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Group says it is non-denominational ISHA group plans meeting hall dome north of Bruce

- Institute for the Study of Human Awareness
- Lectures geared toward human capacity
- Second larger conference center also planned

By Luke Klink
A non-profit, non-denominational educational group has cleared land and broken ground on a planned 370-seat "dome" meeting hall in far north central Rusk County.

The Institute for the Study of Human Awareness is building along the east side of Wis. 40, about half-way between County A and County H. ISHA organizers said the development in the town of Murry about eight miles north of Bruce could one day expand to the west side of the highway to include a new larger conference center if there is enough interest.

ISHA is a non-profit educational organization founded in the 1960s at Harvard University by Ishwar C. Puri. ISHA's purpose is to provide

educational materials and guidance to individuals and other organizations interested in a better understanding of human capacity. Its resources include more than 40 years of audio recordings of lectures, meetings, workshops and special events by Puri.

"We are creating a meeting hall where we will have lectures on different topics geared toward a better understanding of human capacity," ISHA Board President Jonathan Rabkin said.

ISHA has no members, according to Rabkin, who lives in the Chicago area.

County tax records show ownership of 137.24 acres of land, both on the west and east sides of Wis.

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Blue Hills Festival



BEAT THE HEAT — A mix of hot sun and cold water makes for the best water fights. A dozen teams competed on Jeffrey Lane at Bruce Park during Blue Hills Festival Saturday. Glory B's Irish Saloon (green shirts, of course) won the first game. The tournament lasted about two hours. More pictures from Blue Hills Festival are on Page A11 in this week's *Ladysmith News*.
— News photo by Katherine Schulz



THE QUEEN AND HER COURT — The Mardi Gras Queen, Hayley Wick (center), and her court are selected Saturday, July 9 at the Queen Coronation at Ladysmith High School auditorium. The court features (l. to r.) 1st Princess Megan Lechleitner, 2nd Princess Faith Lybert, Queen Hayley Wick, 3rd Princess Kylee Opelt and Miss Congeniality Cassandra Freeman. The 57th annual Mardi Gras sponsored by the Ladysmith Jaycees runs Thursday through Sunday, July 14-17 at Memorial Park in the city. There are many more events through the city during these four days. More pictures from the coronation night festivities on Page A12 in this week's *Ladysmith News*.

— News photo by Luke Klink

Few details released after inmate escapes Flambeau Corrections Center near Hawkins

By Luke Klink
An escaped felon from the Flambeau Correctional Center north of Hawkins wasn't on the lam long.



Joshua Frami
Sawyer County Sheriff's Department at 1:14 p.m., about four hours and 15

minutes after he was found missing on July 11.

Wisconsin Department of Corrections staff have provided little information about Frami's escape.

Frami is a white man, 6'-4" and 284 pounds, with blonde hair and blue eyes. He is a suspect in a string of burglaries in southwestern Rusk County and surrounding area. During the course of search warrants, more than \$150,000 in stolen items were recovered. Items ranged from snowmobiles, motorcycles, trailers, 4-wheelers, a large commercial wood chipper, chain saws and other small tool/garage type items.

According to court records, he was

sentenced in 2013 to two years in state prison and two years extended supervision on a charge of receiving stolen property more than \$10,000 for a 2011 offense. Court records also show he was charged in June in Chippewa County Circuit Court with felony burglary and misdemeanor theft and criminal damage. He has also been charged with multiple traffic related offenses during the last two years.

After being alerted to Frami, the Rusk County Sheriff's Department informed its officers at 11:16 a.m. about Frami being missing. They were told by a sergeant at the correctional center they had an inmate

who walked away from their facility on foot. The inmate was last seen around 9 a.m. while he was out on an unsupervised work detail wearing prison greens, and he could have a shaved head. Frami was at the center for drug related charges, after violating his probation. He arrived at the center on June 22.

Rusk County Sheriff's Department Chief Deputy Phil Grassmann said the department sent four deputies and investigators to the area around the correctional center to help with the search.

Correctional Center Superintendent

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Proposed shoreland zoning camper restrictions cause stir

By Katherine Schulz
About 15 people attended the public hearing Thursday evening to hear and be heard on the proposed revisions to Rusk County shoreland zoning ordinances (Chapter 50). The public hearing was held before the Land Information/Zoning Committee at the Rusk County Community Library.

Many of the proposed changes are required to bring county ordinances in sync with state standards in Department of Natural Resources code NR 115. The deadline for compliance is October 1, and the county board will consider the changes at their August or September meeting.

State shoreland zoning standards control in the areas of minimum lot sizes; vegetation; building setbacks; filling, grading, lagooning, dredging, ditching and excavating; impervious surfaces; height; and non-conforming structures and uses.

But it was not state standards that created the most comments at the hearing. Changes proposed to Rusk County Ordinance 50-193, which are not required by state statute, generated discussion.

Proposed ordinance 50-193(b)(1) establishes a limit of one travel trailer or recreational vehicle per lot in shoreland, and requires a land use permit. Shoreland is defined as with-

in 1,000 feet of the ordinary highwater mark of a lake, pond or flowage; or within 300 feet of the ordinary highwater mark of a navigable river or stream.

Committee Chairman Dave Willingham said, "My understanding is that we have never had a provision in our ordinance that allows three campers. The state requires that if you have more than three campers, you have to have a campground license. So that is how we have let three campers happen without really having specific regulation that allows it."

Rusk County Land Conservation and Development Department Di-

rector CeCe Tesky said three campers will be grandfathered provided the campers have been permitted. A land use permit is available from the county zoning office. When the property is sold, the one camper limit will apply.

People attending the meeting balked at the fact that the one camper/one lot limit applies without regard to the size of the lot. A one acre lot may have one camper; a ten acre lot may have one camper; ten one acre lots may have ten campers.

A lot comes into existence when land is divided and sold.

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FREE WIAA Sport Physicals Available!

The Clinic at Riverside will be offering **FREE WIAA Sport Physicals** on:
Wednesday, July 20: 2:00 - 5:30 pm • Tuesday, August 2: 2:00 - 5:30 pm

If students come without a parent, they must bring a Consent for Treatment Release signed by their parent.
Forms available at RuskHospital.org. No appointment necessary.



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Weather forecast

Wednesday

86°F / 61°F
Times of sun and clouds

Thursday

69°F / 55°F
Showers possible

Friday

72°F / 52°F
Showers possible

Saturday

78°F / 58°F
More sun than clouds

Sunday

81°F / 61°F
Afternoon thunderstorms

Monday

84°F / 63°F
Showers and thunderstorms late