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Democratic Wisconsin governor candidate David Crowley takes part in a campaign rally at the Democratic Party of Brown County headquarters on Aug. 13 in Green Bay. PHOTOS BY SARAH KLOEPPING/GREEN BAY PRESS-GAZETTE

Crowley ties Tiffany to Trump in Green Bay stop



Democratic Wisconsin candidate for lieutenant governor Sarah Godlewski speaks during Crowley's rally.

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David Crowley and Sarah Godlewski, Democratic nominees to be Wisconsin governor and lieutenant governor, respectively, looked to tie Republican gubernatorial nominee Tom Tiffany to President Donald Trump, criticizing the congressman's voting record as conforming to Trump.

Speaking during a Green Bay campaign stop on Aug. 13, one day after Tiffany in Bellevue characterized Crowley as a democratic socialist in all but name, both Democratic nominees called Tiffany "a lapdog" for the president.

Godlewski argued Tiffany's congressional record did not reflect any differ-

ence from the Trump administration, pointing to Tiffany's opposition to withdrawing troops from hostilities with Iran, support to end the Department of Education, and opposition to a resolution to end tariffs on Canadian goods.

And in an interview with the Press-Gazette, Crowley framed Tiffany as contributing to the country's rising costs that many Americans see as one of the nation's biggest problems. Crowley attributed Tiffany's previous comments about Milwaukee County's deficit under Crowley's leadership as "pointing to a record because he doesn't have one."

"When you think about this

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Wisconsin gas prices reach record highs for August

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Wisconsin has never seen gas prices this high at this time of year, with the average cost for a gallon of regular gas climbing to \$3.91 on Aug. 13, according to AAA.

The state's previous record for August was set in 2022, when the average price was \$3.70 a gallon.

Wisconsin residents wincing at the pump aren't alone. For the first time, the nationwide average for gas is above \$4 a gallon after Aug. 12. The average across the country reached \$4.07 a gallon on Aug. 13, up from the previous record set in August 2022 at \$3.98.

Since 2008, the cheapest national average for Aug. 13 was set at \$2.13 a gallon in 2016, GasBuddy analyst Patrick De Haan said in a social media post.

In Wisconsin, the all-time record for highest average gas price was set at \$4.92 a gallon in June 2022. Nationwide, the all-time record is \$5.02, set that same month.

Why is gas hitting record highs in Wisconsin?

As news around the U.S. and Israel-Iran war has not changed much since it started in February, so has the news for high gas prices.

The Strait of Hormuz is still closed as Iran reaffirmed its blockade as late as Aug. 12. An average of seven vessels have made it across the strait per day in August, well below the baseline of 110 vessels per day, according to online ship trackers.

In the latest update, President Donald Trump said his administration is "low-keying it" and seeing if Iran's economic pressures will bring the country back to the negotiation table, USA TODAY reported.

AAA reported a window of relief could arrive before the end of August. Prices usually start to dip in

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Gulls: Bay Beach Amusement Park's food-stealing regulars

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They plunk down on picnic tables uninvited, sneak into selfies on the Big Wheel, cut in line if there might be free popcorn and can make more noise than an overtired toddler denied one last ride on the Granny Bugs.

It just wouldn't be summer at Bay Beach Amusement Park without the gulls.

The freshwater birds are as much regulars at the 134-year-old park along the bay of Green Bay as the families who have been flocking there for generations. Pay a visit and you're bound to run into one or a couple or OK, dozens.

They've made themselves at home there, and it isn't hard to see why. Wa-

terfront views, the sound of laughter, endless potential for snacks, wide open spaces, some of the happiest summertime vibes in the whole city ... who wouldn't want to hang out at Bay Beach every day?

"Absolutely. It's a goldmine out here," said park manager Jason Arnoldi. "They're definitely part of the soundtrack out here with the squawking, and you see them all over the place. It would feel like something is really off if they weren't around."

They have such a presence they even have their own unofficial mascot merch. A gull plushie with a french fry in its mouth is one of the best sellers at the gift shop, so clearly they have fans.

"We've kind of leaned into it a little

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A ring-billed gull flies over Bay Beach Amusement Park on July 10 in Green Bay. SARAH KLOEPPING/USA TODAY NETWORK-WISCONSIN

