ave Green Bay, WI 54303
-VS-
Defendant,
Bonnie Lu Griesbach
608 Maiden LN Shawano, WI 54166
Publication Summons and Notice (Small Claims)
Case No. 26SC207
If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court prior to process, please call the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.
Publication Summons and Notice of Filing
TO THE PERSON(S) NAMED ABOVE AS DEFENDANT(S):
You are being sued by the person(s) named above as Plaintiff(s). A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above. The lawsuit will be heard in the following small claims court:
Shawano County Courthouse 715-526-9347
County Board Room
311 N Main St. Shawano, WI 54166
06/09/2026
1:00 p.m.
If you do not attend the hearing, the court may enter a judgment against you in favor of the person(s) suing you. A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate (property) you own now or in the future and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property. You may have the option to Answer without appearing in court on the court date by filing a written Answer with the clerk of court before the court date. You must send a copy of your Answer to the Plaintiff(s) named above at their address. You may contact the clerk of court at the telephone number above to determine if there are other methods to answer a Small Claims complaint in that county.
Aida N. Umana
5/6/2026
422 north Ashland Ave
Green Bay, WI 54303
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5/29/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0028452-10-0
Permittee: Wolf Treatment Plant
Commission, PO Box 452, Shawano, WI, 54166
Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Wolf Treatment Plant, N4802 River Bend Road, Shawano, Wisconsin
Receiving Water And Location: Wolf River in Middle Wolf River Watershed of Wolf River River Basin in Shawano County
Brief Facility Description: The Wolf Treatment Plant provides treatment for wastewaters generated in the City of Shawano, the Shawano Lake Sanitary District (SLSD), the Richmond Sanitary District, the Village of Bonduel, the Village of Cecil (through SLSD), and the Belle Plaine-Waukechon Utility District, all in east central Shawano County. The permittee's collection system consists of interceptor sewers that connect to its customers' collection systems, which are separate sanitary sewerage systems. Treatment consists of preliminary treatment of mechanical step screening and vortex hydraulic grit removal followed by secondary, biological treatment with anoxic/anaerobic selector basins followed by aeration basins and final clarifiers. Phosphorus removal is accomplished with biological nutrient removal supplemented by chemical precipitation using ferric chloride. Secondary effluent is disinfected on a seasonal basis (May – September) with sodium hypochlorite and dechlorinated with sodium bisulfite. Effluent is discharged on a continuous basis via Outfall 001 to the south bank of the Wolf River, approx. 0.75 mi downstream of the Highway M (Lieg Street) Bridge.
Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Ashley Clark, 2984 Shawano Ave, Green Bay, WI, 54313, (920) 857-0450, AshleyM.Clark@wisconsin.gov
Basin Engineer's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Brooke Klingbeil, 225051RibMtnDr, Wausau, WI 54401, (715) 495-1336, brooke.klingbeil@wisconsin.gov
The Department has tentatively decided that the above-specified WPDES permit should be reissued.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the proposed permit action, or to request a public hearing, may write to the Department of Natural Resources at the above-named permit drafter's address. All comments or suggestions received no later than 30 days after the publication date of this public notice will be considered along with other information on file in making a final decision regarding the permit. Anyone providing comments in response to this public notice will receive a notification of the Department's final decision when the permit is issued. Where designated as a reviewable surface water discharge permit, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is allowed up to 90 days to submit comments or objections regarding this permit determination. If no comments are received on the proposed permit from anyone, including U.S. EPA, the permit will be issued as proposed.
The Department may schedule a public informational hearing if requested by any person and shall schedule a public informational hearing if a petition requesting a hearing is received from 5 or more persons or if response to this notice indicates significant public interest pursuant to s. 283.49, Wis. Stats. Requests for a public informational hearing shall state the following: the name and address of the person(s) requesting the hearing; the interest in the proposed permit of the person(s) requesting the hearing; the reasons for the request; and the issues proposed to be considered at the hearing.
Information on file for this permit action, including the draft permit, fact sheet and permit application, may be inspected and copied at either the above-named permit drafter's office or the above named basin engineer's office, Monday through Friday (except holidays), between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Please call the permit drafter or basin engineer for directions to their office location, if necessary.
Information on this permit action may also be obtained by calling the permit drafter at (920) 857-0450 or by writing to the Department. Reasonable costs (15 cents per page for copies and 7 cents per page for scanning) will be charged for information in the file other than the public notice, permit and fact sheet. Permit information is also available on the internet at: http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/wastewater/PublicNotices.html . Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodation, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be made to qualified individuals upon request.

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5/29/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

Notice of Self Storage Sale
Please take notice Just Simple Storage - Gresham - Upper Lake Dr & Cherry Rd located at W10711 Upper Lake Dr / W10129 Cherry Rd, Gresham, WI, 54128 intends to hold a public sale of storage units in default of payment. The sale will occur as an Online Auction via www.bid13.com on 6/18/2026 at 12:00PM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods, furnishings and garage essentials. Simeon Johnson; Jerrod King. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

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Elderon VFW raising funds for new clubhouse

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

After nearly half a century in its current home, Elderon Memorial VFW Post 8068 is looking for a new location. The clubhouse is approaching its 45th anniversary after previously serving many years as an insurance agency. While it has served the VFW well, it has become difficult to keep up the maintenance, accessibility requirements and updates that are required after decades of service. Members said a new clubhouse has become necessary; as a nonprofit veterans organization, they are soliciting funds to assist in this goal. They have formed a committee to organize the efforts and plan to have local fundraising events to bring awareness to the building project. VFW Post 8068 was formed Feb. 8,

1976, and the clubhouse was dedicated in September 1981. Members honor fallen service members, place flags on graves for Memorial Day, award scholarships to high school students, provide color guards for local parades and events and support local community organizations. To donate, make checks payable to Elderon Memorial VFW Post 8068 - Building Fund and mail to P.O. Box 94, Elderon WI 54429. A donor thank you will be published in local newspapers and on a donors plaque that will be placed in the new building. For information, contact Melvin “Doc” Dockins, quartermaster, at 715-881-1819; Bob Wanta, senior vice commander, at 715-853-2807; Ted Kowalski, commander, at 360-632-5254; or email 0M8068@mail.com.



Rita Bekter from Central Wisconsin Electric Co-op Operation Roundup presents Bob Wanta from Elderon Memorial VFW Post 8068 with a donation to help with construction of their new clubhouse in Elderon. The post serves many communities through its service projects. CONTRIBUTED

Construction continues on apartments

Crews continue to build the SCS Wittenberg apartments at 403 Freedom Way, Wittenberg. Built by S.C. Swiderski, the five buildings across 6.81 acres will feature one, two- and three-bedroom options. Other multifamily projects are underway in Athens, New London, Eau Claire, Schofield, Chetek, Spencer, Ripon and Colby, as well as Crystal Falls, Michigan.

KEVIN PASSON | NEW MEDIA



Trees to be removed for future development

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Several acres of trees on the southeast corner of County Road B and South Airport Drive will soon be clear cut in preparation for commercial development. The Shawano Common Council on May 18 approved the conditional use permit recommended by the plan commission, which OK'd the permit April 29.

Torborg and Daughters LLC will clear cut the trees on 28.49 acres between County Road B and state Highway 29. While the clear cutting is in preparation of future commercial development, there are currently no plans to develop the site, according to the plan commission. Vegetation guidelines will need to be followed on the site until then.



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Friday, May 29, 2026 • 8pm

The poster features a silhouette of Clint Black in a cowboy hat, holding a guitar, standing on a stage with a large crowd in the background under a sunset sky. The text "CLINT BLACK" is in large, white, serif font, with "BLACK" being significantly larger. Below it, "BACK ON THE BLACKTOP TOUR" is in a smaller, orange, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the date and time "Friday, May 29, 2026 • 8pm" are in a white, sans-serif font.

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The poster features a central image of Jamey Johnson walking away on a dirt road towards a city skyline, carrying a guitar. To the left are circular portraits of Ashley McBryde and Logan Spicer. To the right is a circular portrait of Jamey Johnson. The text "JAMEY JOHNSON" is in large, bold, black, sans-serif font. Below it, "TRAVELING TRUEBADOUR TOUR" is in a smaller, brown, serif font. The date and venue "SATURDAY JULY 25 | NORTH STAR MOHICAN CASINO RESORT" are in a white, sans-serif font. At the bottom, there is information about tickets, outdoor concert, RV campsite packages, and a QR code to scan for tickets.

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2026 Program

SUNNY DROP DAY

Friday

June 5th

4:30-10PM

Saturday

June 6th

10-10PM

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SUMMER ORIGINALS



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Every year, Sun Drop Dayz puts on a family-friendly festival in the heart of Shawano.

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In addition to some great music, there is a 3-on-3 basketball tournament, a craft fair and flea market and the annual Sun Drop 5k run/walk.

As always, there is an ever growing kidz zone with bounce houses, face painting and many games for the littlest ones.

Established by Leadership Shawano County class of 2016, Sun Drop Dayz kicks

off the summer season in Shawano County, held annually on the first weekend in June.

As of our 2025, Sun Drop Dayz has donated more than \$200,000 to local non-profit organizations. Every year, new non-profits are selected to receive all proceeds from the event.

In 2025 alone, Sun Drop Dayz donated \$67,558.31 to beneficiaries including Shawano Area Humane Society, Sacred Heart, Fever Fastpitch, Shawano Jazz, Red River Riders and Bridge the Gap.

This year, the recipients are Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Wisconsin, SAFPARC, Optimist Club, St. Francis Church, Shawano Paddlers and NWTCEducational Foundation.

Stop down June 5-6, and sample local sodas and cuisine while you are entertained by great bands and energizing attractions.





2026 Event Schedule

June 5th & 6th



E. Elizabeth Street, Shawano WI

Sundrop Museum is OPEN!!

920 S Franklin St, Shawano WI 54166

Horse Wagon rides from event grounds
to Sundrop museum: Friday 5pm-8pm
and Saturday noon-5pm

Museum Hours:

Friday 10am-6pm

Saturday 10am-6pm

Friday June 5th

4:30pm - 10:00pm

Kidz Zone

4:30pm - 8:00pm // Inflatables only

Music

● DJ MC Whitehorse

4:30pm - 6:30pm

● Wet Possum

7:00pm - 10:00pm

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Saturday June 6th

10:00am - 10:00pm

Flea Market & Antiques

6:00am // 713 S Main St, Shawano

5k Run/Walk

9:00am

Craft Fair

10:00am - 4:00pm

Kidz Zone

10:00am - 8:00pm

Gym Class Heros 365

9:00am

Lumberjack Competition

12:00pm - 5:00pm

Music

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● Trigger Trippers

12:00 - 2:00pm

● Spicy Tie Band

3:00pm - 6pm

● THE GLAM BAND

6:45pm - 10:00pm



The Bandz

The Glam Bnad

Saturday, 6:45 p.m.

The Glam Band is made up of six guys with a love of '80s Hair Metal.

A few friends sitting at a bar talking about how cool '80s rock was led to an inaugural show on a Tuesday night at Riders Saloon in Kimberly back in 2007. The crowd reaction at that first event was unbelievably positive, and The Glam Band was born. The band started out as a five-piece ensemble and later added a keyboardist in 2013. This six-piece band is now in their 17th year of bringing a killer decadent '80s rock show to venues across Green Ba and The Fox Cities.

The band gets its name from the Glam Metal era of music, also known as Hair Metal or Pop Metal. It is a subgenre of hard rock and heavy metal, and is most known for its catchy hooks and guitar riffs. This style can be traced back to acts like Aerosmith, Alice Cooper, Cheap Trick, Kiss, The New York Dolls and Van Halen.

Glam Metal arose in the late 1970s and early 1980s in the United States, particularly on the Los Angeles Sunset Strip music scene, pioneered by bands such as Motley Crue, Quiet Riot, Ratt and Bon Jovi. It was popular throughout the 1980s and the beginning of the 1990s, bringing to prominence bands including Poison, Cinderella and Warrant. Glam metal was notably associated with flashy clothing and makeup. Many bands from this era featured long shaggy or backcombed hair, accessories, metal studs, leather and make-up during their live performances.



Less than an hour into the first day of Sun Drop Dayz in 2025, the line was lengthy to get Sun Drop slushies in the food area.

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The Bandz

DJ MC WhiteHorse

Friday, 4:30 p.m.

MC Whitehorse (Clint Whitehorse) is a Wisconsin-based DJ, master of ceremonies and founder of Badger State DJs with more than 16 years of experience. Known for hosting high-energy events, he specializes in school proms, Wisconsin Dells resort parties and theme nights like the 2026 Shawano SunDrop Dayz.

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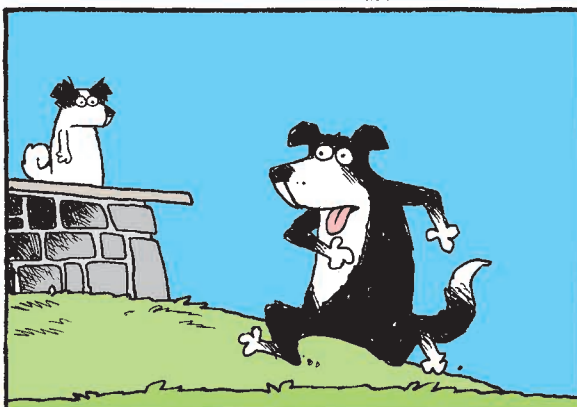
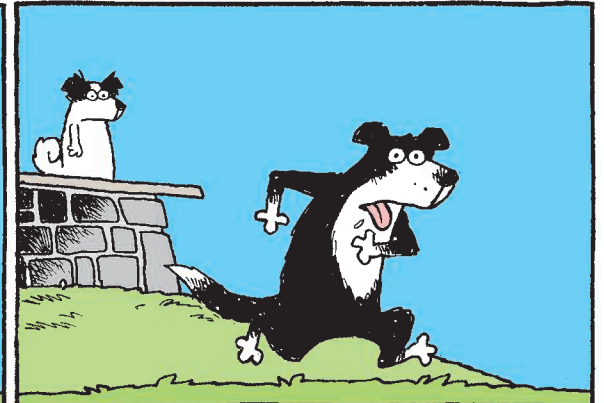
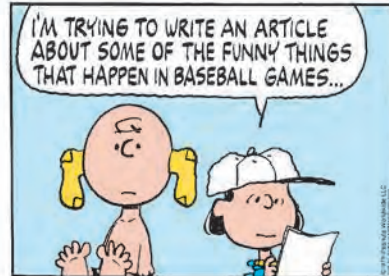
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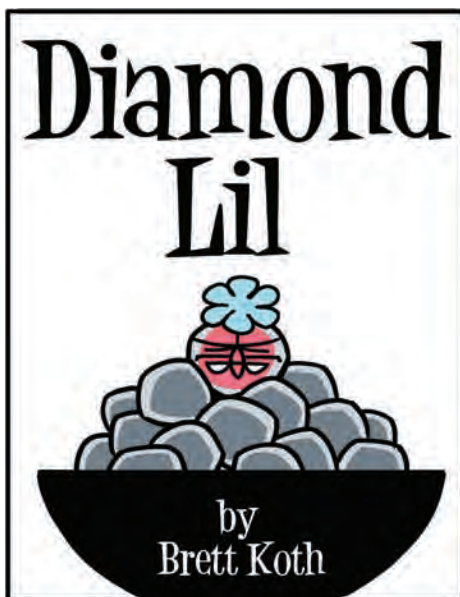
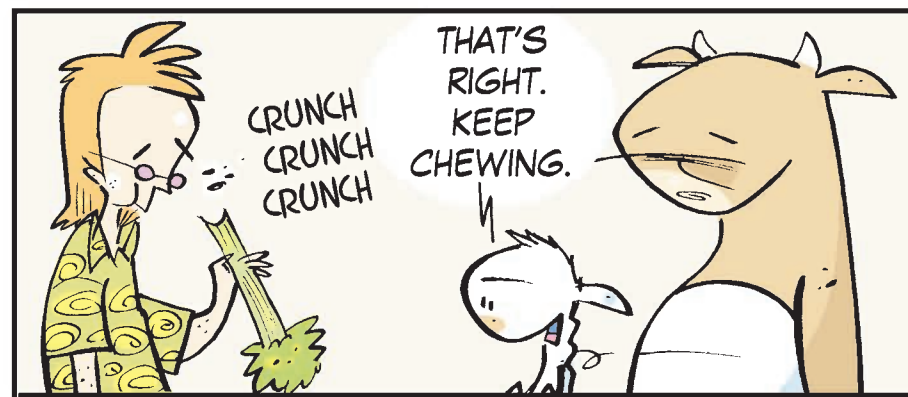
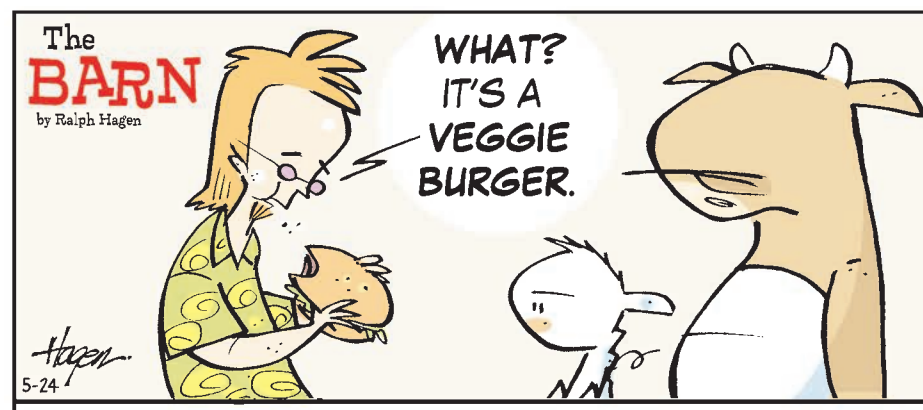
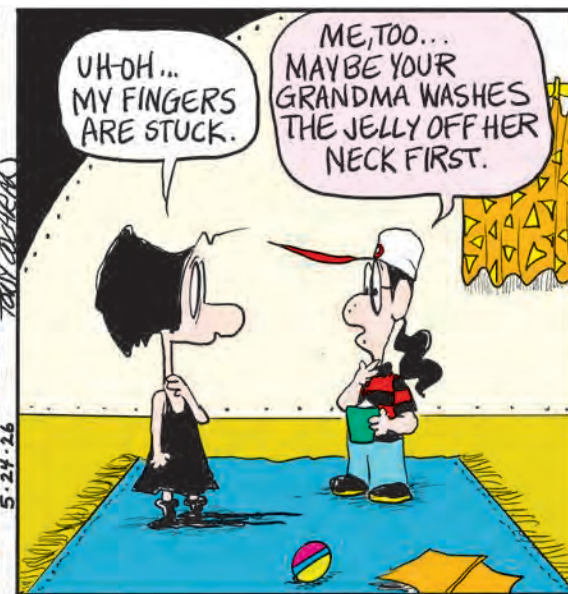
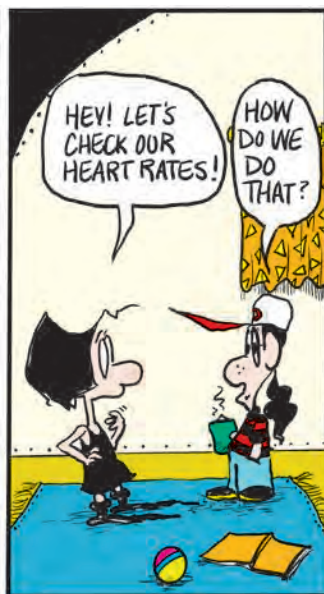
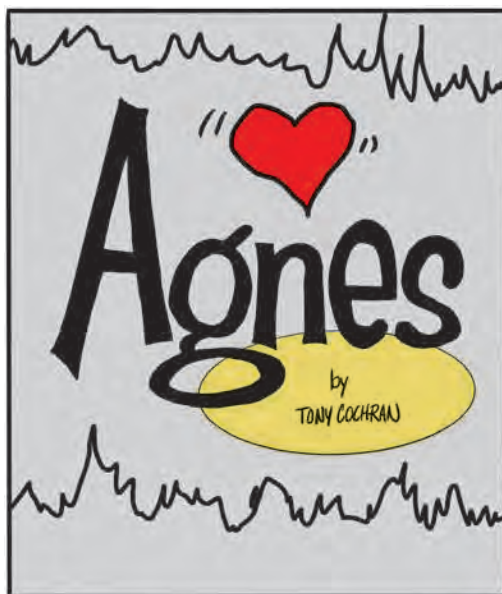
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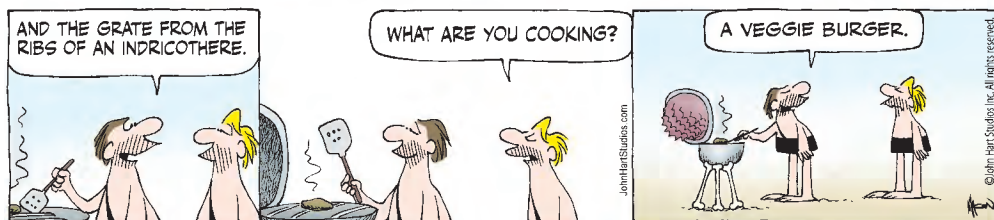
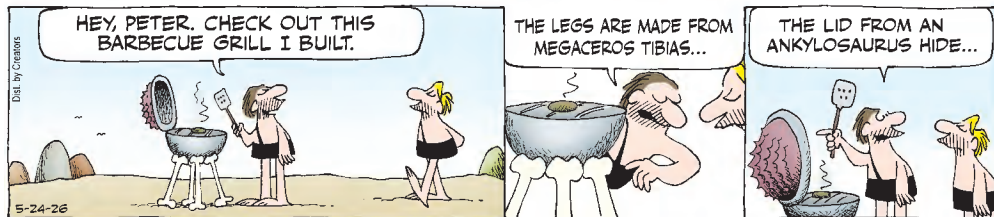
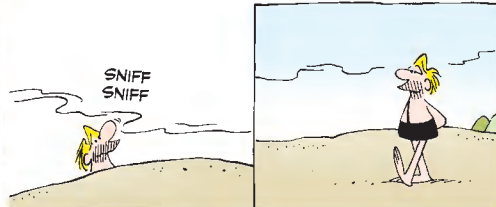
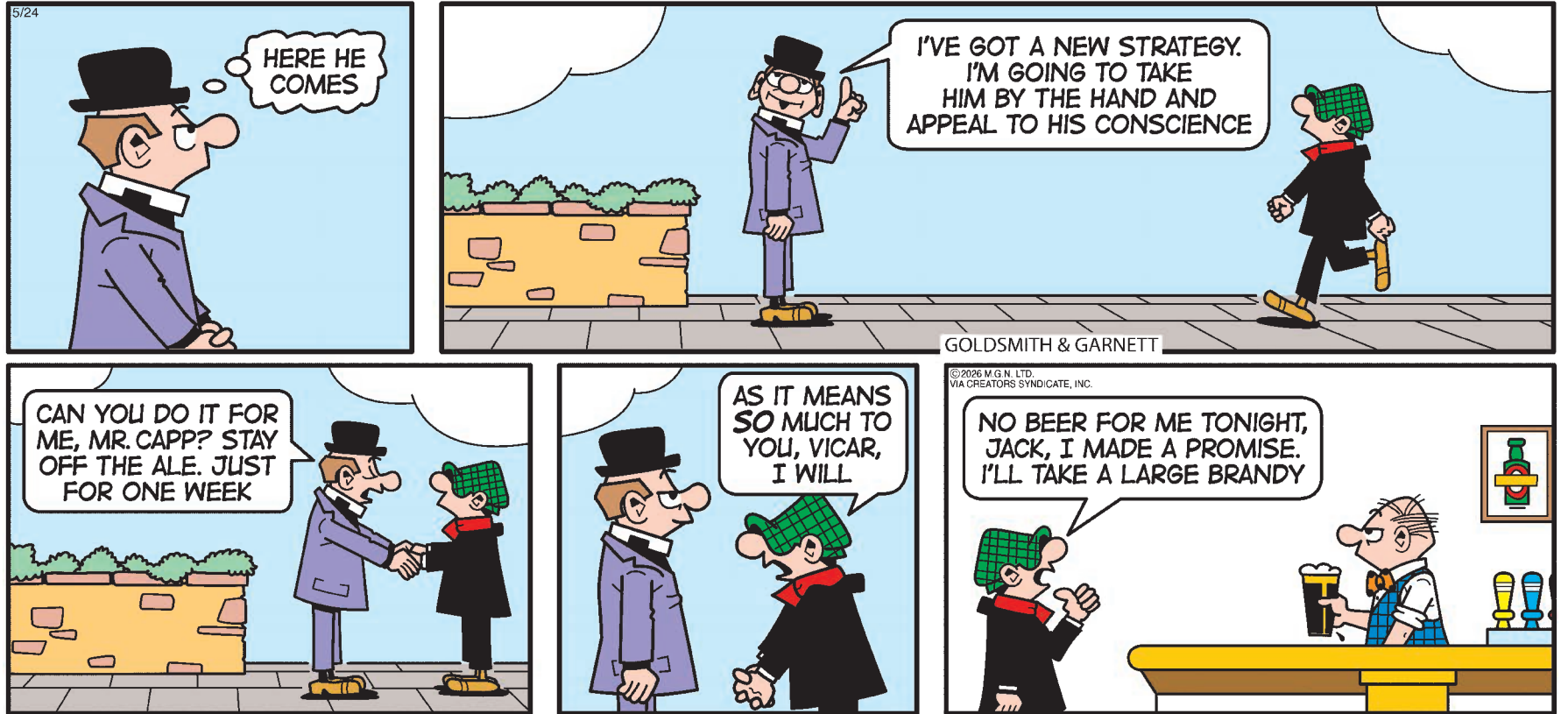
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