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Storms hit Kewaunee

Storms hit Kewaunee the evening of Aug. 26 into Aug. 27 at mid-day with straight-line winds reported at 50-65 miles per hour blowing down trees and bringing down power lines. A tent became dislodged and was strewn over Waterfront Bar and Grill, while a tree toppled over onto a car on Main Street. Nearly 2,800 WPS customers were left without power in Kewaunee County.

Barry Weber photos



Names released in Aug. 19 two-vehicle accident

FOR THE STAR-NEWS

NEW FRANKEN – The names have been released in a two-vehicle fatal accident that occurred near New Franken.

On Monday, Aug. 19, at 5:22 a.m., Brown County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to the intersection of STH 54/Algoma Road and St. Kilian Road for the report of a two-vehicle, head-on crash.

Officials say that an eastbound passenger car crossed the center-line and collided head-on with a westbound pick-up truck.

Two occupants of the car were

pronounced dead at the scene and were later identified as Janir J. Rodriguez-Montoya, 28, of Green Bay, the driver and Jorge E. Herrera-Salgado, 32, of Denmark, the passenger.

The driver of the truck, Aaron Heim of Luxemburg, sustained serious injuries.

The incident is being investigated by the Brown County Sheriff's Office Crash Reconstruction Unit.

The Brown County Highway and New Franken Fire Department also assisted at the scene.

Indigenous communities showcase their culture

BY ROBERT CHAPPELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

NORTHEAST WISCONSIN – Ryon Alloway's dad wasn't much of an outdoorsman, so it was his uncles and older cousins who took him out fishing on the lakes around Forest County in Northern Wisconsin.

When he found he had a love for it — and was pretty good at it — it was his turn to become the teacher.

"My dad, he loves me a lot," said Alloway, now 24. "He'd bring me out fishing, and he really wouldn't know too much, so I started teaching him along the way. And I realized that I kind of had a gift to teach."

Last winter, he parlayed that gift into a business, Alloway Outfitters, taking folks fishing on lakes and rivers.

Alloways says there are a few fishing guides who come up from Green Bay to his area, but very few local guides — and very few Indigenous.

A member of the Forest County Potawatomi, Alloway says, "Fishing's kind of been in my blood."

His great-grandfather was a fishing guide for Johnny's Resort, and kept meticulous records.

"He had a binder full of probably 700 pages of fish he caught throughout his lifetime," Alloway says.

Of course, the business of fish goes back longer than that, too.

"Fishing has always been a part of my people's culture. We've been doing business with fish for a long time," Alloway says. "A lot of people think business is a new concept for us, but we had trade routes all the way down to Mexico. We use fish for different medicines and ceremonies. It goes back to the first contact we had with Europeans. The Natives taught those guys how to hunt and fish and gather."

Alloway says he hopes to expand the business to get more clients from across Wisconsin and beyond.

"It feels good to see the plan



Ryon Alloway is the owner of Alloway Outfitters. Patrick Farabaugh photo

start to work out. Nowhere near the goal I've got set down, but it's good to see how things are starting to pull together and keep moving forward," he said. "There's more room for the fishing industry (around Crandon) because we have a lot of bodies of water and a lot of fun to be had on the lake ... The smile that somebody has after they catch a good fish or have a good day on the water — that makes it all worth it for me. I can share my passion with others and teach them skills they can use on their own."

Alloway Outfitters is just one new business in the burgeoning industry of Native American tourism — an industry with significant economic and cultural implications, advocates say.

"Tourism is big for all the tribal economies," says Kimberlee McGeshick, executive director of Native American Tourism of Wisconsin (NATOW). "We play a significant role in generating revenues for the tribes."

One of McGeshick's goals is to gather more data to quantify just how significant that role is, but nationwide data shows tourism that

includes or focuses on Indigenous cultural heritage, Native-owned businesses, or regions with primarily Indigenous populations — colloquially known as "Indian Country" — is an important and growing segment of the tourism industry.

In 2016, nearly two million travelers from outside the United States visited Indian Country, according to the American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association (AIANTA) — a 180% increase since 2007, when AIANTA began doing intentional international outreach.

The segment of international travelers who visit Indian Country — cultural heritage travelers — make up an outsized portion of international tourism spending.

According to the National Travel and Tourism Office, they stay longer (30 days on average compared to 18 days), visit more states (2.4 on average, compared to 1.5), visit more destinations (3.6 cities on average, compared to two).

They visit more National Parks, small towns, historical locations,

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Kewaunee class of 1952 celebrates 72nd reunion

The Kewaunee High School class of 1952 recently celebrated their 72nd reunion at Anchor Down, Kewaunee, with 10 classmates attending. Those attending in front row from left are Barbara Schultz Richmond, Evoynne Griese Yunk, Germaine Glandt Kempf, Joan Thompson Karl; back row: John Reinke, John Zink, Pat Draeb Herber, Theresa Froelich Barta, Vernal Prokash Shaw, James Langer Sr.

Submitted photo



Dairy Days Dash raises \$4.8K for inclusive playground

This year's Dairy Days Dash 5K Run/Walk — hosted by the Luxemburg Chamber of Commerce — was held June 1 and raised \$4,800 for the Bruemmer Park Inclusive Playground. The donation was recently presented at the Kewaunee County Fair Kickoff Dinner. Nearly 200 runners from across the area ran a 3.1 mile course through the village of Luxemburg. Next year's event is scheduled for June 7. Pictured are Andrea Dalebroux and Rhonda DeTampel. For more information, follow the Dairy Days Dash on Facebook.

Submitted photo

One year of planning shelved

This past week marked a milestone for the jail project.

After almost 10 years of planning and numerous revisions to the project plans, the initiative was formally shelved.

It was about a year ago that the plans for the new facility were accepted by the county board, followed by a failed motion to fund the project.

This began a year of revisiting project scope, as well as the process that was used to get us to that point.

Last month, we engaged with a consultant to provide us with a contract to serve as an owner's representative to once again review all of the work that had been done thus far and make recommendations for moving forward.

At this week's county board meeting, the resolution to approve that contract failed, thus putting this project into a state of in conclusion.

One of the main driving forces to this action, or lack thereof, is a matter that I have shared many times throughout the past decade



Sheriff's Corner

BY MATTHEW JOSKI
KEWAUNEE COUNTY SHERIFF



— that being the need for adequate staffing.

When we embarked upon this project, the ability to ramp up for the necessary staffing in this new facility was not a major concern; however, what we have seen in the past few years is a widespread shortage of qualified candidates throughout our discipline.

As our experienced deputies have transitioned into retirement, or in some cases, switched career paths all together; we have seen the pool of potential employees dwindle.

This is important as we cannot and should not proceed with a project that is dependent on staffing for basic operations until that staffing is solidified.

Another driving force to our current state is the misinformation and misunderstanding of what I, as

sheriff, can and cannot do in regards to the housing of inmates.

After numerous presentations and reports, there are some that demand we ship all of our inmates out of county, or that we put them on electronic monitoring, in lieu of housing them.

This is neither possible nor logical.

There are some that feel our facility is adequate and just needs some cosmetic fixes.

The deficiencies of our current facility go well beyond cosmetics.

The mere design and configuration of our current facility, has and continues to be the greatest source of concern and risk.

With all of that being said, the reality is we will remain in our current

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Chronicles of
Kewaunee County



The Bank of Algoma building was constructed in 1913 at 225 Steele Street in Algoma. The bank later merged with the Citizen's Bank during the Great Depression. The Algoma City Hall located to the building in the mid-1930s until 1974. The building is now home to Weber Insurance Services.

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Lambeau: Shepherding the Packers

BY KRIS LEONHARDT
EDITOR

Continued from previous edition

“Captain and star player in the beginning, Lambeau was now the unquestionable architect, coach and face of the franchise,” Packers Historian Cliff Christl wrote in Volume 1 of *The Greatest Story in Sports*.

“Because of his hometown pride, love for football and prowess as a recruiter, Lambeau was probably the only man alive fit for the job. It seems safe to say only he could have shepherded the Packers through their early trials and tribulations and accomplished what he did.

As the city continued to grow, Curly’s father Marcel continued his battles as building inspector as he condemned improperly and sometimes hastily-built structures and came up against local businessmen, sometimes in court.

A growing community of numerous backgrounds created an array of construction methods and means, creating a volatile situation in some instances.

The Packers continued to play at Bellevue Park through the 1924 season, including a much anticipated September game against the Chicago Bears where the “Big Bay Blues” were supported by a crowd of 4,000, even in the rainy conditions.

“The young cloudburst early Sunday morning tended to keep some of the out-of-towners at home and when the clouds unloosened themselves again about 1:15, hundreds of more football fans decided to stick by the fireside. But nevertheless all the reserved seats were occupied and the general admission stands were mighty well filled,” a Sept. 22, 1924, *Press-Gazette* article stated.

The Packers topped the Bears 5-0, but the Bears returned that favor in November, beating the Packers 3-0.

The Packers finished the 1924 season at 7-4-0.

Lambeau made the All American Pro Team Second Team at right halfback, while Cub Buck made third



Lambeau at practice in an undated photo.

team at left tackle that season.

But the Bellevue Park accommodations were inadequate and not built with the future of football in mind and could not provide a permanent home for the team.

A November 1924 *Press-Gazette* article called for the erection of a new stadium.

“Other cities in the Middle West are looking to the future and building structures which accommodate all the way from 5,000 to 110,000 people. The city of Chicago is erecting the greatest structure of its kind in the country in Grant Park,” the article stated.

“We believe that Green Bay is ready for a stadium and that one could be obtained at a reasonable cost if every citizen got behind the move and gave it the support that it deserves.”

Four months later, plans for a new stadium were announced on the front page of the *Press-Gazette*.

“Plans for a stadium and

athletic field for use for all school and city contests, games and field days took definite shape this morning with the announcement by Mayor [Wenzel] Wiesner that the first definite gift toward the project had been received and that apparently a sufficient number of persons had been interested to a point where there was every assurance of success for the plan,” the March 27 article stated.

The structure would be constructed on the East High School grounds at a cost of \$16,000.

“We do not propose to make a general campaign for funds for this purpose,” Wiesner is quoted as saying. “We plan rather to have the cost carried by a comparatively few persons who are willing to do this for the city. The need of a stadium must be obvious to all, and it is apparent that if the matter were not handled by interested persons at this time, the city would shortly be



Curly carrying the ball in a 1924 Green Bay Packers game.

Packers HOF archives photos

required to provide a stadium for sports in Green Bay.”

While the stadium was to be built on school grounds, it would be available for “public expositions” as well.

The stadium was completed in time for the 1925 opening home game.

“When City Stadium opened, its wooden grandstands, 29 rows high and stretching between the 30-yard lines on each side of the field, could hold roughly 4,500 fans. The Packers loaned the project an additional 1,200 portable seats that were set up at the end of the bleachers. Total capacity was 5,700 with a wooden fence surrounding the stadium,” Christl wrote.

The Packers finished the 1925 in a new stadium at 8-5-0.

That year, as Curly and

Marguerite son Don was about to turn five, the family was laying Curly’s maternal grandmother Sylvie LaTour to rest.

She had been living with Curly’s parents Marcel and Mary while very ill.

Meanwhile, Marcel and Mary were still handling a messy probate for Marcel’s mother, Marie-Adolphine, who had passed away a few years earlier.

During an October 1925 Green Bay Kiwanis meeting, Lambeau was given a special tribute by Packers President Andrew Turnbull.

“The man who made professional football possible in Green Bay; who encouraged it in its infancy, stood by and fought for it when failure threatened and now, when it has been firmly established here, continues to be

its leading spirit,” Turnbull said.

But his body was beginning to fail him, as Lambeau struggled with a bad back and was further hampered by injuries and broken bones on the field.

His seasons on the field were numbered.

To be continued

The Press Times staff thanks Deb and Hannah at the UW-Green Bay Archives, Sam and Katie at Packers Hall of Fame Inc., Packers Historian Cliff Christl, Mary Jane and Jeff at the Brown County Library History Room, Kristin and Joe with the Belgian Heritage Center, Tom Hutchison and all of those individuals who shared their knowledge and memories over the past year of research.

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OBITUARIES



Cynthia Evalina Nimmer
Cynthia (Cindy, DeeDee) Evalina Nimmer, 87, of Sarasota, Fla. passed away on August 2, 2024, at her longtime Sarasota home—though her vibrant spirit lives on with all who knew and loved her. Always quick to cite her California roots, Cynthia was born in San Francisco to Evalene Lawton-Kennedy and Franklin Kennedy on January 1, 1937. She attended school at James Lick High School in Burbank, Calif., leaving in 1953 before graduation to marry Ramon Nimmer of Kewaunee, Wis. She later went on to complete her GED. Cynthia believed in hard work and infused creativity and passion into everything she did. She spent many years as a Lithographer in Kewaunee, Wis., and after moving to Florida worked for a local printing company—a job she enjoyed due to the variation in her day-to-day. A talented artist, Cynthia loved doing all things creative—painting, drawing, wood working, refinishing furniture, sewing, making things. Among a long list, she will be remembered for her exuberance, hearty laugh, pride for her family, love of animals, and strength of will. Cynthia is survived by her six children: Susan (Rick) Wollwage, Bradenton, Fla., Penny (Harlan) Dart, Green Bay, Wis., Cindy Brzezinski, Land O' Lakes, Fla., Ramon Nimmer, Green Bay, Wis., Terry (Kim) Nimmer, Raleigh, N.C., and Jerry (Kathy) Nimmer, Kewaunee, Wis. She is also survived by her sister Beverly Kennedy, brother Robert Kennedy, sister Lynn Jones, sister-in-law Doris Nimmer, and longtime domestic partner Kenneth Fox. She will be lovingly remembered by her seven grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband Ramon Nimmer. Please join us in a Celebration of Cynthia's Life on Sept. 6, 2024, at 2:00 P.M. at Vintage Brick (formally The Blue Door), 208 Ellis St., Kewaunee, Wis.



Joseph V. Worachek
September 12, 1948 – August 21, 2024
Joseph Worachek, 75, passed away in Kewaunee on August 21, 2024, at home surrounded by his family. He was born on September 12, 1948, in Casco, WI to the late Loddie and Martha (Ray) Worachek. Joe was a factory worker for most of his career. Over the years he spent time working at the Frank Hamachek Foundry, Seyk's Feed Mill, and Kewaunee Fabrications. Joe took part in farming, raising beefers. He enjoyed snowmobiling and hunting in his younger years. Joseph is survived by his brothers, Donald, and Francis, all of Kewaunee; sisters, Theresa (Greg) Denil, Kathy (Joe) Gioe, and Ann Worachek, all from Kewaunee; he is also survived by several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Martha and Loddie Worachek; his brother Ronald; and great-niece Alexis Melnarik. Kinnard Funeral & Cremation Services is assisting the family. A private family service will be held. Online condolences can be made KinnardFCS.com. Special thanks to Heartland Hospice for their great care of Joe.



Joyce Jean Kirchman
91, Town of Ahnapee, passed away, Wednesday, August 21, 2024, at home with her family at her side after a short battle with pancreatic cancer. She was born October 5, 1932, in Rio Creek to the late John and Lillian (Holtz) Neuzil. Joyce was a graduate of Casco High School. She married Richard Kirchman, September 20, 1952, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Rankin. They ran the family farm on Carnot Road, Town of Ahnapee until Richard died unexpectedly, August 6, 1983. They have three children, Gary, Becky and Kevin. On December 2, 1995, Joyce married Dale H. Jorgensen at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Algoma, and moved to the farm on Wolf River Road. They enjoyed polka dances, motorcycle rides and flying Dale's airplane. Joyce enjoyed being busy and meeting people. Besides farming she also was a waitress, a bus tour guide, worked at the label Co. and handed out food samples at grocery stores. She loved her flower garden and also planted a vegetable garden. Joyce is survived by her husband Dale, three children, Gary (Charlotte) Kirchman, Becky (partner Fran Petiniot), and Kevin (Jane) Kirchman; four grandchildren Arissa, Emily, Alex and John; step children Debbie (Ken) Pallex, Dale (Janet) Jorgensen Jr., Dan, Dave and Darrel Jorgensen; sister-in-law Fern Kirchman. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Richard, granddaughter Amanda, and two brothers Lloyd and Orville Neuzil. A visitation for Joyce will be held, Saturday, August 24, 2024, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Algoma, from 9:00 AM until time of services at 11:00 AM with Rev. John Moll and Rev. Joel McKenney officiating. Burial in the Evergreen Cemetery. The Schinderle Funeral Home was entrusted with the final arrangements for Joyce and her family. Express your sympathy, memories and pictures on Joyce's tribute page at www.schinderlefuneralhome.com.



Kenneth Dean (Kenny) Neddo Jr., 53, Algoma, passed away unexpectedly, Friday, August 23, 2024, of an apparent heart attack. He was born October 28, 1970, in Pontiac, Michigan, to Kenneth Sr. and Donna (Redman) Neddo. The family moved to the Algoma area when Kenny was five years old. He graduated from Algoma High School in 1988. In 1990 Kenny joined the US Army and served overseas during Desert Storm. He served from 1990 to 1994, then he was in the National Guard from 1994 to 1998. After his honorable discharge, he attended NWTC for Police Science. He worked as a security guard for the Oneida Nation Casino in Green Bay for 20 years. Kenny was an avid runner and cyclist including racing and mountain biking, he loved heavy metal music (especially Judas Priest and Styx), going to concerts with his son, Hunter, being in the outdoors, living by the lake, woodworking, coaching his nephews in baseball, mountain biking with his brother-in-law, Brian, watching the Milwaukee Brewers, the Detroit Lions (through thick and thin), and he was becoming a very creative and adventurous chef. Many a night he could be found having a bonfire right in the backyard where everyone was welcome. He is survived by his son Hunter, mother Donna, sister and brother-in-law Susan (Brian) Rabas, two nephews Jordan and Jacob Rabas, aunts, uncles, cousins and his close friends Tim Gauger and Eric Fredrickson. He was preceded in death by his father Kenneth Sr., paternal and maternal grandparents, other aunts and uncles. There will be a visitation for Kenny, Wednesday, August 28, 2024 from 4:00 - 7:00 PM at the Schinderle Funeral Home, Algoma. A short service will be held at 7:00 PM, followed by Full Military Honors at the funeral home. Burial will take place at a later date at St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery.



Myron A. Stepanek
September 23, 1932 – August 24, 2024
Myron Alvin Stepanek, 91, passed away on August 24, 2024. Myron, (the self-proclaimed Mayor of Slovan), was born in Denmark, WI, September 23, 1932. Myron was the first of four children born to Edward and Mayme (Ciha) Stepanek. Myron spent a brief part of his childhood in Pilsen, WI. Before Ed decided he needed better employment and moved to Slovan to help on his father's farm. There Myron grew to see what would become true love and passion in life, the family farm. When Myron graduated from Casco High School in 1950 there were not many options for employment. He mentioned "All the kids in my class were farmers. Except one, he was the cheesemaker." Myron chose to help his father Ed run the farm and also worked at the Slovan Cheese Factory from time to time. In 1956 he was drafted into the United States Army. He attended basic at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and graduated in January 1957. He then was stationed in La Rochelle, France where he worked as a clerk typist. Myron's job was to document daily material movements during the NODEX (New Offshore Delivery exercise) program. It was a program where the U.S. Army was trying to perfect the delivery of materials to troops in parts too shallow for ocean going vessels to dock in. Discharged in 1962, Myron returned to the family farm. He met his wife Becky (Lumaye) Stepanek just down the road in Slovan, in 1983. By the year 1985 they had married and moved into their home on the Stepanek Farm. Myron is the father of five children, Sharon, Kathy, Corey, Michael, and Stacy. He was always known for his great love for the Green Bay Packers and his love for Miller beer. Myron is survived by his wife, Becky (Lumaye) Stepanek; children, Sharon (special friend Sean Morsen) Stepanek, Kathryn Hayes, Corey (Kimberly) Stepanek, Michael Stepanek, Stacy (special friend Tim Agnew) Stepanek; sisters, Jeanette Delebrea, Slovan, Delores Sisel, Mishicot, and Marlene (Allen) Ronsman, Casco. He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Mayme Stepanek; and brothers-in-law, Donald Delebrea and Gerald Sisel. Visitation will be at the Shrine of the Good Shepard Mausoleum, on Friday, August 30, 2024, from 9:00-11:00 am, followed by entombment. Kinnard Funeral Home, Casco is assisting the family. Online condolence messages may be shared at KinnardFCS.com.

PUBLISHER'S LETTER

The Meaning of Labor Day

Dear Reader,

As summer begins to wane and the promise of autumn lingers in the air, we find ourselves on the cusp of another Labor Day. To many, this holiday may simply signify the end of vacation season, marked by parades, barbecues, and perhaps a final trip to the beach. However, beyond the festive atmosphere and political speeches lies a deeper, more profound significance.



Labor Day was instituted to honor the contributions of the everyday worker—the men and women who rise each morning, don their uniforms, and perform the myriad tasks that keep our society functioning smoothly. It's a day dedicated to the recognition of the sweat and resilience of those who tirelessly contribute to our collective well-being.

Historically, Labor Day emerged from the labor movement in the late 19th century, a time fraught with industrial strife and the struggle for workers' rights. It was a time when workers came together to demand fair wages, reasonable hours, and safer working conditions. Their efforts laid the groundwork for the labor protections many of us take for granted today.

But beyond its historical roots, Labor Day serves as a poignant reminder to pause and reflect on the value of hard work. It's a moment to appreciate the quiet dignity of those who grind it out day after day, doing whatever it takes to provide for their families. These are the individuals who form the backbone of our communities—the teachers, nurses, factory workers, farmers, and countless others whose labor often goes unnoticed, yet is essential to our daily lives.

As we enjoy the holiday's festivities, let us also take a moment to honor the spirit of Labor Day. Let's remember that it is not just a day off, but a day to celebrate the perseverance, skill, and hard work of our fellow citizens. May we carry this appreciation with us throughout the year, recognizing that every contribution, no matter how small, is worthy of respect and gratitude.

PATRICK J. WOOD
Publisher

Author of "Reflections" a new book now available on Amazon.

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facility for the foreseeable future.

This will result in having to address the numerous deficiencies as identified by the state to our current facility.

Knowing that once we are able to arrive at the proper staffing levels in the next few years, we will once again move forward with this project, it is our intention to do the absolute minimum so as to maintain the safest possible environment for both the inmates in our care as well as the deputies who provide that care.

We owe a great deal of appreciation to those men and women who continue to work in this current facility with all of its limitations and inherent risks.

This is not the outcome I was anticipating nor hoping for when we began this journey so many years ago.

While I will not be sheriff when (not if) this project is once again embarked upon, I will do my best maintain and transition as much knowledge and documentation so that any future efforts are not once again starting from scratch.

I want to thank those members of the county board who spent many hours of their time in committee meetings and study groups reviewing countless pages of data and information.

I also want to thank those members who took the time to ask thoughtful questions so as to be better informed about the many details of this project.

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WEEKLY MEETING RECAP

Jail project put on hold by county board

BY KRIS LEONHARDT EDITOR

KEWAUNEE – During its August meeting, the Kewaunee County Board of Supervisors rejected entering into a contract with Cadence Consulting as an owner's representative for the Kewaunee County Jail Project.

"I did vote in favor of this in committee so that it would be forwarded here to the full board, but... I have serious doubts about this. The staffing issue; we've been watching this for a very long time now, they have not improved," said Kewaunee County Board Chair Dan Olson.

"I have serious reservations about proceeding down the path of a very, very costly project to the voters when the staffing issues have not improved. So, it is difficult for me to support moving in a direction where we get to the end and have a building we can't staff."

Sheriff Matt Joski said that the sheriff's office will continue to recruit and retain staff and that he would enjoy seeing the project happen, but they needed to be fiscally responsible.

"We've seen it across the board, across law enforcement and really across the economy, as far as everybody's inability to really both recruit and retain employees. So, we've changed it over the years to try to be more responsive, more proactive, and even with all those steps in place, we might get one (staff member)," Joski explained. "I just made a job offer to one young lady that we're hoping to bring on here in the next four weeks after background checks, but in the meantime, then I had a retirement and a resignation. So, we're really literally walking in quicksand, and it's not just us, it's across the board."

"We could pursue it now because really, this is sort of just an evaluation of sort of the history of it, right? Sort of a look at where we have been, where are we now and how do we best proceed. So, whether that happens now and we reach a point that we put it on hold because we will have to, ultimately, somewhere along the line put the brakes on if we don't have the staffing caught up; or, we hold off on this until we get there. So it's literally chicken or the egg. Do we move forward and pause, or do we pause, await and then move forward? You know, we all know that this is a project that needs to be done, but we can't be in denial of the obvious reality of staffing."

Supervisor Aaron Augustian said they needed to keep moving forward and proceed with hiring Cadence Consulting.

"We're not going to be building this jail in a year. This is probably going to be another two-year process to walk down the road with Mike from Cadence to figure out where we were and where we're going. And I think that if we can show the jail inspector that we're still moving forward, that should help us not have to stick those millions of dollars into that old jail, which I do not support at all because that building is beyond repair. I mean, I can see doing the repairs we have to do to get us through. I'm hoping staffing turns around in two or three years, too. We won't know that answer, but I think we need to keep moving forward on this project. Maybe slow the pace down a little bit, but I'm in favor of if hiring Cadence Consulting at this time, to keep moving forward on the project."

A 9-9 tie vote to an amended motion meant a no-go on moving forward with the project.

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art galleries and museums, fine dining establishments, and cultural, ethnic and heritage sites compared to all overseas visitors.

There's a ripple effect, too: Lloyd Frieson, the intergovernmental affairs manager for the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin, said the tribe's hotel fills up months in advance of the annual pow-wow, which then spills over into hotels in nearby communities like Shawano.

NATOW's primary function is promotional, McGeshick says, which means "making sure that special events or cultural events, or anything that's happening, is being brought to light."

And not only the events, but the cultural destinations, the shops, the casinos, the outdoor activities like fishing.

That promotion is necessary, McGeshick says, because it's not easy for travelers to stumble upon rich experiences in Indian Country.

"Not all of the tribes are around urban cities," she noted. "They're very rural. My tribe is the Sokaogon Chippewa Community in Mole Lake, Wisconsin, and we are not near any big highways or urban cities."

"We're kind of off the grid," Frieson said. "We're trying to find ways to bring more visitors to our reservation. It's a little bit hard."

That means two things: first, Indigenous nations and business owners in rural Wisconsin need to create events and attractions that will lure travelers; and second, they need to promote those attractions.

The attractions



Apache Danforth and Cheyenne Landru are the co-founders of Good Words Travel.

Clarissa Friday photo

include cultural events such as pow-wows, but also include tribes leveraging their 40-plus years of experience in the casino industry, expanding into live music and other entertainment events.

Frieson, for example, said NATOW is working on getting boxing to all the Native communities in Wisconsin.

Apache Danforth has known she'd return to the tourism space ever since she stepped down as executive director in NATOW in 2016 to go out on her own as a PR consultant.

In 2022 she launched her own PR agency, Good Words Consulting.

And earlier this year, she and NATOW board member Cheyenne Landru, who also serves as director of education for the Sokaogon Chippewa Community, launched Good Words Travel. The new endeavor is a receptive tour operator, meaning they package itineraries for travelers.

Good Words then sells those itineraries to other travel agencies, most of them international.

"I really wanted to make sure that we were going to help the tribal

communities, not only economically but to tell their story and to create opportunities for them to bridge social understanding between our communities and other communities," Danforth said. "We really intended to focus on the international market, and bringing in international visitors into the state."

Danforth said Wisconsin's Indigenous communities have all the assets of great tourism destinations, and she packages them into products.

Those assets, she said, include things like natural resources and access to outdoor activities; museums, cultural centers and historic sites; culinary experiences; cultural demonstrations like traditional song and dance performances;

and small businesses like gift shops, coffee shops, cafes, restaurants and hotels.

"Any kind of attraction is an asset," Danforth says. "The product comes when you put those pieces together into an itinerary."

Danforth says the tribes and communities can leverage those assets for revenue, but also for cultural understanding.

"I think just visiting the communities and being immersed in our communities, (travelers are) going to see the history lesson, but they're going to see how advanced and progressive and vibrant our culture is today," she says. "Our traditional ways and our language are very much alive ... People will learn from being immersed in our communities."

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BY RICHARD MONTGOMERY
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

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The ad has a big contact agent button on her home info page.

That seems like it should be against the law; she has permitted no one to use her property as a come-on so they can sell other properties.

Something needs to be done about this.

What can we do?

MONTY'S ANSWER

It is not uncommon for scammers to snap a photo of a home and use it for their nefarious purposes.

There may or may not be a real estate agent involved. Here is a way to proceed:

A word of caution

Check with or find a technology expert before clicking on any ad link. I am not an expert, but my understanding is that there are tools you may inadvertently install on your computer that can read your keystrokes to garner information that could lead to financial losses.

Verify the listing

First, confirm which website displays the property and gather all relevant details.

Contact the website

Most reputable real estate websites have procedures for reporting inaccurate

listings. Look for a "Report a problem" or "Claim this property" option on the listing page.

Reach out to the agent/brokerage

If an agent or brokerage is named, contact them directly to request removal of the listing. They may have made an error or received incorrect information.

Document everything

Keep records of all communications, the names of those you spoke with, and screenshots of the listing. Your email needs to clarify this, but assuming you discovered this on the internet, send a screenshot of the page that includes the URL and include it with any reporting submission.

Legal considerations

While using someone's property without permission for advertising purposes could violate certain laws. If the issue persists, it may be worth consulting a local real estate attorney.

Check public records: Ensure your mother's ownership information is up-to-date in public property records to prevent future misunderstandings.

Consider a "Not for Sale" sign

A visible sign on the property might deter further misrepresentations if this is an ongoing issue.

Here is a link to a Federal Bureau of Investigation report: <https://t.ly/wldHE>.



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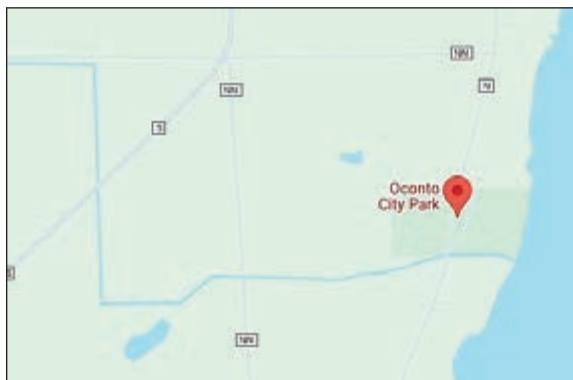
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The park offers restrooms, two large pavilions, playground equipment, horseshoe pits, two sand volleyball courts, fire pits, nine campsites, a sandy beach and natural undisturbed views of the bay.

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L-C's Andrew Klass and Mason Trimberger celebrate after Klass' touchdown, during the Aug. 23 loss to Seymour. **Janelle Fisher photos**



L-C's Mason Trimberger intercepts the ball in the end zone in the opening game of the season.



L-C's Landon Derenne runs with the ball with Seymour's Lander Wilkins trailing right behind him at Seymour.

Share your passion for the outdoors



In the Outdoors

BY KEVIN NAZE
 GUEST COLUMNIST

Fishing, hunting and other outdoor adventures are great ways to introduce others to fish and wildlife management, conservation and the importance of clean air and clean water.

Building relationships with those who aren't currently avid outdoors types comes easy when they see your passion and gain opportunities to experience some of the fun and camaraderie you've enjoyed for years.

Creating a new hunter or

angler often begins with a simple invite. If there's interest, then the fun begins.

Mentoring is both challenging and rewarding as you help the beginner catch on to something that's second nature to you.

Taking youths out is great, but some states have found that adults mentoring adults — especially those from families that didn't come from a line of hunters and anglers — may lead to more life-long success stories.

Setting the bar high for safety, ethical behavior and respecting the resource can pay dividends down the road. Sharing your knowledge with others may also help ensure these activities continue for future generations.

Mentoring a new generation of responsible outdoor enthusiasts is a win for the outdoor community and communities in general.

Sharing time afield can lead to positive mental and physical health benefits, create life-long conservationists, and be an economic boon to local businesses that cater to outdoors enthusiasts.

Fishing update

We're just a week or so away from shore anglers



A drive on rural roads — the first and last hour of daylight, especially — can reveal a wide variety of wildlife, including white-tailed deer. Fawns are growing fast, and their white spots are slowly fading. Bring a camera, binoculars or spotting scope for the best views. **Kevin Naze photo**

getting their chance at salmon and trout fishing opportunities in major Green Bay and Lake Michigan tributaries.

The best action has been

two to four miles off shore at most locations, in 80 to 150 feet of water.

However, there are a few early-staging Chinooks, browns and cohos

shallower, a few even within range of the piers and breakwalls.

That chance to hook up

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