



Mohican Pow Wow marks 50 years

ABOVE: The Mohican Veterans stand at attention with assorted flags and eagle staffs to start off the evening grand entry Aug. 8 at Many Trails Campground in the Town of Bartelme. This is the 50th year that the Mohican Pow Wow has taken place. **LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA**

RIGHT: Marly Mendez waves as she moves around the pow wow arena Aug. 8 for the Mohican Pow Wow at Many Trails Campground. **LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA**

BELOW: Dozens of dancers take part in the 50th annual Mohican Pow Wow on Aug. 8 at Many Trails Campground, including a number of jingle dress dancers. A jingle dress is a traditional Native American and First Nations women's regalia and prayer dress, widely known as a healing dress adorned with rows of rolled metal cones that create a distinctive tinkling sound during dancing. **LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA**



Humane society seeks municipal support

Group could stop taking in strays from communities that don't participate

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

The Shawano County Humane Society is changing its policy regarding animals brought into its shelter in Shawano, and it will require municipalities to cough up some money to help find homes for unwanted animals.

A notice from the humane society was recently sent out to village and town boards, city councils and municipal higher-ups from Pam Nowak, the society's executive director, and Dusty Martzke, president for the board of directors. The matter came up for the Wittenberg Village Board meeting Aug. 4, and it could be coming up on other agendas, as well.

The notice is asking for municipalities to help the humane society in one of two ways.

The first option is for municipalities to pay \$2.50 for each resident within their borders, based on the most recent official numbers from the U.S. Census. For the village of Wittenberg, that would equal \$2,497.50 annually, while the city of Shawano, having 9,251 residents as of the census, would be contributing \$23,127.50 per year.

The second option would seek \$500 for every stray dog or cat, or for every dog or cat with a litter apprehended within municipal boundaries, which would be more challenging for local governments to budget. Municipalities would be billed on a quarterly basis under this option.

For any municipalities that don't choose from the two, the third option will be that the humane society will no

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THE NEXT STEP

WHAT: Town hall meetings to address changes in Shawano County Humane Society policies regarding stray animals

WHEN: 6 p.m. Sept. 3 and Sept. 10

WHERE: Shawano County Humane Society, 1290 Jaycee Court, Shawano

FYI: The meetings will include an overview of the proposed agreements, the financial realities of providing stray animal services and an opportunity for municipal representatives to ask questions before making their decisions.

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longer accept stray dogs or cats from those that do not contribute, according to the notice. The humane society has set a deadline of Nov. 1 to return contracts.

According to Nowak, municipalities have the statutory responsibility for handling stray animals in their jurisdiction. No formal discussions have taken place with Shawano County about financial support, she said.

“Over the past several years, Shawano County Humane Society has changed dramatically,” Nowak said. “Years ago, the shelter placed approximately 150 animals into homes each year, and euthanasia rates were significantly higher. Today, our focus is on saving as many healthy and treatable

animals as possible. Through expanded medical care, foster programs, behavior support and adoption initiatives, we now find homes for over 1,000 animals annually.”

In total, the humane society found homes for 1,109 animals last year, a mix of stray and surrendered animals. However, during the same year, the humane society only received \$17,335.41 through the state’s statutory apportionment for dog license fees. The rest of the costs have been funded to this point by private donors, community supporters, businesses and foundations.

“While this transformation has been incredibly positive for the animals and our community, it has also significantly increased



Ingrid, one of the cats residing at the Shawano County Humane Society, takes a look around recently. The humane society found homes for over 1,100 cats and dogs in 2025, but that has come with a tremendous cost. Officials are now asking municipalities to help cover the costs. CONTRIBUTED

the cost of providing care,” Nowak said. “Veterinary treatment, medications,

food, staffing, utilities, insurance and other operational expenses have all increased, and we are caring for far more animals than we did in the past.”

The humane society operates at an average cost of about \$57,000 monthly, according to the notice. In 2025, the humane society took in 578 stray dogs and cats, but only 141 were reclaimed by owners during a five-day hold period. That left the remainder in the care of the humane society, which has to assume responsibility for rehabilitation and medical care.

“These agreements are intended to create a fair and sustainable partnership between the municipalities and the shelter,” Nowak said. “They are not about generating profit; they are about ensuring that stray animals continue to receive quality care while preserving the long-term ability of the humane society to provide these services.”

The notice reports that the humane society had to shell out \$349,600 to care

for stray animals in 2025, coming to about \$800 per stray. Among the expenses were housing and daily care, spaying and neutering, rabies and other core vaccinations, microchipping, any needed medical treatment, emergency veterinary care, adoption preparation and placement, as well as behavioral rehabilitation when needed.

“The proposed agreements were developed after reviewing our actual costs associated with caring for stray animals,” Nowak said. “They are designed to establish a transparent and equitable funding model that reflects the true cost of providing this public service, rather than relying almost entirely on charitable donations to cover expenses that are the responsibility of local governments.”

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A long line forms for children and adults alike to check out Eagle III, an air and ground medical transport for northeast Wisconsin, during National Night Out on Aug. 4 at Veterans Memorial Park in Pulaski. The helicopter landed shortly after 5 p.m. and was a big attraction at the event.

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Menominee County seeks to develop vacant land

Planning underway with potential designs slated for October

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

Menominee County has a piece of land about 1 1/2 acres in size that it wants to utilize, and it's turning to residents to determine what will be the best use for the property.

The county and the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin have teamed up with the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission to look at what opportunities are available for economic development, housing, services and community investment. The planning is being facilitated by a \$60,000 grant provided by the National Association of Development Organizations for the Strategic Planning and Action for Revitalizing Communities (SPARC) program.

The property the county owns is in Keshena, just of the Menominee Casino Resort. However, the project is also looking at providing development in Neopit at a site to be determined.

Meetings were held to get public input, and a survey was also sent to residents in the county and on the reservation to determine the needs. Responses have been limited, according to Jeremy Johnson, Menominee County land conservation/forestry/zoning director, but there are indications from those who did respond that affordable housing or retail shops might be high on the list to be placed on the property.

"There's a need for more retail to keep local dollars here," Johnson said. "They can't get things here locally."

The county is looking at previous economic research that shows the reservation and county have more than \$312 million in unmet local demand, with most residents traveling to bigger communities like Shawano



Ideas were bandied about Aug. 4 during a planning meeting held at the Menominee County Courthouse in Keshena where county officials, residents and representatives from the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission discussed what to do to develop a 1 1/2-acre parcel of land north of the Menominee Casino Resort.

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and Antigo to get most of their basic needs. Johnson said it's important to reduce that to have amenities available in Menominee communities.

"The county will have the ability to sell it to a developer with a vision of what should be done with it," Johnson said. "The grant will fund the process, from start to finish, for actually having a development plan for the site."

He added that any plans for Neopit will be developed to apply to a tribal-owned site, as the county does not have any land available for development in that community. More than 95% of the land within the boundaries of the county is owned by the tribe.

Johnson said that among some of the things discussed for any project are environmental stewardship and eco-tourism.

"Some of the grounds areas could be used for pollinator gardens and rain gardens for the runoff from the buildings," Johnson said. "We're trying to include some of that eco-friendly design

concept in this development, to use native and natural stuff for the grounds. As far as cultural significance, we're trying to make sure that the Menominee culture is taken into account and even put into the natural building design."

Johnson said that the land has enough space for several buildings, whether it's for retail or housing, noting that affordable housing is an issue everywhere.

East Central will be putting together renderings, plans and implementation strategies that will go before the Menominee County Plan Commission near the end of October and then possibly move on to the county board from there.

"East Central has been a very integral part of this," said Johnson, who also serves as an alternate on East Central's commission. "They've done four or five of these around East Central Wisconsin. This is just the first time they've done it here."

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Gibson hired as evidence tech

Mixes technological, forensics skills with law enforcement duties

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

For years, Bryan Gibson toed the line between his two passions of law enforcement and IT. Now, he uses those skills interchangeably on a regular basis for the Shawano County Sheriff's Department.

Gibson recently transferred from the county's IT department to the sheriff's department to serve as the new evidence specialist. He replaces Ann Holcomb, who retired.

"My family was always involved in, if not directly employed as, IT professionals and so naturally that was how I started out, but I quickly realized I had a desire to serve my community, and felt law enforcement was more my calling because I got to help people in a real way," said Gibson, who grew up in Cloquet, Minnesota, about 30 miles from Superior.

"As my career progressed, I toed a line between law enforcement and IT — working as a security guard at a local hospital, where I regularly interacted with law enforcement officers and stoked that fire. Locally, that role was a stepping stone to becoming a law enforcement officer. Many of my colleagues there went on to do just that. I went on to do IT work for that hospital, but something always felt like it was missing."

During that time, he gained another degree, cyber leadership and intelligence, with a specialization in digital forensics, which is where he found the most enjoyment out of anything he studied.

"I decided upon graduation that I would work toward a position in law enforcement that would allow me to use both my technological and forensics skills to continue to help people, and this role is, in my opinion, the perfect mixture," Gibson said.

The duties of this role involve the taking in, management, secure storage and maintained availability of any item that can be defined as evidence, as well as providing information and services to the public such as weapons destruction.

Physical evidence is defined by the sheriff's department as "any item, substance or material found or recovered in connection with an investigation." That means any item that speaks to the facts of a case, from the tiniest hair to an SUV.

"These are all possible items of evidence that when pieced together, tell a story of what happened at a particular place, at a specific time," Gibson said.

He said each piece of evidence is handled based on what it can provide to an investigation, as well as the discretion of the deputy or detective working the case. All evidence is securely stored and kept separate from other evidence.

Gibson said he could go on for hours regarding the evidence chain, who collects the evidence



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and how they determine what to collect.

"But the key takeaway is that it all depends on the case," he said. "Typically the deputy or detective on scene will

collect the evidence and bring it back to the evidence building where I would take possession. This would be for things like traffic stops. But on occasion, I can also be requested to assist right then and there. Those would be for things like search warrants. The size or severity of the case is not the determining factor, but rather how much evidence is present, whether it follows the typical chain of custody flow or could be called 'special.'"

Once collected, all evidence is cataloged, both on chain of custody forms as well as in department computers. From there, it is brought to its designated location based on what it is, if it needs temperature control, etc.

"It is held until it is needed for court proceedings, processing at the crime lab and eventually its destruction," Gibson said.

He believes every case deserves the same level of reverence for its evidence.

"The court of law should be fair, and the part that I play is to make sure there is no question at the time of the proceedings that evidence is and has been handled correctly and securely," he said. "We have different secure storage areas based on the type of evidence, but the entire evidence building is built on the idea of least privilege — only those with specific need to access certain areas can do so, and those who request access need to be escorted if they are not normally working in those areas."

Everyone, including the defense attorneys and the prosecutors, have to put in written requests when it comes to reviewing evidence.

"Once an item is logged as evidence, regardless of who it is or what part they play, I am also present to supervise their examination of the evidence as a witness as well," Gibson said.

How long evidence is kept depends on the case and the type of evidence. Also, most cases can be appealed, which means that evidence can be stored longer depending on the status of the case.

"Part of my duties is to consistently be monitoring cases to keep accurate tabs on where the case is in the process of being worked through, and then purging it as required," Gibson said. "The purging process again is dependent on the item, but most of the time, it is either sent off or hand-delivered to a location that specializes in the destruction of that item."

In some cases, evidence is returned to the owner, while other items are recycled.

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Aspirus urges helmet use, safe riding for e-bikes

Aspirus trauma leaders are seeing a noticeable rise in serious e-bike-related injuries as warmer weather brings more riders outdoors.

Unlike traditional pedal bicycles, e-bikes are heavier, travel at higher speeds and require longer stopping distances, factors that contribute to more severe trauma when crashes occur.

According to the National Institutes of Health, national data shows that a properly fitted helmet can reduce the risk of severe head injury by as much as 85%.

Aspirus trauma coordinator

Jamie Armbruster says the most common injuries include fractures, facial and dental trauma, internal organ damage and traumatic brain injuries, many of which are linked to riders not wearing helmets or using helmets that are not designed for e-bike speeds. She notes that recent studies identify two groups at highest risk: children and teens, especially males younger than 16 and adults 45-64.

"E-bikes are not the same as pedal bikes," Armbruster said. "They're heavier, they go faster, and they're less maneuverable. The injuries we see can be

life-altering or fatal, especially when riders skip helmets or use ones that aren't certified for higher speeds."

Local law enforcement is also seeing increased use of e-bikes and e-motos, electric dirt-bike-style devices that lack pedals and are not legal for use on public roads, sidewalks or multiuse trails. Wausau Police Department Patrol Capt. Melinda Pauls says many riders do not realize that e-motos cannot be registered, lack required safety features and may be subject to citations or impoundment if operated in public areas.

Multiuse trails present additional safety concerns. Pedestrians, including children near parks, may enter paths unexpectedly. Riders are encouraged to slow down, announce when passing and use bells or verbal cues to prevent collisions.

"Safe e-bike riding is just safe bicycle riding," Pauls said. "Wear a helmet, follow the rules of the road, and know what you're buying before you ride it. Some devices simply aren't legal or safe for public use."

Trauma experts also recommend safety training, understanding local ordinances,

avoiding riding under the influence and following manufacturer guidance when charging lithium-ion batteries.

"Many people still view e-bikes the same way they view traditional bicycles," Armbruster said. "But the speed, weight, and injury patterns tell a different story. Taking a few basic precautions can make the difference between a minor crash and a life-changing injury."

Trauma specialists say helmet use remains the single most effective step riders can take to reduce the risk of serious injury.

OBITUARIES

LAWRENCE JAMES ROMUALD

Lawrence James Romuald, 78, passed away Aug. 5, 2026, leaving behind a legacy of service, leadership, faith, friendship and devotion to family.

Born to Arnold and Marie (Tombal) Romuald on Aug. 8, 1947, in Champion, he lived a life marked by hard work, generosity and a deep commitment to the people and communities he served.

A 1965 graduate of Luxemburg High School, he excelled in athletics, lettering four years in baseball and two years in football. His love of sports remained with him throughout his life. He played both fast-pitch and slow-pitch softball for more than 40 years, was an avid golf player and a lifelong fan of the Green Bay Packers and Milwaukee Brewers.

Following high school, he proudly served his country in the United States Army as part of the Army Security Agency and military intelligence, from 1966-70, including service in Vietnam from 1967-68. He remained deeply committed to fellow veterans throughout his life, maintaining active membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Vietnam Veterans of



America and the American Legion. He was privileged to participate in an Honor Flight in 2018, a memorable experience he greatly cherished.

He earned an associate's degrees in data processing and accounting from Northeast Wisconsin Technical College in June 1973. He later received his bachelor's degree in managerial accounting from the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay in 1982 and became a certified public accountant in 1983.

He enjoyed a distinguished 42-year career serving the agricultural cooperative community, a career he considered rewarding because of the farmers he considered the greatest people to work for.

He began with Consolidated Badger/Morning Glory Farms in June 1973, eventually serving as controller from 1983-85.

In 1985, he joined 21st Century Genetics/Cooperative Resources International, where he served as treasurer and vice president of finance until his retirement in 2015. During his tenure, he traveled extensively throughout the world, helping establish foreign distributorships and supporting CRI's international growth.

A respected leader in his profession, he devoted significant time to professional organizations. He served as president of the local chapter of the Institute of Management Accountants (formerly the National Association of Accountants) in 1992, following years of involvement from 1983-92.

He was an active member of the National Society of Accountants for Cooperatives, Great Lakes Chapter, from 1996 through 2026, served on the national NSAC board from 1996 to 2013, and was elected national president in 2012. In recognition of his contributions, he received the NSAC National Silver Bowl Award in 2015 and was inducted

into the NSAC Great Lakes Chapter Hall of Fame in 2023.

His expertise also benefited the Farm Credit and AgStar organizations. He served on the board of directors from 2006-15 as a recognized financial expert. From 2009-15, he also served on the Farm Credit Plan Sponsorship Committee, overseeing human resources and payroll functions for affiliated associations and serving as committee [resident from 2014-15.

Faith and community involvement were central to his life. At Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Shawano, he served on the school board in 1993, the pastoral council from 1997 to 2007, and the finance council from 2023-26. He was a dedicated member of the Knights of Columbus from 1988 to 2026.

His commitment to service extended throughout the Shawano community, where he was active in Rotary Club of Shawano, serving as president in 2008, and also participated in the Shawano Jaycees, Optimist Club, United Way board and Shawano Club.

Above all, he treasured his family. He shared 53

wonderful years of marriage with his beloved wife, Patricia (Schott) Romuald, creating a lifetime of memories together. Following his retirement in 2015, the couple embraced life as snowbirds, spending the past 10 winters in Sun City West, Arizona. There he enjoyed golf, friendships and the warm community that became a second home.

He had a passion for photography, military history, golf, softball, travel and spending time with friends and family. He enjoyed two unforgettable river cruises and an ocean cruise, and developed what he jokingly referred to as an "acquired taste" for bourbon.

He will be remembered for his integrity, leadership, patriotism, faith, sense of humor and genuine appreciation for people. His impact will be felt by family, friends, colleagues, fellow parishioners, veterans and the countless individuals whose lives he touched throughout his remarkable journey.

He will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered.

Lawrence is survived by his wife, Patricia (Schott) Romuald; children, Roxi (Aaron) Stelter, Suzie (Paul) Blasczyk and Brendan

(fiancé, Melissa Housh); grandchildren, Kelsey Stelter, Lily Stelter, Alexa (fiancé, Danny Darling) Blasczyk, Caden Blasczyk and Magnolia Romuald; sisters, Rose (David) Paul, Judy (Rick) DeJardin, Linda (Chris) DeBeck and Diane Nuckles. He is further survived by numerous aunts, cousins, nieces, nephews, other relatives and countless friends.

Lawrence is preceded in death by his parents, Arnold and Marie (Tombal) Romuald; uncle, Richard Tombal; brother, James Romuald; and grandson, Rory Romuald.

A funeral mass will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2026, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Shawano with the Rev. Edward Looney officiating. Visitation will be held at the church on Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service.

Military honors will be conducted by the Shawano VFW Post 2723 at the church. Entombment will be held at Nicolet Memorial Park in Green Bay.

Swedberg Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

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DR. JONATHAN J. KLEMENT

Dr. Jonathan J. Klement, 87, of Sagamore Hills, Ohio passed away July 27, 2026.

He was the beloved husband of Marilyn (nee Kuehl); the loving father of Scott (Diana) and Steven (Connie); cherished grandfather of Shawn (Nichole), Steven (Aimee) and Cristina; great-grandfather of Shiloh and Charlotte; son of the late Joseph and Emma (nee Griep); dear brother of the late Hyacinth Badalamente (David) and David Klement.

Private burial at Northfield-Macedonia Cemetery. A celebration of Jon's life will take place at the Greenwood Village Clubhouse at 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 6. It is located at 830 Village Club Road, Sagamore Hills, OH 44067.

Jon was born in Shawano on March 26, 1939, and attended Bonduel High School. At age 16, he won



a Ford Foundation scholarship and went on to the University of Wisconsin-Madison to study chemical engineering. While at the university, he completed two years of Air Force ROTC. He graduated in four years and obtained a position with Standard Oil of Ohio (Sohio) at the Warrensville Research Center in 1960.

On June 18, 1960, Jon

and Marilyn began 66 years of marriage.

At the research center, Jon helped pilot the oxidation of propylene to acrolein and later developed latex paints and polyacrylonitrile packaging film. On leave of absence from 1966-69, he earned a master's degree in chemical engineering and a doctorate in macromolecular science from Case Institute of Technology (now CWRU).

He went into management and held positions including manager at Kenecott Copper Mine, president of Colonial Pipeline, general manager of Marine Transportation, director of development engineering and information sciences laboratory. At the end of his career, he was director of the Sohio BP Research and Development Laboratory in Warrensville Heights.

Flying was his passion;

he obtained his pilot's license in 1962 and bought a Cessna 182 in 1982. He used his plane to visit his extended family in Wisconsin, Tennessee, Maryland and Georgia, as well as go on adventures flying up canyons in the Rockies.

Jon retired at the age of 53 and became an entrepreneur by making his flying hobby into a business. He formed Skywatch Inc. in 1992 and contracted to fly over pipelines looking for leaks and unauthorized digging. He was a member of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) and Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA).

Always an adventurer, he traveled to all 50 states and 19 different countries. He loved planning unique family vacations: rafting down the Colorado river, fishing in Canada, rafting down the Selway River in

Idaho on the outfitters trail run, encounters with bears and wolfs while driving to Alaska, taking a seaplane to a cabin on a lake on an island that had more grizzly bears than people, and snorkeling in Hawaii and Mexico.

Marilyn and Jon were invited to Korea where Marilyn was privileged to christen an oil tanker at the Hyundai Corporation shipyard.

He was an avid gardener, bicyclist and fisherman. In 2002, he helped create the Greenwood Village community garden. He led his family on bike camping trips across Wisconsin and Ohio Amish country and pedaled with his nephew David around the Leelanau Peninsula in Michigan and biked across the south of France with his friend Dave.

Jon loved taking his small

boat on Lake Erie with his buddies and coming home with perch and walleye for dinner or spending winters fishing off his boat in Cape Coral Florida.

He served over 30 years on the board of Greenwood Village and led the creation of the current architectural rules for Greenwood as chair of the architectural committee.

He was a videographer before there was video, presenting his Super8 films as part of the Sohio Speakers' Bureau.

He shared his parents' love for God and brought up his family to share his deep faith.

He loved singing in the choir and served on the board of elders. He was also known for his sense of humor and loved practical jokes. He provided a warm home for his family filled with love and laughter.

Music and fun fill up Mielke Park



TOP: Musicians have a wonderful time Aug. 8 at the Pond View Glen stage for the Shawano Folk Music Festival. The stage was hosted by the Green Apple Folk Music Society.

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ABOVE: Patrons of music sit back and enjoy the music Aug. 8 during the Shawano Folk Music Festival.

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RIGHT: John Guarrine's silent clown Pinolio has some fun Aug. 8 with visitors to Mielke County Park during the 48th Shawano Folk Music Festival, where over a dozen folk music acts provided three days of music and fun for hundreds of people.

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Study links alcohol to risk of cancer

Public health leaders continue to raise awareness about alcohol's link to cancer, following a 2025 U.S. Surgeon General advisory that identified alcohol as a leading preventable cause of cancer in the United States.

The advisory also calls for updated alcohol warning labels to better inform consumers about cancer risk. Yet despite extensive research, many Americans remain unaware of alcohol's link to cancer.

The advisory identifies alcohol as the third leading preventable cause of cancer in the United States, contributing to about 100,000 cancer cases and 20,000

cancer-related deaths each year. Aspirus Health is working to increase awareness of these risks and encourage informed choices about alcohol consumption.

"Any time the American public is consuming a product that can cause cancer, I think it is important for us to know," said Dr. Andrew Huang, radiation oncologist.

Alcohol is a known carcinogen, and research shows it increases the risk of several cancers, including those of the mouth, throat, liver and breast. Its impact goes beyond cancer. Long-term alcohol use can lead to organ damage and contribute

to chronic diseases of the liver and heart.

For years, some studies suggested that moderate drinking had health benefits, but newer research has challenged that idea. According to Huang, earlier studies failed to account for people who avoided alcohol due to preexisting health conditions.

"Once those individuals were removed from the data, the reality became clear — there is no protective effect of alcohol. Even small amounts increase the risk of death," he said.

Avoiding alcohol completely is the safest choice, but moderation is key for those who choose to

drink. Excessive or habitual alcohol use can harm physical and mental health.

"It is not just about the physical effects," Huang said. "Alcohol can impact relationships, mental health and overall well-being."

Aspirus Health encourages individuals to have open conversations with their primary care provider about alcohol use. Honest discussions help assess personal risk factors, explore healthier alternatives and provide resources for those looking to cut back. Regular checkups offer an opportunity to take control of long-term health.

Reshaping speedway could cost \$250,000

Project most likely won't be done until 2027

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

Most of the plans to reduce the size of the Shawano Speedway have been drawn up, but the question of who will pay for it still lingers.

For more than a year, track organizers have pushed to shrink the raceway from the half-mile to a three-eighths mile oval. It's believed a shorter track will attract more drivers, which will lead to more fans and more money for all involved.

"I think before we decide on any shape or anything like that, we have to discuss funding, because any decision from this meeting forward is going to cost money," Nick Hesse, facilities management director for Shawano County, told members of the public property committee Aug. 6. "We need to figure out who's paying for what."

Grant Bystol, county highway commissioner, said if the county takes the lead on this, a plan with point data, cross-sections and draining plans needs to be finalized.

Based on contours provided in the current proposal, Bystol offered several estimates for bringing in Turns 3 and 4 to make the track shorter.

"There's 25,000-30,000 cubic yards of earthwork. There are between six and eight power poles in conflict, plus or minus four electrical pads and outlets in the pits, and the stop-and-go lights need to be relocated," he said. "There is 1,300 feet of old retaining

wall to remove, reinstall 822 feet of retaining wall. There's about 885 feet of new fence to wrap the exterior. There's approximately 400 feet of storm sewer plus additional yard drains. There's approximately 1,600 cubic yards of topsoil that will be needed to restore the abandoned area to the north."

The total, without final design, is about \$250,000, Bystol said.

Some of the work could be done with in-kind donations, such as the moving of electrical poles, or costs can be saved by reusing the old fencing.

Still be decided would be the locations of the pit entrance and exit lanes.

The current proposal has a 307-foot straightaway, which is short of the 340 feet needed for tractor pulls that are held on the track during the county fair.

Whether the project will require a retention pond will be determined by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources after they review the plans.

On Aug. 10, the highway department started a 2-mile reconstruction project for another municipality that will keep them busy the rest of the season.

"I don't know who wants who to do what, but we're pretty much tied up with equipment through the end of October," Bystol said.

Bystol said the construction time would most likely be in the fall of 2027 if the highway department is involved.

"Let's get some numbers and see where we sit," said Rick Giese, chairman of the public property committee.

The topic will be back on the committee's Sept. 3 agenda.

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Police serve lunch



Officer Tyler Thornborrow flips burgers on the grill Aug. 4 at Eberlein Park for the Shawano Police Department's Lunch in the Park program. Thornborrow also serves as one of the school resource officers for the city, so he'll be focusing on Shawano's schools once they reopen in September.

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18% hike in police calls not all crime related

Chief believes more officers on street would improve service

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Police calls are up 18% compared with this time last year, but that doesn't translate to more crime in the city of Shawano.

From Jan. 1 through Aug. 5, the Shawano Police Department responded to 5,517 calls, compared with 4,675 for the same time period last year. Besides the criminal investigations, officers also respond to quality-of-life complaints, traffic-related incidents, assisting other first responders and other service calls, according to Police Chief Mike Musolff.

"Shawano continues to be a safe community," Musolff said. "Our officers remain committed to being visible, responding quickly, investigating crimes thoroughly and working with residents to solve problems. Public safety is a partnership, and we appreciate the support we receive from our community."

Several areas where the police department has seen an increase compared with last year include disturbances, harassment calls, thefts, noise complaints and property damage traffic crashes. Musolff noted that calls for vehicle break-ins for the summer have gone down, though.

Decreases in certain categories have been seen, too, specifically in drug-related incidents, welfare checks, suspicious activity complaints, family disturbance calls and picking up people with outstanding warrants. Despite the decrease in welfare checks, they still comprise hundreds of calls each year, according to Musolff.

"Some community-service type calls remain among our highest-volume activities. We continue to respond to hundreds of welfare checks, medical assists, agency assists, disturbances and traffic-related incidents," Musolff said. "Those calls consume a significant amount of our officers' time and reflect the wide range of services today's police departments provide."

Calls about juvenile mischief in city parks continue to be a problem in Shawano, according to Musolff, although the numbers remain relative flat from last year to this year. While he reported in June that there were no major problems near Memorial Park when Sun Drop Dayz was happening, there were several instances where juveniles were getting into fights at other parks in the city.

Musolff said that many of the juvenile incidents in Shawano could be curtailed if parents paid more attention to their children.

"They're either allowing them to go out and cause mischief in the city, which is alarming to me, or they don't know they're sneaking out," Musolff said. "What we need is to parents to step up and make sure they're monitoring their children and what their kids are doing at night, just like you would during the day."

Mental health issues continue to be an issue in police calls, although those seem to be trending downward in 2026; the police have responded to 24 calls so far. In 2025, 35 calls were related to mental health.

"We're acting many times as a counselor, even though we're not a counselor," Musolff said. "We wear many hats. That's one area I'd like to see the state work on. We have all this money, and they don't know what to do with it. Work on mental health."

Dealing with off-road vehicles has been a rare issue, with city police handling four calls this year and three for the same time period in 2025. However, this tends to be an underreported statistic, according to Musolff, as most complainers tend to post on social media in lieu of calling dispatchers to report.

"Despite what you see on Facebook, we don't get a lot of complaints," Musolff said. "People seem to think that reporting to social media is reporting to the police, and that's not the case. We may catch things on there, and we may make phone calls to follow up on things from social media, but that isn't our primary concern. Our primary concern is following up on calls that come in to the dispatch center."

Another notable statistic is the number of times officers have to assist at a scene where ambulances are responding to medical calls. So far in 2026, there have been 368 calls for ambulance assistance, more than one per day.

Musolff said there are currently at least two officers on duty at all times, but that still stretches the department thin at times. He believes two more officers for the department who could work a 12-hour shift during the afternoon and evening hours, when the call volume is highest, could help increase response times.

"I think it's time to start evaluating that more," Musolff said. "The last increase was through a grant, which was for a detective position (six years ago). That was a position increase, but now we have a detective and a detective lieutenant, so that takes people off the road."

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An event to remember



Pinwheels were among some of the fun things for people to enjoy Aug. 7 during the first Memories in the Park held Aug. 7 at Franklin Park. The event was sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association, the Forget Me Not Fund and the Aging and Disability Resource Center of the Wolf River Region.

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Musician Skip Jones talks with someone from the Aging and Disability Resource Center during Memories in the Park on Aug. 7 at Franklin Park. Besides Jones' beloved musical entertainment, there was also food, vendors and resources that help those caring for people with Alzheimer's.

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Katie Daul, human development and relationships educator with the University of Wisconsin-Extension chats with someone Aug. 7 in Franklin during Memories in the Park, an event that brought some attention to the issues involving Alzheimer's Disease.

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Keynote speakers announced for summit

As the College of Menominee Nation prepares to host this year's Seven Generations Inter-Tribal Leadership Summit, in collaboration with the Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe University and the Universities of Wisconsin, CMN announces the summit's slate of keynote speakers.

The Seven Generations Inter-Tribal Leadership Summit will take place from Sept. 30 through Oct. 2 at CMN in Keshena.

"The Seven Generations Summit has grown since its inception at LCOOU, in partnership with CMN and the UW System, but it remains rooted in its core purpose: connecting Indigenous knowledge, higher education and partners focused on supporting strong, vibrant tribal nations and peoples," said CMN President Christopher Caldwell.

Speaking on economic and workforce development will be Crystal Chapman-Chevalier, CEO, Wolf River Development Company.

Chapman-Chevalier is an enrolled member of the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin and was raised and currently lives on the Menominee Reservation. Chapman-Chevalier graduated from CMN with an associate of arts and science in liberal arts, with a minor in Native American studies emphasis with her coursework in Menominee language, and an associate of arts and science in sustainable development with her coursework in cultural geography.

She earned her bachelor of science from the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay with a major in environmental policy and planning and a minor in project planning. She also earned her master of science from UW-Platteville with a major in organizational change leadership. Benjamin "Benny" Rieth will talk on the topic of education.

Rieth is the founder of Belongin-gU: Rieth Strategy Solutions, where he partners with colleges, universities and organizations to build cultures of belonging that transform student and employee experiences.

His work centers on helping institutions move beyond programs and toward sustainable, community-centered change rooted in care, connection, accountability and Indigenous ways of being. With more than a decade of experience in higher education,

Rieth has held roles across admissions, student affairs, enrollment and campus life, most recently serving as vice president of student affairs, enrollment and belonging at Bellin College. He also serves as an adjunct faculty member in general education studies, bringing his passion for belonging directly into the classroom.

Throughout his career, he has led initiatives that strengthen student success, enhance employee engagement and reimagine how campuses support the full humanity of their communities.

The topic of the environment

will be addressed by Gracie Waukechon, a CMN class of 2026 graduate.

She is a member of the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, a Menominee descendant and a member of the Eagle Clan. She currently resides in Bonduel with her family.

Waukechon has professional experience as a hospitality aide at Evergreen Nursing Home, political organizer with the Democratic Party of Wisconsin and as an intern at the Sustainable Development Institute. Additionally, she volunteers with the Cross Border Organizing Working Group to decommission Lines 5 and 9, peacefully combatting the extractive fossil fuel industry that largely targets Indigenous communities and transboundary waters in the United States and Canada.

Addressing health and safety will be Gail Nahwahquaw, director of Tribal Affairs Office, Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

Nahwahquaw, who is a member of the Menominee Nation, works with her team to administer health services to tribes and educate employees within the Department of Health Services about different tribal communities to ensure the services are culturally appropriate.

Registration for the Seven Generations Inter-Tribal Leadership Summit is open now at <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/collegeofthemenomineenation/event/2026sevensgens/>. Elders and students have free registration.



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Menominee Tribe recognized with Energy Sovereignty Champion Award

The Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin has been selected to receive the inaugural Energy Sovereignty Champion Award at the 2026 People of the Sun Gathering, recognizing the tribe's leadership, perseverance and long-term commitment to building an energy future rooted in sovereignty, resilience and service to the community.

The award will be presented Sept. 17 at Standing Rock in North Dakota as part of the People of the Sun Gathering, a national convening of tribal leaders, innovators, educators, artists and allies working to advance Indigenous-led

solutions in energy, economic development and community resilience.

For more than a decade, the Menominee Tribe has steadily pursued a vision of energy sovereignty. Beginning with an early commitment to invest Recovery Act funding in renewable energy, tribal leadership chose to plant the seeds of a long-term strategy rather than pursue short-term projects. Today, that vision includes a commitment to achieving energy sovereignty by 2035 through renewable energy development, workforce preparation, resilience planning and innovative financing.

The journey has not been without challenges. After helping lead a multi-state coalition that secured significant federal funding to expand tribal solar programs, the tribe saw that opportunity come to an abrupt halt when the program was terminated before implementation. Rather than abandon its vision, the Menominee Tribe continued moving forward, securing philanthropic support, developing new partnerships and exploring financing strategies that use the long-term value created by renewable energy projects to finance future investments.

The award also recognizes something less visible but equally important: the tribe's commitment to serving future generations. Energy planning at Menominee has been guided by a broader vision of stewardship – caring for elders, protecting the tribe's natural resources, strengthening the local economy and creating opportunities for tribal members through education and workforce development. Rather than

viewing renewable energy as a stand-alone project, the tribe has embraced it as part of a larger strategy for self-determination and community well-being.

"We knew renewable energy represented an important opportunity for our tribe, but we also knew we needed experienced partners to help us make informed decisions," said Ron Corn, former chairman of the Menominee Indian Tribe. "We brought together organizations and technical experts who respected our vision and helped us develop a long-term strategy that reflected our values and priorities. That collaborative approach has helped position us for continued success."

That long-term vision is now reaching tribal members through the Menominee Utility Rebate Program, which helps households improve energy efficiency, electrify their homes, reduce energy costs and prepare for a more resilient energy future.

"It's an incredible honor to do this work for

our tribe," said Jaime Oshekshquoam, who leads the Menominee Utility Rebate Program. "Opportunities like this don't come along very often – to help families lower their energy bills, make their homes more comfortable and build a stronger future for our community. This isn't just a job for me – it's work I truly love, because I get to see the difference it makes in people's lives every day."

For the Menominee Tribe, this recognition is both an honor and a responsibility.

"We are deeply honored to receive this recognition," said Darryl Pyawasay, director of the Menominee Tribal Utility. "This award belongs to the many tribal leaders, staff and community members who have stayed committed to this vision over the years. We hope our journey demonstrates that energy sovereignty is achievable. If our experience helps another tribal nation take the first step toward building its own energy future, then this recognition means even more to us."

According to Cody Two Bears, founder and CEO of Indigenized Energy, the Menominee Tribe exemplifies the type of leadership the People of the Sun Awards were created to recognize.

"It has been an honor to work alongside the Menominee Tribe over the past several years and witness the leadership and determination they've demonstrated," said Two Bears. "From the very beginning, they made a commitment to energy sovereignty and never lost sight of that vision. They persevered through changing circumstances – including the loss of major federal funding – and continued finding new ways to move forward."

The Energy Sovereignty Champion Award recognizes tribal nations that are boldly advancing energy sovereignty through leadership, vision and action. The award honors tribes laying the foundation for long-term energy independence through planning, innovation, infrastructure, and community leadership.

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Nation Cultural Learning Center.

The assessment is a foundational process that helps identify the most

pressing health needs of Shawano and Menominee counties. This year's meeting will bring together voices from across both counties to review local health data, discuss emerging issues and select priority areas that will guide future health improvement efforts.

The CHA process relies on broad community participation to ensure that the selected priorities reflect the lived experiences, concerns, and aspirations of local residents.

The session is free and open to the public, though space is limited. A virtual attendance option is also available via Microsoft Teams at bit.ly/3RtsCWe. Meeting ID: 290 046 666 313 864. Passcode: N2g3PB6q

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To be considered, you must:

- Show you used the initial FEMA rental assistance to pay for temporary housing.
- Be unable to return to your pre-disaster residence because it is still not safe to live in or is no longer available because of the disaster.
- Not have the financial ability to obtain housing without assistance.
- Show that you are working toward a permanent housing plan.

If you were initially approved for rental assistance, an application for continued temporary housing assistance will be mailed to you 15

days after the grant is approved. If you do not receive one, call FEMA at 800-621-3362.

Take the time now to ensure your furnace and water heater are operating safely, and they weren't damaged by the April storms and flooding. FEMA grants may be available to help repair those items and replace them if they were destroyed by floodwater.

If you received a FEMA grant for repair of your furnace or water heater and later discovered those items need replacing, you can use the FEMA appeal process for additional grant funds. Applicants have 60 days to appeal and must submit a letter with a verified contractor's estimate for replacement of the furnace or water heater.

Send in your request for continued temporary housing or additional money to repair or replace your heating systems in one of the following ways:

- Online: This is the fastest option to submit documents. If you have a FEMA online account,

upload your documents electronically. To set up the account first, visit DisasterAssistance.gov, click on "Check Status" and follow the directions.

- By mail: FEMA, P.O. Box 10055, Hyattsville, MD 20782-7055.

- By fax: 800-827-8112, Attention: FEMA.

- In-person: Visit any Disaster Recovery Center to submit your appeal. Find a center here: fema.gov/DRC.

Even if you were visited by a FEMA assessment team in May or called 2-1-1 to report your home damage, you must still apply to be considered for federal assistance. Start the application process by going online to DisasterAssistance.gov or calling the FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362. If you use video relay service, captioned telephone service or others, give FEMA your number for that service.

Be sure to apply before the Aug. 31 deadline. For additional information about the disaster recovery operation in Wisconsin visit www.fema.gov/disaster/4923.

Packers hold annual family night



ABOVE: It was fun for the whole family as over 57,000 fans came out for the annual family night held by the Green Bay Packers on Aug. 7 at Lambeau Field. This is the 25th year the Packers have invited families to a preview before pre-season games start. **GREG MELLIS | NEW MEDIA**
LEFT: Green Bay Packers running back MarShawn Lloyd crosses over on the field during the annual family night held Aug. 7 at Lambeau Field. Lloyd and his teammates worked out on the field for over two hours, with one of the biggest highlights being quarterback Jordan Love chucking the ball over 50 yards to wide receiver Matthew Golden for a touchdown.

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Lucas Lamberies came from 10th in the IMCA mods to win first.
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Clintonville racers on top

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

It was a big night for Clintonville racers Aug. 8 at the Shawano Speedway as two of the divisions saw winners from Shawano's southern neighbor.

Tanner Westphal took the checkered flag in the IMCA sport compact division after starting eighth. Fellow Clintonville racer Brad Wedde, who started seventh, finished in second place while Landon Braatz, of Shawano, started and finished in third place. Pole sitter Taylor Junk, of Shawano, finished in ninth place.

Westphal and Braatz won the heat races.

Lucas Lamberies, also from Clintonville, came from 10th in the IMCA mods to win first. Following him were Kevin Feck from Wausau in second place and Jordan Bartz from Shawano in third. Brad Moeller, of New London, was in the pole position but ended up in the rear of the pack, finishing 13th.

Lamberies also won one of the heat races, along with Marcus Yarie, of Wausau.

Jason McFadden, of Jim Falls, started second but didn't let anyone pass him as he took the checkered

flag in the USRA late models. Right behind McFadden was Lucas Peterson, of Stockholm, who finished second after starting sixth, while Josh Wahlstrom, of Rice Lake, started eighth but finished in third. Hoyt Cournoyer started in the pole position but finished seventh out of 17 racers.

Peterson and Corbyn Wassenberg, of Shawano, won the heat races.

In the IMCA sports mods, Tim Jorgenson, of Seymour, won after starting third. Cole Magnin, of Oconto Falls, started and finished in second place, while Logan Fleischman,

of Mattoon, started in the pole position and finished third.

Jorgenson and Magnin won the heat races.

Brett Wenzel, of Manitowoc, made up some ground after starting eighth in the IMCA stock cars division, which had 23 racers for the night. Trent Nolan also made some gains to take second place after starting ninth. Dan Michonski, who started second, finished in third. Chad Guyette was in the pole position but finished in 14th place.

Wenzel, Nolan and Asa Doxtator, of Bowler, won the heat races.

BABA playoffs kick off Aug. 16

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

The postseason is around the corner for 16 Badger Amateur Baseball Association teams in all four divisions.

First-round games are set for 1:30 p.m. Aug. 16, and division semifinal match-ups were not available at press time.

First-place teams in the East, West, North and South-Central divisions will host the fourth-place finisher, while the third-place team will travel to face the second-place team.

The regular season wrapped up Aug. 9.

East Division

Gresham 14, Clintonville 12

The Gophers hosted Clintonville for their annual Fan Appreciation Day game and picked up a win over the A's to wrap up first place in the division standings.

The Gophers will host Marion or Menominee Aug. 16.

Marion at Menominee

Results not reported.

West Division

Caroline 25, Tigerton 7

The Cougars gave up seven runs, but had 15 hits and took advantage of 15 walks and six hit batters to pick up a home win over the Tigers.

Mason Breitenfeldt led Caroline with four hits and five runs scored, while Klay Finger added a home run and drove in a team-high six runs. Jared Cartwright added two

hits and Kade Rosenow and Trayton Norder scored five and three runs, respectively.

Cartwright picked up the win on the mound in relief of Jack Yaeger and the two pitchers combined to strike out 12 batters.

The Cougars finished the regular season with an 8-6 record, good enough for third place. They will head to Wittenberg Aug. 19 to face the Pilots.

Wittenberg at Leopold

Results not reported. Wittenberg is the No. 2 seed for the playoffs and will host No. 3 Caroline.

Tilleda at Little Falls

Results not reported. Little Falls is the division's No. 1 seed for the playoffs.

Wittenberg 6, Scandinavia 4

The Pilots hosted Scandinavia out of the South-Central Division Aug. 7 and handed the Vikings a 6-4 loss.

North Division

Birnamwood 9, Crandon 0

The Kentucks forfeited to the Kings in a game scheduled to be played in Crandon.

Elderon 11, Hatley 4

Mike Lehman, Isaac Williams and Bryce Zoromski each had three hits for Elderon as the WhiskeyJacks out-hit the Braves 15-10 in Hatley.

Casey Kerstner and Justin Meronk added two hits for Elderon, while Thomas Lemanczyk picked up the win on the mound.

Braxton Olsen and Hayden Davidowski each had three hits to lead Hatley at the plate and Nick Cotter

added two.

Ben Cunliffe took the loss for the Braves.

Aniwa at Eland

Results not reported.

South-Central Division

New London

at Scandinavia

Scandinavia was scheduled to host the Irish, but the game was rained out and has been rescheduled for 7 p.m. Aug. 12.

Plover over Weymont

Weymont forfeited the game to Plover.

West Division

Caroline 12, Clintonville 9

The Cougars trailed 9-4 in the seventh inning Aug. 7, but came back to defeat the A's with eight unanswered runs.

Mason Breitenfeldt hit a three-run home run for Caroline and drove in five of the Cougars' runs. Klay Barkow added three hits and scored three runs, while Mike Weatherwax and Jeremy Schoenke had two hits and Colton Barkow drove in two runs.

Jake Madson picked up the win in relief of Klay Barkow, allowing two hits in 2 2/3 innings. Kade Rosenow closed out the game with a scoreless ninth inning.

East Division

Tigerton at Marion

Results not reported.

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Broncos wrap up top seed

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

The Bonduel Broncos will head into the Dairyland League baseball playoffs as the top seed after wrapping up the regular season Aug. 9 with a 16-9 win over Navarino on the Rangers' home field.

Bonduel will now host a team to be determined in the first round of the league playoffs, which get underway with games at 1:30 p.m. Aug. 16. First-round pairings were not available at press time.

Bonduel 16, Navarino 9

Noah Weier's three home runs and seven RBIs helped the Broncos top the Rangers.

His three-run homer in the top of the first inning gave Bonduel an early 3-0 lead.

Adam Frost added to Bonduel's lead with an RBI single in the second inning. Barret Bohm added an RBI double, and Chase Reinke drove in two more runs with a single in the third inning.

Weier's second homer, a two-run shot, came in the fifth inning before Bonduel added three more runs in the eighth on three hits. Easton Reinke had an RBI double, and Weier added two more runs with his third homer.

Winning pitcher Riley Susa gave up 11 hits and five runs before Weier and Chase Reinke relieved him on the mound.

Weier, Eric Yogi Gruenewald, J.C. Reinke and Chase Reinke each had three of Bonduel's 20 hits, while Frost, Bohm and Easton Reinke added two each.

Nichols 10, Cecil 5

Cecil ended an inning with a triple play, but Nichols handed the Mudhens a loss on the Nitros' home field.

Cecil's Braden Uelmen opened the scoring with a solo home run in the top of the second inning.

Nichols tied the game in the bottom of the inning on Collin Leisgang's RBI single.

Uelmen's RBI single gave Cecil a 2-1 lead in the third inning, but the Nitros came up with three runs on a two-run single from Marcus Jens and an error.

Cecil tied the game on a two-run single from Noah Beilfuss in the fourth inning, but Nichols took the lead for good in the bottom of the fifth.

Max Belling and Ethan Volz drove in a run with a double and single, respectively, before Justin Krull drew a bases-loaded walk.

Nichols outhit Cecil 13-11.

Nick Volz had four hits to lead Nichols, while Leisgang, Jens and Volz had two each.

Mason Meverden and Trace Brehmer led Cecil with three hits each, while Zuleger added two hits and Uelmen and Beilfuss drove in two runs apiece.

Cade Johnson picked up the win for Nichols, and Mason Zuleger took the loss in relief of Beilfuss.

Hortonville 7, Hofa Park 3

Hofa Park outhit Hortonville 12-9 but ended up falling to the Stars in Hofa Park.

A fly out by Maikol Gonzales put Hortonville on the board in the top of the first inning, and the Stars added to their lead in the second on Andrew Wedwick's two-run homer.

Hofa Park tied the game at 3-3 in the third inning, but Gonzales gave the Stars the lead for good in the fourth with an RBI single.

Robbie Schuettpelez led Hofa Park with four hits, while Trevor Cornell had three and Alex Omernik drove in two of the Panthers' three runs.

Gonzales, Wedwick and Logan Locy led Hortonville with two hits each, while Gonzales and Wedwick drove in two runs.

Chris Atwood picked up the win, and Ayden Tomlinson took the loss.

Hofa Park 10, Shawano 6

Hofa Park headed to Shawano on Aug. 7 in a makeup game and handed the Lobos a four-run loss.

The Panthers opened the scoring in the bottom of the first inning on Trevor Cornell's RBI single.

Alex Omernik and Jake Olson drove in runs for Hofa Park in the second inning before Robbie Schuettpelez gave the home team a 4-0 lead in the third with a sacrifice fly.

The Panthers added five more runs on three hits in the seventh inning. Omernik had an RBI single, and Olson hit a grand slam. Shawano outhit Hofa Park 13-9.

Caden Czyzewski and Omernik each had two hits to lead the Panthers.

Carson Popp drove in three of Shawano's runs and had two hits, along with Will Bieber, Kasey Kristof, Ashton Henning and Chase Henning. Shawano's hits included Kristof's solo home run to left field in the bottom of the ninth inning.

Olson picked up the win despite giving up 13 hits and six runs over nine innings. Ashton Henning took the loss for Shawano.

Football '26

Oconto Falls Panthers move to Packerland for football

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

Fans of Oconto Falls High School's football team probably noticed a big change in the Panthers' schedule for the upcoming season.

Instead of past Northwoods Conference matchups with teams like Clintonville, Coleman and Crivitz, the Panthers will now compete in the Packerland Conference, which also includes Bonduel, Oconto, Peshtigo, Southern Door, Sturgeon Bay, Kewaunee and Marinette.

The conference change is for football only, as the Panthers will remain in the North Eastern Conference for all other sports.

Oconto Falls will open the season with nonconference games against Waupaca and Seymour before hosting Oconto on Sept. 4 in the Packerland opener for both teams.

Here's a rundown on the area's five 11-player teams:

Oconto Falls Panthers

The Panthers capped their final season in the Northwoods Conference last year with a 7-0 mark and a league championship. Oconto Falls' season came to an end in the first round of the WIAA playoffs with a 27-12 loss to Wrightstown in Division 4.

Like all other teams, coach Mark Jonas has to replace seniors from last year's 8-2 squad, including Alec Krejcarek, Ethan Hill, Elijah White, Isaiah Radart, Austin Anderson, Magnus Flynn and Cole Judkins.

Krejcarek led the Panthers in receiving yards and tackles last season, while Hill was the team's leading rusher.

Nathaniel White accounted for 1,549 passing

yards and 17 touchdowns through the air as the Panthers' quarterback last season, while other seniors expected to return include Croix Gardebrecht, Logan Berg, Connor Ingram, Landon Thompson, Dawson Duncan, Levi Mommaerts, Landon Delfosse, Onni Hytinen, AJ Hendricks, Chris Mucha, Evan Dobbratz, Jagger Reed, Jack Ermis, Dominic Treichel, Aiden Cahak and JJ Pytleski.

Bonduel Bears

The Bears are coming off of a deep run into the WIAA playoffs last season that saw them fall to eventual Division 6 state runner-up Edgar 8-7 in Level 3.

Bonduel had a 2-2 mark at one point after losses to Wittenberg-Birnamwood in Week 1 and Kewaunee in Week 4, but the Bears regrouped to close out their Packerland schedule with five straight wins and a pair of playoff victories.

The Bears finished with a 9-3 overall record that included a 6-1 mark in Packerland games.

Coach James Westrich has to replace several players from last season, including his son, Ryan, now a freshman at Central Michigan, as well as leading rusher, receiver and tackler Beckett Hartlaben, Gavin Hundt, Cory Wussow, Mason Ballwehn and Tucker Hischke.

However, several players who played key roles in the Bears' success last season as juniors are expected to return, including quarterback Quinn Wesenberg, Malachi Gray, Gage Scholl, Aiden Hillsberg, Carter Moesch, Jack Zernicki, Thomas Vanderzanden, Jayden Popp, Max Huntington, Kash Giese and Ajay Heller.

The Bears will open the

season with nonconference games at home against Wittenberg-Birnamwood and at Coleman before opening Packerland play Sept. 4 at home against Kewaunee.

Pulaski Red Raiders

The Red Raiders are coming off of a 7-4 record that included a 5-2 mark in the Fox River Classic Conference.

Pulaski opened the WIAA playoffs with a 23-20 win over Milton in Division 2 but ended its season the next week with a 42-21 loss to eventual Division 2 state champion West De Pere.

Although the Red Raiders lost more than 20 seniors from the 2025 team, they do have one of the conference's leading rushers in senior Bohdan Schmidt. He led Pulaski with 1,471 rushing yards, averaged 8 1/2 yards a carry and scored 18 touchdowns on the ground. He also completed 55 passes for 515 yards and four touchdowns.

Other players expected to be back for coach Jerad Marsh include seniors Anthony Ficarri, Braun Wotrub, Garrett Lom, Trentyn Linz, Eli Brancefield, Bruno Gajeski, Keegan Buchea, Bryce Bohm, Lucas Vanhout, Keaton Dauk, Colton Brey, Seth Telford, Christian Reese, Mason Schwartz, Tanner Allen, Cole Nowak, Everett Just, Kanute Lexow, Raphael Fischer, Spencer Berna, Matthew Heck and Carter Tetzlaff.

The Red Raiders will host Appleton East in their season opener Aug. 21 before opening conference play Sept. 4 in Howard against Bay Port.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood Chargers

An up-and-down season for the Chargers ended

in the second round of the WIAA playoffs with a 35-14 loss to Lake Country Lutheran in Division 5.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood finished in the middle of the pack in the CWC-Large standings tied for fourth place with Weyauwega-Fremont and Marathon with a 3-4 record.

That sub-500 record and 4-5 regular-season mark was still good enough to qualify for the postseason, and the Chargers handed Brookfield Academy a 42-12 loss in the opening round.

Coach Jason Rieck and his staff lost several seniors from last year, including Kaden Yaeger, Connor Meverden, Tre Mesich, Alberto Sanchez, Colby Vincentsen, Nick Flak, Bryson Schmid, Zandy Barke, Oliver Fraaza, Eddie Nowinsky, Carson Meverden, Chewy Horacek, Henry Egging, Mason Wierzba, George Seegmiller and Cordell Carlson.

Yaeger rushed for 1,093 of the Chargers' 2,431 rushing yards in his senior season while averaging 13 yards a carry. He also scored 16 rushing touchdowns, caught four passes for touchdowns and returned a kickoff 95 yards for another score.

On the other hand, players expected to be on this season's roster include seniors Bo Davis, Tommy Gagnon, Braxton Olson, Logan Gibson, Dane Vincentsen, Donald Schwalbach, Andrew Wierzba, Max Kasprak, Kevin Ocampo, Jovani Torres, Slade Wierzba, Mason Fischer and Nick Westover.

The Chargers will open their season Aug. 21 at Bonduel and head to Weyauwega Sept. 4 for the CWC-Large opener against Weyauwega-Fremont.



Elijah White picks up a first down for Oconto Falls in the first quarter of the Panthers' Northwoods Conference Oct. 3, 2025, game with Shiocton. Oconto Falls won 28-27.

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Shawano Hawks

Shawano football fans haven't had much to cheer about lately, as the Hawks haven't made it to the WIAA playoffs since 2022 and are coming off of a 2-8 season.

On the other hand, the Hawks enter the 2026 season on a positive note after a 39-12 win over Wautoma in an extra game scheduled after the nine-game regular season.

Coach Alan Tomow has several seniors to replace from last year's team that tied with New London and Xavier for fifth place in the Bay Conference with a 1-6 record.

Those players include Aiden Rasmussen, Robbie Caldwell, Eddie Rubio, Ayden Bystol, Joe

Kleinschmidt, Duane Gristeau-Blanche, Brody Madison, Joey Doperalski, Charlie Gajewski, Qwyntin Oliver, Chase Katchenago, Justin Allison and McKinnleigh Ross-Pecore.

Seniors expected on this year's roster include Austin Heling, Elijah Senft, Braxton Beyersdorf, Tristan Lawe, Brayden Lidbury, Mayson DeMoss, Xavier Tourtillot, Micah Welander, Noah Vasquez, Zack Van Westerberg and Branlee Moede.

The Hawks will open the season with nonconference games against Wausau East and Lakeland before opening their Bay Conference schedule Sept. 4 at home against defending Division 4 state champion Winneconne.

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Six area teams to suit up for 8-player football

By **GREG SEUBERT**
Correspondent

Eight-player football gives high schools with low participation numbers and inexperienced players an opportunity to compete against similar programs in the same boat.

Area schools that offer 8-player football are Bowler/Gresham, Marion/Tigerton, Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas, Gillett and Suring.

Here's a rundown on those five teams:

Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Titans

Co-coaches Eddie Huberty and Dale Lange have helped build the Titans – consisting of students from Lena High School and St. Thomas Aquinas Academy in Marinette – into one of the state's top 8-player programs.

The Titans' accomplishments in 2025 included an Across the Bay Conference championship, an undefeated regular season that included five shutouts in eight games and a No. 1 seed for the playoffs. Their season ended in the state semifinal round with a 64-29 loss to McDonell Catholic from Chippewa Falls.

Lena/STAA has several graduated players to replace from last year's 11-1 team, including Max Peterson, Sam Peterson, Cooper Demmith, Lucas Heimke, Zander Thompson, Blake Behnke and Colt Miller.

Max Peterson led the Titans with 1,538 rushing yards and 26 touchdowns on the ground, and Miller was the team's leading receiver, averaging 19.1 yards a catch with four touchdowns.

Players expected to suit up this season include seniors Jake Farley, who added 667 rushing yards

and 10 touchdowns as the team's quarterback, as well as Carson Joyce, Luke Koslowsky and Collin Van Ark.

The Titans will open the season with a non-conference game Aug. 21 in Wabeno against Wabeno/Laona and the home opener against Pembine/Goodman is set for Aug. 27 in Lena.

Gillett Tigers

An 0-8 regular season that included an 0-6 mark in the Across the Bay Conference made the 2025 season one for the Tigers to put in the past.

Gillett only has to replace four players from last year: Jed Herzog, Clayton Borremans, Carson Koeller and Elias Hebert.

Last year's roster also included current seniors Trevor Schaal, Chad Samz and Gabe Soriano; juniors Brandon Slatky, Mason Herzog and Nolan Van Donzel; and sophomores Adrian Braun, Kaiden Bailey, Lawson Klein, Brock Murphy, Mason Slatky and Cooper Habeck.

The Tigers will head to Marion on Aug. 20 for the season opener against Marion/Tigerton, and the home opener against Niagara is set for Sept. 11.

Although the Tigers' first three games are on the road, the last three against Wausaukee, Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas and Suring will be played in Gillett.

Suring Eagles

A promising 4-1 start to the 2025 season gave Suring football fans a chance to hope for big things for the Eagles.

Although the team lost two of its last three games, the Eagles still qualified for the playoffs and the season ended with a 40-14 loss to Sevastopol, another Across the



Marion/Tigerton's Anthony Pagan heads to the end zone, returning an interception 65 yards for a touchdown against Wild Rose on Oct. 10, 2025.

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Bay Conference team, in the opening round.

Coach Mitch Taylor only has to replace three seniors from that 5-4 team: Garret Peters, Parker Haak and Cassius Matelski.

Players expected to suit up this season include seniors Gavin Staszak, Grant Thomson, Dyllan Flynn, Steven VanDenElzen, Taylor Booth-Stoffregen, Kroix Kempka, Dayne Ermis and Karl Hischke.

The Eagles will head to Almond on Aug. 21 for the season opener against Almond-Bancroft, while the home opener is set for Aug. 27 against Niagara.

Marion/Tigerton Thundercatz

After a successful regular season that included a Central Wisconsin Conference championship, the Thundercatz' season came crashing to

the ground in the second round of the playoffs with a 50-16 loss to Sevastopol.

Marion/Tigerton's season opened with a 34-28 loss to Rosholt, playing its first 8-player game, but the Thundercatz didn't lose again until coming up short in the playoffs.

Besides replacing several seniors from last year's team, the Thundercatz will also have a new coach for the first time in six seasons, as Marion High School athletic director Mark Fredy replaces Micah Schwantes.

Gone from last year's team are Shane Blum, Kole Johnson, Logan Zietlow, Elijah Scheef, Sam Anheuser, Logan Drews, Nolan Wisnefske, Tanner Dent, Emmitt Ehlert and Nick Haring.

Seniors expected to join this year's team include Braylon Mielke, who rushed for 2,068

yards and 26 touchdowns as a junior, as well as Izayah Ledarhaus, James Nolan, Collin Grogan, James Brady and Christian Laatsch.

The Thundercatz will open their season in Marion with a nonconference matchup against Gillett on Aug. 20.

Bowler/Gresham Panthers

The Panthers ended up cancelling their 2025 season after forfeiting games to Menominee Nation, Marion/Tigerton and Newman Catholic and have not fielded a team since 2022.

However, the WIAA website lists seven games scheduled for the Panthers this season, including the season opener Aug. 28 in Keshena against Menominee Nation and the home opener Sept. 11 against Rosholt.

Ted Kietlinski is listed

as the team's coach.

Menominee Nation Eagles

Menominee Nation High School was due to start in the Central Wisconsin Conference this year, but an announcement came recently via press release that the school was ending its football program due to declining participation.

Last year, the Eagles only played two games and was outscored 168-0. After opening the season with a 74-0 loss to Wabeno/Laona in Keshena, the Eagles faced Tri-County two weeks later and fell to the Penguins 94-0.

It was enough for school administrators and coaches to pull the plug on the season after three weeks. The season also included a forfeit win over Bowler/Gresham, which did not field a team last season.

The decision now appears to be permanent, according to the press release.

"Over the past several years, participation has steadily declined, making it increasingly difficult to sustain a safe, competitive, and successful football program," according to the release. "After carefully evaluating student participation, program sustainability, and available resources, we have determined that discontinuing the program is the most responsible decision for the safety of our players."

"We recognize the history and tradition of Eagle football and understand the disappointment this news will bring to our students, families, alumni, and community. However, our responsibility is to make decisions that best serve our students today and into the future."

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Football '26

New stadium ready to welcome teams, fans

Hawks' first home game will be against Thunderbirds

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

When the Shawano Hawks take to the field for the 2026 season, they will play home games on a new synthetic turf football and soccer field.

The new stadium, part of a \$51.23 million referendum approved by voters in November 2024, will also feature an upgraded eight-lane running track circling the field, new grandstands with built-in storage spaces underneath, a dedicated and updated tracking and throwing areas for field events, expanded gathering spaces, updated restrooms, redesigned traffic flow, a new ticket booth and a new concession stand.

Synthetic turf offers a consistently green appearance year-round with no water usage, no need for mowing or fertilizing, and high resistance to heavy foot traffic. It eliminates muddy patches, reduces

chemical pesticide use and provides long-term financial and maintenance savings.

A ribbon cutting for the new stadium will be held at noon Aug. 17.

The Hawks football team will make its debut on the field at 7 p.m. Aug. 28 against Lakeland Union High School in a nonconference game.

The first Bay Conference game will be at 7 p.m. Sept. 4 against Winneconne.

As for boys soccer, the first home game will be at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 25 against Ashwaubenon, also a non-conference game.

The first Bay Conference tilt will be at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 8 against Green Bay West.

There will also be a ribbon cutting for the high school building addition and remodeling project at 3:30 p.m. Sept. 1 with an open house following from 4-7 p.m.

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Football '26

BONDUEL BEARS

Friday, Aug. 21 - vs. Wittenberg-Birnhamwood, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 27 - at Coleman, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 4 - vs. Kewaunee, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 11 - at Marinette, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 18 - at Oconto Falls, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 25 - vs. Peshtigo, 7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 2 - vs. Oconto, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 8 - vs. Sturgeon Bay, 7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 16 - at Southern Door, 7 p.m.

BOWLER/GRESHAM PANTHERS

Week 1 - No game scheduled
Friday, Aug. 28 - at Menominee Nation, 4 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 4 - at Marion/Tigerton, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 11 - vs. Rosholt, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 18 - at Port Edwards, 4 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 25 - vs. Tri-County, 7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 2 - at Wild Rose, 7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 9 - vs. Almond-Bancroft, 7 p.m.

GILLETT TIGERS

Thursday, Aug. 20 - at Marion/Tigerton, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 27 - at Florence, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 3 - at Elkhart Lake/Glenbeulah, 6 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 11 - vs. Niagara, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 19 - at Pembine/Goodman, 1 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 25 - vs. Wausaukee, 7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 2 - vs. Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 8 - vs. Suring, 7 p.m.

LENA/ST. THOMAS AQUINAS TITANS

Friday, Aug. 21 - at Wabeno/Laona, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 27 - vs. Pembine/Goodman, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 3 - at Wausaukee, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 11 - vs. Gibraltar, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 18 - vs. Suring, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 25 - at Florence, 7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 2 - at Gillett, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 8 - at Niagara, 7 p.m.

All opponents, locations, dates and times are subject to change.



Marion/Tigerton's Braylon Mielke runs over Wild Rose's Ben Olson on Oct. 10, 2025, in the first half of a Central Wisconsin Conference-8 8-player game in Wild Rose.
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MARION/TIGERTON THUNDERCATZ

Thursday, Aug. 20 - vs. Gillett, 7 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 28 - at Almond-Bancroft, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 4 - vs. Bowler/Gresham, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 11 - at Menominee Nation, 4 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 18 - at Rosholt, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 25 - vs. Port Edwards, 7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 2 - at Tri-County, 7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 9 - vs. Wild Rose, 7 p.m.

OCONTO FALLS PANTHERS

Friday, Aug. 21 - at Waupaca, 7 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 28 - vs. Seymour, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 4 - vs. Oconto, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 11 - at Kewaunee, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 18 - vs. Bonduel, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 25 - at Sturgeon Bay, 7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 2 - vs. Marinette, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 8 - at Southern Door, 7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 16 - at Peshtigo, 7 p.m.



Shawano's Zack Van Vesternberg and Marcus Brezgel team up to tackle Waupaca's Austin Adamczak during a 2025 contest.
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PULASKI RED RAIDERS

Friday, Aug. 21 - vs. Appleton East, 7 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 28 - at Hortonville, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 4 - at Bay Port, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 11 - vs. Green Bay Preble, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 17 - at Ashwaubenon, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 25 - at West De Pere, 7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 2 - vs. Green Bay Southwest, 7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 9 - at De Pere, 7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 16 - vs. Appleton West, 7 p.m.

SHAWANO HAWKS

Friday, Aug. 21 - at Wausau East, 7 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 28 - vs. Lakeland, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 4 - vs. Winneconne, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 11 - at New London, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 18 - vs. Denmark, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 26 - vs. Fox Valley Lutheran, 1 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 2 - at Waupaca, 7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 9 - vs. Xavier, 7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 16 - at Seymour, 7 p.m.

SURING EAGLES

Friday, Aug. 21 - at Almond-Bancroft, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 27 - vs. Niagara, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 3 - at Pembine/Goodman, 4 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 11 - vs. Wausaukee, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 18 - at Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 25 - vs. Valley Christian, 7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 2 - vs. Florence, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 8 - at Gillett, 7 p.m.

WITTENBERG-BIRNAMWOOD CHARGERS

Friday, Aug. 21 - at Bonduel, 7 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 28 - vs. Tomahawk, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 4 - at Weyauwega-Fremont, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 11 - at Stratford, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 18 - vs. Spencer/Columbus Catholic, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 25 - at Shiocton, 7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 2 - vs. Colby, 7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 9 - vs. Marathon, 7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 16 - at Amherst, 7 p.m.



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Church secretary covers multitude of bases

Fuhrman keeps track of all details at St. John's in Marion

By **KAY REMINGER**
Correspondent

The secretary at St. John's Lutheran Church in Marion covers multiple roles, including meeting the care concerns of anyone who walks in the door.

"The main point of my job is to serve the Lord – and His people – in any capacity needed," said office manager Sheri Fuhrman.

Always wanting to work at a church, Fuhrman applied for and landed the secretarial position at St. John's in December 2019.

"I feel it's the closest thing that I can do to serve the Lord," said Fuhrman. "For me, that was my focus. Just giving birth to my son, my previous job had me traveling and at any given day, I might be an hour and a half away from home. I wanted to be able to spend time with my son. By the grace of God, this role came up. I interviewed for it, and I was lucky enough to get it."

Duties Fuhrman covers within her office managerial title include keeping minutes from the church council, as well as communicating with all the action teams – community, property, worship, music and education/youth.

"I also check mail, answer phone, answer emails and keep office supplies stocked. I manage all social media accounts, making sure there's information out there on our behalf," she said.

Extra responsibilities Fuhrman handles include maintaining yearly annual reports and typing up weekly bulletins and monthly newsletters. In addition, Fuhrman is in charge of all of the church records.

"I have a comprehensive list of all member baptisms, confirmations, weddings, funerals – the whole scope of life," said Fuhrman.

As of December 2025, the church's records show 316 official active members.

At Fuhrman's disposal are a team of people who also cover a multitude of roles.

"Here at St. John's, we have a maintenance person, a janitor, a groundskeeper – all those people are very helpful. Plus we have a membership that is made up of great volunteers," said Fuhrman. "If we need something, someone just steps up. I'm really blessed here."

There isn't a serving pastor at St. John's



Sheri Fuhrman, office manager at St. John's Lutheran Church in Marion, pauses during her busy work day. The artwork under glass at her desk was designed by her young son.

KAY REMINGER

Lutheran Church in Marion. After completing extensive training, the parish appointed Carol Polzin and Denise Pamperin, designating them synod-authorized ministers. Together, they coordinate and handle the needs of the congregation.

The ability they have to relate to the members of the church is humbling to Fuhrman.

"There was a funeral service that Carol did, and she was able to truly project and intuitively understand that from the

beginning of their life to the end, how they were a servant of the Lord," said Fuhrman. "This is something Carol and Denise can both do because they've known area families their whole life. A pastor sometimes is fleeting – serving a church for five years or two or six months. The relationship they have with the members is a beautiful thing."

From time to time, Fuhrman gets phone calls about people trying to find their family.

"Getting to look back at the old records, some of them are in German. Luckily, I took German in high school, so I've been able to apply that knowledge and put it to good use," said Fuhrman.

At one point in her life, Fuhrman needed assistance in an end-of-life event in her own immediate family. A compassionate church secretary had answered her phone after hours, and through her efforts the

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Kathy Searl, center, sits amid the destruction of a neighborhood near Manderfield's Home Bakery in Menasha.

ALAN FREY

Climate change warnings have existed a long time

In the early 1970s, scientists were sounding warnings about climate change which seemed far-fetched. Out of curiosity, I attended an event featuring a man who'd become known as Earth Day senator; Wisconsin's Gaylord Nelson.

I was starstruck. Sen. Nelson was congenial and charismatic, respectfully listening to comments and answering tough questions. I stayed for the meet-and-greet, a life-altering decision.

The next day I was tutoring a student after school when the librarian knocked on my classroom door. She said I had an important phone call. I panicked. Was there some kind of emergency?

Thankfully, no. It was Sen. Nelson's aide. She asked if I would serve on a committee to find ways to introduce environmental studies at the high school level. Me? An English teacher? How could I say no?

The experience proved overwhelming and exciting. Clearly a blue gill swimming with walleyes, I gained confidence as we created a comprehensive curriculum. Early on, we decided to use trial lessons to see if ecology could be successfully incorporated into upper-level science classes.

In those days, Kaukauna High School



KATHLEEN MARSH
COLUMNIST

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was situated on the banks of a filthy and smelly Fox River. Consequently, KHS was chosen to preview a unit on freshwater pollution. I vividly recall the day almost 100 juniors and seniors filed into the multi-purpose room to view a film envisioned as a kick-off attention grabber.

Most of these kids were in my English classes. Many were from rural areas and loved the outdoors. I'd graded hundreds of compositions about fishing and swimming adventures. I especially enjoyed those that described idyllic visits "up north" at Grandma and Grandpa's cottage. (Smile. Jon and I are now in this much-loved group.)

The focus of the film was Lake Erie, a "do not eat the fish" lake. Students reacted with shock and horror at the grainy moving pictures shown on a reel-to-reel movie projector. There was a collective gasp as images of Lake Erie on fire flashed across the screen. It was so polluted that the water was burning.

Outside of school, I brought up the topic in social settings.

The response was usually some version of, "Why should I care? Even if global warming is dangerous, I'll be dead before anything really bad happens."

Well, I cared, and so did my students. When you live close to the land, you become attuned to the rhythms of nature. Growing up on a dairy farm and then living on rural property, you cherish pastoral views of lush green alfalfa and golden cornfields. You marvel at the beauty of a winter terrain peacefully asleep under a waist-deep blanket of pure white snow.

In 1992, I read "Earth in the Balance" by Al Gore. By then, I was living on the mostly undeveloped southeast side of Appleton. Not exactly country, but close enough. The next year we bought property in Townsend, another life-changing decision that has taken us even closer to nature.

When you live full-time in the woods, you learn that human beings are not at the top of the food chain. I always carry bear spray and a whistle if I'm going

out for a walk. I blow it often so the big critters know I'm around. The piercing sound attracts my pet deer, but it must repel bears because I haven't seen one up close and personal yet. Thank goodness.

Question: Have we created a world for a climate that no longer exists? The past decade, and especially this summer, indicate that if we've been waiting for climate change to smack us in the face, it already has.

Consider what happened at the end of July when an EF-3 tornado hit Menasha. The storm badly damaged Jon's former place of employment, the Menasha water plant. It did extensive damage to Gegan School, where my mother once taught. It ravaged the block where my bonus kids grew up.

Yes, there have always been bad weather events. But just in the past six months, we have seen storms, tornadoes, drought, heat waves, flash floods, raging wildfires, earthquakes, and toxic smoke plumes all piled on top of one another. We can debate

the cause, but this is what global warming looks like.

Jon and I are trying. Determined to leave a small carbon footprint, everything we own is energy efficient. We use the gas-guzzling pickup sparingly, opting instead for my hybrid Escape. We reuse, repurpose, recycle.

Last summer, we installed solar panels. Scoffers said we were stupid. We'd never live to recoup our investment. Really? Our WPS electric bill this past year was \$228, the mandatory monthly facilities charge. We anticipate an eight-year payback, and that's at today's prices. Really.

Best of all, the system has a 25-year warranty so future owners will also enjoy clean, inexpensive energy. Now that thought gives me a sunny disposition.

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.

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pastor came and was able to administer communion.

"She went over and beyond to help me, and I was so grateful. I want to do everything I can to pay it forward," said Fuhrman.

More recently, Fuhrman received a phone call from a hospital in Wausau saying they needed someone to come give communion to one of their members.

"I looked up the name, and it wasn't one of our members. So I inquired of churches named St. John's in the surrounding Wausau area to find out which one had this person in their membership," said Fuhrman. "Because of my own personal experience, I was bound and determined to find the right church."

Getting to the bottom of it, Fuhrman was able to connect the right church to the right people; it brought the family much peace.

"It's very important to me," Fuhrman said. "There are wonderful aspects to this job. At the end of the day, we are all here to serve God and everything goes back to glorify Him."

THEME: BACK TO SCHOOL ACROSS

- 1. Eye affliction
- 5. Mowgli to Raksha in "The Jungle Book"
- 8. Cured pork product, pl.
- 12. *Every lap you run in gym class completes one
- 13. Ripped
- 14. Throw up
- 15. Mythological ship
- 16. Agitate
- 17. Like worthless promise
- 18. *"Go to the ____'s office"
- 20. Hatchling's home
- 21. Wasted on the young?
- 22. "Amazing!"
- 23. * ____ Core, academic standards
- 26. *"Rock N'Roll High School" band
- 30. Be obliged
- 31. Orange ____ tea, pl.
- 34. Of low density
- 35. Earthenware pots
- 37. Farm layer
- 38. Bagpipes sound, in Scotland
- 39. Vessel's "spine"
- 40. "Mary, Mary quite contrary" place
- 42. Radio knob, abbr.
- 43. Blended family family member
- 45. Trotters
- 47. Owned
- 48. San Diego baseballer
- 50. Castle defense
- 52. *a.k.a. lunch room
- 56. " ____ little cubby all

- stuffed with fluff"
- 57. Knight's breastplate
 - 58. Bit of smoke
 - 59. Willow twig
 - 60. Pub arrow
 - 61. Popular street-lining trees
 - 62. Post-deductions amount
 - 63. Opposite of WSW
 - 64. Somebody ____
- DOWN
- 1. Dueler's blow
 - 2. Unit of pressure
 - 3. Jellystone Park denizen
 - 4. Amerigo to America
 - 5. *Plagiarize, technically speaking
 - 6. Heap of "David Copperfield"
 - 7. *School signaling device
 - 8. *Unwelcome load
 - 9. Current unit, pl.
 - 10. Catcher's catcher
 - 11. Chester White's home
 - 13. Three in one
 - 14. Animal toxin
 - 19. Poultry houses
 - 22. "It ____ a dark and stormy night..."
 - 23. Too many in the kitchen?
 - 24. Baby owl
 - 25. Free-for-all
 - 26. Tear
 - 27. Lacking guile
 - 28. Baseball fielding mistake
 - 29. "She ____ sea shells..."
 - 32. * ____ Academy, online study aid
 - 33. " ____ the land of the free..."
 - 36. *Reading building

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- 38. Stall call
 - 40. *Character in Greek Mythology reading assignment
 - 41. Firstborn
 - 44. Nymph chaser
 - 46. Diminutive
 - 48. Like nature worshipping, e.g.
 - 49. Flamb
 - 50. Dante's Beatrice, e.g.
 - 51. Passing mention
 - 52. Relinquish
 - 53. Small brook
 - 54. Doctrines
 - 55. Part of church
 - 56. *Unit in measurement and weight math lessons

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Remembering Coolidge's Wisconsin fishing guide

The United States of America's 250th anniversary prompts historical conversations.

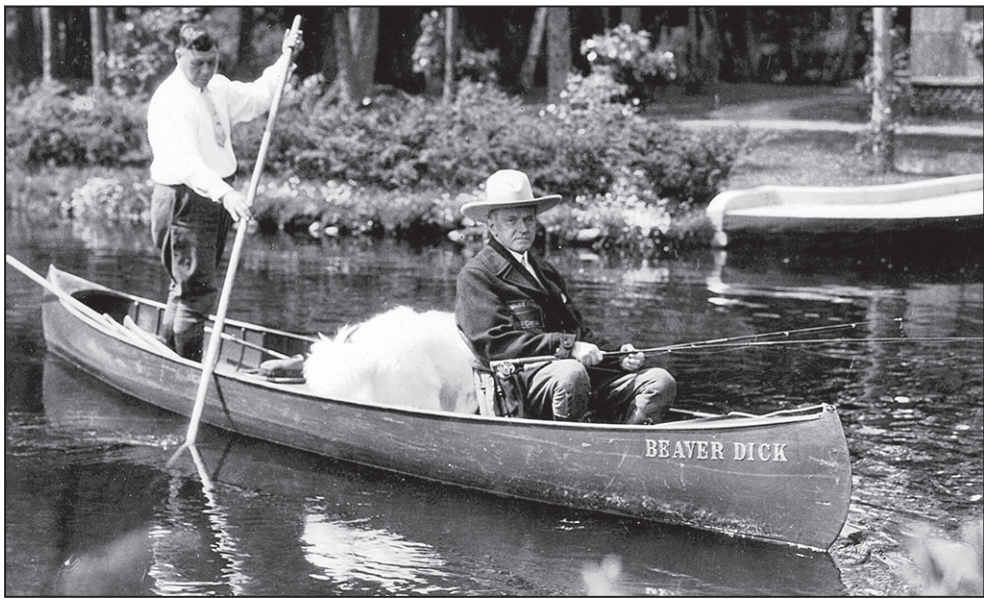
For many, they're about examining the country's Founding Fathers and trailblazers, many of whom are already household names. As a tribal college faculty member who teaches American history, I'm committed to ensuring that Native people are remembered for their contributions to our shared national story.

Being a Wisconsin academic interested in public memory, I believe the 150th anniversary is also worth revisiting for those who call the Badger State their home. In fact, there are interesting parallels between the current occupant of the Oval Office and his 1926 predecessor.

Like President Donald Trump, Calvin Coolidge liked to escape the confines of Washington, D.C., to enjoy recreation during the summer months. Whereas Trump often retreats to the golf course at his Mar-a-Lago Club in Palm Beach, Florida, Coolidge sought five separate "Summer White Houses" while he held the nation's highest office.



RYAN WINN
COLUMNIST



Bad River Ojibway tribal member John LaRock guides President Calvin Coolidge's canoe down the Brule River in 1928. The president's dog, Rob Roy, sits between them.
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They include Plymouth Notch, Vermont, in 1924, Swampscott, Massachusetts, in 1925, and Paul Smiths, New York, in 1926.

Prior to his departure in 1926, Coolidge stated in a mid-June press conference, "I don't go away from Washington for the purpose of avoiding the Washington climate so much as I do for the purpose of getting a change."

I suspect the president's affinity for fishing also contributed to his annual exodus.

In 1927, Coolidge's

love for angling brought him to the Black Hills of South Dakota. That summer not only led to the naming of Grace Coolidge Creek in honor of the first lady, but it also garnered the president's support for the creation of the Mount Rushmore National Memorial.

Yet, it's the summer of 1928 that is likely the most interesting for Wisconsinites and Native historians alike, as Coolidge spent it in Henry Clay Pierce's Cedar Island Lodge along the riverfront of Brule, Wisconsin. In his downtime, the president fished those fruitful waters with Bad River Ojibway tribal member John LaRock as

his guide.

Public records note that LaRock was born in 1873 and that he had received allotments of tribal lands in both 1919 and 1927. LaRock was married with two adopted sons at the time he captained Coolidge's canoe, making the 55-year-old a seasoned, relatable companion to the married president with two sons, who was one year his senior.

Assigned to Coolidge by the state conservation committee, LaRock also "spoke quietly," which likely appealed to the president whose frugality with words led to him being referred to as "Silent Cal."

LaRock emphasized the virtues of his charge's even-keeled demeanor, telling the Associated Press, "Doesn't get excited, not a bit. Good fisherman, President Coolidge."

Wearing "a big cowboy hat and high-heeled boots," Coolidge rode in the front of LaRock's canoe with a second "canoe with three secret service men" joining them on the river.

Using "both worm and fly in his angling," the president "spent many days whipping the waters" to "snare the wily German brown, rainbow and speckled trout." Whether through good fortune or consummate skill, the duo "invariably returned to the lodge with overflowing creels."

LaRock offered to make Coolidge his own canoe for their future expeditions together.

"Soon," LaRock said. "I will have a birch bark canoe ready for the president. He likes the canoe very much and we will use it for the trips when I get it finished."

Perhaps in preparation for the United States' bicentennial, the Wisconsin Historical Society erected a marker titled "Summer White House - 1928" in Brule in 1975. It notes that Coolidge welcomed his successor, Herbert Hoover, to the site on July 16, 1928, making it

the latter's first public appearance after securing the Republican nomination for the presidency. Regrettably, the marker makes no mention of John LaRock.

Just as stories of George Washington's Continental Army's survival at Valley Forge cannot be told without naming the Oneida cook, Polly Cooper, who fed the starving soldiers the white corn she prepared for them, Coolidge's escapades to Wisconsin waters should not be shared without emphasizing the role John LaRock played.

As the Smithsonian undersecretary for museums and culture, Pawnee tribal member Kevin Gover stated, "We get to decide, generation by generation ... what to remember and what to forget."

My fellow Wisconsinites, let's add John LaRock, President Calvin Coolidge and Wisconsin's Summer White House to the stories we share this year. The United States has 250 years' worth of history, and the country is all the richer when it remembers the contributions of Native Americans at every milestone.

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Managing powdery mildew on garden, indoor plants

Whether gardening indoors or outdoors, gardeners are likely to encounter powdery mildew on one or more of their plants.

First, a white powdery substance will appear on the surface of leaves, stems and flower petals. As the powdery mildew expands and covers the leaves, it blocks sunlight from reaching the leaves inhibiting photosynthesis. As the disease progresses, it develops structures that enter plant cells to obtain nutrients. It usually is not fatal, but severe infestations can cause plant leaves to yellow, twist and discolor, and the plant may decline.

Several closely related fungi are responsible for the group of diseases called powdery mildew. Different species of powdery mildew fungi attack different plants. If the weather conditions are right and the various fungi are present, gardeners

may find powdery mildew on a variety of plants in their landscape or indoor garden.

Watch for powdery mildew on azaleas, crabapples, dogwoods, lilacs, photinia, roses, coral honeysuckle vines and other trees, shrubs and vines. Check beebalm, dahlias, peonies, phlox, zinnias,

cucumbers, squash and other susceptible plants in gardens. Indoors, especially during the winter, monitor African violets, begonias, ivies, jade and kalanchoes that may develop this disease.

Unlike many fungal diseases, powdery mildew fungi need high humidity, not wet leaves, to develop. Their spores also form in high humidity and are distributed when the humidity is low.

Powdery mildew is more likely to occur on indoor plants growing in low light with poor air circulation and cooler temperatures near 70



Powdery mildew can be seen on Cinderella's carriage squash. WWW.MELINDAMYERS.COM

degrees. Although the disease is more common in winter, the disease can occur anytime these conditions exist.

Reduce the risk of powdery mildew by keeping plants healthy and avoiding overfertilization. Provide plants with the needed light and other preferred growing conditions. Properly space landscape plants and avoid overcrowding plants, indoors and

out, to provide sufficient light penetration and air circulation.

Water new plantings thoroughly and often enough to keep the roots moist. Gradually reduce the frequency to encourage the plants to develop a robust root system. Continue to water established plants thoroughly as needed during dry weather.

Further decrease the risk of this disease with

a bit of spring thinning on phlox and beebalm. Remove about one-fourth of the phlox and beebalm stems in early spring to allow more air and light to penetrate the plant. This strategy will encourage sturdier stems and discourage disease problems.

Select mildew resistant varieties of these and other plants prone to this disease. Resistant plants are not immune but are

less likely to develop the disease than those that are not.

Practice sanitation by removing infected leaves and plant debris where the fungal spores overwinter. As temperatures rise above 60 degrees, the spores may begin to germinate.

With proper care and sanitation healthy perennials, shrubs and trees, especially those infected late in the growing season, will return the following year. Masking the diseased foliage with a somewhat shorter plant is one way to enjoy the flowers while dealing with the disease. If opting to treat the disease, select the most eco-friendly product, apply it at the first sign of the disease and repeat as directed. As always, read and follow label directions.

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.

WHAT’S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, AUG. 14

ANIWA: Central Wisconsin 4x4 and Military Vehicle Show, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Motorama Auto Museum and event grounds, 181705 Stradale Lane. Food, swap meet, auction. Admission \$10, kids free. Registration 8-9 a.m., Awards 5 p.m.

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

SHAWANO: Smalley Beach Bash, 2-7 p.m., Smalley Park, 211 Riverside Drive. Obstacle course and games, crafts with the Shawano Library, food trucks, music with a DJ and karaoke.

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

OCONTO FALLS: Music by the River, 6-9 p.m., East Side Beach, 631 N. Main St. Hosted by the Oconto Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, with food and refreshments available for purchase. Music by Warden. Bring a lawn chair.

SATURDAY, AUG. 15

OCONTO: Sheboygan Walleye Club Battle on the Bay, 7 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., Breakwater Park, 1301 Harbor Road. Details at Facebook Battle On the Bay page.

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

SHIOCTION: Sporting Clay Fundraiser for Navarino Nature Center, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., J&H Game Farm, W5810 J&H Road. Try out your skills shooting clays. Prizes, raffles and drawings. Admission \$35.

SHAWANO: Fly-In and Car Show, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Shawano Municipal Airport, 248 Airport Road. Vintage aircraft, veterans tent, food vendors, police and fire demonstrations, classic vehicles, EAA Young Eagles rally. Rain date Aug. 16.

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SHAWANO: Native Plant Talk, 9 a.m., Eberlein Park, 107 Eberlein Park Drive. Wolf River Wild Ones host a program about the importance of native plants and pollinator habitat while highlighting a collaborative planting project established along the Mountain-Bay State Trail.

CECIL: Cecil-Washington Fireman’s Fest, 1-11 p.m., Cecil-Washington

Fire Department, 111 E. Hofman St. Food, drinks, raffles, cornhole tournament 1 p.m., meat raffle 4 p.m., DJ by Beantown Entertainment, live music 7 p.m. featuring the Glam Band.

TOWN OF DOTY: Hidden Bear Trail ATV Club Annual Fundraiser, 1-5 p.m., Animal’s Bear Trail, 14788 County Road T. Food, meat raffles, refreshments.

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. 16

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

SHAWANO: Backyard Cookout, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., The Cottages Senior Living and Memory Care, 103-113 Madison Way. Cookout along with a raffle, bake sale, petting zoo and face painting. All proceeds donated to ROADS (Reaching Out Against Depression and Suicide).

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

chairs. Last concert of the season.

MONDAY, AUG. 17

KESHENA: 2026 Community Health Assessment meeting, 9 a.m. to noon, College of Menominee Nation Cultural Learning Center, N172 State Highway 47-55.

TUESDAY, AUG. 18

SHAWANO: Give Kids the World Fall Fling Golf Outing, 10 a.m., Shawano Lake Golf Course, W5714 Lake Drive. 18-hole four-lady scramble To help support numerous Wisconsin families, who have experienced having a child with a life-threatening illness. \$80. Registration 10 a.m., shotgun start 11 a.m., dinner 5 p.m.

OCONTO FALLS: Oconto County Farmers Market, 4-8 p.m., Memorial Field. Conservation Night. Music with Patrick Rades.

SHAWANO: Naberhood Block Party, 6 p.m., The Naberhood, 214 S. Main St. Cloud Nine Fire Show: Free workshop 6 p.m., free show 7 p.m.

OCONTO: Tunes on Tuesday, 6-8 p.m., Beyer Home, 917 Park Ave. Music with Fine Line.

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

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 19

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

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

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. Last show of the season.

THURSDAY, AUG. 20

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

NAVARINO: Navarino at Noon, noon, Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. Opportunity for seniors to learn more about local history, wildlife, management and more around the nature center. Topic: Hummingbirds. Suggested donation \$5.

SHAWANO: Thursdays at Franklin, 6-8:30 p.m., Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St. Star Six Nine. 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 David Freeborg.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Economy performs better under Dems

To the editor:

The most common political message delivered by the American people during election years is the rather rude phrase, “It’s the economy, stupid!” In the present day, this issue resonates with particular vigor.

Democrats have prioritized investing in the middle class, supporting small businesses and improving economic resilience. This

is known as Keynesian economic theory. It is clear that Democratic administrations consistently help the U.S. economy perform better than Republican administrations. Of the 11 recessions in the modern era, 10 have begun under Republican presidents. Let us not forget the economic downturn that cost Donald Trump the presidency in 2020.

Republicans make tax cuts their signature goal, benefiting the wealthy. This is known as “trickle

down” economics, which is both a misnomer and a failure. They mask their failure by launching incessant culture war attacks, sowing fear and doubt in American institutions. Check the Congressional Joint Economic Committee report from 2024.

Job growth has been greater under Democratic administrations since the 1980s. Under the last seven presidents, job growth was 50 million under Democrats as opposed only 17 million under

Republicans. There were 2.7 million net job losses during Trump’s first term.

Again, under seven presidents, the unemployment rate was low at the end of all three Democratic terms and lower only under the Ronald Reagan administration. Under Trump, the rate jumped from 4.7% at his inauguration to 6.4% at his term’s end. Joe Biden got it down to 4.1% by September 2024. In manufacturing, the total number of jobs decreased by 178,000 under Trump

and grew by 729,000 under Biden. A record of 19 million new business applications were filed under Biden, 70% of which were for small businesses.

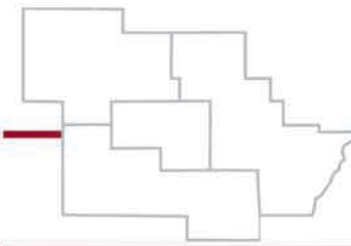
Currently our economy is not serving the American people, but rather the president’s cronies. Inflation is raging as is the tragic war of choice started by Trump. The deficit and inflation soar on the heels of the massive tax breaks for the ultrarich and his tariffs. Trump’s love for the Arab states’ oil

wealth is devastating middle class budgets. Inflation is climbing again. Trump won’t curb his greed and stop his vanity projects.

Since World War II, the economy has performed better under Democratic presidents with stronger job growth, lower unemployment, higher GDP growth and higher stock market gains.

Don’t let hateful governance blind you to the truth.

Stephen Menard,
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PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Aug. 9
Deputies responded to 51 incidents, including operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated near East Green Bay and Waukechon streets in Shawano; two reports of failure to report to jail at the Huber Work Release Center, 1240 Engel Drive, Shawano; suspicious activity near state Highway 47-55 and County Road A in the Town of Wescott; trespassing on Labutzke Drive in the Town of Washington; six 911 calls; 11 traffic stops; two reckless driving incidents; three traffic hazards; three welfare checks; two crashes, both involving deer.

Aug. 8
Deputies responded to 64 incidents, including operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated near Curt Black Road and Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; three noise disturbances on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; trespassing at The Novitiate, W9711 Butternut Road, Town of Herman; seven 911 calls; 21 traffic stops; four reckless driving incidents; two welfare checks; two crashes.

Aug. 7
Deputies responded to

54 incidents, including identity theft on County Road MMM in the Town of Richmond; fraud at the county jail, 405 N. Main St., Shawano; fraud on Bluebird Road in the Town of Wittenberg; theft on Chestnut Road in the Town of Maple Grove; harassment at Homme Home, 604 S. Webb St., Wittenberg; illegal burning on Pheasant Lane in the Town of Aniwa; 10 911 calls; 13 traffic stops; three reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazard; one welfare check; two crashes.

Aug. 6
Deputies responded to 60 incidents, including suspicious activity on Homewood Avenue in the Town of Wescott; sexual assault on Meisner Road in the Town of Fairbanks; burglary on Strauss Road in the Town of Wescott; automobile theft and property theft on County Road BE in the Town of Waukechon; harassment on South Ellms Street in Wittenberg; trespassing on Loon Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; child abuse on County Road M in the Town of Grant; disorderly conduct at North Star Casino Resort, W12180 County Road A, Stockbridge Munsee jurisdiction; theft on Mill Creek Road in the Town of Pella; illegal burning on West Campfire

Road in the Town of Grant; fireworks on North Shore Drive in the Town of Wescott; a noise disturbance on Fischer Street in Gresham; disorderly conduct on Fox Lane in the Town of Wescott; drugs near state Highway 29 and South Cecil Street in Bonduel; six 911 calls; seven traffic stops; three reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazard; eight welfare checks; five crashes.

Aug. 5
Deputies responded to 46 incidents, including suspicious activity on Cherry Road in the Town of Herman; a noise disturbance on South Pathfinder Circle in the Town of Wescott; drugs on Chrissie Circle in the Town of Washington; burglary on Valley View Road in the Town of Pella; a disturbance on Elm Street in the Town of Red Springs; an animal bite on County Road C in the Town of Angelica; three 911 calls; 12 traffic stops; two reckless driving incidents; two traffic hazards; five welfare checks.

Aug. 4
Deputies responded to 49 incidents, including an animal bite on Derby Lane in the Town of Washington; a disturbance on County Road Q in the Town of Wittenberg; a scam on South Harrison Street in Wittenberg; a noise

disturbance on South Pathfinder Circle in the Town of Wescott; 22 traffic stops; three reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazard; one crash.

Aug. 3
Deputies responded to 45 incidents, including five 911 calls; 11 traffic stops; three reckless driving incidents; three traffic hazards; four welfare checks; two crashes.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Aug. 9
Officers responded to 25 incidents, including assault at Sharon's Bar, 111 S. Washington St.; an intoxicated person near Lakeshore Lanes, 210 N. Airport Drive; child abuse or neglect at a redacted location; trespassing on South Union Street; one 911 call; 11 traffic stops; three welfare checks; one crash.

Aug. 8
Officers responded to 27 incidents, including suspicious activity on East Lieg Avenue; a noise disturbance near West Richmond and South Smalley streets; one 911 call; 12 traffic stops; one reckless driving incident; two welfare checks.

Aug. 7
Officers responded to 34 incidents, including two 911

calls; 17 traffic stops; one welfare check; one crash.

Aug. 6
Officers responded to 49 incidents, including theft on East Randall Street; disorderly conduct at Skateboard Park, 137 E. Elizabeth St.; harassment at Shawano Community Middle School, 1050 S. Union St.; automobile theft on Acorn Street; suspicious activity on South Union Street; harassment at Odisha House of Rest, 1330 E. Green Bay St.; a disturbance on South Andrews Street; disorderly conduct at Dunham Sports, 1211 E. Green Bay St.; four 911 calls; 19 traffic stops; two traffic hazards; two welfare checks.

Aug. 5
Officers responded to 29 incidents, including disorderly conduct at American Marine, 830 E. Green Bay St.; theft at ThedaCare Medical Center, 100 County Road B; disorderly conduct at Skateboard Park, 137 E. Elizabeth St.; one 911 call; 11 traffic stops; six welfare checks; one crash.

Aug. 4
Officers responded to 17 incidents, including a vicious animal on South Lafayette Street; three traffic stops.

Aug. 3
Officers responded to 47 incidents, including

operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated near state Highway 47-55 and Frailing Lane; a disturbance on Madison Way; trespassing at Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St.; a disturbance on Military Road; a noise disturbance on South Lafayette Street; OWI at Smalley Park, 211 N. Riverside Drive; suspicious activity on Prairie Street; four 911 calls; 18 traffic stops; four welfare checks; one crash.

8/14/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN AND INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0066991-02-0
Permittee: Paisier Family Dairy LLC, 51 Highview Road, Gresham, WI, 54128
Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Paisier Family Dairy LLC, W9388 Butternut Road Shawano
Receiving Water And Location: Surface water and groundwater within the Red River Watershed
Brief Facility Description (please include annual avg discharge flow (unless not applicable, such as CAFOs) and for POTWs also include the design flow) : Paisier Family Dairy LLC is an existing Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO). Paisier Family Dairy LLC is owned and operated by members of the Paisier family. It currently has 1,325 animal units and is not proposing to expand during the permit term. Based on current herd size, Paisier Family Dairy LLC has approximately 188 days of available liquid waste storage and generates approximately 11,286,489 gallons of manure and process wastewater annually. Paisier Family Dairy LLC has a total of 2,118 acres available for land application of manure and process wastewater. Of this acreage, 715 acres are owned and 1,404 acres are controlled through contracts, rental agreements, leases, or manure agreements. Of this acreage, 2,107 are considered spreadable acres. The Kroenke Farm site has been removed from the permit as all reviewable facilities located at the site were abandoned during the previous permit term.

- Cassandra M. Hilliard, 36, Plainfield, pleaded no contest Aug. 3 to possession of methamphetamine. Judge William Kussel Jr. withheld sentencing and placed her on 18 months of probation with conditions.
- Brendan T. Hoover, 26, Wausau, pleaded no contest Aug. 4 to felony bail jumping. Kussel levied a fine and sentenced him to 180 days in county jail.
- Allen J.M. Schroeder, 44, Gresham, pleaded guilty Aug. 5 to three counts of felony bail jumping and two misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct. Kussel levied fines and court costs and sentenced him to 240 days in county jail.
- Misael Portillo, 37, Waukesha, pleaded no contest Aug. 6 to misdemeanor charges of battery and disorderly conduct. Two related felony charges were dismissed but read into the record in a plea agreement. Kussel withheld sentencing and placed him on two years of probation with conditions.
- Troy D. Crowe, 54, a Neopit man serving a sentence at Dodge Correctional Institution, pleaded no contest Aug. 6 to possession of THC (second or subsequent offense). Kussel sentenced him to 12 months in prison followed by two years of extended supervision with conditions.
- Rodney G. Reed, 35, Green Bay, pleaded no contest Aug. 5 to possession of THC (second or subsequent offense). Kussel levied fines and court costs and sentenced him to 180 days in county jail.

- Derek J. Wilke, 39, Keshena, was charged Aug. 3 with threatening to cause bodily harm to certain individuals involved with a court or legal system, four counts of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. Kussel set a \$1,500 cash bond. In a separate file, Wilke was charged with two more counts of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of retail theft. Kussel set a \$1,500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing in both cases for Aug. 7.
- Shayleece N. Miller, 26, Shawano, was charged Aug. 3 with felony bail jumping and three counts of misdemeanor bail jumping. Kussel set a \$1,500 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for Sept. 1.
- Michael J. Munson, 42,

Gresham, was charged Aug. 3 with three counts of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer. Kussel set a \$2,500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Aug. 12.

- Amanda V. Sandvick, 45, Milwaukee, was charged July 22 with second-degree reckless endangering safety, taking and driving a vehicle without consent and felony bail jumping. Kussel issued a bench warrant for her arrest Aug. 4 after she failed to appear for her scheduled initial appearance.
- Justin T. Okimosh, 34, Shawano, was charged July 2 with three counts of felony bail jumping. Kussel set a \$2,000 signature bond on Aug. 5. He was charged July 15 with another four counts of felony bail jumping, and

Kussel set a \$3,000 signature bond Aug. 5. The judge scheduled a status conference in both cases for Sept. 30.

- Leland J. Okimosh, 38, Oshkosh, was charged Aug. 6 with two counts of felony bail jumping, four counts of misdemeanor bail jumping, and misdemeanor counts of battery and disorderly conduct. Kussel set a \$1,000 cash bond Aug. 7 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Aug. 11.
- Ryan S. Hansen, 37, Shawano, was charged Aug. 7 with four counts of felony bail jumping and misdemeanor counts of intentionally mistreating animals and intentionally failing to provide food for an animal. Kussel set a \$1,000 cash bond. In a separate file, Hansen was charged with

possession of methamphetamine, six counts of felony bail jumping, and misdemeanor counts of possession of THC and possession of drug paraphernalia. Kussel set a \$2,500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing in both cases for Aug. 14.

- Samantha N. Jensen, 28, Shawano, was charged Aug. 7 with chronic child neglect with the consequence of great bodily harm, possession of methamphetamine, three counts of misdemeanor bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Kussel set a \$3,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Aug. 14.

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8/14/26, 8/21/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

Advertisement for Bids, LRIP Project

Village of Cecil, Shawano County will be accepting sealed bids for the following project:
The Village will be using MSLIT funding for this project.
Project 1 – Lemke Street, from Freeborn Street to Warrington Avenue(Termini)
a) Hot Mix Asphalt: to include pulverizing existing pavement, fine grading, pave 2" compacted average depth of hot mix asphalt, 4 LT 58-28S. Pricing to be provided by the ton and list estimated tons.
b) Shouldering: to include installing a 1' gravel shoulder, ¾" dense aggregate base course. Pricing to be provided by the ton and list estimated tons.
Sealed bids will be accepted up to bid opening on August 24th at 4:30PM at the Village of Cecil Office, 111 E Hofman Street, Cecil, WI 54111. Bidder must provide certificate of insurance. The Village Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities in the bidding, and to accept the bid deemed in the best interests of the Village of Cecil. Please contact Bob Weier with any questions at 920-619-8804.
Dated this 24 th day of July, 2026
Village of Cecil
111 E Hofman Street
PO Box 159
Cecil, WI 54111

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Information on file for this permit action, including the draft permit and fact sheet (if required), the operation's nutrient management plan and application may be inspected and copied at the permit drafter's office, Monday through Friday (except holidays), between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Please call the permit drafter for directions to their office location, if necessary. Information on this permit action may also be obtained by calling the permit drafter at (920) 366-3302 or by writing to the Department. Reasonable costs (15 cents per page for copies and 7 cents per page for scanning) will be charged for information in the file other than the public notice and fact sheet. Permit information is also available on the internet at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/wastewater/PublicNotices.html>. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodation, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be made to qualified individuals upon request.

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LEGAL NOTICES

8/14/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

PUBLIC NOTICE
LOTUS VETERANS LIMITED
USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT HOUSING PRESERVATION GRANT

Lotus Veterans Limited announces the availability of its Statement of Activities for public review and comments regarding its application for the FY2026 USDA Rural Development Housing Preservation Grant (HPG), pursuant to 7 CFR §1944.674(b).

Lotus Veterans Limited proposes to request \$75,000 in Housing Preservation Grant funds to provide eligible housing repair and rehabilitation assistance to up to 16 very-low- and low-income owner-occupied households in USDA-eligible rural areas of Shawano County, Wisconsin.

The proposed program will focus on eligible health, safety, structural, sanitation, and accessibility repairs. Outreach will include veterans, seniors, individuals with disabilities, households experiencing housing instability, and other eligible rural residents.

The complete Statement of Activities is available for public review. To request an electronic copy or submit written comments, email jasmsein@lotusveterans.com with the subject line "HPG Public Comment."

Public comments will be accepted through August 24, 2026.

Lotus Veterans Limited
Rural Veterans & Vulnerable Households Housing Preservation Program
Shawano County, Wisconsin

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8/14/26, 8/21/26, 8/28/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ROGER AND
RAMONA HANSON REVOCABLE
TRUST DATED FEBRUARY 12, 1988
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. Eric C. Hanson and Stuart T. Hanson are the co-trustees of the Roger and Ramona Hanson Revocable Trust Dated February 12, 1988.

2. The decedent, Ramona T. Hanson, with a birth date of August 4, 1931, and date of death of June 29, 2026, was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a post office address of N6145 Eagle Lane Wittenberg, WI 54499.

3. Deadline to make claims: All persons or companies having claims against Ramona T. Hanson and/or the Roger and Ramona Hanson Revocable Trust Dated February 12, 1988, must present their claims to the attorney for the trustee on or before November 24, 2026, which is four (4) months after the date of July 24, 2026, the date of first insertion and publication of this Notice in the Shawano Leader, or the claims will be forever barred as set forth in Section 701.0508 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

4. Notice of claims: Claims must be presented by delivering or mailing the claim in the form required by Section 701.0509(2) of the Wisconsin Statutes. The claim is deemed presented upon receipt by the attorney for the trustee at the address set forth herein.

5. Publication of this notice shall constitute notice to any persons whose names or addresses are unknown.

6. Attorney for trustee: Attorney Ashley L. Hawley, Ruder Ware, L.L.S.C., P.O. Box 8050, Wausau, WI 54402-8050. 4921-7622-3934, v. 2

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8/7/26, 8/14/26, 8/21/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 2025CV000220
FORECLOSURE CASE CODE: 30404
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC Plaintiff,
vs.
DUSTIN G. DEMRO; UNKNOWN
SPOUSE OF DUSTIN DEBRO, IF ANY;
et al., Defendants.
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered on January 13, 2026, in the amount of \$253,867.76, the Sheriff, or Designee, will sell the described premises at public auction as follows:
TIME: September 9, 2026, at 9:00 AM
TERMS:
1. 10% of the successful bid must be paid to the sheriff at the sale in cash, cashier's check, or certified funds, payable to the clerk of courts (personal checks cannot and will not be accepted). The balance of the successful bid must be paid to the clerk of courts in cash, cashier's check of certified funds no later than ten days after the court's confirmation of the sale or else the 10% down payment will be forfeited to the Plaintiff.
2. Sold "as is" and subject to all legal liens and encumbrances. 3. Buyer to pay applicable Wisconsin Real Estate Transfer Tax in addition to the purchase price.
PLACE: main level of the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 North Main Street, Shawano, WI 54166
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: LOT THREE (3), BLOCK TWO (2), OF J.J. BRZEZINSKI'S FIRST ADDITION, IN THE TOWN OF ANGELICA, SHAWANO COUNTY, WISCONSIN. TAX KEY NO.: 004600500100 PROPERTY ADDRESS: W145 CENTER STREET, KRAKOW, WI 54137 Submitted by: Scott D. Nabke Bar No.: 1037979 Diaz Anselmo & Associates, P.A. P.O. BOX 19519 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33318 (954) 564-0071 Facsimile: (954) 564-9252 Service E-mail: answersms@dallelegal.com Dated this 30 day of July 30, 2026, George Lenzner Shawano County Sheriff or Designee

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8/14/26, 8/21/26, 8/28/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

Case No. 2025CV000280
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
SHAWANO COUNTY

Associated Bank, N.A.
Plaintiff,
v.
Marie I. Birr a/k/a Marie Inez Birr
Defendant.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a judgment of foreclosure made in the above-entitled action on May 14, 2026 in the amount of \$12,706.47, I will sell at public auction, located in the main lobby of the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano, WI 54166, on

September 9, 2026

At 9:00 AM, all of the following described premises, to wit:

SITUATED IN THE COUNTY
OF SHAWANO AND STATE OF
WISCONSIN:

A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN THAT PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 26 NORTH, OF RANGE 15 EAST, IN SHAWANO COUNTY, WISCONSIN, BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
COMMENCING AT THE SOUTH QUARTER CORNER OF THE SAID SECTION 29; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 52 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE QUARTER LINE 300.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 34 SECONDS WEST 24.75 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF A TOWN ROAD; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 52 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE SAID WEST LINE 202.50 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 34 SECONDS WEST 250.25 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE ON THE SAME LINE 250.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 52 SECONDS WEST 209.54 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 34 SECONDS EAST 250.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 52 SECONDS EAST 209.54 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

Street Address: N2930 Branch Ln,
Clintonville, WI 54929
Tax Key No. 010-29340-0130

THE PROPERTY WILL BE
SOLD AS IS AND SUBJECT TO ANY
AND ALL REAL ESTATE TAXES,
SUPERIOR LIENS OR OTHER LEGAL
ENCUMBRANCES.

TERMS OF SALE: CASH,
CASHIER'S CHECK or CERTIFIED
FUNDS, payable to the Shawano County
Office of the Sheriff (10% down payment
at sale, balance due within ten (10) days
of Court approval; down payment to be
forfeited if payment not received timely).
Buyer must comply with

minimum bidder qualifications as set
forth in Wis. Stat. § 846.155. Buyer to
pay applicable Wisconsin Real Estate
Transfer Tax in addition to the purchase
price.

George Lenzner
Sheriff of Shawano County, Wisconsin

Codilis, Moody & Circelli, P.C.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
(414) 775-7700
50-25-01404
NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector.
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8/14/26

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
Lakeland Storage 722 Waukechon
Street, Shawano WI 54166 August 29,
2026-August 31, 2026 at 12PM. Bidding
is on complete contents of unit. Sale will
take place on www.storage-treasures.com
Owner: Shae Caldwell Contents: fan,
bags, stroller, tv, desk, household
furniture, misc.
Owner: Tye Holt Contents: boxes, chair,
vehicle seats, bins, misc.

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7/31/26, 8/7/26, 8/14/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
SHAWANO COUNTY

Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 26 PR 51

DATE SIGNED: July 17, 2026

Electronically signed by [Gwen Hoffman](#)
Probate Registrar

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT
COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
FRANK J. LAURENT

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal
administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth
03/11/1956 and date of death of
06/27/2026 in Shawano County, State
of WI
with a mailing address of 923 S. Bartlett
St. Shawano, WI 54166
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against
the decedent's estate is November 6,
2026
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano
County Courthouse,
311 N. Main Street, Room 202 Probate
Office

Form completed by:
James Vomastic
1488 E Green Bay St.
Shawano, WI 54166
715-851-3669
Bar Number 1045783
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8/14/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

Frontier provides flat rate residential
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through Enhanced Lifeline and up to
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qualify for an additional state discount up
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SHA-283

8/14/26, 8/21/26, 8/28/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
CLARENCE W. SCHAMPERS
DOD 11-14-2025
Notice to Creditors (Informal
Administration)
Case No. 26 FR52

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal
administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth
DECEMBER 14, 1944, and date of death
NOVEMBER 14, 2025, was domiciled in
SHAWANO County, State of WISCONSIN
with a mailing address of W6894 CURT
BLACK RD, SHAWANO, WI 54166
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim
against the decedent's estate is [Date]
NOVEMBER 16, 2026
5. A claim may be filed at the
SHAWANO Courthouse,
311 N. MAIN ST.
Room 202 PROBATE OFFICES
SHAWANO, Wisconsin
Form completed by:
PAUL F. KERSTEN
610 W. GREEN BAY ST
SHAWANO, WI 54166
715-524-2302

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SHA-289

8/14/26, 8/21/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

Notice of Public Hearing
Planning, Development and Zoning
Committee Meeting
Wednesday, September 2, 2026 @
9:00 AM
Shawano County Courthouse, Rooms
A & B
Members: Ken Capelle, Curt Korth,
Kathy Luebke, Steven Pollock, James
Radtko
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given that a public
hearing will be held by the Shawano
County Planning, Development and
Zoning Committee under the Shawano
County Zoning Ordinance, Chapter
40, in Rooms A/B on September 2,
2026 at 9AM, to consider the following
application:
Z-10-26: Lynn M Murphy, agent for
Brenda L Stevens, Wanda M Blundon,
FKA Wanda M Waldvogel, Lynn M
Murphy, and Dorothy A Chase, owners
request zone change from the FP,
Farmland and Forest Preservation
Zoning District to OAR, Open Lands,
Agriculture and Residential Zoning
District for the purpose of constructing a
Single-Family Dwelling on approximately
13.1600 total acres. Property is located
and described as Part of the Southwest
1/4 of the Northeast 1/4, Section 6, T29N
R11E, was Parcel 1 Volume 4 of Certified
Survey Map Page 388 Map #1289 Now
Known As Lot 2 Certified Survey Map
#4772, located in the Town of Aniwa.
Tax Parcel: #006-06130-0010. Currently
vacant land.
Any interested person may address
the Planning, Development and Zoning
Committee by letter or appear in person,
or by agent, and be heard at the public
hearing. Written correspondence must
bear a legible signature of the author as
well as the primary address of the signer.
The Committee will accept and review
all previously received pertinent
information relative to the above listed
item(s) during the open session of the
public hearing on September 2, 2026.
Notice is further given that printed
copies of these proposals are available
for public inspection in the Planning
and Development office during regular
business hours.
Please note that upon reasonable notice,
effort will be made to accommodate
the needs of any person wishing to
attend who, because of disability,
requires special accommodation through
appropriate aids and services. Call
715-526-6766 to leave a message for
arrangements.
Dated this August 7, 2026
For: The Shawano County Planning,
Development and Zoning Committee
By: Kyle Waelchli, Zoning Administrator

NOTE: Any person may appear at the
public hearing and be heard and/or
submit comments to be read into the
record for Committee consideration.
Correspondence must bear a legible
signature of the author as well as the
primary address of the signer.
Accommodations due to disability can
be made by calling: 715-526-6766
Meeting notice emailed/posted:
Shawano County Courthouse,
Department of Human Services,
Shawano County Library, Shawano
Leader, WTCB Radio, Shawano County
Civic website @ coshawanowi.civicweb.net

WNAXLP
SHA-286

8/7/26, 8/14/26, 8/21/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT
BROWN COUNTY
Publication Summons and Notice
Case No. 26-CV-760, Class 30301
CREATIVE FINANCE, INC.
815 Business Park Road
Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965,
Plaintiff,
Vs.
CARLESE MARIE TOURTILLOTT &
VARLIN FRANKLIN BASINA
N2075 Hickory,
Keshena, WI 54135,
Defendants.
You are hereby notified that the plaintiff
named above has filed a lawsuit or
other legal action against you. Within
forty (40) days after August 7, 2026, you
must respond with a written demand for
a copy of the complaint. The demand
must be sent or delivered to the court,
whose address is: Clerk of Circuit Court
BROWN COUNTY COURTHOUSE 100
S. Jefferson Street, Green Bay, WI 54301
and to the plaintiff's attorney, Ann L.
Patteson, von Briesen & Roper, s.c., 300
North Broadway, Suite 2B, Green Bay, WI
54303. You may have an attorney help
or represent you. If you do not demand a
copy of the complaint within 40 days, the
court may grant judgment against you for
an award of money or other legal action
requested in the complaint, and you may
lose your right to object to anything that
is or may be incorrect in the complaint. A
judgment may be enforced as provided
by law. A judgment awarding money may
become a lien against any real estate you
own now or in the future, and may also
be enforced by garnishment or seizure of
property. This is an attempt to collect a
debt. Any information obtained shall be
used for that purpose.
Dated this 30TH day of July, 2026.
Ann L. Patteson
Plaintiff's Attorney
von Briesen & Roper, s.c.
300 N. Broadway, Ste. 2B
Green Bay, WI 54303
Telephone 920.713.7800
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8/14/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

Publication Summons and Notice (Small
Claims)
STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT
COURT, MARATHON COUNTY
Case No. 2026SC000815

Plaintiff(s):
Lendmark Financial Services, LLC
1735 N Brown Road, STE 300
Lawrenceville GA 30043
VS.
Defendant(s):
KRISTIE MCCOULLOUGH
109 E VINAL ST APT 1
WITTENBERG WI 54499

TO THE PERSON(S) NAMED ABOVE
AS DEFENDANT(S):

You are being sued by the person(s)
named above as Plaintiff(s). A copy of
the claim has been sent to you at your
address as stated in the caption above.
The lawsuit will be heard in the following
small claims court:
MARATHON County Courthouse
Telephone Number of clerk of court:
715-261-1300
Courtroom/Room Number:
Address: 500 Forest Street
Address:
City: Wausau, WI 54403
on the following date and time:
Date: 09/02/2026 Time: 10:00 AM

If you do not attend the hearing, the
court may enter a judgment against you
in favor of the person(s) suing you. A
copy of the claim has been sent to you
at your address as stated in the caption
above. A judgment may be enforced as
provided by law. A judgment awarding
money may become a lien against any
real estate (property) you own now or in
the future, and may also be enforced by
garnishment or seizure of property.
You may have the option to Answer
without appearing in court on the court
date by filing a written Answer with the
clerk of court before the court date. You
must send a copy of your Answer to the
Plaintiff(s) named above at their address.
You may contact the clerk of court at the
telephone number above to determine
if there are other methods to answer a
Small Claims complaint in that county.

Electronically Signed by JACOB L. HAMS
State Bar # 1118647
8/5/2026
DLF Law Group, LLC (formerly
Dobberstein Law Firm, LLC)
225 S. Executive Dr. Suite 201
Brookfield, WI. 53005
262-641-3715
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SHA-288

8/14/26, 8/21/26, 8/28/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT
IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME
CHANGE OF
Brystal Erin Burr
From: Brystal Erin Burr
By (Petitioner) Brystal Erin Burr
Name Change Hearing
Case No. 2660157
NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A Petition was filed asking to change the
name of the person listed above:
From: Brystal Erin Burr
To: Brystal Erin Jozwiak
Birth Brystal Erin Burr
This Petition will be heard in the
Circuit Court of SHAWANO
William F Kussel Jr
Branch 2 State of Wisconsin:
311 N Main St Shawano, WI
September 23, 2026
Time 8:15 AM

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8/7/26, 8/14/26, 8/21/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
SHAWANO COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
DAVID R. HELSEL
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
(Informal Administration)
CASE NO. 2026PR49
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal
administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth June
24, 1981, and date of death April 23,
2026
was domiciled in SHAWANO County,
State of Wisconsin, with a mailing
address of 114 W. Stevens Avenue,
Shawano, WI 54166.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against
the decedent's estate is October 31,
2026.
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano
County Courthouse, Shawano County,
311 N. Main Street, Shawano, WI, Room
202.
BY THE COURT:
DATE SIGNED: July 24, 2026
Electronically Signed by Gwen Hoffman.
James E. Lewis, Lewis & Van Sickle, LLC
2149 Velp Avenue, Suite 206, Green Bay,
WI 54303.

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8/14/26, 8/21/26, 8/28/26, 9/4/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
SHAWANO COUNTY
Notice and Order for
Name Change Hearing
Case No. 26CV156

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME
CHANGE OF
Carson Allen Harris
By Carson Allen Harris
NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A Petition was filed asking to change the
name of the person listed above:
From: Carson Allen Harris
To: Carson Allen Clay
Birth Certificate: Carson Allen Harris
IT IS ORDERED:
This Petition will be heard in the Circuit
Court of Shawano County, State of
Wisconsin
Judge Name: William F Kussel JR
Place: Shawano County Courthouse
311 N Main ST, Shawano, WI 54166
Date: 09/02/2026
Time: 8:15a.m.

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8/7/26, 8/14/26, 8/21/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT
COURT SHAWANO COUNTY
Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken
Loans, LLC
Plaintiff,
vs.
Craig Charles Ternouth, Jane Doe
Ternouth a/k/a Amanda Ternouth a/k/a
Amanda Spangler and Cross River Bank
Defendants.
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
Case No. 25-CV-000133
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue
of a judgment of foreclosure entered
on September 3, 2025 in the amount
of \$87,159.61 the Sheriff will sell the
described premises at public auction as
follows:
TIME: September 9, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.
TERMS: Pursuant to said judgment, 10%
of the successful bid must be paid to
the sheriff at the sale in cash, cashier's
check or certified funds, payable to the
clerk of courts (personal checks cannot
and will not be accepted). The balance
of the successful bid must be paid to the
clerk of courts in cash, cashier's check or
certified funds no later than ten days after
the court's confirmation of the sale or else
the 10% down payment is forfeited to the
plaintiff. The property is sold 'as is' and
subject to all liens and encumbrances.
PLACE: In the front lobby of the Shawano
County Courthouse, City and County of
Shawano
DESCRIPTION: Commencing at a
point on Vinal Street 10 feet Southwest
from the most Northerly point of Lot
One (1), Block Three (3), according to
the recorded Plat of the Martin Luther
Orphan Home Association Subdivision
of Block Twenty-seven (27), according to
the recorded Original Plat of the Village of
Wittenberg, in the Village of Wittenberg,
Shawano County, Wisconsin; thence
running in a Southeasterly direction at
right angles with Vinal Street 140 feet
to Lot Number Six, Block Number One
of the Martin Luther Orphan Home
Association Subdivision of Block Number
Twenty-seven; thence in a Northeasterly
direction parallel with Vinal Street 71
feet 4 inches more or less; thence in a
Northwesterly direction at right angles
with Vinal Street 140 feet to Vinal Street;
thence in a Southwesterly direction along
Vinal Street 71 feet 4 inches more or
less to the place of beginning. Also all
that part of Lot Six (6), Block One (1),
according to the recorded Plat of the
Martin Luther Orphan Home Association
Subdivision of Block Twenty-seven (27),
according to the recorded Original Plat of
the Village of Wittenberg, in the Village of
Wittenberg, Shawano County, Wisconsin,
lying North and East of a line described
as follows: Commencing at a point on
Vinal Street 10 feet Southwest from the
most Northerly point of Lot Number One,
Block Number Three, of the Martin Luther
Orphan Home Subdivision of Block
Number Twenty-seven, according to the
recorded Original Plat of the Village of
Wittenberg, Shawano County, Wisconsin;
thence running in a Southeasterly
direction at right angles with Vinal Street
140 feet to Lot Number Six, Block
Number One of said Martin Luther
Orphan Home Association Subdivision
of said Block Number Twenty seven and
there shall be the place of beginning;
thence continue in a Southeasterly
direction at right angles with Vinal Street
across said Lot Number Six to the South
line of said Lot Number Six. Together with
Easement Agreement recorded as Doc.
No. 731870.
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 317 W Vinal St
Wittenberg, WI 54499-9055
DATED: July 7, 2026
Gray & Associates, L.L.P.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
16345 West Glendale Drive
New Berlin, WI 53151-2841
(414) 224-8404
George Lenzner
Shawano County Sheriff
Please go to www.gray-law.com to obtain
the bid for this sale.
Gray & Associates, L.L.P. is attempting
to collect a debt and any information
obtained will be used for that purpose. If
you have previously received a discharge
in a chapter 7 bankruptcy case, this
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liable for the debt.

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FOOD COLUMNIST

The food column in NEW Media's publications has been a favorite as families have learned to make tasty treats, healthy dinners and breakfasts, warm soups for cold days and more. Our previous columnist has moved on, but we want to keep up efforts to help folks try new and delicious stuff.

That's where we need your help.

We're looking for someone who not only knows how to cook but also has knowledge — or is willing to research — information on food like how healthy it is and/or the historical background on it. Whether it's a single item or several recipes for a special occasion, we seek someone who loves food, loves to make it, and loves to write about it and take awesome photos of it. The food column would run twice a month, along with some extras for key special sections.

We pay a minimum of \$60 per column and \$10 per photo in print and/or online.



Contact City Editor Lee Pulaski at lpulaski@newmedia-wi.com if you'd like to be NEW Media's new food columnist!

8/14/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

TOWN OF WITTENBERG
Public Notice

Virtual Public Information Meeting for Improvements

Project I.D. 6107-00-01/71
T Wittenberg, Meadow Lark Road; S Br Embarrass River Bridge P-58-0079 Meadow Lark Road, Shawano County
Proposed Transportation Improvements

The Town of Wittenberg is proposing roadway on Meadow Lark Road at the South Branch of Embarrass River crossing 0.2 miles south of junction with WIS 29. The project will include the removal of the existing structure, construction of a new structure, reconstruction of roadway approaches, new asphaltic pavement, and gravel shoulders. The project design is currently scheduled to be completed by November 1, 2027, for construction in 2028.

Please View

All persons interested in the Meadow Lark Rd project are encouraged to view the Public Information Material (PIM) on the Town of Wittenberg website located at the following address: <https://townofwittenbergwi.gov/>. Visit the website to view the project information, including an exhibit showing the preliminary roadway and structure layouts. Also, we encourage you to share this information with others that may be affected by this project. The intent of this virtual presentation of material is to provide an opportunity to view the project information and provide comments and feedback from the public. Staff members from the Town of Wittenberg and its consultant, Short Elliott Hendrickson (SEH), Inc., will be available via phone or email to discuss the proposed improvements. Project drawings, a location map, a project information sheet, and a comment form will be on the website to illustrate the proposed project and provide comments.

Your Involvement

We want your thoughts about this project. Please view the Public Information Material on the Town of Wittenberg website. If you are not able to view the material, write or email the SEH staff member listed below to share your comments. If you have questions or concerns that may assist in the development of this project, please provide comments by August 31, 2026, to the project staff listed below:

Project Contact

For additional information about the Meadow Lark Rd project or to provide comments, email Chris Blum at cblum@sehinc.com. Written comments can be directed to Chris Blum at SEH, 6808 Odana Road, Suite 200, Madison, WI 53719 and by phone at (608) 620-6192.

We Want Your Input.

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To apply, send a cover letter and samples of work (if any) to City Editor Lee Pulaski at lpulaski@newmedia-wi.com.

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