

County condemns former Bonduel hot spot

Motel/restaurant was popular place

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The Bonduel Inn, a motel and restaurant that once drew crowds for dinner, drinks and good times, has been condemned as a public health hazard.

The action by the Shawano-Menominee Counties Health Department means that the vacant property on the western edge of Bonduel at 505 W. Green Bay St. is uninhabitable and faces an uncertain future.

The condemnation imposed May 6 marks a stark reversal of fortune for a business that once brought area residents together to share festive occasions close to home.

"It was kind of a hangout — a place where people went," former customer Don Reinke said. "We had some fun there."

The years, however, have not

been kind to the Bonduel Inn.

Village officials urged the county health department to get involved after recently discovering that the business had deteriorated and was exhibiting signs of flooding, mold, pest infestation and possibly structural hazards.

Village President Sharon Wussow said demolition could become an option for a property situated in a high-profile location on County Road BE.

"It's an important entrance to the village, and you want it to look nice," Wussow said. "And it's not looking real pretty."

Property owner Linda Krezinski could not be reached for comment.

Largely vacant for at least the past several months, the compound includes one building with eight motel rooms, another building with the restaurant and tavern, and another that appears to be a private residence for the property's owner or manager.

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The eight motel rooms are no longer in use, but police got reports recently that someone had broken in and was living there without permission.