



Gov. Tony Evers, left, talks with Suring School District Superintendent Bob Caelwaerts during a May 28 tour of the Suring School District to get his thoughts on what else the state can do to adequately fund schools. A recent relief spending package that would have used about \$600 million of a \$2.5 billion state surplus to provide one-time help to schools, especially special education, failed earlier this month.

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Man, 59, sentenced for death of motorcyclist

Wolf to serve 10 years in prison for 2022 crash

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

A 59-year-old man was sentenced to a decade behind bars after earlier being convicted of homicide by intoxicated use of a vehicle and a third-offense OWI.

Thomas Wolf rear-ended a motorcycle Aug. 3, 2022, killing Bart Erdman, of Oconto Falls.

On May 26, Oconto County Circuit Court Judge Jay Conley sentenced Wolf to 10 years in prison followed by 10 years on extended supervision and ordered a \$700 fine for the OWI conviction. Wolf also has to pay \$14,912.40 in restitution.

The original criminal complaint indicates Wolf was driving a pickup truck and Erdman was on a motorcycle, both of them traveling south on County Road I near Beaver Lake Road in the Town of Oconto Falls, when the truck rear-ended the motorcycle around 8:45 p.m.

The impact threw the Harley-Davidson into the east ditch and caused the pickup to spin counterclockwise and turn over at least once, also coming to rest in the ditch, the complaint said. Erdman was ejected and pronounced dead at the scene.

Data from Wolf's vehicle showed he was traveling about 70 mph just before the crash. The speed limit in the area was 55 mph.

A preliminary breath test showed Wolf had a blood alcohol concentration of 0.124%, according to a criminal complaint. The legal limit is 0.08%.

At the trial in March, the jury also convicted Wolf of homicide by negligent operation of a vehicle. Because homicide by negligent operation is also a lesser included offense of homicide by intoxicated use of a vehicle, Wisconsin law prohibits Wolf from being convicted of both to protect his double jeopardy rights. The count was ultimately dismissed by the court.

The prohibited alcohol concentration counts against Wolf were charged later, after results from a blood draw showed his blood alcohol content to be 0.136%. Defense attorney Timothy Hogan said evidence exists that the blood was kept in a hot car before testing, which could have increased the blood alcohol content.

Evers visits Suring schools in aftermath of relief failure

Governor visits classrooms, school business, REDgen

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

Gov. Tony Evers paid a visit to the Suring School District to check out the impressive work teachers and staff are doing with younger and older students alike, even as he feels the sting from the defeat a bipartisan bill he negotiated with Republican leaders in the Wisconsin Legislature. That bill would have, among other things, helped reimburse schools for special education expenses.

During a tour of the school, Evers got to join a class full of kindergarten students as they learned to scribble their feelings in various colors on coffee filters. He got to see the inner workings of Suring's crown gem, the Suring Marketing



Gov. Tony Evers sits down with kindergarten student Kataleya King to scribble colors on coffee filters during his May 28 visit to the Suring School District. The activity helped to enable students to describe what emotions they're feeling at a given time.

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HSHS hospitals honored for maximizing gift of life

Two HSHS hospitals – HSHS St. Vincent Hospital in Green Bay and HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital in Oconto Falls – were recognized by UW Organ and Tissue Donation for an ongoing commitment to saving and improving lives through organ and tissue donation.

Both hospitals, along with the 23 other award

recipients, were honored during a ceremony in April in Madison.

HSHS St. Clare received the “Excellence in Tissue Donation” award, given to recognize effective partnerships between hospital and tissue bank staff in delivered, coordinated and compassionate care, as well as stellar communication to families about tissue donation.

HSHS St. Vincent received a “Bronze Award of Hope,” given to hospitals that achieve or exceed at least one of UW Organ and Tissue’s metrics to maximize organ donation.

These awards also honor and remember the generosity of donors and the hospital colleagues who are on the front lines of this important work.



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Attorneys argue against dismissing lawsuit

More alleged victims step up

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

Attorneys representing nearly two dozen former students who claim sexual misconduct and sexual abuse due to action and inaction on the part of the Oconto Falls School Board have pushed back against the board’s motion to dismiss the federal lawsuit.

“The Board asks this court to immunize at least 35 years of institutional failure, corroborated not by one complaint but by sworn declarations from educators who lived it, students who reported it, parents who watched it and community members who tried to stop it, all of whom received the same response: dismissal, silence or retaliation,” according to a Disparti Law Group court filing. “The governing law forecloses the result

the board seeks. Plaintiffs’ claims are cognizable, timely and adequately pled. The motion should be denied in its entirety.”

The case results from allegations by former students that they were the victims of sexually-predatory behavior by staff members, and despite complaints to school officials, those officials did nothing to stop the behavior.

Allegations against a dozen staff members span 35 years and include inappropriate relationships, locker room intrusions, improper physical contact and dress requirements and sexual assault by a fellow student.

Earlier this month, the school board asked the court to dismiss the suit, “not to argue that sexual misconduct is acceptable or ever tolerated in its schools, but because as a matter of law, it cannot be financially liable for the acts of reprehensible teachers.”

The board said teachers

who engage in sexual misconduct should be punished but insisted the board is not financially liable for their actions.

The federal lawsuit against the Oconto Falls School District continues to grow, as two additional victims have now joined the case – along with new witnesses who are stepping forward after learning about the allegations.

The addition of new plaintiffs is further evidence of what appears to be a longstanding pattern, according to Cass Casper, lead attorney in the lawsuit.

When survivors begin to come forward in cases like this, it often signals that others who may have felt isolated or afraid are now finding the strength to speak. That is what is happening here, according to a statement by the law firm.

“Multiple individuals have contacted the hotline to share their experiences, some for the first time,” the statement reads. “Their accounts help paint a clearer picture of an environment where alleged misconduct may have gone unaddressed for years.

“Coming forward is never easy, especially in cases involving abuse by authority figures in a school setting. Many survivors carry these experiences for years before feeling safe enough to tell their story. The courage shown by these additional plaintiffs and witnesses cannot be overstated. Their voices are critical not only to holding institutions accountable, but also to protecting future students from similar harm.”

Attorneys expect more alleged victims to step forward. No future court hearings have been scheduled in the case.

DNR sting, investigation ends in poaching arrest

Pulcifer man charged with poaching in Town of Matteson

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

A Shawano County man is facing eight felony and misdemeanor charges in connection with an alleged deer poaching case in Waupaca County.

Dylan J. Wolff, 27, of Pulcifer, has been charged with two felony counts and six misdemeanor counts; he is scheduled to make his initial appearance in Waupaca County Circuit Court on June 4.

The Waupaca County District Attorney’s Office filed the charges after DNR conservation wardens confronted Wolff on Jan. 8 at Zion Lutheran Church Cemetery in the Waupaca County Town of Matteson.

According to the criminal complaint, Wolff faces two felony counts of bail jumping, two misdemeanor counts of failure to obtain a deer hunting license, two misdemeanor counts of hunting deer during closed season and two misdemeanor counts of activity during suspension/revocation (second offense within five years).

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

“The investigation revealed that between the dates of Oct. 17, 2024, and Jan. 8, 2026, Dylan

Wolff hunted and fished approximately 174 times during his period of revocation,” according to the criminal complaint. “The illegal hunting and fishing activities occurred in Shawano, Oconto, Waupaca, Brown and Forest counties. Wolff harvested approximately 22 deer and two turkeys, and caught approximately 43 fish.”

According to the criminal complaint, DNR warden Clark Delzer had been monitoring GPS tracker location data for Wolff’s vehicle. Delzer had observed Wolff frequenting the Zion Lutheran Church Cemetery in Embarrass several times in late 2025 and early 2026.

“Warden Delzer suspected (Wolff) was hunting in the area,” according to the complaint. “On Jan. 5, 2026, Delzer stopped at the cemetery and observed the tracks where Wolff had been marking the target vehicle, foot tracks leading into and out of the woods, a bottle of scent killer spray littered on the ground and multiple corn kernels on the ground where Wolff likely parked his vehicle.”

On Jan. 8, Delzer, DNR wardens Kaitlin Kernosky and Paul Hartrick and DNR law enforcement supervisor Andrew Lundin confronted Wolff in the cemetery.

When questioned by Delzer, Wolff initially said he had not killed any deer during the 2025 season and had not been hunting.

He admitted to shooting a buck Dec. 10, 2025, during the muzzleloader season on public land near Pella in Shawano

County; shooting a buck with a crossbow on Oct. 23, 2025, on Stockbridge-Munsee trust land behind North Star Mohican Casino in Shawano County; and hunting turkeys on various private properties in Shawano in Shawano and Oconto counties in 2025.

Lundin and Hartrick viewed Wolff’s tree stand near the cemetery on private property in Waupaca County at Groth Family Farms LLC. They found and confiscated a bow and arrow, crossbow and game camera in the stand.

Wolff told the wardens he had hunted deer on the land about a dozen times since 2024.

Delzer interviewed Wolff again March 10 in a parking lot at the Waupaca County Courthouse in Waupaca.

Wolff admitted to hunting and fishing alone. He reportedly shot two antlerless deer Dec. 31, 2025, at Groth Family Farms and registered them with his mother’s harvest authorizations; shot two antlerless deer southwest of the intersection of County Roads V and VV in Oconto County on Dec. 28, 2025; shot an antlerless deer with a compound bow near Pulcifer Road in Oconto County on Dec. 27, 2025; shot a buck during the muzzleloader season in Oconto County; shot small bucks on Dec. 4 and Dec. 9, 2025; shot a buck on private property near Belle Plaine in Shawano County on Oct. 15, 2024; and shot at a bobcat twice in the Shawano Industrial Park on Nov. 18, 2025.

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Teacher Erin Nischke shows Gov. Tony Evers some of the items sold at the Suring Marketing and Agriculture Center during his May 28 visit to the Suring School District. A lot of the items are grown or crafted by students, but some of the inventory comes from Suring community members.

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and Agriculture Center, filled with items from students and community members to sell. His final stop was to meet the student organization REDgen, which raises resilience, reduces stigma and helps to bring up mental health and well-being for middle and high school students.

A former educator, Evers served as superintendent of public instruction for almost 10 years before becoming governor in 2019. He talked with Suring Superintendent Bob Caelwaerts in between stops and asked him his thoughts on the state of education, including how his school was being impacted because of the bipartisan package that would have, among other things, provided \$600 million that would have been divided between special education reimbursement and additional general school aids.

The proposal had been a joint effort between the governor's office and state leadership, including Assembly Speaker Robin Vos and Senate Majority Leader Devin LeMahieu. The spending that would have come out of the \$2.5 billion surplus the state has been sitting on for years passed the Assembly but died in the Senate after all Democrats and three Republicans voted it down.

A Marquette Law School Poll reported that the spending had the support of 80% of Wisconsin voters. Broken down, 77% of Republicans, 82% of Democrats and 81% of independents said the bill should have been passed.

Evers is not happy with either side of the aisle in the Wisconsin Legislature, but he said some of the blame lies with Rep. Tom Tiffany, a Republican who represents Wisconsin's 7th Congressional District and seeks to be the next governor.

"They're doing a lot of things right," Evers said of what he saw in the Suring school system. "Unfortunately, the state's

not helping to give them the resources they need. It's great to see the students actively involved in a program that's helping with mental health, keeping things positive in the schools and doing a service for all the students."

By all accounts, the spending and tax reduction bill was expected to pass because it had bipartisan support. Evers said he was disappointed that the partisan politics that has plagued much of his tenure as governor torpedoed the effort, especially since some of it came from his fellow Democrats.

"We had promises about who would vote yes and who was going to vote no," Evers said. "That turned out not to be the case. Some of that turned out to be our friend, Tom Tiffany, who was talking to some of the legislators and changed their minds. With that said, we couldn't get Democrats to support it, either."

Tiffany issued a statement May 12, shortly after the bill was defeated in Madison, blasting Evers for calling the bill a "relief deal" that would have used some of the surplus funding to provide refunds to property taxpayers, especially in light of utility rate hikes approved by the Wisconsin Public Service Commission.

"Gov. Evers is acting like the arsonist who wants praise for spraying a drop of water on the fire he started," Tiffany said. "This backroom 'relief deal' does nothing to repeal Gov. Evers' 400-year property tax increase. It does nothing to stop Madison's addiction to taxing and spending, and after Gov. Evers' PSC approved billions in utility rate hikes, a one-time \$300 check barely scratches the surface."

Evers doesn't see circumstances changing in his last few months as governor and is hopeful that some solution can be found to reduce taxes while providing adequate

funding for schools to function.

"We're going to be as purple as we are, in reality. We're a purple state," Evers said. "There's still some talk about making it happen. We'll see."

Despite the funding issue, Evers gave credit to officials with Suring and other school districts for being able to do what they can to provide an education to children, along with structured activities and help with mental health.

"You think about what happens in the schools every day, and it's really amazing for kids," Evers said. "I just bless our educators, frankly, for keeping up during this time. They should be getting more support, and they're not, but that's just how educators are, and we just have to thank them for their good work."

Caelwaerts said after the governor's visit that schools reaching out to state leaders like Evers is important to help them realize the struggle they face providing education where funding remains flat but the cost of everything is going up.

"We talked a little bit about education," Caelwaerts said. "Really, it benefits everyone. It benefits our local community and our greater community, as well."

Currently, the state reimburses schools for about 35% of its special education expenses. Caelwaerts estimated the relief bill would have upped that to 50%, which wouldn't have fully made his school whole but would have been a start.

"We were obviously a little disappointed when the funding bill fell through," he said. "The hope is that we can keep moving forward and trying to find new and innovative ways to fund schools so that it's not such a local burden. It's the larger group that's funding, and that's a benefit to all."

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HSHS hospital leader
earns state award

Colleen Koski, chief administrative officer of HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital in Oconto Falls, was recently recognized on the 2026 iteration of the "Rural Hospital and Health System Presidents and CEOs to Know" list published by Becker's Hospital Review.

According to Becker's, the executives featured on this list wield an ability to manage complexity while investing in the people and places they serve. Their hospitals' successes are measured in healthier neighbors, stronger communities and improved overall patient experience.

"Colleen is well known for her dedication, passion and commitment to rural health care," said John Wagner, chief operating officer of HSHS Wisconsin Market. "She is passionate about leadership and fostering a culture of teamwork and mutual respect among colleagues. We are so proud of Colleen for being awarded this honor, and we're even more proud to have her as part of the HSHS family."

Koski provides on-site, localized



COLLEEN KOSKI

leadership to ensure the effective operation of the hospital while fostering a culture of excellence and patient-centered care. She oversees nursing, daily operations and all organizational functions, ensuring alignment with the mission, vision and values of HSHS.

A key component of her responsibilities includes engaging the local community to enhance the hospital's reputation as a trusted health care provider. She builds relationships with patients, families and stakeholders, actively addressing their needs and concerns while promoting health and wellness initiatives that benefit the broader community.

"I am truly honored to serve in this capacity with an amazing team of caregivers," Koski said.

For information about HSHS, visit hshs.org.

Everyday health habits, not
perfection, best for children

Health experts are encouraging families to focus less on perfection and more on the everyday habits that shape a child's long-term health.

For Aspirus Dr. Heather Winesett, those habits tend to come back to the same core areas.

"I usually break it down for families and say there are five big foundations for good health throughout a lifetime," she said. "So, it's the food that you eat, getting your body regular exercise, getting enough sleep, having healthy relationships and then avoiding substances that might be toxic like alcohol and drugs."

Those foundations are simple, but they show up in everyday decisions.

Nutrition is often one of the first places families can make small changes. Meals built around fruits, vegetables, whole grains and lean proteins support growth and development, while heavily processed foods can make it harder for the body to function at its best.

To explain the difference, Winesett often uses a simple comparison.

"When we have a healthy diet, we're basically building our house out of bricks," she said. "Things like junk food are more like building our house out of straw and sticks."

Movement is another key part of that foundation, but it does not have to look like structured exercise. While the general goal is about 60 minutes of activity each day, what matters more is that children are moving in ways that feel natural, whether that is playing outside, helping at home or spending active time together as a family.

Sleep supports all of it. It plays a role in learning, growth and overall health, yet many children are not getting enough. Over time, that can show up as difficulty focusing, low energy or needing to catch up on sleep during weekends.

Strong relationships round out the picture. Feeling connected to family, friends and trusted adults

helps children build confidence and navigate challenges. For parents, that often comes down to being present, asking questions and staying engaged in their child's daily life.

As children get older, those conversations expand to include alcohol, drugs and other substances. Winesett encourages families to model healthy behaviors and keep communication open, creating space for honest questions and answers as children grow.

Across all of these areas, she said, consistency matters more than getting everything right.

"It's not about perfection. It's just about doing your best and maybe trying to improve a little bit each day," Winesett said.

For parents who feel pressure to do everything perfectly, she offered a simple reminder grounded in research.

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Committee OKs new jobs for 2027

Final decision to be made during budget planning

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

Shawano County elected officials gave a tentative thumbs-up to adding to its workforce in 2027, and the best part for local taxpayers is that most of them won't result in a higher tax levy.

"We put a dollar amount so you know the impact on the budget," Julie Hasser, human resources director and interim administrative coordinator, told executive committee members May 20. "Once you approve this, some of the new positions will then have to go to Cunningham Butler (for placement on the wage scale)."

Randy Young made a motion to approve the requests, with the understanding all would be reviewed again when the budget is formulated later this year. Kathy Luebke agreed.

"That's when we'd have to cut it, if we can't make the budget," Luebke said. "When it comes to the budget, if we don't have the money, we can't approve them."

In the human services department, director Rick Kane wants to add a deputy director position. This would not be a new job; rather, it would be an add-on to a current manager's duties at a cost of \$11,000.

"It's the biggest department in the county – 150 people," he said. "When I'm not around, some things just don't get handled."

There would be no guarantee the deputy director would become director when Kane retires.

"I have several managers that I think have potential to fill that position," Kane said. "There's not enough work to support that position permanently. This would have to be an added-on responsibility."

There was a request to add a child support trainer/lead worker. The number of child support workers has decreased from eight to four in the past several year.

"The caseloads have not decreased," Kane said. "There's more of them than there's ever been."

"Since the beginning of the 2024 fiscal year, we've obtained over 200 more average cases than that we were operating with before," added Francesca Thone, economic support/child support supervisor. "The workload is quite extensive."

Two-thirds of the cost of the position would be covered by the state, leaving only one-third for the county to fund.

Finally, there was a request for a youth specialist case manager. This position is 100% funded through CLTS (Children's Long-Term Support) Medicaid waiver/state funding, CCOP (Children's

Community Options Program) state allocation and CCS Medicaid reimbursement.

"Over the last couple years, CLTS has grown almost 100%, and CCS 30-40%," said Tracy Van Ert, community services division manager.

Nick Mau, public health officer and department director, said the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection wants each county to handle their own food safety and recreational licensing instead of relying on the state. Included in the inspections is the collection of all fees, which the county would keep to cover the costs of the two new positions.

Mau said local inspectors would mean faster response times.

"Last year, when Jimmy John's opened up, they probably could have opened up two or three weeks earlier had there not been the State Fair going on at that time, because there just weren't enough agents from the state to be able to come and inspect," he said. "It is impacting our business community."

Restaurants are to be inspected every 12 months.

"There are restaurants going on 24, 36 months without an inspection, again because of the capacity at the state level," Mau said. "I want all consumers to feel confident in the food that they're purchasing in our county."

DATCP said one person can regularly handle 200 licenses per year. Shawano County now has 375 licenses and inspections due each year.

Mau said additional work could be done by adding inspections of vacation rentals, many of which aren't licensed.

He said the county could also take over DNR inspections of wells for businesses not hooked up to municipal water systems. That would generate another \$20,000 annually.

Finally, Mau wanted to add a part-time public health nurse to the current staff of two full-time nurses.

"Our department has brought in \$35,000 in additional grants in one year," he said. "I'm confident, with adding capacity, we'll be able to secure more funding. This is just again an ask. I'm going to lose people; I know I will, in the near future."

The last position was a part-time assistant in the corporation counsel's office. It was reported Larenda Maulson is now often working 50-60 hours per week, and some work still isn't getting done.

It was noted she spends a significant amount of time on human services and termination of parental rights court proceedings.

"I believe the need is there," Supervisor Tom Kautza said.

Tiffany addresses GOP supporters



U.S. Rep. Tom Tiffany addressed members of the Shawano County Republican Party on May 30 at the Golden Sands Golf Course in Cecil. His visit, and those of many others seeking office in the November election, was part of the Lincoln Reagan Day Dinner. Tiffany is the only Republican who is running for governor. Currently, there are eight Democrats and six independents running as well.

GREG MELLIS | NEW MEDIA

City seeks grant for safe roads study

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

The federal government has nearly \$1 billion available to fund regional, local and tribal initiatives to make streets and roads safer, and the city of Shawano will be going after some of that cash.

Aldermen on May 18 agreed to pay \$8,000 to SRF Consulting to apply for the next round of grant funding in hopes of developing a comprehensive safety action plan for the city. The final documentation was prepared and submitted prior to the May 26 deadline.

"Assuming that our

grant is received, this would fund a study that could be into the hundreds of thousands of dollars to do a full-on safety assessment of all our streets and sidewalks and all the intersections," said Eddie Sheppard, city administrator.

A completed safety study could result in even more financial benefits.

"When you have a safety action plan, you become eligible for a significant amount of federal and state dollars that you're not otherwise eligible for," Sheppard said. "So, when we identify these locations – for instance, intersections that we want to look at

controlling with a roundabout or some kind of traffic control – we would now be eligible to apply for federal and state grants that could help fund that, rather than just having to do it locally."

A safety action plan could also help the city when officials build out their capital improvement plan over the next few years, he said.

As funding for the grant was not in the budget, the city will pay the cost through the sale of material to Shawano Family Dentistry, which is building a new office at 3000 S. Airport Drive.

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Wied only Congressman to buy, sell stock

Bill would forbid him from buying more stock while in office

By ANNIE PULLEY
The Badger Project

Most Americans support banning members of Congress and their families from trading stocks in individual companies.

So says a 2023 University of Maryland study that surveyed about 3,000 registered voters.

Lawmakers in Washington are privy to information the general public may not be and can use it to make advantageous stock trades.

“The problem is getting worse,” said Kedric Payne, director of the ethics program for the Campaign Legal Center, a government watchdog in Washington. His team focuses on enforcing existing ethics laws and advocating for tougher ones.

Payne believes the public should know “their elected officials are protecting the public interest and not their own personal interest.”

The STOCK Act, a federal law passed in 2012, requires members of Congress to disclose their trades within about 30 days of the purchase or sale. The penalty for

filing a disclosure report late is a meager \$200.

Payne said his organization used to file ethics complaints for congressional stock trading. It’s rare that they file those complaints now since the most common violation is a late report, and the legal penalty for filing late is so insignificant.

While disclosure requirements can help reveal actual or perceived conflicts of interest, Payne said, disclosing conflicts of interest also lessens the public’s trust in government. In effect, the increased transparency doesn’t alleviate whether the trade looks corrupt or is corrupt.

U.S. Rep. Tony Wied, elected to the Wisconsin 8th Congressional District in 2024, is no stranger to stock trading. The Republican represents the northeastern portion of the state, and his investment activity consistently outpaces Wisconsin’s other congressional representatives.

Wied recently reported buying between \$760,000 and \$1.6 million in stock between Feb. 3 and Feb. 19, according to The Badger Project’s analysis of Wied’s periodic transaction report. The disclosure laws only require that members report ranges and not exact values. In the same time period, Wied also wholly or partially

sold stock valued between about \$600,000 and \$1.5 million.

Members of Congress are required to file periodic reports with the Clerk of the House about 45 days after they, their spouse or their dependent children buy or sell a financial asset worth more than \$1,000. Wied’s most recent report, filed in March, is five pages long and lists 25 separate transactions. His largest single transaction was a purchase of between \$500,000 and \$1 million in U.S. treasury bills, a low-risk, low-ward investment.

In comparison, no other representative among Wisconsin’s U.S. House members have filed periodic transports in the last year.

Members must also submit yearly financial disclosures, which list their assets and liabilities.

The sum of Wied’s assets disclosed in his latest annual disclosure ranges from about \$6 million to \$13 million, according to a review by The Badger Project. U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson, who has millions in commercial real estate and stocks, is the only member of Wisconsin’s delegation in Washington to top that. Johnson reported assets ranging from about \$17 million to \$81 million in 2025.

Wied’s staff wrote in an email to The Badger Project in January

that the congressman’s trades are solely managed by an independent financial adviser, and that Wied complies with all ethics laws and guidelines.

Wied’s office did not respond to The Badger Project’s request for comment for this story.

Payne told The Badger Project that Wied isn’t on his group’s radar.

“We haven’t seen anything that would draw this congressman to our attention,” Payne said.

A congressman’s trades can be aboveboard and still raise suspicion because lawmakers who trade at a high volume will eventually make a transaction that either overlaps with their professional duties or appears to, Payne said.

“It’s only a matter of time for him to have trades over his career that are gonna raise questions whether or not he did anything wrong,” Payne said about Wied. “And when people question if their elected official is prioritizing their interest or prioritizing the official’s personal interest, you have a problem.”

That’s why Payne and his organization have endorsed the bipartisan Restore Trust in Congress Act. The bill was introduced last September and has been stuck in committee since. If it passes, the proposed legislation would

bar members of Congress as well as their spouses and dependent children from both owning and trading individual stocks. Further, members would be required to either divest their current holdings or place them into a blind trust.

“It is a real legislative solution to the problem,” Payne said.

The bill is facing competition as Democrats and Republicans have since introduced their own, “watered down” versions, Payne said. The Stop Insider Trading in Congress Act, introduced by Bryan Steil, a Wisconsin Republican, and mentioned by President Donald Trump in his State of the Union address, would prohibit members of Congress from buying individual stocks, but members could continue to own their stocks and sell them. The Restore Trust in Government Act, the Democratic version, would include the president and vice president in the members included in a stock trading ban.

Payne said he has faith that the original bill will pass eventually, but that it will take another scandal to get the public to pay attention and demand Congress to take action.

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Find your treasure at the flea market



Zurko Promotions held a special holiday weekend flea market May 23-24 at the Shawano County Fairgrounds. The flea markets are regularly held from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Sunday through Oct. 18, except Labor Day weekend. There will be another special holiday market July 4-5.

GREG MELLIS | NEW MEDIA

Mental health help necessary after childbirth

About one in five women experience a maternal mental health condition after childbirth, according to the American Hospital Association.

Experts say it is important to recognize when common emotional changes signal something more serious. The period after bringing a baby home can be emotionally overwhelming. Hormonal changes, physical recovery and lack of sleep can affect mood, making tearfulness, irritability and worry common in the early days.

“It’s going to be a roller coaster, and that is normal,” said Colleen Rathbun, a behavioral health nurse with Aspirus Health.

When emotions do not ease or begin to worsen, additional support may

be needed. Postpartum depression and postpartum anxiety are treatable medical conditions, especially when recognized early.

One key warning sign is a loss of enjoyment or connection to everyday life.

“If you start to feel no joy at all, or you are no longer engaging with things you normally enjoy, that is something to pay attention to,” Rathbun said.

Other signs include ongoing sadness, heightened anxiety, difficulty bonding with a baby or withdrawing from family, friends or regular routines. Symptoms that persist or interfere with daily life should not be ignored.

Many new mothers hesitate to ask for help, because they believe they

should already know how to do this, Rathbun said.

“Some moms hesitate to ask for help, because they think, ‘I should just know how to do this,’” she said. “They may feel guilty or worry that other moms will judge them.”

Trusting your instincts matters. If something feels off, that alone is a reason to reach out.

Support can make a meaningful difference. New mothers with concerns about their emotional health are encouraged to talk with a primary care provider, obstetrician-gynecologist or behavioral health professional.

For immediate support, the National Maternal Mental Health Hotline offers free, confidential help in English and Spanish at 833-852-6262.



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Track and field stars advance to state

Friday, May 29

De Pere, Division 1

Finishers in the top three at Division 1 sectionals qualified for the state meet, which will be held June 5-6 at UW-La Crosse.

Pulaski athletes advancing to the state meet are:

Emerson Fabry, girls 800-meter run, first, 2:14.56; 1,600-meter run, second.

Talyn Pratt, 200-meter dash, second.

Noelle Manning, shot put, second.

Maggie Gerth, 1,600-meter run, third.

Max Fredrickson, boys 400-meter dash, first, 48.97.

Keaton Dauk, 300-meter hurdles, first, 38.58; 110-meter hurdles, second.

Fredrickson, Landyn Kroll, Kam McKeefry and Dauk, 4x400-meter relay, second.

Boddan Schmidt, long jump, second.

Mitchell Pilon, 800-meter run, third.

Chilton, Division 2

Finishers in the top four at Division 2 sectionals qualified for the state meet.

Competing at Chilton were athletes from Menominee Nation, Oconto Falls, Shawano and Wittenberg-Birnamwood.

Boys advancing are:

Oconto Falls: Brady Bursa, long jump, first, 22 feet, 3.25 inches; triple jump, fourth.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood: Logan Gibson, Phoenix Horacek, Bryson Schmid and Kaden Yaeger, 4x400, fourth.

Girls advancing to state are:

Oconto Falls: Emery Pagel, Brooke Fenlon, Gracie Miller and Rylie Shallow, 4x100, third.

Shawano: Mikelah Powers, Jillian Guenther, Bailey Hendricks and Tela Hopfensperger, 4x800, fourth.

Hilbert, Division 3

Finishers in the top four at Division 3 sectionals qualified for the state meet.

Athletes competed from Bonduel, Bowler/Gresham, Gillett, Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy, Marion/Tigerton, Suring and Wolf River Lutheran.

Boys advancing are:

Gillett: Bradyn Wendorff, 800-meter run, first, 1:56.54.

Bonduel: Griffin Uelmen, Carter Moesch, Gage Scholl and Malachi Gray, 4x200, second; Mason Ballwahn, 400-meter dash, third; Gage Anderson, 800-meter run, third; Uelmen, Moesch, Scholl and Ballwahn, 4x400, third; Ryan Westrich, discus, third; Uelmen, Moesch,



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Harper Rogowski, shown here running at conference, set a school record in the 800-meter run in 2:22.59 on May 29 at Chilton High School. Rogowski placed sixth at the sectional meet, missing qualifying for state by two spots.

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Ryan Westrich and Gray, 4x100, fourth; Ryan Westrich, shot put, fourth.

Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy: Zander Thomson, 110-meter hurdles, third; Mat Yaggie, 300-meter hurdles, fourth.

Girls advancing are:

Bonduel: Josie Pawlak, triple jump, first, 36-08;

Peyton Westrich, 400-meter run, second; Paige Niquette, Pawlak, Audrey Jacobs and Peyton Westrich, 4x100, second; Pawlak, long jump, second; Peyton Westrich, triple jump, second; Peyton Westrich, 200-meter run, fourth; Niquette, Cierra Schnell, Pawlak and Jacobs, 4x200, fourth; Mariah Wondra, 3,200-meter run, extra qualifier.

Suring: Aliya Cox, 300-meter hurdles, second; Cox, 100-meter hurdles, third.

Marion/Tigerton: Presley Stewart-Rolfs, discus, first, 133-03.

Tuesday, May 26

The first four finishers in each event from each WIAA regional qualifies for sectional competition. Several local athletes moved on to the next round.

Division 1, Green Bay

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Pulaski boys advancing to the sectional round are:

400-meter dash: Max Fredrickson, first, 50.50.

4x400-meter relay: Fredrickson, Landyn Kroll, Kam McKeefry and Keaton Dauk, first, 3:26.42.

300-meter hurdles: Dauk, second.

800-meter run: Mitchell Pilon, second.

Discus: Libero Angeli, second.

110-meter hurdles: Dauk, third.

4x200: Kroll, Andre Burnett, Sawyer Goodness and McKeefry, third.

4x800: Bryce Voelz, Parker Marshall, Dayne Groth and Carter Ryskowski, fourth place.

1,600-meter run: Marshall, fourth.

High jump: Isaac Lom, fourth.

Long jump: Bohdan Schmidt, fourth.

For the girls, advancing are:

1,600-meter run: Maggie Gerth, first, 5:14.01; Emerson Fabry, fourth.

3,200-meter run: Gerth, first, 11:13.32.

800-meter run: Fabry, first, 2:21.72.

Shot put: Noelle Manning, first, 36 feet, 4.5

inches.

4x200: Addison Krueger, Talyn Pratt, Faye Brunke and Olivia Sprangers, second.

200-meter dash: Sprangers, second; Pratt, third.

4x100: Krueger, Pratt, Olivia Lemirande and Brunke, third.

High jump: Rebecca Huisman, third.

4x400: Lydia Friendschuh, Ellie Murphy, Brynn Becks and Lemirande, fourth.

Division 2, Fox Valley Lutheran

Shawano, Oconto Falls, Wittenberg-Birnamwood and Menominee Nation athletes competed at Fox Valley Lutheran in Appleton.

Shawano's Bailey Hendricks won the girls 1,600-meter run in 5:51.11.

Placing fourth and also advancing to sectionals were Mikelah Powers in the 800-meter run, Jillian Guenther in the 1,600-meter run and Tela Hopfensperger in the pole vault.

Finishing in the top four for the boys were the 4x100 team in second; Drew Chelberg, second in the discus; the 4x200 team in third; Joseph Doperalski,

third in the shot put; the 4x800 team in fourth; and Kian Morstad, fourth in the 400-meter dash.

For Oconto Falls, Brady Bursa won the long jump at 22-3.5. He was also second in the triple jump.

Other boys advancing, all taking fourth, were the 4x100 relay team, the 4x200 relay team and Liam Sonderegger in the high jump.

For the girls, it was the 4x100 team placing second; Brooke Fenlon, long jump, third; Gracie Miller, 100-meter dash, third; Alex Brand, 400-meter dash, fourth; and the 4x200 team; fourth.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Harper Krull placed first in the 300-meter hurdles in 47.90. She was also fourth in the 100-meter hurdles and the long jump.

Kelsie Davis was second in the discus; Harper Rogowski was third in the 800-meter run.

Representing Menominee Nation at sectionals will be Bryant Waupoose, who was second in the 1,600-meter run, and Mequonaseach Oshkosh, who placed second in the high jump.

Division 3, Suring

Bonduel, Gresham/Bowler, Gillett, Lena and Wolf River Lutheran athletes competed at Suring.

Boys advancing to sectionals were:

200-meter dash: Zander Thomson, Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy, first, 23.22.

400-meter dash: Mason Ballwahn, Bonduel, first, 51.82; Jack Weier, Bonduel, second.

800-meter run: Bradyn Wendorff, Gillett, first, 1:58.42; Gage Anderson, Bonduel, third.

4x200: Griffin Uelmen, Carter Moesch, Gage Scholl and Malachi Gray, Bonduel, first, 1:33.46; Kroix Kempka, CJ Richard, Ermis and Dylan Flynn, Suring, third.

4x400: Uelmen, Moesch, Scholl and Ballwahn, Bonduel, first, 3:33.89; Luke Koslowsky, Max Peterson, Lucas Heimke and Kullen Fischer, Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy, fourth.

Triple jump: Heimke, Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy, first, 40-4.5; Owen Burrack, Bonduel, fourth.

110-meter hurdles: Thomson, Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy, second; Dayne Ermis, Suring, third.

4x100: Uelmen, Moesch, Ryan Westrich and Gray, Bonduel, second; Kempka, Richard, Ermis and Flynn, Suring, third; Heimke, Peterson, Koslowsky and Fischer, Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas

Academy, fourth.

High jump: Thomson, Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy, second.

Long jump: Thomson, Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy, second; Heimke, Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy, fourth.

Shot put: Westrich, Bonduel, second; Ryley Kurtz, Bonduel, fourth.

Discus: Westrich, Bonduel, third.

3,200-meter run: Garrett Anderson, Bonduel, third; Joah Dworniczak, Bonduel, fourth.

300-meter hurdles: Blake DeGrave, Suring, third.

4x800: Gage Anderson, Garrett Anderson, Oliver Chitwood and Dworniczak, Bonduel, third.

Pole vault: Gavin Staszak, Suring, third; Parker Boomsma, Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy, fourth.

1,600-meter run: Chitwood, Bonduel, fourth.

Girls moving on were:

200-meter dash: Peyton Westrich, Bonduel, first, 26.50.

400-meter dash: Westrich, Bonduel, first, 59.41; Lexi Remic, Suring, third; Tyler Kempka, Suring, fourth.

1,600-meter run: Mariah Wondra, Bonduel, first, 5:36.98; Lillian Burrack, Bonduel, second; Alisa Finger, Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy, third.

3,200-meter run: Wondra, Bonduel, first, 12:01.16; Burrack, Bonduel, third; Amanda Page, Gillett, fourth.

100-meter hurdles: Aliya Cox, Suring, first, 16.02; Addison Raymakers, Bonduel, fourth.

300-meter hurdles: Cox, Suring, first, 48.63; Cierra Schnell, Bonduel, second; Amelia Wilcox, Bonduel, third.

4x100-meter relay: Paige Niquette, Josie Pawlak, Audrey Jacobs and Westrich, Bonduel, first, 50.78.

4x200: Niquette, Schnell, Pawlak and Jacobs, Bonduel, first, 1:49.58.

4x400: Remic, Ginger Gerndt, Kempka and Cox, Suring, first, 4:18.96; Finger, Brynn Heise, Abby Kostreva and Kate Peters, Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy, second; Wilcox, Schnell, Niquette and Burrack, Bonduel, third.

High jump: Ellayna Skarban, Suring, first, 4-11; Ella Graef, Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy, fourth.

Long jump: Pawlak, Bonduel, first, 17-7.5; Cox, Suring, second; Remic, Suring, fourth.

Triple jump: Pawlak, Bonduel, first, 37-00;

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Lena, Pulaski, Tigerton win opening baseball regional games

Thursday, May 28
Lena 13, Bowler 5
Action in the Division 4 regional opened with No. 6 Lena topping No. 11 Bowler.

Pulaski 7, Menasha 3
Trailing 3-2 after five innings, Pulaski exploded for five runs in the sixth to win in the opening round of its Division 1 regional.

Mason Heintz and Gavin Sikorsky each had two hits; Bryce Wotruba had a pair of RBIs, and Eli Heuser recorded a double.

Maverick Amenson pitched one inning for the win.

Tigerton 11, Port Edwards 1

Tigerton had eight hits and Port Edwards had four

errors as the Tigers won the Division 4 regional game.

The Tigers, seeded seventh, won 11-1 over the 10th-seeded Blackhawks.

Luxemburg-Casco 5, Shawano 1

The No. 7 seeded Spartans beat the No. 10 seeded Hawks in the opening round of Division 2 regional action.

Marinette 4, Oconto Falls 0

Oconto Falls was shut out in the opening round of its WIAA Division 2 regional round.

The Panthers were seeded 11th, and the Marines were sixth.

Chase Belanger had the only hit for Oconto Falls.

Carter Heroux was the losing pitcher. He gave up four runs on six hits, walked one and struck out six.

Pacelli 12, Menominee Nation 2

Twelfth-seeded Menominee Nation lost to Nov. 5 seed Pacelli in the opening round of its Division 3 regional.

CJ Pyawasay had a double for the Eagles.

Rib Lake 6, Wittenberg-Birnamwood 5

Tommy Gagnon had two RBIs and Colby Wincensten had a double in the Chargers' loss in the regional opener.

Edgar 10, Marion 0

Edgar shut out Marion in the opening round of the

Division 4 regional. Edgar was seeded eighth, and Marion was ninth.

Assumption 12, Gresham 0

Gresham was shut out 12-0 in its Division 4 regional opener.

Gresham was seeded 11th, and Assumption was sixth.

Crivitz 10, Gillett/Suring 0

Crivitz opened the game with three runs in the first inning and went on beat Gillett/Suring 10-0

Gillett/Suring was seeded 13th, and Crivitz was fourth.

Tuesday, May 26
Pulaski 13, Sheboygan North 7

Braun Wotruba hit

a home run, and Gavin Sikorski and Eddie Van Roy each had two hits in the Red Raiders' 13-7 win over the Raiders.

Matt Heck had three RBIs, and Eli Heuser and Wotruba each had two.

Wotruba was the winning pitcher. In three innings, he gave up five runs on six hits, walked three and struck out three.

Stratford 3, Wittenberg-Birnamwood 1

The No. 5 ranked Tigers topped the No. 10 Chargers after scoring two runs in the top of the fifth inning.

Dane Wincensten was 1-for-3 with an RBI.

Other scores: Peshtigo 11, Lena 1; Gibraltar/Washington Island 11, Bonduel 8.

Pulaski golfers move on to sectionals

Wednesday, May 27
Division 1

Pulaski golfers advanced to the sectional round after placing third in regional action at Thornberry Creek at Oneida in Hobart.

The Red Raiders ended the day with a 325.

Scoring were Ethan Berger at 79, Brady Hayward at 80, and Bradin Schultz and Casey Madlem at 83 each.

Tuesday, May 26
Division 2

Menominee Nation/Gresham advanced to the sectional round of Division 2 golf after placing third with a 331 at Lake Breeze Golf Course in Winneconne.

Shawano finished seventh at 345, and Wittenberg-Birnamwood was 10th at 355.

Scoring for the Eagles were Alex Mahl at 78, Gabe Boivin and Pepeackchiseah Cleveland each at 84, and Elliott Penass at 85.

For the Hawks, Duane Gristeau-Blanche had an 80; he will advance to sectionals as an individual golfer. Also, Levi Anobong had 85, and Brayden Mead and T.J. Smith each had 90.

Scoring for the Chargers were Roman Johnson at 84, George Seegmiller at 85, Nicholas Flak at 91 and Grant Hanson at 95.

Division 2

Oconto Falls as a team advanced to sectional action after placing third with a 344 at Northbrook Golf & Grill in Luxemburg.

Sophomore Dylan Clark had the second-best score, a 76. He was joined by senior Carson McDermid at 86, sophomore Brock McDermid at 89 and freshman Nick Schroeder at 93.

Division 3

The Mustangs placed second when they hosted regional play at J&B Clover Greens Golf Course.

Marion finished second at 331 and will advance as a team to sectional action.

Scoring for the Mustangs were Elijah Scheef and Javen Prickette each at 80, Collin Grogan at 83 and James Nolan at 88.

Lena placed sixth at 361. Cooper Demmth scored 81 and will advance as an individual golfer. Also scoring for Lena were Tanner Behnke at 83, Colt Miller at 95 and Brayden Graef at 102.

Bonduel was ninth at 373. Golfers were Cameron Schroeder with 89, Joseph Felhofer with 90, Aiden Hillsberg with 93 and Cory Wussow with 101.

Gillett was 10th at 377. Golfers were Brody Halla at 88, Chase Rosenlund at 92, Bradon Kiedrowski at 95 and Parker Jenerou at 102.

Bonduel tops Pulaski in Dairyland action

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Correspondent

Bonduel, Shawano, Marinette, Waupaca and Hortonville picked up Dairyland League baseball wins May 31.

May 31

Bonduel 15, Pulaski 9

Eric Gruenewald drove in five runs on three hits to lead the Broncos over the Reds.

His hits included a two-run home run in the eighth inning and RBI singles in the second and ninth.

Bonduel opened the scoring in the top of the first inning, as Noah Weier and J.C. Reinke singled and two runs scored on an error.

The Broncos added a run in the second inning after Gruenewald singled to right field, and Reinke added a solo homer in the sixth.

Bonduel added four more runs in the top of the eighth inning on four hits, including a two-run homer from Gruenewald.

Winning pitcher Jett Thielke held the Reds to one hit over five innings and struck out 13 batters.

Bonduel outhit Pulaski 16-9. Barret Bohm, Bonduel's No. 9 hitter, led the Broncos with four hits.

Marinette 6, Nichols 2

Winning pitcher Jake McMahon went the distance on the mound in the Redbirds' home win over the Nitros.

Waupaca 10, Cecil 5

No details reported.

Shawano 13, Hofa Park 3

No details reported.

Hortonville 10, Navarino 6

No details reported.

May 29
Pulaski 13, Hofa Park 12 (10 inn.)

Pulaski trailed 12-11 in the bottom of the 10th



Noah Beilfuss heads for home plate after his two-run home run gave the Cecil Mudhens an early 2-0 lead over Waupaca on May 31 in a Dairyland League game in Waupaca. The Mudhens eventually fell to the Lakemen 10-5. GREG SEUBERT

inning before Brandon Black ended the game with a two-run walkoff single.

The teams combined for 28 hits, as Pulaski had 15 and Hofa Park finished with 13.

Hofa Park took a 2-0 lead in the top of the first inning on Aiden Linsmeyer's double, an error and Carson Blom's single.

Pulaski answered with four runs in the bottom half of the inning, with three of them coming on Reese Berg's home run and Parker Dorn adding an RBI single.

The Reds added to their lead in the second on home runs from Jarrett Olson and Black.

Pulaski came up with a

run in the third inning to take a 9-3 lead before Berg added a solo homer in the fourth.

Hofa Park cut the lead to 10-8 in the seventh inning on Peyton Dorn's sacrifice fly, a double from Robby Schuettpelz and Trevor Cornell's two-run homer.

The Panthers then tied the game in the eighth inning on Caden Czyzewski's groundout and an error.

Hofa Park Panthers took the lead in the 10th inning on a two-run double from Schuettpelz that gave the visitors a 12-10 lead.

Jarron McKeefry picked up the win for Pulaski.

Cornell and Schuettpelz led Hofa Park with three RBIs each, while Schuettpelz had a team-high four hits.

Berg drove in five runs to lead the Reds at the plate, while Olson and Black each had three hits.

Waupaca 10, Hortonville 9 (11 inn.)

Waupaca handed Hortonville its first loss after a walkoff hit in the bottom of the 11th inning broke a 9-9 tie.

Hortonville took the lead with four runs in the second inning, but the Lakemen came up with five runs in the third.

The Stars took a 9-7 lead with five runs in the seventh inning before

Waupaca tied the game at 9-9 in the eighth.

Waupaca outhit the Stars 14-13.

June 5 schedule (all games start at 7:30 p.m.):

Cecil at Bonduel; Waupaca at Marinette; Hofa Park at Navarino; Pulaski at Shawano. Hortonville, Nichols have bye.

June 7 schedule (all games start at 1:30 p.m.):

Nichols at Hofa Park; Marinette at Hortonville; Bonduel at Waupaca; Shawano at Cecil. Pulaski, Navarino have bye.

Standings (as of May 31):

Waupaca (4-0); Hortonville (4-1); Shawano (2-2); Pulaski (2-2); Nichols (1-2); Cecil (1-3); Navarino (1-3); Marinette (1-3).

Chargers win regional softball title

Thursday, May 28
Wittenberg-Birnhamwood 14, Nekoosa 4

Wittenberg-Birnhamwood erupted for 14 runs in the Division 3 regional title game and advanced to sectional play.

Rory Salvesen hit 4-for-5 with a double, three RBIs and two runs scored.

Kendall Lex hit 3-for-4 with three RBIs and two runs scored. Kennedy Benbo was also 3-for-4 with three runs scored.

Zoey Thorson was 2-for-4 with two runs scored, and Megan Fischer was 2-for-3 with an RBI and two runs scored. Brie Ladika hit 2-for-5 with a double.

Lex won on the mound. In six innings, she gave up four runs and six hits, walked two and struck out four.

Pacelli 1, Bonduel 0
Pacelli scored in the top of the ninth to beat Bonduel in the Division 4 regional final.

Rosholt 8, Tigerton 4
Tigerton led 4-3 after five innings, but Rosholt scored five runs in the sixth inning to win the Division 5 regional title.

Jaelyn Brady hit 3-for-4 with a double and a run scored. Aaliyah Lederhaus and Grace Laatsch each had two RBIs.

Wausauke 1, Marion 0

Wausauke claimed a Division 5 regional title with a forfeit win over Marion.

Wednesday, May 27
Notre Dame Academy 8, Shawano 2
Shawano jumped out to

a 2-0 lead with runs in the first and second innings, but Notre Dame scored four in each of the fourth and sixth innings to win 8-2.

The WIAA regional game loss ended the season for the Hawks, who were seeded fifth in the Division 2 sectional. The Tritons were seeded fourth.

Tuesday, May 26
Wittenberg-Birnhamwood 14, Xavier 0

Wittenberg-Birnhamwood girls softball showed why they are seeded first in their Division 3 sectional, defeating No. 8 seed Xavier 14-0.

Rory Salvesen led the Chargers, hitting 3-for-3 with four RBIs and three runs scored.

Brie Ladika was 3-for-4 with two RBIs and two

runs scored.

Jayda Moenke and Kennedy Benbo each collected two hits, and Moenke had a double and two RBIs.

Zoey Thorson and Chloe Hanson each hit a double.

Kendall Lex was the winning pitcher. In five innings, she gave up three hits, walked one and struck out three.

Bonduel 11, Shiocton 0

Top-seeded Bonduel advanced to the regional championship after beating No. 8 seed Shiocton 11-0 in the Division 4 second round.

Gracyn Wudtke and Juliana Jacobs each hit 2-for-3 with a double, three RBIs and a run scored for the Bears.

Maddie Hert also had two RBIs.

Emery Thompson pitched the full five innings for the win.

She allowed three hits, walked one and struck out nine.

Marion 20, Gibraltar/Washington Island 13

In Division 5 action, No. 5 seed Marion won the slugfest with No. 4 seed Gibraltar/Washington Island, 20-13.

Tigerton 8, Goodman/Pembine 5

Tigerton, seeded No. 2 in its Division 5 sectional, beat No. 7 Goodman/Pembine 8-5 to advance to the regional title game.

Emily Rich hit 2-for-6 with a home run, six RBIs and two runs scored to lead the Tigers.

Jaelyn Brady had a double.

Rosholt 13, Lena/St.

Thomas Aquinas Academy 3

Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy, seeded sixth, fell 13-3 to No. 3 seed Rosholt in Division 5's second round of regional games.

Bay Port 8, Pulaski 1

Pulaski's softball season ended with an 8-1 loss to Bay Port in the first round of regional action for Division 1 schools.

The Red Raiders were seeded ninth, and the Pirates were eighth.

Kamrie Dorn hit 2-for-3 with a double and an RBI.

Fox Valley Lutheran 28, Oconto Falls 0

The No. 1 seed Fox Valley Lutheran crushed No. 9 seed Oconto Falls 28-0 in three innings in the second round of Division 2 playoff action.

Shawano sends tennis player to state tournament

Three Shawano singles players and a doubles team made it to the Division 2 sectional round, and of those players advanced to the state tournament.

Number 1 singles player Enrique Omella Valls beat Chase Almlie of Osceola 6-1, 6-1, but then lost 6-3, 6-4 to Tegan Schott of Aquinas. However, the first round win qualified him for state, the third Shawano state qualifier in four years. He also beat an Ashland player to finish third.

Tanner Thiel, at No. 3, lost 6-4, 6-3 to Carter Sisko of Regis, and No. 4 Everett

Grover lost 6-0, 6-2.

At No. 1 doubles, Evan Anderson and Charlie Grieves lost 6-4, 7-6 (1) to Carter Marincel and Owen Henningsgard of Osceola.

One Pulaski singles player and two doubles teams advanced to Division 1 tennis sectionals before bowing out of the playoff hunt last weekend.

In sectional play, Pulaski's No. 2 Thoma Pannatier lost 6-0, 6-0.

At No. 1 doubles, Oscar Delmarcelle and Lucas Ford lost 6-0, 6-0.

And at No. 3 doubles, Simon Banaszynski and Liam Ford lost 6-0, 6-0.

Subsectionals, Division 1

Landon Gottfredson of Ashwaubenon defeated Oriol Capella Rodon.

Pannatier defeated Ardie Ivasaronga of Green Bay Southwest and then defeated Andre Ramirez Rodriguez of Bay Port. In the championship, he lost to Augustine Luy of Notre Dame Academy.

Jonah Drevs won 6-0, 6-1 but was then defeated 7-5, 6-1.

Aaron Trijueque Ruiz had a first-round bye. Trevor Kuklinski of Notre Dame Academy then defeated him 6-2, 3-6, 10-5.

Delmarcelle and Lucas Ford won 6-2, 6-2, then lost in the semifinals.

William Gosse and Conrad Kreutzberg lost in the first round.

Banaszynski and Liam Ford had a bye in the first round. Then, they defeated Carson Kline and Ethan Fredricks of Green Bay Preble 6-3, 5-7, 10-6. In the championship match, they beat Emanuel Poehlmann

and Aaron Miller of Notre Dame Academy to earn the subsectional title.

Subsectionals, Division 2

Enrique Omella Valls lost in the semifinals. Kieran Sheldon did as well.

Thiel had a first round bye, won 7-6 (5), 6-1 and lost to Jonah Oldenkamp of Altoona for the championship.

Everett Grover also had

a first round bye, won 6-0, 6-4 and lost to Connor Gower of Altoona for the title.

Anderson and Grieves won by default, then lost.

John Kim and Samuel Green had a first round bye, then lost.

Seth Pyatskowit and Francesco La Notte lost 7-5, 4-6, 10-6 to Nate Kostac and Talon Redhouse of Ashland.

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Westrich, Bonduel, second; Kostreva, Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy, fourth.

Discus: Emily Jensen, Gresham/Bowler, first, 89-2; Chloe Schroeder, Suring, second; Karissa Hischke, Suring, third.

800-meter run: Kember Frome, Bonduel, second; Payten Bierhals, Bonduel, third.

4x800: Morgan Suring, Natalie Seibert, Kempka

and Gerndt, Suring, second; Alexis Maloney, Peters, Sydney Pirlot and Laila Collar, Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy, third.

Shot put: Jensen, Gresham/Bowler, second; Jacobs, Bonduel, third.

Division 3, Rosholt
Several Marion/Tigerton athletes advanced to sectional competition after regional events at Rosholt.

Moving on were:

Boys high jump: Tristan Herro, first, 6-1.

Girls discus: Presley Stewart-Rolfs, second.

Girls high jump: Kennedy Zuniga, third; and Suri Beilfuss, fourth.

Girls 4x800: Brooklynn Ahlers, Eliana Michaelis, Brittany Beechy and Zuniga, fourth.

Girls triple jump: Mckayla Taylor, fourth.

Girls shot put: Stewart-Rolfs, fourth.

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Sassy boutique comes alive after years of work

Motherhood delays business plans, but loss of online job makes it happen

By KAY REMINGER
Correspondent

Cari Ann Kretschmann, owner of Simply Sassy, 116 S. Main St., Shawano, offers unique clothing for women 18-80, with sizes ranging from extra-small to extra-extra-large.

Relying more on personal interaction than social media, Kretschmann enjoys helping shoppers find their own style one-on-one.

"I love word-of-mouth sales," Kretschmann said. "If a customer has a good experience in my store, it makes my heart pump a little faster. Rather than online shopping, I'd prefer to be up front and personal. I get charged up if someone has a good experience, and they in turn, tell others."

In the past, Kretschmann had worked in social media online sales, with her online presence pushing sales. Understanding an authentic, genuine connection with people brought her peace, the thought dawned on her then to open up her own boutique.

Simply Sassy ownership was a process of years in the making — at times short on money, patience and time. Motherhood took over. The store idea was put on the back burner. It was an elusive but possible dream hanging in the clouds.

In May 2024, almost simultaneously, her online job was eliminated and her storefront boutique got on its feet.

"It was divine timing," Kretschmann said.

Remodeling, new lighting and paint expenses fell on the new owner's shoulders. Finding local help, she hired a painter and a contractor who ended up stripping everything away, bringing the ambience back to the old building. At one point in the 1950s, the building had housed a men and women's clothing store. Found downstairs were old Men and Women's Clothing Store signs.

"It's pretty cool that it's come full circle," Kretschmann said.

Clothing selections at the boutique are defined as trendy and casual, comfortable, not dressy, not super formal, chic and elevated; easy to style, not a lot of patterns — keeping things simplistic.

"Shopping and styling is already so



Cari Ann Kretschmann, owner of Simply Sassy, offers a trendy, casual, easy-to-style clothing line for women 18-80.
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difficult, so I don't want patrons to feel overwhelmed by a lot of patterns and a bunch of racks they have to shift through," Kretschmann said. "I like to showcase items that pair well together and make the shopping experience more streamlined. My shop is open and spacey and airy."

Simply Sassy is one of many unique boutiques in the Shawano area.

"All the boutique owners in Shawano help each other out," Kretschmann said. "I market my store that it's not for everybody.

If someone walks in and is not feeling the store, it's totally OK. The customer has their own style and vision of what they prefer to wear. The boutiques downtown might be a better fit."

With her dad's advice in her mind to always stay true to herself, she chose Simply Sassy as the moniker for her shop. Nicknamed Sassy as a little girl, the name felt right.

"My dad was a huge influence in my life. I always wanted to make him proud," Kretschmann said. "I was his right-hand girl growing up, always in his shop helping out, pricing things and learning the ropes, which created a hyper-independence within me that has served me well."

Intuitively understanding what people are looking for, Kretschmann perceives that knowledge brings value to customers, which makes her job of buying that much more enjoyable.

"When one builds something ground-up with no help, it makes one strong and independent," Kretschmann said. "It's empowering. Women can do this for themselves, be independent and strong. This supports my 6-year-old son, Trey and me, financially."

Simply Sassy is one of 23 merchants involved in a ticketed event called Sip, Swirl and Stroll to be held June 14 in Shawano. Check for up-to-date ticket releases and participating vendors on the Shawano Downtown Facebook Page.

For more information and hours of operation, go to Simply Sassy's Facebook and Instagram pages or call 715-853-3983.

Rehabilitation exercise may reduce future neck pain

Neck pain is extremely common. Research estimates that nearly half of all people, 48.5%, will experience neck pain during their lifetime. In the United States alone, neck pain costs an estimated \$20 billion each year in healthcare expenses and lost productivity.

Neck pain can result from many different disorders and diseases, but the most common cause is mechanical dysfunction. Over time, years of normal use, overuse and misuse place stress on the structures of the neck.

The neck must support the weight of the head while still allowing it to tilt, turn and bend throughout the day. Decades of these repetitive movements eventually lead many people to develop neck pain.

Because it is so common, researchers have increasingly focused on an important question — can future episodes of neck pain be prevented?

Several medical research teams have explored this idea. One group of researchers performed a large scientific review of high-quality studies that examined strategies for preventing future episodes of neck pain. After reviewing the available evidence, they found enough quality data to evaluate two approaches, ergonomic programs and therapeutic exercise programs.

The results were clear. Therapeutic rehabilitation exercise programs reduced the risk of a future episode of neck pain by 53%. Ergonomic programs, however, did not significantly reduce the risk of future neck pain episodes.

These findings are similar to what researchers have discovered about low back pain. Studies show that lumbar rehabilitation exercise programs can reduce the risk of future episodes of low back pain by about 35%.

If a medication existed that could reduce future neck or back pain episodes by 35-53%, it would likely become one of the most profitable drugs in the world. Yet, despite the effectiveness of preventive rehabilitation exercise programs, our healthcare system and insurance industry continue to focus far more heavily on treatment after pain develops rather than prevention beforehand.

Healthcare spending for neck and back pain in the United States exceeds \$100 billion annually. Expanding access to preventive rehabilitation programs could not only reduce healthcare costs, but also spare millions of people from unnecessary pain and disability.

The good news is that many future episodes of neck and back pain may be preventable. Therapeutic rehabilitation exercise programs offer patients an evidence-based strategy to reduce their risk and improve long-term spinal health.

If you experience recurring neck or back pain, talk with your healthcare provider about whether a rehabilitation exercise program may be appropriate for you.



BRIAN GRIEVES
GUEST COLUMNIST



Simply Sassy, located in downtown Shawano, offers an open, airy and spacious shopping experience. Clothing selections are geared toward creating more streamlined shopping.

KAY REMINGER

Dr. Brian Grieves is a chiropractor with a master's degree in public health and a member of the Shawano Community Health Action Team.

Menominee Pageant auditions to be held June 8

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.

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 director Ryan Winn through the college's website or phone

switchboard.

A revived tradition of the Menominee Nation, the annual production is a show of pantomime, live music and Native American 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.

Menominee Pageants are a mixture of pantomime, live music and

dance. This means that the show's oration will be recorded, enhanced with sound effects and performed with the actors speaking their lines alongside the recorded track.

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.

Emplify recommends rethinking alcohol culture

In the Midwest, social gatherings often revolve around or include alcohol.

From tailgating and concerts to family celebrations and traditions, a strong drinking culture may be affecting communities in ways that go beyond the surface, which includes the degradation of mental health.

Emplify Health experts are encouraging community members to take a closer look at how alcohol shapes individual behaviors and the fabric of social connections.

"Alcohol culture can normalize heavy drinking to the point where it becomes invisible," said Dr. Tara Robertson, Emplify clinical psychologist. "With that, we can see impacts from increased anxiety and depression to relationship strain and social isolation. When drinking is expected, it can make people feel pressure to drink. It can also make people who don't drink feel left out or judged. This dynamic can impact individual mental health as well as ripple through families and entire communities."

The good news? Communities have the power to shift this narrative by refocusing on what brings people together.

"Creating inclusive social spaces

doesn't have to mean eliminating alcohol entirely — it means changing the focus," said Population Health Integration Partner Katie Young. "When we plan gatherings, we can make sure there are non-alcoholic options and center activities around connection and conversation rather than drinking. Shifting the attention away from what someone is (or isn't) drinking can be a small change that makes everyone feel welcome. It sends a powerful message that what matters most is being together."

Changing alcohol culture starts with awareness and intentional choices. By recognizing how deeply ingrained drinking may be in their social relationships, community members can begin to create new traditions that prioritize health, inclusion and real connection.

If you want to know how alcohol might affect your mental health, relationships or overall health, talk to your health care provider. Having an open conversation about your relationship with alcohol is an important step toward making choices that support your health and happiness.

For additional support and information on behavioral health services, visit www.bellin.org or www.gundersenhealth.org.

THEME: GREETINGS ACROSS

1. Shapeless masses

6. RFK's brother

9. German card game

13. "The Wolf in Sheep's Clothing" author

14. Ancient Chinese dynasty

15. Top of a steeple

16. Ice house

17. Not outs

18. Gustatory sensation

19. *What's cooking, good ____?"

21. *Greeting aimed at a king

23. Like a fox

24. Easy run

25. "Harper Valley ____"

28. Off-limits

30. Daryl Hannah/Tom Hanks movie

35. Snaky swimmers

37. Coal unit

39. Vigorous fight

40. Done before dealing

41. Walk leisurely

43. Like certain food trend

44. Raccoon's South American cousin

46. Dano or Rudd, e.g.

47. Deep-red variety of chalcidony

48. Straying, as in baseball

50. FBI agent, slangily

52. It's the limit?

53. Alex Honnold's "Free ____"

55. Long Island iced ____

57. *Military greeting

60. *____ greetings, in December

64. Last test

65. Had a meal

67. Ilya Rozanov to Shane Hollander, e.g.

68. Take puppy from a pound

69. Hemingway's "____ Whom the Bell Tolls"

70. Bodily swelling

71. Hibernation stations

72. Pampering spot

73. Extend subscription

DOWN

1. Leave without farewell, slangily

2. Kids' construction set

3. Capital of Norway

4. Amazon offerings, originally

5. Spoiled, in U.K.

6. Nest material

7. Even, poetically

8. 70s dance joint

9. Capone's shoe cover

10. *Twice-done greeting move, in Italy

11. Creative

12. PGA peg

15. Bacterial throat infections

20. Spiral-horned antelope

22. FedEx competitor

24. Lower back pain, in the olden days

25. *Salaam, in English

26. Operatic voice

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It's important to acknowledge hard-working farmers

There's a bustle of activity all across our dairy state. With planting pretty much buttoned up, soon large triple-cuts, mergers and choppers will grace our county roads. Huge tractors buzz with power, have been pulling massive drags and 24-row corn planters – the big-boy toys.

The smaller family farms of days gone by are a distant memory.

Yet the ground still has to be worked up the same – plowed and dragged and stones cleared, preparing the soil to nurture the seed. What a miraculous event, the warmth of the damp soil sprouts the seed, eventually harvesting the very crop that was planted.

It is accomplished by sheer work force, determination and energy, wisdom and resolve – all by the grace of God giving strength to the farmer, alongside the willingness and inclination of man to do this thing.

These days, all hands on deck means even (retired?) farmer Kay gets put into action.

"Hey, would you wanna pick stones on the Egyptian piece?" says he one day.

Presently, his job was to plant soybeans, and he was off the farm for hours every day, days in a row.

Hesitating only slightly, I said yes. Feeling sorry for the guys – they've been stretched thin – and truly I am an able bodied person. Sure, I can do this.

The parcel I was assigned I had dubbed "the Egyptian piece." For years and years, it

was strictly a cow pasture and was not worked up. When our cows were sold, it went dormant for a couple of years. When my brother and nephews rented our land and brought their dry cows here to house, we all decided that piece could be put to good use.

Because it hadn't been worked up, when it was finally plowed and dragged, stones appeared like stars in the sky, too numerous to count.

The first year, I be-moaned the daunting task, likening it to the Israelites slaving for the Egyptian pharaoh, hence "the Egyptian piece."

So before planting and after dragging, I was assigned to work it. This will be about the fifth year there. Every year gets a little bit better, so when I went out there it wasn't terrible, but still, I'd not call it pleasant.

My husband attached the stone bucket to the skidder for me. It has teeth that when one digs under the stone, hoisting it to the back of the bucket, the dirt filters through, falling back in the field. I don't have to even get out of the cab of the skidder. Working through the field down and back, I dug up stones too big to carry and ones so little they fell through the teeth. Sizes galore, but I got it done.

Growing up on a dairy farm, we always had to help pick stones. In those days we walked the fields, picking by hand, piling them in piles and another guy (or girl) would drive up with a bucket tractor, physically

FARM LIFE FROM A FARM WIFE



KAY REMINGER
COLUMNIST



Seed hoppers are full of soybeans ready to plant. Filling them using a seed hopper makes the job easier.
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picking up the stones and driving them to the stone pile.

Us kids were given age-appropriate duties together, all of us. We had morning and night chores, before school and after. In addition to daily chores of cleaning calf pens, feeding cows, heifers and calves and scraping the barn aisle, we had those rocks to pick in the spring and hay to bale in the summer. We'd

also have to help clean the barn yard – a detestable chore – and dehorn calves, another cringe-worthy task.

Farm kids are raised with the accountability of chores. No matter how one feels, the cows still have to be fed, cleaned and milked. They're dependent on us for everything. Farm life is a driving force, building character and teaching sacrifice – bringing

a sense of satisfaction.

One of the perks of living on a dairy farm was having fresh, whole cold milk available every day. Later, on our own farm, our kids' friends would come over and were always hungry. One of our middle son's friends just loved our milk. He'd drink us out of milk.

Always, we had a surplus. I miss the taste of it. Raw, cold and fresh milk out of the tank was best. The cream would rise to the top after a bit of time, and I'd skim it off and occasionally use it in recipes.

Back in the day, my husband's busy farm mom would take a couple of kids along (my husband included) and pick wild berries. After they got home, his mom would clean and can the berries and have berries and bread for supper; mashed-up berries sprinkled with a bit of sugar and, adding fresh cream, made into a sort of dense, cold soup. Fresh, thick slices of homemade bread were dipped into the bowl. Add some fried side pork, and that was their supper on berry-picking days.

Farmers and their helpers put in long hours, but how satisfying to enjoy the fruits of our labor.

Be sure to thank a farmer always – especially during June Dairy Month.

("A right time for birth and another for death, a right time to plant and another to reap." Ecclesiastes 3:2, The Message Bible)

Kay Reminger was born and raised on a dairy farm, and she married her high school sweetheart, who happened to farm for a living in Leopolis. Writing for quite a few years, she remains focused on the blessings of living the ups and downs of rural life from a farm wife's perspective.

Wisconsin's sportsmen support license fee increases

Wisconsin's sportsmen largely support increased hunting, fishing and trapping fees, but a 50% increase is too much, according to results of the combined Conservation Congress and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources spring hearings and online survey of 44 questions.

The April 13 hearings in all 72 counties, which also included a two-day online survey, took the DNR about two weeks to compile, according to the April 28 date on the news-release at the DNR website.

The public's responses help the Natural Resources Board make decisions that in theory satisfy a majority of sportsmen, nature lovers and other recreationists.

A series of questions asked about support for increasing license fees to account for the 66% inflation rate over the past 22 years (57 counties said yes, 13 said no and two counties tied).

Locally, 129 of those who recreate in Shawano County said yes, 101 said no and six had no opinion. Oconto County recreationists voted 200 yes, 201 no and 13 no opinion. The question

was unclear on whether this was support for a 66% increase in fees.

The survey also offered several options for license fee increases, including 25%, 50% and 75% license hikes, as well as a 0.125% sales tax increase to fund conservation programs. Sportsmen supported a 25% license fee hike in 67 counties, with four counties against and one a tie. When the hike was a 50% increase, just

28 counties saw majority support, with 38 counties against and six tying. The 75% hike saw 65 counties against, six for and one a tie.

Shawano County recreationists supported the 25% license hike, 163-67, with five having no opinion. Oconto County sportsmen supported it 247-154, with 11 having no opinion.

Shawano and Oconto county recreationists rejected the 50% hike plan, voting 129-99 and 237-159 against, respectively.

The 0.125% sales tax increase to support conservation programs (similar to Minnesota and Missouri) received support from 71 counties, with one tie. This Conservation Congress advisory question was virtually

the same as the 0.125% sales tax increase suggestion by the DNR, which received support from 70 counties, with one against and one tie. Shawano and Oconto sportsmen supported both versions.

All counties supported plans to eliminate North and South zones for shooting hours and also changing the deadline for registering deer from 5-11:59 p.m. the day after the deer is harvested.

Other results include:

- Seventy-county support of increases from \$5.25 to \$10 for turkey stamps and 69-county support of an increase from \$10 to \$16 for inland trout stamps.

- Strong opposition (60-10) to requiring registration fees for non-motorized watercraft (canoes, kayaks and paddleboards) to support outdoor recreational activities. Despite the opposition, Conservation Congress officially advanced it. Paul Reith of Madison, chairman of Wisconsin Conservation Congress, said testimony at the group's May 15-16 convention supported the measure and the idea of a mandatory or voluntary registration fee for silent sports watercraft remains on the table. Funding for parks maintenance remains an issue and paddlers are user-consumers of those facilities, he noted.

- A plan to charge an access fee for all users of public lands (similar to the state parks sticker) that would apply to fishery, wildlife and state natural areas received a slight majority vote statewide, 2,571-2,457. On a county level, it was rejected 37-32, with tie votes in three counties. Conservation Congress rejected this idea.

- Hunting bobcats at night with the use of calls was rejected 37-32, with the statewide vote 2,895- 2,104 against. Shawano and Oconto county recreationists supported the idea, 146-94 and 208-171, respectively.

- A plan to have a single starting date statewide for cottontail rabbit season, on the Saturday nearest Sept. 15 (rather than separate North and South Zone opening dates), received unanimous 72-0 approval. The total vote in support was 3,719-805.

- There was strong support for an underwater catfish spearfishing season, May 4 to Oct. 15 in all waters currently open to underwater spearfishing. The counties vote was 61-6, and the statewide vote was 2,249-1,490. Shawano and Oconto county sportsmen backed it.

- Using trained hounds to track or harry offending wolves received widespread support, with a 66-5 vote. The individual

vote was 3,234-1,569, Shawano and Oconto county sportsmen supported the plan.

- Sportsmen strongly support allowing disabled hunters to leave a single ground blind or tree stand overnight on public land south of Highway 64 but strongly rejected the same idea for other hunters on all state-owned property. The vote was 71 in favor of the first measure, with a tie in the other county. On the second measure, the vote was 49-16 against, with seven ties.

Numerous studies have shown that most tree stand injuries occur when hunters are erecting or taking down their stands, and the current law requires all tree stands and ground blinds to be removed from public lands south of Highway 64 one hour after shooting time ends and can be installed one hour before shooting time. Hunters north of Highway 64 are allowed to leave overnight no more than two portable stands or blinds per county. Oconto County recreationists supported the idea of overnight stands for all hunters, but Shawano County hunters didn't.

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ROSS BIELEMA
COLUMNIST

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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.

MAPLE VALLEY: Frostville Cemetery Association Annual Meeting, 10 a.m., Maple Valley Town Hall, 9088 County Road Z. Public welcome.

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.

GILLETT: Kids Fishing Day, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Finnegan

Lake Boat Landing, 6600 Finnegan Lake Road. Hosted by Finnegan Lake Walleye Club. Children 12 and younger with adults, food and beverages provided, prize drawing 1:30 p.m.

KLONDIKE: 12th annual Klondike Classic Car and Tractor Show, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Don's Place, 8092 County Road B. Vintage machinery, live music, food and beverages, local vendors.

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, JUNE 7

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

BONDUEL: St. Paul Lutheran Church and School Picnic, 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., 240 E. Green Bay St. Worship services 8 and 9:30 a.m., picnic lunch and family activities 10:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

SHAWANO: Music in the Park at Arlington, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Arlington Park, 300 N. Humphrey Circle. Music with Pat Wiley. Bring lawn chairs.

TUESDAY, JUNE 9

OCONTO FALLS: Oconto County Farmers Market, 4-8 p.m., Memorial Field. Dairy Month Night.

LENA: Car Show On Main, 4:30-7 p.m., Main Street. Each classic car parked on Main Street will get one ticket for a free hamburger from the Wooden Shoe. Vendors welcome.

SHAWANO: Naberhood Block Party, 6 p.m., The Naberhood, 214 S. Main St. Weird Science/Bubble Show.

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 10

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

SHAWANO: Shawano Paddlers Evening Paddle, 6 p.m., Huckleberry Harbor, 122 N. Sawyer St. Check Shawano Paddlers Facebook page for updates.

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

SHAWANO: YPs After Hours, 6-8 p.m., Luigi's, 607 S. Main St. Networking for young professionals.

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 11

BELLE PLAINE: Shawano Paddlers Morning Paddle, 9 a.m., Cloverleaf Lakes, N2754 County Road Y. Check Shawano Paddlers Facebook page for updates.

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.

SHAWANO: Thursdayz at Franklin, 6-8:30 p.m., Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St. Brass Differential. 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.

SHAWANO: The After Party, 8-10 p.m., The Naberhood, 214 S. Main St. Music with Brady James.

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

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.

OCONTO: Copperfest, 4:30-11 p.m., Copperfest/American Legion Park, 709 Madison St. Details at Oconto Copper Fest page on Facebook. Admission \$4, \$2 for ages 6-17 and 60-plus, 5 and younger and veterans free.

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

SHAWANO: NEW Dueling Pianos, 7 p.m., Stubborn Brothers Brewery, Crescent Ballroom, 220 S. Main St. Tickets \$41 or \$299 for a table of eight. Cocktail hour 6 p.m.

SHAWANO: Movie Night at the Airport, 7:30 p.m., Shawano Airport, 248 Airport Road. "Planes." Movie begins at dusk.

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

TOWNSEND: Northern Lakes Archers Club Shoot, 10 a.m., 16230 Village View Drive. Open to the public. Members shoot free, non-members \$10, youth with an adult free. Food and refreshments available.

OCONTO: Copperfest, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., Copperfest/American Legion Park, 709 Madison St. Parade 10 a.m. Details at Oconto Copper Fest page on Facebook. Admission \$6, \$2 for ages 6-17 and 60-plus, 5 and younger

and veterans free.

KESHENA: Wisconsin Two Spirit Pow Wow, 1 p.m., Woodland Bowl. A safe, welcoming celebration for two spirits. A non-contest style pow wow. Specials may be sponsored and may include cash prizes. All are welcome.

SHAWANO: NEW Dueling Pianos, 7 p.m., Stubborn Brothers Brewery, Crescent Ballroom, 220 S. Main St. Tickets \$95 or \$736 for a table of eight. Cocktail hour 5 p.m., dinner 6 p.m.

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, JUNE 14

OCONTO: Oconto County Breakfast On the Farm, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., Riewe Farm, 6947 Old 15 Road; parking entrance at 7040 Range Line Road. \$10 per plate of food, sharing allowed. Breakfast served until noon, family activities until 1 p.m.

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.

OCONTO: Copperfest, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Copperfest/American Legion Park, 709 Madison St. Details at Oconto Copper Fest page on Facebook. Admission \$4, \$2 for ages 6-17 and 60-plus, 5 and younger and veterans free.

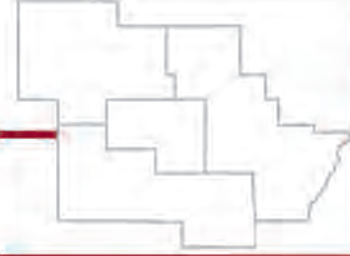
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COURT NEWS

• Lee Terrence Smith, 51, Oneida, pleaded no contest Feb. 19 to second-degree recklessly endangering safety and a misdemeanor charge of hit and run. Judge Jay Conley imposed and stayed a prison sentence, then place him on three years of probation with conditions.

• Kayla Lynn Harris, 30, Oconto, was charged May 26 with child abuse intentionally causing harm and a misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. Court Commissioner Jacob Evans set a \$7,500 cash bond and adjourned her initial appearance until June 18.

• Thomas John Ejnik, 64, Suring, was charged May 26 with substantial battery, strangulation and suffocation, and a misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. Evans set a \$5,000 cash bond and adjourned his initial appearance until June 18.

• Feleesha Jean Bruette, 36, Bowler, was charged May 26 with four counts of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Evans set a \$5,000 cash bond and adjourned her initial appearance until June 18.

• Zachary L. Robenhorst, 23, Oconto, was charged May 26 with two counts of felony bail jumping and misdemeanor counts of battery and disorderly conduct. Evans set a \$5,000 cash bond and adjourned his initial appearance until May 28, when Judge Kent Hoffmann scheduled a preliminary hearing for June 16.

• Ryan K. Bartlett, 43, Oconto, was charged May 29 with failure to comply with an officer attempting to take him into custody, threatening to cause bodily harm to certain individuals involved with a court or legal system, and misdemeanor counts of resisting or obstructing an officer and disorderly conduct. Conley set a \$5,000 cash bond and adjourned his initial appearance until June 18.

PUBLIC RECORD

OCONTO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

May 31

Deputies responded to 64 incidents, including an animal bite on Sampson Road in the Town of Abrams; fire near state Highway 22 and County Road K in the Town of Oconto Falls; a disturbance on County Road C in the Town of Chase; suspicious activity at Suring School, 411 E. Algoma St., Suring; an animal bite on state Highway 32 in the Town of How; fire on Krake Road in the Town of Townsend; four traffic stops, one traffic hazard, three traffic offenses, four citizen assists, one miscellaneous traffic incident, three welfare checks; one 911 hangup and three open lines; six ambulance calls; two crashes, one involving a turkey, one involving deer.

May 30
Deputies responded to 77 incidents, including suspicious activity on Hall Road in the Town of Little River; assault on Sandalwood Road in the Town of Abrams; a disturbance on Cropsey Lane in the Town of Mountain; suspicious activity on South Chase Road in the Town of Little Suamico; five traffic stops, one traffic hazard, seven traffic offenses, one miscellaneous traffic incident, four welfare checks; two 911 hangups and three open lines; five ambulance calls; five crashes, one involving deer.

May 29
Deputies responded to 77 incidents, including a wanted person at the courthouse, 301 Washington St., Oconto; fraud on Lawler Road in the Town of Lena; fraud on Downs Lane in the Town of Maple Valley; a

death investigation at an undisclosed location; a weapon offense on Hines Creek Lane in the Town of Mountain; attempted fraud on East Brown Road in the Town of Little Suamico; a noise disturbance on Smokey Lake Lane in the Town of Townsend; suspicious activity near Timberlee, 3245 County Road EE, Abrams; eight traffic stops, one traffic hazard, two traffic offenses, two citizen assists, three miscellaneous traffic incidents; four open-line 911 calls; four ambulance calls; two crashes, one involving deer.

May 28
Deputies responded to 63 incidents, including threatening on East First Street in Gillett; fraud on County Road J in the Town of Little Suamico; trespassing on George Circle in the Town of Townsend; harassment on Pickerel Access

Road in the Town of Brazeau; intoxication at the Steel Moose, 7083 State Highway 22, Town of Stiles; fire on County Road P in the Town of Gillett; a wrong-way driver on U.S. Highway 41-141 near East Brown Road in the Town of Little Suamico; one traffic stop, two traffic hazards, one traffic offense, two citizen assists, four miscellaneous traffic incidents, three welfare checks; two open-line 911 calls; five ambulance calls; one crash, involving deer.

May 27
Deputies responded to 60 incidents, including suspicious activity on East Highland Avenue in Oconto Falls; a drug-endangered children case at an undisclosed location; harassment on Archibald Lake Road in the Town of Lakewood; fraud on Main Street in Abrams; an internet crimes against children case at an undisclosed location; property damage on County Road A in the Town of Maple Valley; threatening on Downtown Lane in the Town of Underhill; harassment on East Main Street in Lena; a missing person on Gale Street in Oconto; five traffic stops, one traffic offense, one citizen assist, four miscellaneous traffic incidents, two welfare checks; two open-line 911 calls; nine ambulance calls; two crashes, one involving deer.

May 26
Deputies responded to 84 incidents, including property damage on Yurek Road in the Town of Chase; two truancy reports at Suring School, 411 E. Algoma St., Suring; suspicious activity near Balcom Lake and Daly Creek roads in the Town of Oconto Falls; a K-9 deployment at Lena School, 304 E. Main St., Lena; theft at the Law Enforcement Center, 220 Arbutus Ave., Oconto; fraud on

Settlement Road in the Town of Underhill, and at the Law Enforcement Center, 220 Arbutus Ave., Oconto; animal neglect on County Road HH in the Town of Underhill; a wanted person at the county jail, 220 Arbutus Ave., Oconto; animal neglect on Kriescher Road in the Town of Lena; six traffic stops, six traffic offenses, two citizen assists, five miscellaneous traffic incidents, six open lines; six ambulance calls; three crashes, one involving deer.

May 25
Deputies responded to 85 incidents, including animal bites on Bass Point Lane in the Town of Townsend and on Anderson Lane in the Town of Brazeau; theft on White Lake Road in the Town of Bagley; fire on Tar Dam Road in the Town of Riverview; a drug investigation at an undisclosed location; a wanted person at West Side Beach, North Flatley Avenue, Oconto Falls; a disturbance on Cook Road in the Town of Oconto; a disturbance on Cherry Avenue in Oconto Falls; a disturbance on White Lake Road in the Town of Maple Valley; 11 traffic stops, one traffic hazard, six traffic offenses, five citizen assists, three miscellaneous traffic incidents, two welfare checks; one 911 hangup and six open lines; 11 ambulance calls.

May 24
Deputies responded to 61 incidents, including an ATV accident near South Knapp and East Main streets in Suring; theft near North Paya Lake and Paya Lake roads in the Town of Riverview; one traffic stop, one traffic hazard, one traffic offense, one citizen assist, two miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; nine open-line 911 calls; six ambulance calls; four crashes.

May 23
Deputies responded to 77 incidents, including fraud on Saint Bernadette Road in the Town of Bagley; harassment on Munger Lake Lane in the Town of Lakewood; fraud on Kuehl Lane in the Town of Mountain; a structure fire on East Burnt Dam Road in the Town of Townsend; a disturbance on East Chain Lake Road in the Town of Lakewood; suspicious activity on Coffey Lane in the Town of Oconto Falls; an ATV accident on Chipmunk Lane in the Town of Townsend; a disturbance on Monroe Street in Oconto Falls; suspicious activity on Main Street in Oconto; a disturbance on Brazeau Avenue in Oconto; one traffic stop, one traffic hazard, one traffic offense, two citizen assists, four miscellaneous traffic incidents, two welfare checks; one 911 hangup and six open lines; four ambulance calls; three crashes, two involving deer.

May 22
Deputies responded to 83 incidents, including assault on state Highway 22-32 in the Town of Gillett; a disturbance on U.S. Highway 41 in the Town of Oconto; suspicious activity on County Road Y in the Town of Little River; drugs at an undisclosed location; a disturbance at Oconto Falls Elementary School, 415 E. Maria Volk Drive, Oconto Falls; trespassing on Wiskow Road in the Town of Underhill; six traffic stops, one traffic hazard, three traffic offenses, six citizen assists, four miscellaneous traffic incidents, two welfare checks; two 911 hangups and five open lines; four ambulance calls; two crashes.

May 21
Deputies responded to 75 incidents, including fire on East Bass Lake Road in the Town of Townsend; theft on Charolais Road in the Town of Spruce; property damage on County Road VV in the Town of Underhill; a noise disturbance on County Road S in the Town of Little Suamico; child abuse at an undisclosed location; two incidents at the county jail, 220 Arbutus Ave., Oconto; fire near state Highway 64 and County Road T in the Town of Doty; a wanted person near Superior Avenue and Main Street in Oconto; criminal damage at Krist, 916 E. Main St., Suring; seven traffic stops, one traffic hazard, four traffic offenses, two citizen assists, two miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; two open-line 911 calls; five ambulance calls; two crashes, one involving deer.

05/29, 06/06, 06/12, 06/19

INVITATION TO BM
Town of Underhill
LRIP—Local Roads Improvement Program
Project ID: 39508802701 — Cardinal Road
(Intersection of Downtown Lane southward to intersection of County Highway V;
Intersection of County Highway V southward to intersection of Mosling Road and County Highway V)
The TOWN OF UNDERHILL, OCONTO COUNTY is accepting sealed bids for pavement replacement
of .82 miles of Cardinal Road.

THIS IS A LRIP PROJECT
Work to be provided will consist of complete pulverization of existing road and to be replaced with 3" x 20' hot mix asphalt with 2' shoulders. (10' lanes, 2' shoulders). Bids will be accepted until 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 7, 2026, at the Town of Underhill Community Center, 5597 Cardinal Road, Gillett, WI 54124. Bids can be mailed to the Town Clerk - 5597 Cardinal Road, Gillett, WI 54124, All bids shall be sealed and marked: "LRIP Project — CARDINAL ROAD"

"The bidder's attention is called to the fact that this project is subject to a prevailing wage rate determination which has been issued by the State of Wisconsin and that the prevailing wage rates and hours of labor set forth in this determination shall be applicable to this project."

For further information please contact Mark Winkler, Town Chair, at 920-621.4085.

Bids will be opened and awarded on Tuesday, July 7, 2026, at 7:30 p.m. at the Town of Underhill Community Center, 5597 Cardinal Road, Gillett, WI 54124.

The Town of Underhill reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or any part(s) thereof, waive any informalities in the bidding process, and to accept the bid proposal or portion of a bid proposal deemed most advantageous to the Town.

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05/27, 06/05/2026

Kelly Lake Sanitary District Revision to Ordinance
Article IV. User Rules and Regulations
Section 4.19 Extensions and Expansions

Section 4.19 Extensions and Expansions
The Sanitary District may extend or expand existing sewer mains, or construct new sewer mains, to serve properties, subject to the following charges and conditions: (a) The decision to extend, expand, or construct sewer mains is solely within the discretion of the Sanitary District Board, which shall act in the best interests of the Sanitary District as a whole and not necessarily in the interests of the individual(s) requesting the work or the properties affected; (b) A property owner must submit a written application on the form prescribed by the Sanitary District; (c) The Sanitary District shall determine the appropriate location of any manhole(s) and the length and alignment of the extension or expansion, considering anticipated future demand, downstream capacity, and the orderly development of the area. In most cases, an extension will not be constructed for a distance shorter than the distance to the next manhole unless the Sanitary District determines it is necessary under the circumstances. All sewer extensions and expansions must comply with applicable local and state laws, ordinances, and regulations; and (d) Unless the Board determines otherwise in its sole discretion, the cost of an extension or expansion shall be paid by the property owner(s) benefiting from the work. Property owners are deemed to benefit from an extension or expansion whether or not they immediately connect to the sewer main. The Sanitary District may, in its discretion, pay all or part of the cost as a district-wide expense. The Sanitary District may borrow funds, include costs in the general levy, or make special or general assessments to cover any costs associated with an extension or expansion.

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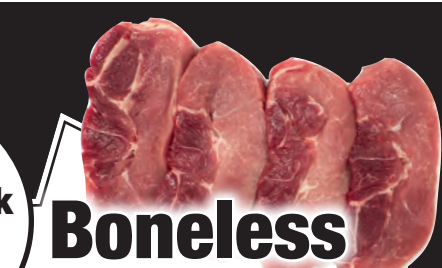


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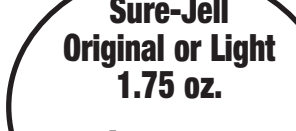
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Row 2 (L to R) - Chloe Collins, Destiny Chesser, Nicholas Eaker, Sophie Limberg, Oni Schroeder-Unger, Brady Couillard, Eleanor Sunderlage, Audrey Woodke, and Anthony Topel
Row 3 (L to R) - Dominic DiMaggio, Nash Stage, Jordan Paholke, Bradyn Wendorff, Clayton Borremans, Chase Anderson, Anthony Solorzano Zeron, Graham Fisette, and Bennett Regal
Row 4 (L to R) - Carson Koeller, Adam Vorpahl, Corbin Rank, Jedric Herzog, Hunter Phillips, Jesse Powell, Caden Habeck, Riley Pensis, and Parker Jenerou
Missing from photo: Maxxwell Montie

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Class Moto: “When you’re young, you’re stupid. You do silly things”.
-Ozzy Osbourne
Class Song: Vienna by Billy Joel
Class Colors: Purple and Gold
Class Flower: Tulip

Valedictorian:
Tia Schwartzkopf



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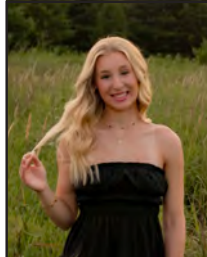
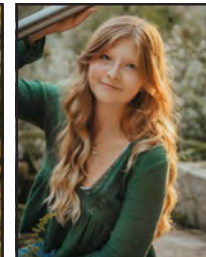
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Congratulations Valedictorians:
Sylvia Krause
Natalie Rieth

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Class Flower: Orange Gerbera Daisy

Class Colors: Orange and Black

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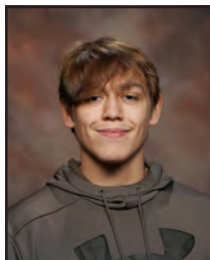
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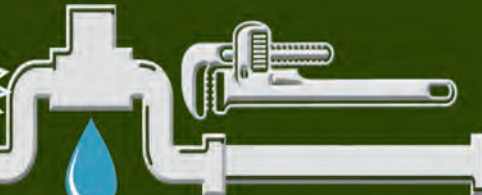
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