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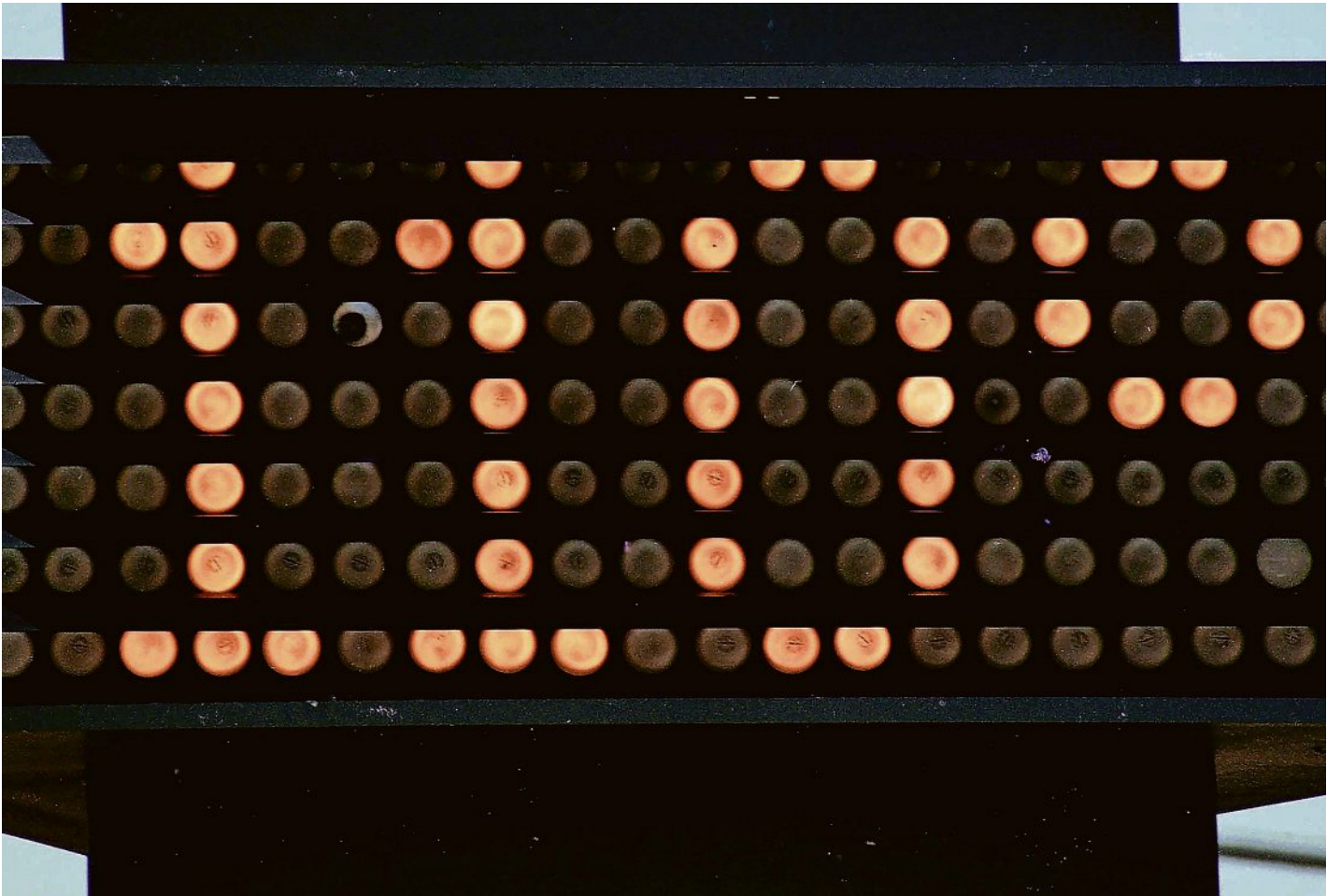
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The temperature sign at Associated Bank at Wilgus Avenue and Taylor Drive in Sheboygan read 110 degrees, July 13, 1995, in Sheboygan. It was, however, “cooler near the lake” — 108 degrees at The Sheboygan Press weather station where the official temperature is recorded. GARY C. KLEIN/USA TODAY NETWORK-WISCONSIN

Sheboygan once hit 108 during July heat wave



Cooling off: This girl tried to find some relief July 13, 1995, at Sheboygan's Jaycee Quarry Park, as temperatures topped 105 degrees throughout the area. JEFFREY MACHTIG/USA TODAY NETWORK-WISCONSIN

Throwback
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Air conditioning, ice cream and the Lake Michigan lakefront get top billing in the minds of many during the month of July when the warmest temperatures of the year arrive.

The city's reputation of being cooler near the lake hasn't always worked as planned, however.

Back in 1995, according to July 13 and 14 clippings from the Sheboygan County Historical Research Center, the thermometer almost blistered when weather served up a record 108 degrees Fahrenheit and crept ahead of the previous 1936 and 1948 records of 107 degrees for the city.

During that record heat wave in 1995, the only area in the county warmer than

Sheboygan was Random Lake with 110 degrees recorded.

Sheboygan hit 108 degrees during 1995 heat wave

Despite the advances in cooling technologies, people and animals were affected by the heat.

Several factories let employees leave early to escape the heat.

The Press reported that first-shift employees at Tecumseh Products left at noon. General Manager Ken Miller said: “We’re not sending anyone home, but if they need to go home, they can. It gets pretty warm in the die-cast area.”

Kohler Co. spokesman Pete Fetterer told the Press the company could not determine how many employees left early, but some employees did cut their workdays short.

Two roofers from Kaltenbrun Bros.

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Illness spreads through state

43 diarrhea-causing cases hit Wisconsin amid parasite surge

Lance Schulteis
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
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Wisconsin has now reported at least 43 cases of cyclosporiasis, an intestinal illness caused by a parasite already linked to hundreds of cases in dozens of states nationwide.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention reported 843 cases across 31 states as of July 9. However, state-level data shows that national case counts already likely exceed 1,000, USA TODAY reported. The illness can cause “watery diarrhea with frequent and sometimes explosive bowel movements,” according to the CDC.

In Wisconsin, where the case count is also current as of July 9, the state Department of Health Services said that fewer than 10 of the 43 cases were acquired domestically, which is similar to a typical year. The illness has been domestically linked to produce, but can also be picked up from international travel.

While investigators have not traced the nationwide outbreak to a single source, Frank Yiannas, former FDA deputy commissioner for food policy and response, told USA TODAY that water may play a role in the transmission of the parasite.

When waste containing the parasite gets in waterways, it can affect the soil and environment where produce is grown. Sewage leaks, overflow and poor septic systems, among other sources, can all carry the parasite into waterways.

If contaminated water reaches the irrigation systems used on food, the parasite lives on the produce and can infect people if eaten raw.

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Hmong Summer Festival returns this weekend

Alex Garner
Sheboygan Press
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The Hmong Summer Festival returns to Kiwanis Park this weekend, with a dance competition, food vendors and more.

The community can attend the celebration, which was canceled last year because of scheduling issues, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on July 18 and 19. The summer festival is the largest Hmong community

celebration apart from Hmong New Year.

The event features two days of men's and women's flag football and volleyball, with prizes of \$400 for third place, \$800 for second place and \$2,000 for first place. A men's basketball competition will also be hosted, with a \$250 third-place prize, \$500 second-place prize and a \$1,000 first-place prize.

People can also compete in intermediate, advanced and senior brackets of

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People walk along the Hmong merchandise row at Kiwanis Park during the Hmong Summer Festival 2022, on July 23, 2022, in Sheboygan. GARY C. KLEIN/USA TODAY NETWORK-WISCONSIN

