



The Shawano Ski Sharks battled the heat, humidity and smoke to perform July 15 on the shores of the Wolf River at Smalley Park in Shawano. Over the course of the next four days, the team competed in the Wisconsin waterski championships, returning home with the state title in Division 2. For more information, turn to page 8.

GREG MELLIS | NEW MEDIA

# Wildfire smoke covers area

## Air quality alert issued for state

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

Smoke from wildfires in Minnesota and Canada has moved into the area, leaving a dim haze across the state that can be seen in every direction.

The smoke has created unsafe air quality, and prompted the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to issue a statewide alert.

Depending on where you live, the Air Quality Index is expected to reach the orange level, unhealthy for sensitive groups – red, unhealthy for everyone – or purple, very unhealthy.

The unhealthy category includes Menominee, Oconto and Shawano counties.

Sensitive groups should avoid prolonged or heavy exertion, while everyone should reduce prolonged or heavy exertion.

Smoke entered northern Wisconsin the night of July 14. Smoke will continue south-southwest, approximately reaching a La Crosse to Janesville line by midnight July 15. Statewide impacts will be possible by 6 a.m. July 16. The heaviest smoke impacts, including the potential for Hazardous Air Quality Index, are expected across northwest Wisconsin, especially in communities along Lake Superior. Lake enhanced smoke concentrations will also be possible for communities near Lake Michigan.

Wildfire smoke contains fine particulate matter, tiny particles that can travel deep into the lungs and even enter the bloodstream. Exposure can worsen asthma and other chronic lung diseases, increase the risk of heart-related complications, and irritate the eyes, nose and throat, particularly among children, older adults, pregnant women and people with underlying health conditions.

“The impact of poor air quality cannot be overstated,” said Tony Malik, MD, hospitalist for Aspirus Health, which has clinics and hospitals in Michigan’s

WILDFIRE, continued on page 18



Shawano County Park beachgoers made the most of the smoky conditions July 15. The smoke-filled sky created whiteout conditions throughout the area, eliminating any views of a blue sky or blue water.



Parade goers along the Pulaski Polka Days parade route July 19 were treated to sprays of water to cool them off during the hot afternoon. For more photos, turn to page 5.

INSIDE

‘Timeless Teachings’ to fill Woodland Bowl with stories.

PAGE 11



0 51497 11626 2

bi Bay Impressions

OFFICE SUPPLY & PRINTING

1109 MAIN ST - OCONTO 920-834-2900

Back To School SmartSaks

ON SALE TILL START OF SCHOOL!

ALL SUPPLY ITEMS FOR EACH GRADE IN ONE BAG!

FOR ANY SCHOOL, ANY GRADE — ORDER NOW!

FIND ALL SCHOOL SUPPLIES IN ONE PLACE!

DON'T NEED IT ALL? We will remove anything and subtract from your cost!

You, Your Business, Club or Organization Can

DONATE SmartSaks!

# Snack sticks, curds pop up at Iola Car Show

## Primal Eats, Lions Club set up shop

By GREG SEUBERT  
Correspondent

What do beef snack sticks and cheese curds have in common?

They were both big hits at this year's Iola Car Show, thanks to an area business and a service organization.

Primal Eats, a craft meat smokehouse, restaurant and catering business on County Road VV between Gillett and Keshena, and the Wittenberg Lions Club returned as vendors to this year's show, held July 9-11 in Iola. The event that typically draws more than 100,000 visitors.

Primal Meats took over a building that formerly housed an Iola Lioness Club food stand, while the Lions set up three trailers near the show's tower.

David Kiedrowski of Primal Meats said the car show offers a great opportunity to get the word out about the business, which opened in May 2021.

"I believe this is our third or fourth year," he said. "We brought our manufactured beef brisket snack sticks, because we are known for our brisket. We have a whole manufacturing plant for those snack sticks. We have our pulled pork that we make at the restaurant, so that's another main item. We're doing a fried bread pulled pork sandwich, and we're also doing it on a pretzel bun."

Kiedrowski said the car show is a chance to spread the word about Primal Eats.

"We're part of a small



Aloysius Waub, of Keshena, prepares large pieces of fried bread July 9 in the Primal Eats booth at the Iola Car Show. GREG SEUBERT

community in Gillett, Wisconsin," he said. "From

the beginning, we knew we had to be heavy into

marketing. Our main focus is customer service

and quality food. We try to provide that family-friendly atmosphere. When we first opened our doors, we had a couple of pizzas, barbecue and a few sides. I think there were 14 menu items. That's it. On our first weekend, we sold out of everything. We had to go buy toasted sesame seeds for some of our products."

Primal Eats now sells its snack sticks in more than 2,000 grocery stores and convenience stores across the United States.

The business also recently opened a grab-and-go, AI-controlled retail store on County Road R north of Cecil.

"We have freezers and coolers," Kiedrowski said. "You swipe your credit card, and it preauthorizes the charge. You go shopping and nobody has to check you out."

Besides sandwiches, Primal Eats also served cheese curds at this year's show for the first time.

"We make our own cheese curds and source those locally and bread them ourselves," Kiedrowski said. "This is our first year of being able to offer those, and we're so happy to be able to do those this year."

While cheese curds were one of several items on Primal Eats' menu at the car show, the business wasn't competing with the Wittenberg Lions Club, which set up trailers about a mile away.

Club member Gary Thompson said the organization has brought its cheese curd trailers to the show since the 1970s.

"We're one of the first food vendors they had here," he said. "We just keep coming back, and it's the largest fundraiser we have. As a rule, we

probably net out between \$10,000 and \$11,000."

Money raised from the sale of the curds is earmarked for several uses in the Wittenberg area — including \$1,000 scholarships awarded to up to five Wittenberg-Birnhamwood High School graduating seniors, Wittenberg-Birnhamwood Nature Center, Special Olympics and a track meet that the club sponsors each spring.

Club members look forward to returning to the show each year, according to Thompson.

"They've been good to us here, and it's growing," he said. "It's like the second-largest car show in the United States."

Club members showed up at this year's show with three trailers.

"We always had at least two, but now, we're going with a pre-breaded, frozen curd. We bought this blue trailer with two freezers in it, the white trailer is for supplies and all of our deep fryers are in this one."

The club gets its cheese curds from Nasonville Dairy, near Marshfield, and switched to pre-breaded curds from Nasonville Dairy about three years ago.

"When Bletsoe Cheese out of Little Chicago went out of business, we lost that outlet," Thompson said. "We used to do the breading ourselves, but that takes a lot more help. We have an older club, so we don't have a lot of young help."

Thompson said the club focuses on selling cheese curds for a good reason.

"It's Wisconsin," he said. "Everybody loves them. If you get out of Wisconsin, they don't know what a cheese curd is. We were down in Kansas City, Missouri, one time and we stopped at this car repair shop, and I said, 'Oh, we sell cheese curds.' He said, 'What the heck is a cheese curd?' I sent that guy a package, and he texted me back and said, 'Those things are addictive. I was going to have a couple before supper and ate the whole bag.'"

seubert4@gmail.com

## CORRECTION

An article in the July 17 edition incorrectly listed the title of a book about Lambert and Doris Anderson's early years in the Amazon. The book title is "God's City in the Jungle." We regret the error.

# PSYCHIC SOLUTIONS

INSIGHT • GUIDANCE • CLARITY

50% OFF ALL READINGS

Palm Readings • Tarot Readings • Love Readings  
• Career Guidance • Life Guidance

When life feels uncertain, the right guidance can change everything. with a reputation for honesty and accuracy, my readings are designed to give you the answers you've been searching for and the confidence to move forward. Every session is private, confidential, and focused entirely on you.

IF YOU'RE SEEKING REAL ANSWERS, GUIDANCE, AND PEACE OF MIND  
- YOUR PATH STARTS HERE.

1566 West Mason St., Green Bay, WI

Call for an appointment 920-943-4770

**SPECIALIZING IN:**  
AUTO • HOME • LIFE  
BUSINESS • FARM

237 N MAIN  
OCONTO FALLS, WI 54154  
**(920) 848-2341**

**Senn**  
HOMETOWN INSURANCE  
AGENCY, INC.

REPRESENTING  
  
WWW.SENNHOMETOWNINS.COM

## OCONTO COUNTY TIMES HERALD



**Publisher**  
Greg Mellis  
gmellis@newmedia-wi.com

**Editor-in-chief**  
Kevin Passon  
kpasson@newmedia-wi.com

**Retail advertising**  
advertising@newmedia-wi.com  
**Obituaries**  
obits@newmedia-wi.com

(USPS 402-780)  
Periodicals postage paid at  
Oconto Falls, WI 54154

**News**  
news@newmedia-wi.com  
**Classifieds/legal notices**  
classifieds@newmedia-wi.com

Published weekly  
**by NEW Media Inc.**  
d/b/a The Oconto  
County Times Herald

**Office**  
420 N. Chestnut Ave. Suite C,  
Oconto Falls, WI 54154  
Hours by appointment only

**POSTMASTER:** Send address  
changes to:  
420 N. Chestnut Ave. Suite C, PO  
Box 184, Oconto Falls, WI 54154

Member, Wisconsin  
Newspaper Association  
**Phone**  
715-526-2121

# Townsend's Long Branch Saloon rises from the ashes

Tavern  
reopens  
following  
blaze in  
January  
2025

By GREG SEUBERT  
Correspondent

Warm beer and lousy service are back in a northern Oconto County community.

That tongue-in-cheek business slogan for the Long Branch Saloon disappeared in January 2025 after a fire destroyed the bar and grill at 17901 State Highway 32, Townsend.

Co-owners Eric Branch and his cousin, Kelly Branch, rebuilt the business from scratch and a new and improved saloon opened its doors to customers Feb. 1 of this year.

Kelly Branch helps run the business from her Colorado home while Eric Branch is a fixture at the tavern, which has been in the family for years and has been a staple of the community for more than a century.

Eric Branch moved to Townsend from Colorado to take over the bar in July 2021 and was closing the bar Jan. 19, 2025.

"It was the coldest day of the year, 12:30 in the morning," he said. "We had a space heater in a crawl-space to thaw the water lines for the bathrooms."

The malfunctioning space heater caught fire and the flames quickly spread to the rest of the building.

"I went downstairs and turned the space heaters off," Branch said. "We



Long Branch Saloon co-owners Kelly Harris and Eric Branch stand outside the saloon earlier this year after it was rebuilt and reopened following a fire in January 2025.

KELLY HARRIS

went outside and were ready to leave and my bartender said she saw smoke. I went downstairs and saw the fire."

The loss of the tavern had an impact on the unincorporated community, according to Branch.

"It hurt," he said. "This town is very tight and everybody helps."

Branch said his plan was to rebuild the tavern, a process that took only seven months once work began.

"My insurance company was the best I've ever dealt with in my life," he said. "I actually sided it and framed the windows and doors myself. That's what I did for a career for 30 years."

The Long Branch reopened Feb. 1, a little more than a year after the fire.

"Everybody kept saying, 'When are you opening? When are you opening? When are you opening?'" Branch said. "It was the Sunday before the Super

Bowl. It was a big deal and we were very busy. Everybody wanted to see the shiny new toy."

The rebuild allowed Branch to increase the size of the tavern.

"It's almost twice the size," he said. "We went from 30 stools to 50 stools. There's a pool table and more parking. Everything's bigger."

One thing he didn't expand was the food. The Long Branch's only menu item is frozen pizzas,

which are available in several varieties for \$13.

"I'm not doing that," he said. "It's too much work. I have the best frozen pizzas."

The rebuilt tavern allows Branch to keep the business in the family.

Kelly Branch's parents – Eric Branch's aunt and uncle – owned the bar from 1992 to 2021. Prior to that, it was known as Buck's Fort and owned by Kelly Branch's mother's father, Buck Iskowsch. The

Iskowsch family opened the tavern and ran it until Kelly Branch's parents took it over in 1992.

Eric Branch said the area is an ideal place to run a business like his.

"No stop signs, no stoplights," he said. "I like it. I have a very good local crowd. I've never had a problem with that."

Branch said he's glad to be back in business.

"I'm glad to have a job again," he said. "I was ready to have fun again."

WORD  
DEDUCE

WORD  
SEARCH

TRIVIA  
QUIZ

FILL the  
BLANKS

Enjoy  
Fun and Games at  
[www.newmedia-wi.com](http://www.newmedia-wi.com)



**MEADOWBROOK**  
— OCONTO FALLS —

**YOU'RE INVITED!**

**OPEN HOUSE**

Join us as we celebrate the opening of our  
dedicated hospice wing,  
*Unity Sunset Wing at Meadowbrook-Oconto Falls*





**THURSDAY,  
JULY 30TH**



**11:00 AM –  
2:00 PM**

**GRILL OUT**

Join us for  
a delicious  
cookout!





**HOLISTIC, DIGNIFIED CARE**  
Compassionate medical, emotional,  
spiritual, and grief support by  
specialty trained experts.



**DEDICATED  
TO OUR COMMUNITY**  
Proudly serving families across  
Oconto County and beyond.



**PLEASE RSVP TO WENDY BY JULY 28TH**  
**920.595.1196 | wjacobs@synergyseniorhc.com**

OBITUARIES

FRANCIS ‘RIC’ STEFFECK



Francis Richard ‘Ric’ Steffek, 79, of Mayville, passed away unexpectedly July 11, 2026, while camping on his property on the farm he grew up on near Spruce.

Ric was born March 15, 1947, to Victor and Suzanne Steffek in Oconto Falls. He graduated from Oconto Falls High School before getting his degree in agronomy from University of Wisconsin-River Falls. At UW-River Falls, Ric was a four-year starter and letter winner on the football team.

Following graduation, he married Margaret (Peg) McGuan and would have celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary July 31. After getting married, Ric and Peg moved to Columbus, and then to Mayville where they raised their three kids. He began working for FS and later went on to work for Terra, where he held several management roles throughout the 1980s and 1990s. He finished his career working for Gundrum Brothers/Helena while always servicing southeastern Wisconsin farmers.

Ric was a parishioner of St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Mayville and a Knight of Columbus for nearly 50 years as a charter member. He served as grand knight during that time as well.

Ric had several passions. He loved deer hunting on the family farm in Spruce. He was a passionate Green Bay Packers fan and owner, quoting Vince Lombardi until the end.

Ric also loved traveling to see his family around the world. He especially liked going to see Peg’s family in Waterville, Maine, and was working on plans to get back there soon.

He also enjoyed visiting his children when they lived in various places like New Jersey; Kansas City, Missouri; Guadalajara, Mexico; Belmopan, Belize; Seattle/Leavenworth, Washington; and

Colorado; where he would embrace local cultures and scenery.

He is survived by his wife, Peg; his siblings, Patricia (Gene) Sager, Joan Denis, Victor Steffek and Robert (Selina) Steffek; his children, Michael (Nicole), Daniel and Elizabeth; his grandchildren Samantha (Jack) Serbousek, Ashley (Brendan) Sullivan and Max Spiegel; brothers-in-law, Frank (Sue) McGuan, Mike (Denise) McGuan, David McGuan, Greg (Tami) McGuan, Gary Jenko; and sisters-in-law, Jean (Steve) Petley, Nancy (Nate) Weeks, Cathy (Pete) Durette, Maggie McGuan; as well as many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; mother- and father-in-law; siblings, James, Cherie, Thomas; and his brothers-in-law, Patrick McGuan and Marc Denis.

A memorial Mass of Christian Burial took place Thursday, July 23, 2026, at 1 p.m. at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Mayville.

Burial will be held July 25 in Spruce at the Pine Hill Cemetery at 11 a.m.

At noon, there will be a celebration held at the Blue Spruce Tavern in downtown Spruce.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the St. Mary’s Knights of Columbus Chapter 8817 or to St. Mary’s School in Mayville.

Koepsell Funeral Home in Mayville is serving the family.

www.koepsellfh.com

NANCY J. WIRTZ



Nancy J. Wirtz, 72, Oconto Falls, passed away surrounded by family and friends on Monday, July 13, 2026, at St. Mary Hospital, Green Bay. The daughter of Joseph and Genevieve (Brusky) Sinclair was born July 8, 1954, in Green Bay.

Nancy graduated from Pulaski High School with the class of 1972. On Nov. 8, 1997, she married Eugene Wirtz at Assumption BVM Church in Pulaski.

Throughout her working years, Nancy was employed at Northern Shoe for three years, Carver Boat for 15 years, Pulaski State Bank for three years, Georgia-Pacific for 18 years and Bay Tech for three years. In addition, she tended bar part-time for 15 years at Joe’s Place, The Shuttle and The Homestead.

Nancy was an avid bowler who also enjoyed traveling, cooking, baking and spending time with her family and friends. She had a special love for polka music, especially the music of Chad Przybylski and the

and Chuck (Lisa) Wirtz; and many nieces, nephews and other family members.

In addition to her parents, Joseph and Genevieve, she was preceded in death by a stepdaughter, Audra Wirtz; father- and mother-in-law, Floyd and Eleanor Wirtz; a brother, Jerry Sinclair Sr.; brothers-in-law, Bob Price and Jim Wirtz; and a sister-in-law, Rose Ann Wirtz.

Friends are invited to gather with family at Assumption BVM Church, 119 E. Pulaski St., Pulaski, on Friday, July 24, from 9 a.m. until noon. The funeral Mass will be celebrated at noon with the Rev. William Rooney, OFM, presiding. Burial will take place in Kunesh Cemetery.

Nancy’s family would like to thank the entire third floor ICU staff, and the fifth floor nurses at St. Mary’s for the exceptional care given to her.

Online condolences may be offered to Nancy’s family at [www.marnochafuneralhome.com](http://www.marnochafuneralhome.com) or on the Marnocha Funeral Home Facebook page.

**DIXIE**



Dixie has a wonderful personality that truly shines once she's had time to build trust. She can be a bit shy when meeting new people, but her loyalty and affection are worth the wait.

**KAREN**



Karen is a 2 year old cat with a strong personality. She is very confident around the shelter and has made great friends with the staff. She would prefer a calmer home and few visitors. She is suited for an adopter who understands cat-itude!

**SHERBERT**



Sherbert is a 3 month old large sized mix breed looking for a home. She is the last in her litter looking for her forever home. If you're ready for young pup energy, stop by the shelter to meet her!

**LILY**



Lily is a quiet and well-mannered cat looking for a calm home. She is very affectionate and playful once she gets to know you. We hope to find this sweet gal a home soon.



**Champion Collision, Inc.**  
**Larry's Towing & Recovery**

Phone: 920-846-0430  
535 Locust Ave.,  
Oconto Falls  
Hours: 8-5  
Monday - Friday

**Bob &  
Chris  
Walters Jr.**



**Antique Automotive**  
(920) 834-4447  
Stiles Junction

**Bob &  
Chris  
Walters Jr.**

**Oconto Area Humane Society  
and Animal Shelter**  
**920-830-1738**  
150 S. Katch Drive, Oconto  
To make an appointment, call the shelter or  
email [ocontoareahumane@gmail.com](mailto:ocontoareahumane@gmail.com)

**HOURS:**  
Mon-Thur. Fri. 11-4  
Wed. 11-5  
Sat. 8-11.  
CLOSED  
Tuesday & Sunday

To place your ad here  
call 920-360-3450

Please see all adoptable pets at [www.ocontoareahumane.org](http://www.ocontoareahumane.org). Supporting homeless pets is one of the best acts of kindness.

*Nothing stops  
dancing,  
music, food,  
drink at 47th  
annual Pulaski  
Polka Days*



LIVEwire enthusiasts crowd the stage on the July 16 opening night.  
Kids collect candy and other treasures along the parade route July 19.  
Roasted corn on the cob was dipped in butter to the delight of roasted corn lovers.  
Hannah Wolf dances with her son, Hugh, the afternoon of July 19.

GREG MELLIS | NEW MEDIA



# Risk of tick bites strong in Shawano, Oconto counties

## Tick kits offered by health department

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

The Town of Doty in Oconto County and the Town of Bartelme in Shawano County are among several Wisconsin towns at the high-risk stage for tick activity.

Most of the rest of each county is in the moderate-risk stage, according to TickZone, a free daily tick-risk forecast covering 20,750 towns across 38 states, combining Centers for Disease Control and Prevention county Lyme incidence rates, satellite land cover for each town and daily weather (temperature, humidity and recent rainfall).

“Ticks need moisture and hosts. Their best habitat is the edge, where forest meets open ground: leaf litter, brush, tall grass along trails, and the line where woods meet a yard or field. That is where deer, mice and the ticks that feed on them overlap,” said Nathan Burnett, founder of TickZone (<https://tickzone.app>). “Pavement and short, dry lawn are poor tick habitat, which is why risk tracks so closely with how wooded and broken-up the land is.”

Wisconsin is one of the highest Lyme-risk states in the country, and Oconto and Shawano counties sit

well up the list.

Oconto County ranks 15th of Wisconsin’s 72 counties with a reported Lyme incidence of 246.4 per 100,000.

Shawano County ranks 26th of 72 with an incidence of 199.5 per 100,000.

Menominee County shows no reported cases, but Burnett cautions about reading too much into that number.

“It’s the smallest county in the state, about 4,200 people, and almost entirely forest. With a population that small, zero reported cases means too few to report reliably, not an absence of ticks,” he said. “The blacklegged (deer) tick is established there, and the habitat is among the highest-risk in the region. I’d call Menominee under-counted, not low-risk.”

According to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, the number of tick bite-associated emergency department visits per 10,000 in north-eastern Wisconsin is at 32 for the week of July 6-12. The high this year was 73 for the week of May 25-31.

Shawano Menominee Counties Health Department offers these recommendations when going outdoors.

- Wear long sleeves, long pants and socks.
- Use insect repellent.
- Heart clothes and gear treated with permethrin.
- Perform daily tick checks.
- Take a bath or

**BY THE NUMBERS**

Every TickZone community gets a single 0 to 100 tick-risk score for the day, updated each morning. Low-risk scores are 0-33, moderate-risk scores are 34-66, and high-risk scores are 67-100.

TickZone provides a score that is a live daily reading that shifts with weather, so treat the following figures as a mid-July snapshot.

|                                  |                                |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Oconto County</b>             | <b>TIGERTON:</b> 61            |
| <b>DOTY:</b> (town) 74           | <b>RED SPRINGS:</b> (town) 61  |
| <b>TOWNSEND:</b> (town) 65       | <b>ANIWA:</b> 60               |
| <b>ABRAMS:</b> (town) 59         | <b>ALMON:</b> (town) 60        |
| <b>UNDERHILL:</b> (town) 58      | <b>BIRNAMWOOD:</b> (town) 60   |
| <b>SURING:</b> 56                | <b>FAIRBANKS:</b> (town) 60    |
| <b>BREED:</b> (town) 55          | <b>MORRIS:</b> (town) 60       |
| <b>HOW:</b> (town) 55            | <b>NAVARINO:</b> (town) 60     |
| <b>MORGAN:</b> (town) 55         | <b>ANIWA:</b> (town) 59        |
| <b>RIVERVIEW:</b> (town) 55      | <b>HUTCHINS:</b> (town) 59     |
| <b>MOUNTAIN:</b> (town) 54       | <b>BOWLER:</b> 58              |
| <b>GILLETT:</b> 53               | <b>WITTENBERG:</b> (town) 58   |
| <b>CHASE:</b> (town) 53          | <b>WAUKECHON:</b> (town) 57    |
| <b>LITTLE SUAMICO:</b> (town) 53 | <b>PELLA:</b> (town) 56        |
| <b>BAGLEY:</b> (town) 52         | <b>WESCOTT:</b> (town) 56      |
| <b>STILES:</b> (town) 52         | <b>MATTOON:</b> 55             |
| <b>LAKEWOOD:</b> (town) 50       | <b>GRANT:</b> (town) 55        |
| <b>OCONTO FALLS:</b> (town) 49   | <b>BELLE PLAINE:</b> (town) 54 |
| <b>PENSAUKEE:</b> (town) 49      | <b>BIRNAMWOOD:</b> 52          |
| <b>GILLETT:</b> (town) 47        | <b>BONDUEL:</b> 52             |
| <b>MAPLE VALLEY:</b> (town) 47   | <b>HERMAN:</b> (town) 52       |
| <b>OCONTO FALLS:</b> 46          | <b>WITTENBERG:</b> 51          |
| <b>BRAZEAU:</b> (town) 45        | <b>GRESHAM:</b> 50             |
| <b>OCONTO:</b> (town) 42         | <b>LESSOR:</b> (town) 49       |
| <b>OCONTO 41</b>                 | <b>SHAWANO:</b> 48             |
| <b>SPRUCE:</b> (town) 40         | <b>GREEN VALLEY:</b> (town) 47 |
| <b>LITTLE RIVER:</b> (town) 38   | <b>HARTLAND:</b> (town) 44     |
| <b>LENA:</b> (town) 37           | <b>RICHMOND:</b> (town) 44     |
| <b>LENA:</b> 31                  | <b>WASHINGTON:</b> (town) 44   |
| <b>Shawano County</b>            | <b>ANGELICA:</b> (town) 43     |
| <b>BARTELME:</b> (town) 68       | <b>CECIL:</b> 39               |
| <b>GERMANIA:</b> (town) 63       | <b>MAPLE GROVE:</b> (town) 38  |
| <b>SENECA:</b> (town) 63         | <b>Menominee County</b>        |
| <b>ELAND:</b> 61                 | <b>MENOMINEE (TOWN):</b> 45    |

SOURCE: [HTTPS://TICKZONE.APP](https://TICKZONE.APP)

shower after spending time outdoors.

“Stay to the center of trails, and do a tick check within a couple hours of coming inside,” Burnett said. “A shower and a hot dryer cycle on your

clothes both help.”

There are roughly 90 tick species in the U.S., but only a handful bite people and spread disease. In this area, the one that matters most is the black-legged, or deer, tick, which

carries Lyme and is established across the area. The American dog tick is also present, mainly in grassy spots.

“The lone star tick, common in the South, has not established this far north yet, though it is moving northward over time, with the occasional sighting in Wisconsin, likely hitchhiking on birds,” Burnett said.

If you find a tick attached to you, use fine-tipped tweezers, grip it as close to the skin as possible and pull straight up with steady pressure. Do not twist it, burn it or coat it in anything.

“Clean the area, note the date, and watch for a rash or fever over the following weeks,” Burnett said. “Prompt, correct removal is the single biggest thing in your favor.”

Not all tick bites result in Lyme disease, but that’s not because the ticks are clean.

“Up here, a large share of adult deer ticks do carry the Lyme bacterium, so you should not count on any given one being harmless,” Burnett said. “The reasons a bite often doesn’t lead to Lyme are different. First, not every tick is a deer tick, and dog ticks don’t carry Lyme at all. Second, an infected deer tick generally has to stay attached 24 to 48 hours to transmit. That’s why identifying the tick and removing it quickly matters so much.”

Wisconsin’s real risk

window runs from about April through late fall, with two peaks, Burnett said.

Right now, mid-summer, is the peak for nymphs, the poppy-seed-sized ticks that are hardest to spot and cause most of the bites that make people sick.

The second peak is adult deer ticks in October and November, which tends to catch hunters and hikers off guard after they’ve stopped thinking about it. Ticks go dormant in hard winter cold. A stray adult can appear on an unusually warm winter day, but that’s a minor exception, not something to plan around.

Burnett started TickZone this summer.

“A few things pushed me into it,” he said. “It’s been a record tick season, I kept running into the lone star tick turning up in new places, a tick I hadn’t even heard of until recently, and honestly, it’s personal, too. My younger brother got Lyme when we were younger. He was treated and he’s fine, but it stuck with me. I wanted people to be able to see the risk for their own town, not just a statewide number. It now pulls together CDC surveillance, land cover and daily weather across 38 states.”

Readers can look up any town themselves for free with no signup required by visiting <https://tickzone.app>.

[kpasson@newmedia-wi.com](mailto:kpasson@newmedia-wi.com)

# Bites, stings can lead to serious health issues

Summer means more time outdoors, but it also brings increased exposure to mosquitoes, bees and ticks.

While most insect bites and stings cause only mild irritation, some can lead to serious allergic reactions or illnesses such as Lyme disease. Aspirus nurse practitioner Bruce Anderson says knowing how to prevent bites and recognize when medical care is

needed can help keep outdoor adventures safe and enjoyable.

Anderson said bee and wasp stings can be especially dangerous for people with severe allergies. While most stings cause localized swelling, itching and discomfort, a severe allergic reaction known as anaphylaxis can cause difficulty breathing or swallowing and requires immediate medical attention.

Ticks present a different concern, particularly black-legged (deer) ticks, which can transmit the bacteria that causes Lyme disease. Anderson said many patients visit the clinic shortly after discovering a tick bite. Seeing patients early gives providers the opportunity to determine whether preventive treatment for Lyme disease is appropriate.

To help reduce the risk of insect bites, stings, and

tick-borne illness, Anderson offers the following tips:

- Bug spray can help prevent bites from mosquitoes, flies, and other insects while outdoors.
- Long-sleeved shirts, long pants and high socks can help reduce skin exposure to insects and ticks. When walking through tall grass, tuck pants into socks whenever possible.
- After spending time outdoors, inspect yourself, children and pets for ticks. Early removal can reduce the risk of Lyme disease transmission.
- A rash, body aches, joint pain, fever or flu-like symptoms after a tick bite or spending time outdoors could indicate Lyme disease and should be evaluated by a healthcare professional.
- Difficulty breathing, swelling of the face or

throat, or trouble swallowing after a sting may indicate anaphylaxis and requires emergency medical attention.

“When Lyme disease is identified early, most people do well after treatment,” Anderson said.

He added that some people may experience recurring symptoms and should follow up with a specialist if symptoms persist.



**H**

**HOMETOWN  
INSURANCE**

**BEST OF  
SHAWANO LEADER  
2025**

**AGENCY OF SHAWANO, INC**  
**1207 E. GREEN BAY STREET • SHAWANO**  
**715-526-6390 • 800-428-6390**

**Depend on an Independent Insurance Agent**

Independence allows Hometown to compare various insurance companies and recommend only the best ones like Auto Owners

**Auto-Owners  
INSURANCE**

**LIFE • HOME • CAR • BUSINESS**

**Proud to be your only Locally Owned Agency in Shawano**

# Experts weigh in on gubernatorial race

## Hong, Tiffany appear to be front-runners for November

By **PETER CAMERON**  
The Badger Project

With an open slot for governor on the ballot in 2026, a large group of Democrats has jumped into the ring.

Francesca Hong, the Democratic socialist and Madison Assembly representative, has narrowly led most polling in a crowded Democratic field, with former Lt. Gov. Mandela Barnes close behind, though the majority of respondents have said they don't know who they will support.

Wisconsin Republicans likely have their candidate for governor, the MAGA-aligned Northwoods Rep. Tom Tiffany, but state Democrats must choose from a handful of remaining candidates in the primary election Aug. 11.

The last time Wisconsin Democrats chose a gubernatorial candidate from a packed primary, in 2018, they nominated the moderate Tony Evers, who went on to narrowly defeat the incumbent Scott Walker. Much has changed politically since then.

### Can Hong win?

Democratic socialists across the country are on the rise, so it's a question many in Wisconsin and beyond are asking.

Hong, the foul-mouthed, rhetorical bomb-thrower



**FRANCESCA HONG**

from Madison, seems to take pleasure in flipping the bird to conservatives, which has delighted some Democrats who say they want more fight from their party.

Her strong early polling has also drawn concern from others who think she is too extreme and thus a risky candidate to run in a swing state.

Some fear she has not done enough to position herself for the more moderate voters outside of Madison she will need to win the state. While other prominent Democratic socialists like New York Mayor Zohran Mamdani and Michigan Senate candidate Abdul El-Sayed have abandoned or even denied past support for defunding the police, an incredibly unpopular political position in Wisconsin and nationwide, Hong has not done so when given the opportunity. She has called for not only defunding the police, but also abolishing it altogether.

### Can Tiffany win?

The state GOP has rallied around a candidate in Tiffany who is loudly



**TOM TIFFANY**

and forcibly pro-Donald Trump – so much that he was one of the few elected Republicans who tried to help him overturn the 2020 election – in a year when the president is very unpopular, in Wisconsin and nationally.

That tight association has given Tiffany a lot of baggage, said Ed Miller, a political science professor emeritus at UW-Stevens Point.

“Besides his challenge to the 2020 election, he has many votes for positions that have hurt farmers, middle class and poor voters,” Miller noted.

Like Hong, experts wonder if Tiffany is too extreme to win statewide.

“Tiffany hitched his wagon to Trump and voted with him down the line, to allow this insane tariff war that's hurting Wisconsin farmers, to raise healthcare costs and make it harder to access care, to let this dumbass war in the Middle East continue no matter how much more we all pay at the pump,” said Joe Zepecki, a former

Democratic strategist who now runs his own consulting firm.

“Tiffany made those choices, which is a little like choosing – on purpose! – to run a marathon with an 800-pound anchor around your neck,” he wrote in an email.

Democrats nominating the wrong candidate could open a path to victory for him, said James Wigderson, a conservative, anti-Trump political writer.

“Barnes and Hong will allow him to do that while they are vulnerable to having their turnout numbers go down because they turn off more moderate voters while scaring (energizing) Tiffany voters,” he wrote in an online message to The Badger Project.

“Clearly, the only Democratic candidate Tom Tiffany believes he even has a chance of beating is Fran Hong,” Zepecki added. “The political environment is brutal for Republicans right now – and there is almost nothing to indicate it will get better.”

### Party advantages

The Wisconsin GOP does have one thing going for it, said Aaron Weinschenk, a political science professor at UW-Green Bay, in an email.

Unlike the Democrats, they aren't having “a long, protracted primary battle,” he wrote. “It's basically been Tiffany for a while now, and he doesn't have to spend time (or resources) winning a primary. We're already seeing plenty of ads for him on social media and television (and he's therefore getting information out there to voters).”

Most of the political wind is blowing at the sails of the Democrats, many experts say.

Midterm elections usually favor the party out of power, Heim said. Juicing the numbers this year could be the Republican president's severe unpopularity.

“But the Democrats do have some history of occasionally grasping defeat from the jaws of victory,” Heim wrote. “If they, as it now appears, continue to move further left, that may be a formula for Tiffany's better chances of success this fall. But he also needs to move towards the center and downplay his MAGA side.”

“There may be more surprises in the fall than normal, giving him more of a chance, but as of now? I would put my money on the odds that would seem to favor the Democratic candidate for governor.”

### The final stretch

Two of the seven Democratic gubernatorial candidates have dropped out so far and endorsed current Lt. Gov. Sara Rodriguez.

That leaves, at least for now, Rodriguez, Barnes, state Sen. Kelda Roys of Madison, former Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Administration Joel Brennan and Hong.

Rodriguez won a straw poll at the Democratic Party of Wisconsin's state convention in June, with Hong close behind. That poll of hardcore activists was not predictive the last time it happened in 2018. Roys finished first and the eventual primary winner, while Evers finished third.

Tiffany is not running unopposed in the Republican primary. Andy Manske, an unorthodox, political rookie and a 27-year-old medical services technician from the Milwaukee area, is also on the ballot. He faces long odds to defeat the congressman, who has millions in the bank and the support of the Republican establishment, including the president.

The Badger Project is an independent news nonprofit in Wisconsin.



NEW MEDIA INC.  
**715-526-6188**

Valley Crest

CLINTONVILLE

NOW LEASING!

1, 2 & 3 Bedroom Apartments

151 W Morning Glory Drive

Clintonville, WI 54929

Call for more info 715-823-5443

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Esta institucion es un proveedor servicios con igualdad de oportunidades.

Every Thursday is Seniors Day!!!

Buy One Get One FREE Entrée

(Of Equal Or Lesser Value)

With The Purchase Of Two Beverages (Up To \$11.99 Value). Expires 8/24/26.

1398 E. Green Bay St.

Shawano, WI

715-524-2900

Moede & Sons

Call Today! 715-524-4211

Proudly Serving the Shawano Area for over 100 years

4 Generations of Experience

Remodeling/New Construction

Residential/Commercial

Showroom: 810 E Center St. Shawano

BEST OF SHAWANO LEADER 2025



The Shawano Ski Sharks battled heat, humidity and smoky conditions to perform July 15 on the shores of the Wolf River at Samlley Park in Shawano. On July 16-19, the team competed in the state water ski championships and returned home with a Division 2 state title.

GREG MELLIS | NEW MEDIA

# Ski Sharks win D2 state title

The Shawano Ski Sharks racked up 1,374.88 points and earned the Division 2 state title at the 2026 Wisconsin Water Ski Show Championship held July 16-19 at Lake Wazeecha in Wood County.

The Ski Sharks earned first place in the Dock and Equipment Personnel, Tow Boat Driving, Overall Show, Doubles and Pyramid categories.

Ryan Strachan was named Most Valuable Male.

Second place was

earned in Showmanship, Barefoot, Jump and Swivel.

A third-place award was earned in Sound Crew Total and Ballet.

Fourth-place finishes were earned in the categories of Production and High Individual Club Act.

Shawano placed fifth in the Pick-Up Boat Crews.

Celebrating 50 years this summer, the Ski Sharks perform Wednesday evenings through Aug. 19 on the shores of the Wolf River at Smalley Park

in Shawano. The pre-show begins at 5:30 p.m., with the show getting underway at 6 p.m.

Shows are always free to the public; however, donations are appreciated. Concessions are offered on-site at every show (cash only). Bottled water, soda, sports drinks, burgers, brats and popcorn are all for sale. Raffle tickets are available at each show.

Bleacher seating is available. Many people also bring lawn chairs or blankets.

# Cecil tops Pulaski for third straight Dairyland win

By GREG SEUBERT  
Correspondent

Wins are starting to add up for Cecil's Dairyland League baseball team.

The Mudhens headed to Pulaski on July 17 and returned home following their third straight win, a 9-8 10-inning victory over the Reds.

**Cecil 9, Pulaski 8 (10 inn.)**

The Mudhens moved into sole possession of fourth place in the Dairyland standings with the win.

Both teams got off to a fast start in the first inning. Cecil left the bases loaded without scoring, while Pulaski took a 3-0 lead.

The Mudhens bounced back in the second inning. Reese Stoltenow and Easton Engel had two-out singles, and Garrett Engel walked to load the bases. Noah Beilfuss came up with one of his three hits in the game as the Mudhens cut the lead to 3-2.

Cecil took the lead in the third inning, as Braden Uelmen and Mason Meverden singled. Isaac Boldt's double to left field tied the game at 3-3, and Trace Brehmer drew a walk to load the bases. Stoltenow and Easton Engel drove in runs with sacrifice fly balls, and Garrett Engel's double gave the Mudhens a 6-3 lead heading into the fourth inning.

Pulaski came up with a run in the bottom of the fifth inning, but three walks and a Brody Hartman single led to a run in the next inning for the Mudhens.

Pulaski tied the game with two runs in the sixth inning and one in the eighth, and the teams headed into extra innings tied at 7-7.

Cecil scored a pair of runs in the top of the 10th

inning after Garrett Engel led off the inning with a seven-pitch walk and Beilfuss and Hartman singled to load the bases. Engel scored on a wild pitch, and Meverden drove in Cecil's final run on a deep fly ball to center field.

Pulaski came up with a run in the bottom of the 10th inning of a game that lasted four hours.

Hartman picked up the win on the mound, and the save went to Meverden.

**Marinette 12, Navarino 2 (7 inn.)**

Sean Christiansen pitched a complete game to help give the Redbirds a win over the Rangers July 19.

**Waupaca 14, Nichols 6**

Waupaca scored at least one run in each inning in a win on the Nitros' home field July 19 as the Lakemen outthit the home team 15-9.

Waupaca opened the scoring with two runs in the top of the first inning and one more in the second.

Brendan Canterbury's two-run home run in the fourth inning gave the Lakemen a 5-0 lead, but Nichols scored three times in the bottom of the inning. Nick Volz and Javon Leisgang hit solo home runs.

Waupaca answered with Jason Ellie's two-run home run in the sixth inning and Canterbury added his second homer – a three-run shot – in the seventh.

Leisgang and Volz each had two hits to lead Nichols at the plate and Leisgang took the loss after giving up 10 hits and 12 runs. Winning pitcher Cam Seidl scattered seven hits and four runs over seven innings while striking out 10 batters.

Canterbury and A.J.

McDonald each had three of Waupaca's 15 hits.

**Bonduel 11, Hofa Park 0 (8 inn.)**

The Broncos picked up a road win July 19 over the Panthers behind Jett Thielke's win on the mound that included 18 strikeouts and one hit over seven innings.

Adam Frost, Easton Reinke, Jack Reinke, Brooks Hartlaben and Cooper Campshure each had two hits for Bonduel, while Beckett Hartlaben scored four runs. Easton Reinke had a three-run home run and drove in a team-high six runs.

**Navarino 9, Nichols 6**

Nichols fell to the Rangers on July 17 despite having a 9-8 advantage in hits.

Will Debrune led Nichols with three hits, including a home run in the ninth inning.

Navarino opened the scoring in the fourth inning on Mason Dingledein's solo home run.

Nichols tied the game in the sixth inning on a single from Marcus Jens and an error.

The Rangers came up with six runs on three hits in the bottom of the sixth inning to take an 8-2 lead. Ryan Boettcher drove in a pair of runs with a single.

Debrune's three-run homer in the top of the ninth cut the lead to 9-6.

Winning pitcher Spencer Dauphinee held the Nitros to three hits and two runs over five innings, while Cade Johnson took the loss for Nichols.

Boettcher, Dingledein and Owen Weber each had two hits for Navarino.

**Hortonville 12, Bonduel 2 (8 inn.)**

Hortonville handed Bonduel its second Dairyland loss July 15 in a rescheduled game.

DAIRYLAND,  
continued on page 10

# Big ninth inning lifts Wittenberg over Tigerton in BABA

By GREG SEUBERT  
Correspondent

A big ninth inning gave Wittenberg's Badger Amateur Baseball Association team a come-from-behind win, as the Pilots defeated Tigerton 15-14 July 17 in Wittenberg.

**West Division**  
**Wittenberg 15, Tigerton 14**

Wittenberg scored 10

runs in the bottom of the ninth inning for a win over the Tigers and improved to 8-2 in division play.

**East Division**  
**Gresham 14, Marion 9**

Nate Ejnik and Mike Pecore each had four hits to lead the Gophers over the Meisters on July 17 in a rescheduled East Division game.

Wyatt Nietzer added

three hits for Gresham, while Crew Weisnicht and Lukas Pecore had two each.

Mitch Elandt led Marion with three hits.

Paul Murphy picked up the win on the mound and Blake Weatherwax took the loss.

**New London 12, Clintonville 2 (7 inn.)**

The Irish built an 8-0 lead thanks to seven-run

second inning and cruised to a 10-run win over the A's at Don Jirschele Field in Clintonville, a game that was rescheduled from July 17 to July 19.

New London outthit the A's 11-1 and Mike Helsten picked up the win on the mound.

Colby Schmude scored three times, hit a home run and drove in three runs for the Irish.

**North Division**  
**Birnamwood 7, Eland 3**

Birnamwood defeated the Engineers in the Kings' final home game of the regular season at Rivertronics Stadium.

**Hatley 12, Crandon 5**

Hatley outthit the Kentucks 15-8 in Hatley.

Kodie Kocher led the Braves with four hits, while Sam Meerstein had

three and Ben Cunliffe and Braxton Olson added two each.

Cole Kupfer and Tyler Sprink led Crandon with two hits each.

Cunliffe picked up the win, and Curtis Paschen took the loss.

**Antigo/Polar at Aniwa**

Results not reported.

**BABA, continued on page 10**



## BADGERLAND USED TIRES

**NEW TIRES  
USED TIRES  
MOUNTING  
BALANCING**

1438 E. Green Bay St.  
Shawano, WI 54166

Hours: M-F 8 to 5; Sat 8 to 2

**(715) 524-3034**

**"QUALITY TIRES AT A LOW PRICE!"**



mickelsonfs.com  
(715) 526-3135



**Providing the  
Compassion &  
Care Your  
Family  
Deserves.**



**RADDANT ELECTRIC**

W7850 County Road MMM,  
Shawano, WI 715-526-6578

*Serving All Your Electrical Needs*



*and your dealer for*

**GENERAC**

Home Standby Generators



Premium Cigars • RYO Tobacco  
Vapes • Accessories • Gifts

715-524-2663

538 S. Main Street, Shawano, WI 54166

Like Us On Facebook

# Public Auction

**Francis and Dawn Hubert  
Saturday, August 8th, 2026  
9:00 am**

**Located: N7267 Shady Lane Dr.,  
Porterfield WI 54159**

**Auctioneers Note: This is an excellent auction with  
extremely clean, quality items!**

## Slingshot

2016 Slingshot SL - Only 6500miles - Great Condition and lots of Extras

## Man Cave - Bar items - Collectables

Large Collection of bar signs - Neon-Metal-Lighted(Beer, Cigarette, Road, Oil, advertising etc), CD Wall Juke Box, Street light, old payphone, "Best Burgers in Town neon, large Old Milwaukee round sign, Pub Table w/ chairs, Bar display cabinets, Hand carved walking canes and statues, Beer Fridge, CocaCola beverage cart, flat screen tvs, Dart Machine, Poker machine, 2 yamaha and 2 JBL speakers, 2 guitars, Vintage Fender speaker, amp, corner booth w/ table, M&M Candy phones/display/figurines, 7UP elec beverage cooler, Large amount of Figurines New in box

(Kiss-StarWars-Simpsons-MickyMouse-More) Brett Favre signed/framed Jersey w/pic, Brett Favre signed Southern Miss mini helmet w/pic, Packer items, rolling bar cart, glass block, misc bar items, more

## Tools - Sporting Goods

Miller 250 CV-DC Wire feed Welder, 200amp battery charger, Eastwood versa plasma cutter, ProTech band saw, rolling shop cabinets, nut and bolt assortments, 31/2 ton floor jack, fiberglass step ladders, plastering tools, wood clamps, car wheel dollies, jack stands, Stihl MS 290 chainsaw, Bostitch air compressor, yard machine gas edger, earthquake tiller, hand truck, Sliding miter saw/w stand, Hitachi metal cutoff saw, elec metal band was on stand, benchtop drill press, 110v portable welder, Murray 3300psi powerwasher, Milwaukee cart, Sanborn 60 gal air compressor - 220v, Mac tool box, 2 air hose reels, large amount of wrenches-sockets-misc tools, vise w/ stand, grinder on stand, router bit set, air tools, elec winch, 1/2 hp paint sprayer, air nailer,, Job site tool boxes, SS racks, ext cords, posthole/dirt auger, wet tile saw w/stand, more.

## GUNS

cal revolver, 38 5.56x45mm like new w/extra clips, S&W AR 3 ,underwater camper Trophy Buck mounts, moose antlers, John Boat, gun 3 ,Vexlar underwater camper cases, misc water sport items-Tubes - large swim mat-etc, Lots of fishing utility trailer, ice '5x8 ,poles - tackle, alum atv ramps, lawn roller, leaf blower fishing gear, weber grill, Pit Boss pellet grill, Polan Pro and Toro snowblowers, snowmobile/atv helmets, metal detector, utv tires, camping gear/tents, canopy, dusk to dawn lights, cases of new light bulbs/showerheads,Husqvarna all wheel drive push mower, coolers, more

## Household-Antiques

Two Elec Leather Recliners(Like New), New Lazy Boy leather recliner, Elec Fireplace TV stand, Butchblock Coffee table, Room air conditioner, Antq sm 6pc ,oak dresser, lg sofa mirror, other mirrors, oak bench, Coat locker 4post king bed(Awesome), Jewelry Cabinet, Chair and/bedroom set w Ottoman,New Floor scrubber Single bed, Bowflex tread climber, Blanket ,bench, large amount of quality holiday decorations, cross cut saw drawshave, scythes, milk cans, hay knife, Pole Climbers, ice tongs, fishing lures, coffee percolators, vintage toys, new baby items, window air conditioners, new walker

Terms: Cash, Check or Credit Card w/fee



Jeff, Gillett WI  
(920) 373-2928

Auction Conducted By

**BAHRKE**

**Auction & Real Estate, Inc. #80**

7707 County Rd V Gillett, WI 54124

Cols. Jeffrey T. Bahrke #578 &

Jon Bahrke #2572

VIEW PICTURES & INFORMATION Online at

bahrkeauctions.com  
WI REGISTERED AUCTIONEERS

Kathy Bahrke, Clerk



Jon, Pulaski WI  
(920) 373-8928

Thank You!



We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to all of our clients who have supported Vorpahl's Business Services throughout the years. Your trust, loyalty, and continued patronage have meant more to us than words can express. We never take your support for granted.



Whether you have been with us from the beginning or joined us along the way, you have played an important role in our success. Because of valued clients like you, we are able to do what we love each day.



As our business continues to grow, we are pleased to announce that we are currently accepting new clients. If your family, friends, or business associates could benefit from our services, we would be honored to assist you.

WE PROUDLY PROVIDE:



TAX PREPARATION



BOOKKEEPING



PAYROLL SERVICES



CORPORATION SERVICES

Thank you again for your trust and support. We look forward to serving our community for many years to come.

Vohpahl's Business Services

8814 Highway 22 W

Cheering for the FIFA champions



Lauren and Kylie from Appleton cheer on Spain as Spain beat Argentina 1-0 in extra time in the FIFA World Cup 2026 at a watch party at Titledown in Green Bay on July 19.

GREG MELLIS | NEW MEDIA



DAIRYLAND, continued from page 8

Hortonville pitchers Zander Locy and Marson Burrichter held the Broncos to five hits, while the Stars got home runs from Logan Locy, Chris Atwood and Cage Kavanagh.

Chase Reinke, Adam Frost and Noah Weier each had a double for Bonduel, and Weier took the loss on

the mound.

Hortonville at Shawano

Results not reported.

July 24 schedule

Nichols at Waupaca, 7 p.m.

July 26 schedule (all games start at 1:30 p.m.)

Waupaca at Cecil; Pulaski at Bonduel; Hofa

Park at Shawano; Hortonville at Navarino; Marinette at Nichols.

Standings as of July 16

Bonduel, 10-2; Hortonville, 10-2; Waupaca, 9-1; Cecil, 6-6; Shawano, 6-6; Navarino, 3-6; Hofa Park, 3-8; Marinette, 3-8; Nichols, 2-7; Pulaski, 3-9.

BABA, continued from page 8

West Division Little Falls 15, Caroline 2

Little Falls held on to first place in the West Division standings with a home win over the Cougars.

Plover 13, Leopold 1

The Pterodactyls made the long drive to Leopold July 19 and returned home following a win over the Bulldogs.

Plover scored eight of its 13 runs in the top of the ninth inning. Kevin Jastromski led the Pterodactyls at the plate with three of the team's 14 hits. He also drove in four runs on a three-run single in the eighth inning and an RBI single in the ninth.

Plover didn't score until Brady Houston's two-run single in the eighth inning. Ryan Malveg had three

hits to lead Leopold at the plate, and Brady Hannes drove in the Bulldogs' only run.

Kaden Thauer picked up the win on the mound for Plover, and Jaden Stuhler took the loss despite striking out 18 batters in eight innings.

Scandinavia at Tilleda Results not reported.

East Division Menominee at Gresham

Gresham's game with Menominee was cancelled due to smoky conditions and Menominee not having enough players to field a team.

Weymont at Shawano Results not reported.

July 22 schedule

South-Central Division: Scandinavia at Plover, 7 p.m.

July 24 schedule

North Division: Hatley at Eland, 7 p.m. Elderon at Antigo/Polar, 7 p.m. East Division: Plover at Clintonville, 7:30 p.m. South-Central Division: Plover at Clintonville, 7:30 p.m.; Caroline at Weymont, 7 p.m.; New London at Wittenberg, 7:30 p.m. West Division: New London at Wittenberg, 7:30 p.m.; Caroline at Weymont, 7 p.m.

July 26 schedule (all games start at 1:30 p.m.)

North Division: Aniwa at Crandon; Birnamwood has bye. West Division: Tilleda at Leopold; Gresham at Tigerton; Little Falls has bye. East Division: Clintonville at Shawano; Gresham at Tigerton; Menominee at Plover; Marion at Scandinavia. South-Central Division: Menominee at Plover; Marion at Scandinavia.

# ‘Timeless Teachings’ to fill Woodland Bowl with stories

Smithsonian partnership allows pageant to get materials needed for show

By **LEE PULASKI**  
City Editor

A summer tradition for the Menominee for the last 10 years returns again, but it will be doing so without its matriarch.

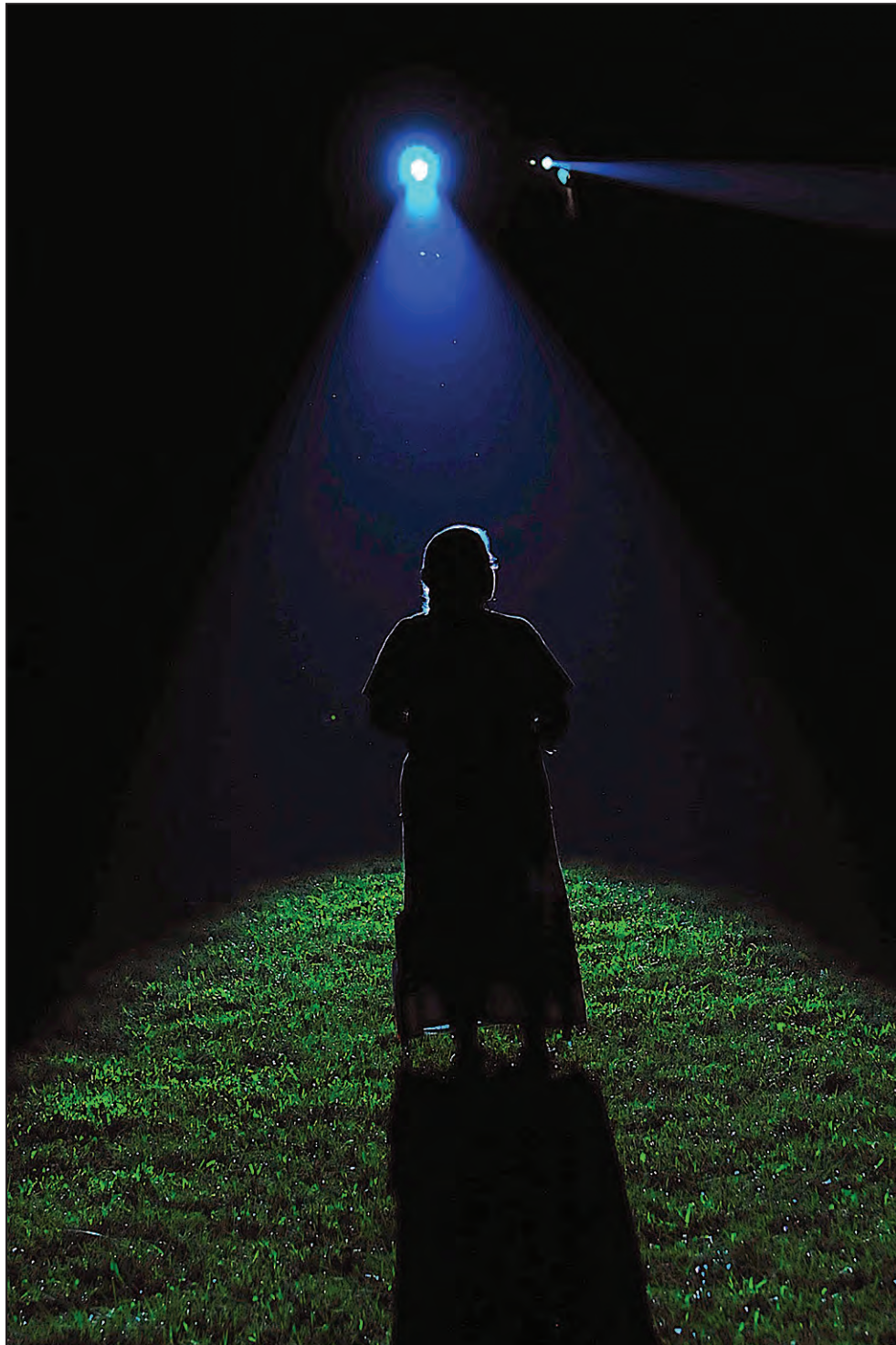
The Menominee pageant, where participants tell stories through pantomime, dance and audio recordings, will be performed July 29 at the Woodland Bowl in Keshena. This year’s show, “Timeless Teachings,” and was written by the Menominee Pageant Players Guild. The show includes adapted versions of “A Sampling of Menominee Legends” from the Menominee Tribal Historical Office and “The Legend of the Dells,” written by the late Theresa Wescott.

The pageant program, which was revived in 2016 after decades of absence, received an added boost this year after it was recognized by the Smithsonian Institution and added to its Festival of Festivals — the only Wisconsin event to get that honor.

The Smithsonian partnership, along with the Menominee Powwow Committee, the Wisconsin Arts Board and Taproot Artists and Community Trust, has allowed the College of Menominee Nation to purchase new lights and special effects equipment, along with a sound system designated specifically for the pageants.

“Timeless Teachings” will be the first time the pageant players have put together a show without any input from its matriarch, Grace “Bea” Corn. She died in 2025 before that year’s pageant was performed. Dawn Wilbur, Corn’s daughter, recalled how excited her mother was when it was announced that the Menominee pageants would return with a request for materials from past pageants.

“Not long before that, my cousin and my uncle had all of my grandpa’s papers,” Wilbur said, noting that it was decided that those papers should be stored at Corn’s home. “Oddly enough, one of the first boxes that we went through had the pageant stuff that my grandpa had back when he revived it years ago (in the late 1950s). When my mom saw that call, she said, ‘They’re having a meeting. Will you come with me?’ She gathered some of the files, and we came here to CMN. I could see the total excitement on Ryan (Winn) and Lloyd (Frieson)’s faces.”



Dawn Wilbur performs a monologue during the 2025 Menominee Pageant production.

CONTRIBUTED

Wilbur noted that, once the files were looked at, the people involved with reviving the pageants knew their mission would be successful.



Grace “Bea” Corn, shown in a publicity photo for the original pageant productions, was the matriarch for the latest revival that started in 2016. She died in 2025. This year’s pageant, “Timeless Teachings,” will be dedicated to Corn and the work she put into pageants past and present.

CONTRIBUTED

# Otter Run owner sees surprise mink visit

When Jon and I bought Otter Run in Townsend in 1993, it was advertised as 87 acres on the Townsend Flowage. As recorded on the survey map, the property is composed of three distinct parcels. Perfect. Ah, nothing’s perfect. Thirty

acres of it is underwater so only 57 acres actually belong to us.

What? Yes. Thanks to Wisconsin State Statute Chapter 28, if you are a U.S. citizen, you own that acreage as much as we do. A founda-

tional principle rooted in the Northwest Ordinance of 1787, Chapter 28 was incorporated into the Wisconsin Constitution in 1848.

Commonly known as the Public Trust Doctrine, the statute holds that navigable waters are “common highways and forever free” for the use of all state residents and U.S. citizens, without tax, input or duty. The doctrine is administered by the state of Wisconsin and entrusts the state legislature with the primary duty to enforce it.

Chapter 28 has never been an issue for us. When Oconto County lowered the Flowage in 2013 to repair the dam, Jon posted a sign on the lakebed: “Lots for Sale.” His silly sign drew some inquiries but no offers. All in good fun.

Seriously, an occasional boater disembarks on our shoreline to relieve a full bladder or retrieve a wayward fishing lure caught in the brush instead of the mouth of a trophy bass. No worries. We have even helped solve the problem if asked.

Over the years, our shoreline has been the scene of some very interesting woodland creature behavior. One particularly relevant example involves Lee Stehula, a now-deceased cousin who lived next door. When Lee saw otters running up and down our dock, he suggested we call our piece of poor man’s paradise, Otter Run. Perfect.

Speaking of perfect, one encounter I’ll never forget came when I went to check out loud splashing sounds close to our dock. I arrived just in time to observe a huge muskie take a big northern pike out for lunch. The muskie played with his catch, then gulped it down and rolled over several times as if celebrating. I couldn’t help but laugh aloud.

Another occurrence we still see now and then is muskrats frolicking in the water. In spring, we watch for the muskrat mating ritual. This humorous activity of procreation always brings to mind the Captain and Tennille song, “Muskrat Love.”

One incident I wish I had witnessed happened over the Sunday of Fourth of July weekend. As is our custom, we went out on the pontoon after the boat traffic died down. I packed some snacks and filled our cooler with adult beverages, chef salads, grilled bread, and brownies for dessert.

We prefer late afternoon boat rides that culminate with anchoring at our favorite



**KATHLEEN MARSH**  
COLUMNIST

“They had some archives, and they knew it could be done,” Wilbur said. “For me, it’s important to continue this in her name, to continue to be here and be a part of it. Watching these younger ones come forward and put their energy into it is very promising to me, and I know it was for my mother, too.”

The Smithsonian collaboration also allows the pageant to hire three interns to help prepare for the pageant. Jeremiah Moses Jr., who teaches Menominee language at Shawano Community High School, is serving as the coordinator for the Menominee language and the audio recordings. He said his main purpose in the position is to normalize speaking in the traditional tongue again.

“We were very intentional in the way we went about that,” Moses said. “I got a lot of freedom in how I was able to go about that, and I would consult with the group and make sure we were on the same page. We didn’t want to just reserve it to the areas of the play that are traditional stories and included language in the modern parts of the play, as well.”

Moses noted that being in the room with the actors when they were recording their lines for the audio system allowed him to make sure everybody was

TIMELESS, continued on page 12

MINK, continued on page 14

TIMELESS, continued from page 11

speaking their lines with the correct Menominee pronunciation.

“Not everybody can read Menominee as it’s written down in the script,” he said.

Mary Mault is another intern who is handling the administrative side of things and assists stage manager Melinda Cook. Mault handles the scheduling for rehearsals and Zoom meetings, along with coordinating all the actors, dancers and other roles the pageant needs to be a success.

“I’m kind of more comfortable with what I do, because I’m not really an actor,” Mault said. “I kind of stay on the sidelines, which I like.”

Cedar Fernandez is interning to take the lead on set and prop designs. She said she’s working to make this show seem like a zoom into individual

AT A GLANCE

**WHAT:** “Timeless Teachings,” a Menominee pageant  
**WHEN:** 9 p.m. July 29  
**WHERE:** Woodland Bowl, W3002 Fairgrounds Road, Keshena  
**ADMISSION:** Free, but any donations received will be used to fund next summer’s production  
**FYI:** The show is suitable for all ages. It runs 90 minutes with no intermission.

scenes with the spotlight bringing all the attention to the action. Having more materials helps to make that a reality.

“We’re looking at expanding it more than we’ve done in previous years,” Fernandez said. “We’re still working through a lot of details yet, to be honest, though. As far as stage design, I’ve been around it, but I haven’t gone to this level of leadership on it.”



Extremely hot temperatures moved preparations July 13 for the Menominee pageant “Timeless Teachings” inside the College of Menominee Nation as, from left, Jeremiah Moses Jr., Cedar Fernandez, Mary Mault and Dawn Wilbur go over notes from the previous scene.

LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

Winn, who teaches theater at CMN and has done extensive research on past pageants, is directing the show again this year. He said that

this year’s show is based off stories recommended by the Menominee

Historical Museum to be told during the summer months. From those, the pageant players were able to get four stories, along with an original song about the sturgeon.

“They have values that anyone, Native or non-Native, can benefit from hearing,” Winn said. “We tried to use those not only to perpetuate this wisdom but recognize, as we celebrate anniversaries and the passage of time, that wisdom remains.”

“Timeless Teachings” also marks another milestone as the Menominee celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Woodland Bowl, known mainly as its arena for most of the outdoor powwows but originally started as a space to perform the Menominee pageants whenever the Keshena Fair was held.

lpulaski@newmedia-wi.com

THEME: CAMPING ACROSS

- 1. Soapy enemy
- 5. Architect’s software, acr.
- 8. Professional number cruncher, acr.
- 11. Through, to a poet
- 12. Z, NATO phonetic alphabet
- 13. Garden pest
- 15. Chinese monetary unit
- 16. Sportscaster Andrews
- 17. Certain water birds
- 18. \*Luxury camping
- 20. Scratch’s target
- 21. Same as coho
- 22. DNA transmitter
- 23. Explanation backed by evidence
- 26. Gottfried \_\_\_\_, calculus co-creator
- 30. R in rpm
- 31. Er on Periodic table
- 34. Bowling ball path
- 35. Arabic VIPs
- 37. .0000001 joule
- 38. Financial woes
- 39. Cecum, pl.
- 40. “Et tu, Brute?” speaker
- 42. Food morsel
- 43. Siren, e.g.
- 45. \*\_\_ camping, or camping without shelter
- 47. Siesta
- 48. “There it is,” † Paris
- 50. Gold or frankincense or myrrh, e.g.
- 52. \*Fire starter
- 55. American chameleon

- 56. Antioxidant-rich berry
- 57. New Mexico art colony
- 59. Nymph chaser
- 60. Nonclerical
- 61. Poet Pound
- 62. High school parent org.
- 63. Be off base
- 64. Ready for picking
- DOWN
- 1. Eye infection
- 2. College party chant
- 3. Russia’s \_\_ Mountains
- 4. Western European city-state
- 5. Collectible in a cabinet
- 6. Skirt shape
- 7. Animal waste
- 8. Chocolate candy, to a Brit
- 9. Essence
- 10. Marketing creations
- 12. Gentle breeze
- 13. Raspberry drupelets
- 14. \*Like drinking water
- 19. Customs and conventions
- 22. “Losing My Religion” band
- 23. \*Leave no \_\_\_\_
- 24. Egyptian falcon god
- 25. Put out on a curb
- 26. Totes or tugs
- 27. Orient’s bigwig
- 28. Preface, e.g.
- 29. Piquant
- 32. \*\_\_ bag or \_\_ canister
- 33. Rage
- 36. \*Waterproof cover (2 words)
- 38. Funny
- 40. Large edible mushroom

CROSSWORD

|    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  |    | 5  | 6  | 7  |    | 8  | 9  | 10 |    |
| 11 |    |    |    |    | 12 |    |    |    | 13 | 14 |    |    |
| 15 |    |    |    |    | 16 |    |    |    | 17 |    |    |    |
|    | 18 |    |    | 19 |    |    |    |    | 20 |    |    |    |
|    |    |    | 21 |    |    |    |    | 22 |    |    |    |    |
| 23 | 24 | 25 |    |    |    |    | 26 |    |    | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 |    |    |    | 31 |    | 32 | 33 |    |    | 34 |    |    |
| 35 |    |    | 36 |    |    | 37 |    |    | 38 |    |    |    |
| 39 |    |    |    | 40 |    |    |    | 41 |    | 42 |    |    |
| 43 |    |    | 44 |    |    |    |    | 45 |    | 46 |    |    |
|    |    |    |    | 47 |    |    | 48 | 49 |    |    |    |    |
|    | 50 | 51 |    |    |    | 52 |    |    |    | 53 | 54 |    |
| 55 |    |    |    |    |    | 56 |    |    | 57 |    |    | 58 |
| 59 |    |    |    |    |    | 60 |    |    | 61 |    |    |    |
| 62 |    |    |    |    |    | 63 |    |    | 64 |    |    |    |

SWITCH & GET \$25

Off First Month of New Service! USE PROMO CODE: GZ590

Consumer Cellular

CALL CONSUMER CELLULAR 888-804-0913

© 2023 Consumer Cellular Inc. For promo details please call 888-804-0913

- 41. Of low pH
- 44. Serve food at events
- 46. Restaurant staff member
- 48. “The \_\_\_\_ of Wakefield”
- 49. On the radio (2 words)
- 50. \*Annoying biting fly
- 51. Tiny quantity
- 52. Leafy green
- 53. Like Hitler’s Germany
- 54. \*Good Ol’ Raisins and Peanuts
- 55. Venomous snake
- 58. Greek letters on campus

SUDOKU

Call today and receive a **FREE SHOWER PACKAGE PLUS \$1600 OFF**

**SAFE STEP WALK-IN TUB** 1-855-576-5653

With purchase of a new Safe Step Walk-In Tub. Not applicable with any previous walk-in tub purchase. Offer available while supplies last. No cash value. Must present offer at time of purchase. CSLB 1082165 NSCB 0082999 0083445

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|   |   | 7 |   |   |   | 6 |   |   |
| 4 |   |   |   | 6 |   |   | 1 |   |
| 8 |   |   |   | 7 | 2 |   |   |   |
| 5 | 8 |   |   | 2 | 7 | 3 |   |   |
|   |   | 9 |   |   |   | 7 |   |   |
|   |   | 3 | 1 | 9 |   |   | 5 | 2 |
|   |   |   | 2 | 1 |   |   |   | 3 |
|   | 7 |   |   | 3 |   |   |   | 8 |
|   |   | 8 |   |   |   | 5 |   |   |

© StatePoint Media

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 7 | 8 | 3 | 1 |
| 8 |   |   | 6 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 2 | 7 | 6 |
| 3 |   | 7 | 6 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 9 |
| 2 | 5 | 8 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 9 | 7 |
| 1 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 8 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 7 |
| 5 | 8 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 9 | 4 | 4 |
| 8 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 2 | 9 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 3 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 7 |
| 6 | 8 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 6 |

**KNOPE**

Heating and Air Conditioning

1473 E. Green Bay St., Shawano  
(715) 524-4215 • www.knopehvac.com

10 YEARS RUNNING

2026 PRESIDENT'S AWARD

NORTH AMERICAN NATE TECHNICIAN EXCELLENCE

14 YEARS IN A ROW!

BEST OF SHAWANO LEADER 2025

CALL US TODAY AND EXPERIENCE OUR AWARD WINNING SERVICE FOR YOURSELF!

Carrier

For the World We Share

INFINITY® VARIABLE-SPEED CENTRAL AIR CONDITIONER WITH GREENSPEED® INTELLIGENCE

The Infinity® Variable-Speed Central Air Conditioner with Greenspeed® Intelligence makes every day more comfortable by delivering outstanding efficiency and quiet operation. Plus, over-the-air updates help maintain optimum performance with fewer temperature swings. So however you use your home, you can count on Carrier to make it feel great.

Explore how we're enhancing life at home. Carrier.com/AC

# Great Crested Flycatcher moves into neighborhood

We have a new neighbor in our yard this summer, the Great Crested Flycatcher. It lives up to its name with its distinctive gray crest giving it a big-headed look, seemingly at odds with its small slender body size. The bird's back, neck and head are brownish gray, belly yellow and its long tail is mostly rusty red. It's a dapper looking bird.

What first clued me into the bird's presence was its distinctive call described by The Cornell Lab All About Birds (AAB) website as a loud "whee-eeep" whistle that rises fast in tempo and ends sharply. This is one of four basic calls made by both the males and females during the day. It is thought to serve as a contact call between a mated pair or between parents and young and is also made by either parent to warn of an intruder or predator near the nest site.

It's the bird's call rather than a sighting of it that will likely alert you too to its presence. This is because, according to AAB, these flycatchers prefer being high up in tree canopies where they are hard to see. From these high vantage points, they hunt for larger insects, peering in all directions,



A Great Crested Flycatcher brings a mulberry to the young in its nest tucked into a hollow limb of the author's old backyard apple tree.

CATHY CARNES

bobbing their heads and swooping to give chase to flying prey.

Flycatchers are persistent when pursuing prey, darting and hovering to snatch up insects. In their haste, may even crash into foliage in pursuit of it. Now that's being laser focused. They

spend little time on the ground, preferring to fly from place to place rather than to walk or hop.

To our delight, after hearing the flycatchers for a few

days, a pair decided to nest in our old apple tree. I noticed them flitting about the branches of the tree seeming to assess it for a suitable nesting site.

Nest building is done mostly by the female with the male staying close. We saw the female busily bringing nesting material to an old hollow limb in the tree – first a beak full of dried grass and then a fluffy bright yellow artificial looking feather, half the size of the bird, was slipped into the nesting cavity. Interestingly, AAB reports that shed snake skins are often used in nest construction as are feathers, fur, bark, egg

shells, paper, cloth, onion skins, twigs and grasses.

While Great Crested Flycatchers prefer to nest in tree cavities, according to AAB, they will also use nesting boxes, hollow posts, and even pipes, cans and boxes if they are of suitable size.

If you'd like to attract flycatchers to your yard, AAB suggests setting up a nest box and outfitting it with a predator guard to protect the eggs and young from intruders. Hang the nest about 3-20 feet above the ground in an open woodland located where there are clear flight paths to the box opening. You can find a flycatcher nest box plan at <https://nestwatch.org/learn/all-about-birdhouses/birds/great-crested-flycatcher>.

presence, you may also find them using nesting cavities in old orchards, woody urban areas including parks, cemeteries, golf courses and maybe even your own backyard.

Great Crested Flycatcher breed throughout the eastern U.S. and much of southern Canada. AAB notes that they are medium-to long-distance migrants. Most of the birds winter in southern Florida, southern Mexico, Central America and northwestern South America. Leaving their northern breeding grounds in September, they start returning north to the southern U.S. by mid-March. Rather than migrating in flocks, they migrate alone.

Listeners for the breezy "whee-eeep" whistles of the Great Crested Flycatcher in your neighborhood or when in wooded areas. Remember to look up high in the trees for them, and maybe you too will get to see them flitting energetically in and out of the canopy intent on the chase.

We eventually heard young in the nest and watched as the adults brought mulberries from our tree across the yard to their already "whee-eeep" whistling chicks. Berries and fruits are part of their diet, as well as insects such as dragonflies, butterflies, cricket, bees and wasps.

The Great Crested Flycatcher can be found in woodlots and open woodlands, especially those with deciduous trees and forest edges, according to AAB. Dead snags and dying trees provide important cavities used as nest sites. Because they tolerate human

Cathy Carnes is a retired biologist in Oconto who worked with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Green Bay Field Office and prior to that with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Regulatory Branch in Buffalo, New York. As endangered species coordinator for the USFWS, she helped conserve and recover federally listed threatened and endangered species in Wisconsin.

# FIREHOUSE

Tickets on sale **NOW**

**HO-CHUNK GAMING**  
WITTENBERG

Also by phone in **SUNDRY**

**ticketmaster®**

**AUG 22**  
7PM

**715.253.4410**

**BOHEMIAN QUEEN**  
A THEATRICAL TRIBUTE TO QUEEN

**ADVANCE TICKETS \$40**  
Includes \$10 Rewards Play

**Hotel California**  
THE ORIGINAL EAGLES TRIBUTE

18+ to attend show

## Saturday Aug. 1st \*10:30 AM

### 7th Annual Consignment Auction

for **Coleman FFA Alumni**

at Equity Bar & Grill  
7403 Hwy 64 in Pound, WI

**Machinery & Farm Items:** Farmall C tractor, 1950 Case VA standard tractor w/ Eagle hitch, Antique 2 bottom 2-way Plow on steel, John Deere 1219 9ft Haybine, JD 14ft Disk, Patz Tub Grinder/Bale Processor, Like New ADS bulk seed buggy, Great Plains 30ft Solid Stand folding Grain Drill w/ grass seeder & press wheels, Hardi 1000 Navigator Sprayer w/ 60ft booms & foam marker, H&S 416 V-Twin manure spreader, Houle Liquid Manure Agitator, Skid steer brush cutter, New Holland Super 77 hay baler w/ power unit & Super 77 PTO baler, Gehl Chop-All w/ corn & hay head, 8ft Grain Seeder, McCormick grain binder, Horse drawn Mower, 3pt Sprayer w/ hyd pump, Chopper box, Gravity Box on JD gear, Ant. Case steel Threshing Machine, Ant. Farm Delivery Wagon on keg wheels, Silo Filler, Allis blower, John Deere Hay Press, Barn stanchions, Gutter grate, King Cutter 3pt Blade, 4-wheel Road Grader, Light Drags, Milk cans, Silage cart, Clipper fanning mill & other Farm Items

**Razor, Boat, Tools & More:** 2022 Polaris 1000 RZR Trail S Premium XUV, 14ft Boat with 30HP Nissan outboard & trailer, Simplicity 16HP 44" Broadmoor w/ bagger, John Deere snowblower, Push mower, 12ft Tiltbed Trailer, Rolling tool bench w/ vise, Stone crocks up to 20gal, Hand corn planters, Chaser John Deere 4320 FWA Industrial, Case IH Steiger 645, 1/64 John Deere 8760 Chaser, Other Diecast tractors, cars & trucks, Red wagon, Potato Duster, Gun cabinet, Gas kitchen stove, Entertainment center, Vintage bar stools, Atlanta wood stove, Trailer tires, Bikes, Wicker picnic basket, Oil, Gift Certificates from local business!

To Consign Items to this auction, call AJ Darga (920) 591-0062 or Trevor VanDrisse (920) 591-0582

**YOAP & YOAP Auction & Real Estate (920) 604-1704**

# Full Bloom Events assists in special moments



Owner Karen Wassenberg poses by her counter at Full Bloom Events LLC, at 750 E. Green Bay St., Shawano. Her shop offers full-service flowers and more. CONTRIBUTED

## Wassenberg expecting business to branch off into other entities

By KAY REMINGER  
Correspondent

Life's unique and individualized moments are made more special with the help of Full Bloom Events, 750 E. Green Bay St., Shawano.

Owner Karen Wassenberg opened her storefront shop part time on May 1, with opening full time June 22.

Full Bloom Events' floral shop offers full-service flowers and much more.

Starting her business just doing florals for weddings and balloon décor for parties, it morphed into additional décor such as backdrops for events like baby showers, bridal showers and corporate events. Also offered are inflatables for parties, corporate events and church happenings. She can also add balloon garlands or arches to the inflatables for more personalization.

"I do personalized décor, floral artistry and balloon installations for various occasions such as weddings, birthdays, graduations and corporate events," said Wassenberg. "I am really proud to be a local business dedicated to bringing client's visions to life with careful attention to detail."

Starting out doing florals for friends and family, Wassenberg had an Etsy shop for a while doing flowers for proms and homecomings and sending them out across the country.

"On the side, I do vinyl décor, Christmas ornaments, teacher appreciation gifts, shirts and most special events," said Wassenberg. "Anything can be made better with a balloon. Balloons make everyone smile. Flowers do the same thing. They bring both joy and comfort to people."

She was previously employed as branch manager of Associated Bank. Recently, one of her coworkers had lost her dog.

"I felt I needed to do something for her, so I created an arrangement of a puppy dog from carnations and included the rainbow bridge poem in a frame. She was touched," said Wassenberg.

Full Bloom Events will be taking off in other directions, branching off into new entities called Petals and Pops, which will be an all-inclusive flower and balloon unit, and DK Premier Party Rentals, which will make available cotton candy, popcorn and a slushy machine for rent, as well as their

already established inflatable rentals.

Family includes three boys at home — Corbyn, 14, and twin boys Ryder and Caden, 11.

"My boys are my helpers, working in the back, organizing stuff. They cut flowers and help me with balloon setups," said Wassenberg. "My boyfriend, D.J., is a huge supporter. He was the brains behind this whole thing, giving me encouragement and help."

With her aim to make people happy, Wassenberg strives to make every event memorable.

"My goal is to make special occasions even more memorable, or in the case of the most vulnerable of times, to comfort them with flowers and balloons. History has told us that these are the best two ways to bring cheer to people. They bring me a lot of joy," she said. "I continue to learn every day about new floral and balloon techniques. They are both an art. I love being happy, and I just want to bring that happiness to others."

For information, contact Wassenberg at 715-701-6419, via Instagram at fullbloomeventsdecor or email her at info@fullbloomeventsdecor.com.

# Maintain flavor, freshness of this year's harvest

Keep homegrown vegetables and those purchased at the farmer's market fresh and tasting their best. Selecting and harvesting vegetables at their peak and storing them properly will provide maximum flavor and nutritional value from every bite.

Check the garden regularly and harvest vegetables as recommended for the best flavor and nutritional value. Look for harvesting guidelines from reliable sources like your local extension service.

Harvest ripe vegetables early in the morning for the best quality and when the plants are dry to avoid spreading disease. Take a basket or container large enough to accommodate the harvest to minimize stacking that can lead to bruising that shortens the storage life. Use a knife, snips or pruners for

harvesting vegetables that can't easily be removed from the plant. You'll reduce the risk of damaging the plant during harvest. Move the harvest to a cool, shaded location or properly store to extend its shelf life.

When purchasing fresh vegetables from the farmer's market, buy what will be consumed or preserved in the next few days. Canning, freezing and dehydrating excess produce is a great way to enjoy vegetables long after the harvest season has passed.

Regular harvesting keeps the plant producing. Do remove and compost those past their prime. Leaving them in the garden to rot attracts unwanted insects and increases the risk of disease.

Wait to wash vegetables until right before preparation. In the meantime, store them properly

### GARDENING WITH MELINDA MYERS



MELINDA MYERS  
COLUMNIST



Cool-season root vegetables, like carrots, can be left in the ground longer in cooler climates for an even sweeter flavor. WWW.MELINDAMYERS.COM

to help extend their shelf life. Onions, garlic, white and sweet potatoes and tomatoes are best stored out of the refrigerator. Onions and garlic lose their crispness; tomatoes turn mealy and they all can develop unsavory flavor and texture when exposed to

use unperforated sealed bags that create too much humidity and condensation that can lead to mold and bacterial growth.

Thoroughly wash and rinse vegetables under running water right before preparation to remove dirt and pesticide residue. Use a small brush for potatoes, cucumbers or other vegetables with skins that contain nutrients and fiber. If you opt to immerse the vegetables in water, use a clean bowl as your sink drain may harbor microorganisms.

For longer term storage, match the storage temperature and humidity to the vegetables. Some vegetables like lettuce, other greens, and leeks prefer 32-41 degrees and high humidity. Others, like cucumbers, snap beans and peppers, prefer a bit warmer temperatures, 45-55 degrees and humid conditions. Pumpkins, winter squash and potatoes prefer a bit warmer temperatures at 50-60 degrees and lower humidity. Store dry garlic and onions at room

temperature (65-70 degrees) and out of direct sunlight.

Carrots, turnips, and parsnips are all cool-season root vegetables that thrive in cooler soil temperatures and can be left in the garden longer for an even sweeter flavor. Spread mulch around these plantings once the soil around the plants is cool to protect the plants from temperature extremes and make winter harvesting much easier. Finish harvesting before the ground freezes and damages the roots.

Enjoy the flavor and nutritional benefits fresh-from-the-garden vegetables provide. Then extend these benefits with proper handling and storage.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the "Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition" and "Small Space Gardening." She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" streaming courses and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment radio program. Her website is www.melindamyers.com.

## MINK, continued from page 11

dining spot, a quiet bay where we enjoy our meal. As always, this was a lovely way to end to a wonderful weekend with family. When we returned home, I headed up to the house while Jon batted down the hatches and relaxed on shore in one of our new lawn chairs.

Suddenly, he was startled by an animal that ran right by his feet with a big bullhead in its mouth. In

the moment it took him to realize it was an adult mink, the animal, equally surprised, dropped its catch and ran.

Then, as Jon watched in quiet amazement, the mink stopped and turned to look back. In a scene reminiscent of a spaghetti western standoff, they sized each other up. When Jon didn't say a word or make a move, the mink returned to take

possession of its prize and scurried away. My mate was still grinning when he eagerly recounted his experience.

We had seen mink over the years, but this had to be a once in a lifetime occurrence. I googled "American Mink" and learned that northern Wisconsin's extensive wetlands and forests provide some of the best mink habitat in the state.

In fact, mink are common throughout northern Wisconsin, especially in areas with abundant water and healthy wetlands. However, they're secretive and fast, so up-close sightings are rare and brief. Lucky Jon.

The best place for meeting a mink is in a brushy wetland. Excellent swimmers, they frequent shorelines of rivers, streams, creeks, lakes,

ponds, and marshes. They set up housekeeping in areas with fallen logs, rock piles and undercut stream banks and routinely use abandoned beaver ponds and lodges as burrows. Their diet includes fish, frogs, crayfish, muskrats, ducks and even small mammals.

If you're serious about seeing one, go to a quiet shoreline or beaver pond at dawn or dusk. Look for

a long, dark-brown animal with a low, bounding gait and bushy tail. And keep your camera handy. Jon's encounter happened so fast he didn't have time to get a photo. Shoot.

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

WHAT’S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, JULY 24

**SHAWANO:** American Red Cross blood drive, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Shawano City Hall, 127 S. Sawyer St. Appointments at RedCrossBlood.org or 800-733-2767.

**OCONTO:** Storytime, 10:30 a.m., Farnsworth Public Library, 104 Park St. Story and crafts for preschool children. A caregiver must stay with the child.

**WITTENBERG:** Community Days, 5-11 p.m., Washington Park, 104 Park St. Carnival rides 5-10 p.m., live music, food stands, raffles.

**LENA:** Thunder On Main, 6-8 p.m., Main Street. See the cars and meet the drivers from AMSOIL Champ Off-Road Nationals. Giveaways, music, food and drinks.

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

**ABRAMS:** Comedy City, 7 p.m., Nancy Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple St. Improv performance hosted by Abrams Spotlight Productions Inc. and Glovers Bar and Grill. \$15. Doors open 6 p.m.

**SATURDAY, JULY 25**

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

**LENA:** AMSOIL Champ Off-Road Nationals, gates open 8:30 a.m., Dirt City Motorplex, 414 E. Main St. Tickets \$27 to \$369. Information at dirtcitylmc.com.

**OCONTO:** Emplify Health by Bellin Kids Triathlon, 8:30 a.m. to noon, Bond Community Center, 1201 Park Ave.

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

**LENA:** Carol’s Cow Camp,

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Alsteen Farms, 9399 Belgian Road. Hands-on farm experience for children and families. \$35 per child.

**CROOKED LAKE:** Crooked Trails ATV Club Hamburger and Brat Fry, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Crooked Lake Sportsmen’s Club, 15526 County Road W. Basket raffles, meat raffles, food and drink.

**WITTENBERG:** Community Days, noon to 11 p.m., Washington Park, 104 Park St. Carnival rides noon to 10 p.m., live music, food stands, raffles, face painting, balloon animals, fireworks at dusk. Bike giveaways at 5, 6 and 7 p.m. (Must be present to win.)

**LAKEWOOD:** Weinerfest North, noon to 8 p.m., Memorial Park, 17258 North Road. Food, live music, raffles, demonstrations.

**EMBARRASS:** Fun Daze, 4-8 p.m., Embarrass Fireman’s Park, 130 Depot St. Food, music by Jaidyn LaBorde, more.

**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, JULY 26**

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

**WITTENBERG:** Community Days, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Washington Park, 104 Park St. Community breakfast 7-11 a.m., church service, parade 11 a.m., carnival rides noon to 4 p.m., live music, food stands, raffles.

**LENA:** AMSOIL Champ Off-Road Nationals, gates open 8:30 a.m., Dirt City Motorplex, 414 E. Main St. Tickets

\$27 to \$369. Information at dirtcitylmc.com

**SURING:** Brat fry and pie/ice cream social, 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., on the bridge at Riverside Park, 205 E. Main St. Hosted by Friends of the Suring Area Public Library and the Suring Area Historical Society.

**SHAWANO:** Arts and Crafts Fair, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mielke Arts Center and Mielke Park, N5649 N. Airport Road. Hosted by Shawano County Arts Council. Awards at 3 p.m.

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

**TOWNSEND:** Wisconsin Days, 1-4 p.m., Pintsch’s Olive Pit, 18904 State Highway 32. Celebrating Wisconsin-made products, polka music by the Wilber Brothers, Wisconsin food specials.

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

**TUESDAY, JULY 28**

**OCONTO FALLS:** Oconto County Farmers Market, 4-8 p.m., Memorial Field. Race Car Night. Music with Codi Ness.

**SHAWANO:** Naberhood Block Party, 6 p.m., The Naberhood, 214 S. Main St. Arts and Crafts Night.

**OCONTO:** Tunes on Tuesday, 6-8 p.m., Beyer Home, 917 Park Ave. Music with Neverly Brothers.

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

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 29**

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

**OCONTO FALLS:** See the

Seed: Cover Crops from Seed to System, 1-2:30 p.m., Wagner Farms, N6928 County Road BB. A walk-through of a local farm for a hands-on cover crop discussion, hosted by Shawano County Land Conservation Department, Shawano County Watershed Advisory Council, and Green Bay West Shore Demonstrations Farm Network.

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

**OCONTO:** National Walleye Tour Mandatory On-site Check-in and Rules Meeting, 4 p.m., Oconto Riviera, 1240 McDonald St., for participating anglers.

**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.

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

**THURSDAY, JULY 30**

**OCONTO:** National Walleye Tour, takeoff at 7 a.m. or first safe light, weigh-in 3:15 p.m., Oconto Waterfront Park and Harbor, 1301 Harbor Road. Details at https://national-walleyetour.com.

**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.

**SOBIESKI:** American Red Cross blood drive, 1-6 p.m., Little Suamico Fire Department, 5974 County Road S. Appointments at RedCrossBlood.org

or 800-733-2767.

**KESHENA:** Summer Bash, 4-6 p.m., College of Menominee Nation, N172 State Highway 47-55. An evening of games, food and community, with prizes and more for students applying for fall 2026.

**SHAWANO:** Thursdays at Franklin, 6-8:30 p.m., Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St. Milly and the Mayhem. Bring your own chairs. Food and drink available, 50/50 raffles.

**SHAWANO:** The After Party, 8-10 p.m., The Naberhood, 214 S. Main St. Music with Gerry Sloan.

**FRIDAY, JULY 31**

**OCONTO:** National Walleye Tour, takeoff at 7 a.m. or first safe light, weigh-in 3:15 p.m., Oconto Waterfront Park and Harbor, 1301 Harbor Road. Details at https://national-walleyetour.com.

**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.

**BOWLER:** Bowler Bash, Bowler Pond and Park, 104 E. Main St. Food, refreshments, raffles, music 8:15-11:45 p.m. All-you-can-eat corn \$8 wristband; AYCE corn and tap beer \$15 wristband.

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

**SATURDAY, AUG. 1**

**LAKEWOOD:** Lakes Country Arts and Craft Show, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Festival Grounds, 17258 North Road, featuring only items made by the exhibitors. Buy and sell items and imported items are not permitted.

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

**DOTY:** Doty Firefighters

Picnic, noon to 5 p.m., County T and Star Lake Road. Food, ice cream social, games, raffles, beer and brats.

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

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

**TOWN OF UNDERHILL:** Wisconsin Tree Farm Committee Annual Field Day, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Grover Tree Farm, 5519 Downtown Lane. Guest speakers, tours, catered lunch buffet, silent auction. \$27.50 per person, register by July 24 at www.witreefarm.org/tree-farm-field-day.

**BOWLER:** Bowler Bash, Bowler Pond and Park, 104 E. Main St. Food, refreshments, raffles, parade at 2 p.m., FFA Alumni cow and horse drop contests, bike raffle 4 p.m., music with Model Citizens 7:30-11:30 p.m., fireworks at dusk.

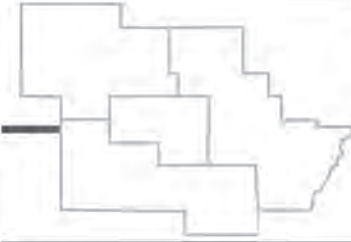
**LENA:** WUMPA Truck Pulls, 6 p.m., Dirt City Motorplex, 414 E. Main St.

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

**SUNDAY, AUG. 2**

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

**SHAWANO:** Music in the Park at Arlington, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Arlington Park, 300 N. Humphrey Circle. Music with It’s Just Us Band. Bring your lawn chairs.



# CLASSIFIEDS

In Person or Call: 715-526-6188 • 715-526-2121  
Monday thru Friday 9:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.  
Online: classifieds@newmedia-wi.com

**SHAWANO LEADER**   **OCONTO COUNTY TIMES HERALD**   **WITTENBERG ENTERPRISE & BIRNAMWOOD NEWS**

**Ad Deadline: 3pm Thursday Prior**

### MISCELLANEOUS

Consumer Cellular - the same reliable, nationwide coverage as the largest carriers. No long-term contract, no hidden fees and activation is free. All plans feature unlimited talk and text, starting at just \$20/month. For more information, call 1-833-518-2155

Audien Hearing. The world's first hearing aid with touchscreen controls. No tiny buttons, apps or prescriptions. 45-day risk free trial. Free shipping. Lifetime support. More than 1.5 million happy customers. Call Audien 1-833-824-3349

Jacuzzi Bath Remodel can install a new, custom bath or shower in as little as one day. For a limited time, waiving ALL installation costs! (Additional terms apply. Subject to change and vary by dealer. Offer ends 12/27/26.) Call 1-844-260-2934

### MISCELLANEOUS

Donate your car, truck, boat, RV and more to support our veterans! Schedule a FAST, FREE vehicle pickup and receive a top tax deduction! Call Veteran Car Donations at 1-888-425-2108 today!

**HAY FOR SALE**  
Small square bales, mixed.  
Bowler area.  
Call 414-801-2113

**Don't store it in the attic. SELL IT!**



NEW MEDIA INC.  
**715-526-2121**

### Large Multi-Family Rummage Sale!

New and used hunting and fishing items, green and pink Depression glass, camper and camping equipment, tools, furniture (including 12 chairs), jewelry, purses, housewares, seasonal decorations, men's, women's, and children's clothing in all sizes, Silver and Miss Me jeans, and lots of Harley Davidson clothing.

**August 5-9**  
**8:00 am-5:00 pm**  
8814 Highway 22 W, Oconto Falls, WI  
Located in the large pole building.

Find what you're looking for in the  
**CLASSIFIEDS!**

### MARINE

**BOAT & PONTOON CLEARANCE**  
PRICING ON OVER 400 FISHING BOATS, PONTOONS, WAKE BOATS, ATV'S, SIDE x SIDES AND MORE.  
HUGE DISCOUNTS- DON'T MISS OUT.  
AMERICAN MARINE & MOTORSPORTS.  
SHAWANO,  
866-955-BOAT(2628)

### APARTMENTS

1330 E Lieg Ave  
2 bedrooms  
Great location  
Parking avail.  
Starting at \$950 + deposit  
Pete 715-218-5731

**CLASSIFIEDS SELL**

### APARTMENTS

Mountain Bay Trail Apartments  
1/2/3 Bedrooms  
Onsite Management  
Heat Included  
Single Car Garage  
W/D in apartment  
Rent begins at \$885  
715-526-8790

445 Humphrey Cr.  
Beautiful Fully Remodeled  
1 or 2 Bedroom  
Convenient location  
Garage Available  
Starting at \$855 + Deposit Tom  
715-280-0525

1350 E Lieg Ave  
Beautiful recently Fully Remodeled  
2 bedrooms  
Great loc. Garage avail.  
Starting at \$950 + Deposit Tom  
715-280-0525

**BEFORE HEADING OUT,  
REMEMBER TO PACK  
SOME JUICE.**



i45 model  
as shown in photo

**All In-Stock  
Generators  
On Sale!**

**INVERTER GENERATORS**

3 Models:

- 120-2000w
- 130-3000w
- 145-4500w

**1-YEAR  
MANUFACTURER'S  
WARRANTY**

Few things come in as handy as a portable generator. Power up your RV, campsite or hunting shack. Or bring it along to that remote work site on the back forty. Jobs like these are perfect for a compact-sized inverter generator from CFMOTO. Our three models are easy to handle and run at low noise levels. But the best part about these amazing little power sources is you can get one now at your CFMOTO dealer.



C-Force 600



C-Force 500



C-Force 1000 Overland



C-Force 400



C-Force 600 Touring



C-Force 800XC

**AMERICAN  
& MARINE  
MOTORSPORTS**  
SHAWANO, WI  
715-526-4300 www.americanmarina.com



U-Force 600



U-Force 800



U-Force 1000

**MENTION THIS AD FOR**



**50% OFF SELECT  
TOWABLES!**



**WOW**

**BIG FUN  
FOR LITTLE RIDERS.**

**THEY'RE HERE  
& AVAILABLE!**  
2 Colors in Stock  
to Choose From



**FREE HELMET AND GOGGLES**  
with each purchase

**CFORCE® 110**  
**\$2,799\***  
MSRP

\*Plus freight and setup.

The CFORCE 110 is an easy-to-ride ATV built for riders aged ten and up—a smart solution for helping first-time riders build skills at their own pace. App-based guidance technology and a speed limiter help keep kids within a safe distance when they're beyond your direct eyesight. It's also equipped with a double A-arm independent front suspension, disc brakes, automatic transmission, and electric start. Teach your kids to ride right, right from the start. See us at our store today.

**CFMOTO**  
experience more together

WARNING: CFMOTO recreational vehicles are intended for off-road use only, and can be hazardous to operate. Read Owner's Manual and all product labels before operating. Never operate on paved roads. Operators and passengers must wear a helmet, eye protection and protective clothing. Operation must be at least 16 years old with a valid driver's license. Passengers, if permitted, must be at least 12 years old. Always use seat belts, and hold on and down if equipped. Never operate under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Avoid excessive speed and sharp turns, and never engage in stunt driving. Check state and local laws before operating on trails. Take a safety training course before operating. Contact your CFMOTO dealer for more information, call the ATV Safety Institute at 1-800-886-5887 or go to www.atvsafety.org. ©2023 Zhejiang CFMOTO Power Co., Ltd.

**Visit Our Showroom:**  
830 E Green Bay St., SHAWANO



U-Force 1000XL



Z-Force 800 Trail



Z-Force 950

**SERVICE CORNER**

**JULY**  
**1/2 OFF Labor**  
**on Full Tune-Up**

Save up to \$140

**Showroom:**  
830 E. Green Bay Street  
Shawano, WI 54166  
generalmail@americanmarina.com

**Parts/Service:**  
1100 E. Green Bay Street  
Shawano, WI 54166  
parts@americanmarina.com

**Marina/Rentals**  
W6343 Webers Point Road  
Shawano, WI 54166  
generalmail@americanmarina.com

**At The  
WOW Store!**

**www.americanmarina.com**

**AMERICAN  
& MARINE  
MOTORSPORTS**

**BBB**  
Proud Member  
of the Better  
Business Bureau

**Nationwide award winner in sales and service!**

Call us at: 715-526-4300  
866-955-BOAT (2628)

# NorthLakes invites community to Lakewood appreciation event

NorthLakes Community Clinic invites the public to its annual Lakewood community appreciation event from 5-6:30 p.m. Aug. 4 at the clinic, located at 15397 State Highway 32.

This free, family-friendly gathering is open to everyone and offers an opportunity for neighbors to get together, enjoy food and activities, and celebrate the community spirit that makes Lakewood special.

The event will include live music, child-friendly activities, food, drinks and prize giveaways. Guests will also have the opportunity to meet and connect with local staff and providers

from NorthLakes.

NorthLakes Community Clinic has been part of the Lakewood community since 1978 and has hosted community appreciation events like this for several years as a way to bring people together outside the clinic setting.

“This event is one of our favorite traditions,” said Ana Tochtermann, NorthLakes CEO. “It’s a chance to connect with the community in a more personal way and show our appreciation for the relationships that make our work meaningful.”

As one of the original clinic sites that helped form NorthLakes

Community Clinic, the Lakewood clinic continues to play an important role in expanding access to care and supporting the health of the surrounding rural communities.

“Events like this are a reflection of our commitment to the community,” said Cori Frisch, clinic manager in Lakewood. “We’re proud to be part of Lakewood, and this is a great way to bring people together and celebrate that connection.”

For more information about the event or services offered at NorthLakes Community Clinic, visit nlccwi.org or call 715-276-6321.

# Upcoming events include races, fishing, testicles

This summer, Oconto County is the place to be for three events that range from genuinely wild to legitimately world-class.

Dirt City Motorplex, about 30 miles north of Green Bay, is one of the most unique motorsports venues in the Midwest. The natural viewing area wraps around a purpose-built short-course track designed so that vehicles fly high directly in front of the crowd. This year’s Off-Road Nationals fills the track with everything from full-size race trucks to side-by-sides, competing across two days of dirt-slinging, wheel-to-wheel action.

The weekend kicks off July 24 with Thunder on Main from 5:30-8 p.m. The village of Lena hosts a free street party on Main Street featuring hundreds of racers and fans, food trucks, live music, autographs, and photos with the actual race vehicles. The parade of trucks rolls from Dirt City to Main Street at 5:30 p.m.

On-site camping is available right outside the pit area, along with a gas station, race fuel, a parts store and the Dairy Barn Restaurant on the complex.

One of the most competitive fishing circuits in the country is making its

only Wisconsin stop July 30-31 in Oconto.

Launching from Oconto’s Breakwater Park, the Bass Pro Shops and Cabela’s National Walleye Tour draws elite pro and co-anglers competing for serious payouts on one of the finest walleye fisheries in the Midwest.

Pro and co-anglers hit the water at 7 a.m. each day before returning for the afternoon weigh-in at Breakwater Park, 1301 Harbor Road, Oconto, where the real spectator action is. Admission is free. The weigh-in takes place around 3-4 p.m. daily.

Every August, the tiny block-long community of Breed becomes the most talked-about spot in Oconto County. The Arrowhead Saloon’s annual Testicle Festival on Aug. 8 is a no-frills, high-energy community party that’s part cookout, part concert with deep-fried Rocky Mountain oysters as the specialty of the house.

The Arrowhead Saloon, 13486 County Road AA, Suring, sits right on the ATV trail, making it a natural stop for riders. This year’s live music comes from 18 Days, playing 2-6 p.m., rounded with a mechanical bull and corn roast.

# Library, historical society team up for food event

The Friends of Suring Area Public Library and the Suring Area Historical Society are holding a brat fry and pie/ice cream social.

The social will be held

from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 26 on the old Suring bridge at Riverside Park, 205 E. Main St., Suring. Brats, hamburgers, hot dogs, pies, ice cream, soda,

root beer floats and water will be sold.

The Friends will also be selling raffle tickets for quilts and afghans; the drawing will be held Nov. 2.

In case of rain or construction machinery at Riverside Park, the social will be held at the shelter in the Veteran’s Memorial Park, 414 E. Brook St., Suring.

## PUBLIC RECORD

### OCONTO COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT July 19

Deputies responded to 54 incidents, including a noise disturbance on County Road I in the Town of Stiles; suspicious activity on Unity Drive in the Town of Townsend; fire near Goldfield and Tom Post roads in the Town of Brazeau; theft on County Road G in the Town of Gillett; a noise disturbance on Ball Park Road in the Town of Little Suamico; a disturbance on Park Road in the Town of Lakewood; trespassing on County Road B in the Town of Oconto Falls; threatening on County Road I in the Town of Oconto Falls; four traffic stops, two traffic offenses, two citizen assists, one welfare check; three open-line 911 calls; six ambulance calls; three crashes, two involving deer.

**July 18**

Deputies responded to 57 incidents, including an ATV accident at a redacted location; trespassing on Joyce Lane in the Town of Lakewood; a noise disturbance on County Road I in the Town of Stiles; suspicious activity on East Washington Street in Gillett; a disturbance on Goatsville Road in the Town of Spruce; a noise disturbance on County Road G in the Town of Spruce; four traffic stops, two citizen assists, two miscellaneous traffic incidents, four welfare checks; five open-line 911 calls; six ambulance calls; two crashes, both involving deer.

**July 17**

Deputies responded to 69 incidents, including a structure fire on Mayflower Lane in the Town of Underhill; fraud and, later, a jail incident at the Law Enforcement Center, 220 Arbutus Ave., Oconto; suspicious activity on Arbutus Avenue

in Oconto; drugs at a redacted location; harassment on East Shore Drive in the Town of Mountain; a wanted person on Elkey Road in the Town of Riverview; a noise disturbance on Ball Park Road in the Town of Little Suamico; burglary on Krueger Lane in the Town of Lakewood; four traffic stops, one traffic hazard, third traffic offenses, four miscellaneous traffic incidents, two welfare checks; one 911 hangup and nine open lines; five ambulance calls; five crashes, one involving a bear, one involving deer.

**July 16**

Deputies responded to 72 incidents, including property damage near County Road C and Morgan River Road in the Town of Morgan; a drug-endangered child case at a redacted location; fraud on Cross Road in the Town of Little Suamico; fire on County Road Z in the Town of Bagley; suspicious activity near Star Lake Road and state Highway 32 in the Town of Riverview; a disturbance on state Highway 32 in the Town of Maple Valley; suspicious activity at the Park and Stop, County Road E and U.S. Highway 141, Town of Abrams; harassment on East Frontage Road in the Town of Little Suamico; six traffic stops, four traffic hazards, three traffic offenses, one citizen assist, six miscellaneous traffic incidents, four welfare checks; one 911 hangup and one open line; seven ambulance calls; four crashes, one involving deer.

**July 15**

Deputies responded to 49 incidents, including attempted fraud on Bass Point Lane in the Town of Townsend; internet fraud at the Law Enforcement Center, 220 Arbutus Ave., Oconto; fraud on Linda Lane in

the Town of Little Suamico; fire on Main Street in Oconto; fire near Elm Road and County Road R in the Town of How; harassment on state Highway 32 in the Town of How; four traffic stops, two traffic hazards, two traffic offenses, three miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; one 911 hangup and two open lines; nine ambulance calls; two crashes, both involving deer.

**July 14**

Deputies responded to 58 incidents, including fireworks on South Chase Road in the Town of Chase; property damage near state Highway 22 and County Road P in the Town of Gillett; a disturbance on East North Street in Suring; harassment on state Highway 22-32 in the Town of Gillett; suspicious activity on La Fortune Lane in the Town of Little River; a noise disturbance on Barkman Street in Suring; a gas leak on West Lake Drive in the Town of Brazeau; lewd and lascivious behavior near state Highway 32 and Gray Lake Road in the Town of Oconto Falls; suspicious activity on East Shore Drive in the Town of Mountain; theft on Townsend Dam Road in the Town of Townsend; fireworks near Claywood Road and state Highway 32 in the Town of Maple Valley; three traffic stops, three traffic hazards, one traffic offense, three citizen assists, two miscellaneous traffic incidents; two 911 hangups and seven open lines; nine ambulance calls.

**July 13**

Deputies responded to 60 incidents, including burglary on Logtown Road in the Town of Oconto; fire on East Chain Lake Road in the Town of Lakewood; harassment on County Road G in the Town of Spruce; threatening on state Highway 22 in the Town of Oconto; theft

on Logtown Road in the Town of Oconto; property damage on County Road R in the Town of How; an unwanted party on Jones Lane in the Town of Gillett; stalking on Claywood Road in the Town of Maple Valley; a disturbance on Muehl Drive in Suring; a drug investigation at a redacted location; property damage on Maiden Lake Road in the Town of Riverview; a death investigation at a redacted location; a missing person on East First Street in Gillett; a wrong-way driver on U.S. Highway 41-141 near County Road S in the Town of Little Suamico; a noise disturbance on Muehl Drive in Suring; one traffic stop, two traffic hazards, two citizen assists, three miscellaneous traffic incidents, four welfare checks; four 911 hangups and four open lines; three ambulance calls; one crash, involving deer.

**July 12**

Deputies responded to 73 incidents, including suspicious activity on Locust Avenue in Oconto Falls; suspicious activity at Bellin Hospital, 820 Arbutus Ave., Oconto; theft on County Road Y in the Town of Little River; property damage on County Road N in the Town of Oconto; an animal bite on Pritchard Lane in the Town of Riverview; suspicious activity on Boot Campground Lane in the Town of Townsend; a disturbance on Coffey Lane in the Town of Oconto Falls; squad damage near U.S. Highway 41 and Maple Grove School Road in the Town of Little River; a disturbance on County Road C in the Town of Chase; one traffic stop, four traffic hazards, five citizen assists, six miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; three 911 hangups and six open lines; 13 ambulance calls; four crashes, one fatal.

## COURT NEWS

- Christopher L. Uhl, 42, Marinette, appeared July 13 regarding an extradition warrant from the state of Michigan. Judge Hannah Schuchart adjourned the hearing to give him time to contact an attorney and scheduled a status conference for Aug. 11.
- Jesse D. Zak, 36, Oshkosh, was charged July 15 with burglary to a building or dwelling, driving or operating a vehicle without consent and a misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer. Schuchart set a \$1,000 cash bond and adjourned his initial appearance until Aug. 13.
- Devin David Lakonen-Smet, 25, Suring, was charged July 15 with four counts of felony bail jumping. Schuchart set a \$3,000 cash

bond and adjourned his initial appearance until Aug. 13.

- Chad Alan Demerath, 53, Lakewood, was charged July 15 with possession with intent to distribute cocaine, possession with intent to distribute psilocin, two counts of maintaining a drug trafficking place and misdemeanor counts of possession of THC, possession of drug paraphernalia, and resisting or obstructing an officer. Schuchart set a \$10,000 cash bond and adjourned his initial appearance until Aug. 13.
- Samantha Lee Christie, 41, Shioction, was charged July 16 with felony bail jumping. Schuchart set a \$1,000 cash bond and adjourned her initial appearance until Aug. 13.

## OBITUARIES

### CHARLES H. YOST

Charles H. Yost, 90, of Green Bay, passed away Wednesday, July 15, 2026, at Eden Vista, Green Bay.

Funeral services will be held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, July 25, 2026, at Nativity of Our Lord Parish. Entombment will take place at Shrine of the Good Shepherd Mausoleum at a later time.

The family will greet

relatives and friends at the church on Saturday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the Mass at 11:30 a.m.

Expressions of sympathy and a more detailed obituary can be found by visiting [www.lyndahl.com](http://www.lyndahl.com).

The Lyndahl Funeral Home is assisting the Yost family with funeral arrangements.

# HSHS St. Clare receives award from American Heart Association

HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital has received the American Heart Association's Get With The Guidelines-Rural Coronary Artery Disease STEMI Gold award. This recognition is given for the hospital's commitment to offering rapid, research-based care to people experiencing a specific type of heart attack known as an ST elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI), the most severe and dangerous type of heart attack. Heart disease and stroke are

the No. 1 and No. 4 causes of death in the United States, respectively, according to the American Heart Association's 2026 Heart Disease and Stroke Statistics Report. Studies show patients can experience better outcomes when care teams consistently follow evidence-based treatment guidelines. "HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital is committed to delivering high-quality care by following the latest treatment guidelines to ensure timely, appropriate care

for patients having heart attacks," said Colleen Koski, chief administrative officer, HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital. "Get With The Guidelines programs help our teams put proven science into practice every day, supporting better outcomes so more people in Oconto Falls and surrounding communities can live longer, healthier lives." Get With The Guidelines puts the expertise of the American Heart Association and American

Stroke Association to work for hospitals nationwide, helping ensure patient care is aligned with the latest science-backed guidelines. As a participant in the Get With The Guidelines programs, HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital is qualified for the awards by demonstrating a sustained commitment to improving the quality of cardiovascular care. For more information about HSHS, visit hshs.org.

**WILDFIRE, continued from page 1**

Upper Peninsula. "Whenever we have poor air quality, it can cause exacerbation or flare-ups for people with chronic lung diseases, coronary artery diseases and other chronic diseases."

Aspirus Health encourages residents to take steps to protect themselves whenever wildfire smoke affects the region.

- Know the Air Quality Index (AQI) where you live before spending extended time outdoors.
- Limit prolonged or strenuous outdoor activity when air quality reaches unhealthy levels.
- Keep windows and doors closed when smoke levels are elevated.
- Use a high-efficiency air filter or portable HEPA air purifier if available.
- If you must be outdoors for extended periods in heavy smoke, consider wearing a properly fitted N95 respirator.
- Avoid adding to air pollution by postponing brush burning, campfires and other outdoor burning during poor air quality events.

Residents experiencing persistent coughing, shortness of breath, chest pain, wheezing or other concerning symptoms should seek medical attention promptly.

In addition to the poor air quality, hot and humid conditions continue as well.

40th ANNUAL

OCONTO FALLS City-Wide RUMMAGE SALE WEEKEND

August 6,7,8,9

WELCOME TO THE CITY WIDE GARAGE AND YARD SALE

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

THERE ARE 3 EASY WAYS TO REGISTER: Email us at [tmurphy@newmedia-wi.com](mailto:tmurphy@newmedia-wi.com), or go to our website at [www.newmedia.wi.com](http://www.newmedia.wi.com), or Stop By Our Office at, 420 N. Chestnut Avenue, Oconto Falls. any Friday from 8am until noon. There will be a \$20.00 registration fee which includes an ad of up to 30 words, (over 30 words, add 50¢ per word), your approximate location published on a map in the July 31st and the August 7th Oconto County Times Herald, and one large rummage sale sign. Make checks payable to New Media. The deadline is Noon, Friday, July 24, 2026. No "on the map" Ads Will Be Accepted After This Date.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Sale: \_\_\_\_\_

Thurs. Hrs: \_\_\_\_\_ Fri. Hrs.: \_\_\_\_\_ Sat. Hrs.: \_\_\_\_\_ Sun. Hrs: \_\_\_\_\_

List type of merchandise offered (any special items).

Please separate items with a comma, or a period. 30 words or less \$20.00. Over 30 words add 50¢ per word. Make checks payable to New Media.

DEADLINE: Noon Friday, July 24, to be on the map.

ONE WORD IN EACH SPACE

|    |    |    |    |    |
|----|----|----|----|----|
| 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  |
| 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |

OCONTO COUNTY TIMES HERALD

420 N. Chestnut Avenue, Oconto Falls WI 54154

PARKVIEW APARTMENTS

Oconto Falls WHEDA

Subsidized Housing 1, 2, 3, Bedroom Apts.

MERIDIAN GROUP

920-846-3009

Equal Opportunity Housing





Lost One? Found One? Want One?

Call Today 715-526-6188

 NEW MEDIA INC.

Interested in serving your school district?

The Gillett School District Board of Education is seeking an interested community member to fill a vacancy on the School Board for the remainder of the current term.

Community members who are interested in serving are asked to submit a written notice of interest to Administrative Assistant Lynda Zeitler by August 7. Notices may be emailed to [lzeitler@gillett.k12.wi.us](mailto:lzeitler@gillett.k12.wi.us). For additional information, please contact the district office at 920-855-2137.

Questions about Board service may also be directed to Board President Robin Banaszynski.

This appointment will fill the remainder of the current term. Individuals wishing to continue serving beyond that time would need to seek election through the normal election process.

WNAXLP

07/24,31/2026

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 2" x 20' hot mix asphalt with 2' shoulders. (10' lanes, 2' shoulders). Bids will be accepted until 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 4, 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, August 4, 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.

WNAXLP

# Pat's Market

**GILLETT** (920) 855-6040



**STORE HOURS:** Mon-Fri 7:00 am-7:00 pm  
Deli Hours: 8am - 6pm  
Sat 8:00 am-5:30pm Sun 8:00am-1:00pm

**HSBS PHARMACY HOURS:**  
MON-FRI 9:00AM-5:30PM

These Prices Good July 27th thru August 2nd, 2026  
While Supplies Last!

Accepting Mastercard, Visa, Discover and Quest Cards  
We reserve the right to limit quantities.



**Brew Pub  
Lotzza Motzza  
Pizza**  
**\$5.99**  
Asst Variety 20.29-26.82 oz.



**Cedar Crest  
Ice Cream**  
**\$4.99**  
Asst Variety 1.5 qt.



**Whole  
Pork  
Tenderloins**  
**\$3.29**  
lb.



**Frying  
Chicken Breast  
Tenders**  
**\$2.99**  
lb.



**USDA  
Choice  
Boneless  
New York  
Strip Steaks**  
**\$13.29**  
lb.



**Vollwerth's  
Pillow Pack  
Brats, Cheddar Brats,  
Natural Casing Wieners,  
or Polish**  
**\$7.79**  
18-22 oz.



**Gerber  
Amish  
Whole Frying  
Chickens**  
**\$2.59**  
lb.



**Green Hass  
Avocados**  
**99¢**  
Each



**Bolthouse  
Peeled Baby  
Carrots**  
**\$1.39**  
1 lb. Bag



**XL  
Bell Peppers**  
Red, Yellow, or Orange  
**\$2.69**  
lb.



**Food Club  
Extra Virgin Olive Oil**  
16.9 oz.  
**\$5.99**  
lb.



**Yellow or  
Zucchini  
Squash**  
**\$1.59**  
lb.



**Honey Crisp  
Apples**  
**\$1.99**  
lb.



**Mrs. Gerry's  
Extra  
Creamy  
Coleslaw**  
**\$2.99**  
lb.



**Sweet P's  
Swiss  
Rolls**  
**\$3.99**  
Chocolate or Strawberry 6 pk.



**Cheetos  
& Fritos**  
**2/\$8.00**  
Asst Variety 8-10 oz.



**Pringles**  
**2/\$4.00**  
Asst Variety 4.9-5.57 oz.



**Club, Town House,  
Toasteds, or Zesta  
Crackers**  
**2/\$5.00**  
Asst Variety 8-16 oz.



**Food Club  
Shredded Cheese**  
**\$3.49**  
Asst Variety 16 oz.



**Food Club  
Fruit Cups**  
**2/\$5.00**  
Asst Variety 4 pk.



**Food Club  
Brownie Mix**  
**2/\$3.00**  
Fudge or Dark Chocolate 16.3 oz.



**Kellogg's  
Pop Tarts**  
**2/\$5.00**  
Asst Variety 13.5 oz.



**Post Assorted  
Cereal**  
**2/\$6.00**  
Asst Variety 10-14.75 oz.

# North Star

MOHICAN CASINO • RESORT

## JAMEY JOHNSON TRAVELING TRUEBAIDOUR TOUR



WITH  
ASHLEY MCBRYDE



AND  
LOGAN SPICER



SATURDAY JULY 25 | NORTH STAR MOHICAN CASINO RESORT

TICKETS ON SALE NOW [TICKETSTARONLINE.COM](https://www.ticketstaronline.com) [JAMEYJOHNSON.COM](https://www.jameyjohnson.com)

OUTDOOR CONCERT  
18 And Older Show. NO Carry-ins.

RV Campsite packages available.  
Call: 715.787.3110

SCAN  
FOR  
TICKETS



## SOUL TO SØL Sons of LEGION WORLD TOUR 2026

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2026 • 8PM

[northstarcasinoresort.com](https://www.northstarcasinoresort.com)

21 and older show.



GAMING | HOTEL | GOLF | DINING | ENTERTAINMENT | EVENTS | CONVENTION CENTER | RETAIL | RV PARK

**YOUR Adventure Lies North**

Bowler, WI • 1.800.952.0195  
[northstarcasinoresort.com](https://www.northstarcasinoresort.com)

