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‘This is his Disney World’ 5-year-old’s love of toilets earns dream trip to Kohler

by **Ben Yang**
for The Beacon

KOHLER - When planning for a family vacation, most kids want to take a trip to Disney World to see their favorite characters come to life. That’s not the case for five-year-old Joey from Fort Wayne, Indiana. His ideal family vacation is in Kohler—specifically, the Kohler Design Center, home of the company’s bathroom design showroom. With the help of a few new friends, Joey was able to live out his dream vacation.

Joey has autism and was nonverbal for three and half years. When he began speaking

less than a year ago, he couldn’t stop talking about his special interest—toilets.

“It kind of started when we would go places and he would insist on seeing the bathrooms. Then we started finding out that he would go in to look at the toilets and wanted to flush them,” said Chris Myers, Joey’s father. “All of a sudden, he just took an interest in it. He had all the traditional interests; he was obsessed with dinosaurs, trains, and then all of a sudden it was just toilets. It came out of nowhere.”

The opportunity for Joey and his family to visit the Kohler Design Center started when

Kathryn, Joey’s mother, posted a video on TikTok of the family going to the “toilet store,” aka, the toilet aisle at Menards. The video shows a very excited Joey looking at all the toilet options, asking what brand each toilet was, while also displaying his own knowledge and passion for them. The video amassed more than 300,000 views, drawing the attention of users across the social media platform. Users also began tagging Kohler Company in the comments of the video and telling Kathryn to take Joey to the Design Center.

And by drumming up enough noise in the comments, Kohler Co. saw Kathryn’s video and invited the family to the Design Center.

“Several people on Kathryn’s video tagged Kohler. Bailey, on our social media team, came across the video and shared it with me and of course it captured all of our hearts. We started talking about what we should do for him, maybe send him a toilet,” said Sydney Cleven, Marketing Manager, Brand Partnerships with Kohler Co. “It would be a very fun PR package and a good mail day, but so much of our core mission and ethos is about the experience that Kohler gives to its customers. We knew we needed to give him the experience. That made the most sense for him.”

When Kathryn first saw the invitation from Kohler Co., she was in disbelief.

“I was like ‘No way, this is so funny’. I didn’t know Kohler was a whole village and a whole thing. I had no idea of the culture or any of that. When I looked into it, I said to Joey that it’s a toilet world. We have



FIVE-YEAR-OLD JOEY curiously examines a pink toilet found inside the Kohler Design Center while on his VIP tour. – Beacon photos by Ben Yang



A beaming Joey shows off one of the many gifts he received during his visit: a toilet ornament.

to go,” said Kathryn. “This is the closest thing to Disney World for him. This is his Disney World.”

Joey and his family got up bright and early on Friday, June 26, for a 5.5 hour drive from their home in Fort Wayne to the Kohler Design Center, where they were greeted with smiles and lots of gifts.

“There were so many people and departments that helped contribute to Joey’s special day. Most of these people I didn’t reach out to. All the departments said they saw the video and saw that Kohler reached out and were asking what they could do,” said Cleven. “The Customer Service department signed a Service Parts book and wrote him these super sweet notes

and letters. All of these different teams came together because it’s about the experience.”

After a very warm welcome, Joey and his family went off to explore all the toilets and bathroom layouts throughout the Design Center. The building echoed with loud gasps and exclamations of enthusiasm from Joey as he moved from one toilet to the next, making sure to inspect every inch of the porcelain seats.

“It’s fancy,” said Joey, when describing the Kohler Design Center.

He even got to see his favorite toilet— a Kohler Highline.

“He started saying his favorite toilet was the Kohler Highline and that we have Kohler toilets,” said Kathryn. “I didn’t even know what kind of toilets we had in our house.”

Joey and his family also had the opportunity to check out the Kohler test labs to get an in-depth look at the plumbing and mechanics of their toilet products. They also got a tour of the Bemis Manufacturing Co. facility in Sheboygan Falls, where

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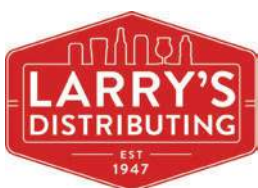
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Joey received his own personalized toilet seat.

Aside from all things toilets, Kohler Co. treated the family with a weekend stay in the village and activities like Kohler Spas and tee time at Blackwolf Run.

“Being able to do something like this was very grounding. It helps you remember that there’s good in the world and that this one small gesture can make such a huge difference,” said Cleven. “I hope Joey remembers this day forever, but more than anything I hope it’s a reminder to him to just be who you are and the people will love you. If that means you love toilets, then lean into that. Everyone’s here to support you.”

Although the family was met with the utmost hospitality, the Myers say they’re just happy that Joey is happy. They shared the reasoning behind posting videos of Joey online was to show the progress and work that had gone into helping Joey speak.

“Going into this, we didn’t think we would find out that

Kohler was an awesome company and wanted to meet Joey. We were just happy and excited that he was verbal again. Our biggest fear was that we didn’t know if he’d ever have friends. Just some of the basic, core childhood memories that we all have, like running around with our friends, we didn’t know if he’d ever have that,” said Chris. “Now he has so many friends. It’s so relieving because you worry about anything with your children; Are they going to be safe? Are they going to be taken care of? Are they going to run into danger? For him, it was so much more compounded from the fact that we didn’t know how to help and now this whole world is unlocked for him. It’s awesome and really cool.”

The Myers said they never thought an opportunity like being invited to the Kohler Design Center would be presented to them from sharing videos of Joey online.

“It’s so refreshing and important what Kohler did from a human standpoint. It’s such a good example of the best in humanity,” said Kathryn. “It’s a good example of community care and community outreach. I



JOEY AND HIS FAMILY (from left to right) Estella, Carter, Maksim, Chris, and Kathryn pose for a photo while enjoying a tour of the Kohler Design Center on Friday, June 26. The family traveled from their home in Fort Wayne, Indiana following an invite from Kohler Company.

think it’s all we’re needing right now; it’s just kindness. Everyone here has been amazing.”

To see Joey’s visit to the Kohler Design Center, head over to Kathryn’s TikTok ac-

count at [kathryndoratheia](#), where she documented the family’s adventure in Sheboygan County.

Kohler’s Woodlake Market to reopen July 17

The resort destination Kohler, Wisconsin announced the re-opening of Woodlake Market on July 17. The renewed market brings together premium groceries, elevated prepared foods, wellness-minded products, café, gathering spaces, and an artisanal chocolate boutique under one roof.

To celebrate the official opening of Woodlake Market, alongside other new businesses, Big Joe’s Fuel & Go and Roots to Roses, Kohler will host a two-day Grand Opening Celebration on July 17-18. The community is invited to experience the distinct offerings of each business through complimentary tastings and samples, live music, exclusive giveaways, and family-friendly activities. The weekend-long celebration will showcase the Village of Kohler’s newest additions while highlighting the community as a vibrant place to shop, dine, and enjoy.

The new market also features interactive programming such as tastings, seasonal workshops and pop-up experiences, incorporating local craftsmanship. Woodlake Market continues to champion local makers and Kohler-based brands, reinforcing its role as a connector within the village. Featured partners include Kohler Honey, Kohler Beer, Foundry Cat Coffee, Broadway Popcorn Co., Drewry Farms maple syrup, J. Henry Bourbon, and other regional producers that embrace the region’s delicacies.

At the center of the experience is a carefully considered assortment of products that balances

trusted staples with discovery-driven finds. Approximately 80 percent of the grocery offerings are sourced from organic products, alongside premium pantry provisions, specialty foods, wellness-focused products, artisanal snacks, fresh bakery selections, frozen treats, specialty beverages, and elevated grab-and-go meals.

A new Kohler Chocolates boutique brings another signature Kohler experience to the market. Founded from Herbert Kohler Jr.’s pursuit of creating the perfect elevated chocolate turtle, the collection has grown into a celebrated line of hand-crafted confections produced in Kohler, Wisconsin. Guests can enjoy products ranging from Kohler Chocolates iconic Chocolate Chips to 4-piece Terrapins crafted with premium ingredients and traditional confectionery techniques. Designed with a sense of whimsy, the boutique features playful details throughout, including lighting inspired by chocolate wrappers and more.

Woodlake Market will also showcase Wisconsin’s rich cheesemaking heritage through a curated selection of artisan cheeses and educational tasting experiences. Guided by knowledgeable cheese specialists, guests can discover products from respected makers including Carr Valley Cheese Co., Henning’s Wisconsin Cheese, Hook’s Cheese Co., LaClare Farms, Deer Creek Cheese, and more.

For more information and to follow the latest updates from Kohler, Wisconsin, visit <https://www.kohlerwisconsin.com/>.

Carbliss announces new headquarters in vacant hometown Kmart

submitted by Carbliss

“Remember when Kmart told everyone they could ‘ship my pants’? Well, we almost did while trying to keep this a secret”, says Adam Kroener, “because we bought the Kmart building.” After sitting vacant for more than a decade, one of Plymouth’s most recognizable commercial properties is getting a new purpose.

Carbliss announced today the purchase of the former Kmart property at 2615 Eastern Avenue, Plymouth, Wisconsin, where the company plans to redevelop the approximately 90,000 square foot building into its new corporate headquarters and a community destination designed to attract tourists, support local businesses, and create an exceptional workplace for its growing team.

Working alongside Wisconsin’s Idle Sites Redevelopment Program, the redevelopment is the company’s largest investment in their hometown, symbolizing their commitment to their roots where they got started. Beyond giving new life to a building that has remained vacant since 2014, the project includes long-awaited improvements to the surrounding property, including reconstruction of the deteriorating parking lot and significant site enhancements that will improve the experience for both residents and visitors.

“This project represents much more than a new headquarters,” said Adam Kroener, Co-Founder of Carbliss. “We saw an opportunity to invest



CARBLISS ANNOUNCED ITS PURCHASE Tuesday of the former Kmart building, long vacant, at 2615 Eastern Avenue, Plymouth. – Beacon photo

in a property that’s been part of Plymouth for decades and reimagine it into something that serves our team, our community, and tourists alike. We hope this becomes a place people are excited to visit and something our community is proud to have.”

Since launching in 2019, Carbliss has grown into one of America’s fastest-growing beverage companies, earning recognition as the #1 privately owned food and beverage company on the Inc. 5000, and being named one of the Best and Brightest Companies to Work For, among numerous other national honors.

That growth has brought new team members, expanded operations, and a need for a headquarters that reflects both the scale of the company and its commitment to its people. After

purchasing its first commercial office in 2024, Carbliss quickly outgrew its 3,200 square foot headquarters as the business continued its rapid expansion. The first headquarters at 818 E Clifford Street, will be available for lease after Carbliss occupies its newly renovated location in 2027.

The new destination headquarters has been designed around two priorities: creating an extraordinary workplace for team members and their families while establishing a destination that encourages people to spend more time in Plymouth.

Plans for the redevelopment include:

- A Carbliss Pour/Tap House
- Product sampling and innovation experiences
- Virtual Carbliss manufacturing

Schwarz enters A's Hall of Fame

■ Sheboygan South grad was inducted on Saturday

Pitcher Taylor Schwarz, a 2007 graduate of South, was inducted into the Sheboygan A's Hall of Fame Saturday at Wildwood Baseball Park.

Schwarz played 12 seasons with the A's (2008-19) and holds the team record for most shutouts in a career with 14. He ranks sixth in wins, seventh in complete games, eighth in starts, 10th in innings and hits allowed, and 13th in strikeouts.

During his first six seasons, he was also a consistent two-way player as a switch-hitting infielder (.261 average with 173 hits, 81 RBI, 25 stolen bases, 31 doubles and four home runs).

Schwarz, who played at Madison College, North Carolina-Greensboro, and Wisconsin-Parkside, has also been inducted into the Wisconsin State League Hall of Fame.

"He knew how to make everyone around him loosen up and have fun while winning."

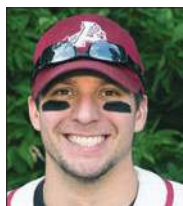
– Tim Moyer

Manager Tim Moyer watched Schwarz in high school as part of the South coaching staff, and later as an assistant under former skipper Derek Loomans.

"He was the ultimate winner," Moyer said.

"He not only knew how to win, but he knew how to make everyone around him loosen up and have fun while winning. For many, that is not easy. Taylor flat out made his teammates better. He made having fun easy for

everyone, even if they personally were not having the best of games. Reigning him back in, well at times, that was the hard part!"



SCHWARZ

Not messing around

Sheboygan sent 11 batters to the plate in a six-run first inning Thursday en route to an 8-5 victory over West Allis at Wildwood.

Connor Lasch finished with three hits, drove in one run, and scored once.

Chase Hanselman and Hudson Wagner each drove in two RBI as well.

Two jacks for Juergensen

Jimmy Juergensen hit two solo home runs in a 3-2 loss to West Allis on July 1. The Nationals won it in the bottom of the 10th thanks to a two-out homer.

Camp time

The Brewers Baseball Academy is at Wildwood now through Friday. It costs \$425 and is for softball and baseball.

The event is open to those ages 6-14 and runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information, visit mlb.com/brewers/fans/camps.

Two big nights ahead

Hometown Heroes Night is Tuesday when Green Bay visits.

All law enforcement, fire fighters, EMT, military - active and retired - and hospital staff get a free general admission

ticket with an ID.

And on Thursday, it's Fan Appreciation Night when Sheboygan welcomes Menasha.

Busy, and then some

Beginning Saturday, the A's have six games in four days.

Sheboygan has back-to-back doubleheaders at Lombard this weekend.

After a day off, the A's visit Green Bay next Tuesday for another twin bill to make up for two previous rainouts.

Sheboygan remains on the road on the 22nd (at Kewaskum) and the 23rd (at Appleton), before it hosts Milwaukee on the 24th.

And on the 27th, the A's travel to Burlington to resume a game against Kenosha that was halted in the third inning because of rain.



ABOVE: Harry Steldt helps a fan in a wheelchair around the field. LEFT: Two fans compete in a contest to see who can put on an adult uniform that fastest. - Photos by Shiela Syrajala

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Sheboygan's Thiel, Lorier post wins

In his first Midwest Sprint Car Association start of the season, Sheboygan's Scotty Thiel drove to a convincing victory in the caution-free 25-lap main event to highlight the MSA's fourth annual appearance at Eagle River Speedway on July 4.

After rolling off from the outside of the front row, Thiel duelled side by side with pole-sitter Katelyn Krebsbach on the opening circuit before inching ahead.

Krebsbach battled back along the low groove, entering turn one on lap 2, but the high-riding Thiel seized control of the top spot exiting turn two. Thiel wasted little time in building up a solid cushion over Krebsbach before catching up to the rear of the field on lap 7.

Thiel didn't allow lapped traffic to hinder his pace as he sliced his way through the back of the pack with precision to build a full straightaway advantage just past the halfway point.

On lap 15, reigning Plymouth Dirt Track Racing 360 Sprint Car champion Kevin Karnitz slipped past Krebsbach to take over second amongst thick lapped traffic.

Three laps later, Waldo's Chris Clayton used his familiar low line to grab third. He then pulled up to challenge Karnitz for second as the laps wound down, but he was unable to snag the spot.

Thiel cruised to his 16th career MSA A-main victory and Karnitz came home second.



Scotty Thiel (right) and car owner Randy Sippel enjoy their Fourth of July in Eagle River. - Photo by MSA Sprints

In victory lane, Thiel credited his car owner, Randy Sippel, with whom he has enjoyed plenty of success in limited MSA starts.

"I'm having a lot of fun," Thiel said. "It's always a pleasure to drive Randy's cars. This win means more than any other we've had together. He lost his dad this week. We made some changes before the feature, and the car felt great."

Lorier notches first win too
Sheboygan's Steve Lorier, who started sixth, racked up his first A-main win of the year and seventh career PDTR B Mod main event win June 27 at the Plymouth Dirt Track.

Travis Schmidt of Cascade moved up to second, but was unable to track down Lorier, who was stout up front by weaving his way through lapped traffic over the final 16 laps.

RACING NOTEBOOK

Makeup announced

The Independence 30 has been rescheduled for Thursday, Aug. 20th, at the Plymouth Dirt Track.

Originally set for July 2, the event will feature Late Models, MSA Sprints, A Modifieds, Wisconsin WingLESS Sprint Series, and Street Stocks.

Grandstand tickets and/or pit pass bands can be exchanged Aug. 20 at the gates.

Wall of Fame Night is held

The fifth annual Plymouth Racing Wall of Fame Induction Night honored the Class of 2026 on Saturday.

Five drivers were inducted, including Brian Gilles of Plymouth - one of the most highly

successful competitors in the history of track.

Gilles earned seven track championships at Plymouth in the Super Stock and Grand National divisions, the second most titles in track history, including four consecutive championships between 1999-2002.

Lanny Schirmer, also of Plymouth, was another honored driver. He excelled in the Modified Division, competing at Plymouth from 1949-68.

Three additional drivers were also inducted: John Born of Howards Grove, Terry Marten of Sheboygan Falls, and Gib Wiser of Neosho.

The Sippels, who feature multiple generations of racers, including Tom, Randy and Scott, were inducted in the Racing Family category as well.



Steve Lorier (right) wins the B Mod in Plymouth on June 27. - Photo by JW's Car and Racing

Road America hosts Vintage Weekend

More than 400 vintage and historic racecars will bring a century of motorsports history to life during the Vintage Weekend with Brian Redman Thursday through Sunday at Road America.

One of the largest vintage racing events in the United States, the four days give fans the rare opportunity to see legendary racecars.

The event brings together everything from prewar and early postwar machines to historic sports racers, production cars, Formula cars, prototypes, American stock cars, and modern GT machinery.

What to watch for

All-American Racers, Dan Gurney Eagles Take Center Stage: The gathering will honor one of the most respected names in American motorsports and bring together a collection of cars that helped define several generations of racing.

Fans will have the opportunity to see these machines on display and on track during dedicated All-American Racers sessions throughout the weekend.

The reunion will include a featured Eagle and Gurney track session on Sunday afternoon, offering fans a rare chance to hear and see these historic cars running.

Trans-American Championship Celebrates 60 Years: The weekend will also salute the anniversary of the Trans-American Championship with a special invitational featuring Trans Am racecars from 1966 through 2020.

The gathering is expected to form one of the most complete Trans Am lineups ever assembled.

The championship groups will be divided into cars over and under 2.5 liters, reflecting the wide range of machinery that has shaped the series throughout its history.

The special Trans Am groups will compete Sunday afternoon. Historic Racecars Take

Over Downtown Elkhart Lake: The Road America Concours d'Elegance returns to downtown Elkhart Lake on Friday and Saturday from 6-8 p.m.

On Friday, vintage racecars will leave Road America and parade into Elkhart Lake before lining the streets of the village. Fans can see the cars up close, meet competitors, take photos, and experience racecars that are rarely seen outside museums and private collections.

Saturday evening will feature a separate display of luxury, exotic, and high-performance sports cars. This does not include a parade, but it offers another impressive collection of vehicles throughout downtown.

Additional activities

Track Touring: Fans can purchase a limited opportunity to drive their own eligible street vehicle around Road America's circuit at a controlled pace.

Touring sessions are tentatively planned for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Public Karting: It will be available Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Motorplex. Drivers must be at least 14 years old. A parent or guardian must be present for participants under 18.

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Christian prepares for Plymouth Tournament

The annual Wisconsin Basketball Yearbook in Plymouth is next weekend and features 20 teams, including Sheboygan Christian. The Eagles have two games on Friday and two more on Saturday at Riverview Middle School.

SCHEDULE

Friday

10:00: Lomira vs. Plymouth Black (Court 2); St. Mary Catholic vs. Kohler (Court 1)

11:00: Marinette vs. **Christian** (1); Grafton vs. Valders (2)
12:00: Kohler vs. Manitowoc Lincoln (1); Lomira vs. Howards Grove (2)
1:00: Marinette vs. St. Mary Catholic (1); Grafton vs. Plymouth Black (2)
2:00: Manitowoc Lincoln vs. **Christian** (1); Howards Grove vs. Valders (2)
3:00: Cedar Grove vs. Sturgeon Bay (1); Plymouth Orange vs. Shiocton (2)

4:00: North Crawford vs. Waupun (1); Ripon vs. Campbellsport (2)
5:00: Cedar Grove vs. Mishicot (1); Plymouth Orange vs. Reedsville (2)
6:00: North Crawford vs. Sturgeon Bay (1); Ripon vs. Shiocton (2)
7:00: Mishicot vs. Waupun (1); Reedsville vs. Campbellsport (2)

Saturday

9:00: Manitowoc Lincoln vs.

Marinette (1); Plymouth Black vs. Valders (2)
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Hard to get lost when reading Buss' book

■ Author helps parents navigate youth travel sports culture

As the popularity of youth travel sports escalates, so do the challenges, complexities, and questions.

First-time author David Buss, who has been down that road many times over, shares his experiences in his new book: "Road Map to Travel Sports – From Someone Who Made a Few Wrong Turns."

Published through Pedal Down Promotions of Manitowoc, Buss' book offers guidance, perspective, and personal anecdotes about the youth travel sports culture.

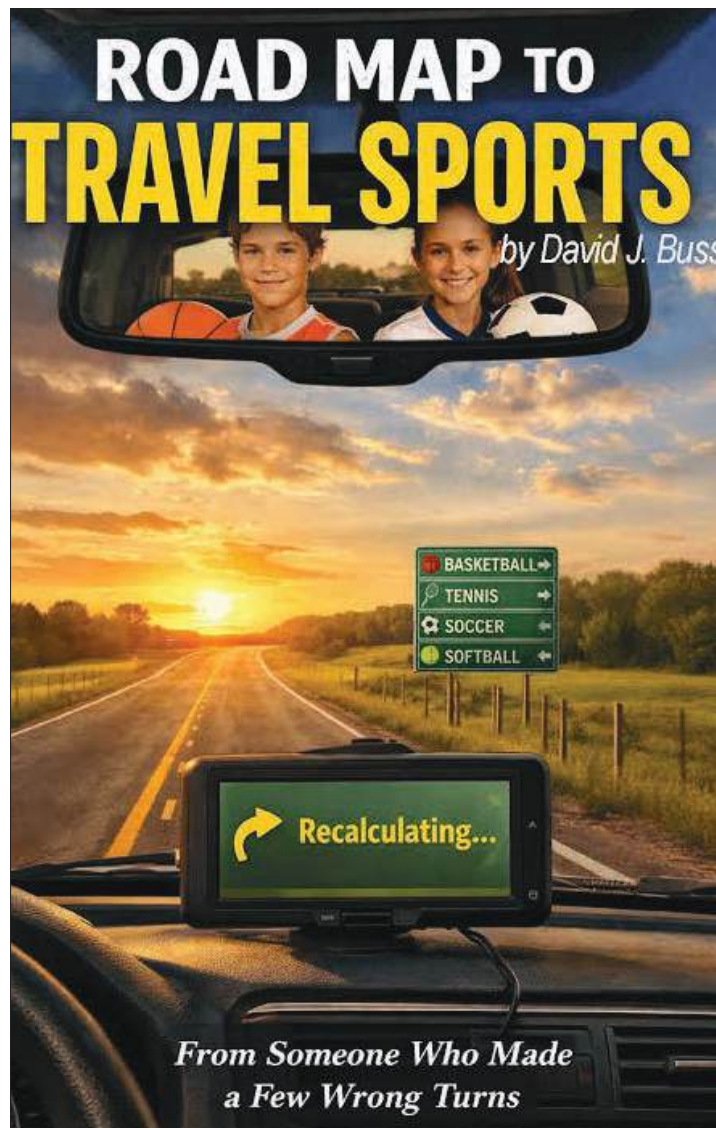
"As a father, coach, mentor, and storyteller, I have spent more than a decade navigating the unpredictable highways of youth travel sports," he said. "My experiences as a parent of multi-sport athletes, a coach, and someone deeply involved in the travel sports culture inspired me to write this book."

"Through countless miles on Midwest highways, early morning practices, late-night rides home, tournament weekends, and difficult conversations, I discovered that travel sports are about far more than wins and losses," he said. "They are about family, growth, perspective, sacrifice, and learning how to support young athletes without losing sight of what matters most."

The Appleton resident and financial advisor aims to assist parents, athletes and coaches who are navigating the travel sports landscape for the first time, as well as travel sports veterans seeking insight on fine tuning their approach.

"I like to share lessons learned not from perfection, but from experience - including the mistakes, missteps, and moments I wish I could do over," Buss said.

"I hope my writing encourages parents, coaches, and athletes to communicate better,



This is the cover of Buss' book, which focuses on parents navigating youth travel sports culture. - Submitted photo

align their voices, and remember that the journey matters as much as the destination."

Road Map to Travel Sports is available for purchase online at www.amazon.com and barnesandnoble.com.

To order a copy from the author, email davidjbuss@gmail.com.



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PAUL C. SUHRKE

Paul C. Suhrke, 68, of Plymouth passed away peacefully at his home on July 2, 2026.

He was born November 9, 1957 at the Plymouth Hospital in Sheboygan County. Paul was the son to the late Willard(WB) and Louise(Fahl) Suhrke. Paul was baptized and a confirmed member of Salem UCC in Plymouth.

Paul attended Parkview Elementary and Plymouth High School, graduating in 1975. Paul also attended UW-Oshkosh and earned a Bachelor's Degree in History.

After graduating from college Paul worked for the family business, W.B. Suhrke Implement and Chrysler Plymouth Dealership in Plymouth, WI. Paul's love of movies soon drew him to acquire the Video Center in Plymouth, which he operated for over 35 years.

In 1986 Paul met a young lady working at the Dairy Queen while purchasing his favorite Dairy Queen Fudge Cake. Soon this girl turned into his best friend and on May 29, 1994, Paul married, Laurie Zeinemann, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Plymouth, WI. They made their home in Plymouth. Paul was a devoted husband, brother, uncle, son-in-law and friend who touched the lives of everyone that knew him. Paul's laughter was infectious, always cracking a joke.

Through the years Paul and Laurie followed minor league and major league baseball traveling to several stadiums throughout the Midwest. He loved that he could teach Laurie how to score the game. Paul's love of sports did not only reach the Brewers, WI Timber Rattlers, Packers, Badgers and sometimes Cubs, he also played, managed and sponsored softball teams for many years in the Plymouth Softball Association. Along with softball he also spent several years managing and playing in the men's recreation basketball league. Paul was a great 3 point shot. In one of the games he was the high scorer for the team with all only three pointers.

Paul's love of the Sheboygan County Fair runs deep. He was a 4-H member as a youth. He often talked about playing softball at Riverside Park and the fun he had on 4-H trips. He also talked about the sponge cake he would bake with his mother as a youth for competition at the fair. He even continued that tradition for many years as an adult in the open class to honor her. Paul spent endless hours as a youth helping his father prepare farm equipment to display at the fair, wiping tractors, spray painting tires, etc. In his adult years, he won multiple 1st Place prizes and Merit awards on his homemade fudges, earning him the nick-name the Fudge King.

Paul is survived by his loving wife, Laurie of 32 years. He is also survived by his sisters, Carol Fox, Oshkosh, Lois(Lester) Ansay, Olathe, KS, and Joan(Gary) Scheel, Fairview, TX and his father and mother-in-law, Ralph and JoAnn Zeinemann, Plymouth; along with many beloved nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Willard(WB) and Louise, and brother-in-law Harold Fox.

There will be a Celebration of Paul's Life held in the Military and Remembrance (M&R) Building at the Sheboygan County Fairgrounds in Plymouth on Sunday, August 2 from 1pm – 4pm. Please dress in your favorite baseball or sports t-shirt as that is who Paul was, he loved his grey t-shirts.

A private family service will be held at a future date.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been set up in Paul's name.

The Suchon Funeral Home is assisting the family. For online condolences, please visit www.suchonfh.com.



CHRISTOPHER PAUL BONELLI

It is with profound sadness that we share the passing of Christopher Paul Bonelli, age 56.

Born in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, to Leo and Robyn Bonelli, Chris was raised in the community he loved. He

attended Cooper Elementary School, Urban Middle School, and Sheboygan North High.

From an early age, Chris displayed a remarkable intelligence and an extraordinary mechanical talent that would become the hallmark of his life.

Chris began his career working on motorcycles in his parents' garage, turning a lifelong passion into a profession. He later worked for Thompson Honda before fulfilling his dream of owning his own business, Bonelli Marine and Motorcycle. Known for his exceptional ability to repair almost anything, Chris became the person family, friends, and customers turned to whenever anything required fixing.

Beyond his work, Chris had a deep appreciation for the outdoors. He was an avid fisherman and hunter who cherished time spent in nature. He also had a keen interest in motorsports and racing and enjoyed spending countless hours at Road America, one of his favorite places.

On October 31, 1998, Chris married Laurie Kovacic. Together, they shared many years of happiness and life's adventures with their son, Bobby.

Those who knew Chris will never forget his sharp mind, mechanical gifts, and the endless ways he helped those around him. His brothers especially re-

member him as the one they could always count on when something needed to be repaired. His willingness to lend a hand, share his knowledge, and help others solve problems touched the lives of many.

Chris will be forever missed by his parents, Leo and Robyn Bonelli; his brothers, Nicholas Bonelli (Jeanine Hammes) and Joseph Bonelli; his wife, Laurie; his son, Robert Bonelli (Raven); and his niece, Lauren.

Other special people in Chris's life included Karen and Greg Noble, Aunt Susie, Aunt Karen, and cousins Paula, Jeff, Annie, Angela, Drew, and Donald. He is also survived by close friends Chris W., Tye P., Craig K., and many other family members and friends.

While his loss leaves an immeasurable void, his family takes comfort in knowing that his pain has ended and that he is at peace.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, August 1, 2026, from noon until 5:00 p.m. at Evergreen Park, Area 1, in Sheboygan. Food and refreshments will be served. All who knew Chris are welcome to attend and share memories that continue to live on in the hearts of those who loved him.

"The Lord is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." Psalm 34:18

Death Notices

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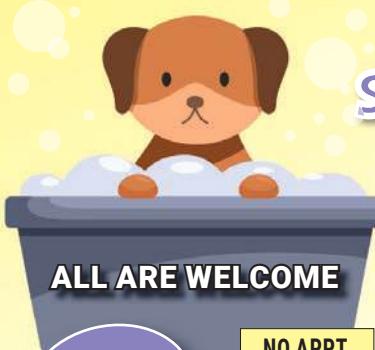
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Getting to Sheboygan from O'Hare using public transportation – A challenge

Guest Essay
by Charles Sumner

The other day I was arriving at O'Hare where I was to meet a friend and we would take his car to Sheboygan. His flight was delayed and eventually cancelled. My options were to stay overnight at an airport hotel, work my way towards downtown Chicago and surprise my son, or find a way to get to Sheboygan using public transportation. I love a good challenge so the last option seemed like a good challenge.

My inbound United flight had free WiFi, so my friend gave me the bad news while I was still in the air. Using Google maps, I punched in my final destination and then clicked on a highly unused button right next to the car option... the Public Transportation button. This button showed me a

great option. A bus to Milwaukee airport, then a train to Sheboygan. A train to Sheboygan? I've never seen a train station in Sheboygan, but I might have missed it in my short time getting a friend's boat ready to sail in the Chicago to Mac Race in July.

The bus to Milwaukee seemed to be going in the right direction and would get me about halfway there. A few clicks later and I had my bus ticket secured as the plane was on final descent into O'Hare. Now the only thing was to find where the bus was leaving from. Something called the multi-modal center seemed big enough so I couldn't miss it. After my flight landed and I deplaned, I got on the people-mover type train to the car rental/multi-modal center. There was my bus! The nice driver took one of my pieces of luggage and I told him I was

going to Milwaukee to catch the train to Sheboygan. He looked at me quizzically and said, I'll take care of you.

The hours long ride to the airport went by quickly with only two stops along the way and once at the airport, the driver asked me where I needed to go... I said MKE. He said, well this is MKA (airport) but MKE is his next stop, so just stay on board and he'll take me to MKE (Amtrak Station, downtown). We then departed, and 15 minutes later we were in downtown Milwaukee where I got off. I was totally confused because I never got on a train, but I was somehow waiting for a train to Sheboygan. Well, there is no train to Sheboygan. The train from Milwaukee airport to Sheboygan is a 'Mixed mode' trip which involves a train and a bus. I went back to Amtrak web-

site and went to the Milwaukee to Sheboygan trip, and in the lower right corner was a little slider button that says "Use Points". Ahhh, I have taken Amtrak before, and I must have some points!

I bought my Amtrak ticket using points which saved me \$22 and I never rode on the first leg of that trip, because the bus took me there... If I didn't purchase my ticket through Amtrak, I would

have had to pay for the bus ride to Sheboygan... now Amtrak paid for my ticket! I just had to wait on the second leg, which was the bus from Milwaukee to Sheboygan. The bus was brand new and smelled like new leather and it was about an hour. My friends, Tim and Mary picked me up from

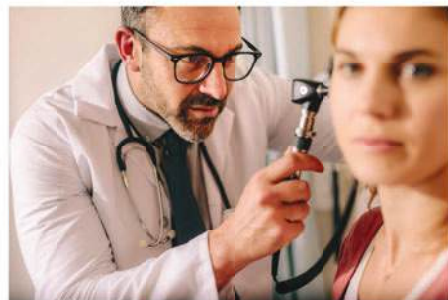
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the nice clean, safe, bus station and we indulged in some local cheese curds and burgers at the

"Four of a kind". It was delicious. The funny part? Two weeks later I get an email from Amtrak asking for Feedback on my train ride.... where I never rode on an Amtrak train!

Net is, you can get to Sheboygan using public transportation if you use a little creativity and put your mind to it.
Charles Sumner lives in Del-ray Beach, FL.

As You See It
Mental health

Recent encounters in our community have compelled me to share my perspective and experience on mental illness. I do not work in the mental health field, nor do I claim to be an expert. However, I am a combat veteran who spent 16 months on the front lines in Iraq. As an MP, we trained the new Iraqi Police Force. We also supported a number of male combat units when they needed assistance from female soldiers. I came home with a chest full of medals, valor, four combat patches, and I was initiated into the order of the spur. I've survived a lot and these are my qualifications to speak on this topic.

Humans are supposed to experience emotion. When we get hurt, we are supposed to cry. If we get ignored, we should feel frustrated. When a friend breaks our heart, it's correct to feel upset. This is normal and a sign of strong mental health. There are times when we will all inevitably go through hard times. When this happens, our emotions can become dysregulated. A healthy brain is capable of experiencing ruminating thoughts, especially when there is unresolved trauma. This does not equal mental illness nor is it a permanent ailment. These are NOT the symptoms of a dangerous person who is capable of harming others. It does mean this human is having a hard time, and they might be a little bit stuck. This is also when compassion and empathy is desperately needed.

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Expand your burger skills this barbecue season

Hamburgers are a staple of backyard barbecues. When summer arrives, few foods embody the laid back vibe of the season better than grilled hamburgers.

There's nothing wrong with a traditional approach to hamburgers, but going the extra mile and augmenting the flavor with some special ingredients can make these beloved summertime staples even more popular. If that's your goal, then consider this recipe for "Hamburgers with Stilton Cheese, Caramelized Shallots and Mushrooms," courtesy of Lines+Angles.

Hamburgers with Stilton Cheese, Caramelized Shallots and Mushrooms
Makes 4 servings

For caramelized shallots:
2 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 1/2 lbs. fresh shallots, peeled and sliced
Salt, to taste
1 tablespoon sugar

For mushrooms:
2 tablespoons butter
1 tablespoon olive oil
1/2 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
1 clove of garlic, minced
8 ounces fresh mushrooms, sliced

For hamburgers:
1 1/2 lbs. ground sirloin, chuck or round
Coarse salt, to taste
Freshly ground black pepper,

to taste
4 slices Stilton cheese
4 hamburger rolls or sandwich rolls
1 tablespoon melted butter
Lettuce leaves

For caramelized shallots:
1. Melt butter with olive oil in a thick-bottomed pan until the oil is shimmering. Add the sliced shallots and stir to coat. Cook, stirring on occasion, for 7 to 10 minutes. Do not let the shallots burn or dry out. Sprinkle the salt and sugar over the shallots.
2. Cook for about 30 minutes, stirring frequently. If shallots seem to be drying out, add a little water or oil to the pan. Shallots should be brown but not burned. Continue to cook and stir; scrape up all the browned bits stuck to the bottom of the pan, until the shallots are a deep, rich, browned color.

For mushrooms:
Melt butter with oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Stir in balsamic vinegar, garlic and mushrooms. Saute for 20 minutes, or until tender.

For hamburgers:
1. Moisten your clean hands with cold water and divide the ground beef in 4 equal portions. Form into a flattened ball. Season with salt and pepper.
2. Refrigerate until ready to cook.
3. Prepare the grill and preheat



to high. Brush the grill grate with oil.
4. Place the prepared burgers on the hot grill grate. Grill for 5 to 7 minutes per side for medium, or until an instant read thermometer inserted through the side of the burger into the center reaches 160 F.
5. Brush the rolls with melted butter and toast them on the grill for about 45 seconds. Assemble the burgers, with lettuce leaves, Stilton cheese, caramelized shallots, and mushrooms. Serve.

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Sheboygan South High School students and staff honored during Redwing Pride Assembly

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US Marine Corps: -Band Award (Semper Fidelis) Kyle Heling

Marine Corps Distinguished Athlete Award: Bianca Schneiderwent

Multilingual Learners Student of the Year: Cristina Nattera

Excellence in Coaching: Maryia Grabow

World Languages Student of the Year: Vy Ung

Art Student of the Year: Copitsy Maurin

Business Student of the Year: Nathan Nguyen

Health/PE Student of the Year: Chase Bohman

21st Century Student Award: Scarlett Smith

Language Arts Student of the Year: Benjamin Vang

WIAA Scholar Athlete: Chase Bohman, Annabelle Gerrits

Mathematics Student of the Year: Gabriel DeWitt

Family & Consumer Education Student of the Year: Reilly Carlson

Social Studies Student of the Year: Charlie White

Music Student of the Year: Angelena Xiong

Sheboygan Music Club Award-Band: Sawyer Lopez

Sheboygan Music Club Award – Orchestra: Emma Martinez

Sheboygan Music Club Award – Choir: Georgieanna Vang

Technology Education Student of the Year: Ryker Vandersande

Science Student of the Year: Annabelle Gerrits

PLTW Medical Pathway: Jordan Haen, Mitshuai Yang, Zoualia Yang, Donnie Vang, Angelina Xiong, Christina Nattera Roque

Edgar Stubenrauch Award: Chase Bohman, Annabelle Gerrits

Dave Cyr Memorial Award: Charlie White

Randy Liebelt Memorial Award: Ryan Stephen

Junior Good Citizen Award: Marco Trimmerger

The Jacob Kirschner – Redwing Way Award: Rebecca Hall

The Red Team Seniors: Ryan Binversie, Chase Bohman, Mariah Delarosa, Max Gabowskii, Iyana Green, Brodie Hilbelink, Emma Martinez, Gisselle Martinez, Kylie Mendez, Cristina Nattera Roque, Jordana Reese, Mackenzie Schmidt, Bianca Schneiderwent, Emma See, Madysen Sommerfeldt, Jo-vanny Soto, Vy Ung, Benjamin

Vang, Kristabella Yang, Mitshuai Yang, Violet Yang

Top 4-Year Athlete: Jayden Wesaw, Emma Daharsh

Friend of South High: Tim Eirich

Friend of South Athletes Award: Peter Toutenhoofd

Peace of Mind That Goes Beyond Better Hearing

Today's modern hearing aids do much more than help people hear conversations clearly. Some of the newest technologies include built-in fall detection and emergency assistance features that can provide an added layer of security & safety for both the wearer and their loved ones.

Imagine living independently while knowing help is only a tap away. Many modern hearing aids allow the wearer to send an alert to pre-selected family members or friends—even if they haven't fallen but simply need assistance. Whether you're feeling weak, lost, or experiencing a medical concern, a discreet tap on your hearing aid can notify your emergency contacts that you need assistance.

If a fall does occur, advanced sensors within the hearing aids automatically detect the impact and send an alert through a connected smartphone. Your emergency contacts are notified and given your location. If those contacts don't respond within a predetermined time period, some systems can escalate the situation by contacting emergency services, helping ensure assistance is on the way when it's needed most.

For many families, this technology offers something that can't be measured in dollars—peace of mind. Adult children often worry about parents who live alone, while older adults may hesitate to ask for help because they don't want to lose their independence. Fall detection technology helps bridge that gap by allowing individuals to remain active and confident while reassuring family members that someone will be notified if an emergency arises.

At Hear Again America, we believe hearing care is about more than better hearing—it's about better living. Today's hearing aids are equipped with remarkable, innovative features that support communication, safety, and independence. If you've been thinking about hearing aids, now is the perfect time to discover how this technology can help protect both you and the people who care about you.

Because sometimes the most important thing a hearing aid provides isn't just better hearing—it's greater confidence, security, and peace of mind.

Note: Automatic fall detection and emergency alert features vary by manufacturer and model and typically require setup with a compatible smartphone and designated emergency contacts. Some systems can contact emergency services if emergency contacts do not respond or through integrated emergency response services, depending on the device and configuration. At Hear Again America, we offer advanced hearing technology from **Starkey**, including select models with fall detection and emergency alert capabilities. Ask our hearing care team whether these life-enhancing safety features are right for you or a loved one.



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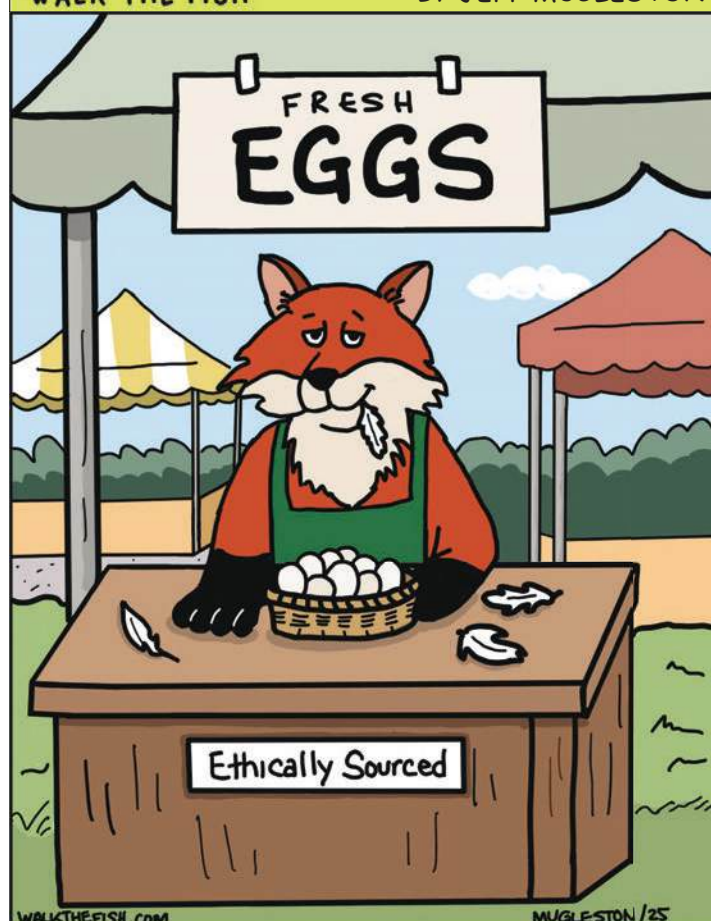
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Captain and first mate recognized for saving man's life in Lake Michigan waters

by **Dave Boehler**
for The Beacon

Plymouth resident Jordan Bradley and Josh Genske of Howards Grove recently helped save a man's life from 56-degree water off the shore of Sheboygan.

"Lake Michigan, she's a beast of her own," Bradley said. "A lot of stuff can happen out there, so I don't want to say we for sure did. We were just happy to be there, in the right time at the right place, to give a helping hand."

The Sheboygan County



Jordan Bradley (yellow shirt) and Josh Genske (gray) were honored by the Sheboygan County Sheriff's Office for saving a man's life on Lake Michigan. - Submitted photo

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Sheriff's Office was impressed, however, and gave them Marine Patrol Challenge Coins.

"Their quick thinking, decisive actions, and willingness to assist a stranger in need undoubtedly saved a life that day," the office stated in a press release. "Although Marine Patrol officers were responding and arrived within minutes, the fast response by Captain Bradley and First Mate Genske made the critical

difference during those first moments of the emergency."

Bradley and Genske were working aboard the charter fishing vessel Last Chance on June 19 when the rescued occurred.

They received their coins in a ceremony on July 1.

"I think it was more rewarding just knowing we helped someone," Bradley said. "It was just more rewarding to know that someone wasn't seriously injured that day, but it was a cool experience getting the coin, too."

Last Chance, a 10-me-

ter Trojan International, was coming in from a morning charter with six customers who caught a mixture of salmon and trout.

Upon entering the harbor, a couple of people were spotted on the pier and it appeared someone else needed help.

Bradley maneuvered the boat around and saw a man trying to survive in the water.

The man told Bradley he was unable to swim to the pier's ladder, and a lady holding his hand said she was losing grip.

Bradley quickly positioned

the boat so its back was facing the pier and the man.

Genske tied a rope to a ring buoy and threw it on the water.

The man grabbed on, and Genske pulled him to the swim platform before helping him out of the lake.

"You don't see situations like that often," Bradley said. "But the water was very cold. I mean, the gentleman was very fit. He even said he's a good swimmer. But he said he didn't realize how cold the water was. And when he jumped in, he had that shock of the cold. ... Everyone

was obviously happy that he wasn't seriously injured."

The charter returned to the harbor when Bradley heard sirens from a fire truck and ambulance.

The sheriff's boat was also heading their direction and the crew flagged it down so the man could be transferred.

Bradley and Genske haven't seen or heard from him since, they just knew he is from Milwaukee and was in the water to retrieve a stroller that blew away from his wife and young child as they posed for a picture.

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Dynamite Bill: mischievous man, master blaster

by Sarah Hall
for The Beacon

“You can make only one mistake with dynamite,” legendary explosives expert George “Dynamite Bill” Gardner told the Plymouth Kiwanis Club in the summer of 1943.

Yet he himself had survived a nerve-wrenching childhood, family tragedies, reform school, World War I, scrapes with the law and close calls on the job. Three years after he made the above remark, someone else’s blunder would cause a wagon full of his dynamite to blast much of Plymouth’s downtown – miraculously, without causing a single serious injury.

At times outrageously mischievous, independent and bold, George was also highly intelli-

gent and methodical and defied the stereotype of a reckless daredevil. Mistakes were not part of his repertoire.

On top of that, he was widely known as a fundamentally nice, friendly guy... who loved to tell a good story, which his one reason why he is fondly remembered throughout Sheboygan County and the state today.

His precision was infamous. When he blew out a basement at Prange’s downtown Sheboygan department store, not a single china cup on the other side of the wall was damaged, according to an October 17, 1966 Plymouth Review article marking his passing.

“In Sheboygan Falls, he once removed 270 concrete abutments from a factory in seven days without breaking a window,” the me-

morial notes, adding that George himself said his all-time toughest job was blasting a long, deep channel in the Fox River.

An October 19, 2018 reflection by Sheboygan County Historical Resource Center Executive Director Beth Dippel in the Review states that he “defly annihilated the concrete steps leading to the Franklin Hotel Bar in Sheboygan Falls, between beers, as his drinking companions continued quenching their thirsts inside, completely unaware of Bill’s activity.”

“A story has been told that Gardner didn’t like to wait for a barber,” a December 2, 1977 Review retrospective by Janice Hildebrand points out. “On his expedition to get his haircut he always

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George “Dynamite Bill” Gardner in September 1956 as he was about to blow up twin 56-foot concrete silos at Bemis Manufacturing in Sheboygan Falls, when he was nearly 70 years old.
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brought a stick of dynamite. Upon entering the shop, he would throw it into the coal heater. The barber chair would empty quickly. Gardner never told the other patrons that this particular type of dynamite wouldn't detonate without a percussion cap."

"When Bill dynamited old interurban rails from the Sheboygan's downtown section, traffic streamed by uninterrupted," Dippel's account relates. "When an ice jam on the Sheboygan River piled up to eight feet under the Penn Avenue Bridge it was Bill who, without aid, crawled out on the treacherous mound and blasted the jam loose."

Despite his exactitude, "I should have been dead a long time ago," George admitted at his Kiwanis Club talk, according to the July 29, 1943 account of it in the Review.

He was orphaned as a young boy, lived with one family after another and kept running away. Then he "fell in with a man who blasted with black powder and went from town to town with a horse and wagon," the story states. "One day the man got too close to his business and Dynamite Bill inherited the horse and wagon."

By 1917, George was a hotel keeper and land clearer in Waldo, according to his WWI draft card. Military records show that he stood 5' 7 1/2" tall and had brown eyes and a stout build.

He grew famous in the war, checking the German advance on Paris after he volunteered to demolish an old stone bridge across the Marne River. News reports made much of his long, wavy black hair and refusal to wear a hat.

Dynamite Bill came home to a hero's welcome and his long-time love Amanda Behr of the Town of Lima. By the 1920 census, they were living together on Rhine Street in Elkhart Lake, with Amanda listed as his "partner" and a hotel housekeeper. Although they were granted marriage licenses twice and referred to each other as husband and wife for the rest of their lives, it is unclear whether they ever actually wed. They often lived apart and had no children.

The 1920s were a tumultuous time for George, who opposed Prohibition, ran "soft drink parlors" in both Waldo and Elkhart Lake and by all accounts enjoyed alcohol. A February 25, 1925 report in the Review said that Prohibition men were in Cascade "and when they reached Waldo decided to pay Dynamite Bill a visit."

"Bill was quite a little more unsteady than if had been drinking nothing but water," the article cheekily noted. "When he saw who his visitors were, he gave his wife a signal and the lights went out. But raiders were prepared and with aid of flashlights gathered up the whiskey they wanted. They also thought it would be wise to take Bill with them. He was lodged in jail and for a time

entertained them with a violin he found there."

A couple of months later, George was still in the slammer and played "Coming Through the Rye" as a wedding march for a fellow prisoner, according to another Review article.

It was not long before George was once again in trouble. "In 1927 he was charged with selling intoxicating liquor at his Waldo tavern," a December 2, 1977 Review retrospective by Janice Hildebrand points out. "The case was the first jury trial involving the Volstead Act in Wisconsin." He pled innocent, the first trial resulted in a hung jury and the second delivered a not guilty verdict.

George soon quit the hospitality business, was working at a logging operation in northern Michigan as of 1930, then went back to full-time blasting and stayed in demand throughout Wisconsin. He would often dynamite rocks for farmers to make them smaller and easier to remove.

A March 19, 1931 piece in the Review notes that he had just moved to Plymouth. "He purchased the former Fischer property which at one time was a blacksmith shop," the article states. "It is located on West Main Street opposite the creamery."

"In his many long years at this dangerous trade, Gardner was only injured once," Hildebrand's biography points out. "In 1933, he was blasting some concrete foundations at the Miller Guest House near Plymouth. By this time, his fame had spread far and wide and he attracted a sizable crowd. He said, 'I made a mistake of trying to keep one eye on the people crowding too close and one eye on the work, and came near losing both eyes.'" The charge went off before expected and he spent ten months in a veterans hospital regaining his sight.

"The biggest blast of Gardner's was not of his own making," that account continues. Shortly after 4 p.m. on Sunday, October 13, 1946, 16-year-old Robert Marth of Plymouth sat on the fender of a car and aimed his rifle at a sparrow perched on the wheel of Dynamite Bill's wagon parked 150 feet away. His first shot missed, but the second hit the wagon and exploded more than 1,000 pounds of dynamite.

"The blast shook a half dozen counties and Plymouth streets were awash with shattered glass," the article notes. "One Plymouth

resident was just about to sit down to listen to the radio. The davenport rose to meet him. Everyone rushed outside to see what had happened. All that could be seen was a hole in the ground 10 to 12 feet deep and 15 to 20 feet across. The wagon and the sparrow disappeared."

George remained active through the 1950s, demolishing a 70-foot smokestack at the Plymouth Ice & Coal Company on July 4, 1951 and blowing up twin 56-foot concrete silos at Bemis Manufacturing in Sheboygan Falls in 1956, when he was nearly 70 years old.

His house "looked ordinary enough from the outside," Dippel's article says, but once inside, "the ordinary ceased and the fantastic began. From the mammoth potbellied stove, a century old, to the antiquated mahogany back bar attached to one wall, Bill's home was something out of a housewife's nightmare."

By this point in his life, George had lost his aversion to headgear and "a dozen hats, one dirtier and more misshapen than the other, clung to the back bar." Oddly, six ornate chandeliers hung from his ceiling.

Tom De Troye, a 1966 Plymouth High School graduate and retired police officer who now lives in New Holstein, knew Dynamite Bill's place well. When he was 11 years old, he lived close by and his interest was piqued after neighborhood moms warned him and his friends to steer clear of the guy.

"We weren't supposed to go there, so naturally, we did," De Troye recalled. They would climb up on Dynamite Bill's wood pile, peek over the top and peer through his windows.

At the time, De Troye did odd jobs for Roy Lambrecht, the owner of Plymouth Beer Depot (and father of the future owner of Dino's Pizza) and would often see George, in his signature striped, bib overalls, let himself in the back door and buy three quart bottles of Kingsbury beer.

George's ritual, once a week or so, was to sit on the wall of the Mullet River in Utility Park, drink the first bottle, return the empty (peeling off the coupon to use next time) and walk back home with the other two beers in his back pockets.

The young De Troye and the aging local legend started chatting and never stopped until De Troye



George Gardner's home on West Main Street in Plymouth, pictured around 1959, "was something out of a housewife's nightmare," according to a 2018 article by Beth Dippel. "A discarded TV antenna served as a drying rack for an assortment of grey union suits. Pin-up girls of the Theda Bera era, still looking pink and plump in spite of layers of dust, adorned the back wall." Hundreds of aluminum milk cans competed for floor space after the ever-frugal George cut a deal to store them for the S & R Cheese Company across the street. Often spending time with him during this era was his close friend Pete Price.

joined the Air Force right after high school – where, ironically, he became a munitions master who built bombs in Vietnam.

"We would sit by the river and shoot the bull. Then I would often accompany him back to his house," De Troye said. "It was fun to spend time with him, he got along with everybody and he had the patience to talk with a teenager."

De Troye said George had old-fashioned hand pumps that were used to draw water in his kitchen and bathroom. No female companion was then in evidence and there were plenty of girlie posters on the walls. But Dynamite Bill seemed to treasure a particular large, framed, expensive-looking portrait of a woman De Troye assumed was his wife.

Soon he started helping George carry dynamite to and from two big, walk-in safes where he stored it and his old panel truck. He was a careful man who taught

him how to safely and confidently handle explosives, while respecting their power, De Troye noted.

The lion of the demolition business eventually grew a long, white beard and was often quoted as saying he had never once walked away from a charge without repeating the Lord's Prayer.

Towards the end of his life, diabetes stole his eyesight and strength, he died at Winnebago State Hospital on October 12, 1966 and he is buried in Plymouth's Woodlawn Cemetery.

"Quirky, talented and definitely unique, George Gardner was certainly one of Plymouth's most fascinating residents," Dippel's article concludes.

"Plymouth should revere him forever," De Troye contended. "He was absolutely a one and only."

To learn of Dynamite Bill's early adventures, read part one of this story in the June 30, 2026 Beacon.

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I can still remember the first time I went to Bing Dreyer's farm to help him harvest sweet corn. It was more than a decade ago, when I was a young farmer and Bing was an old man living on the Dreyer homestead down on Winooski Road. He was a nice neighbor who I was just getting acquainted with, and our shared love of growing vegetables led us to become good friends in his last years of life. Although Bing is no longer here to see it, I try my best to keep his tradition of sweet corn alive on my own farm each year.

The first time I went to pick corn with Bing was a day like most good corn picking days...hot, sunny, and humid. High summer, when you are sticky just sitting still, and the only way to work through the

heat of the day is to decide that you don't mind the discomfort. I learned from Bing to not mind the discomfort.

He sat on his lawn tractor waiting for me, his cotton sun hat already sweat stained and drooping over his forehead. He was going to drive through the corn rows and I was going to cut the corn and fill the wagon he was towing.

"Don't forget to count!" Bing called to me as he reached for the key and fired up the little red tractor.

Wait...Count the corn? I thought. Aren't I picking at least a thousand ears today? Won't it take hours? What if I lose track? But before I could protest, he drove down into the corn patch with the large empty wagon bumping along behind him. The dense rows of cornstalks in their summer

flush nearly swallowed him up.

Bing was fastidiously tidy compared to my own scattered self, and I suspected that he kept more accurate field records than I did, although he was a retired hobby farmer and I was the one who was supposed to be running a business. He had been a chemist at Kohler Company, and his manners would always be more meticulous than my own. He was also an expert card player—the nearly prehistoric game of Skat he would teach me in due course—and no doubt he excelled at counting cards, or anything for that matter. But the corn?

I darted after him, harvest knife in hand and unanswered questions trailing behind me. I had cut sweet corn on my own farm for several seasons, but I had never tried to count while I cut; usually I did that after the harvest was done when it was easier to concentrate on the pile in front of me.

Bing's corn patch, unlike the rest of his neatly clipped yard, was as wild as a jungle. I waded into the row next to where he had driven the tractor. He rode ahead of me, and I was supposed to keep his wagon close by my side. Weeds crisscrossed all over

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the aisles, wrapping around my ankles and waist and tripping me with each step. It was more taxing than walking through deep snowdrifts. Thoughts of snow were tantalizing, but only made the air seem more stifling. I cut the first few ears and threw them into the wagon.

Wait, was that three or four ears? I looked into the wagon and counted the three lonely-looking ears sitting at the bottom of a seemingly endless pit. Double-checking wasted precious seconds and crushed my morale. Bing drove steadily forward, never looking back. If I was going to count accurately and still keep up, I would need to find some rhythm.

By the thirteenth ear I had made up a system of saying the number of dozen I was working on along with the number of ears within the current dozen every time I cut another one. Thirteen ears equaled one dozen and one ears. Then one dozen and two ears, one dozen and three ears, one dozen and four ears. Framing the numbers in this way immediately improved my ability to focus. I could cut each ear in approximately the time it took to slowly and deliberately say the number that I was on: one dozen and five. One dozen and six. Two ears went sailing into the wagon. The steady beat of this numbering system left no time for any other thought. One dozen and seven. One dozen and eight. Two more ears landed in the wagon. One dozen and nine, one dozen and ten...and on we went, deeper and deeper into the corn patch.

Sweet corn was Bing's prized crop. He had been growing it for decades before I entered his life. His sweet corn was well known in the Winooski neighborhood. Bing's favorite variety was Honey Select. Pretty soon I was planting Honey Select in my own fields, too.

Forty-one dozen and eleven ears, then forty-two dozen. Forty-two and one, forty-two and two, forty-two and three, forty-two and four. The afternoon hours ticked slowly by, with nothing but corn all around me and the hum of the tractor engine always just ahead of me.

To be continued...

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 15: Discovering Wildflowers: 1:30 p.m. Black River Trails. Join Master Naturalist Karen Merlau and discover the many wildflowers growing along the Black River Trail. Vehicle admission required.

THURSDAY, JULY 16: Firefly

Watch: 8:30 p.m. Outdoor Shelter. Join in a search for blinking fireflies. Best for ages 8 and up. Vehicle admission required.

SATURDAY, JULY 18: Exploring Kohler Dunes: 9:30 a.m. Sanderling Nature Center. Join Jim Buchholz and Butch Dumez for a family-friendly adventure exploring this ever-shifting world of dune and sky. Vehicle admission required.

Shakespeare in the Park: "Hamlet" Workshop: 5:30 p.m. Amphitheater. Join the cast of Summit Players' production to learn the ins and outs of this puzzling classic. Vehicle admission required.

Shakespeare in the Park: "Hamlet" Performance: 7:00 p.m. Amphitheater. Enjoy the Summit Players' production of Shakespeare's most puzzling and popular play. Moves to nature center in poor weather. Vehicle admission required.

TUESDAY, JULY 21: Discovery Bird Walk: 8:00 a.m. Woodland Dunes Trail. Join Master Naturalists Janet & Andy Raddatz for a guided bird walk. Age 12 and up. Vehicle admission required.

Out with Invasives!: 6:00 p.m. Black River Trail. Grab your gloves and help remove invasive plants to encourage native wildflowers in the woods. Admission

is free for volunteers.

THURSDAY, JULY 23: Exploring the Marsh: 9:00 a.m. Black River Marsh Boardwalk. Come explore the marsh with scoopers and basins to discover the living secrets of the marsh. Vehicle admission required.

SATURDAY, JULY 25: Kite Building Workshop: 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Bathhouse. Have fun making and decorating a pocket sled kite. \$5 cash/kite. All ages welcome. Vehicle admission required.

Summer Candlelight Hike: 8:30 – 10:30 p.m. parking lot P3, 4, 5, or 6. Enjoy a self-guided torch-lit walk on the beach and cordwalk. Nature center will be open. Vehicle admission required.

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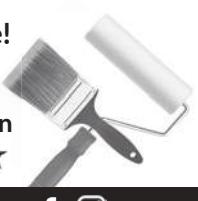
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WEDNESDAY, JULY 15:
Health Care Power of Attorney Workshop: 2:45-5:15 p.m., Rocca Room. Join specialists

from Sheboygan County Adult Protective Services as they walk you through the process of creating a Power of Attorney for Health Care document.
SATURDAY, JULY 18: Tie-Dyed Tea Towels: 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m., Imaginarium, Mead Library, Sheboygan. Learn to tie patterns on a tea towel and to resist dye with instructor Elaine Jacks. Register at meadpl.org or call 920-459-3400.
MONDAY, JULY 20: Grief-keepers' Crafting Society: 5:30-7:30 p.m., Imaginarium. Find healing through creativity and community in this informal gathering offering a safe, non-judgmental space to support one another and work on crafts. Led by Dorothy McElroy, grief support specialist and coach. For ages 14+.
FRIDAY, JULY 24: Sheboygan County Memory Cafe: 10-11:30 a.m., Rocca Room. Mead will host a themed social gathering for people living with memory loss and for their families, friends or care partners. These social-engagement events are an opportunity to have fun, share experiences and stay connected. Register at meadpl.org or call 920-459-3400.
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SECOND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH: Ukulele Club: 1:00 pm at the Grashorn Civic Center. All levels welcome! Contact elcirc@monarchlibraries.org for more info.
SECOND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH: Book Club: 1 p.m. To be placed on our book club list, email elcirc@monarchlibraries.org.
THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH: Fiber Arts Circle: 1:00pm. All needlework and fiber arts welcome, bring a project and join us for conversation and crafting camaraderie.
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TUESDAY, JULY 14: Pizza and a Movie: 1 pm. Vote for pizza toppings and the movie selection at the library in June. For 5th grade and up. Registration required.
WEDNESDAY, JULY 15: Pre-historic Pets with J&R Aquatic Rescue: 12:30 pm performance. Recommended for ages 4 and up.
THURSDAY, JULY 16: History of Racing in Elkhart Lake: 1 pm. Presentation by author Steve Zautke about the history of racing in Elkhart Lake. Civic Center. For adults.

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GenT Open Hours – Free Tech Help: 11:30am – 1:30pm. Help with tech (cell phones, laptops, tablets, etc.) will be offered in the Generation Library. No appointment needed. Tech help is free and available to the community.
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Summer Concert Series: II Cool: 5:00pm – 8:00pm. Generations' Summer Concert Series continues with II Cool! The beat fry begins at 5:00pm. The cash bar and 50/50 raffle open at 5:30pm. Music begins at 6:00pm. Join us for a fun night out as we celebrate we rock out on the patio!

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Veterans' Chat: 11:00am. All Veterans are welcome to join us for lunch and conversation. The special will be Lasagna for \$9. For anyone 60 and older, you can register through the Meal Site to get your lunch for a suggested donation. Visit Susan Wenzel for more information.

COURT REPORT

June 22 to June 26, 2026

Extradition-Arrest w/o Warrant

Mojica, Darian A., 2/28/2006, Sheboygan, Extradited.

DCA and other charges

Neuaone, Maylena I., 8/5/2007, Sheboygan, Criminal Damage to Property (Use of Dangerous Weapon)-Misdemeanor-DCA-1 year, Disorderly Conduct (Forfeiture), \$204.50.

Forfeitures

Castillo Avina, Rosalinda, 10/1967, Sheboygan, Retail Theft, \$389.50.

Traffic

Bates, Sherese L., 9/1982, Sheboygan, Violation of Child Safety Restraint Requirements-Child 4 years but less than 8 years of age (2 counts), Vehicle Operator Fail/Wear Seat Belt, \$310.20.

Berry-Street, Landon A., 2/2008, Sheboygan, Operator Violate Red Traffic Light, \$175.30.

Coulter, James V., 7/1942, Sheboygan, Fail/Stop for Unloading School Bus, \$676.50.

Ducat, Joshua J., 7/1995, Sheboygan, Non-Registration of Vehicle-Auto, Operate Motor Vehicle w/o Insurance, \$375.80.

Enamorodo, Pedro G., 9/1990,

Sheboygan, Operating while Suspended, Speeding on Freeway (20-24 mph), \$476.60.

Herrera Laguna, Franklin, 1/1990, Sheboygan, Unlawful U/Y Turn-Erected Signs, Operating while Suspended, \$375.80.

Johnston, Benjamin N., 9/1992, Sheboygan, Non-Registration of Vehicle-Auto, \$175.30.

Lee, Phia, 5/1983, Sheboygan, Operating while Suspended, Vehicle Operator Fail/Wear Seat Belt, \$210.50.

Medicielo, Alexander Y., 12/1997, Sheboygan, Speeding on Expressway (20-24 mph), \$276.10.

Miranda, Jose R., 9/1982, Sheboygan, Operate w/o Valid License, Vehicle Operator Fail/Wear Seat Belt, \$210.50.

Moreno, Jenna J., 1/1986, Sheboygan, Vehicle Operator Fail/Wear Seat Belt, Operator Fail/Have Passenger/Seat Belted, \$20.00.

Olsen, Michael R., 9/1980, Sheboygan, Op w/PAC >0.15 (1st), License Revoked 9 months, Ignition Interlock 12 months, \$1,190.50.

Rollins, Karen D., 8/1989, Sheboygan, Operate a Motor Vehicle w/o Insurance, \$200.50.

Ruiz Cruz, Isabel, 11/1985, She-

boygan, Possess Open Intoxicants in Motor Vehicle-Passenger, \$200.50.

Sequeria Morales, Wilson, 10/1998, Sheboygan, Speeding on Expressway (16-19 mph), Operate w/o Valid License, \$451.30.

Shisler, Amber R., 1/2007, Sheboygan, Operate Motorcycle w/o Valid License, \$200.50.

Siebenlist, Stephanie L., 12/1986, Sheboygan, Non-Registration of Vehicle-Auto, Operating while Suspended, \$375.80.

Thede, Zachary R., 1/2000, She-

boygan, OWI (1st), Operating while Suspended, License Revoked 7 months, \$1,193.50.

Thorson, Erika E., 11/1980, Sheboygan, Operating while Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle w/o Insurance, Non-Registration of Vehicle-Auto, \$576.30.

Zimmerman, Leslie J., 4/1967, Sheboygan, Fail/Stop for Unloading School Bus, \$676.50.

Operate w/o Carrying License
Gomez Velasquez, Neyzer N., 3/28/2005, Sheboygan, \$217.10.

Mares, Mario M., 9/1/1981, Sheboygan, \$217.10.

Speeding in 55 mph Zone
Molla, Toni, 4/1998, Sheboygan (1-10 mph), \$175.30.

Pfeiffer, Holley M., 6/1981, Sheboygan, (11-15 mph), \$175.30.

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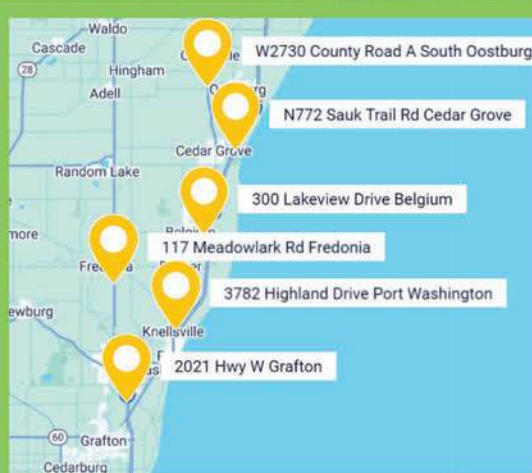
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Schultz Lake Adventures

Hello friends,

This week like last week I am writing to you about the very good time I had at Shultz Lake (www.chimolodgeandoutposts.com) which is an outpost camp where we are the only cabin on an entire chain of lakes in northwest Ontario and the only way that you can reach our getaway is by float plane. My family and several of our friends have been spending 7 days at this fly in outpost for the last 44 years and this neck of the Canadian bush is also where I started writing as I was the camp manager at the main camp on Roderick lake.

Wednesday, June 17th
High 61, low 45

Everyone in this gang of 7 is 64 or older except my nephew Trent Schuster who is 33. A go for it outdoor adventure really tests a person's metal, as this year there was a lot of wind and cool temps, we stay up very late, we are in the boat for about 10 hours each day and sometimes we fall. This year one of our guys fell when getting in a boat off from a slippery rock and it was pretty obvious that he broke some ribs. For the most part we all go to the same duck camp, deer camp and this trip. We are tough and pretty much tough everything out.

Today I made the 7 mile boat ride with Trent and our good

and crazy buddy Roger Frank to Bear Creek where we would make a short portage to Walleye Lake for a day of fishing. Roger is the guy that fell and I have to give him credit for toughing out his injury.

Back in the mid-90s we were here when Shultz burned and it was truly a memorable experience. About five years ago Shultz burned again and now it is moose paradise with all the new aspen growth.

The memory of watching the fire creep in our direction for days and then the mandatory emergency evacuation for most of our crew, followed by Jeff Moll and I staying and helping forest fire fighters save our cabin was pure top notch. Two hours before the evacuation the winds had picked up and the fire was headed our way real quick, 30 minutes before it would have done some serious damage a storm put it out. That night we

had a big old shing ding in the cabin with forest fire fighters and then Chimo owner Pete Hagedorn and the next morning the rest of our group was flown back to Schultz to finish out our week

Back in '84 my brother Tom and I hunted black bear on bear creek, it was our first experience hunting bear and Tom whacked a good one.

My brother Bob passed away a number of years ago and we have built a rock tribute on the creek with some of his ashes to honor him.

Friday, June 19th
High 65, low 47

My brother in law Dick Schuster would win our big gator contest with a 40.5 inch beauty that was released. Tom Walters had big walleye with a 26.5-inch fish and today I had a good fish hit my Rapala "Rippin Rap" and it was a half inch short of Tom's so he would win

for the week in that category. Speaking of the Rippin Rap, remember this if you are not aware, blue chrome RPR06. If I had a choice of one only one bait that I could use, this would be it, troll it or toss it and work it like a jig, you will be amazed.

On Monday five of us were in the cabin at about 5 in the afternoon when a powerful storm hit camp and literally blew two of our 3 boats off the ramp as well as knocking two large pine trees over that could easily have taken out our cabin. We watched helplessly as our boats blew across the lake and I was certain they would both sink and we had no idea as visibility was very poor after 100-yards. After the storm we found the boats and everything worked out.

The fishing this year for walleye was the best in decades and just continues to get better each year and the size average

is growing.

If you are an old timer when it comes to fly in outposts or main camps or brand new, I would highly recommend checking out Chimo, the adventure, the solitude, the quality fishing and most importantly catching your wind for the next 358 days of your life until you return is priceless.

Sunset



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Sixel, Dean J., 8/1976, Sheboygan, (20-24 mph), \$225.70.
Speeding on Freeway
Young, Diantae D., 6/1991, Sheboygan, (11-15 mph), \$200.50.

Exceeding Speed Zones
Nowacki, Jacob R., 10/1989, Sheboygan, (20-24 mph), \$225.70.
Misdemeanors
Kline, Amy Lynn, 8/24/1978, She-

boygan, Disorderly Conduct (Repeater), Resisting or Obstructing an Officer (Repeater), Criminal Trespass to Dwelling (Repeater), Bail Jumping (Repeater), Jail 64 days, \$2,806.00.

Pfeiffer, Jesse A., 9/23/2006, Sheboygan, Battery (PTAC), \$471.40.

Widucki, Steven J., 7/13/1962, Sheboygan, Disorderly Conduct (Domestic Abuse), Jail 45 days, \$555.00.

Misdemeanors and other charges

Friar, Raecal D., 9/6/1996, Sheboygan, Bail Jumping (Felony-5 counts), Possession of THC, Bail Jumping (Misdemeanor), Prison 2 years and 18 months, Extended Supervision 4 years, Firearms/Weapons Restrictions, \$6,231.85.

Sanders, Italo L., 10/29/1982, Sheboygan, Possess Firearm-Convicted of Felony, (Repeater-Felony), Disorderly Conduct (Domestic Abuse-Repeater-Misdemeanor), Prison 18 months, Extended Supervision 3 years, Firearms/Weapons Restrictions, \$1,073.00.

Felonies

Moncree-Napper, Shamira M., 12/23/2001, Sheboygan, Possession of Firearm-Convicted of Felony, Prison 2 years, Extended Supervision 4 years, Firearms/Weapons Restrictions, \$546.40.

Niesing, Emiliano C., 5/31/2008, Sheboygan, 2nd degree Sexual Assault of Child, Strangulation and Suffocation, Child Abuse-High Probability-Great Harm, Prison 5 years, Extended Supervision 9 years, Sex Offender Registry-Lifetime, \$2,059.06.

Taylor, Dartagnon J., 3/26/1986, Sheboygan, Bail Jumping, Disorderly Conduct, (Domestic Abuse-Repeater), Prison 1 year, Extended Supervision 1 year, Firearms/Weapons Restrictions, \$3,293.50.

June 29 to July 2, 2026
No court on Friday due to Independence Day holiday

Forfeitures

Avila Garcia, Francisco J., 7/1975, Sheboygan, Retail Theft, \$389.50.

Fechler, Jr., Anthony J., 12/1978, Sheboygan, Littering, \$326.50.

Mendez, Jonathan A., 5/13/2001, Sheboygan, Resisting or Obstructing an Officer, \$393.50.

Traffic

Cole, Jeffrey L., 11/1989, Sheboygan, Improper Signal for Stop/Turn, \$276.10.

Downey, Seriah K., 4/2006, She-

boygan, License Restriction Violation-Class D or M Vehicle, \$200.50.

Kaczmarek, Lon P., 11/1963, Sheboygan, Fail/Yield Right/Way from Stop Sign (Resulting Great Bodily Harm), \$767.50.

Risch, Eric M., 1/1997, Sheboygan, Vent/Side Window Excessive Tinting, \$175.30.

Schmidt, Emily, 3/2003, Sheboygan, Operate after Revocation/Suspension of Registration, Operating while Suspended, \$375.80.

Shisler, Amber R., 1/2007, Sheboygan, Operate Motorcycle w/o Valid License, \$200.50.

Boomsma, Brady R., 6/2007, Sheboygan, \$200.50.

Fennessy, Kayla R., 6/88, Sheboygan, \$200.50.

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Reyes Delgado, Octavio, 5/2008, Sheboygan, \$200.50.

Speeding in 55 mph Zone

Natera Carreno, Alberto R., 7/2002, Sheboygan, (40-44 mph), \$452.00.

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Dunlap, Anthony, 7/7/1982, Sheboygan, (4th), Jail 120 days, License Revoked 36 months, Ignition Interlock 36 months, Firearms/Weapons Restrictions, \$2,128.50.

Misdemeanors

Boyles, Ishawn D., 8/21/1984, Sheboygan, Possession of THC, \$1,016.25.

Soule, Evyn L., 8/15/1989, Sheboygan, Theft-Moveable Property <=\$2500, Jail 30 days, \$6,917.60.

Wilson, Travis T.M., 8/1/1994, Sheboygan, Endanger Safety/Use/Dangerous Weapon, \$717.00.

Misdemeanors and other charges

Perez, Julian, 10/12/1985, Sheboygan, 3rd degree Sexual Assault (Domestic Abuse-Felony), Disorderly Conduct (2 counts-Domestic Abuse-Misdemeanor), Prison 3 years, Extended Supervision 4 years, Firearms/Weapons Restrictions, \$1,732.40.

Felonies

Wallace, Marlon R., 4/12/1979, Sheboygan, Fail/Maintain Sex Offender Registration, Jail 6 months, Firearms/Weapons Restrictions, Sex Offender Registry, \$530.00.

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Harlem, and Idina Menzel. The series invites audiences to experience extraordinary artistry and unforgettable live performances in the heart of the community.

The season opens on Saturday, October 10, 2026, with The War and Treaty, the GRAMMY®-nominated husband-and-wife duo whose signature blend of country, soul, gospel, folk, and rock has earned critical acclaim and captivated audiences around the world. Their powerful harmonies and

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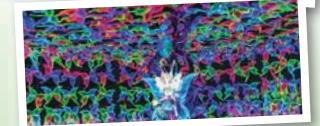
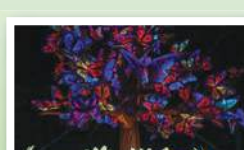
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The 2026-2027 Distinguished Guest Series highlights artists whose work transcends genres and generations while celebrating the shared experience that only live performance can provide. From the Confidential Communication: Information is for use only by approved users. heartfelt musical storytelling of *The War and Treaty* to the groundbreaking artistry of Dance Theatre of Harlem and the star power of Idina Menzel, the season promises a diverse and memorable lineup.

2026-2027 Distinguished Guest Series Schedule

The War and Treaty

Saturday, October 10, 2026 | 7:00 p.m.

Dance Theatre of Harlem

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Idina Menzel

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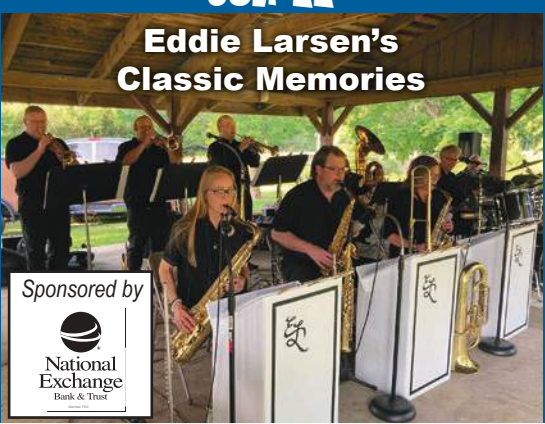
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Centreville Settlement to celebrate 175th Anniversary of Historic German Saxon Lutze Housebarn

Centreville Settlement Inc. announces the 175th Anniversary Celebration of the treasured German Saxon Housebarn, an architectural and cultural landmark built in 1849. The community is invited to step back into the 19th century for an afternoon of history, heritage, and hands-on experiences. Event Date: Saturday, July 25, 2026 Time: 12:00–3:00 PM Location: 13630 S. Union Road, Newton, WI 53063. This familyfriendly event will feature horsedrawn and vintage tractor rides to the site, guided tours of the 1849 Housebarn, and a chance to explore the historic 1870s farm garden. Visitors can wander the six acres of wooded trails, enjoy German food, and watch oldtime crafters demonstrate traditional skills that shaped early Wisconsin life including shingle making, timber hewing, soap making, stenciling, pottery making, crocheting and more.

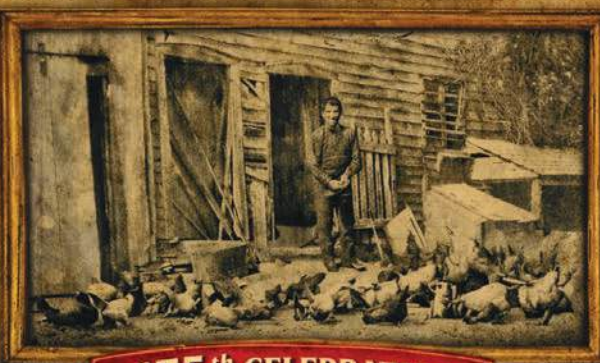
The lively sounds of classic polka and waltz accordion music will fill the grounds. A historic proclamation will be announced at 1:00 PM. Followed by the Concordia Singers at 1:30 PM performing traditional German and American patriotic and national anthems along with audience participation in German sing-along (lyrics sheets provided!). A Celebration of Wisconsin's GermanSaxon Roots, the Lutze Housebarn stands as one of the nation's most distinctive historical structures, offering

a rare glimpse into the daily life of early settlers. This event honors the families who built and preserved it, while inviting the public to experience the traditions that shaped the community. The on-going hands-on restoration project achieved National Historic Register status in 1984. Further information and event updates can be found at: CentrevilleSettlement.com and on **Facebook**. Centreville Settlement is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization.



HISTORIC LUTZE HOUSEBARN

13630 South Union Road, Newton, WI 53063



175th CELEBRATION

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SATURDAY, JULY 25
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Taylor Swift tribute band Swift Nation to headline 2026 Fallooza Fall Festival

by Ben Yang
of The Plymouth Review

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY - Fallooza 2026 is ready to ‘Shake It Off’ as organizers announced Swift Nation, a Taylor Swift tribute production, as this year’s headline performer.

During a press conference on June 4, Wendy Siegfert, Board Secretary with the Plymouth Advancement Association, shared that the tribute band from Northern California will be taking over the Weill Center stage on Friday, Sept. 26.

“Experience the next best thing to the real thing with Taylor Swift’s Swift Nation. Swift Nation is one of the fastest rising and in-demand Taylor Swift tribute productions delivering a high-energy, family-friendly concert that celebrates the music of the Eras,” said Siegfert.

Fans of the singer/songwriter know ‘All Too Well’ that Swift’s discography ranges from country to pop, and even soft rock, giving an experience that appeals to all ages. Fallooza organizers are hoping there isn’t a ‘Blank Space’ in the theater when Swift Nation takes the stage.

“We challenge all you Swifties out there, come and see the tribute band, Swift Nation. It’ll be an unforgettable concert here at the Weill Center. We want to challenge you to fill this place,” said Siegfert.

Are you ‘Ready For It’? Tickets for the performance are on sale now at the Weill Center website. All ticket sales will support the Fallooza Festival.

The 5th annual Fallooza



Fall Festival is set for Sept. 24 through 26. Venues for the event include Sheboygan North and South High School, the Weill Center, the Berkshire, and Plymouth City Park, which will host all of Saturday’s events.

“We’re going to have a wide variety of vendors set up by the park. It will include non-profits who focus directly and indirectly on mental health and addiction. Morning yoga will be provided in the park by Elevate Yoga. The Sugar Shack will be offering fresh apple cider and demonstrations. St. Paul’s Episcopal Church will be barbecuing brats, hot dogs, whole chicken, and fresh made-to-order steak sandwiches. Two food trucks will be serving special smoothies, coffee and deep-fried cheese options,” said Siegfert.

Kids can enjoy four bounce houses at the park, two of which will be obstacle courses. There will also be opportunities for face painting, balloons, magic, as well as a dinosaur ranger academy, an interactive show with two performances sponsored by the

Plymouth Library Foundation. “The park concert stage will be busy all day long with the String Benders from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Boogie and Yo-Yoz will take the stage to close us out from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.,” said Siegfert.

She also announced that students at North and South High School will have the chance to meet Kat Perkins, a top four finalist from season six of the reality singing competition show, The Voice.

“She is a nationally recognized motivational speaker, a world-touring entertainer, a humanitarian, and a founder of her own non-profit organization,” said Siegfert. “In over ten countries and almost 50 states, [Perkins] has shared her message of being fearless and inspiring others through the power of music.”

Lee Gentine, President of the Plymouth Advancement Association, shared that events like Fallooza would not be possible without the generous support from their sponsors.

“To put on this three-day event, sponsorship is crucial. We’ve got support from a lot

of different organizations, but we are particularly honored to be working again with Masters Gallery Foods, who is our presenting sponsor,” said Lee.

“Masters Gallery is pleased to be back as the presenting sponsor for this year’s Fallooza,” said Jeff Gentine, President and CEO of Masters Gallery Foods. “We’ve been a supporter since the beginning and it’s been amazing to watch this event get off the

ground and not knowing what it was going to be. Every year, it’s another record and another record.”

Serving as an annual benefit for mental health and addiction recovery, Fallooza has distributed more than \$375,000 towards treatment and recovery efforts to Rogers Behavioral Health, Mental Health America, Samaritan’s Hands, and Pathways to a Better Life.

Historic Warbirds Arrive in Sheboygan for T-28 Formation Training Weekend

SHEBOYGAN, - The Aviation Heritage Center of Wisconsin invites the community to a family-friendly Warbird Gathering featuring the sights, sounds, and stories of military aircraft from World War II, the Berlin Airlift, and the Korean War era.

The event will take place this Friday, July 17, through Sunday, July 19, at the Sheboygan County Airport. Visitors will have the opportunity to see North American T-28 Trojan military trainer aircraft as pilots from all over the US and Canada practice formation flying before attending EAA AirVenture Oshkosh.

Also scheduled to appear is the rare four-engine Douglas C-54 Skymaster, “Spirit of Freedom,” an aircraft associated with the Berlin Airlift and its pilot Colonel Gail S. “Hal” Halvorsen, the beloved “Candy Bomber.” Halvorsen became known for dropping candy to children in Berlin during the 1948–49 Berlin Airlift, a gesture that became a lasting symbol of hope and goodwill.

Admission to the Aviation Heritage Center and its exhibits is free. A small donation is

requested to tour the inside of the C-54 and the Center’s 1941 North Central Airlines Douglas DC-3 airliner.

Guests can also climb into the cockpit of the Center’s Korean War-era Lockheed T-33 Shooting Star jet and explore cockpit simulators of the T-37 jet and T-28 military training aircraft.

Visitors are encouraged to come hungry and support the Sheboygan Rotary Clubs’ concession stand, where Rotary volunteers will serve food featuring Johnsonville brats, beverages, and treats throughout the event. Concession proceeds will support local Rotary service projects and community initiatives throughout Sheboygan County.

The Rotary concession operation is made possible through the generous support of valued community partners and individual contributors. We are especially grateful for the contribution from **Tom and Lisa Liebl in memory of Robert H. Liebl**, established in honor of Robert H. Liebl, a decorated World War II Spitfire pilot and prisoner of war.

We also extend our sincere appreciation to the **Marilyn A. Zimmermann Foundation**, along with the personal generosity of **David and Terry Zimmermann**, for their meaningful support of this event.

The Sheboygan Rotary Clubs are grateful to **Johnsonville LLC** and **Zimmermann Printing** for their continued partnership and support of the Warbird Gathering and Rotary’s ongoing efforts to serve our community.

The Warbird Gathering offers a unique opportunity to see rare military aircraft up close while T-28 pilots prepare for one of the nation’s premier aviation events. Visitors can experience aviation history, support local service projects, and learn more about the aircraft that helped train generations of military aviators.

Aircraft appearances are subject to weather, maintenance, and operational conditions.

For more information:
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The Johnsonville Fire Department will hold a fundraiser on Sunday, July 19th at Butch & Anne's Pine Grove, W3225 Cty Rd MM located west of Howards Grove on Hwy 32 at the intersection of 32 & MM. This event replaces Sausage Fest, which was held each July at the firehouse. Brats, burgers, chicken sandwiches and chips will be served with desserts provided by the Johnsonville Hustlers 4-H Club. Food will be served from 10:30 to 6 and takeouts will be available. Walk-around and bucket raffles will be offered.

The Spicy Tie Band "Wisconsin Party Band" will play from 2:30 to 6. Admission is free for this 6-piece high energy rock and roll party band.

Proceeds from the event go towards Johnsonville volunteer fire departments training, equipment and maintenance. Along with the Johnsonville Hustlers 4-H Club, the department also sponsors a Halloween Party for local children at the firehouse promoting fire prevention.

Next year's fundraiser will be held on Saturday, March 27, 2027 at Butch & Anne's with the Spicy Tie Band.

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Tangled Foot Band Noon - 4:00 pm (Saturday)

September 26th & 27th

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Sluice Mining Experience 10:00 am. -4:00 pm. (Saturday & Sunday)
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October 3rd & 4th

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Moon Pool Band 11:30 am. -3:30 pm. Saturday)
The Stewed Tomatoes Band Noon - 3:00 pm. (Sunday)

October 10th & 11th

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The Cheese Doodles Band 11:30 am. - 3:00 pm. (Saturday)
Mark Wayne Music Noon - 3 :00 pm. (Sunday)

October 17th

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Junior Eats Food truck 11 am. - 3:00 pm.
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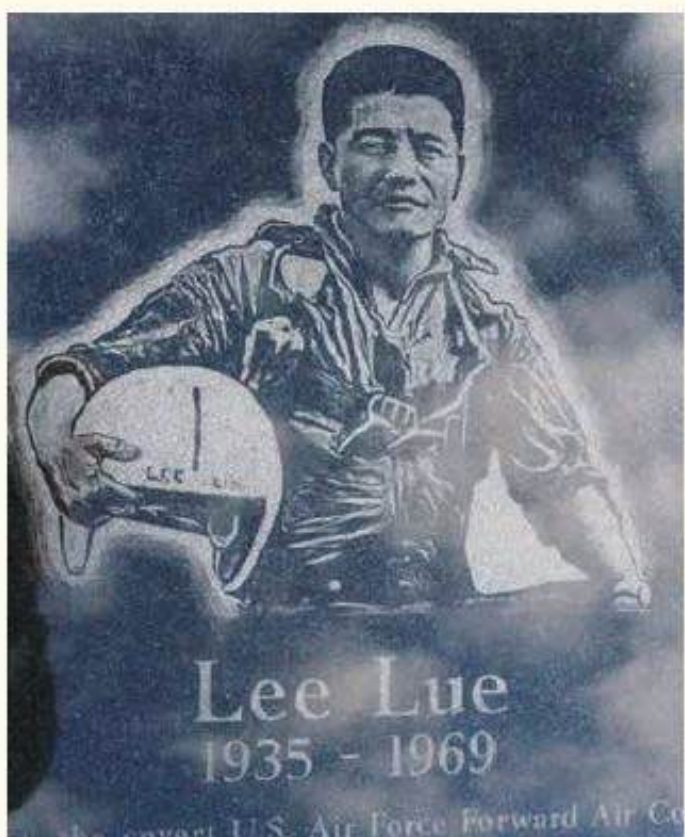
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Photo: Lisa Walter

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Douglas C-54 Skymaster landing at Berlin Tempelhof Airport 1948. German children awaited being dropped candy from small parachutes by the Candy Bomber pilots like Hal Halver-son, as their t C-54 brought in supplies to sustain Berlin. USAF photo.

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