

Library, woman’s club turn 100 in 2027

Two organizations have symbiotic relationship as they figure out how to party

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Two institutions in Gillett are getting ready to celebrate their centennials, and their key representatives are figuring out how best to show off for the community.

The Gillett Public Library and the Gillett Woman’s Club will both turn 100 in 2027. The club was instrumental for getting Gillett’s first library into existence when space was set aside on the second floor of the then-village hall. As such, they have enjoyed a symbiotic relationship since then where they’ve helped each other to grow and thrive, according to Shannon Stoner, library director.

“Our first librarian was Mabel Korotev,” Stoner said. “She was married to Stanley Korotev, the postman here. She served on and off. She had a couple of stints. She was here for a few years and then she went away, and then she was here for another couple of years.”

The library was born through the efforts of 17 women meeting Feb. 25, 1927, in an upstairs room of a civic building on Main Street. Besides forming the library, the woman’s club was also working to clean up Zippel Park, which was used at that time to store old machinery and unused culverts.

After decades of being in the village hall building, the library moved to its current place on Main Street in the 1990s. When the bank next door closed its doors in 2013, the library expanded to include a community center where programs take place.



Gillett Public Library director Shannon Stoner, left, and Donna Kohls, treasurer of the Gillett Woman’s Club, brainstorm ideas for the centennial celebration for both institutions, which will take place in 2027. The woman’s club was formed Feb. 25, 1927, and one of their first priorities was establishing a library.

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A screenshot from a video taken during the Oconto Falls High School homecoming football game Oct. 2 shows students in banana costumes running onto the field between plays. The students in the costumes were suspended by administrators, and members of the community are taking to social media to claim the punishment was unfair.

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‘THAT WAS BANANAS’

‘Potassium’ homecoming prank gets students suspended

By **LEE PULASKI**
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Bananas running onto a high school football field are not something commonly seen, but what’s being seen by many in Oconto Falls as a harmless prank has resulted in four students being suspended after the Oct. 2 incident during the Panthers home football game.

Video of the incident shows three Oconto Falls High School students running onto the field, while the fourth student stayed on the edge of the field, while the House of Pain song “Jump Around” was playing. The students were carrying signs, but it was unclear from the video what was written on them.

The video shows the move took place in between plays and didn’t interfere with

game activity itself. At the beginning of the video, someone behind the camera said, “Oh, here they come,” indicating it was known the students would be taking the field.

Then came the aftermath. Maxwell Pileski, an OFHS sophomore who was involved in the prank, said in a phone interview he was pulled away from the homecoming dance Oct. 3 by principal Steven Linszen, questioned and then told to call his mother to pick him up after being told he would be suspended for three days. As a result of that, he was not allowed to practice with the cross country team during that time, which meant he could not compete at a meet Oct. 9.

Pileski said he came up with the idea of

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Pulaski schools seek \$59.8M referendum

Career spaces at high school and middle school, pool top projects this time around

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

The Pulaski Community School District is asking for voters' approval for a \$59.8 million capital referendum four years after getting approval for a \$69.8 million referendum that expanded and modernized schools.

Unlike the previous referendum, which had heavy emphasis on two elementary schools while providing some renovations at all of the schools, this referendum will specifically focus on Pulaski High School, Pulaski Community Middle School and Lannoye Elementary School. These are projects that were designated lower priority in 2021 when a needs assessment was done but are now becoming top priorities as the district continues to grow.

If the referendum gets approval, the district's tax rate is expected to go up 18 cents per \$1,000 of equalized valuation. For someone with property valued at \$300,000, that would mean a \$54 increase in school taxes.

Superintendent Allison Space said that, once the previous referendum work was completed in 2024, the district and school board spent 2025 looking at the projects that didn't have top priority and see what needed to be done in the near future to keep the schools in good working order.

"This was not a new plan that came forth," Space said. "It was a continuation of the projects that were not prioritized in 2021."

After several listening sessions in 2025 and a community survey sent out this past spring, several projects rose to the top, according to Space. According to the survey, 46% of the respondents were in favor of a referendum up to \$60 million.

High school and middle school career and technical education programs are being focused on for the proposed referendum — specifically engineering, agriculture, business and information technology, as well as family and consumer sciences. The latter program focuses on culinary arts, health careers and child development.

"Those are the areas that are extremely needed



Pulaski Community School District Superintendent Allison Space shows the results of a community survey during a public information meeting Oct. 7 at Pulaski High School while talking about the proposed \$59.8 million referendum the school district is asking voters to approve.

in today's age of education," Space said.

The referendum would update equipment and technology, as well as create specific spaces for specific classes instead of lab areas doubling as classrooms. The schools would be able to rearrange spaces so some students don't have to travel far between classrooms and labs.

The high school's agriculture classes currently have 348 students enrolled with two full-time teachers handling the load, so building space for programs like small animal husbandry and veterinary services is needed, according to Lindsey Mathys, PHS principal. The school recently had to add a teacher for business and technology courses because of the high demand there, too.

"Something that we're pretty proud of ... 73% are taking advantage of (career and technical education) courses, compared with 37% for the state," Mathys said. "This is something that kids really love and value, and we think it's valuable for the community."

Pat Fullerton, PCMS principal, said the enrollment in career and technical programs has doubled at his school since

2012, which had previously been the high school until a new one was built in 2000.

"With the facility we had in 1999, it was wonderful, because it was the high school," Fullerton said. "Obviously times have changed."

One big ticket item is a new pool setup to be constructed at PHS. The current pool at PCMS is more than 50 years old and near the end of its life. The proposal would construct two pools, one to serve the school specifically and be a competitive pool for swim teams, while the other pool would serve as a therapy pool to be utilized by the community.

The district had tried asking for a new pool in a 2014 referendum, which was defeated. However, according to Space, the survey put the pool as a top priority for staff at 88% and second in priority to the CTE programs by parents and the community at 75% and 53%, respectively.

"If the pool goes, we don't when, but if it goes, it goes. There's no repair on it," Space said. "We did investigate that, and we thought that, 'If our pool goes, and we had to work with school districts for our swim team, what would that look like?'"

The PCMS pool is expected to be eliminated and turned into a multi-purpose area for middle school athletic and physical education programs.

Lannoye, located near Green Bay, is experiencing what its sister elementary schools, Sunnyside and Hillcrest, did four years ago — a lack of space for classrooms as student enrollment exceeds what the school was originally built for.

To that end, an addition would be built onto the school with classrooms for 4-year-old and 5-year-old kindergarten, allowing the existing classrooms to serve first through fifth grades, with three classes for each grade instead of the current two. Daycare facilities are also slated for the site, as Space noted a nearby parochial school that had daycare and 4-year-old kindergarten

discontinued those programs, so that fell to Lannoye to fill the void.

"The building is very well-loved, being clean and organized, but it is under stress in terms of space," said Clint Selle, consultant with Bray Architects, which oversaw projects under the 2022 referendum. "The library space, for example, has been chopped up a little bit to create classroom space as growth has occurred."

The survey put the Lannoye expansion at 79% favorability from staff, 67% from parents and 51% from the rest of the community.

There are also projects to improve PHS athletic facilities, including wrestling areas, weights and fitness area, locker rooms and a multipurpose area.

"We have a fitness center that's on the second level of (PHS), which is complicated in terms of safety and is not the size it should be," Space said. "Our wrestling areas also needed a relook at, because we do not have an area specifically for our girls. We've been using a space on the upstairs of the building, a learning space for our girls to do their wrestling practice, and we're going to run into some Title IX issues around that."

Design work has not yet been done on any of the projects and will only proceed if the referendum passes.

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Pulaski High School principal Lindsey Mathys, right, shows community members around the welding lab Oct. 7 as she talks about the needs of the school's career and technical education programs. The programs at PHS and Pulaski Community Middle School are part of a proposed \$59.8 million referendum to be voted on in November.

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Hinze, Behnke give thoughts on reducing surplus funds

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Rep. Elijah Behnke is running for his fourth term in the Wisconsin Assembly, facing a challenge from Shirley Hinze.

Behnke, a Republican who is moving into a home in the Town of Angelica after two years in the Town of Chase, is looking for a second two-year term representing the 6th Assembly District, which includes most of Shawano County, all of Menominee County, and segments of Oconto, Wau-paca and Outagamie counties.

Hinze, a Democrat and Shawano resident, had previously challenged Behnke for the seat on the assembly two years ago.

NEW Media sent questionnaires to Behnke and Hinze to ascertain their stances on topics affecting people in the state of Wisconsin. Their responses to two of the questions follow. The remaining questions will be published in the weeks leading up to the Nov. 3 election. Answers to previous questions can be found at www.newmedia-wi.com.

The cost of living continues to be a problem not only in the 6th Assembly District, but also throughout the state and country. What are your solutions to help your constituents be able to afford things again?

Behnke: I would like to return the surplus through property tax relief. That's No. 1. I don't mind the state income tax, as well. I wish we could say that, once you retire, you don't even have to pay property taxes anymore. I'd like to introduce that style of legislation. I know there's sales tax weekends for back-to-school supplies; maybe we could get sales tax exemptions on other essentials. It is hard to get consensus between 51, 52 Republicans and then you are also going to have to get the other side of the aisle to agree, and that's

why this gets so polluted with 132 different opinions.

Hinze: Three key things because this is a question that cannot be answered in 100 words or less.

Raise the minimum wage. It's not enough to live on, forcing people to work more than one job to survive.

Redirect government spending, not only state but encourage county/city boards to tighten their belt on corporate hand-outs. Right now the economy is not stable enough to be doing capital projects that will add a tax burden on voters.

Regulate corporate real estate. They're price fixing homes and rents, buying land to build apartments causing a loss of land for affordable housing. Shawano County is one of the highest overpriced home values in the country, according to realtor.com.

There are billions of dollars in surplus in the state coffers. What can the money be used for, in your view?

Hinze: To use the surplus, I'd like to set up a board similar to a board that oversees grant applications that communities can apply to for capital projects. The goal will be to offset the expenses so taxes wouldn't be raised in that county to fund it. Right now, due to lack of funding, many municipalities have had to raise taxes do that, including Shawano County.

Behnke: I think there's going to have to be a compromise. I think the Senate will come back with Democrat control. I think we (Republicans) have a very narrow lead in the Assembly by one or two votes, and I think we're going to win the Tom Tiffany race. With divided government, there's going to have to be a compromise with the surplus, and I will be fighting for local communities to get more money through shared revenue. I would support property tax relief.



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Notice of Oconto County Youth Fair Annual Meeting

The Oconto County Youth Fair Association, Inc. will hold its annual meeting Tuesday evening, October 27, 2026, at the Fair Grounds Expo Hall at Zippel Park in Gillett, WI at 7 p.m. The public is invited and encouraged to attend and participate in this business meeting of your county fair. The meeting will feature the financial and other reports on the 2026 fair and election of the Board of Directors.

All residents of Oconto County of voting age are members of the association, which means every resident age 18 and older is eligible to participate in the meeting including voting for directors. Residents meeting the age requirement are also eligible to run for a position on the Fair Board. There are currently approximately 5 positions on the Board up for election.

Directors are responsible for conducting the business of the organization. There is an expectation that those seeking director positions have the time available to actively participate in the affairs of the association. The time commitment includes one business meeting per month throughout the year except December. The Fair Board meets on the last Tuesday every month at 7:30 pm. Additional meetings may be called in July and August. Workdays for storage of boats and campers twice a year. Additional time is required to do work in preparation for the fair with more time needed in the two to three weeks surrounding the fair to set up, manage, and put away the fair. This includes being there as able, from the Friday before the fair through the Monday after the fair with full day emphasis on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

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Stoner noted that the library has come into its own over the last 100 years without being completely tied to government funding. There have been plenty of book sales, can drives, spaghetti dinners, concerts and other fundraisers held to keep the buildings in good working order and thriving with programs.

“One of the most important things you can have in the community is a library, a public library,” Stoner said. “We are the place where people go for resources, for books, for information, for forms, for printing out forms, filing for assistance. We are here to serve our community, and our community worked very, very hard to purchase this library.”

Stoner recounted that the Gillett library got one

of its first sets of books from the Farnsworth Public Library in Oconto, decades before inter-library loans became commonplace in libraries.

“That was exciting for the library at the time,” Stoner said. “Trying to get books wasn’t as easy as going on Amazon or going online. You had to get the horse and buggy at that time.”

The city of Gillett has more than 1,300 residents, but there are around 1,000 library cards in the local library’s system, so Stoner knows that the community is here for the library as much, if not more, than the library is here for the community.

“Without the people of Gillett, we would not exist,” Stoner said. “This community is very

supportive of their library. We have one of the highest cardholders-to-residents ratio in the county.”

The woman’s club itself has gone through many changes over the years, according to Donna Kohls, treasurer and chairwoman of the centennial committee.

“When it started, there were well over 50 women who were involved with it,” Kohls said. “We’re down to maybe 15, but we keep plugging along and doing what we can. Everything we bring in with our fundraisers, we give back to our community.”

Giving to the library, the Gillett Historical Society and the local daycare are among the things the woman’s club does. Kohls said the club tries to bring in a guest speaker annually and makes sure

all expenses are paid.

According to Kohls, her club and the library will be the first organizations in the city of Gillett to make it to 100 years of existence and service.

“No other club in town is as old as we are,” Kohls said. “That’s a plus.”

Kohls is proud that Gillett’s organization for women has made it to 100 at a time when other clubs have disbanded. She said, even with as few women involved, the club has managed to push for change and learned to evolve with the times.

“Everything we do, every few generations, it’s not done that way anymore,” Kohls said.

Among the ideas for honoring the centennial are offering a scholarship. The woman’s club regularly offers a scholarship

on its own, but the proposed scholarship would be a combined effort between the club and the library, according to Stoner. Perhaps the library might do one on its own for anyone seeking to go to college to become an archivist or a librarian, she added.

The library is also considering an art contest involving high school students, as well as a time capsule to be buried for the next 25 or 50 years, according to Stoner. The library and the club are also looking at ideas for a float in the Gillett Independence Day Parade. Most of the ideas are still up in the air and not set in stone, she said.

“We’re just starting the process of looking into what we can do,” Stoner said.

One thing that is a go is what will be going on the side of the library. There is currently a barn quilt with books on it, but it is starting to decay and come loose from the building. Stoner said the library is planning to replace it with a centennial sign with the words “Celebrating 100 Years,” an image of a tiger standing on books and another that has a graphic about reading and learning.

Celebrating a library making it to 100 years is something worth being proud of, according to Kohls.

“There are libraries that are closing, community ones,” she said. “It’s just like churches. Memberships are limited, and things are changing.”

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of dressing up in a banana costume based on a friend of his who had previously come to school wearing such a costume.

“I just thought it would be funny,” Pileski said. “I came up with the idea. I thought it was something we could maybe do next year, and then we realized we could just do it this year, and we decided to.”

One trip to Walmart later, there were five costumes ready to be used for the stunt. Pileski said only three of his friends decided to participate, and a fourth

one who was originally going to join the fun got nervous and decided to back out.

Pileski said people in the community and the school were aware that the students were going to proceed with the stunt, and he had figured it was just a bit of harmless fun.

“We anticipated people would find it pretty funny,” he said. “Because it was homecoming, we didn’t expect the school to react with any sort of punishment. From what we’ve seen, everybody thought it

was funny. One of the refs actually said, ‘That was bananas’ as we ran past. The three of us thought that was very funny.”

Pileski was referring to the friends who were on the field with him. He said the fourth friend was a little late on moving and decided to stay off the field so as to not hold up the game.

Pileski said he saw the whole thing as an act of school spirit and never imagined it would land him in hot water with school officials. He added his mother knew what they

were going to do and never raised any objections.

“I was really surprised,” Pileski said. “I was really scared in the moment, because I’d never been in any kind of serious trouble up until now. I didn’t really know how my parents were going to react, because we thought it was completely harmless.”

NEW Media sent an email to Linssen to get the school’s side about the event. So far, there has been no response.

The issue is causing some in the community to

speak out, however. Oconto Falls resident Brandi Story posted on her Facebook page that she saw the matter as the school asking for spirit, and the students simply brought “potassium.” She wrote that it’s something that seems more fun than something that would turn into an infraction that gets students suspended.

“I’m genuinely disappointed that something so harmless and silly – kids dressing up, making signs, supporting their school and having fun at

Homecoming – ended with them being suspended,” Story wrote. “These are the kinds of memories high school is supposed to be about, not having the police escort you out of a school dance (without a parent) for a harmless prank the night before.”

Story wrote that there’s a difference between pranks that don’t cause any damage and those that do.

“No fighting, no vandalism, no drugs – just a bunch of boys in banana suits trying to make Homecoming memorable,” she wrote before concluding, “Pretty sure Oconto Falls has bigger issues right now they need to focus their energy on.”

Marcia Fischer, an OFHS alum, also sees the suspensions as unfair, posting a video on her Facebook page from a football game where her son played, and the crowd rushed onto the field after the win. Fischer noted the rushing onto the field is a violation of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association’s rules, just like the banana incident, but she never saw any discipline doled out when fans rushed the field.

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Pileski said the incident hasn’t extinguished his school spirit, but he admits to being a little hesitant to show it in the future.

“I think I’m still going to be outgoing with school spirit, but I don’t think as outgoing as we have been this past week,” he said.

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Summer’s last hurrah

If you don’t like the weather in Wisconsin, give it a minute. It’s not quite like that, but the 80-degree days of last weekend will give way to a forecasted 32 degrees the night of Oct. 16. Above, Mishelle, 8, and her family from Kaukauna spent a day at the Shawano County Lake Park enjoying the warm temperatures. Below, Shawano’s Brian Grieves enjoys one last hurrah of warm weather.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY given to the qualified electors of the Menominee Indian School District that the Annual Meeting of said District for transaction of business will be held at the Menominee High School Gym on Wednesday October 28, 2026.

A Budget Hearing for the proposed 2026-2027 Menominee Indian School District budget will be held at the Menominee High School Gym at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 28, 2026 with the Annual Meeting to follow.

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1. Meeting called to order by Board President, Mr. David "Jonesy" Miller
2. Election of Meeting Chairperson
3. Designate Clerk of the meeting
4. Approval of October 1, 2025, Annual Meeting minutes
5. President's Message by Mr. David "Jonesy" Miller
6. Superintendent's Report by Ms. Shannon Chapman
7. Budget Summary - Jamie Wayka
8. Resolution A - Tax Resolution
9. Resolution B - Board Salaries
10. Resolution C - Board Travel
11. Resolution D - Off Site Programs
12. Resolution E - Transportation
13. Resolution F - Food Service Program
14. Resolution G - Textbooks
15. Resolution H - Legal Proceedings
16. Resolution I - Designate Official Depository
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Finding the end zone no problem for Bears

Bears
improve to
8-0 with
win over
Clippers

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

Two high school football teams heading in opposite directions met Oct. 8 in Bonduel.

Although Sturgeon Bay held Bonduel to 13 points in the second half, the undefeated Bears headed into the third quarter with a 56-0 lead and cruised to a 69-0 Packerland Conference win over the 1-7 Clippers.

The Bears clinched at least a share of the conference championship with their eighth win and can wrap up the title Oct. 16 with a win over Southern Door in the regular season finale.

Any chance Sturgeon Bay had of staying competitive with the Bears didn't last long, as Bonduel returned a pair of interceptions for touchdowns and scored on the first play of three of its drives in the first half.

Sturgeon Bay played without its leading rusher, Rayshaune Johnson, who sat out with an injury.

Coach James Westrich said he wanted his team to improve in some areas from its previous game, a 42-21 win over Oconto.

"We knew they were missing a couple of guys, and we're just trying to focus on us, try to do some things better this week



Sturgeon Bay's Alex Boden slips away from Bonduel's Mason Stuewer on a kickoff return in the second half of a Packerland Conference game at Bonduel High School.
GREG SEUBERT

that we didn't do well last week," he said. "We lost the turnover battle last week and wanted to make sure we did a better job with that, taking control of things we could control."

Bonduel ended up with four interceptions and a fumble recovery.

Carter Moesch opened the scoring on the game's second play after picking off Trygg Stuth's pass

and returning it 43 yards. Moesch then capped the Bears' first offensive drive with a 22-yard touchdown run, and Collin Fischer returned another Stuth interception 22 yards for

Bonduel's third score that made it 21-0 less than halfway through the first quarter.

Quinn Wesenberg hooked up with Jack Weier for a 53-yard scoring pass

on the first play of Bonduel's next drive, and Malachi Gray's 42-yard run on the first play of the Bears' next drive gave the home

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Offense shows up too late in final home game



Braxton Olson returns a kickoff for Wittenberg-Birnamwood Oct. 9 during the second half of the Chargers' 34-14 loss to Marathon. Olson and other seniors were honored during Senior Night at the team's final home game of the season.
GREG SEUBERT

Season ends for Chargers
with 2-6 record, 1-5 in
conference

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

It was a long shot, but the Wittenberg-Birnamwood football team still had a chance to qualify for the upcoming WIAA playoffs heading into its Central Wisconsin Conference-Large matchup with Marathon.

The Red Raiders, however, headed to Wittenberg for the Chargers' final home game of the season Oct. 9 and returned home following a 34-14 win.

The Chargers would

have had to beat Marathon and pull off a major upset over Amherst on Oct. 16 in the regular season finale to make the playoffs for the eighth year in a row.

Both of the Chargers' touchdowns came in a 30-second span in the final two minutes of the game after the Red Raiders led 7-0 after one quarter, 13-0 at halftime and 20-0 heading into the final period.

Coach Jason Rieck said it was hard for his team to find a rhythm on offense.

"It was tough," he said. "We had mistakes, and it's

hard to rebound from that. We take one step forward and two steps back."

The Chargers' best drive in the first half – their third of the game – started on their own 24-yard line and ended with Sawyer Berens' interception in the end zone.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood didn't have many scoring chances again until late in the game and by then, the Chargers trailed 34-0.

Marathon's first drive of the game ended with Fred Tylinski's fumble. Wittenberg-Birnamwood recovered the loose ball at its own 17-yard line but punted after three plays.

Garrett Bracewell scored on a 64-yard run after the punt, and the Red Raiders had the lead for

good.

Marathon added to its lead with 35 seconds remaining in the first half after Berens' second interception set the Red Raiders up at their own 35-yard line. Brayson Schneider found Bracewell in the end zone for a 10-yard touchdown pass, and Marathon had a 13-0 lead at the break.

Marathon added to its lead with 3:14 to go in the third quarter with another 10-yard touchdown pass from Schneider to Berens to make it 20-0.

Tylinski scored on a 22-yard run on the first play of the fourth quarter and added a 28-yarder on the next drive to complete Marathon's scoring.

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Season ends for Oconto Falls golfer

Oconto Falls sophomore Riley Borkovec was one of four players who carded an 89 at the WIAA Division 2 Wrightstown

Sectional at Hilly Haven Golf Course in De Pere on Oct. 5.. Qualifying for the state meet as teams were

Seymour and Lake Country Lutheran (Hartland). Individual qualifiers were from Wrightstown, Kiel and Amherst.

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team a 35-0 lead with 3:32 remaining in the first quarter.

Wesenberg and Weier teamed up for their second touchdown pass one play after Wesenberg's interception set the Bears up at the Sturgeon Bay 28-yard line.

Bonduel added a pair of touchdowns in the second quarter on Gray's 38-yard run and Jackson Reymont's 5-yard run

that came after Eli Rekske's interception gave the Bears the ball at the Sturgeon Bay 38-yard line.

Gage Scholl opened the second half with a 79-yard kickoff return, and Bonduel's final score came on Andrew Kolaske's 50-yard run in the fourth quarter.

"We just have to keep building," Westrich said. "We want to make sure we're playing our best football at the end of the

season and be ready to go for the playoffs."

The lopsided score gave the Bears a chance to use several younger players, and Westrich said he liked their effort.

"I'm really proud of these young kids that came in and played," he said. "They played really well. It's good to see our young guys starting to step a little bit and get some good experience."



Bonduel's Jackson Rudzinski breaks up a pass in the end zone intended for Sturgeon Bay's Alex Boden. Rudzinski ended up getting called for pass interference in the play at the end of the first half, but Bonduel improved to 8-0 on the season with a 69-0 win over the Clippers. GREG SEUBERT



Bo Davis waits for the snap during the first half of Wittenberg-Birnamwood's 34-14 loss to Marathon. GREG SEUBERT

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Bo Davis' 2-yard quarterback keeper with 2:12 remaining in the game capped a 70-yard drive, but Wittenberg-Birnamwood wasn't finished. Eddie Patten's fumble set up the Chargers' second score, as Wittenberg-Birnamwood took over at the Marathon 39-yard line, and Davis found Logan Gibson for a 34-yard touchdown pass.

The Chargers fell to 1-5 in Central Wisconsin Conference-Large play

and 2-6 overall with the loss, while Marathon kept its playoff hopes alive by improving to 5-3 overall and 3-3 in the CWC-Large. Marathon wraps up the regular season Oct. 16 at Spencer/Columbus Catholic, while the Chargers will travel to Amherst to face the unbeaten and state-ranked Falcons.

Rieck said the Chargers will regroup for the annual rematch with Amherst.

"It's not easy, but we've got nothing to lose," he

said. "We go forward and see what happens."

Not being eligible for the playoffs won't change how the Chargers prepare for the final game of the regular season, according to Rieck.

"It doesn't change anything," he said. "It's still another football game, and you never know what'll happen. They're high school kids. We've got nothing to lose, and they have everything to play for."

Gardebrecht shines in Panthers' latest win

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

The end zone turned out to be a familiar place for Croix Gardebrecht.

The Oconto Falls running back had five rushing touchdowns for the Panthers Oct. 8 in a 39-7 Pack-erland Conference win over Southern Door.

He wasn't the only area player with a big night on the football field, as Mason Borseth's 18-yard field goal with 14 seconds to go snapped a 14-14 tie and gave Pulaski a 17-14 win over De Pere on Oct. 9.

Meanwhile, two local 8-player teams - Suring and Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy - have qualified for the 32-team WIAA 8-player playoffs and now know their opponent for Level 1 games, scheduled for 1 p.m. Oct. 17.

Oconto Falls 39, Southern Door 7

Gardebrecht opened his five-touchdown night with a 59-yard run on the Panthers' opening drive.

Two more rushing scores from Gardebrecht gave Oconto Falls a 20-7 halftime lead.

The second half belonged to the Panthers, as Gardebrecht scored two of the team's three



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Braxton Olson closes in on Marathon's Garrett Bracewell. GREG SEUBERT

touchdowns while the defense kept the Eagles from scoring.

JJ Pytleski also scored for Oconto Falls in the second half, and the Panthers can wrap up a spot in the upcoming playoffs with a win Oct. 16 at Peshtigo.

Pulaski 17, De Pere 14
Pulaski led 7-0 at

halftime and took a 14-0 lead into the fourth quarter before the Redbirds tied the game with a pair of touchdowns in the fourth quarter.

Bohdan Schmidt scored on a 2-yard run in the second quarter and a 22-yard run in the third quarter.

De Pere answered with

a 19-yard touchdown pass in the first minute of the fourth quarter and a 6-yard scoring run.

Schmidt finished with 192 of the Red Raiders' 286 rushing yards while completing three of his four passes.

Pulaski improved to 4-2 in Fox Valley Classic

Conference-North play and 6-2 overall.

Lena/STAA 46, Niagara 22

The Titans tuned up for the 8-player playoffs Oct. 8 with a road win over the Badgers and finished the regular season with a 5-3 record.

Lena/STAA led 24-22 at halftime but outscored the home team 22-0 in the second half, with all three touchdowns coming in the third quarter.

Isaac Peterson led the Titans with 195 rushing yards and touchdown runs of 30 and 82 yards, while Luke Kosolowski added 100 rushing yards and three touchdowns.

Owen Dunkes led Niagara with 98 rushing yards and a 73-yard touchdown reception.

The Titans, a No. 1 seed for last year's 8-player playoffs and ended up one win away from a trip to the state championship game, are a No. 5 seed this season and will head to Flambeau High School on Oct. 17 to face the fourth-seeded Falcons at 1 p.m.

Xavier 41, Shawano 13

Porter Meach completed 10 of 15 passes for 226 yards and three touchdowns and Ben Kappell added 138 rushing yards

and three scores for Xavier in a win over the Hawks.

The Hawks fell to 2-6 on the season and 1-5 in the Bay Conference.

Marion/Tigerton 60, Wild Rose 44

The Thundercatz wrapped up their season Oct. 9 in Marion with a win over the Wildcats, a team that qualified for the 8-player playoffs.

Suring at Iola-Scandinavia

Suring was originally scheduled to travel to Scandinavia Oct. 9 for a nonconference game with Iola-Scandinavia, but opted out of the contest.

The Eagles have qualified for the 8-player playoffs and are one of five teams that received a No. 2 seed. Suring will host No. 7 Elkhart Lake/Glenbeulah at 1 p.m. Oct. 17.

Oct. 16 schedule (all games start at 7 p.m.): 11-player: Appleton West at Pulaski; Wittenberg-Birnamwood at Amherst; Oconto Falls at Peshtigo; Shawano at Seymour; Bonduel at Southern Door.

Oct. 17 schedule (all games start at 1 p.m.): 8-player Level 1 playoffs: No. 7 Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah at No. 2 Suring; No. 5 Lena/STAA at No. 4 Flambeau.

Panthers, Chargers run to 2nd place Panthers, Mustangs have perfect weekends

Friday, Oct. 9

Lux-Casco Russ

Fameree XC Classic

Oconto Falls’ girls placed second with 82 points at Northbrook Golf Course.

Scoring for the Panthers were Lily Meissner, ninth, 20:48.7; Sydney Braund, 17th, 21:34.3; Ellie Beschta, 18th, 21:37.6; Ava Savage, 19th, 21:40.6; and Alexandria Braund, 24th, 22:07.8.

Oconto Falls’ boys placed fifth with 154 points.

Scoring for the Panthers were Isaiah Holtz, 18th, 17:57.8; Sage Mendolla, 28th, 18:21.7; Mason Lotto, 38th, 18:40; Landon Timm, 41st, 18:49; and Lucas Vanhulle, 54th, 19:44.9.

Thursday, Oct. 8

WF Warhawk Invite

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood girls collected 70 points and placed second at Weyauwega-Fremont High School.

Bonduel was fourth with 125 points.

Scoring for the Chargers were Gabrielle Timm, sixth, 20:56; Brielle Rose, seventh, 21:02.3; Kendyll Ladwig, 13th, 21:40.3; Lilyana Groh, 24th, 23:26.5; and Sophie Wendler, 27th, 23:52.3.

Running for the Bears were Lillian Burrack, third, 20:37.2; Amelia Wilcox, 11th, 21:10.5; Payten Bierhals, 19th, 23:10.4; Kember Frome, 51st, 25:59.4; and Katie O’Brien, 63rd, 26:46.1.

Wolf River Lutheran’s Violet Buchholz placed 17th in 22:53.6.

Menominee Nation’s Azaliyah Waupoose was 49th in 25:48. Kaylee Nacotee finished 74th in 28:34.3, and Elaine Skenadore was 89th in 33:22.

Gresham/Bowler’s Aubrey Miller placed 86th in 32:07.9.

For the boys, Bonduel was third with 73 points, and the Chargers were seventh with 173.

Menominee Nation’s Bryant Waupoose III finished second in 16:52.

Cashius Reevis placed 14th in 18:42.8, Eric Webster was 92nd in 24:07.4; and Christopher Waubanscum was 93rd in 24:27.

Scoring for Bonduel were Gage Anderson, third, 17:43.8; Garrett Anderson, 12th, 18:39.5; Oliver Chitwood, 22nd, 19:00.5; Griffin Richter, 23rd, 19:06; and Joah Dworniczak, 37th, 19:42.2.

Gresham/Bowler’s Caleb Putnam finished 15th in 18:48.4, and Blaze Ejnik was 60th in 20:57.3.

Scoring for the Chargers were Marty Nowinsky, 20th, 18:59.3; Dalton Fletcher, 41st, 19:49.5; Colten Mueller, 59th, 20:52.1; Maskym Guk, 68th, 21:17.8; and Flynn Bushman, 85th, 23:03.

Marion/Tigerton’s Payton Prickette was 27th in 19:17.2, and Breckin Gleason was 72nd in 21:29.3. Brayden Zietlow was 81st in 22:17.

Wolf River Lutheran’s Anthony long finished 69th in 21:19.5. Ivan Long was 97th in 27:45.8, and Mark Buchholz was 98th in 28:45.8.

Seymour Invitational

Shawano’s boys placed second among 13 teams with 99 points.

Scoring for the Hawks were Josiah Kuehl, 10th, 17:34.2; Teagan Harkey, 12th, 17:40.3; Quinten Harkey, 17th, 17:56.1; Beckett Hendricks, 29th, 18:35.3; and Aloysius Frechette, 31st, 18:39.1.

Gillett’s Braxton Valley was 78th in 20:58.5, and Nolan Van Donsal was 85th in 21:50.6. Henry Schaal placed 95th in 23:20.9, and Brandon Slatky was 96th in 23:20.9.

For the girls, Gillett’s Hope Soper finished 15th in 21:42.2. Amanda Pate was 21st in 22:02.5, and Halle Wendorff was 51st in 24:05.1.

Shawano’s Mikelah Powers was 18th in 21:47.4, and Madilyn Powers was 22nd in 22:04.3. Lorelei Hancock placed 45th in 23:36.6, and McKenna Miller was 49th in 23:57.

Saturday, Oct. 10

Chippewa Falls 2, Pulaski 0

The Cardinals topped the Red Raiders 25-23 and 25-20.

Kaukauna 2, Pulaski 1

It was a back-and-forth battle with Kaukauna eventually claiming victory.

Kaukauna won the first set 25-20, and Pulaski tied it with a 25-22 win in the second set. The Galloping Ghosts won the final set 15-12.

West De Pere 2, Pulaski 0

The Phantoms defeated the Red Raiders in two sets.

Appleton North 2, Pulaski 1

The Red Raiders won the first set 26-24 but then dropped the next two 25-15 and 15-7.

Little Chute 2, Pulaski 1

The Raiders dropped two of three games – all close – to the Mustangs. Pulaski won 26-24, but then Little Chute won 27-25 and 15-13.

Oconto Falls 2, Sevastopol 0

The Panthers won with set scores of 25-12 and 28-26.

Oconto Falls 2, Chilton 0

The Panthers won 25-13, 25-8.

Oconto Falls 2, Kewaunee 0

Oconto Falls defeated the Storm 25-7, 25-15.

Oconto Falls 2, Bonduel 0

The Panthers easily handled the Bears winning by scores of 25-12 and

25-13.

Oconto Falls 2,

Green Bay NEW Lutheran 0

Oconto Falls claimed another win, defeating the Blazers 25-18 and 25-20.

Bonduel 2, Two Rivers 1

The Bears won a thrilling contest against the Raiders.

Two Rivers started the match with a 32-30 win. Bonduel followed with a 33-31 win and claimed victory with a 15-12 win in the deciding set.

Green Bay NEW Lutheran 2,

Bonduel 0

The Blazers beat the Bears 25-17, 25-15.

Bonduel 2, Peshtigo 0

The Bears won in two sets with scores of 25-11 and 25-21.

Sevastopol 2, Bonduel 1

Sevastopol won the first set 25-19, but Bonduel squeaked past them 25-23 to tie the match only to see the Pioneers win the final set 15-8.

Marion 2, Phelps 0

The Mustangs won with identical scores of 25-13, 25-13.

Marion 2,

Menominee Nation 0

Marion beat the Eagles with identical 25-15 scores.

Marion 2,

Lac Courte Oreilles 0

The Mustangs won the first set 25-15 and a much closer second set 26-24.

Marion 2, Elcho 1

The Mustangs beat the Hornets 22-25, 25-9, 17-15.

Gresham 2, Oneida Nation 0

The Wildcats defeated the Thunderhawks 25-9, 25-10.

Tri-County 2, Gresham 1

The Penguins won the first set 25-18, and the Wildcats won the second set 25-17. However, Tri-County claimed a 15-11 win in the deciding third set.

Gresham 2,

Northland Lutheran 1

The Wildcats won 25-12, 21-25, 15-10.

Thursday, Oct. 8

Tigerton 3,

Northland Lutheran 0

With the CWC North season winding down, the Tigers hosted Northland Lutheran in a Parent/Senior Night contest. The Tigers wanted to avenge an earlier season loss to the Wildcats and did just that, winning three straight sets with scores of 26-24, 25-16 and 25-16.

Stats for the match for Tigerton were:

Digs: Presley Stewart-Rolfs and Jaelyn Brady 12 each, Danika Tiller and Mya Smith 8 each, Myah Dent and Renata Nordwig 6 each.

Assists: Tiller 23.

Kills: Stewart-Rolfs 8, Dent 6, Nordwig 5, Smith 4, Eliana Michaelis 2 and Emily Rich 1.

Block kills: Stewart-Rolfs 2.

Service points and aces: Brady 10 points with 3 aces, Stewart-Rolfs 9 points with 3 aces, Tiller 8 points with 3 aces, Smith 6 points with 4 aces, and Rich 4 points.

Tigerton improved to 5-4 in league play and 10-5 overall.

Crivitz 3, Suring 1

Only 12 points separated the two teams across four games.

The Wolverines started with a 25-23 win, and the Eagles followed with a 29-27 win. Crivitz then won 25-18 and 25-23.

Marion 3, Gresham 0

The Mustangs won all three sets 25-13, 25-21, 25-17.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood 3, Tomahawk 0

The Chargers won 25-20, 25-19, 25-10.

Lena 3, Niagara 2

Close doesn’t begin to describe the matchup between the Wildcats and the Badgers.

Niagara took a 2-0 lead with wins of 26-24 and 25-22. Lena scratched back to win 26-24, 25-19, 19-17.

White Lake 3, Bowler 0

The Panthers were beat by the Lakers 25-20, 25-10, 25-11.

Gillett 3, Wausaukee 0

Gillett won 25-19, 25-19, 25-10.

Pulaski 3, Sheboygan North 0

The Red Raiders won in three sets 28-26, 25-18, 25-19.

Pulaski soccer comes from behind to win

Saturday, Oct. 10

Pulaski 4, North Fond du Lac 2

The Red Raiders won a nonconference matchup vs. the North Fond du Lac co-op (United).

Each team found the net in the first half with the Pulaski goal coming from Walker Wozniak and the United goal courtesy of Brody Stephany.

In the second half, the Red Raiders regained the lead in the 55th minute on a goal by Logan Seubert. United converted a penalty kick in the 58th minute to equalize. Pulaski pulled away for the victory with goals in the

61st and 66th minute from Daenen Kehoe and Wozniak.

Charles Desideria made seven saves in goal for United (8-8-1, 6-1-1). Kyle Hansen did not record a save in goal for Pulaski (10-5-2, 3-5).

Thursday, Oct. 8

Amherst 8, Gresham/Bowler 0

The Wildcats dropped to 0-10 after being overwhelmed by Amherst.

Pulaski 2, Green Bay Southwest 1

The Red Raiders came from behind to defeat the Trojans.

After a scoreless first half, Buliko Ali broke the deadlock with an unassisted goal in the 43rd minute to give Southwest the 1-0 advantage.

Pulaski got the equalizer from Jack Van Haren in the 59th minute off an assist from Bryce Voelz. The Red Raiders pulled ahead in the 59th minute with a goal courtesy of Miles Mondloch which turned out to be the game winner.

Owen Hanold made four saves in goal for Southwest (1-8, 1-7). Blake Batzer had two saves in goal for Pulaski (9-5-2, 3-5).



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Pulaski doubles team advances to state tourney

The Pulaski doubles team of Linde Lemerond and Aubrie Schuessler advanced to the state meet with a victory at the Division 1 Bay Port Sectional.

Bay Port Sectional Round 1

No. 1 singles - Vivi Bigani, Notre Dame, def. Anna Krause, Pulaski, 6-0, 6-0.
No. 1 doubles - Linde Lemerond - Aubrie Schuessler, Pulaski, def. Bryn Steenbock - Julia Whipp, West De Pere, 7-6 (5), 4-6, 10-8.
Round 2
No. 2 doubles - Mira Matuszewski - Rheya Gala, Bay Port, def. Linde Lemerond - Aubrie Schuessler, Pulaski, 7-6 (1), 6-2.
Pulaski opened subsectional

tennis action at Appleton North.
Round 1 Singles
No. 1 - Anna Krause, Pulaski, def. Emma Schuchart, Appleton, West, 6-1, 6-0.
No. 2 - Emory Groteluschen, Pulaski, def. Demi Kaquatosh, Green Bay Southwest, 6-0, 6-0.
No. 3 - Alana Stangler, Pulaski, def. Addie Kasten, Fox Valley Lutheran, 6-0, 6-2.
No. 4 - Riley Hartman, Pulaski, def. Noelle Kelley, Fox Valley Lutheran, 7-5, 2-6, 10-6.
Doubles
No. 1 - Linde Lemerond - Aubrie Schuessler, Pulaski, def. Jaisa VandenHouten - Andie Troup, Green Bay Southwest, 6-2, 6-0.
No. 2 - Laine Gebauer - Kar-dyn Peppler, Hortonville, def. Cora Hansen - Vivienne Miskulin, Pulaski, 6-2, 6-2.
No. 3 - Jovi Farrell - Josannah

Koehler, Fox Valley Lutheran, def. Reese Burich - Kaesyn Klarkowski, Pulaski, 3-6, 6-1, 10-5.
Semifinals Singles
No. 2 - Madi Springer, Hortonville, def. Emory Groteluschen, Pulaski, 6-3, 6-0.
No. 3 - Paige Gillette, Bay Port, def. Alana Stangler, Pulaski, 6-1, 6-0.
No. 4 - Emily Apostolou, Appleton North, def. Riley Hartman, Pulaski, 6-2, 6-0.
Division 2
Shawano came within one match of a sectional championship in singles action at the Kohler Sectional.
Shawano's Kendall Knope advanced to the Flight 3 singles championship match after earning a spot in the final. Knope faced Appleton Xavier's Zoe Hodgkiss in the championship,

ultimately falling short of the sectional title.
Despite reaching the Flight 3 championship match, Knope did not advance to the WIAA State Individual Tournament. Under WIAA Division 2 tournament rules, state qualification is awarded to the top four finishers in Flight 1 singles and doubles, along with the Flight 2 winner.
Kohler Sectional Round 1
No. 1 singles - Eila Webber, Kohler, def. Jaelyn Hietpas, Shawano, 6-0, 6-0.
Semifinals
No. 3 singles - Kendall Knope, Shawano, def. Greta Schiewe, Sheboygan Falls, 6-1, 6-4.
Championship - Zoe Hodgkiss, Appleton Xavier, def. Kenall Knope, Shawano, 6-2, 7-5.

Shawano's tennis team competed in the St. Mary Catholic subsectional action.
Round 2 Singles
No. 1 - Jaelyn Hietpas, Shawano, def. Cora Parchim, Marinette, 6-2, 6-4.
No. 2 - Danielle Carroll, Shawano, def. Liz Wade, Marinette, 6-2, 6-3.
No. 3 - Kendall Knope, Shawano, def. Lauren Richter, Waupun, 6-0, 6-0.
No. 4 - Ruby Onesti, Shawano, def. Maggie Kilde, Lourds Academy, 6-1, 6-1.
Doubles
No. 1 - Bianca Burton - Norah Chochesy, Marinette, def. Grace-lyn Behnke - Chloe Gilling, Shawano, 6-1, 6-0.
No. 2 - Jadyn Brown - Ashley Beaumier, Shawano, def. Dorathy Ezeh - Zoey Pada, Marinette, 6-2,

6-2.
No. 3 - Kate Hutchcraft - Vivian Castro, Shawano, def. Kayla Wihlm - Grace Dillenberg, Lurdes Academy, 6-2, 6-4.
Semifinals Singles
No. 2 - Nadia Alexander, St. Mary Catholic, def. Danielle Carroll, 6-1, 6-2.
No. 3 - Kendall Knope, Shawano, def. Nadia Hesse, Lourdes Academy, 6-3, 6-1.
No. 4 - Brooke Vande Hey, Appleton Xavier, def. Ruby Onesti, Shawano, 6-2, 6-1.
Doubles
No. 2 - Tessa Wallace - Addie Bowe, Appleton Xavier, def. Jadyn Brown - Ashley Beaumier, Shawano, 6-2, 6-1.
No. 3 - Carolina Garcia - Luci Bowe, Appleton Xavier, def. Kate Hutchcraft - Vivian Castro, Shawano, 6-2, 6-1.

BABA to induct new Hall of Fame members at banquet

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent
The Badger Amateur Baseball Association's season is in the books, but the organization still has one more event on its schedule for 2026.
The amateur baseball league, which dates back to 1946, will induct its latest Hall of Fame members Oct. 17 during its annual Hall of Fame Banquet at Northwinds Banquet Hall in Marion.
The banquet celebrates individuals whose dedication, leadership and love of the game have helped shape

BABA baseball throughout the organization's 80-year history and brings former players, families, fans and supporters from across the league together to recognize those who have made a lasting impact on amateur baseball.
The inductees are:
• Lois Brandenburg was a baseball activist, organizer, supporter and journalist who covered sporting events for the Marion Advertiser, (Appleton) Post-Crescent and Shawano Evening Leader. The BABA honored her for 50 years of service in 1995, and she never missed a Grand

Championship game in those 50 years. She died in 2003.
• Dan Brandenburg played for Marion's BABA team from 1969-80 and was the catcher on the 1973 Grand Championship squad. After retiring, he was one of the BABA's top supporters through the Marion Advertiser. He died in 2019.
• Patsy Brandenburg spent years behind the scenes as a writer, photographer and editor with the Marion Advertiser working with her husband, Dan, and mother-in-law, Lois.
• Harvey Grosskopf

started playing for Bowler's BABA team in 1935 as a pitcher and utility man. He was drafted by the U.S. Army in 1941, played for the 301st Army baseball team, returned to the area in 1946 and picked up where he left off. He would take over the manager's job in Bowler in 1967, a position he held until he retired in 1974 after 40 years. He died in 2000.
• Larry Resch joined Birnamwood's BABA team in 1963, played shortstop and was known for hitting the long ball after winning the league's home run title for several years. He was part of three Grand Championship teams

appearances across three decades in 1966, 1978 and 1986.
• Jeff Ostrowski began playing for Hatley's BABA team at age 14. He represented the team in the BABA All-Star Game as a 16-year-old and played in 26 more all-star games. He was named most valuable outfielder in back-to-back seasons and was constantly in the top lists of the home run and batting average leaders. He spent 30-plus years as a player and manager in Hatley.
• Al Boyd played on Menominee's Grand Championship team in 1966, with bat being a key factor in a

come-from-behind win. He managed the Shawano Lakers and compiled a record of 577-197 in a 25-year career that included leading the Lakers to the Grand Championship in 1983.
• John Boda signed with the Washington Senators in 1966 and played two years of professional baseball before returning home after a shoulder injury. He continued his baseball career with Elderon's BABA team, was named the North Division's home run champion in 1971 and would later manage the team.
• Rick Boda, John Boda's son, started his BABA career in 1985 with Elderon at age 14. He later played for BABA teams in Wittenberg and Leopolis from 2000-07 before returning to Elderon in 2008. There he would win the most outstanding pitcher award in 2010, 2011, 2013 and 2014 while leading Elderon to five Grand Championship games from 2008-15.
• Bob Moe was part of the Scandinavia Vikings in 1963 as a bat boy before joining the team as a full-time player as a high school junior in 1971. He went on to win a BABA batting title one year by batting .500 and finishing third another year. He also managed the team for a few years.
• Tim Young spent 27 seasons with the Star Neva and Antigo BABA teams. He was a member of Grand Championship winning teams in 1970 and 1971 and was also a player/manager on Grand Championship teams 1976 and 1977. He won the Langlade MVP award in 1977, the home run title in 1982 and the Milford Flannery Award in 1992.
• Pat Peskie joined the U.S. Army in 1965 and played baseball at Fort Irwin, California. He later joined Lanark's BABA team in 1968, where he would become the catcher and eventually the team's manager. He went on to play every position over his career. In his last game at age 69, he played right field against Waupaca and had two hits, including a double.

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At right, Jordan Love had a record-setting day against the Chicago Bears. At far right, Xavier McKinney pulled down two interceptions, giving him three on the season.

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OFFENSE, DEFENSE DOMINATE

Love throws for 367 yards, 2 TDs, 137.5 rating vs. Bears

By LUKE REIMER
Green & Gold Express

The Green Bay Packers exercised some demons in its win over the Chicago Bears on Oct. 11 at Lambeau Field.

After blowing the last two match-ups against Chicago last season, Green Bay played its most complete game of the season, dominating 31-7 in the league's biggest rivalry.

With Chicago starting backup quarterback Tyson Bagent, due to starter Caleb Williams out with a hamstring injury, the Packers defense came out of the gates fast and strong. Over the course of the game, the Packers defense recorded four sacks, eight tackles for a loss, nine quarterback hits, two fumble recoveries and three interceptions.

"Man it's amazing," said Packers quarterback Jordan Love, on watching the defense's performance. "It makes it a lot better for our offense obviously. You know, anytime you can keep them out of the end zone, but just to be able to give us the ball back



Green Bay Packers running back MarShawn Lloyd rushed for 31 yards and two touchdowns on 10 carries against the Chicago Bears in Week 5.

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The kicking game, a perennial thorn in the Packers' side, reared its head in a very ugly way against the Bears. Rookie kicker Trey Smack, who came into the game as probably one of the Packers' best stories, given how the year had gone so far, was absolutely off. Smack missed two field goals and an extra point – three missed kicks on six attempts.

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BIG JUMP, PLENTY OF ROOM TO IMPROVE

By JACOB WESTENDORF
Green & Gold Express

Green Bay will host the Dallas Cowboys in Week 6 on Sunday Night Football.

Packers offense vs. Cowboys defense

Green Bay's offense entered play on Sunday as a group that was more reputation than substance.

For all the fanfare coming into the season surrounding their quarterback and receiving corps, they'd never scored more than 22 points in a game during the season.

Like their defense, the offense got off to a fast

start with a 91-yard touchdown drive that culminated in a 42-yard touchdown pass from Jordan Love to Christian Watson to give them an early 7-0 lead.

After a Xavier McKinney interception, the Packers paid off that drive with a touchdown to make the score 14-0.

The fast start ended there. The Packers went three-and-out on two of their final three possessions. The third possession was a disaster where Love was sacked twice and the Packers were penalized once before going into the half.

Dallas' defense made a lot of changes after a season without Micah Parsons resulted in disaster.

They fired their defensive coordinator and hired Christian Parker from Philadelphia to run their defense. They added Ohio State safety Caleb Downs in the first round of April's draft, and the buzz surrounding their defense was they were supposed to be better.

They have not been. Dallas' defense is far and away the weak point of their team, and they struggled again Oct. 8 against Jalon Daniels.

Rookie linebacker Jaishawn Barham has given them a spark in the middle of their defense, but they're still very limited on playmakers.

As a result, Dallas' defense ranks 31 st in the NFL in total defense. If there were ever a week for the Packers offense to light up the scoreboard, this would be the one.

Packers defense vs. Cowboys offense

Green Bay's defense has quite the challenge in front of them. They have to navigate the rest of

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in great field position, it's amazing. That is a testament to the way they play." Giving up seven points was the least amount of points that the Packers have given up since Nov. 23 of last season.

"That was just a terrific performance by them," Love said.

On the other side of the ball, the Green Bay offense clicked on all cylinders.

Love finished the game completing 25-of-31 passes for 367 yards and two touchdowns. Christian Watson was the leading receiver of the team, taking six receptions for 143 yards and catching both of Love's touchdowns. Matthew Golden added in another big day, catching six passes for 123 yards. Tucker Kraft chipped in 64 yards on five receptions as well.

In the run game, Mar-Shawn Lloyd led the way, picking up 31 yards and two touchdowns on 10 carries. Kaleb Johnson added another 26 yards on seven carries.

"From a mentality standpoint, we just wanted to be aggressive," said Packers head coach Matt LaFleur. "We knew we were going to have to score some points and our guys were making plays down the field."

For Chicago, Bagent finished the game completing 12-of-21 passes for 87 yards, no touchdowns and two interceptions. In relief of Bagent, Case Keenum was not much

better, completing 11-of-19 passes for 108 yards, no touchdowns and one interception.

Luther Burden was the leading receiver for the Bears, taking four catches for 47 yards. Rome Odunze added 40 yards on three receptions. In the run game, D'Andre Swift recorded 43 yards and a touchdown on nine carries.

Both of Bagent's interceptions went to Xavier McKinney, while both Dani Dennis-Sutton and Brandon Cisse recorded their first career sacks.

The 24-point victory over the Bears is the biggest for the Packers in the storied rivalry since Nov. 9, 2014, when Green Bay won 55-14, as well as the most points that Green Bay scored against Chicago since it scored 38 on Sept. 10, 2023.

The win for Green Bay now gives the Packers a 110-98-6 advantage in the overall rivalry. More than that, the win boosts Green Bay's record to 3-2 and gives the team the early tiebreaker over Chicago in playoff scenarios.

"That was a huge win for where we are at in the season," said Love. "That was definitely a much needed win against an NFC North opponent, so yeah, it was a huge win."

Green Bay will look to continue its win streak as the Dallas Cowboys come to Lambeau Field next week for Sunday Night Football.



Matthew Golden hauled in six catches on seven targets for a career-high 123 receiving yards (20.5 yards per reception). GREG MELLIS | GREEN & GOLD EXPRESS

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Chicago Bears coach Ben Johnson was brought back down to earth after a 31-7 loss to Green Bay. He needs quarterback Caleb Williams back on the field. GREG MELLIS | GREEN & GOLD EXPRESS

the season without one of their best defensive players. Edgerrin Cooper missed Sunday's game against Chicago after suffering a torn Achilles.

Micah Parsons is not going to be back this week. He is starting to ramp up, but his return to the field is still not solidified.

Chicago found its rhythm after McKinney's interception, pulling with 14-7 at halftime. Green Bay's pass rush did not do a ton to affect Tyson Bagent, but ultimately facing a backup quarterback was enough of a balancing act for the lack of a pass rush.

The Dallas offense is powerful and capable of putting up points at any

minute. Dak Prescott is surrounded by weapons with George Pickens and CeeDee Lamb forming one of the top wide receiver duos in the NFL.

Javonte Williams has given them a little bit of juice in the run game. Dallas did plenty against Green Bay's defense last year when they had Parsons on the field. Prescott torched Green Bay's defense for 40 points and nearly ran in for the go-ahead score in overtime.

Instead, Green Bay and Dallas settled for a tie. Prescott has had plenty of experience and success against Packers defensive coordinator Jonathan Gannon.

Special teams

Dallas' special teams has one of the top kickers in all of football with Brandon Aubrey, who is in scoring position as soon as the ball crosses the 50 yard line.

Their return game has KaVontae Turpin, who has some juice and is able to take the ball the distance. He did struggle last week against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers with a costly fumble that resulted in points for the Bucs.

Green Bay's special teams has been solid if unspectacular this season. The emergence of Trey Smack as a weapon at kicker, and Skyy Moore providing competence in the return game has given them a baseline of at least

average play.

Moore did leave Sunday's game with an ankle injury, and Matthew Golden replaced him as a punt returner. That's a situation worth monitoring this week. Smack also missed another PAT, which is the only type of kick he had missed that wasn't blocked thus far as a rookie. He did miss his first field goal when a 43-yard attempt late in the game was pushed to the left.

Green Bay's kick coverage was punishing Chicago's return game with two big hits from Kamal Hadden but also gave up a 60-yard-return after the game was in hand, so there are still some things to work on.

DALLAS COWBOYS AT GREEN BAY PACKERS

Time and date: 7:20 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 18
Location: Lambeau Field
TV: NBC
Radio: Flagship WRIT-FM, Milwaukee, 95.7. Packers Radio Network includes WRLO-FM Antigo, 105.3; WMJQ-FM, Clintonville, 92.3; WIXX-FM, Green Bay, 101.1; WLST-FM, Marinette, 95.1; and WSAU Wausau, 550 AM and 95.1 FM
2026 records: Packers 3-2, Cowboys 2-3.
History: These two teams used to lock horns every year in the playoffs, with the Packers consistently falling short at

AT&T Stadium. Since that time, however, the rivalry has flipped. Aaron Rodgers was successful against the Cowboys, and Jordan Love has never lost a game to them. The two teams have played 40 times, and most recently met last year, an entertaining 40-40 tie in Micah Parsons' return to Dallas. The most recent meeting at Lambeau Field came in 2022. Aaron Rodgers and Chrisitan Watson combined for three touchdowns, and the Packers erased two separate deficits to knock off the Cowboys in

overtime.
Coaches: Packers, Matt LaFleur, eighth season, 78-41-1. Cowboys, Brian Schottenheimer, second season, 9-12-1.
Packers Schedule
Sunday, Sept. 13, at Minnesota, L 39-22
Sunday, Sept. 20, at NY Jets, W 20-17 (OT)
Thursday, Sept. 24, vs. Atlanta, L 35-14
Sunday, Oct. 4, at Tampa Bay, W 17-14
Sunday, Oct. 11, vs. Chicago, W 31-7
Sunday, Oct. 18, vs. Dallas,

7:20 p.m., NBC
Sunday, Oct. 25, at Detroit, 3:25 p.m., FOX
Thursday, Oct. 29, vs. Carolina, 7:15 p.m., Prime Video
Sunday, Nov. 8, at New England, 3:25 p.m., FOX
Sunday, Nov. 15, vs. Minnesota, noon, FOX
Week 11 BYE
Wednesday, Nov. 25, at LA Rams, 7 p.m., Netflix
Sunday, Dec. 6, at New Orleans, noon, FOX
Sunday, Dec. 13, vs. Buffalo, 7:20 p.m., NBC
Sunday, Dec. 20, vs. Miami, noon, FOX

Friday, Dec. 25, at Chicago, noon, Netflix
Monday, Jan. 4, vs. Houston, 7:15 p.m., ESPN
Week 18, vs. Detroit, TBD
NFL Schedule Thursday, Oct. 15
Seattle at Denver, 7:15 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 18
Houston at Jacksonville (in London), 8:30 a.m.
NY Jets at New England, noon
Carolina at Philadelphia, noon
Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay, noon

Baltimore at Cleveland, noon
Chicago at Atlanta, noon
New Orleans at NY Giants, noon
Tennessee at Indianapolis, noon
Arizona at LA Rams, 3:05 p.m.
LA Chargers at Kansas City, 3:25 p.m.
Buffalo at Las Vegas, 3:25 p.m.
Dallas at Green Bay, 7:20 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 19
Washington at San Francisco, 7:15 p.m.

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A 100-YARD GAME



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WIDE RECEIVER HAS ‘GOLDEN’ DAY

Green Bay Packers wide receiver Matthew Golden recorded six catches for 123 yards and a two-point conversion in the Packers’ 31-7 victory over the Chicago Bears on Oct. 11. The Packers lead the overall series, 111-98-6. The two teams have met three times in the playoffs, with the Bears winning two of three.



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MOMENTS

GREEN BAY 31, CHICAGO 7



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CAUGHT UP IN THE FLAG

Green Bay Packers tight end Tucker Kraft caught five passes for 64 yards in Green Bay’s Week 5 win against the Chicago Bears. He broke loose for a 46-yard reception in the third quarter from quarterback Jordan Love, marking his longest catch of the 2026 season. The performance followed a slow start to the year as he worked his way back from an ACL injury.

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WILLIAMS CELEBRATES BIG WIN

Green Bay safety Evan Williams celebrates a 31-7 win over Chicago. Green Bay Packers linebacker Zaire Franklin forced a fumble against Bears wide receiver Rome Odunze and Williams recovered the ball, for the Packers third straight turnover to end a Bears drive. He led the team with seven tackles and four assists.



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Columnist Ross Bielema bought water-based wasp spray, because the nest in his basement was above a water heater, and put on heavy clothing and a paintball mask before poking a hole in the nest and spraying it.

ROSS BIELEMA

Wasp home invasion prompts showdown

Don't try this at home — even though I did.

Like most homeowners, I've tried a variety of do-it-yourself repairs at houses I've owned. Most of them have gone fairly well but occasionally has cost me more than hiring a pro in the first place.

When I noticed a basement window full of live wasps a few weeks ago, I grabbed a spray can of insecticide and got most of them the first try. A few tried to fly but didn't get far. Problem solved? Nope.

I saw a lot more dead wasps on the floor than originally seen and opened a closet door where the water heater is stashed. More dead wasps. Then I looked overhead and noticed a section of the rafters had a and massive wasp nest. It was partially covered by a strip of fiberglass insulation, but bigger than a bowling ball.

I neither saw nor heard any live wasps. It wasn't clear where the nest opening was or how they got into this basement nook. A few live wasps in my wife's upstairs bathroom a few weeks ago led us to believe they came in through the bathroom ventilation fan. We had sprayed inside the vent and left the door closed for a few hours. Had this spray somehow spread to the basement? Very doubtful.

Most of us are familiar with the common paper wasps that build umbrella-shaped open nests in the corners of our garages, houses and outbuildings. These are not overly aggressive, but most of us



ROSS BIELEMA
COLUMNIST

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Laughter accumulates for comedian Jayson Cross

College path to accounting derailed by modeling, which leads to stand-up

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

Jayson Cross was originally working toward being an accountant, but that career path didn't add up for the Chicago-based stand-up comedian.

Cross has a love for southern Wisconsin venues, but he will be bringing laughter and fun up north when he performs two shows Oct. 24 at Ignacio's Puebla Street Food, 230 E. Green Bay St., Shawano. The visit is part of his "Moral Dilemma" tour.

Cross has done stand-up comedy for two decades, but he didn't originally plan on extruding laughter from the public on a regular basis. He was attending the University of Illinois and majoring in accounting, following in the footsteps of his father, a tax accountant, when he met a modeling agent at a mall who commented on his high cheekbones and broad shoulders.

"Initially, I thought he was hitting on me," Cross said. "Then he gave me his card, and I showed it to my parents, and they said, 'Hey, give it a call. It couldn't hurt.'"

After discovering the agent was for real, Cross crossed the Wisconsin border to West Bend for his first photo shoot for Kohl's department stores. He considered that a pretty good payday for a 21-year-old, and he decided to move to New York to pursue modeling as a career.

However, Cross's first year in New York found him struggling to make ends meet with print media modeling, so his agent suggested he try getting into commercials. The agent suggested he try to do stand-up comedy to get noticed by commercial casting directors.

"I wound up falling in love with comedy," Cross said. "I think it's the greatest, the best art in the world. It's instant gratification. You know if the joke works then and there or not. If it's fine, they laugh, and you instantly know. If it's not, they don't laugh, and you instantly know."

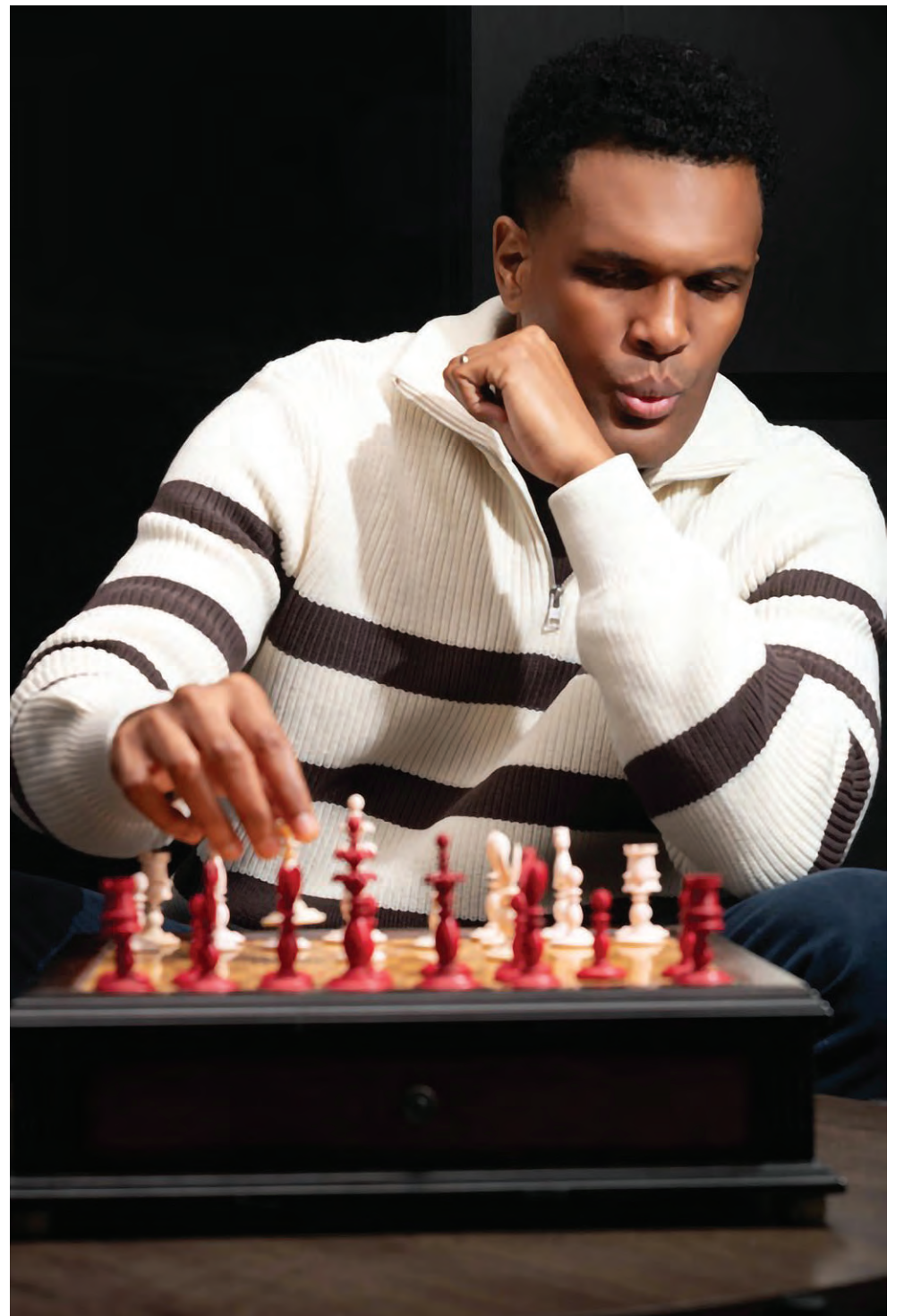
The same philosophy applies with live theater, Cross said, but with film actors and models, it takes time before discovering if their work is a brilliant success or a flop.

Oftentimes, comics are also the writers and marketers of their shows, which allows Cross to be involved in every aspect, not just having the expectation of making people laugh. He said it's good to be involved from beginning to end with his work.

Cross noted he has an outline of what he wants to say, but it's 50/50 between scripted routines and crowd work, where comedians get audience participation to map out where the laughter goes next.

The "Moral Dilemma" tour comes in the aftermath of a hate crime in which Cross intervened. The victim was being attacked by a brick, and although the matter was scary, Cross has turned the incident into a story that people can laugh at.

"I have the bullet points of it, and I just let it come out emotionally but in a funny way," Cross said. "I go through it and work it loosely because I want to be in the moment. I want to go back so I can paint a picture for the audience of how intense the situation was, as well as the crazy thoughts in my mind, which drives the humor."



Jayson Cross is moving across the chessboard in his "Moral Dilemma" tour, and one of the squares will be in Shawano on Oct. 24 as he plans to make people laugh about education, hate crimes and where to get the best German food in Wisconsin.

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AT A GLANCE

WHAT: Jayson Cross stand-up comedy
WHEN: 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Oct. 24
WHERE: Ignacio's Puebla Street Foods, 230 E. Green Bay St., Shawano
TICKETS: \$45, available at Ignacio's

Even with finding the humor, Cross said he was traumatized by what happened. The attacker was sentenced two years later to 14 years behind bars, and Cross decided it was time to move back to Chicago.

"I thought, Lord knows what he's plotting in there, so I moved back to Chicago," he said. "Now, you know you are very scared when you move to Chicago for safety. When Chicago is the safe alternative, you are shaking in your boots."

Cross believes everything has some thin thread of humor in it. It's the delivery, he said, that determines whether comedians get a laugh or booed off the stage.

"I think everything has a humorous lining," Cross said. "It's just how the situation is framed. Real emotion, like admitting fear, can be funny, depending on

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Comedy serves as a catharsis for Jayson Cross, a former model who intervened once in a hate crime and suffered panic attacks for years as a result. Now, he's found a way to turn that incident into something people can laugh about.

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So that evening, I was waiting for a chance to get by this huge combine. Hewas taking up his side plus almost half the other. Patiently, I was waiting to pass. Finally squeezing around him and going by, I marveled again at the sheer size of this piece of equipment. His back tire was almost taller than the roof of my car.

Farmers have a right to the road during harvest. Especially now: On some farms, they are harvesting a fifth crop of alfalfa while concurrently chopping corn. Right after the corn comes off, liquid manure is spread. There are lumbering machines of all shapes and sizes everywhere.

Soon, I discovered a car coming toward me without his lights on. A black car without his lights on — in the dusk of the evening. I got so mad. If he would have come seconds sooner, I might have hit him head-on simply because he had the audacity (or the stupidity?) to drive at dusk without his lights on.

Snapping my headlights on high beam, low beam (I know, I shouldn't do that), I muttered out loud through gritted teeth, "Turn your lights on." I was distracted by that car and checking my rearview mirror to see if I could tell he got my signal when thunk.

Oh-no-oh-no-oh-no. Oh yes. A deer had jumped out of nowhere. Because I was preoccupied, I had no time to react. It hit my left front tire area and rolled. I knew it rolled because I saw hooves. In the air. All four of them.

Slamming on my brakes, my purse flew, my water flew, my cell phone flew. Getting off the road, I turned into a farmer's driveway, mere feet away. Shifting into park, I put my flashers on and, looking in my rearview mirror, saw the pretty good-sized doe stop, shake herself and run off. All of this took about 10 seconds.

Quick as lightning, thoughts bounced

around in my head.

My husband is not going to be happy. He'll say, "What?" As in, "What do you mean?" Not, "Repeat yourself, please."

Do I call the police? I figured I'd have to see how bad it was. Oh goodness. How bad is it?

Gingerly, squinting with one eye closed like that's going to make it less bad, I checked the car over and saw ... nothing. Not even a scratch, nor a hair, nor a dent. Nothing. Huge relief! I was so fortunate. Getting back into my car, I crawled to my destination for that evening.

Every time after that scary moment, I have been driving around like a little old lady.

I'm getting to where I'm going, especially at night, with my face up into the windshield, eyes roving back and forth, back and forth, shoulders scrunched. I scold myself, "Straighten up and sit back, for crying out loud."

I drive 40 miles per hour darn near riding the brakes at dusk or just before dawn and for the life of me think every mailbox reflector is a deer and they're going to jump out and hit my car and this time they'll end up in the windshield and total the car and I'll be taken to the hospital with glass in my face. My thoughts flare like gas on a fire.

That night after my close call, I got home and went straight to my husband.

"I hit a deer."

"What?"

"I'm OK, and it didn't do any damage to the car."

His face softened.

"So, there was this combine..."

("As for God, His way is perfect. The Lord's word is flawless, He shields all who take refuge in Him. For who is God besides the Lord? And who is the Rock except our God? It is God who arms me with strength and keeps my way secure. He makes my feet like the feet of a deer, He causes me to stand on the heights." Psalm 18:30-33, New International Version)

Kay Reminger was born and raised on a dairy farm, and she married her high school sweetheart, who happened to farm for a living in Leopold. Writing for quite a few years, she remains focused on the blessings of living the ups and downs of rural life from a farm wife's perspective.

FARM LIFE FROM A FARM WIFE



KAY REMINGER
COLUMNIST

Abrams Spotlight announces its 2027 season lineup

Abrams Spotlight Productions, Inc., will perform three shows in 2027 and invites the community to attend each performance. Season tickets are on sale now, for a limited time.

Kicking off the season is "Something Rotten!" running March 4-14 and directed by Ali Carlson. Set in the Renaissance, this musical comedy follows brothers Nick and Nigel Bottom as they dream of creating the next big theatrical hit while competing with the wildly popular William Shakespeare. Filled with comedy, catchy songs and countless Broadway references, this Tony Award-nominated musical is a must-see for theater lovers.

Next, ASPI will present

"The Glass Menagerie," running May 13-23 and directed by Heather Anderson Cox. Tennessee Williams' timeless American classic tells the story of the Wingfield family, each member carrying dreams of a better future while navigating the realities of everyday life. Through Tom's memories, audiences will experience a moving and deeply human story about hope, family and the longing for something more.

Closing the season is "Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella," running Dec. 2-12 and directed by Carolyn Silverberg. "Cinderella" reminds audiences that kindness, courage and believing in ourselves can

transform our lives. Filled with music, unforgettable characters and magic, this musical is perfect for all ages.

Season tickets are available for the 2027 season. Season ticket holders save money by buying tickets for all three shows, compared to purchasing individual tickets. They also gain access to the best seats by securing seats before tickets are released to the general public. In addition, all season ticket holders can purchase up to two additional tickets per patron during presale.

To purchase the 2027 season tickets, visit www.abramstheater.com or call the box office at 920-826-5852.

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get rid of them with a spray can, because we don't want to risk a sting.

Yellow jackets are those unfriendly wasps that like to buzz around our soda and sandwiches at picnics, fairs and public areas. They are quick to sting. I've seen multiple ground nests of yellow jackets, and they can be full of hundreds or even thousands of angry insects.

I once shot a squirrel that landed directly on a yellow jacket entrance hole and my older brother had to run at the squirrel, grab the tail and toss it in one direction while he ran the other. I was ready to leave it, but he didn't want to waste the meat.

At the two ends of the wasp spectrum are the friendly mud dauber, an all-black chill wasp that hangs around mud puddles to gather material for its small nests (they rarely sting even when disturbed) and

the black-and-white bald-faced hornets, which build cone-shaped paper nests in the corners of roof lines and in shrubs or trees.

I nearly walked into a hornet nest in a pasture once, hunting squirrels with the same brother. He was walking behind me and screamed for me to "run and start swinging your cap!" I didn't think twice, and he told me the hornets had followed me for about 40 yards.

It's obvious where the phrase "mad as hornets" came from.

I sought out some professional advice from my friend, Tom Walters, of Bettendorf, Iowa, is a semi-retired nuisance wildlife trapper who used to do wasp removal.

Walters used a powerful vacuum cleaner to suck up wasps directly from the nest at night when the critters were gathered and calm.

Wasp season typically starts around August and tends to peak in September.

Once outside temperatures reach about 40 degrees, most tend to die off.

Wasps can enter homes through any tiny holes, including roof ridges, dormers and even cracks in foundations.

Those homemade or commercial traps for yellow jackets can thin the population but they are hit or miss. If you want to kill the paper wasps around your garage, leave the nest up for awhile after spraying and the strays will return to the nest to get exposed to the spray.

After ordering a water-based, less-flammable spray than common hardware-store varieties, Inwas ready for battle. I put on ice fishing bibs, a parka, stocking cap, paintball mask and leathergloves. I used a metal

rod to drive through the side of the nest and immediately sprayed. Then spray dribbled out. Luckily nothing flew out. I dribbled some more around the hole, shut the closet door and then shut the room door.

A day later, minus the protective clothing, I returned with a different can and punched another hole. This can worked with force and I was able to spray plenty of pesticide into both holes.

Again, no signs of life.

At some point, I will remove the nest but will wait for the poison to do its job. Sometimes pesticides are a good thing.

Next time, I'll probably take my wife's advice and call the professionals.

Ross Bielema is a freelance writer from New London and owner of Wolf River Concealed Carry LLC. Contact him at Ross@wolfriverccw.com.

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how it's conveyed."

Comedy proved to be a catharsis for Cross, who said he'd experienced panic attacks following the hate crime incident. He said it took three years before he tried to work it into his routine.

"Now, people are rolling in the aisles about it," Cross said. "Go figure."

Besides doing stand-up comedy, he also works as a reading interventionist for the Chicago Catholic Diocese. As a result, jokes about education and occasionally faith work their way into routines.

"Education is the gift that keeps on giving," Cross said. "I feel like every teacher is a part-time comic anyway, because you need it to keep your sanity. Dealing with the students, the bureaucracy, the parents — there is a lot of humor there."

Cross also talks about the constant and

relentless teasing when he was a child, especially being enrolled in a Chicago language academy. He noted that someone jokingly called him a Nazi, which he refers to as "the other N-word."

"It's kind of hard being the only Black man on the south side of Chicago speaking German," Cross said. "It drew a lot of attention. That's for sure."

However, learning German is a benefit for Cross when he performs in Wisconsin, as many families in the state have German roots.

"That's why you have all the great breweries in Milwaukee or the southern Wisconsin area," he said, noting that when he visits, he stops at The Brat Stop in Kenosha to get brats and German potato salad. "I consider myself a Germanophile."

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THEME: BASEBALL ACROSS

- 1. Diver's acronym
- 6. *Bat wood
- 9. 1970s "pet"
- 13. *High-flying fly ball
- 14. *Tampa Bay player
- 15. Round loaf, in Paris
- 16. Oak fruit
- 17. Golf peg
- 18. Investigative report
- 19. *Winningest World Series team
- 21. *How many feet between bases?
- 23. Help
- 24. Queen of Hearts' pastry
- 25. *80-game restriction, e.g.
- 28. Cecum, pl.
- 30. Mr. Miyagi's forte
- 35. Some soaps have none
- 37. Mobile phone in Britain, slangily
- 39. Heat-conducting solid
- 40. Australian palm
- 41. Borders on
- 43. Large African antelope
- 44. Campus VIPs
- 46. *Umpires: Men in ____
- 47. Wednesday Addams' roommate
- 48. *Babe Ruth, a.k.a. the ____ of Swat
- 50. Campaign worker
- 52. Before, old-fashioned
- 53. Buck or doe
- 55. GDP predecessor
- 57. *Grand slam: home run with bases ____

- 60. * ____-inning stretch
 - 64. Courteous and respectful
 - 65. Large coffee pot
 - 67. Habituate
 - 68. Administer ceremonial oil
 - 69. Bird word
 - 70. Come in
 - 71. Magnifying glass
 - 72. Flow's partner
 - 73. Classroom furniture pieces
- DOWN
- 1. Fix a cat
 - 2. Kind of cola
 - 3. "Once ____ a time..."
 - 4. Muslim woman's cover
 - 5. Relating to apnea
 - 6. Crafts' partner
 - 7. Ed.'s request
 - 8. Laughing predator
 - 9. *Record holder for most career hits
 - 10. Give a boot
 - 11. Modeling material
 - 12. Piano's E or G, e.g.
 - 15. Small chicken variety
 - 20. Organ swelling
 - 22. Rub the wrong way
 - 24. Arranged in rows and columns
 - 25. *Record holder for most career home runs
 - 26. Farewell, in France
 - 27. Edible cactus
 - 29. *One of five first Hall of Fame inductees
 - 31. Blood vessel network
 - 32. Repent
 - 33. Short-trunked ungulate
 - 34. Exclude or omit
 - 36. Rave's partner

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- 38. Purse on red carpet
- 42. Swamp plant
- 45. Equestrian's seat
- 49. Born, in bio
- 51. Begrudged
- 54. Derive
- 56. Tubular pasta
- 57. *Third base ____
- 58. Kitchen appliance
- 59. Pains
- 60. Nose-in-the-air type
- 61. Bonkers
- 62. Hiker's journey
- 63. Not his
- 64. * ____ Ripken Jr.
- 66. *Umpire's blown call

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WHAT’S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, OCT. 16

OCONTO: Storytime, 10:30 a.m., Farnsworth Public Library, 715 Main St. Story and crafts for preschool children. A caregiver must stay with the child.

BOWLER: American Red Cross blood drive, 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Bowler High School, 500 S. Almon St. Appointments at RedCrossBlood.org or 800-733-2767.

SURING: Recovery Talking Circle, 6-8 p.m. South Branch Community Center, W1281 County Road M.

WITTENBERG: “A Doublewide, Texas Christmas,” 7 p.m., WOWSPACE, 114 Vinal St. Crossroads Community Theatre production. Doors open 6:30 p.m. Tickets \$15, available at Wittenberg Sentry or call 715-253-3525.

SATURDAY, OCT. 17

SHAWANO: Christmas Wreath Sale, 8 a.m. to noon, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, gathering space, 302 S. Main St. Fundraiser for Sacred Heart School. Orders also taken after Mass on Oct. 17-18, Oct. 24-25

and through Oct. 28; pickup after Masses Dec. 5-6.

CROOKED LAKE: Crooked Lake/Mountain Lions Club 16th annual Oktoberfest, 11 a.m., Crooked Lake Community Center, 15345 County Road W. Food, family activities, minnow races, wagon rides. Dinner prices \$13, children 6-10 \$10, younger than 5 free.

SHAWANO: Berkshire Hathaway Barn Dance, 4-9 p.m., Peebles Country Breeze Barn, N5628 County Road U. Local vendor market 4-7 p.m., food and drinks, games, 50/50 raffle, live music by Until Dawn 6-9 p.m.

MARION: BABA Hall of Fame Banquet, 5 p.m. arrival, 6 p.m. dinner, Northwinds Banquet Hall. Tickets \$30, includes raffle ticket. Bucket and 50/50 raffles with proceeds to banquet cost and hall of fame building fund.

WITTENBERG: “A Doublewide, Texas Christmas,” 7 p.m., WOWSPACE, 114 Vinal St. Crossroads Community Theatre production. Doors

open 6:30 p.m. Tickets \$15, available at Wittenberg Sentry or call 715-253-3525.

SUNDAY, OCT. 18

SHAWANO: Zurko’s Flea Market, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., Shawano County Fairgrounds, 990 E. Green Bay St. Admission \$2.

SHAWANO: Porkie Pancake Breakfast, 7:30 a.m. to noon, Sacred Heart Catholic Church Cafeteria. Hosted by Knights of Columbus. \$8, children 6-12 \$4, 5 and under free.

ABRAMS: Farmers Market, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Town Square, 5877 Main St.

MONDAY, OCT. 19

TOWNSEND: American Red Cross blood drive, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Townsend Town Hall, 16564 Elm St. Appointments at RedCrossBlood.org or 800-733-2767.

TUESDAY, OCT. 20

KESHENA: Recovery talking circle, 6-8 p.m. Omaeqnomenewak Wetohtatikamek Center, 2700 Mianaceqtawak Road. Information: Mindy Thunder at 715-799-3835 or

mthunder@mitw.org.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 21

NAVARINO: Storytime-Halloween Fun, 10-11:30 a.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. \$3 per child. Group will read stories, make crafts, and explore the outdoors. Costumes encouraged, bring a trick-or-treat bucket.

KESHENA: Recovery talking circle, 6-8 p.m. Omaeqnomenewak Wetohtatikamek Center, 2700 Mianaceqtawak Road. Information: Mindy Thunder at 715-799-3835 or mthunder@mitw.org.

THURSDAY, OCT. 22

OCONTO: Thursday Play Group, 10:30 a.m. to noon, Farnsworth Public Library, 715 Main St. Meant for children to play and interact with other children at the library. A caregiver must stay with the child.

SURING: Men’s Mental Health Event, 5-8 p.m., Romy’s Holiday Inn, 9600 County Road G. Presentation by Dr. Michael Weber, “Learn How to Deal with Negative People and Keep from Becoming Negative Yourself.”

SHAWANO: United Way Campaign Kickoff and Music Bingo, 5:30-9 p.m., Shawano County Park Pavilion, W5791 Lake Drive. Four rounds of music bingo with prizes, basket and 50/50 raffles, nacho bar, presentation about United Way’s activities over the past year. \$25 per seat or \$200 for a table of eight, limit of 200 seats.

FRIDAY, OCT. 23

OCONTO: Storytime, 10:30 a.m., Farnsworth Public Library, 715 Main St. Story and crafts for preschool children. A caregiver must stay with the child.

NAVARINO: Halloween Happenings Goes to Hogwarts, 5:30-9 p.m., Navatino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. \$1 per person; food and drinks available for sale. Come in costume or in “muggle” clothes. Non-scary event; inflatable trail with Halloween decorations; games and “Trick or Treat” candy.

SURING: Recovery Talking Circle, 6-8 p.m. South Branch Community Center, W1281 County Road M.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED 2027 BUDGET
COUNTY OF OCONTO, WISCONSIN
October 29, 2026, 9:00 am

Notice is hereby given that a **PUBLIC HEARING** on the PROPOSED 2027 BUDGET for the COUNTY OF OCONTO, WISCONSIN, as recommended by the **Oconto County Administrator**, will be held on Thursday, October 29, 2026, at 9:00 am in Room 3041, located at 301 Washington St., Oconto, Wisconsin. Citizens are encouraged to attend the **PUBLIC HEARING** and have the right to provide written and/or oral comments and ask questions concerning the budget. A detailed copy of the PROPOSED BUDGET is on file and available for review at the Finance Department in the Courthouse. In accordance with SS.65.90 Wi Stats., the following is a summary of the proposed 2027 budget:

	ADOPTED	PROPOSED	AMOUNT	PERCENT
	2026	2027	CHANGE	CHANGE
EXPENDITURES:				
General Government	\$8,008,992	\$8,441,968	\$432,976	5.4%
Public Safety	10,551,465	10,997,886	446,421	4.2%
Health and Human Services	14,429,638	14,105,418	(324,220)	-2.2%
Public Works (incl. Highway)	12,814,379	12,666,741	(147,638)	-1.2%
Culture, Recreation and Education	2,761,130	3,557,340	796,210	28.8%
Conservation and Development	4,010,171	3,127,630	(882,541)	-22.0%
Capital Projects-Other	2,091,240	2,231,000	139,760	6.7%
Debt Service	1,273,500	1,261,750	(11,750)	-0.9%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$55,940,515	\$56,389,733	\$449,218	0.8%
REVENUES:				
Taxes (Other than Property)	\$639,815	\$724,514	\$84,699	13.2%
Intergovernmental Grants/Aids	14,301,727	13,639,073	(662,654)	-4.6%
Licenses and Permits	424,440	432,040	7,600	1.8%
Fines, Forfeitures and Penalties	161,576	150,030	(11,546)	-7.1%
Public Charges for Services	4,288,343	4,378,657	90,314	2.1%
Intergovernmental Charges	5,032,992	5,116,162	83,170	1.7%
Other (incl. Interest on Investments)	1,528,400	1,783,285	254,885	16.7%
TOTAL REVENUES	\$26,377,293	\$26,223,761	(\$153,532)	-0.6%
Fund balances applied/transferred to reduce the county tax levy:				
Highway fund balance applied to equipment and operations	\$915,378	\$934,920	\$19,542	
Recycling fund balance applied to equipment and operations	90,860	7,000	(83,860)	
Health & Human Services fund balance applied to operations	650,755	864,556	213,801	
Highway fund balance applied to County Road & Bridge		57,137	57,137	
County Road & Bridge fund balance applied to operations	500,000	0	(500,000)	
Debt Service fund balance applied to debt reduction	0	0	0	
Land Records fund balance applied to operations/capital purchases	0	(7,332)	(7,332)	
County sales tax funds applied for capital purchases and operations	2,330,440	2,535,200	204,760	
County sales tax funds applied for capital purchases - highway	1,112,622	641,092	(471,530)	
County sales tax funds applied for debt services	0	0	0	
ARPA funds applied to equipment and operations	250,000	3,859	(246,141)	
Human services fund balance transfer to general fund	400,000	400,000	0	
General fund applied to County Road & Bridge		625,321	625,321	
General fund applied to reduce property tax levy	869,152	1,240,902	371,750	
Total Funds Applied and Transferred	\$7,119,207	\$7,302,655	\$183,448	
TOTAL REVENUES & FUNDS APPLIED	\$33,496,500	\$33,526,416	\$29,916	0.1%
COST OF COUNTY OPERATIONS LEVIED AS PROPERTY TAX	\$22,444,015	\$22,863,317	\$419,302	1.9%
Percent of county tax levy to total budgeted expenditures	40.1%	40.5%		

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING IN THE PROPOSED 2027 BUDGET:

Highway: The highway budget anticipates \$1,506,012 of equipment purchases in 2027, which will be funded by highway depreciation charges of \$934,920, and county sales tax of \$571,092. It also includes \$70,000 for STP project, CR-R design.

Health & Human Services: The Health & Human Services budget applies \$864,556 of their fund balance to reduce the department's 2027 tax levy request to \$3,889,376.

Capital Projects: Capital project purchases for 2027 amount to \$2,231,000 including \$675,000 for computer and related equipment, \$215,000 for various courthouse projects, \$168,000 for F&P projects, \$444,000 for sheriff vehicle replacement, \$280,000 for Motorola Solutions, \$60,000 for courtroom upgrades, \$275,000 for parking lot reconstruction at New View Industries, and \$114,000 for vehicle leases.

Debt Service: The \$1,261,750 debt payment in 2027 will be funded by county debt levy.

Other: The reserve for contingency is \$200,000.

If you are an individual with a disability and need a special accommodation while attending this hearing as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act, please notify the County Clerk at 920-834-6806 at least 24 hours prior to the hearing to make suitable arrangements.

(Prepared by Oconto Co Finance Dept 10/05/2026)

OBITUARIES

DONNA M. GANDT

Donna M. Gandt, 79, Oconto. Donna was born Feb. 15, 1947, to the late Joseph and Lorraine (Hoffman) Ascher. She married Larry Gandt on Oct. 2, 1971. He preceded her in death on March 19, 1998. Donna

worked for many years, and retired from, McDer-mid Trucking.

She was recognized for her over 35 years of ser-vice to the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. Donna was a member of First American Lutheran Church, Oconto.

Donna is survived by two sons, Michael (Shir-ley) Gandt, Mark (Nicole) Gandt; a sister, Mary (Lee) Deneys; three grandchil-dren, Mark Gandt, Nicho-las Gandt, Rachel Mellen; five great-grandchildren, Lane Mellen, Easton Mel-len, Malorie Kuntze, Rich-ard Kuntze III, Max Kun-tze; sisters-in-law, Helen Raddant, Sally Werner, Ja-net Gandt; brothers-in-law,



Herman (Wendy) Gandt and Richard (Kari) Gandt; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, Rich-ard Kuntze II; brother,

Michael Ascher; in-laws, Allen Raddant, Wade Wer-ner, Judy Gandt and Mary (Marvin) Schelk.

The family will receive relatives and friends at the Gallagher Funeral Home, Oconto, from 10 a.m. to noon Monday, Oct. 19, 2026. Memorial serv-ices will be noon Monday at the funeral home by Rev. Roald Harswick. Buri-al will be at Evergreen Cemetery. Online condo-lences may be expressed at www.gallagherfuneral-home.net.

A special thank you to the Bristol Hospice and the staff at Oconto Health and Rehab for the care given to Donna.

Gillett School District Notice of Budget Hearing (Section 65.90(4))				
Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the Gillett School District that the budget hearing will be held at the Gillett Secondary School Commons, 208 W Main Street, Gillett WI on the 28th day of October, 2026, at 5:00 pm. The summary of the budget is printed below. Detailed copies of the budget are available for inspection in the District's office at 208 W Main Street, Gillett WI. It is anticipated that more than one-half of the members of the Gillett School District Board of Education will attend the annual meeting.				
Dated this 7th day of October, 2026. Signed: Trisha Ondik, District Clerk				
GENERAL FUND	Audited 2024 - 2025	Unaudited 2025 - 2026	Unsuccessful Ref. Budget 2026- 2027	Successful Ref. Budget 2026-2027
Beginning Fund Balance	1,832,337.32	1,808,137.95	1,722,209.54	1,722,209.54
Ending Fund Balance	1,808,137.95	1,722,209.54	791,283.70	2,191,283.70
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Transfers-In (Source 100)	0.00	280.91	0.00	0.00
Local Sources (Source 200)	2,213,603.18	3,000,168.14	2,630,150.00	4,530,150.00
Inter-district Payments (Source 300 + 400)	307,259.14	285,455.60	280,835.00	280,835.00
Intermediate Sources (Source 500)	28,236.81	8,184.24	8,126.42	8,126.42
State Sources (Source 600)	6,108,664.08	5,622,109.95	5,506,668.00	5,506,668.00
Federal Sources (Source 700)	227,293.43	159,804.20	189,690.00	189,690.00
All Other Sources (Source 800 + 900)	16,030.11	53,486.57	21,500.00	21,500.00
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	8,901,086.75	9,129,489.61	8,636,969.42	10,536,969.42
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES				
Instruction (Function 100 000)	3,425,669.25	3,310,273.45	3,665,081.40	3,665,081.40
Support Services (Function 200 000)	3,422,295.99	3,737,470.97	3,749,659.33	3,849,659.33
Non-Program Transactions (Function 400 000)	2,077,320.88	2,167,673.60	2,153,154.53	2,553,154.53
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	8,925,286.12	9,215,418.02	9,567,895.26	10,067,895.26
SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND	Audited 2024 - 2025	Unaudited 2025 - 2026	Unsuccessful Ref. Budget 2026- 2027	Successful Ref. Budget 2026-2027
Beginning Fund Balance	633,422.17	705,907.38	726,772.42	726,772.42
Ending Fund Balance	705,907.38	726,772.42	726,772.42	726,772.42
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	2,412,451.48	2,292,493.67	2,254,743.53	2,254,743.53
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	2,339,966.27	2,271,628.63	2,254,743.53	2,254,743.53
DEBT SERVICE FUND	Audited 2024 - 2025	Unaudited 2025 - 2026	Unsuccessful Ref. Budget 2026- 2027	Successful Ref. Budget 2026-2027
Beginning Fund Balance	113,526.67	111,214.42	109,915.56	109,915.56
Ending Fund Balance	111,214.42	109,915.56	554.56	554.56
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	670,881.25	348,389.64	240,577.00	240,577.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	673,193.50	349,688.50	349,938.00	349,938.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	Audited 2024 - 2025	Unaudited 2025 - 2026	Unsuccessful Ref. Budget 2026- 2027	Successful Ref. Budget 2026-2027
Beginning Fund Balance	827,080.06	367,649.92	149,772.87	149,772.87
Ending Fund Balance	367,649.92	149,772.87	154,272.87	554,272.87
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	17,996.44	6,177.70	4,500.00	404,500.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	477,426.58	224,054.75	0.00	0.00
FOOD SERVICE FUND	Audited 2024 - 2025	Unaudited 2025 - 2026	Unsuccessful Ref. Budget 2026- 2027	Successful Ref. Budget 2026-2027
Beginning Fund Balance	305,598.24	299,119.82	356,424.60	356,424.60
Ending Fund Balance	299,119.82	356,424.60	377,967.88	377,967.88
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	425,424.84	447,990.02	397,650.00	397,650.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	431,903.26	390,685.24	376,106.72	376,106.72
COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND	Audited 2024 - 2025	Unaudited 2025 - 2026	Unsuccessful Ref. Budget 2026- 2027	Successful Ref. Budget 2026-2027
Beginning Fund Balance	(96,117.77)	(26,859.59)	53,410.68	53,410.68
Ending Fund Balance	(26,859.59)	53,410.68	54,410.69	54,410.69
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	298,145.00	323,207.00	268,367.00	268,367.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	228,886.82	242,936.73	267,366.99	267,366.99
PACKAGE & COOPERATIVE PROGRAM FUND	Audited 2024 - 2025	Unaudited 2025 - 2026	Unsuccessful Ref. Budget 2026- 2027	Successful Ref. Budget 2026-2027
Beginning Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ending Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses				
ALL FUNDS	Audited 2024 - 2025	Unaudited 2025 - 2026	Unsuccessful Ref. Budget 2026- 2027	Successful Ref. Budget 2026- 2027
GROSS TOTAL EXPENDITURES -- ALL FUNDS	13,076,662.55	12,694,411.87	12,816,050.50	13,316,050.50
Interfund Transfers (Source 100) - ALL FUNDS	1,197,218.24	1,024,044.45	1,211,419.53	1,611,419.53
Refinancing Expenditures (FUND 30)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
NET TOTAL EXPENDITURES -- ALL FUNDS	11,879,444.31	11,670,367.42	11,604,630.97	11,704,630.97
PERCENTAGE INCREASE -- NET TOTAL FUND EXPENDITURES FROM PRIOR YEAR		-1.76%	-0.56%	0.29%
PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY				
Levy Summary	Audited 2024 - 2025	Unaudited 2025 - 2026	Unsuccessful Ref. Budget 2026- 2027	Successful Ref. Budget 2026-2027
General Fund	\$2,141,140	\$2,936,938	\$2,598,650	\$4,498,650
Referendum Debt Service Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Non-Referendum Debt Service Fund	\$669,354	\$347,188	\$240,077	\$240,077
Capital Expansion Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Community Service Fund	\$298,145	\$323,207	\$268,367	\$268,367
Prior Year Levy Chargeback	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Levy	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL SCHOOL LEVY	\$3,108,639	\$3,607,333	\$3,107,094	\$5,007,094
PERCENTAGE INCREASE -- TOTAL LEVY FROM PRIOR YEAR		16.04%	-13.87%	38.80%
ENERGY EFFICIENCY EXEMPTION				
§ 121.91 (4) (o) Revenue Limit Exemption for Energy Efficiencies-Evaluation of the Energy Performance Indicators				
Name of Qualified Contractor	Honeywell			
Performance Contract Length (years)				
Total Project Cost (including financing)				
Total Project Payback Period				
Years of Debt Payments				
Remaining Useful Life of the Facility				
Prior Year Resolution Expense Amount	Fiscal Year	2015		
Prior Year Related Expense Amount or CY debt levy	Fiscal Year	2015		
Utility Savings applied in Prior Year to Debt	Fiscal Year	2015		
Sum of reported Utility Savings to be applied to Debt				\$ 74,792
Savings Reported for 2025-26				

10/16/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
OCONTO COUNTY

Gillett School District
Notice for Annual District Meeting
(Section 120.08(1))

Notice is hereby given to qualified electors of the Gillett School District, that the annual meeting of said district for the transaction of business, will be held in the Gillett Secondary School Commons, 208 W Main Street, Gillett WI on the 28th day of October 2026, at 5:00 pm. It is anticipated that more than one-half of the members of the Gillett School District Board of Education will attend the annual meeting.

Dated this 7th day of October 2026.
Signed: Trisha Ondik, District Clerk

Gillett School District
Annual Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, October 28, 2026, at 5:00 PM
Secondary School Commons

1.Call to Order - Robin Banaszynski, School Board President
2.Election of a Chairperson for the Annual Meeting
3.Election of a Clerk for the Annual Meeting
4.Referendum Informational Presentation
5.Presentation of 2026-27 Budget - Nicole Blaskowski, School Board Treasurer, Megan Lambrecht, District Finance Manager, and Dr. Nathan Hanson, District Administrator
6.Act on the 2026-27 Tax Levy: A Resolution to Take Effect if the Referendum Does Not Pass and a Separate Resolution to Take Effect if the Referendum Does Pass.
7.Act on the School District Authorization to Borrow Money, Sell Unused School Assets, and to Secure Legal Counsel as Deemed Advisable
8.Act on Authorizing the School Board to Set the 2027-28 Annual Meeting Date
9.Act on Setting the School Board Members Salary
10.Other Business that May Legally be Transacted at an Annual Meeting
11.Read and Approve the Minutes of this Meeting
12.Adjourn

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10/16/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
OCONTO COUNTY

CITY OF OCONTO FALLS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC TEST

In accordance to Wis Stats 5.84(1), Notice is hereby given that a Public Test for the voting machine to be used at the General Election on November 3, 2026 will be conducted for the City of Oconto Falls Wednesday, October 28, 2026 at 9:00 AM at the City Municipal Building, 500 N Chestnut Avenue. The Public Test is open to the general public. Jenny Friedman Deputy Clerk

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10/16/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
OCONTO COUNTY

NOTICE TOWN OF BAGLEY
PUBLIC TEST

The Town of Bagley will test the electronic tabulating machine to be used for the NOVEMBER 3, 2026 ELECTION to be held on TUESDAY OCTOBER 20, 2026 at 6:00 PM at the Bagley Town Hall 9812 COUNTY HWY Z, POUND, WI. 54161 This test is open to the public.

ALAN SLEETER,
CLERK TOWN OF BAGLEY

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10/16/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
OCONTO COUNTY

Town of How
Notice of
PUBLIC TEST

Notice is hereby given that the Public Test for the Voting Equipment to be used at the General Election on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, will be conducted on **Wednesday, October 28 at 9:30 a.m.** at the Town of How Community Building in accordance with the Wisconsin State Statutes, Ch.5.84(1). The Public Test is open to the general public.

Becky Dickson, Clerk
Town of How, Oconto County, WI

ELECTION DAY
Tuesday,
November 3, 2026
Polls open at 7:00 a.m.
Polls close at 8:00 p.m.

You are required to show a picture I.D. and sign the poll book.

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10/9/26, 10/16/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
OCONTO COUNTY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING DIVISION OF PARCEL –
Village of Lena
October 19, 2026, 5:30 p.m.

Please take notice that a public hearing will be held before the Village Board of the Village of Lena, Wisconsin on Monday, October 19, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at the Village of Lena Municipal Building located at 117 E. Main Street, Lena, WI. Land parcels proposed to be divided are as follows:
Tax Parcel Number: 146012603043A and 146012603043C Village of Lena. The property is located at 410 and 412 E Main Street in the Village of Lena.
Tax Parcel Number: 14605270888B and 14605270878A Village of Lena. The property is located at 300 and 312 W Main Street in the Village of Lena.
Proposed Parcel Maps are available for viewing during normal business hours at the Village of Lena Municipal Building. At the above time and place, all interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard.
BY ORDER OF THE VILLAGE OF LENA VILLAGE BOARD

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10/16/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
OCONTO COUNTY

TOWN OF MORGAN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC TEST

In accordance with Wis Stats 5.84(1), Notice is hereby given that a Public Test for the voting machine to be used at the 2026 General Election on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, will be conducted for the Town of Morgan on Tuesday October 27, 2026, at 09:00 AM at the Morgan Town Hall, 3276 County Rd C, Oconto Falls, WI 54154. This public test is open to the general public.

Town Clerk
Erin Mooers
920-846-0699

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10/16/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
OCONTO COUNTY

CITY OF GILLETT
PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

Council Chambers – Municipal Building
150 N McKenzie Ave – Gillett, WI 54124

PUBLIC NOTICE:

Notice is hereby given that the City of Gillett Utilities will meet for a Public Information Meeting on a sewer rate increase for 2026 in the City of Gillett. It will be held on Thursday, November 5, 2026, at 5:00 to 5:30 pm at Gillett City Hall, Council Chambers, 150 N McKenzie Ave, Gillett, WI. This meeting is open to the public.

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10/2/26, 10/9/26, 10/16/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
OCONTO COUNTY

STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY
CIRCUIT COURT
FAMILY COURT BRANCH

In re the marriage of:
CAROL JEAN KNIPP
Petitioner
-and-
DANIEL ARNOLD KNIPP
Respondent
Divorce: 40101
Case No. 25 FA 126

PETITIONER'S AMENDED NOTICE OF
MOTION AND MOTION
TO ADD A PARTY OR FOR LEAVE TO
ADD A PARTY PURSUANT TO WIS.
STATS. § 803.05 AND § 803.06

TO:
Michelle McPhaul
8252 Sherrie Ln.
Gillett, WI 54124
Shawano County Clerk of Courts
Shawano County Courthouse
Via E-Filing

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the
Petitioner, Carol Knipp, by her attorney,
Sally Danner, of Karp & Iancu, S.C., will
move the Court for the following relief
pursuant to sections 803.05 and 803.06
Wis. Stats. and pursuant to In re the
Marriage of Zabel v. Zabel, 210 Wis. 2d
336, 565 N.W.2d 240 (Ct.App. 1997):
1.For an Order to add Michelle McPhaul,
and Kayla Knipp as parties to the above-
captioned action pursuant to section
803.05 Wis. Stats.; or
2.For an Order granting the Petitioner
leave to join Michelle McPhaul, and Kayla
Knipp as parties to the above captioned
action pursuant to section 803.06 Wis.
Stats; an
3.For an Order enjoining Michelle
McPhaul, and Kayla Knipp, or any
corporate or non-corporate entity within
his or her control from disposing of
property transferred to him/her by Daniel
Knipp or using funds provided to them by
Daniel Knipp.
4. For an Order rescinding any
transaction or transfer between Daniel
Knipp and Michelle McPhaul, and Kayla
Knipp, or corporate or non-corporate
entities on their behalf.
5. For such other relief at law or in
equity to which the Petitioner may be
entitled, including but not limited to, her
reasonable and actual attorney's fees.
BEFORE: Family Court Commissioner
Eric Hendrickson
PLACE: Shawano County Courthouse
311 North Main Street
Shawano, WI 54166
DATE: December 1, 2026
TIME: 11:30 a.m.
This Motion is based on the attached
affidavit of Attorney Sally Danner,
September 21, 2026,
KARP & IANCU, S.C.
Attorneys for Petitioner
Electronically signed by Sally Danner

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Pat's Market

GILLETT (920) 855-6040



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Deli Hours: 8am - 6pm
Sat 8:00 am-5:30pm Sun 8:00am-1:00pm

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MON-FRI 9:00AM-5:30PM

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18-19 oz.
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\$6.49

lb.

**Oscar Mayer
Hot Dogs**
Regular or Bun-Length
16 oz.

\$2.49



**USDA Choice
T-Bone Steaks**

\$11.49

lb.

**Pork
Back Ribs**

\$3.29

lb.



**Boneless
Country Style
Pork Spare Ribs**

\$1.89

lb.

Progresso Soup
Asst. Variety
9-10.75 oz

2/\$4.00

**Food Club
Applesauce**
Asst. Variety
48 oz.

\$2.49



**Green or Red
Seedless
Grapes**

\$2.19

lb.



**Cosmic Crisp
Apples**

\$1.99

lb.



**Medium
Sweet Potatoes**

99¢

lb.



**Jumbo
Sweet Onions**

89¢

lb.



Local Carrots

\$1.59

2# bag

**Keebler Club,
Toasted,
Town House,
or Zesta Crackers**



2/\$5.00

8-16 oz.
Asst. Variety

**Sweet P's
Jumbo
Muffins or
Swiss Cake Rolls**



\$3.99

4-6 pk.
Asst. Variety



**Creamette
Pasta**

\$1.29

12-16 oz.
Asst. Variety



**Daisy
Sour
Cream**

\$2.99

24 oz.



**McCain Frozen
Potatoes or
Onion Rings**

\$3.49

14-32 oz.
Asst. Variety



**Bellatoria
Ultra Thin
Pizza**

2/\$9.00

12.76-18.96 oz.
Asst. Variety



**Cheez-Its
Crackers**

2/\$6.00

Asst. Variety

9-12.4 oz.



**General
Mills Chex
Cereal**

2/\$6.00

12-14 oz.
Asst. Variety



**Chobani
Flips**

4/\$5.00

4.5 oz.
Asst. Variety



**Crav'n Classic
or Cream
Pies**

\$6.99

24-38 oz.
Asst. Variety



Costume Contest
\$6,000 in Cash
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SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 31, 2026



Costume Registration
6:30pm - 8:30pm.
Winners Announced
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