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A skeletal lineman servicing a light pole near the Antique Bar and Grill adds to the Halloween spirit in downtown Oconto Falls. The installation by Oconto Falls Municipal Utilities earned first place in the Cornstalks on Main Street competition.

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Middle school within budget, ahead of schedule

Uncertainty over prices has eased somewhat, project manager says

By **WARREN BLUHM**
News Editor

Bids for major portions of construction work on the new Oconto Falls Middle School came in somewhat lower than feared, allowing the school board to retain some features of the new building that had been in jeopardy.

The board approved bids on 21 large pieces of the project during its Oct. 16 meeting, including alternate bids for a fitness center and multipurpose room that had been set aside for

possible elimination because of rising costs.

"I just want to be clear that they're 'alternates' for the purpose of working the numbers and all that, in case we had to come to a decision where we had to back them out," board president Clint Gardebrecht said. "These are not add-ons."

"They were in the original budget; they were in the original plan," Nexus Solutions project manager Brent Warren agreed. "We just created ourselves a possible back-off in case we got bad news (on the bids)."

As it turned out, the bids came in about \$1.2 million under budget, and with the optional cuts folded back in, the project is still about \$89,000 below where planners hoped to be at this stage, Warren said.

The school district has not yet needed to dip into any of its contingency funds with an estimated \$4 million of the \$37.36 million referendum

budget left to be bid, he said.

"You now have the fiscal resources to move forward with the original plan, to have those alternates that were actually part of the original plan, and move this process forward," Superintendent Dean Hess said.

The board was pleased that the submitted bids were within the budgeted range.

"In a climate where things are continuing to come in over budget, this is just incredible, and it just shows that the landscape is changing a little bit," said board member Emilie Trudell.

Warren agreed that the fiscal uncertainty caused by rampant inflation has calmed down a bit.

"A year, year and a half ago, when this project started, the world was in a different place construction-wise," he said. "Prices were up and down everywhere. Electricians would call and say, 'My bid's good for two hours,' because copper was changing

that much, you know. Crazy stuff was going on. Now, things have leveled off, and you can see that here."

Construction crews have been working since mid-August at the site along County Road I, across the street from Oconto Falls High School. Warren said a great deal of earth has been moved to create the pads for the building and parking lot, and digging was underway to form the new building's footings.

"Overall, the process is going fantastic," Warren said. "Knock on wood, I would say we're probably two weeks ahead of schedule at this point."

Voters approved the project in November 2022, as the district looks to replace aging Washington Middle School. The new school is projected to open in time for the 2025-26 academic year.

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Fire truck bays go up



The new Oconto Falls Fire Department headquarters is beginning to take shape at the intersection where Columbia Street meets Union and South Chestnut avenues. The \$7.5 million fire station, mostly funded by a federal grant, is scheduled for completion next summer.

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Townsend fire chief named first responder of the year

Townsend Fire Chief Dawn Herlache has been named First Responder of the Year for the 35th Assembly District. State Rep. Calvin Callahan presented Herlache her award Oct. 17 during an Assembly floor session.

Herlache has served the Town of Townsend as an integral part of the fire department for over 20 years, Callahan said.

“Chief Herlache’s dedication to Townsend and the surrounding community speaks volumes about her character and is emblematic of what makes the Northwoods a great place to live,” he said. “The strength of our communities comes from the men and women who serve it. Townsend is lucky to have such a dedicated and selfless woman keeping the town safe. I’d like to thank Chief Herlache and all our first responders across the 35th Assembly District for all that they do.”

The “First Responder of the Year” award, created in 2019, recognizes the men and women who serve in emergency services. Nominations are



Dawn Herlache became Oconto County's first female fire chief when she was named chief in Townsend in July 2019. CONTRIBUTED

sought from communities around the state, and state representatives select one individual from their respective Assembly district who best exemplifies community service, selflessness and dedication.

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Cruisers Yachts introduces new luxury line

Cruisers Yachts, the Oconto-based luxury yacht manufacturer, has announced the upcoming launch of an all-new Flybridge series, described as an evolution of its popular Cruisers Cantius series.

The Flybridge series will include three new yachts, starting with the launch of the 55 Fly. Designed from the keel up, the vessel features an interior created in collaboration with respected superyacht designer Luiz Debasto of Debasto Designs. The design theme, "Back to Nature in a Tech World," blends organic shapes in earth and ocean tones, complemented with natural fibers.

"We set out to create a 'Super Fly' – a yacht that exceeds all expectations of Cruisers Flybridges of the past," said Josh Delforge, Cruisers vice president of operations and engineering. "Our design team focused on delivering

the best-in-class water interaction, a superior flybridge entertaining space and a fresh interior design direction, all wrapped in a futuristic evolution of the Cantius DNA."

Cruisers Yachts is in attendance this weekend at the 2023 Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show in Florida with an eight-boat lineup, including four Cantius and four GLS models.

"This extraordinary series will propel the Cruisers Yachts brand into the future, helping to set a new standard in design, performance and luxury," said Mark Pederson, president of Cruisers Yachts. "We are proud to introduce our brand-new Flybridge series; this symbolizes our enduring dedication to creating exceptional vessels for our customers to always be in awe of."

For information, visit www.cruisersyachts.com/blog/2023/flybridge-series-announcement.



Cruisers Yachts describes its new Flybridge series of luxury yachts as "a modern marine engineering masterpiece designed for yachting enthusiasts who demand the very best." CONTRIBUTED

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PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on **Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 5:45 PM** at the Suring Municipal Building, 604 E. Main Street, a **PUBLIC HEARING** on the **PROPOSED BUDGET** for **2024** of the Village of Suring will be held. The Proposed Budget in detail is available for inspection at the Village Clerk's office during regular business hours. The following is a summary of the proposed 2024 budget:

VILLAGE OF SURING	2022 ACTUAL	2023 YEAR END PROJECTED	2023 BUDGET	BUDGET NOTES	2024 BUDGET	Percentage change in budget
REVENUES						
Taxes - General Levy	\$247,995	\$325,946	\$ 325,946		\$ 328,943	0.92%
Other Taxes	\$43,475	\$41,337	\$ 41,422		\$ 41,422	0.00%
Special Assessments/charges	\$25,598	\$20,000	\$ 20,000	Garbage service-Special Chg. Per parcel of \$110	\$ 20,000	0.00%
				Includes ERP & Additional Shared Revenue from State.		
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$203,670	\$659,888	\$ 212,952		\$ 260,537	22.35%
Licenses & Permits	\$4,212	\$4,593	\$ 3,865		\$ 4,285	10.87%
Fines, Forfeitures, Penalties	\$3,088	\$4,616	\$ 3,000		\$ 3,500	16.67%
Public Charges for Service	\$6,323	\$10,822	\$ 5,400		\$ 5,500	1.85%
Intergovernmental charges	\$112,974	\$116,126	\$ 118,643		\$ 120,850	1.86%
Miscellaneous	\$51,735	\$94,260	\$ 20,700		\$ 20,700	0.00%
Other Financing Sources	\$100,000	\$47,000	\$ 46,500		\$ 34,500	
TOTAL REVENUES	\$799,070	\$1,324,587	\$ 798,428		\$ 840,236	5.24%
EXPENDITURES						
General Government	\$123,164	\$129,967	\$ 127,436		\$ 138,668	8.81%
Public Safety	\$311,114	\$341,293	\$ 306,771		\$ 324,165	5.67%
Public Works	\$149,865	\$155,599	\$ 168,513		\$ 183,697	9.01%
Health & Human Services	\$1,475	\$3,558	\$ 3,018		\$ 2,089	-30.78%
Culture, Recreation, Education	\$38,637	\$42,503	\$ 37,780		\$ 39,173	3.69%
Conservation & Development	\$3,330	\$4,288	\$ 3,381		\$ 3,280	-2.99%
Capital Outlay & Planning	\$0	\$10,803	\$ 22,252		\$ 29,353	31.91%
Debt Service	\$131,534	\$76,773	\$ 117,276		\$ 119,812	2.16%
Other Financing Sources	\$0	\$454,192	\$ 12,000		\$ -	0.00%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$759,119	\$1,218,977	\$ 798,427		\$ 840,236	5.24%

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

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EXPENDITURES

Kim Gruetzmacher, Clerk-Treasurer

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Halloween decor in downtown Oconto Falls



LEFT: Skeletons toast passersby as part of the Senn Insurance Agency entry in the Oconto Falls Cornstalks on Main Street competition. The display was awarded second place. **RIGHT:** The Penguin Again's entry included pumpkins painted as penguins, of course. The restaurant received the third-place prize in the competition.

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OBITUARIES

With great sadness, we announce the passing of John C. Reindl on Saturday, Oct. 21, 2023. He passed away peacefully at the age of 80 after a short illness. Just like he dealt with all experiences in life, John managed his illness with strength and grace. On his final day, he was surrounded by his family who loved him very much.

John married OraLee Herning Schulz and her six children on Aug. 11, 1979. He had an instant family of eight. John was always there for us through our ups and downs. He taught us to enjoy what life had to offer. We are thankful for the life we shared with him.

John served in the U.S. Army from



1964-66 during the Vietnam War. He worked as a Green Bay bridge tender for 28 years before retiring in Suring. John enjoyed camping, fishing and hunting in his younger years.

In his later years,

John enjoyed watching and feeding the animals in his yard. He enjoyed getting together with his family when everyone could joke around and badger each other. John was always quick-witted and ready with a comeback.

John is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, OraLee; five stepchildren, Debbie (Mark) Biersteker, Bill

John Reindl

(Dotti) Schulz, Linda (Dave) Hockers, Michelle (Dan) Cayan and Todd (Jody) Schulz; 13 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Allen Reindl and Carl (Judy) Reindl; sister-in-law, Doris Reindl. He is further survived by many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Ruth Reindl; two brothers, Robert and Don Reindl; sister, Francis (Ray) Reedy; sister-in-law, Elenor Reindl; stepson, Dean Schulz; parents-in-law, Edward and Eva Herning; brother-in-law, Jim (Sandy) Herning.

Visitation will be held Friday, Nov. 3, 2023, at Gruetzmacher Funeral Home in Suring from 9:30 a.m. until the funeral service at 11 a.m. with Pastor Andrew Jantz officiating.

Gruetzmacher Funeral Home in Suring is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences can be expressed at www.gruetzmacherfuneralhome.com.

The family would like to thank the staffs of St. Mary's Hospital and The Bay at Suring Nursing Home for the care and compassion offered to John and his family during their time of need.



Michele Reed

Michele Faye Reed, 55, of Cecil, passed away on Saturday, Oct. 21, 2023.

Michele was born on Sept. 19, 1968, to Philip and Janice (Heath) Reed. While in high school, Michele was known for her basketball skills. She graduated from Gillett High School with the class of 1986. Michele then graduated from Carroll University in Waukesha in 1990 with a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice.

She worked numerous jobs over the years, including as a dispatcher for the Menominee Tribal Police Department, as Menominee County Clerk and at Maehnowesekiyah



Wellness Center. Michele was proud that her jobs allowed her to give back to the tribe.

On Nov. 4, 2000, Michele married Paul Hudson of Shawano. The

couple greatly enjoyed fishing and snowmobiling. Michele loved movies and music, especially Pat Benatar and Adele. She also enjoyed being physically active and played softball for many years for Hintz Bar and the

Lumberyard Bar. Michele was very sociable and enjoyed talking on the phone with her family and friends.

Michele is survived by her parents, Philip and Janice Reed, of Keshena; siblings, Lowell Reed, of Keshena, Jolene Reed, of Keshena, and Heather (Donnie) Trainor of Oak Lawn, Illinois. She is further survived by many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her

husband, Paul; sister, Yvette Reed; brother-in-law, Lonnie Peterman; and nephew, Wyatt Schroeder.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2023, at the South Branch Community Center from 8 a.m. until the memorial service at 11 a.m.

Gruetzmacher Funeral Home in Suring is assisting the family with arrangements. On-

line condolences can be expressed at www.gruetzmacherfuneralhome.com.



OBITUARIES

Betty Siefert, of Eau Claire, formerly of Oconto Falls, went to her heavenly home on her 98th birthday, Oct. 22, 2023.

Betty loved music. She recalls taking the street car to church and choir practice in Detroit as a young girl. She sang in church choirs from the time she was 8 years old and at that time decided to become a teacher when she grew up.

Betty Jean (Priestaf) Siefert was born Oct. 22, 1925, to the late Henry and Marie (Gombert) Priestaf in Detroit, Michigan.

Betty graduated from the Detroit High School of Commerce in January 1944 and worked as a secretary at General Motors Headquarters before attending Heidelberg College in Tiffin, Ohio. She earned her bachelor of music education degree in 1949. She taught vocal music in the St. Bernard, Ohio, public schools in Cincinnati.

On Aug. 5, 1950, she married Clyde Siefert, whom she met at Heidelberg College, at Bethel Evangelical and Reformed Church in Detroit. She was baptized there by theologian Reinhold Niebuhr. Since a young girl, Betty's Christian faith and love of Jesus was central to her life.



As a teenager, Betty was active in her church and the citywide inter-denominational youth groups. As a young woman, she was also a member of the Detroit Business Women's Association.

When Betty and her husband moved to Oconto Falls in 1954, where Clyde opened his office as a family physician, Betty was a substitute teacher in Oconto Falls schools. She also organized the United Methodist Youth Choir. She later became the senior choir director, directing for close to 30 years. She retired in 1985 and was instrumental in bringing ecumenical choir cantatas to the community.

Betty kept in contact with friends and family through letter writing. She moved to Eau Claire in 2014 and enjoyed being closer to her family.

Betty was a member of the Oconto Falls Women's Club and the Red Hat Society. She was on the advisory committee for the building of the Oconto Falls High School, many church com-

mittees, a member of the Community Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and the Friends of the Performing Arts for the city of Oconto Falls.

Together with her husband, Betty raised four children, whom she leaves along with their families: Randall (Patrice Piper) Siefert, of Apple Valley, Minnesota, with Ashley (Michael) Siefert Nunes and Mitchell (Kate Luskin) Siefert; Lynn (Daniel) Severson of Eau Claire, with Erin (Reed) Flathmann, Alyssa (Aaron) Hedenstrom and Jenna Severson; Craig (Jacqueline Byrley) Siefert of Lewisville, Texas, with John (Ash) Siefert and Carl (Kathryn) Siefert; and Beth Siefert of Brooklyn Center, Minnesota. She also leaves behind five great-grandchildren.

Betty found being married to a busy physician and raising children was a full-time job. Betty and Clyde enjoyed traveling around the world, which was something they never dreamed of doing while growing up during the Depression. They relished attending concerts and musicals, singing in the church and community choirs, attending grandchildren's activities, downhill skiing and ballroom dancing.

Betty is also survived by her sister,

Marilyn Rank, sister-in-law, Sue Priestaf, and many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Clyde; her in-laws; two infant brothers, (Carl Henry and Harvey John); her brothers, Harold Priestaf and wife Ruth, Rev. Donald Priestaf and wife June, Earl Priestaf; niece, Linda Kilburn; nephew, Brian Priestaf; and several brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law.

Visitation will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, 2023, at the United Methodist Church, 165 N. Farm Road, Oconto Falls, until the time of service. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the church with Pastor Parmar Sherwin officiating. Private family burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery, Oconto Falls.

Her family would like to thank the kind staff of Grace Willowbrook Assisted Living, Azura Memory Care and Mayo Clinic Hospice including Dr. Jo Cosiquien; Michele, RN, at Grace Willowbrook; Emily, RN, at Azura; and Miranda, RN, at Mayo Clinic Hospice.

In lieu of other expressions of sympathy, memorials may be given in Betty's name to the Dr. Clyde and Betty Siefert Scholarship Fund, Oconto Falls High School.

Darlene Buhrandt

Darlene Marie Buhrandt, 88, of Suring, passed away on Saturday, Oct. 21, 2023.

She was born on Oct. 22, 1934, in the Town of How to the late Elmer and Isabell (Massard) Gardebrecht. Many people also knew her as Muppy. Darlene attended Hayes Brook School, St. John Lutheran School and Suring High School.

On Oct. 27, 1951, Darlene married Lawrence Buhrandt at St. John Lutheran Church in Hayes. They were married for 65 years, living in the Suring and Hayes areas. In 1961, the couple purchased their first farm and started dairy farming with their children. For many years, Darlene grew a huge vegetable garden, many beautiful flower beds and picked her raspberries and pickles for selling, with her family. In the fall, Darlene would pick apples at Bartz's and, later in life, worked as a dietary aide at Woodland Village Nursing Home in Suring.



Darlene enjoyed cooking, baking, sewing, knitting, crocheting, needle point, making quilts, mowing her lawn, working in her flowers, collecting and cooking maple syrup and

decorating her home for Christmas. She also enjoyed playing cards and board games with her family and fishing on Wiscobee Lake.

Darlene was an active member of St. John Lutheran Church in Hayes, serving on the church council and as a member of the Ladies Aid, serving as treasurer.

Darlene is survived by her five children, Steve (Judy) Buhrandt, Ruth (Steve) Giese, Linda (Steve) Druckrey, Larry Buhrandt and Jason (Tammy) Buhrandt; nine grandchildren, Kelly Jo, Jeremy, Vanessa, Benjamin,

Brittany (Matt), Brennan, Hope, Faith and Nicholas; 11 great-grandchildren, Connor, Garret, Carson, Creed, Elliot, Indie, Kenley, Ashton, Madelaine, Owen and Logan; sister, Sue Druckrey; brother, Dan (Teri) Gardebrecht; sisters- and brothers-in-law, Connie Gardebrecht, Cheryl Gardebrecht, Joy Buhrandt, Judy Buhrandt, Pat (Howard) Jossie, Ray (Shirley) Buhrandt, Paula Buhrandt and Nancy (Jim) Jossie.

She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; parents-in-law, Ernest and Lydia (Pfeffer) Buhrandt; grandson-in-law, Jerry Hasenberg; sister, Judy Genke; brothers, Harvey and Richard Gardebrecht; sisters- and brothers-in-law, Wallace (Gen-

ny) Buhrandt, Doris (Wally) Mueller, Alice (Edgar) Jaeger, Alvin (Shirley) Buhrandt, August Buhrandt, Donnie Buhrandt, Carol (Robert) Thompson and Norman Buhrandt.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2023, at St. John Lutheran Church, Hayes, from 9 a.m. until the funeral service at 11 a.m. with Pastor Nick Buchholz officiating. Darlene will be interred at St. John Lutheran Church Cemetery.

Gruetzmacher Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences can be expressed at www.gruetzmacherfuneralhome.com.

The family would like to thank the staff at The Bay at Suring nursing home and Unity hospice for the special care given to Darlene.



Rev. Dr. Anne Schaal Sutherland

The Rev. Dr. Anne Schaal Sutherland, of Gillett and Oconto Falls, died Oct 9, 2023, of cancer, at the age of 90.

She attended Cornell University, graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, earned a

master of divinity and a Ph.D., and served six years as an ordained United Methodist elder before taking disability leave. She was honored to be one of the first two United Methodist clergywomen to

serve at the same time under the first woman bishop and a woman district superintendent.

She is survived by her two daughters, two grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. The family held

a private celebration of life and may be contacted at P.O. Box 37, Oconto Falls, WI 54154.

Memories and condolences can also be sent to www.norvelowens-mortuary.com.

Sacred Heart students make a difference

Sacred Heart Catholic School middle school students in Shawano had the opportunity to put their faith into action when they participated in two service learning projects Oct. 3.

First, at the Green Bay Botanical Garden, the students spent time helping with the bulb replanting project. Students helped the horticulture team plant 3,000 bulbs by digging holes and planting bulbs in the new Bell Children's Garden, and there are plans to bring the students back to the garden to see the blooms next spring. The students were also able to take a self-guided tour of the various gardens while they were there.

Next, students traveled a few miles down the road to the mobile pack site for Feed My Starving Children, at the Green Bay Community Church. There, the students helped to hand-pack a blend of vitamins and minerals, rice, soy and dried vegetables into bags, which were sealed and then boxed to be shipped to people around the world who are in need of the food. During their



Sacred Heart Catholic School students, from left, Evelyn Ross, Anessa Bantle, Lily Gee and Jemma Kaquatosh smile as they help to process meals Oct. 3 for Feed My Starving Children in Green Bay. The students packed almost 71,000 meals to help those in need.

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two-hour shift, the students helped other volunteers pack 328 boxes of

food, which equates to 70,848 meals for those in need.

“Jesus calls us to serve, not to be served. This is something we hope to instill in our students at Sacred Heart Catholic School,” stated Mary Rose Morse, student council co-adviser and middle school teacher. “Through their experience, the students learned that it takes work to help others, but it is also fun and very rewarding.”

Before the packing day, Sacred Heart's student council sponsored a movie afternoon for students to bring in nonperishable food items as their ticket to get into the movie. It also held a pajama day where students donated money to dress in sleepwear for the day. These special days resulted in the student council being able to gather several boxes of food to be donated to Shawano Area Food Pantry and Resource Center and also raising \$216.01 to donate to FMSC.

This money helped pay for some of the meals packed the day they went. The students' goal was to raise enough money to feed a child for a year, but instead they raised enough to feed two children for a year.

Open trunk at your own risk



Shawano Police Department's Brandy Hoffman takes time to chat with some of the children she knows through being a school resource officer during the Trunk or Treat event Oct. 20 at the Shawano County Fairgrounds.

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Lines quickly formed Oct. 20 across the Shawano County Fairgrounds as local families swarmed the midway seeking candy from local businesses and organizations.

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Business representatives enjoyed dressing up in costume Oct. 20 at Trunk or Treat almost as much as the children and their families did.

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Shawano Optimists present annual awards

At the Shawano Optimist Club's annual installation and awards banquet, held recently at Stubborn Brothers in Shawano, Lorine Raddant was named the club's Optimist of the Year, and officers and directors for 2023-24 were installed.

"Throughout the year, Lorine stepped in whenever there was a need, such as coordinating our basketball tournament concessions and food for our Respect for Law event," Robyn Shingler said of Raddant. "She stored our club's supplies, lent us the use of her personal equipment and always answered the call for help with enthusiasm, willingness and solutions. All this while greeting you with 'Honey' and a warm hug."

WINUM Zone 4 Lt. Gov. Dan O'Leary installed the officers and directors for the 2023-24 year. O'Leary told the Shawano Optimists they should take pride in what they are doing for the youth in the Shawano community. He also reminded members to stay connected to all club members and to communicate with him about what the club is doing.

"By doing so, you will have peace of mind, knowing you are providing great service to your youth," O'Leary said.

Installed as officers and directors for the 2023-24 year were: Maddie Priest, president; Jim Liesner, vice president for fundraising; Shingler, vice president for youth activities; Gail Moesch, secretary; Jim Black, treasurer; and Jen Schroeder, immediate past president.

Directors installed were Dan Mauel, Greg Parker, Raddant, Sandra Carroll and Kristine Rankin.

"I am so thankful to have this opportunity to work with such an amazing group of people in our unified goal of bettering the lives of the youth in our community," Priest said. "This past year has been a year of growth, both in membership and fund-raising. An area I hope to focus on is getting more of our members involved in club service projects and fund-raising. I thank the board for the confidence you have shown in me and am open to all thoughts and ideas you have to make our optimism come true."

Special recognition was given to Schroeder, who served as club president the past two years.

"Your heart for children is evidenced by how you nurture and advocate for kids at every one of our events, including creating our first Family Night celebration at Franklin



The 2023-24 Shawano Optimist Club officers and directors are, seated, from left, Jim Liesner, Robyn Shingler, Maddie Priest and Gail Moesch. Standing, from left, are Dan Mauel, Jen Schroeder, Jim Black, Greg Parker, Lt. Gov. Dan O'Leary, Sandra Carroll and Kristine Rankin. CONTRIBUTED



Jim Leuenberger, center, was presented with the first James Leuenberger Lifetime Achievement Award by Jen Schroeder, left, and WINUM Zone 4 Lt. Gov. Dan O'Leary. CONTRIBUTED

AT A GLANCE

WHAT: Shawano Optimists

WHEN: First and third Wednesdays of each month at 6:45 a.m.

WHERE: Farm Inn On Main, 123 N. Main St., Shawano.

CONTACT: Maddie Priest at 715-927-7111 or mpriest@coldwellhome.com.

Park," Troy Edwards said in making the presentation. "Your leadership in making substantive changes that created efficiencies made running our events significantly easier. Your generosity, ideas and sharing of time, along with your humility and devotion, exemplify the very precepts of our creed."

Each year, the Shawano Optimist members who achieve a certain level of attendance at club meetings, fundraisers and service projects are given a perfect attendance award.

Heading the list again this year is Jim Leuenberger, who has achieved 46 years of perfect attendance.

Others receiving awards for perfect attendance were: Randi Anderson, Carroll, Priest and Rankin, one year; Jeanne Cronce, four years; Shingler, five years; Schroeder and Liesner, six years; Mauel and Raddant, seven years; Edwards, 15 years; Ryan Alexander, 16 years; Michael Sleeper, 23 years; Moesch, 24 years; and Black, 25 years.



Troy Edwards presented special recognition to Jen Schroeder, who served as Optimist Club president the past two years. CONTRIBUTED

Moesch announced that the board of directors voted to establish the James Leuenberger Lifetime Achievement Award in honor of longtime member Jim Leuenberger, with Leuenberger being its first recipient.

"Jim has made exemplary and outstanding contributions to the club, which have meaningfully impacted the club's mission and growth," Moesch said. "He is always willing to work on club committees, attends nearly all member and board meetings, and can be seen at nearly all club service projects and fund-raising events. He is truly a role model for our club and has touched the lives of thousands of children's lives in our community over the past 47 years."



Top dog from Oconto Falls

Nikkie Kinziger of Ri Lee Kennels, Oconto Falls, could not be more proud of her 2-year-old canine companion Ri Lee's Diamond of Faith, Ivy. Shown only eight weekends of the qualifying year, Ivy finished as the top owner-handled Tibetan Terrier in the National Owner Handler Series. This was the first full year that Ivy was eligible to compete in this competition. Ivy's half sisters were ranked fifth and 10th in the series. Earlier this year, Ivy won the Top 20 at an invitation-only competition in Hunt Valley, Maryland. CONTRIBUTED

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Schmidt gives award to Seymour fire captain

Rep. Peter Schmidt, R-Bonduel, presented Seymour Fire Department Capt. Steve Hurkman with a 2023 First Responder of the Year award during the Wisconsin Assembly floor session Oct. 17.

The Assembly honored Hurkman in a public ceremony with other recipients from across the state.

"I was proud to honor Capt. Steve Hurkman as the 6th Assembly District First Responder of the Year," Schmidt said. "Capt. Steve Hurkman has served humbly as a first responder for the city of Seymour Fire Department and Rescue Squad for over 50 years."

Upon completing his enlistment in the U.S. Army serving in Vietnam, Hurkman returned to Seymour

where he continued to be a servant leader. Hurkman has been a member of the Seymour Fire Department since Aug. 9, 1973, where he still serves as a captain. Steve also joined the Seymour Rescue Squad, serving 21 years from 1977 to 1998.

"First responders are heroes among us and selflessly put others first. Capt. Hurkman is a shining example of this heroism," Schmidt said. "The city of Seymour is better off because of his selfless commitment to helping others."

Along with providing each award recipient with a legislative citation recognizing their achievement, the Assembly also passed a resolution declaring Oct. 17 as First Responders Appreciation Day.



Rep. Peter Schmidt, right, presents Seymour Fire Department Capt. Steve Hurkman with a 2023 First Responder of the Year award at the Wisconsin State Capitol on Oct. 17. CONTRIBUTED



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Drug, hate speech incidents mar school district

Superintendent trying to assure community that recent student actions do not reflect schools as whole

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

The Shawano School District had a bad week recently with several drug and alcohol seizures and a Shawano Community High School volleyball player getting suspended for a social media video incorporating hate speech.

Although Superintendent Kurt Krizan loathes what happened and said as much in a letter to parents on Oct. 13, he said in a phone interview Oct. 17 that the incidents were able to be dealt with due to students coming forward and reporting what was happening. Krizan pushed the effort in earnest following an incident in May where a video posted to social media showed a

Shawano Community Middle School student attacking another student while being filmed by a classmate.

“More students are coming forward, which is great,” Krizan said. “We still need more to do so in order to tackle these issues.”

Krizan said the hate speech incident involved references to slavery and a derogatory slur using an N-word. Even though the athlete did not identify herself in the video and that she was a SCHS student, several other students did.

“As a school district, we do not and will not tolerate hate speech,” Krizan wrote in his letter. “Please help us in sharing this message with your children.”

Krizan told NEW Media that

incidents involving drugs or alcohol have been rare, which made three incidents happening in one week very concerning.

“We wanted to tell families that we’re seeing this, and that we need help,” Krizan said.

In the letter, Krizan said he was broadcasting the information for the sake of transparency, but more importantly for help from families. He encouraged parents to talk about the dangers of alcohol and drugs and that the district’s pupil services staff has resources available to support students dealing with drug or alcohol issues.

“I have stated it before, but want to reiterate that the safety of our staff and students is our No. 1 priority,”

Krizan wrote.

He noted that the district is using Seven Mindsets, a social-emotional learning curriculum, during home-room periods to reiterate why hate speech is wrong and the risks associated with drug and alcohol addiction.

Krizan said he wanted to make sure the community is aware that the recent incidents do not reflect the culture of the school district as a whole.

“I look at this and see some of the choices that students make, and it’s hard,” Krizan said. “This does not reflect our overall student body, but this is portraying a negative image of our community. These things are being sensationalized.”

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WHAT’S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, OCT. 27

SHAWANO: Sacred Heart Parish rummage sale, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sacred Heart School gymnasium, 124 E. Center St.

BONDUEL: Farmtoberfest, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Porter’s Patch, W4314 State Highway 156. Pumpkin patch, taco food truck. \$10.48 admission includes corn maze, craft shed, obstacle course, petting zoo, hayrides, games and family activities. Weekends through Oct. 29.

BIRNAMWOOD: Pumpkin Stroll, 6-9 p.m., Schairer’s Autumn Acres, 194 Western Ave. More than 100 carved pumpkins on display on a lighted maze trail.

SHAWANO: Trunk or treat, 6-8 p.m., St. James Lutheran Church and School, 324 S. Andrews St. Register your trunk by Oct. 20 by calling St. James at 715-524-4815.

WITTENBERG: “Rex’s Exes,” 7 p.m., WOWSPACE, 114 Vinal St. Crossroads Community Theatre production. \$12 per ticket at Wittenberg Sentry, ticketbud.com or 715-253-3525.

WITTENBERG: Halloween Costume Contest, 3 p.m. to midnight, Ho-Chunk Gaming, N7198 U.S. Highway 45. Register costume at the Rewards Club. DJ Belky from 8 p.m. to midnight.

SATURDAY, OCT. 28

SHAWANO: Sacred Heart Parish rummage sale, 8:30 a.m. to noon, Sacred Heart School gymnasium, 124 E. Center St.

OCONTO FALLS: Trick or Treat Trail, 10 a.m. to noon, West Side Beach, North Flatley Avenue. Walk the trail, collect

candy, treats, pick out a pumpkin and participate in some fun Halloween activities.

BIRNAMWOOD: Schairer’s Autumn Acres, 194 Western Ave. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Corn maze, pumpkin patch, wagon rides, petting zoo, live music and special features. Every weekend through Oct. 31.

VARIOUS LOCATIONS: National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Bonduel Police Department, 207 S. First St., Bonduel; Stockbridge-Munsee Public Safety, W13445 Camp 14 Road, Bowler; Siga Funmaker Community Center, W17634 Radke Road, Wittenberg; Gillett Police Department, 150 N. McKenzie St., Gillett. Also, 8 a.m. to noon, Suring Police Department, 604 E. Main St., Suring; Lakewood Town Hall, 17181 Twin Pines Road, Lakewood; and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Bellin Health Oconto, 820 Arbutus Ave., Oconto.

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OCONTO: Trick or Treat with Machickanee Players, 2:30-6:30 p.m. Candy, autumn harvest bake sale, hot cocoa or hot apple cider by a bonfire, build a monster, enter a costume contest for a chance to win tickets to “Frankenstein,” music and dancing.

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MONDAY, OCT. 30

SHAWANO: Blood drive, 1:30-5:30 p.m., Zion Lutheran Church, 1254 S. Union St. Hosted by Community Blood Center. Schedule an appointment at communityblood.org/donor (sponsor code OT7) or call Ginny at 715-799-3507.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 1

SHAWANO: Coffee Connections, 8-9 a.m., Glas Coffeehouse, 511 N. Main St. Business networking event. Speaker from Twig’s Beverage.

FRIDAY, NOV. 3

OCONTO: Edgar Allen Poe Festival “Echoes of Poe,” 6-9 p.m., Farnsworth Public Library, 715 Main St. Explore library and meet characters from classic Poe stories. \$10; full festival package, \$60.

SATURDAY, NOV. 4

BONDUEL: Red River Riders Day at the Races, 12:30 p.m., Doc’s Timeline Saloon and BBQ, W2709 State Highway 29. Betting on video horse races, raffles, silent auction. Fundraiser for Red River Riders Therapeutic Horseback Riding.

SHAWANO: 14th annual Soar Like an Eagle Dinner and Auction, 3-7 p.m., Wolf River Lutheran High School, W7467 River Bend Road. Doors open and silent auction 3 p.m., dinner 5 p.m., live auction 6 p.m. Dinner \$45 per person or \$275 table of eight.

CECIL: Shawano Area Young Professional Trivia Night, 6 p.m., Golden Sands Golf Course, 300 Nabor Road. Prizes and 50/50 raffle. \$200 per eight-person team, register at SAYPro Facebook page.

OCONTO: Edgar Allen Poe Festival “The Raven,” 6:30 p.m., Park Avenue Theatre, 408 Park Ave. Live performance performed and produced by students from local area high schools. \$5; full festival package, \$60.

OCONTO: Edgar Allen Poe Festival “Masquerade of the Red Death,” 8 p.m. to midnight, Park Avenue Theatre, 408 Park Ave. Masquerade ball with music, dancing, games, food and beverages. \$60 admission.

SUNDAY, NOV. 5

SURING: Holiday Craft Fair, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Suring School, 411 E. Algoma St. Sponsored by Middle School Student Council, featuring a variety of crafts and vendors. Suring Area Historical Society bake sale 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.



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Three churches celebrate their shared histories

Trio of congregations also have same pastor

By **NICOLE HIXSON**
Correspondent

This past month, three Lutheran churches gathered together to celebrate their joint anniversaries and joint histories with a special event and fellowship.

Zion Lutheran Church in Embarrass celebrated 135 years as a church community, while St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Pella and St. John's Lutheran Church in Belle Plaine each observed their 145th anniversary year. All three congregations, while separate churches, share the same pastor — the Rev. Todd R. Jerabek. They also share a similar theology, as all are members of the Missouri Synod.

Zion in Embarrass was formed in 1888, and members quickly built a church building that year. The original founders had to travel far from their homes to attend church, so this change would make worship much more convenient. In the early years, parishioners worked together to create a cemetery and a school. Students today would be excited to learn that school in those days only lasted two months, although it was later lengthened to three months. Zion has seen updates, additions and expansions in the years since, including ample fellowship activities for parishioners.

For St. Peter's in Pella, after a few years of joining together for services closer to home, a small group of settlers agreed to form their own congregation in 1878. Once the land for the church was agreed upon and gifted, the people began to clear the land, which is still known as "Pella Opening" to this day. In 1888, a schoolhouse was built, and a new church building was built in the

midst of World War I. In the years since, the church has been remodeled and witnessed the creation of a Sunday School in the 1950s.

In 1878, several families left their previous church to join together and build their very own, which culminated in the creation of St. John's in Belle Plaine. In a few short years, these founding families agreed to build a schoolhouse in 1884, where the major subjects would be German and religion. These subjects would be expanded upon in later years. In 1921, the church erected a new building very close to the original site.

In the years since, St. John has grown its membership numbers and adapted to change, such as during the COVID pandemic.

Today, these three churches share the same pastor, as well as a similar history and common link. In days past, they also shared pastors and have joined together to put on special events for parishioners and guests.

Some descendants of original founding families of the churches are still in attendance today.

"This was really the last time we could come together as a congregation to celebrate these anniversaries, before St. Peter and St. John celebrate their 150th year anniversary in a few years," Jerabek said.

To celebrate the achievement of being in ministry for so long, the three churches came together Sept. 16-17. That first day, church members and guests attended "Our History(ies) Together, One Body in Christ!" at Wolf River Lutheran High School in Shawano.

This event featured devotions, lunch and guest speaker. The Rev. Lawrence Rast, president of Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana, spoke on "The History of The LCMS and Applications for Today."

The celebrations culminated with a service Sept. 17.

"I am proud to be their pastor, and I'm proud of the congregation," Jerabek said.



ABOVE: The Rev. Todd Jerabek stands in the interior of Zion Lutheran Church in Embarrass.

NICOLE HIXSON

LEFT: The exterior of St. Peter Lutheran Church in Pella Opening is seen between Sunday services.

NICOLE HIXSON



Getting older prompts review of youth

I had another birthday this month — always a good time to reminisce, take stock and do some serious goal-setting. So here we go. I was born in 1946, a tomboy in the 1950s, a self-conscious teen in the 1960s, a working mom in the 1970s, a single mother in the 1980s, an empty-nester in the 1990s and a retired senior in the new millennium and beyond.

My earliest memory is my fifth birthday when Grandpa Brantmeier threatened a five-whack spanking (Why was that ever a thing?) but gave me five nickels instead. Though they lived right next door, I recall little of my father's parents, because they died of heart disease before I was 8. Grandpa had a gruff exterior but liked to play practical jokes. I loved it when he laughed, even at my expense. I rarely saw Grandma laugh. She was a stern woman, frequently ill. She had a weak heart, but maybe losing her newborn son Andrew in 1914 had caused chronic depression.

Regrettably, the genetics on my father's side aren't good, but my



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mother's DNA is also a mixed bag. Grandma Schmidt, a warm-hearted woman with a pillowy chest who shared my love of books, died of breast cancer when I was 10. Grandpa Schmidt was whip-smart with a winning personality. He married his brother's widow, Mary, so I acquired a wonderful bonus grandmother who made delicious chocolate chip cookies and an angel food birthday cake for me every year. As Grandpa's caregiver, she was at his side as he descended into the cruel depths of dementia.

My father was a man of his times; rigid with an iron will that imposed strict discipline. Mistakes and misdeeds were met with harsh rebukes and corporal punishment. My moth-

er was softer but incredibly strong, the gorilla glue that kept the family together. Both of my parents had an unwavering faith in God, belief in the power of education, devotion to the concept that we are put on earth to serve the greater good. They had high expectations; disappointing them was not an option.

Though we were a farm family of modest means, I never felt poor, because almost everyone was in the same circumstances. Fortunately, there was no social media to show me what I didn't have. Sure, life was demanding, hard work a staple. The natural smells of the animals weren't pleasant, but the outside air really was fresh. Our food was wholesome, organic and pesticide-free. Clothing and household goods were handmade from natural materials. Few things were made of plastic, though we did have Tupperware. Some pieces are still in use in my kitchen.

Soda and junk food were a rare treat, drugs for medicinal purposes only. Doctors made house calls, but modern medicine was in its nascent stages. Like every kid in town, I had my tonsils removed by age 5. I will never forget the revolting smell of ether, the anesthetic of choice in 1951. I consented only when bribed by a promise of an all-you-can-swallow ice cream diet.

When vaccinations against infectious disease became available, absolutely no one ever considered refusing. The shots were a gift from God, children finally protected from dreaded, often fatal diseases that cruelly ripped them from their helpless mothers' arms: smallpox, measles, mumps, tetanus, diphtheria, and most terrifying of all, polio. We never heard of anyone who got

any reaction other than a sore arm and a miraculous lifetime of immunity.

My family didn't have a TV until I was 11; I experienced the outside world via books. I read the daily newspaper at age 6, starting with the Sunday funnies and graduating to news, commentary and advice columnist Ann Landers. The Appleton Post-Crescent was delivered by an entrepreneurial teenage male who had the coveted job of paperboy. Whatever the weather, the newspaper was on our doorstep by 4 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. Sundays.

Popular nostalgia paints life as totally safe and secure in the 1950s. It wasn't. We knew fear, like hiding under desks as practice in case of a Russian nuclear attack. That was ridiculous, but nowhere near as traumatic as active shooter drills are now.

We made work fun, which engendered self-discipline, organization and valuable life skills to achieve the sweet satisfaction of success. No one ever asked if I was happy. Enough to eat, decent clothes, a warm house and a good education were more than anyone could ask for or expect. What you did with that was up to you. What did I do? I tried my best to make the world a better place.

So, another birthday. That means I'm getting closer to my expiration date. Hmmm. I better check my to-do list. Oh, dear. Gotta run. So much left to accomplish, and time's a wasting.

Kathleen Marsh is a lifelong educator, writer, and community advocate. She has published eight books, four on the history of Townsend, where she and husband Jon are happily retired on the beautiful Townsend Flowage.

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Even a near-perfect shot can result in a deer running 100 or 200 yards, and if it gets dark or is raining, it may be hard to find the now-dead animal.

In recent years, specially trained recovery dogs have been used to find wounded or dead deer. A dog's keen nose can follow a deer's trail easier and faster than most two-legged hunters.

But now there's a high-tech way to recover a deer or bear that has many advantages over the dog. Zac Griesbach of Stephensville, owner of Wiscopter LLC (www.wiscopter.com) and a member of the multi-state Drone Deer Recovery (www.dronedeerrecovery.com), compares his military-grade drone to the onset of the first cars.

"Dogs are great, don't get me wrong," said Griesbach, 37, from his backyard near Hortonville. "But it's like a horse vs. a car. There are people who say, 'I'm going to stay with my horse.'"

You can't fully appreciate what his \$15,000 DJI Matrice 30-T drone can do until you see it for yourself.

In demonstrating the equipment, he went from a farm worker to a computer software whiz with the help of degrees from Fox Valley Technical College and Lakeland University. He now works for Guidewire Software, a

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California-based company that makes transaction software for insurance companies.

He and his wife, Lindsey Puls, have lived in Russia, Japan, Argentina and Australia as Griesbach helped set up software around the globe.

His drone launched from a portable pad and in seconds was 400 feet in the air.

Flying such a sophisticated commercial drone requires a Federal Aviation Administration license, and when he gets close to airports or other restricted airspace, he is required to request online permission.

In perhaps two minutes, we were looking at deer in a nearby cornfield from 400 feet above, thanks to a powerful spotlight, 200-power zoom lens and a thermal imaging camera. The drone actually has three lenses (zoom, wide-angle and thermal) and a laser rangefinder. He can locate anything slightly warmer than the surrounding air and can dial in whatever temperature range he wants to fine-tune the search. He brings a 24-inch monitor with him for the ultimate customer experience, as he



Zac Griesbach of Wiscopter LLC in Stephensville, a member of Drone Deer Recovery, hovers his mil-spec commercial drone that uses thermal imaging to quickly find both deer and bears for hunters in almost any weather conditions.

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uses a split screen to show the deer's thermal image on the left and a live view on the right.

The drone can record still photos and video, record the flight path and all the GPS data for easy storing and transmission to hunters on the ground.

A day earlier, he found a deer for Joseph Bellile, 14, son of Brian "Bud" Bellile of Stephensville, and recorded the footage. He showed me the 130-pound doe when it was bedded down, and tiny white flecks of light were jumping out of the wound, indicating blood flow.

The elder Bellile said his son made the quartering shot from a tree stand on the family's property during a late afternoon hunt. They waited an hour, then began tracking it. The blood trail turned watery at 40 yards, and they decided to get help.

He knew Griesbach because Griesbach's uncle had introduced Bellile to bowhunting many years ago. The previous unsuccessful two-hour foot search was a quick 10-minute aerial effort for the drone. They could see the wounded-but-alive doe was down and decided to wait till morning to retrieve the animal.

The hunters returned in the morn-

ing to find the doe gone. They followed a faint blood trail that they lost after 80 yards. Griesbach returned with the drone and found the dead deer in two minutes.

The elder Bellile explained another advantage of the drone over dogs. One of the neighbors did not want hunters on his land. Fortunately, the deer died on a friendly neighbor's land.

"With dogs, we would have had to cut through that (the unfriendly neighbor's land)," he said.

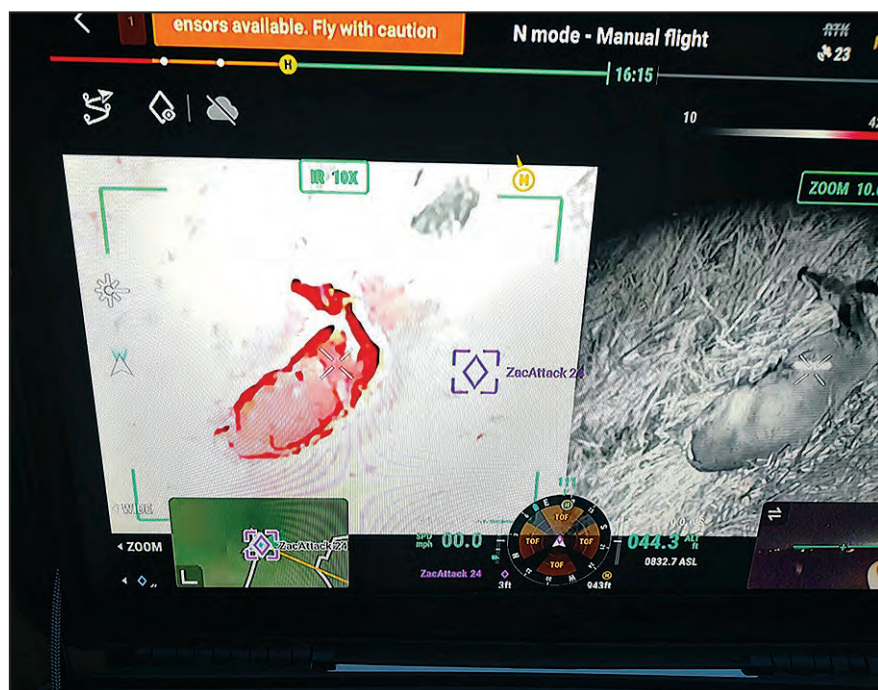
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Griesbach is a licensed partner in the 35-pilot Drone Deer Recovery, operating in 14 states. He and four other pilots call Wisconsin home.

They offer local law enforcement free help with search-and-rescue needs as well as free lost pet recovery (tips are welcome).

The fee for a deer or bear search is \$350 plus mileage. There is an additional \$100 fee if the game is found.

The best way to reach Zac is to call or text Drone Deer Recovery at 866-871-0017.



This photo shows the drone monitor view of both the infrared and live-view images of a wounded doe that Zac Griesbach of Wiscopter LLC, a member of Drone Deer Recovery, used to recover for a hunter earlier this month.

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Belted kingfishers dive like bullets

There is nothing more beautiful, relaxing, and otherworldly than floating on top of silky, smooth water paddling effortlessly as the kayak parts the water. The morning mist is thick and the air chilly, awaiting for the sun to appear over the horizon. All the world is asleep as I begin my journey around the lake.

I am mesmerized by the morning stillness and silence. Then, as if an alarm clock is sounding, the piercing rattle call of the belted kingfisher belows from above. I always hear him before I see him as he comes from behind and flies over my head. It is as if he waits for me before welcoming in the new day.

It also means he wants to play our game. He knows I want to photograph him so he lands on a branch just far enough ahead of me that I can't get a good photo. I continue paddling and when I get close enough to photograph him, I set down the paddle and raise my camera and just as I do he flies to the next branch down the shoreline — you know — the one that is just a little too far off for me to photograph. Oh, and did I mention he lets out his laughter-sounding rattling call again? He is teasing me, and I know it.

When he is ready for me to photograph him, he doesn't fly ahead but



rather stays where he is and shows off by catching a fish or crustacean and holds it in his beak for the shot. It goes like this:

While sitting on a branch, he spots a fish. Then he hovers high in the sky, rapidly beating his wings to keep his place — eyeing his prey. When it is time, he dives headfirst folding his wings tight against his sides then, like a bullet, plunges into the water. A second later he pops up out of the water with his prey between his bill. He returns to the same branch he started from. He kills his prey by whacking it back and forth on the tree branch, sometimes tossing it into the air, and then swallowing it head first.

The kingfisher can dive at speeds up to 25 miles per hour. According to Emily Stone from Natural Connections, Japanese bullet trains, which operate at speeds exceeding 200 mph, and carry more passengers than any other rail line in the world,

imitate the aerodynamics of the kingfisher's beak to reduce noise pollution and improve fuel efficiency.

Despite having a dagger-like bill, kingfishers don't spear their prey, but grab hold of it in between their upper and lower mandibles. If their prey is too big to get down in one swallow, they hold their prey in their mouths until the first part is digested in their stomach and then continue to swallow the rest.

If you've seen a kingfisher, you know that they have large heads with a shaggy crest, and a long, spear-shaped bill. Their heads, backs and wings are slate blue and they have a white collar and belly. Less known is that belted kingfishers have sexual dimorphism — meaning the female is more brightly colored than the male. The female has a rufous colored band across the upper belly while the males do not.

This spring, I saw two belted kingfishers flying around in circles and crazy eights — one following the other. Their sporadic flight was accompanied by loud calls. It brought a smile to my face because I knew this was their mating behavior and baby kingfishers will soon follow. I didn't look for a nest because kingfishers' nests are well hidden. The birds burrow into dirt banks along the water's

edge creating underground tunnels. These tunnels can extend up to eight feet in length, and are angled upward to prevent flooding, and have a "room" at the end for nesting.

Kingfishers and other birds, such as owls, have eyes that are fixed in their sockets. That means that they have to turn their heads in order to see things. While the owl can rotate its head an impressive 270 degrees, a belted kingfisher can rotate its head 360 degrees. Freaky.

Another very unique characteristic is that kingfishers are able to switch between monocular vision (eyes used separately) and binocular vision (eyes used together). They use monocular vision in the air and binocular vision in water. A third eyelid, called a nictitating membrane, acts like protective goggles.

My morning paddle is always a success when I see the funny, skilled, and extraordinary belted kingfisher. I hope the next time you see a belted kingfisher, you will remember some of these impressive things and have an increased appreciation for this remarkable bird.

Lisa Jansen is a Wisconsin master naturalist, nature writer, and award-winning photographer. She specializes in raising awareness of birds and butterflies of the Midwest.



A belted kingfisher flies away after catching its prey.

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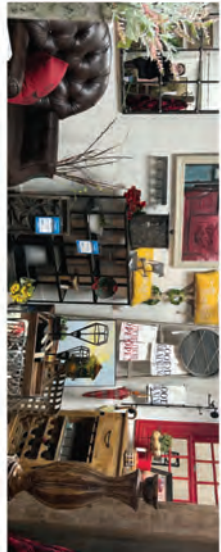
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Kimberly ends Pulaski's season in straight sets

Pulaski coach guides team one last time before retirement

By **DUSTIN RIESE**
Correspondent

Playoffs can be an exciting time for some and the worst feeling in the world for others. On one hand, you will have one team having an opportunity to continue their season for at least one more game. On the other hand, one team will see their season come to an end and all of the hard work that went into getting them this far.

That is what Pulaski and Kimberly were facing Oct. 19 as the 10th-seeded Red Raiders hit the road to face the No. 7 seed Papermakers in regional semifinal volleyball action.

It was the Papermakers who wanted it more on this night as they managed to take the match in straight sets (25-13, 25-8, 25-13) and end the Red Raiders season 3-0 in the process.

"Kimberly is a talented team, and they proved that tonight," coach Bethani Thibodeau said. "We kept our focus and took advantage when we could. Unfortunately, it did not end the way we wanted, but the girls played hard and for that I am thankful. Our seniors did a wonderful job all season long."

"We as a team knew what was on the line," senior Emma Quinnell added. "Sure, there were things that we could have done better throughout the match, but we never gave up and battled all the way until the end."

Throughout the early stages of the first set, this appeared to be a match between two evenly matched teams as neither team had the upper hand. That was until Ava Vanvonderen and her 20 kills started to take over as her play on the front line gave Pulaski fits for most of the match. Throw in some perfectly placed serves by Brie Lamers, and Kimberly took what was a close game and flipped it on its head to grab the commanding 13-6 lead.

Credit the Red Raiders for doing their best to weather the storm as sophomore middle blocker Samantha Weise came through with some kills to put an end to the run. That was followed by a very lengthy volley, and



Alexia Thibodeau makes a successful kill in the Oct. 19 contest at Kimberly. Unfortunately for Pulaski, the season ended that night after a 3-0 loss to the Papermakers.

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one that was won by Pulaski after an unforced Kimberly error as the Red Raiders refused to go down quietly.

After sophomore Addison Krueger delivered another kill to pull Pulaski within 14-10, it was the Papermakers who started to pull away as they ripped off a 10-1 run to seize control 24-12. Weise did her part to try and keep things alive late, but the Papermakers were too much for Pulaski in that first set as Kimberly grabbed the 1-0 lead, 25-13.

Knowing there was still plenty of time left to mount a comeback, the Red Raiders quickly saw any hope of that dwindling as Kimberly came out on a mission to begin the second set. Led by Ava Reis from the service line and the play of Vanvonderen and Kendyll Brochtrup up front, the Papermakers opened up a 9-0 lead before Pulaski earned their first point. Eventually that lead grew to 15-2 as Pulaski had no answers for the Papermakers during this second set.

It took nearly the entire second set for Pulaski to start settling in as the tip shot from Isabella Valdes seemed to awaken Pulaski a little as they scored five of the next eight points. The problem was the deficit they were already

facing at that point, as Kimberly took care of business 25-8 to take a 2-0 match lead.

With only one more loss standing in their way of the season coming to an end, Pulaski was faced with an uphill battle but knew they had the ability to at least keep things going. It did appear that way early on with Quinnell dominating at the net to record several kills as Pulaski was keeping things close early, 6-6. Grace Fuetz was starting to get more involved at this point also as her team leading 10 digs helped save countless points and gave Pulaski a chance to set things up offensively.

Quinnell was determined to keep Pulaski's season alive throughout that third set.

"Walking into Kimberly I knew this could be my last time playing volleyball," she said. "I gave it everything I had out there, especially during the final set. I kept pushing myself as hard as I could, and I didn't want to regret not giving it my all if this was to be our last game together."

Even after Vanvonderen started to pick up more kills to give Kimberly the lead right back, Alexia Thibodeau and Krueger managed to grab a pair of kills of their own as the Red Raiders were

finally starting to settle in and trailed 11-8. Thibodeau led the way for Pulaski with seven kills while also adding three digs. It was at this point when the Papermakers started to pull away once again as the play of Vanvonderen was just too much as she not only came away with six additional kills in that third set but also several huge blocks as Kimberly went on an 8-1 run to stretch the lead to 19-9.

Quinnell put an end to that run with a block that was followed by a kill from the freshman Jazlyn Kozlowski to keep Pulaski within striking distance. Unfortunately, it wasn't meant to be for the Red Raiders as Kimberly recovered to close out the match on a 4-0 run to pick up the 25-13 set three win and capped off the straight set victory to advance to the regional final.

"Mia Kraft went out early with a season-ending injury that we appreciate all the energy she brought from the sidelines," Bethani Thibodeau said. "Lia Richgels is one of the best teammates I have ever coached as she gives 100% of herself to her team and is the most supportive person to each and every one of her teammates. Emma Quinnell is a quiet leader for us with impactful plays on the court. Alexia Thibodeau is a four-year starter, two-year captain and does it all for us as by leading in serve receive, defense, offense, and is a constant mentor on the court for her team."

"Last night was bittersweet as we wish our seniors the best of luck in their future endeavors, and it was the end of my coaching career as I have announced my retirement after 25 years of dedication to a sport I love."

Quinnell wants to remember all the good times that came from the past four years.

"After losing that final set, I couldn't believe how much love and support there was around me," she said. "All of my teammates and coaches were giving all of the seniors hugs and just wiping away our tears. I want to thank all of my coaches, current teammates and past teammates for these past four years and helping me create friendships and lessons that will last a lifetime."

Pulaski finished the season with a 12-27 overall record and will now focus on 2024 with a ton of experience and talent returning from what was a primarily young team this year.

Chargers only area team to advance in football playoffs

By **DUSTIN RIESE**
Correspondent

High school football playoffs got underway Oct. 20 as five area teams hit the gridiron with hopes of making it to Madison. Four of those five teams participate in the 11-man field, with Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas playing in the 8-man league.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood 46, Clintonville 8

The lone local team to come away with a win was the top-seeded Chargers of Wittenberg-Birnamwood as they took down the Truckers, 46-8.

Even with one of the state's top passers in Kade Rosenow, Clintonville was no match for the Chargers as they continued to have their way with most of their opponents this season. Rosenow held his own, tossing for 221 yards and a TD, but it was the 343 yards on the ground for the Chargers that made the difference as they advance to Level 2.

It was all Witt-Birn in the first half as they opened up a 30-0 lead at the break. Nathan Waupekenay led the way with 107 yards rushing on eight carries, adding two scores. Marshall

Fraaza nearly matched Waupekenay as he finished with 101 yards on nine carries while also picking up two TDs.

In total, Witt-Birn had six TDs on the ground with Jett Rogowski and Coye Brillowski adding two scores, while Bryson Schmid had an 82-yard punt return for a score.

Witt-Birn will now square off with CWC-Large rival Amherst on Oct. 27 as the Falcons picked up a 14-0 Level 1 win.

Homestead 27, Pulaski 13

A strong end to the season came to an abrupt halt as the Red Raiders fell to second-seeded Homestead 27-13.

As they have done all season long, the Red Raiders relied on their rushing attack that topped 140 yards and two scores, but with 225 yards of their own on the ground for Homestead, it was a long night for the Pulaski defense.

Trevor Schuessler led the way for Pulaski with 59 yards on five carries while also picking up both scores for the Red Raiders. That included his 28-yard TD run in the first quarter to put Pulaski on the board as they trailed 8-6 early. After Tommy O'Hagen completed his second of two TD passes to put Homestead on top 15-7 at the half,

Pulaski was then faced with an 18-7 deficit midway through the third until Schuessler picked up his second score to make things a one-possession game.

That was as close as they would get as Homestead ended the game with nine unanswered points and ended the Red Raiders season with a 5-5 record. Logan Schultz closed out his season with 56 yards on 10 carries while also adding 21 yards through the air. Ethan Schmidt threw for 72 yards in the loss.

Mondovi 33, Bonduel 29

Momentum is real when it comes to sports, and Bonduel was riding a huge momentum wave after closing out the regular season with four straight wins to earn the No. 6 seed in the Division 6 playoffs.

Standing in their way was the third-seeded and D6 power Mondovi, which won 33-29.

Trailing 6-0, Bonduel first scored on a 13-yard TD pass from Noah Weier to Cade Johnson as the Bears led 8-6 after one quarter.

Owen Springborn scored on an 11-yard run in the second quarter to help Bonduel take a 14-6 lead. A Mondovi score left Bonduel on top 14-12, and they added to that on a 25-yard run by Weier to lead 21-12 at the half.

Touchdowns in the third quarter and again in the fourth quarter saw Mondovi take a 26-21 lead. The Bears went back on top 29-26 after a nine-yard pass from Weier to Johnson.

However, the last score went to Mondovi on a four-yard run.

Somerset 38, Oconto Falls 12

A historic season came to an abrupt end for the third-seeded Panthers as they let Somerset come into town and knock them out of the playoffs 38-12.

Losing non-conference games isn't a surprise when you look at the Panthers' overall results this season, but it was the way they lost that stands out the most as Somerset beat the Panthers

at their own game to end their season.

Alex Haines continued to do his thing on the ground, but it didn't come easy as the Somerset defense made it a point to contain the running game. That forced Emmerich Skarban to pass more than he would like, and although he did have some completions, it wasn't enough to move the chains.

When it comes to the Somerset offense, they managed to beat the Panthers at their own game as Caymen Gabheim had a great game on the ground to help set the tone and pave the way for an upset.

Three Lakes/Phelps 28,

Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas 6

Lena's journey into the playoffs was short-lived.

After claiming a Peninsula Conference title and going unbeaten to earn the No. 2 overall seed, Lena welcomed in the third-seeded Three Lakes/Phelps co-op team as their season ended with their first and only loss of the season, 28-6.

Calvin Peters and the rushing attack opened the scoring with a second-quarter touchdown, as Lena held a narrow 6-0 lead at the half.

Three Lakes not only responded with a third-quarter TD to take the lead for good 7-6, but then erupted for 21 points in the fourth as they ended the game with 28 unanswered points.

Three Lakes also came away with a pair of interceptions on defense as they took away the running game from Lena and forced them into an uncomfortable situation leading to their lone loss.

Suring 36, Marion/Tigerton 24

Although neither Suring nor Marion/Tigerton qualified for the postseason, they did elect to pick up a plus one game and chose to play each other Oct. 19. The Eagles earned their second win of the season, 36-24.

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Hawks, Bears run to state tournament

Individuals from other schools will also participate

By **DUSTIN RIESE**
Correspondent

Shawano's girls cross country team placed first and advanced to the state tournament after running at the Division 2 Sectional 2 sectional meet at Colby on Oct. 21.

The Hawks' 49 points set the pace, with Medford next with 73.

Scoring for the Hawks were Bailey Hendricks in sixth place, Grace Chelberg in ninth, Lilly Guenther in 10th, Adalyn Barkley in 15th and Maci Beyer in 18th. Also running were Anabelle Schroeder, who placed 34th, and Arica Preston, who ended in 58th.

Oconto Falls placed third as a team, but two individuals will advance to state.

Brooke Hodkiewicz placed third, and Hailey Delzer was seventh overall. Emma Meissner placed 23rd, Hannah Ludemann was 24th and Ava Hodkiewicz was 26th. Also running were Mackenzie Lotto (46th) and Maddy Przybylski (52nd).

Running as individuals were Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Gabrielle Timm (28th), Nora Bushman (42nd), Jayden Zeinert (63rd) and Amelia Bessert (76th).

Menominee Indian's Urijah Reevis

finished 36th.

Shawano's boys cross country team also qualified for the state tournament after finishing second as a team.

The team earned 64 points, behind Lakeland Union's 47.

Leading the way for the Hawks was Will Chelberg in second place and Ethan Onesti in third. Also scoring were Josiah Kuehl in 13th, Andon Chelberg in 14th and Connor Chelberg in 38th.

Trevor Schwartz placed 50th, and James Lange was 62nd.

Oconto Falls' Ben Adams qualified as an individual with his fourth-place finish.

The state tournament will be Oct. 28 in Wisconsin Rapids.

The Panthers finished in third place. Also scoring for them were Griffin Kopke in 20th, Isaiah Holtz in 27th, Brant Laluzerne in 36th and Sage Mendolla in 57th. Landon Timm also ran and placed 61st, while Emerson Rice was 72nd.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood ended in 13th place as a team. Scoring for the Chargers were Jonas Bushman in 48th, Taras Guk in 68th, Hayden Miller in 75th, Milo Salveson in 80th and Marty Nowinsky in 86th. Also competing were Dalton Fletcher, who finished in 89th, and Ian Salveson, who placed 97th.

Competing as individuals, Menominee Indian's Ryan Corn placed 18th, Julius Kaquatosh was 29th, Francis Delabrau finished in 55th and Dennis Bear was No. 100.

Division 3

Bonduel's girls captured first place as a team at the Division 3 Sectional 3 event in Lakewood (hosted by Wabeno/Laona) on Oct. 21. The Bears had 52 points.

Leading Bonduel was Mariah Wondra in fifth place. She was joined by Ashlyn Kurey in 10th, Teagan Engel in 11th, Joselyn Bohm in 13th and Cierra Schnell in 25th. Hailey Berg placed 34th, and Taylor Rank was 68th.

Gillett's Hope Soper led her team with a 16th-place finish, followed by Sophia Limberg in 44th, Lily Hansen in 53rd and Maggie Kaczmarek in 62nd.

Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy's Aspynn Anderson placed 21st, Adrena Rabas was 30th, Haley VanArk was 59th, Miriam Alberts was 74th and Kali Fischer was 92nd.

Suring's Georgia Gerndt placed 31st, Ginger Gerndt was 50th, Allyson Seibert was 63rd, Samantha Seibert was 82nd and Natalie Seibert placed 87th.

Gresham/Bowler's Madolyn Haffner placed 36th.

Wolf River Lutheran's Violet Buchholz placed 37th.

Marion's Bridget Much finished in 79th, and Bella Conover was 86th.

Bonduel's boys finished in second place to move on to the state tournament after scoring 81 points. St. Mary Catholic won the event with 59 points, while Gillett was fourth with 119.

Scoring for the Bears were Ben

O'Brien in third place, Race Anvelink in 16th, Oliver Chitwood placed 23rd, Gage Anderson was 27th and Griffin Uelmen in 30th. Also competing were Garrett Anderson (62nd) and Ben Reisner (76th).

Gillett's Bradyn Wendorff finished in fourth place overall and will advance as an individual. Scott Heroux finished in 13th, Nash Stage was 31st, Ben Peterson was 36th and Zander Davis was 56th. Also running was Chase Anderson (58th).

Gresham/Bowler's Bryson Nelson placed 11th, and Kobe Miller was 93rd.

Marion's Jesse Trebus placed 64th, Tristan Herro was 73rd and Adam Liethen was 95th.

Mason Spice of Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy was 81st.

Suring's Garrett School placed 84th, and Liam Matelski placed 97th.

Division 1

At the Division 1 Sectional 3 sectional at Manitowoc Lincoln, Pulaski's Olivia Stedl competed individually, placed ninth and advanced to the state tournament.

Emerson Fabry placed 19th, and Estella Vieaux was 57th.

Pulaski's boys ran to an eighth-place finish.

Scoring for the Red Raiders were Dayne Nowak in 17th, Daniel Augustine in 23rd, Arden Gillen in 34th, Peyton Yaw in 46th and Parker Marshall in 48th. Also running were Thomas Murphy in 61st and Dayne Groth in 62nd.

Pulaski off to sectionals after defeating Owls

By **DUSTIN RIESE**
Correspondent

Fresh off a very good regular season that saw the Red Raiders go 13-6-1, including 5-4 in conference play, it was time for Pulaski to kick off their postseason as they welcomed in the 13th-seeded Slinger Owls on Oct. 17. A sectional team a season ago, the Owls are not an ordinary 13 seed, and they showed that throughout the first half as things were tied 0-0 after one half of play.

In the second half, Slinger broke through with a goal from Nick Otto off a direct free kick in the 43rd minute.

Pulaski stormed back, scoring four unanswered goals — including three in a 10-minute stretch from the 53rd

to 62nd minute. Aidan Dauk got the equalizer in the 53rd minute. Less than a minute later, Ben Uelmen put the Red Raiders on top for good with a goal in the 54th minute. Brayden and Hudson Schultz added insurance goals to make the final 4-1. Josh Roth had one save in goal for Pulaski. Austin Merriman made nine saves in goal for Slinger.

Pulaski played Beaver Dam in the regional finals Oct. 21.

As if the rain wasn't hard enough to deal with, the team was forced into a penalty shootout where anything can happen. In the end, it was the Red Raiders standing tall as they defeated Beaver Dam 6-5 on PKs to earn the 2-1 OT win. They will head off to sectionals on Oct. 26.

For the second straight game,

Pulaski was held scoreless in the first half, as was Beaver Dam as this was once again a 0-0 game at the break.

It took nearly 60 minutes for the first goal to come with Hudson Schultz putting Pulaski on the board with a header goal off a Donovan Holderness corner kick. The Golden Beavers were able to find the late equalizer in the 75th minute to send the game into overtime.

After two scoreless periods of overtime, the game went to a penalty kick shootout. The teams went through eight shooters and sudden death kicks until Zach Brodhagen finally got the winner for Pulaski.

Josh Roth made four saves during the game for Pulaski and stopped three penalty kicks in the shootout. Carson Franke made 13 saves for Bea-

ver Dam in the game and two saves in the shootout.

This is Pulaski's third straight regional crown and sixth in the past seven years.

Shawano

On Oct. 19, after earning the No. 3 seed for regionals, the Hawks took on Medford in the regional semifinal where they emerged victorious 4-2.

In what was one of the more exciting soccer games on Oct. 21, Shawano had a chance to take down Lakeland to secure a trip to sectionals. Despite scoring three goals in the contest, it wasn't quite enough as Lakeland withstood the Hawks 4-3 to end Shawano's season. With the loss, Shawano finished the season 11-10-2 but was one of the hottest teams down the stretch.

Bonduel volleyball team advances to sectionals

Three area teams qualified for regional title matches

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Bonduel advanced to the sectional final with a 3-0 win over Oconto on Oct. 19.

The Bears claimed the regional title with a 3-2 victory over Weyauwega-Fremont on Oct. 21.

Both teams are in the Central Wisconsin East Conference, which Bonduel claimed title to with a perfect 7-0 mark this year. Weyauwega-Fremont placed second with a 6-1 record.

Next up for Bonduel is a sectional contest at St. Mary Catholic on Oct. 26.

Shawano

After a bye in the first round of regional play, Shawano's volleyball team defeated Antigo 3-0 on Oct. 19 to advance to the Oct. 21 regional final.

On Oct. 21, Shawano fell victim to Waupaca, losing 3-1 and ending the 2023 campaign. The Hawks' overall record is 37-5.

Oconto Falls

A 3-0 win over Lakeland on Oct. 19 advanced Oconto Falls to the regional final Oct. 21; however, they couldn't do the same against Mosinee, losing 3-0 and ending the year with a 30-9 mark.

"It was a hard-fought battle, but Mosinee played nearly flawlessly," coach Rochell Otto said. "Even though the Lady Panthers were disappointed

with the outcome on Saturday, they have nothing to hang their head on as they had a tremendous season with many highlights. This team played with passion, and they played with confidence, because they believed in themselves and their teammates.

"I would like to give one last shout out to our eight seniors. Thank you for your dedication to our program. Thank you for trusting the process."

Against Mosinee, Amber Otto had 10 kills, 13 digs and three aces; Lucy Ripley had eight kills; Bailee Gorman had six kills; Morgan Moynihan and Izzy Otto had 11 assists apiece; and Kyndra Staidl had 16 digs.

Against Lakeland, Amber Otto had 14 kills, 10 digs and five aces; Ripley had 11 kills; Gorman had seven kills; Kati Raddatz had six kills; Izzy Otto had 20 assists; Moynihan had 16 assists; and Staidl had 14 digs.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood

The Chargers ended their season with a 13-20 mark after a 3-1 loss to Weyauwega-Fremont on Oct. 19.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood came out on top Oct. 17, defeating Coleman 3-0 in regional volleyball action.

"It was a nice, quick win for the first round of playoffs," coach Becky Rew said. "We served well, played good defense and were smart with our attacks."

Scores were 25-13, 25-15, 25-17.

Lily Metropulos led the Chargers with 16 assists. London Metropulos recorded 25 hitting attempts with 15 kills, 15 serves with eight kills, eight digs and two block kills.

Kit Stewart had three block kills. Kaydence Burclaw had 14 hitting attempts with five kills, eight assists

and eight digs. Also, Layla Huffman notched 10 hitting attempts with six kills, and 13 serves with three aces.

Bowler

Bowler's volleyball season came to an end Oct. 19 with a 3-1 loss to No. 1 seed Laona/Wabeno in the second round of regional action.

After winning the first game, 25-22, the Panthers dropped the next three by scores of 25-15, 25-10 and 25-15.

Natalie Rickert led the team with seven kills, while Ana Dassie added six. Rickert and Isabella Stevens each had two blocks.

Leading the team in assists was Ava Paizer with 20.

Dassie led with 15 digs, followed by Bettina Dodge with eight, Autumn Thiex with seven and Paizer with six.

Bowler defeated Wausaukee 3-1 in the opening round of regional volleyball action Oct. 17.

After an opening game win of 25-16, Bowler lost the second match 25-13. The Panthers hung on for a 25-23 win in the third game and then solidly won the final game 25-5.

Isabella Stevens led Bowler with eight kills, while Anna Dassie and Natalie Rickert had five apiece. Ava Paizer had 25 of the team's 28 assists, and Stevens had seven service aces.

Gresham

Gresham ended its season with an overall record of 19-9 after dropping its second round of regional play to Niagara on Oct. 19.

The Wildcats lost the first two games by identical 25-21 scores and then dropped the third game 25-19.

Janay Pecore-Kirkland recorded 14 kills, and Jessa Jensen had seven.

Josie Cerveney had 16 digs, and Rylie Kakwitsch had 13.

Lexi Baddmoccasin-Barnes had 16 assists and 18 service points, while Emily Jensen had eight service points.

Gresham won all three games against Tigerton on Oct. 17, with scores of 25-12, 25-13, 25-10.

For Gresham, Maddie Haffner had 18 service points and six digs, Janay Pecore-Kirkland had 10 kills, Lexi Baddmoccasin-Barnes had 13 assists, Jessa Jensen had five kills and Josie Cerveney had six digs and five assists.

For Tigerton, Angel Welch had the team's only two kills, and Mackenzie Hoffmann had the only ace. Hoffmann and Presley Stewart-Rolfs each had an assist.

Suring

The Eagle had their work cut out for them Oct. 19 but couldn't overcome No. 1 seed Valley Christian in regional play.

Suring lost 3-0 to end their season at 12-10.

It took all five games Oct. 17, but No. 9 seed Suring finished on top of No. 8 seed Lena 3-2.

Menominee Indian

Menominee Indian lost its opening regional game against Merrill on Oct. 17. The Eagles lost 3-0.

Gillett

Sevastopol defeated Gillett 3-0 in the opening round of regional action Oct. 17.

Marion

Marion lost all three matches against Three Lakes on Oct. 17. Scores were 25-11, 25-6, 25-10.

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High team scratch games: Golfside 735, Launching Pad 691, Lakeshore Lanes 689, Medalcraft 689

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254, Jeremy Pederson 247, Eric Schuh 246, Randy Umentum 245, Taylor Arndt 245, Daniel Poels 242, Brad Weisnicht 238

High team scratch series: Golfside 2,055, Medalcraft 1,944, Remis Real em Inn 1,922

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Chet & Emil's, Oct. 9

Cody Home 13-7

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Banner Banks 9-11

Chet & Emil's 6-14

Team handicap games: Cady Home 713, Chet & Emil's 691, Star Campsite 691, Banner Banks 681

Team handicap series: Cady Home 2,094, Star Campsite 2,064, Banner Banks 2,013, Chet & Emil's 1,934

High individual scratch games: Tracy Anderson 214, Cindy Mortenson 177, Courtney Tryba 167, Julie Stewart 165, Barbara Praslowicz 164, Jonelle Resch 158

High individual scratch series: Tracy Anderson 534, Courtney Tryba 487, Julie Stewart 476, Cindy Mortenson 464, Kim Zeller 452, Barbara Praslowicz 441

High individual handicap games: Tracy Anderson 231, Cindy Mortenson 203, Barbara Praslowicz 200, Jonelle Resch 196, Sheila Humblet 195, Courtney Tryba 191

High individual handicap series: Tracy Anderson 585, Courtney Tryba 559, Barbara Praslowicz 549, Cindy Mortenson 542, Julie Stewart 536, Jonelle Resch 534

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In mid-August, in my role as a press advocate, I received a call from the owner of a small, vibrant, online community newspaper who was worried about publishing a story that reflected poorly on a local business. The paper had checked and rechecked its facts and gave the business repeated opportunities to comment. But still, the newspaper owner was afraid of being sued.

I urged the owner to publish, despite the risk; the article did run, thankfully without legal repercussions. But the risk is real: During this very same week, the New York Times reported on a small digital newspaper in Wisconsin driven to the brink of bankruptcy by a lawsuit filed by a local businessman who is now a state senator.

The newspaper, the Wausau Pilot and Review, reported that the businessman, Cory Tomczyk, “was widely overheard” using a vulgar slur to refer to a 13-year-old boy at a county board meeting in August 2021. Tomczyk denied doing so and sued for defamation. Three people swore they heard him use the slur at the meeting, which he admitted



Bill Lueders
Guest Columnist

to using on other occasions. He was elected to the state Senate last fall.

In April, Marathon County Circuit Court Judge Scott M. Corbett ruled strongly in the paper's favor. He concluded that Tomczyk, a former school board member, was a public figure and thus needed to prove the outlet knew what it reported was false or else acted with reckless disregard for whether or not it was true. But, in fact, Corbett wrote, “it is not possible to find that the defendants had serious doubts” about the article's veracity.

Tomczyk has appealed, forcing the Pilot and Review to incur additional expense that it cannot recover, even if it prevails again. Shereen Siewert, the newspaper's founder and editor, has placed the

lawsuit's costs at nearly \$200,000, more than the four-person newsroom's annual budget.

A Go Fund Me page and other donations have raised about \$140,000 to keep the Pilot and Review afloat — or a-flying, as the case may be.

“It's an enormous relief,” Siewert told me, “but it's also sickening when I think about where that money could be going instead of legal fees.”

Groups including the Wisconsin Newspaper Association and national Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press have pledged assistance, and two law firms have agreed to do pro bono work, although the paper is keeping its own attorneys. Tomczyk's first brief was due in early October, and Siewert expects “a long road ahead” as the case drags on well into 2024.

State Sen. Melissa Agard, D-Madison, and Rep. Jimmy Anderson, D-Fitchburg, have introduced anti-SLAPP legislation (the acronym stands for strategic lawsuits against public participation), similar to laws on the books in 31 other states. The Wisconsin bills,

SB 414 and AB 423, would let judges dismiss frivolous lawsuits and make those who bring them pay the defendants' legal fees.

Siewert calls the proposed legislation “long overdue in Wisconsin and especially crucial for independent journalists and organizations.” Its sponsors, so far all Democrats, have asked for a hearing, but observers see that as unlikely, given that the precipitating action concerns a GOP lawmaker. (Tomczyk has rebuffed requests for comment, including one for this piece.)

That is short-sighted and foolhardy. Local news outlets serve an invaluable function and deserve protection against those who seek to shut them up. In 2010, the legislature put politics aside and passed a bipartisan shield law to protect journalists from revealing their sources. It should do so again to protect media outlets from being sued into oblivion — no matter who is doing the suing.

Your Right to Know is a monthly column distributed by the Wisconsin Freedom of Information Council (wisfoic.org), a nonpartisan group dedicated to open government. Bill Lueders is the group's president.

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BILL LUEDERS, Wisconsin Freedom of Information Council president

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

1st Amendment protects judicial candidates

To the editor:

I want to respond to Michael Richter's letter in the Oct. 13 issue regarding Justice Janet Protasiewicz and his demand that she recuse herself from discussions about reproductive health care for women.

There are some alternate views to consider.

First, according to a 2002 U.S. Supreme Court decision, the First Amendment protects the rights of judicial candidates to state their personal opinions on disputed political or legal issues.

Thus, Justice Protasiewicz is bound by her oath to consider these cases fairly and impartially, and her decision to hear such cases is protected by the United States Constitu-

tion and Wisconsin state law. Justice Protasiewicz has never said how she will rule on specific cases likely to come before the court, and the U.S. Constitution protects her right to express her personal opinions on contested issues without being forced off of those cases.

Also, it's clear that when then-candidate Janet Protasiewicz stated her personal position on abortion, she was well within her legal right to do so. What's more, the comments Justice Protasiewicz made during her campaign regarding abortion do not constitute grounds for recusal.

In Wisconsin, the decision whether to recuse from a case rests with each individual judge. If a judge believes that they can decide on a case impartially, then they are not required to recuse.

There is more to say, but I will

stop there for now and look forward to more conversation with Mr. Richter.

Mary E. Ascher, Suring

Creation makes more sense than evolution

To the editor:

In the United States, the most common age of suicide is 16 years of age. Religions take the value of human life to its highest possible level. The teaching of evolution takes the value of life to its lowest possible level.

If evolution was the means by which things came into existence, it would still be happening today more so than ever before. One species of living things would either have to be producing something other than its own kind or changing into something different. You can

believe it when you see a cat have puppies or a kangaroo turning into an elephant.

It is supposed to be an American standard that we are all created equal. Our gifts and talents are different, but we all have this equal birthright to look upon God as our father creator, and in this relationship with him, we are designed to be his personal family members.

Teachers of evolution are worse than rapists. Rape victims can recover, but students who commit suicide because they find no value to life cannot recover.

Human beings are designed and created in the spiritual image of God. No other living thing has artistic imagination to design new things, or change the life system that was built into them at the time of their creation.

Loren Longard, Suring

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Aspirus and St. Luke's move closer to affiliation

Health systems sign definitive agreement

St. Luke's, based in Duluth, Minnesota, and Aspirus Health, based in Wausau, have signed a definitive agreement, moving the systems closer to a formal affiliation to create a comprehensive health care system.

The proposed affiliation intends to expand rural access to health care and advance quality of care for residents of northeastern Minnesota, northern and central Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

This follows the July 12 announcement that the organizations had signed a Letter of Intent.

Under the terms of the definitive agreement, which was unanimously approved by the boards of directors of both nonprofit organizations, the organizations will collectively focus on these specific areas to advance quality care in the region:

- Aspirus will invest at least \$300 million over eight years to fund St. Luke's strategic projects.

- Aspirus will commit to implementing Epic and other standard systems to promote integration and efficiency within 24 months of closing.

- Aspirus Health Plan will expand into St. Luke's service area within two years following closing to promote coordinated, cost-efficient and effective delivery of health care services to its members.

"I'm grateful for the support we've received as we've continued through this affiliation process with our like-minded partner St. Luke's," said Matt Heywood, Aspirus president and CEO. "Together, we will continue to evolve the way we care for our patients, especially those in rural areas, who will have the opportunity

to access the same high level of care as patients in other parts of the country. We look forward to working with regulators on the approval of the affiliation."

Aspirus and St. Luke's will work together to solve health care challenges and create a healthier future for the communities they serve.

"For more than 140 years, we've taken great pride in caring for this region," said Eric Lohn, St. Luke's co-president/CEO and chief financial officer. "With the challenges facing the health care industry, including St. Luke's, we believe that now is the time to affiliate. We are confident that Aspirus is the right partner to help us further grow and continue providing the best level of care for the next 140-plus years."

All six unions at St. Luke's have extended their support, signing letters stating that they believe this affiliation is in the best interest of their members and the community. In addition to honoring all physician, labor and union contracts, the definitive agreement includes retaining, integrating and providing additional opportunities to all St. Luke's employees.

The combined organization would operate 19 hospitals and 130 outpatient locations with nearly 14,000 employees, including 1,300 physicians and advanced practice clinicians. The system will operate headquarters in Wausau and maintain a corporate office in Duluth.

Next steps include state and federal regulatory reviews, including an upcoming community meeting with the Minnesota Office of the Attorney General.

Pending regulatory approvals, the organizations hope to complete the affiliation in spring 2024.

For information, visit aspirus.org/stlukes.

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ERIC LOHN, St. Luke's co-president/CEO and chief financial officer

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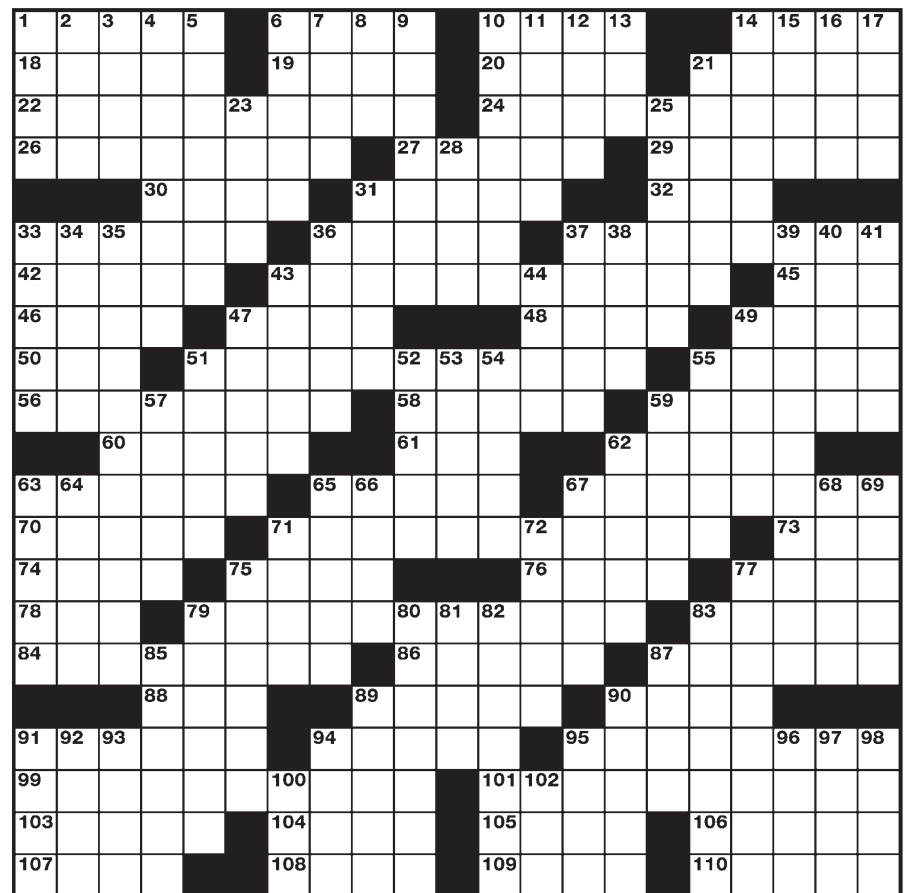
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1. Summary

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b. Purpose. The purpose of this Request for Proposal (RFP) is to solicit proposals from various candidates, conduct a fair evaluation based on the prescribed criteria, and select the candidate(s) who is/are the best fit for the project. Gresham School District reserves the right to award contract(s) as it sees fit and to the bidder or bidders of its choosing when and how it deems appropriate.

2. Nature and Scope of Work

a. The purpose of this project is as follows: Site preparation, curb construction, and site restoration upon completion of playground equipment installation and play surface pouring. (Equipment installation and surface pouring performed by Lee Recreation, LLC.)

b. Project Description: Construction of an ADA compliant playground to replace the current playground equipment at the Gresham Community School.

For a complete copy of the Request for Proposal please contact:

Jim Dudek, Director of Facilities and Operations

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OCONTO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Proceedings of Oct. 20

• Randy H. Lucas, 31, Suring, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and was bound over on charges of intimidating a victim threatening force, false imprisonment, making terrorist threats, misdemeanor fourth-degree sexual assault and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Sept. 28. Judge Michael T. Judge granted a motion to reduce Lucas' bail from \$10,000 to \$3,500 cash with conditions and scheduled arraignment for Nov. 16.

• Brandon Sean Ertel, 29, Oconto, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and was bound over on charges of strangulation and suffocation and misdemeanor counts of criminal damage to property and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred April 16. Judge scheduled a status conference for Dec. 14.

Proceedings of Oct. 18

• A jury trial was canceled and Dale L. Hazelrigg, 74, Suring, pleaded no contest to misdemeanor charges of fourth-degree sexual assault and possession of harmful material to expose to a child, in connection with an incident that occurred July 1, 2021. The charges were amended from felonies. Judge withheld sentencing and placed Hazelrigg on two years of probation with conditions.

• Bond was set at \$10,000 cash for Christopher Harvey Belland, 45, Green Bay, after he was charged with theft by false representation, issuance of worthless checks greater than \$2,500, two counts of felony bail jumping, and misdemeanor counts of issuance of worthless checks less than \$2,500 and bail jumping, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Aug. 17. Judge adjourned his initial appearance until Nov. 16.

Proceedings of Oct. 17

• Judge Jay N. Conley withheld sentencing and placed Rachel E. Van, 39, Green Bay, on two years of probation with conditions for possession of methamphetamine, in connection with an incident that occurred Feb. 7, 2022.

Proceedings of Oct. 16

• Andre Nathaniel Jackson, 34, Green Bay, was sentenced to 18 months in prison, followed by six months of extended supervision, for intentionally mistreating animals and disorderly conduct, in connection with incidents that occurred May 17-18, 2022. Conley placed Jackson on probation for an additional 18 months for two counts of misdemeanor bail jumping in the same incidents. He received credit for 518 days already served while awaiting trial.

• Michael R. Mayville, 57, Abrams, pleaded no contest to possession of narcotic drugs, in connection with an incident that occurred Nov. 19, 2022. Judge scheduled sentencing for Dec. 13 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

• A Jan. 4-5 jury trial was scheduled for Michael K. Berck, 51, Green Bay, on

charges of the manufacture and delivery of psilocin, possession of a firearm by a person convicted of a felony, manufacture and delivery of THC, maintaining a drug trafficking place, possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), possession of amphetamine/THC/psilocin (second or subsequent offense), and misdemeanor charges of criminal damage to property, disorderly conduct and possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred July 25. Judge scheduled a final pre-trial conference for Dec. 13.

• A March 21-22 jury trial was scheduled for Shawn Michael Schoen, 46, Kaukauna, on a charge of theft by a contractor, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred March 16, 2020. Judge scheduled a final pre-trial conference for March 5.

• Brad A. Vickman, 50, Abrams, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to four counts of manufacturing with intent to deliver amphetamine, four counts of maintaining a drug trafficking place, 10 counts of felony bail jumping, manufacturing with intent to deliver amphetamine or methamphetamine, possession of an electric weapon, five counts of misdemeanor bail jumping, misdemeanor possession of THC and possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with incidents that allegedly occurred April 10, May 5, June 1, June 23 and Aug. 3; possession with intent to deliver amphetamine and misdemeanor counts of battery, bail jumping, disorderly conduct and possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred June 16, 2021; and two counts of felony bail jumping and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Aug. 5, 2021. Judge scheduled a pre-trial conference for Nov. 16.

• Cody James Meyer, 36, Oconto Falls, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to a sex registry violation, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred July 13. He is also awaiting trial on charges of possession of methamphetamine (repeater) and misdemeanor counts of possession of THC and possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Dec. 15. Judge scheduled a pre-trial conference for Nov. 16.

• Daniel Thomas Albers, 40, Pulaski, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fifth offense), in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Aug. 1. Judge scheduled a pre-trial conference for Nov. 16.

• Bond was set at \$750 cash for Megan Ann Neldner, 39, Oconto Falls, after she was charged with felony bail jumping in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Oct. 13. Judge adjourned her initial appearance until Nov. 16.

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By virtue of a judgment of foreclosure made in the above-entitled action on May 4, 2023 in the amount of \$180,685.09, I will sell at public auction, located in the lobby, in front of the Treasurer's Office, in the Oconto County Courthouse, 301 Washington Street, Oconto, WI 54153, on November 14, 2023
At 10:00 AM, all of the following described premises, to wit: PARCEL "A"
A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE 1/4) OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE 1/4), SECTION 34-29-18 EAST, TOWN OF MAPLE VALLEY, OCONTO COUNTY, WISCONSIN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 34; THENCE NORTH 01° 37' 27" EAST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 34, A DISTANCE OF 33.00 FEET TO A 1 1/4" IRON PIPE ON THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF VALLEY LINE ROAD; THENCE NORTH 88° 30' 43" WEST ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 327.00 FEET TO A 1 1/4" IRON PIPE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT ONE (1) OF VOLUME 33 SURVEY MAPS, PAGE 86 AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 88° 30' 43" WEST ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 958.07 FEET TO A 1 1/4" IRON PIPE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT ONE (1) OF VOLUME 5 SURVEY MAPS, PAGE 100; THENCE NORTH 01° 16' 07" EAST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT ONE (1), A DISTANCE OF 632.91 FEET TO A 1" IRON PIPE; THENCE NORTH 33° 29' 52" EAST ALONG SAID LOT ONE (1), A DISTANCE OF 367.50 FEET TO A 1" IRON PIPE; THENCE NORTH 74° 18' 37" WEST ALONG SAID LOT ONE (1), A DISTANCE OF 230.39 FEET TO A 1 1/4" IRON PIPE ON THE WEST LINE OF SAID SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE 1/4) OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE 1/4); THENCE NORTH 01° 28' 40" EAST ALONG THE SIXTEENTH LINE, A DISTANCE OF 289.85 FEET TO A 1 1/4" IRON PIPE AT THE SOUTHEAST SIXTEENTH CORNER; THENCE SOUTH 88° 49' 02" EAST ALONG THE SIXTEENTH LINE, A DISTANCE OF 1219.20 FEET TO A 1 1/4" IRON PIPE; THENCE SOUTH 00° 40' 00" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 897.49 FEET TO A 1 1/4" IRON PIPE ON THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT ONE (1) OF VOLUME 33 SURVEY MAPS, PAGE 86; THENCE NORTH 88° 30' 43" WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT ONE (1), A DISTANCE OF 242.00 FEET TO A 1 1/4" IRON PIPE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER THEREOF; THENCE SOUTH 01° 37' 27" WEST ALONG SAID LOT ONE (1), A DISTANCE OF 400.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.
PARCEL "B"
A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW 1/4) OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW 1/4), SECTION 35 AND PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE 1/4) OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE 1/4), SECTION 34-29-18 EAST, TOWN OF MAPLE VALLEY, OCONTO COUNTY, WISCONSIN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 35; THENCE NORTH 01° 37' 27" EAST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 35, A DISTANCE OF 33.00 FEET TO A 1 1/4" IRON PIPE ON THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF VALLEY LINE ROAD; THENCE SOUTH 88° 56' 03" EAST ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 55.00 FEET TO A 1 1/4" IRON PIPE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT ONE (1) OF VOLUME 33 SURVEY MAPS, PAGE 86 AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 01° 37' 28" EAST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT ONE (1), A DISTANCE OF 399.80 FEET TO A 1 1/4" IRON PIPE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER THEREOF; THENCE NORTH 88° 30' 43" WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT ONE (1), A DISTANCE OF 140.00 FEET TO A 1 1/4" IRON PIPE; THENCE NORTH 00° 40' 00" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 897.49 FEET TO A 1 1/4" IRON PIPE ON THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE 1/4) OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE 1/4); THENCE SOUTH 88° 49' 02" EAST ALONG THE SIXTEENTH LINE, A DISTANCE OF 100.00 FEET TO A 1 1/4" IRON PIPE AT THE SOUTH SIXTEENTH CORNER; THENCE SOUTH 88° 50' 31" EAST ALONG THE SIXTEENTH LINE, A DISTANCE OF 415.00 FEET TO A 1 1/4" IRON PIPE; THENCE SOUTH 01° 37' 28" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 582.62 FEET TO A 1 1/4" IRON PIPE; THENCE NORTH 88° 50' 31" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 225.00 FEET TO A 1 1/4"

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IRON PIPE;
THENCE SOUTH 01° 37' 27" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 715.00 FEET TO A 1 1/4" IRON PIPE ON THE SAID NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF VALLEY LINE ROAD;
THENCE 88° 56' 03" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 135.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.
Street Address: 10500 Valley Line Road, Gillett, WI 54124
Tax Key No. 0263434018441 & 026353501333A
THE PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD AS IS AND SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL REAL ESTATE TAXES, SUPERIOR LIENS OR OTHER LEGAL ENCUMBRANCES.
TERMS OF SALE: CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK or CERTIFIED FUNDS, payable to the Clerk of Courts (10% down payment at sale, balance due within ten (10) days of Court approval; down payment to be forfeited if payment not received timely). Buyer must comply with minimum bidder qualifications as set forth in Wis. Stat. / 846.155. Buyer to pay applicable Wisconsin Real Estate Transfer Tax in addition to the purchase price.
Todd Skarban Sheriff of Oconto County, Wisconsin
Coditis, Moody & Circelli, P.C. Attorneys for Plaintiff (414) 775-7700 50-22-01362 NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector.
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No. 1666
Oct. 27, Nov. 3, Nov. 10
State of Wisconsin, Circuit Court, Oconto County
In re: The marriage of Petitioner Jason Wayne Wilz and Respondent Courtney Renee Wilz
Publication Summons: Divorce Case No. 23FA84
THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, TO THE PERSON NAMED ABOVE AS RESPONDENT:
You are notified that the petitioner named above has filed a Petition for divorce or legal separation against you. You must respond with a written demand for a copy of the Petition within 40 days from the day after the first date of publication.
The demand must be sent or delivered to the court at: Clerk of Court, Oconto County Courthouse, 391 Washington Street, Oconto, WI 54153 and to: Jason Wilz, 402 East Main Street, Gillett, WI 54124.
It is recommended, but not required, that you have an attorney help or represent you.
If you do not demand a copy of the Petition within 40 days, the court may grant judgement against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Petition, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Petition.
A judgement may be enforced as provided by law. A judgement awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you may now own or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.
You are further notified that if the parties to this action have minor children, violation of 948.31, Wis. Stats. (reference with custody by parent or others) is punishable by fines and/or imprisonment.
If you and the petitioner have minor children, documents setting forth the average standard for child support established by the department under 49.22(9), Wis. Stats., and the factors that a court may consider for modification of that standard under 767.51(1m), Wis. Stats., are available upon your request from the Clerk of Court.
You are notified of the availability of information from the Circuit Court Commissioner as set forth in 767.105, Wis. Stats.
767.105 Information from Circuit Court Commissioner:
(2) Upon the request of a party to an action affecting the family, including a revision of judgement or order under sec. 767.59 or 767.451:
(a) The Circuit Court Commissioner shall, with or without charge, provide the party with the written information on the following, as appropriate to the action commenced:
1. The procedure for obtaining a judgement or order in the action.
2. The major issues usually addressed in such an action.
3. Community resources and family court counseling services available to assist the parties.
4. The procedure for setting, modifying, and enforcing child support awards, or modifying and enforcing legal custody or physical placement judgements or orders.
(b) The Circuit Court Commissioner shall provide a party, for inspection or purchase, with a copy of the statutory provisions in this chapter generally pertinent to the action.
If you request reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call: 920-834-6857 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.
/s/ Jason W. Wilz
Jason W. Wilz
402 East Main Street, Gillett, WI
TrapJasonWilz@gmail.com, 715-927-0413
10/9/23
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Town of Lena Invitation to Bid

The Town of Lena, Oconto County, is accepting sealed bids for the annual insurance policy.

Bids are due on Thursday, November 16, 2023 by 7:00 P.M. and will be opened and awarded at the Town Hall meeting on November 16, 2023 starting at 7:00 P.M. at 6087 Goatsville Road, Lena, WI 54139.

Bids can be mailed to:
Town of Lena
8489 Sunshine Road
Lena, WI 54139

Please contact Town Clerk, Dawn VanArk at (715)281-4672 or lenatownclerk@gmail.com for policy information.

Dawn VanArk, Clerk
Town of Lena

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TOWN OF SPRUCE IS LOOKING FOR A CAMPGROUND MANAGER

The Town of Spruce is looking for a Campground Manager to manage the Holt Park Campground at Kelly Lake in Suring, Wisconsin. Duties would include, but not limited to managing daily operations including taking reservations, confirmations, customer service, checking in campers, maintenance of the park, collecting payments, maintaining records of all transactions and turn in monies weekly. Have good communication skills to answer phones, and respond to requests on Gmail, Facebook and website. This person needs to be capable of performing day-to-day activities, maintaining public restrooms and surrounding areas for cleanliness, inspecting premise for garbage and debris and empty garbage cans. This person will also be responsible for ordering supplies and performing small maintenance and repairs that may be needed at the campground. This position would also include the management of the seasonal campers by maintaining files for each seasonal camper and enforcing the annual seasonal contract. You are required to have a camper and stay on site. Work days will be negotiated with the Spruce Town Board, and salary will be determined based on experience and qualifications. Interested individuals should email a cover letter and resume to sprucetownclerk@gmail.com or mail your materials to Town of Spruce, PO Box 52, Oconto Falls, WI 54154. This position will be open until filled.

STATE OF WISCONSIN
Town of Spruce
Oconto County

ORDINANCE #01-2023 HOLT PARK OFF SEASON DWELLINGS

SECTION 1- TITLE AND PURPOSE

This ordinance is entitled Holt Park Off-Season Dwellings Ordinance. The purpose of this ordinance is to prohibit any and all dwellings from being placed in the Holt Park Campgrounds at anytime, once the park has closed for the regular camping season.

SECTION 2 - AUTHORITY

The Spruce Town Board has the authority under State Statute 799.45(3) and (3m) to remove any dwelling place in the Holt Park Campground once the park has closed for the regular camping season. The owner of the dwelling, if known, will be contacted by the Spruce Town Board and will have 48 hours to remove the dwelling from the premises. After such time and the dwelling has not been removed, it will be removed at owner's expense and any storage fees incurred, once removed, will also be the responsibility of the owner.

SECTION 3 - DWELLINGS PROHIBITED BUT NOT LIMITED TO ORDINANCE

This ordinance will prohibit ice shacks, trailers of any kind, tents, or any other portable dwelling from being placed in Holt Park Campground once the park has closed for the regular camping season.

SECTION 4 - ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

This ordinance, adopted by a majority of the Spruce Town Board on a roll call vote with a quorum present and voting and proper notice having been posted will give the Spruce Town Board the authority to remove any new dwelling place in Holt Park Campground after October 31st, annually.

SECTION 5 - EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance, is effective on publication or posting. The town clerk shall properly post or publish this ordinance as required under SS60.80, Wis. Stats.

Passed on the 28th day of October, 2023

Signed by Terry Brazeau
Town Chairman

Date: 10/18/23

Attested by: Lisa Peitersen
Town Clerk

Date: 10/18/23

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Authors in spotlight at historical society event

Two authors are in the spotlight as the Oconto County Historical Society presents its monthly Speaker Series program at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 2, in the meeting room of the Beyer Home and Carriage Museum, 915 Park Ave., Oconto.

The evening's program will be presented by Rosemary Rice and Peter Stark, local resident authors who have recently released their new books.

Rice has a new edition of her book "Oconto's Park Avenue Circus History and Memories 1947-1957," which features color photos and additional information about the circus and the performers.

The Park Avenue Circus was started by local residents Doc and Dixie Hicks, who were each born into circus families. During the summers, they trained local chil-

dren in a variety of circus acts, including aerial, high wire and clowning.

People in the community who played musical instruments volunteered and comprised the circus band. Parents of the young performers made costumes and did the makeup. It is estimated that upwards of 1,000 people enjoyed the performances at 25 cents per ticket.

Stark has done research and written a book titled "Soda Water Bottlers of Oconto County," describing the various companies in Oconto County that bottled water and also a variety of flavored sodas, including the Kist Bottling Co. of Oconto and the Lena Bottling Co.

Copies of the books will be available for sale on the evening of the program. The program is free and open to the public.

Vets 4 Vets plan spaghetti dinner

Vets 4 Vets of Northeast Wisconsin is hosting its 21st annual veterans spaghetti dinner from 3-6 p.m. Nov. 10 at Red Maple Country Club, 501 Golf Course Road, Suring.

The menu includes spaghetti with

meatballs and garlic bread. Carryout is available on request. A full cash bar and dining room service at Red Maple will be available. There will also be silent auctions, bingo, 50-50 and meat raffles, a DJ and more. A licensed Medicare insurance agent, as well as a representative from the Oconto County Veterans Service Office, will be on hand to answer benefit questions.

All veterans who bring in their invitation postcards will be eligible to win grocery gift certificates. Veterans and active military who do not have an invitation are welcome to attend the dinner and can fill out a postcard to be eligible for the certificates but should bring military ID or proof of military service if possible. The spaghetti dinner is free for veterans and guests; the public is \$7 per person.

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City of Gillett Notice

150 N McKenzie Avenue, Gillett Wisconsin
Winter Parking Regulations 19-3 Parking Restrictions

It is unlawful to park on any city street between the hours of
2:00 A.M. and 6:00 A.M. November 1st through April 1st.

- This ordinance was enacted to allow the Street Department to plow snow unobstructed.
- It is unlawful to cross plow snow or deposit snow in any city street.
- Violators of this ordinance are ticketed by the Gillett Police Department and the vehicles may be towed at the owner's expense.

The City crew makes every effort to plow the City streets as soon as the snowfall is over.
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Tyson Chicken Wing Sections

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3.5lb Bag

Boneless Pork Sirloin Chops or Roasts


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lb

Food Club Buttermilk Pancake Mix

\$2⁴⁹ 32oz

Food Club Syrup

\$1⁹⁹ Asst Variety
24oz

Mcintosh or Cortland Apples


\$3²⁹ ea
3lb Bag

Green Hass Avocados


99^c ea

Green Cabbage


59^c lb

Local Cello Carrots


\$1³⁹ ea
2lb Bag

Bagged Fresh Cranberries


\$1⁹⁹ ea
12oz bag

Prairie Farms 2%, 1%, or Skim Milk


\$3⁷⁹
Gallon

Prairie Farms Butter Quarters


\$3⁹⁹
1lb

Old El Paso Taco Shells or Refried Beans


2/\$3
4.6-16oz

Food Club Canned Soups


99^c
Asst Variety
10.5-10.75oz

Food Club Garlic Breadsticks, Knots, or Toast


2/\$4
Asst Variety
8-3oz

Fiora 12 Roll Bath Tissue or 6 Roll Paper Toweling


\$4⁹⁹
Asst Variety

Pillsbury All Purpose or Unbleached Flour


\$3⁴⁹
5lb Bag

Captain Crunch Cereal


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10.3-12.6oz

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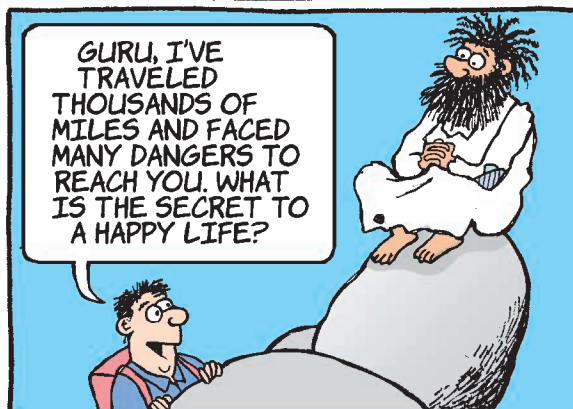
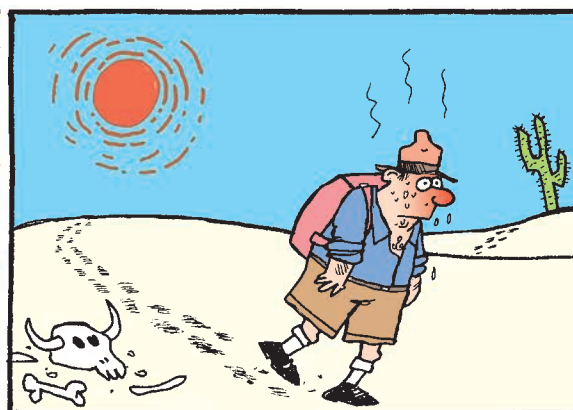
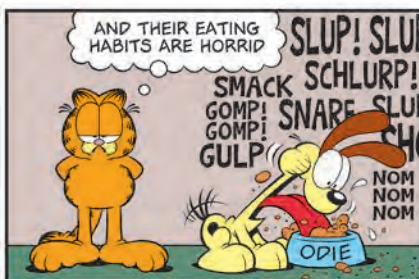
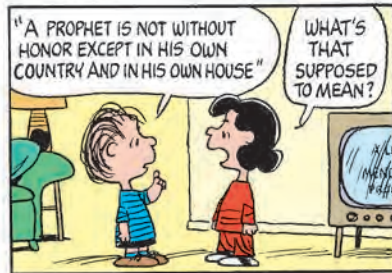
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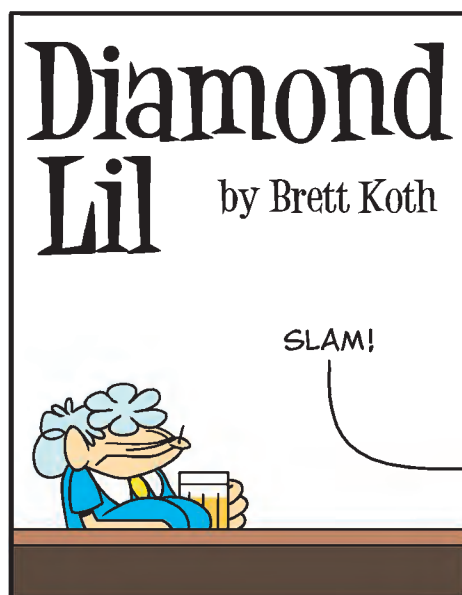
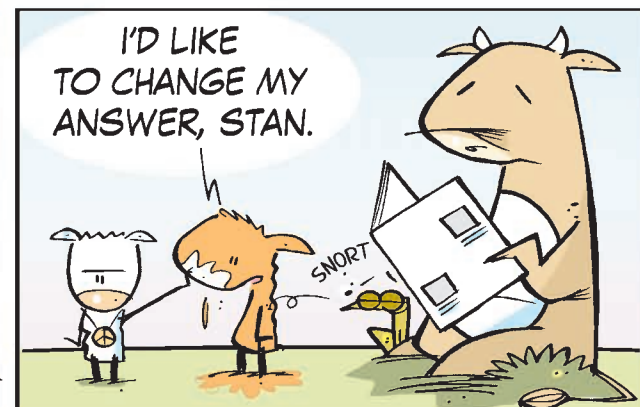
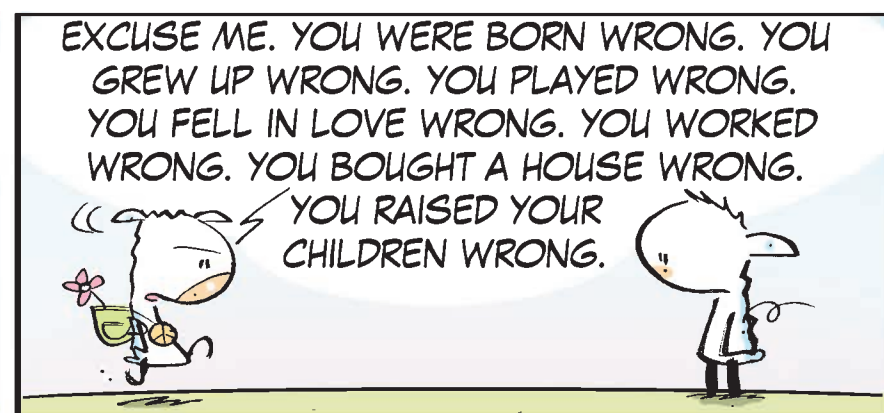
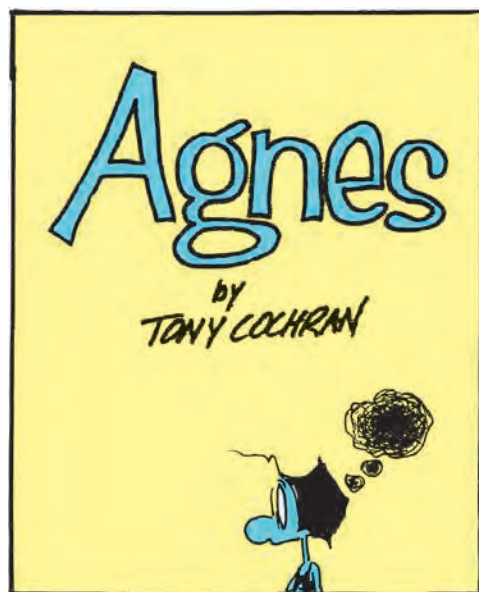
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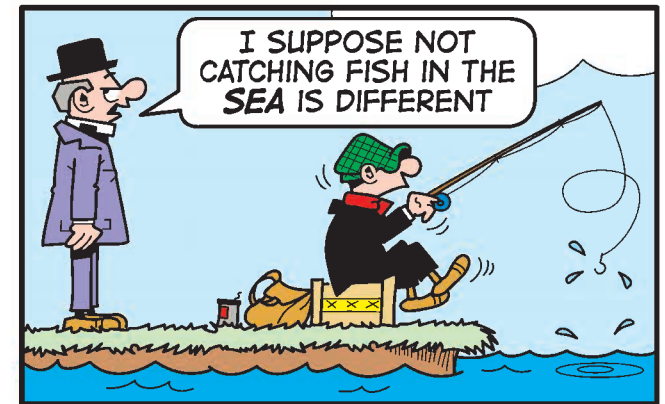
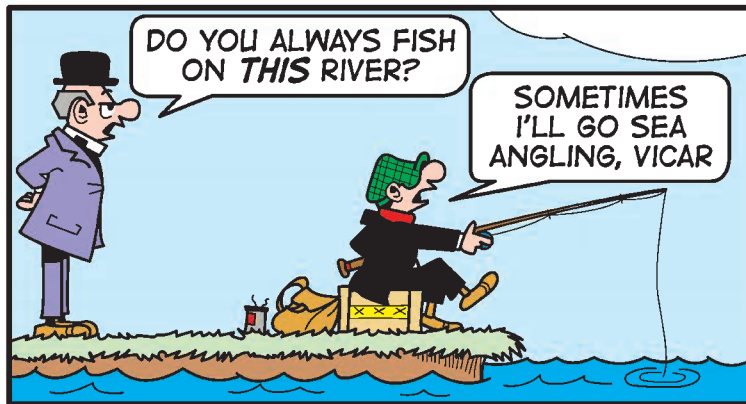
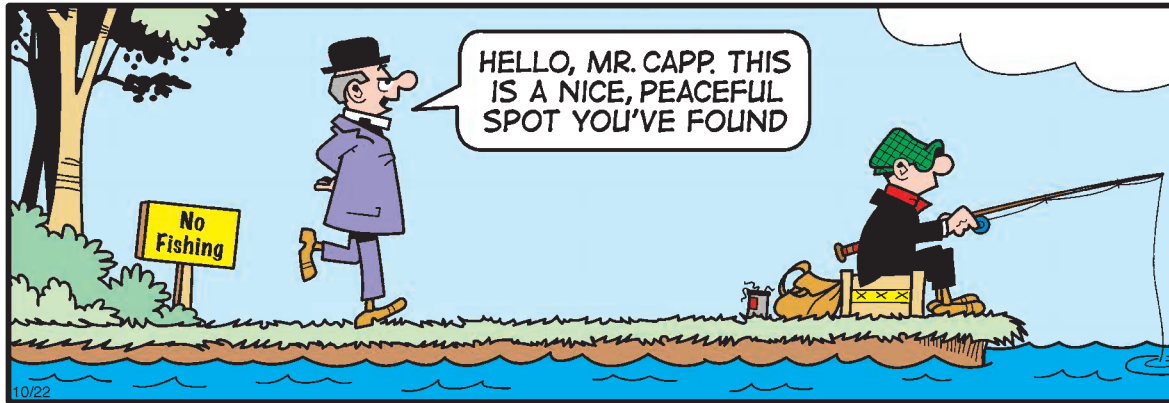
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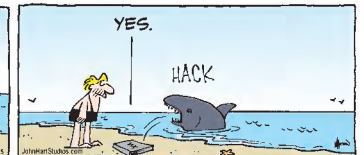
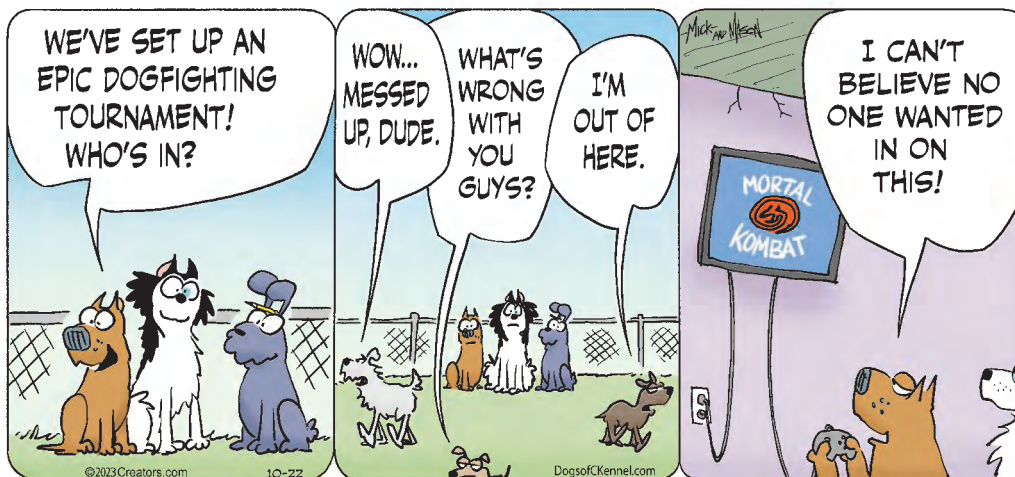
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OCTOBER 30

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ABC 9 WAOW 2 WBAY	9 News 9 (N) 2 Action 2 News at Six (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	NFL Football Las Vegas Raiders at Detroit Lions The Lions try to stay perfect in primetime as they host the Raiders for Monday Night Football. (N) (Live)						9 (:15) News 9 (N) 2 (:15) Action 2 News at 10 (N)	(:50) Jimmy Kimmel Live! (N)		(:50) Nightline (N)
CBS 6 WFRV 7 WSAW	6 Local 5 News at 6:00 (N) 7 NewsChannel 7 at 6 (N)	6 Local 5 News at 6:30 (N) 7 Inside Edition (N)	Ghosts "Halloween"	Ghosts "Halloween 2: The Ghost of Hetty's Past"	Lotería Loca "Día de los Muertos" (N)		NCIS "Uncarth" A dead body is found at an ancient burial site.		6 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N) 7 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (N)		(:35) Comics Un-leashed With Byron Allen
FOX 65 WZAW 11 WLUK	2023 World Series Pregame (N) (Live)		2023 World Series Game 3: Teams TBA The top MLB teams battle for the 2023 World Series championship. (N) (Live)						65 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N) 11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) (Live)	65 Last Man 11 (:35) Jeopardy! (N)	65 Last Man 11 (:05) Inside Ed. (N)	65 Goldbergs "If You Build It" 11 (:35) King "Strike One"
NBC 26 WGBA 12 WJFW	26 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 6 (N)	26 Family Feud 12 Wheel of Fortune (N)	The Voice "The Battles Part 4" The battles continue as the coaches prepare their artists to go head-to-head in dueling duets. (N)			The Irrational "Point and Shoot" Alec agrees to testify in a wrongful death trial. (N)			26 NBC26 News at 10pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)	26 (:35) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon (N) 12 (:35) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon		(:35) Late Night With Seth Meyers
PBS 29 WHRM 36 WLEF 38 WPNE	PBS NewsHour Amna Nawaz and Geoff Bennett offer in-depth analysis of current events. (N)		Antiques Roadshow "Thrills & Chills" A MAD issue 8 complete "Frank N. Stein" story; a German wax-head doll; mourning jewelry collection. (N)		American Experience "The War on Disco" Exploring the cultural movement that aided disco's rise and the backlash that tried to destroy it. (N)		POV "Fire Through Dry Grass" Nursing home residents use poetry and art to describe their feelings during COVID-19's lockdown. (N)		Hotel Portofino "Comings Together" Cecil gets entangled with criminals; Bella and Lucian help Nish, who is being hunted by Danioni.		Wisconsin Life "Wil-low River State Park In Hudson"	
62 WACY 46 WTPX	Family Feud (N)	Two Half Men	Dateline "Deadly Deceit"		Chicago P.D. "43rd and Normal"		My News at 9 (N)	Tonight (N)	Two Half Men	Housewife	Housewife	Mom
	FBI "Fostered"		FBI "Grief"		FBI "Under Pressure"		FBI "Pride & Prejudice"		FBI "Ambition"		FBI "Scar Tissue"	
CW 14 WCWF 34 WYOW	14 Big Bang "The Middle Earth Paradigm" 34 Dish Nat. (N)	14 Big Bang "The Deception Verification" 34 TMZ (N)	FBoy Island "Game Over" An FBoy makes an announcement; the ladies develop feelings. (N)		Penn & Teller: Fool Us "Who's Your Daddy?!" Moxie Jillette; Daxien; The Cosmic Romantics.		14 News at Nine (N) (Live) 34 Dish Nation (N)	14 Seinfeld "The Pledge Drive" 34 TMZ (N)	14 National (N) 34 Family Guy "Baby, You Knock Me Out"	14 National (N) 34 Family Guy "And Then There Were Fewer"	14 Last Man 34 Burgers	14 Extra (N) 34 Bob's Burgers "The Haunting"

OCTOBER 31

6 PM		6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
ABC 9 WAOW 2 WBAY		9 News 9 (N) 2 Action 2 News at Six (N)	9 News 9 Pack Attack 2 Entertainment Tonight (N)	Dancing With the Stars A special monster-themed Halloween episode. (N) (Live)			Press Your Luck "Happy Birthday, Press Your Luck!" (N)		9 News 9 (N) 2 Action 2 News at 10 (N)	(.35) Jimmy Kimmel Live! (N)	(.35) Nightline (N)	
CBS 6 WFRV 7 WSAW		6 Local 5 News at 6:00 (N) 7 NewsChannel 7 at 6 (N)	6 Locker Room 7 Locker Room	Big Brother The houseguests compete to win the power of veto. (N)		FBI True "Horror in Yosemite; The Beltway Snipers" Four women are found dead around Yosemite National Park. (N)	FBI "God Complex" A prominent doctor is found dead in a ritualistic slaying.		6 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N) 7 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)	(.35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (N)	(.35) Comics Unleashed With Byron Allen	
FOX 65 WZAW 11 WLUK		2023 World Series Pregame (N) (Live)		2023 World Series Game 4: Teams TBA The top MLB teams battle for the 2023 World Series championship. (N) (Live)					65 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N) 11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) (Live)	65 Last Man 11 (.35) Jeopardy! (N)	65 Last Man "Haunted House" 11 (.05) Inside Edition (N)	65 Goldbergs "DKNY" 11 (.35) King "Strike Too"
NBC 26 WGBA 12 WJFW		26 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 6 (N)	26 Packers Live 12 Wheel of Fortune (N)	The Voice "Recap: The Battles, Part 4" (N)		The Voice "The Battles Part 5" The coaches prepare their artists for dueling duets. (N)	Found "Missing While Undocumented" The team traces the last steps of a missing 21-year-old. (N)		26 NBC26 News at 10pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)	(.35) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon	(.35) Late Night With Seth Meyers	
PBS 20 WHRM 36 WLEF 38 WPNE		PBS NewsHour Amna Nawaz and Geoff Bennett offer in-depth analysis of current events. (N)		Finding Your Roots With Henry Louis Gates, Jr. "Anchormen" Journalists Jim Acosta and Van Jones learn about their ancestors. Guests Jim Acosta, Van Jones		Native America "Warrior Spirit" Warrior traditions support athletes and connect people to combat, games and glory. (N)	Frontline "McConnell, the GOP & the Court" Republican Sen. Mitch McConnell's rise and role in transforming the Supreme Court and U.S. politics. (N)		Martin Clunes: Islands of the Pacific "Galapagos" Martin explores the Galapagos Islands, getting up close to sea lions, iguanas and tortoises.		NOVA "Ancient Earth: Inferno" How life survived after a cataclysmic extinction wiped out about 90 percent of all species.	
62 WACY 46 WTPX		Family Feud (N)	Two Half Men	Dateline		Chicago P.D. "The Devil You Know"	My News at 9 (N)	Tonight (N)	Two Half Men	Housewife	Housewife	Mom
CW 14 WCWF 34 WYOW		14 Big Bang "The Good Guy Fluctuation" 34 Dish Nat. (N)	14 Big Bang "The Imitation Perturbation" 34 TMZ (N)	Inside the NFL Week 8 Recapping the greatest moments from week eight. (N)		The Swarm "Episode 8" Mifune sees the research results on board the Thorvaldson. (N) (SF)	13 News at Nine (N) (Live) 34 Dish Nation (N)	13 Seinfeld "The Chinese Woman" 34 TMZ (N)	13 National (N) 34 Family Guy "Halloween on Spooner Street"	13 National (N) 34 Family Guy "And Then There Were Fewer"	13 Last Man "Haunted House" 34 Burgers "Teen-a-Witch"	13 Extra (N) 34 Burgers

WEDNESDAY				EVENING						NOVEMBER 1			
	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	
ABC 9 WAOW 8 WBAY	9 News 9 (N) 2 Action 2 News at Six (N)	9 Packers Live 2 Entertainment Tonight (N)	Celebrity Jeopardy! "Quarterfinal #6: Dulé Hill, Sheryl Underwood and Peter Facinelli" Dulé Hill, Sheryl Underwood (N)		Celebrity Wheel of Fortune "RuPaul, Gayle King and Julie Bowen" Celebrity contestants RuPaul, Gayle King and Julie Bowen. Guests RuPaul Charles		Pyramid "Jesse Tyler Ferguson vs. Rosie O'Donnell and Holly Robinson Peete vs. Rodney Peete" Jesse Tyler Ferguson, Rosie O'Donnell (N)		9 News 9 (N) 2 Action 2 News at 10 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live! (N)		(:35) Nightline (N)	
CBS 6 WFRV 7 WSAW	5 Local 5 News at 6:00 (N) 7 NewsChannel 7 at 6 (N)	5 Green Bay Nation 7 Inside Edition (N)	Survivor "I'm not Batman, I'm the Canadian" Castaways attempt to outwit, outlast and outplay each other for a prize of \$1 million. (N)			The Amazing Race Teams of two travel the globe to try to win \$1 million. (N)		5 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N) 7 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)		(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (N)		(:35) Comics Unleashed With Byron Allen	
FOX 55 WZAW 11 WLUK	2023 World Series Pregame (N) (Live)		2023 World Series Game 5: Teams TBA The top MLB teams battle for the 2023 World Series championship. (N) (Live)						55 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N) 11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) (Live)	55 Last Man 11 (:35) Jeopardy! (N)	55 Last Man "Mike's Pole" 11 (:05) Inside Edition (N)	55 Goldbergs 11 (:35) King	
NBC 26 WGBA 12 WJFW	26 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 6 (N)	26 Total Packers 12 Wheel of Fortune (N)	Quantum Leap "One Night in Koreatown" Ben leaps into the start of the explosive 1992 L.A. riots. (N)		Magnum P.I. "The Retrieval" Magnum and Higgins are hired to find a missing gamer. (N)		Chicago P.D. "Trapped" Burgess' proximity to a shooting triggers harsh memories.		26 NBC26 News at 10pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)	(:35) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon		(:35) Late Night With Seth Meyers	
PBS 29 WHRM 55 WLEF 58 WPNE	PBS NewsHour Amna Nawaz and Geoff Bennett offer in-depth analysis of current events. (N)		Spy in the Ocean, A Nature Miniseries "Deep Feelings" From dolphins to cuttlefish, ocean animals possess emotions and behavior similar to humans. (N)		NOVA "Ancient Earth: Humans" How Earth gave rise to humans, starting with the asteroid strike that wiped out the dinosaurs. (N)		Secrets of the Dead "Death in Britannia" A skeleton dating back to the Roman occupation could be that of a person who was crucified. (N)		Finding Your Roots With Henry Louis Gates, Jr. "Anchorman" Journalists Jim Acosta and Van Jones learn about their ancestors. Guests Jim Acosta, Van Jones		Frontline "McConnell, the GOP & the Court" Republican Sen. Mitch McConnell's rise and role in transforming the Supreme Court and U.S. politics.		
WACY 46 WTPX	Family Feud (N) Blue Bloods "Triumph Over Trauma"	Two Half Men	Dateline "Secrets in Pleasant Grove"		Chicago P.D. "I Was Here"		My News at 9 (N) Tonight (N)		Two Half Men Housewife	Housewife	Housewife	Mom	
			Blue Bloods		Blue Bloods "Atonement"		Blue Bloods "Redemption"		Blue Bloods "Spilling Secrets"		Blue Bloods "The New Normal"		
CW 14 WCWF 54 WYOW	14 Big Bang "The Holographic Excitation" 54 Dish Nat. (N)	14 Big Bang 54 TMZ (N)	Sullivan's Crossing "Pressure Drop" Sully lets his temper get the best of him. (N)		The Spencer Sisters "The Decorator's Debacle" Rory is convinced there was an attempt on his life. (N)		14 News at Nine (N) (Live) 54 Dish Nation (N)	14 Seinfeld "The Couch" 54 TMZ (N)	14 National (N) 54 Family Guy "Brian Writes a Bestseller"	14 National (N) 54 Family Guy "New Kidney in Town"	14 Last Man "Mike's Pole" 54 Burgers "Best Burger"	14 Extra (N) 54 Burgers "Work Hard or Die Trying, Girl"	

THURSDAY				EVENING				NOVEMBER 2					
	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	
ABC 9 WAOW 8 WBAY	9 News 9 (N) 2 Action 2 News at Six (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	The Golden Bachelor (N)		Bachelor in Paradise Stars and villains from "The Bachelor" and "The Bachelorette" get another chance to find love. (N)				9 News 9 (N) 2 Action 2 News at 10 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live! (N)		(:35) Nightline (N)	
CBS 6 WFRV 7 WSAW	5 Local 5 News at 6:00 (N) 7 NewsChannel 7 at 6 (N)	5 Local 5 News at 6:30 (N) 7 Inside Edition (N)	Buddy Games "Lodge's Last Hurrah" (N) (SF)		Big Brother Following a vote, a houseguest is evicted and interviewed. (N) (Live)			SEAL Team "Trust, But Verify: Part 1" A weapons expert must be extracted from a dangerous country.	6 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N) 7 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (N)		(:35) Comics Unleashed With Byron Allen	
FOX 55 WZAW 11 WLUK	55 Big Bang 11 Jeopardy! (N)	55 Big Bang "The Convergence Convergence" 11 Wheel (N)	Hell's Kitchen "Fusion Confusion" The chefs face a soccer-themed fusion cuisine challenge. Guests Alexi Lalas, Tony Messina (N)		LEGO Masters "Is It Brick?" The builders must choose an item and make a replica of it. (N)			55 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N) 11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)	55 Seinfeld "The Caddy"	55 Seinfeld "The Gymnast" 11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) (Live)	55 Last Man 11 (:35) Seinfeld	55 Last Man "The Help" 11 (:05) Inside Edition (N)	55 The Goldbergs "Jenkintown After Dark" ..
NBC 26 WGBA 12 WJFW	26 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 6 (N)	26 Family Feud 12 Wheel of Fortune (N)	Law & Order "Fear and Loathing" Cosgrove and Shaw unravel the truth about a doctor's murder.		Transplant "Multiple Choices" Mags speaks out against her supervising doctor. (N)			Dateline NBC		26 NBC26 News at 10pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)	(:35) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon	(:35) Late Night With Seth Meyers	
PBS 29 WHRM 55 WLEF 58 WPNE	PBS NewsHour Amna Nawaz and Geoff Bennett offer in-depth analysis of current events. (N)		Wisconsin Life "Wisconsin Great Northern Railroad In Trego"	John McGivern's Main Streets "Dodgeville, Wisconsin"	Doc Martin "From the Mouths of Babes" Martin and Louisa are desperate to stop James' biting, so the try Mel's suggestion of amber beads.			Agatha Christie's Poirot "The Adventure of the Italian Nobleman" Poirot travels to London's Little Italy to investigate a count's death.		Living With Hitler "The People's Community" A historical look at the growing anti-Semitism across Germany in the lead up to World War II.		Secrets of the Dead "Death in Britannia" A skeleton dating back to the Roman occupation could be that of a person who was crucified.	
WACY 46 WTPX	Family Feud (N)	Two Half Men	Dateline "The Killing in Cobb County"		Chicago P.D. "Center Mass"			My News at 9 (N)	Tonight (N)	Two Half Men	Housewife	Housewife	Mom
CW 14 WCWF 54 WYOW	14 Big Bang "The Gothowitz Deviation" 54 Dish Nat. (N)	14 Big Bang "The Convergence Convergence" 54 TMZ (N)	Son of a Critch "You're Dead After School" (N)		Run the Burbs "Phamily Ties" (N)	Children Ruin Everything "Identity" (N)	Everyone Else Burns (N)	14 Last Man "Attractive Architect" 54 Dish Nat. (N)	14 Seinfeld "The Gymnast" 54 TMZ (N)	14 National (N) 54 Family Guy	14 National (N) 54 Family Guy "And I'm Joyce Kinney"	14 Last Man "The Help" 54 Burgers "Tina Tailor Soldier Spy"	14 Extra (N) 54 Bob's Burgers "Midday Run"

FRIDAY					EVENING					NOVEMBER 3			
	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	
ABC 9 WAOW 2 WBAY	9 News 9 (N) 2 Action 2 News at Six (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	Shark Tank A collection of tiny building materials for hobbyists. (N)		20/20 (N)				9 News 9 (N) 2 Action 2 News at 10 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live! (N)		(:35) Nightline (N)	
CBS 6 WFRV 7 WSAW	6 Local 5 News at 6:00 (N) 7 NewsChannel 7 at 6 (N)	6 Wisconsin Huddle 7 Inside Edition (N)	Let's Make a Deal Primetime (N)		Raid the Cage "City Slickers vs. Chicken Farmers" (N)		Blue Bloods "My Aim Is True" Jamie and Eddie end up in a life-threatening situation.		6 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N) 7 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (N)		(:35) Comics Unleashed With Byron Allen	
FOX 55 WZAW 11 WLUK	55 Big Bang 11 Jeopardy! (N)	55 Wisconsin Huddle 11 Wheel of Fortune (N)	WWE Friday Night SmackDown The Superstars of World Wrestling Entertainment do battle in elaborate, long-running rivalries. (N) (Live)			55 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N) 11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)		55 Seinfeld "The Seven"	55 Seinfeld "The Mom and Pop Store" 11 11 News (N)	55 Last Man 11 (:35) Seinfeld	55 Last Man "Breaking Curfew" 11 (:05) Inside Edition (N)	55 Goldbergs 11 (:35) King	
NBC 26 WGBA 12 WJFW	26 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 6 (N)	26 Family Feud 12 Wheel of Fortune (N)	The Wall		Dateline NBC (N)				26 NBC26 News at 10pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)	(:35) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon		(:35) Late Night With Seth Meyers	
PBS 29 WHRM 55 WLEF 58 WPNE	PBS NewsHour Amna Nawaz and Geoff Bennett offer in-depth analysis of current events. (N)		Washington Week With The Atlantic (N)	Here and Now (N)	Van der Valk on Masterpiece "Plague on Amsterdam" Van der Valk is called to investigate the grisly murder of a lawyer.				POV "Fire Through Dry Grass" Nursing home residents use poetry and art to describe their feelings during COVID-19's lockdown.		Songs at the Center "Tenille Townes, Caitlyn Smith, Caylee Hammack"		
62 WACY 46 WTPX	Family Feud (N)	Two Half Men	High School Football (N) (Live)					Tonight (N)	Two Half Men	Housewife	Housewife	Mom	
CW 14 WCWF 54 WYOW	14 Big Bang "The Pirate Solution" 54 Dish Nat. (N)	14 Big Bang "The Conjugal Conjecture" 54 TMZ (N)	Penn & Teller: Fool Us "2 Dead in Tonight's Episode" Alexandra; Artem; Anthony Dempsey; Rune Carlsen. (N)		Masters of "Giant Drill, Magic on the Edge, Floating Objects" (N)	Animals "Episode 417" Carmen Hodgson, Devon Werkheiser (N)	14 Last Man "What's in a Name?" 54 Dish Nat. (N)	14 Seinfeld "The Mom and Pop Store" 54 TMZ (N)	14 National (N) 54 Family Guy "Friends of Peter G."	14 The National Desk (N) (Live) 54 Family Guy "German Guy"	14 Last Man 54 Burgers	14 Extra (N) 54 Burgers	

ANOTHER SLOW START

Packers forced to fight from behind, fall short again



Linebacker Rashan Gary (52) is manhandled as he tries to reach Broncos' quarterback Russell Wilson. The Packers fell behind 9-0 in the first half, made an effort to come back in the second half and saw their hopes die with an interception from quarterback Jordan Love.

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Packers disappoint again in 19-17 loss to the Broncos

Green Bay falls to 2-4 for first time since 2006

By **LUKE REIMER**
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After starting the game down 9-0, a furious second-half comeback from the Green Bay Packers fell short as Jordan Love was intercepted late to seal a 19-17 loss to the Denver Broncos on Oct. 22.

The sixth game of the Jordan Love era proved to be the low point of the season so far, as Green Bay was held to under 20 points again — this time by a Denver team that surrendered 70 points to the Miami Dolphins in Week 3.

Down by two points with 3:50 left in the game, the Packers marched down the field before being upheld with a second-and-20 from their own 46-yard line, following a holding call on Elton Jenkins. Love's second-down pass intended for Christian Watson fell incomplete. On the ensuing third down, Love attempted to take a deep shot to Samori Toure; the pass, thrown into double coverage, was intercepted by Broncos' safety P.J. Locke to essentially end the game.

This is the second straight game in which Green Bay's final offensive play resulted in an interception.

"I put that last one on me," said coach Matt LaFleur, referring to Love's interception. "Probably should have called a safer play, where you get half of it and try to set yourself up for a manageable situation on the next down. We took a shot, and obviously it didn't come through."

Love finished the game 21-of-31 for 180 yards and two touchdowns, while Aaron Jones (eight rushes for 35 yards) and A.J. Dillon (15 rushes for 61 yards) combined for 96 yards on the ground. Dillon also led the team in receiving, catching two passes for 34 yards.

For the Broncos, Russell Wilson went 20-of-29 for 194 yards and one touchdown. Javonte Williams led



AJ Dillon carried the ball 15 times for 61 yards against Denver. Despite teaming up again with Aaron Jones in the backfield, the Packers fell victim to their own mistakes and inexperience as they lost 19-17. Green Bay will host Minnesota on Sunday.

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Denver in rushing, recording 82 yards on 15 carries.

Denver opened the game with a 12-play drive that resulted in a field goal. During that drive, Wilson connected with five receivers to march all the way down to the Packers' four yard line. On third-and-one from the four, Williams plunged into the end zone, but the play was wiped away due to a holding call, forcing Denver to settle for a field goal.

On its ensuing drive, Green Bay resorted back to how a majority of the season had gone in the first half and was forced to punt after a three-and-out.

Green Bay then held Denver to a three-and-out but followed that up with a punt on its next drive. From there, Denver settled for another field goal early in the second quarter.

In the mid-second quarter, the

Packers put together a competent 11-play drive before being faced with a third-and-nine from Denver's 30-yard line. A five-yard completion to Jayden Reed set up a field goal attempt from rookie kicker Anders Carlson.

Carlson came into the day as one of six kickers to not miss a kick all season. In a twist of fate, Carlson's kick sailed wide left, and Green Bay came away with no points on the drive.

From there, Denver quickly marched down the field and snuck in a field goal of its own to go up 9-0 at the break. Since the Atlanta Falcons game in Week 2, the Packers have combined for just six points in the first half of its last four games.

"Not starting the game fast, not putting up points quickly — it comes back to bite us in the end," said Love.

"We try to do everything that we can to fight and claw, and I think everyone does that. The effort is there, everyone is training, but like I said, not putting up points in the first half is coming back to bite us."

Green Bay came out of half-time strong with a 12-play drive that resulted in Carlson making up for his miss, hitting a 29-yard field goal to get Green Bay on the board. That was followed by Broncos wide receiver Courtland Sutton sneaking behind Packers' defensive back Rasul Douglas to score an 18-yard touchdown down the left sideline to put the Broncos up 16-3.

On Green Bay's next drive, Love opened with a 23-yard completion to Christian Watson. Riding on the backs of Dillon and Jones for the remaining majority of the drive, Green Bay found itself faced with a second-and-nine from the Broncos' 16-yard line.

On the second down play, Love dropped back and threw a floater to the end zone intended for Romeo Doubs. It appeared Broncos defensive back Pat Surtain intercepted the pass, but Doubs was able to get two hands on the ball as both players fell into the end zone simultaneously. After discussion, it was ruled that Doubs had possession, and Green Bay was awarded the touchdown, to bring the score to 16-10.

After holding Denver to a three-and-out, Green Bay once again marched down the field and on fourth-and-two from the Broncos' four-yard line, Love threw a slant to Doubs. The pass was behind the receiver and bounced through Doubs' hands. Luckily for Green Bay, the pass bounced right to rookie wide receiver Jayden Reed into the end zone to give the Packers a 17-16 lead with 8:31 left in the game.

That lead would quickly evaporate though as Denver once again sliced through the Green Bay defense to convert the game-winning field goal.

The 19-17 loss drops the Packers to 2-4 on the year. According to the New York Times playoff simulator, Green Bay has just a 23% chance to make the postseason.

BEAT The Expert

Week 8 Games: Sunday, Oct. 29



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LA Rams @ Dallas
New York Jets @ NY Giants
Chicago @ LA Chargers
Las Vegas @ Detroit...Mon., Oct. 30

Tie Breaker Game:
Minnesota @ Green Bay

Week 7 Winner:

**Shane Senn
Senn
Insurance**

Weekly Standings

	Weekly Record	Overall Record
Jacob Westendorf, New Media	2-3	24-11
Jim Wiegand, Tower Clock Eye Center	1-4	23-12
Tim Murphy, New Media	2-3	23-12
Robert Buss, Buss Automotive	2-3	20-15
Luke Reimer, New Media	2-3	20-15
Shane Senn, Senn Insurance	3-2	20-15
Kevin Passon, New Media	1-4	19-16
Staff, Iverson's Piggly Wiggly	0-5	19-16
Staff, Shawano Health Services	2-3	19-16
Sue Moede, Moede & Sons Plumbing	1-4	17-18
Staff, Walsh Dental Group	2-3	17-18



Jim Wiegand
Tower Clock
Eye Center

This Week's Picks:

Dallas
New York Jets
LA Chargers
Detroit

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Minnesota 28 @ Green Bay 13



Robert Buss
Buss
Automotive

This Week's Picks:

LA Rams
New York Jets
LA Chargers
Detroit

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Minnesota 21 @ Green Bay 24



Shane Senn
Senn
Insurance

This Week's Picks:

Dallas
New York Jets
LA Chargers
Detroit

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Minnesota 20 @ Green Bay 23



Staff
Walsh Dental Group
Shawano

This Week's Picks:

Dallas
NY Giants
LA Chargers
Detroit

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Minnesota 0 @ Green Bay 41



Staff
Shawano
Health Services

This Week's Picks:

Dallas
New York Jets
LA Chargers
Detroit

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Minnesota 21 @ Green Bay 28



Moede & Sons
Plumbing
Shawano

This Week's Picks:

LA Rams
NY Giants
LA Chargers
Las Vegas

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Minnesota 35 @ Green Bay 17



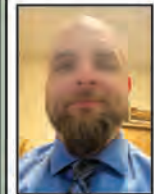
Staff
Iverson's
Piggly Wiggly

This Week's Picks:

Dallas
New York Jets
LA Chargers
Detroit

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Minnesota 20 @ Green Bay 27



Jacob Westendorf
New
Media

This Week's Picks:

Dallas
New York Jets
LA Chargers
Detroit

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Minnesota 17 @ Green Bay 21



Luke Reimer
New
Media

This Week's Picks:

Dallas
New York Jets
LA Chargers
Detroit

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score : Minnesota 24 @ Green Bay 13



Tim Murphy
New
Media

This Week's Picks:

Dallas
New York Jets
LA Chargers
Detroit

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Minnesota 20 @ Green Bay 17



Kevin Passon
New
Media

This Week's Picks:

Dallas
New York Jets
LA Chargers
Detroit

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Minnesota 13 @ Green Bay 20

NOTEBOOK

Injuries for Packers, Vikings could mean lackluster game

By JACOB WESTENDORF
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Packers' offense vs. Vikings' defense

Green Bay's offense is coming off another disappointing performance, scoring only 17 points against the Denver Broncos.

Coming into the game, Denver was the worst defense in football in almost any defensive category you can name.

That didn't seem to matter to the Packers. Jordan Love and company were shut out in the first half for the second time in four games.

Their last touchdown in the first half came Week 1 against the Chicago Bears. That came after the Packers' defense gave the offense a short field.

Otherwise they've been able to muster two field goals in the first half. One of them came after the offense went three and out, but was gifted another short field against Detroit.

Their offense does not appear to have a redeeming quality at this point.

Their passing attack continues to struggle. Whether it's growing pains or poor play, the passing offense is not nearly consistent enough to compete against a good defense.

Their run game found some traction against Denver, but the Broncos were allowing more than five yards per carry.

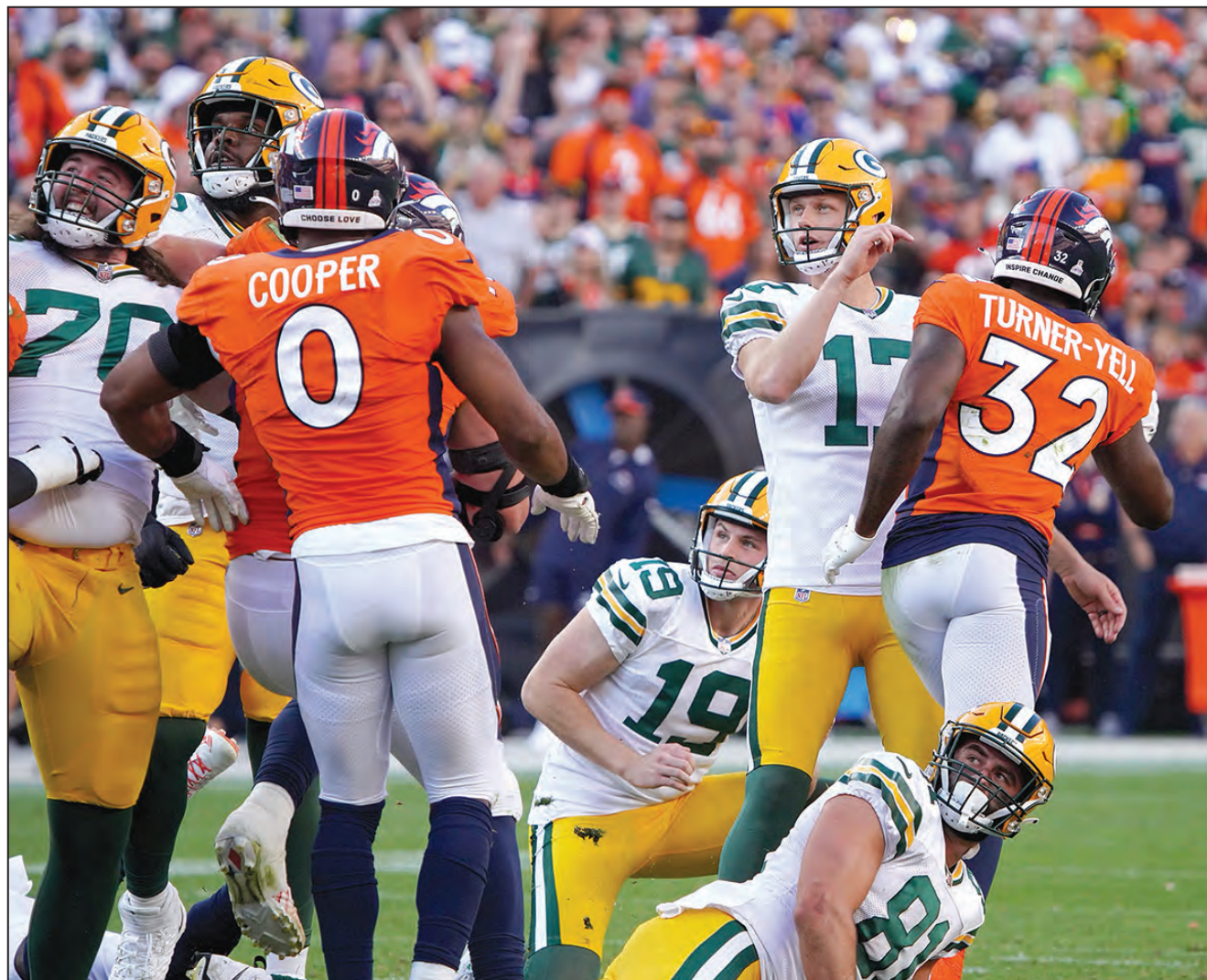
At this stage, it's hard to feel good about Green Bay's ability to execute at even a league average level.

Minnesota's defense is not the group that it was under Mike Zimmer that used to give Aaron Rodgers and company fits, but they have been better than expected to start the 2023 season.

Danielle Hunter is one of the top pass rushers in football. He led the NFL in sacks coming into Week 7.

Marcus Davenport, their second best pass rusher, will be on injured reserve for Sunday's game.

Harrison Smith is still around as a veteran presence as the team essentially breaks in an entirely new secondary.



The Packers' kicking game had been one of their lone bright spots going into Sunday's game against Denver. Anders Carlson had not missed a field goal or extra point going into the game. However, at one point in the game, he lined up for a 43-yard field goal that was pushed wide to the left. That miss would prove costly. It took three points off the board in a game they lost by two.

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The biggest chance on the Vikings' defense is their coordinator. Former Packers' defensive coordinator Ed Donatell was let go after last year's 13-4 season. He was replaced with Brian Flores. Flores has the Vikings in the middle of the pack defensively. If their entire offense were healthy, that would be good enough.

Unfortunately for Minnesota, injuries and turnovers have been their bugaboo this season on the offensive side of the ball.

With Green Bay's offense reeling coming into this matchup, the Vikings could really look to make a statement.

Packers' defense vs. Vikings' offense

Green Bay's run defense probably didn't get the attention it deserved after Sunday's loss in Denver. The Packers' offense took the brunt of the criticism, but to no surprise, Green Bay's run defense was gashed again.

The good news is Minnesota is one of the worst teams in the NFL in the run game. They average 75 yards per game on the ground. That is good for 30th in the NFL. The Packers are built to get after opposing teams in the passing game. Their pass rush has largely been an army of one. Rashan Gary leads the team in pressures and sacks. Coming into

Sunday's game, Gary had 17 pressures, and the rest of the edge group had 17 among the rest of them.

This game should have featured two of the very best at their positions going head-to-head.

Instead, Justin Jefferson is on injured reserve with a hamstring injury that will keep him out for at least the next two games.

Jaire Alexander continues to battle a back injury that has been a problem since he missed the home opener against New Orleans.

The Packers were thought to have some help on the way with Eric Stokes being activated from the PUP

list before Sunday's game.

Stokes' return was short-lived as he exited Sunday's game with a hamstring injury of a severity that was to be determined.

The secondary is down to Rasul Douglas, Carrington Valentine, and Keisean Nixon if Alexander cannot play.

Minnesota's receiving corps is wounded with Jefferson sitting on the sidelines, but still has some talent. Jordan Addison has had some nice moments as a former first-round pick.

TJ Hockenson is Kirk Cousins' go-to guy with Jefferson sidelined. KJ Osborn, the team's third receiver, has made some plays in Jefferson's absence as well.

There is no question that Jefferson's absence hurts, but Minnesota still has enough weapons to give Green Bay's defense some trouble.

Special teams

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He lined up for a 43-yard field



Green Bay Packers' safety Darnell Savage could end up on the injured reserve list due to a calf injury he suffered during his team's Week 7 loss to the Denver Broncos.

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goal that was pushed wide to the left. That miss would prove costly. It took three points off the board in a game they lost by two.

That being said, the Packers have

to be pleased with Carlson to begin this season. One miss in six games is much better than his up-and-down training camp would have suggested he might have been at this point of

the season.

Keisean Nixon took punt return duties midway through the second quarter of the Denver game, with kickoffs continuously booming through the back of the end zone with the weather not able to knock the ball down.

The Packers are devoid of big plays on offense, and could use some help from their reigning All-Pro returner. One of the solutions could be having Nixon return punts, a job that has mostly belonged to rookie receiver Jayden Reed.

Reed hasn't done anything to lose the job, and is probably the safer option due to his experience at the position. The big plays, however, have come from Nixon.

Minnesota's special teams has Greg Joseph kicking for them. He's missed one kick in seven tries this year. Ty Chandler is their primary returner with a long return of 33 yards on the season.

Minnesota's special teams ranked right in the middle of the pack according to Rick Gosselin's special teams rankings in 2022.

Neither team should have a decided advantage in this phase of the game.

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2023 RECORDS: Packers, 2-3. Vikings 3-4

HISTORY: The Packers lead the all time series 65-57-3. While the Chicago Bears may be the Packers' biggest rival historically, Minnesota has been far more competitive since Brett Favre took over as the Packers' quarterback in 1992.

Matt LaFleur has never lost to the Bears since Green Bay hired him in 2019. His record against Minnesota is a much more modest 5-3.

The Packers have split the season series each of the last three years with the Vikings since sweeping them in 2019.

Last year, the Vikings won the season opener at US Bank Stadium 23-7. Green Bay followed that up by throttling the Vikings 41-17 in the penultimate game of the season at Lambeau Field.

COACHES: Packers, Matt LaFleur (fifth season, 49-23). Vikings: Kevin O'Connell (second season 16-8)

PACKERS SCHEDULE

Sept. 10 at Chicago W 38-20

Sept. 17 at Atlanta L 25-24

Sept. 24 vs. New Orleans Noon W 18-17

Sept. 28 vs. Detroit 7:15 p.m. L 34-20

Oct. 9 at Las Vegas 7:15 p.m. L 17-13

Oct. 15 BYE

Oct. 22 at Denver 3:25 p.m. L 19-17

Oct. 29 vs. Minnesota Noon FOX

Nov. 5 vs. LA Rams Noon FOX

Nov. 12 at Pittsburgh Noon CBS

Nov. 19 vs. LA Chargers Noon FOX

Nov. 23 at Detroit 11:30 a.m. FOX

Dec. 3 vs. Kansas City 7:20 p.m. NBC

Dec. 11 at NY Giants 7:15 p.m. ABC

Dec. 17 vs. Tampa Bay Noon FOX

Dec. 24 at Carolina Noon FOX

Dec. 31 at Minnesota 7:20 p.m. NBC

Jan. 7 vs. Chicago, TBD

NFL SCHEDULE

Thursday, Oct. 26

Buccaneers at Bills, 7:15 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 29

Jets at Giants, Noon

Jaguars at Steelers, Noon

Eagles at Commanders, Noon

Rams at Cowboys, Noon

Vikings at Packers, Noon

Falcons at Titans, Noon

Patriots at Dolphins, Noon

Saints at Colts, Noon

Texans at Panthers, Noon

Browns at Seahawks, 3:05 p.m.

Bengals at 49ers, 3:25 p.m.

Chiefs at Broncos, 3:25 p.m.

Ravens at Cardinals, 3:25 p.m.

Bears at Chargers, 7:20 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 30

Raiders at Lions, 7:15 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 2

Titans at Steelers, 7:15 p.m.

KEYS TO THE GAME

Turnovers could be deciding factor

By JACOB WESTENDORF

Green & Gold Express

The Green Bay Packers losing streak reached three games after another embarrassing offensive performance dropped them to 2-4 on the season.

The Packers now return to Lambeau Field for the first time in over a month to take on the Minnesota Vikings. The Vikings are 2-4 on the season and look nothing like the team that won the NFC North a season ago.

Their best player, Justin Jefferson, will not play in Sunday's matchup as he is on injured reserve with a hamstring injury.

As if that wasn't problematic enough for Minnesota, they'll be coming to Lambeau Field on a short week after a Monday night game against a tough, physical San Francisco 49ers team.

The Packers started a big stretch of games when they traveled to Denver to take on the Broncos. Their next four games, in addition to Sunday's loss against Denver, will shape their season.

If they're going to win against Minnesota, here are three keys to victory.

Green Bay defense vs. TJ Hockenson

The Minnesota Vikings entered the season with hope their offense could carry them as their defense broke in a new defensive coordinator.

That wasn't too bad of a bet with an offense led by Justin Jefferson, arguably the best receiver in all of football.

It helped that Minnesota had him surrounded by a first-round pick in Jordan Addison, and at tight end they gave a big extension to in TJ Hockenson.

Hockenson is now the Vikings' go-to guy with Jefferson on the sideline.

He led the team in targets against the Bears two games ago.

The Packers have done well against opposing tight ends this season. They held Kyle Pitts to



Packers' quarterback Jordan Love attempted to take a deep shot to Samori Toure in the final minutes of the game, but the pass, thrown into double coverage, was intercepted by Broncos' safety P.J. Locke to essentially end the game. This is the second straight game in which Green Bay's final offensive play resulted in an interception.

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two catches for 15 yards when they played the Falcons.

Overall, tight ends have averaged three catches for 36 yards against the Packers.

Opposing tight ends have yet to find the end zone against Green Bay as well.

If Green Bay can slow Hockenson down like they have every other tight end they've faced this season, that will go a long way toward them winning the game.

Packers' tackles vs Danielle Hunter

The Packers' offensive line was one of the top pass blocking groups based on Pro Football Focus' grading

system after the first three games of the year.

Then they faced Aidan Hutchinson and Maxx Crosby, two of the top edge rushers in all of football.

Both might be in the defensive player of the year conversations.

Neither of them lead the league in sacks. Going into Sunday's action, that honor belonged to Danielle Hunter. The Vikings' star was the subject of trade rumors going into the regular season but reached a contract agreement to stay in Minnesota.

With the Vikings off to a slow start, speculation has begun that Hunter could be shopped again.

Assuming Hunter is still in Min-

nesota when Sunday's game kicks off, the Packers are going to have their hands full.

The group has held up well when they haven't played the league's best. Chicago, Atlanta, New Orleans and Denver are all devoid of top-tier edge rushers.

Hutchinson and Crosby both wrecked the game against Green Bay.

Hunter's running mate, Marcus Davenport, was placed on injured reserve last week. The Vikings' pass rush is all centered around Hunter. The Packers cannot allow Hunter to wreck Sunday's game.

Packers' secondary vs. Kirk Cousins

Minnesota's fortune in terms of one-score games and turnover luck have hit a massive regression in 2023. The Vikings went 13-4 a season ago largely on the back of their ability to win close games.

Their first four games this season were all of the one-score variety, and they were 2-4.

One of the biggest reasons for that is their propensity to turn the ball over.

Through the first six games of the season, the Vikings are minus-7 in turnovers. Kirk Cousins has thrown four interceptions. The Vikings as a

team have lost an eye-popping nine fumbles.

The Packers, by contrast, have not been great at taking care of the ball but much better than Minnesota. They have thrown seven interceptions but not lost a fumble.

On defense, they have four interceptions and have recovered only one fumble.

That puts them at minus-1 in turnover differential. The turnover battle is always pivotal in the NFL, but that's especially true in division games.

That's even more true with the style the Vikings like to play, which seemingly has them in one-score games anytime they take the field.

One bounce here or there could decide Green Bay's fate on Sunday afternoon. If the ball is on the ground, they need to come up with it. If Cousins throws the ball to a defensive back, they need to catch it.

Conversely, Green Bay's backs and receivers haven't fumbled the ball all season.

They need to continue to remain sound in taking care of the ball. In addition, Jordan Love, guilty of seven interceptions in his last four starts, needs to keep the ball out of harm's way.



Jordan Love scrambles with the ball against the Broncos. Green Bay was forced to fight from behind again, and again came up short. The Packers will have their work cut out for them when they host the Vikings on Sunday, as Minnesota will have momentum coming off its Monday night victory over San Francisco.

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Bakhtiari stays in control of his future

By JACOB WESTENDORF
Green & Gold Express

Green Bay Packers left tackle David Bakhtiari has clarity on the knee problem that's been plaguing him for several years now, but fixing it has knocked him out for the remainder of the year.

Bakhtiari, who Green Bay placed on injured reserve on Sept. 28, will undergo surgery to repair a cartilage issue with his lateral femur.

It's the latest setback in a long line for Bakhtiari, who has played in just 13 games since his original injury, with just one appearance apiece in 2021 and 2023.

So what's going on?

I'll just go back to the beginning. December 31, 2020, tore my knee in practice. Ended up being an ACL, a little bit of my lateral meniscus – I think they took out 10-15%, nothing big on that. The issue came from my lateral femur, I took out some cartilage and that is where we're at today, dealing with that.

Now, going through the process, that's why I kept saying it's never

been about my ACL, it's never been about that, everything's always been good. It's been for all of us – myself included – trying to figure out is this an issue that needs to be addressed or no?

Every single time we could get out of the weeds with everything, because obviously you have to get over the ACL, we hit that and then other things came up. Scar tissue, so we had to go in and clean it out. And then there's atrophy with that. So the ability to truly assess, is that a problem, now fast forwards us to where we are today.

Because obviously I had a couple of clean outs, we couldn't tell. Now I'm at this point finally. My breather was in the offseason. I'm able to actually have strength. To give most people an idea, when you have surgery and there's atrophy and then when you have to compound multiple surgeries, there's multiple atrophy you have to get over. So that's why it was hard for any of us to really see, and if we didn't have to do it, great.

Then we don't have to address the point. Now we're at a point now

where it's clearly evident that that's the issue, and it's unfortunate. I hate it. I know the club hates it. It's just not a great situation for anyone to deal with. The human side of it took a little of stress, a lot of time on my end, but the clarity is to know we finally know what the problem is and we can address the problem. That's the, I guess, glass-half-full part of the scenario. So that's where we're at. That's the pill I have to swallow and what I have to do hence why when I had the last surgery.

That surgery did what?

Clean out and address what we're going to do moving forward.

Is this upcoming surgery to address lateral femoral issue?

The goal is to address the lateral femur, because how it's basically been is I've been dealing with a lot of fluid. And fluid is either there for instability and debris, and the constant debris, the lack of smoothness and grit. Because that's the crazy thing, that's why I kept sitting here (saying) if the doctor tells me, hey you can't do this, then you can't do it. But it's not bone on bone. It's just, I'm one of the people that's symptomatic, and that was the crystalizing point is we realized that I'm a symptomatic individual for this specific injury and I need to fix that, and it's just unfortunate.

In my knee, it's basically like sandpaper where it rubs, it's just not smooth, which is creating a lot of fluid.

How soon after Week 1 do you know this was an issue?

I've always had a problem. It was ignoring it, pushing through it and then when it kinda rears its head and is so blatantly there, I kind of hit a point where I was sitting there talking to doc working on some things preparing for Atlanta, and I just sat there with my options of what we were going to do, and I was like, this is not fixing the problem, it's going to just perpetuate and possibly make it worse and we have to address this at this point.

Is the latest surgery needed to play football or for everyday life?

A lot of this stuff is both. It's long term. It's immediate. Not trying to go get surgery if that's an easy way to summarize it.

But you want to play again?

Yeah. I have personal goals and aspirations that I want to do.

Recovery period?



My goal is to be ready for training camp next year. That's what I gotta do. I know I have one more year left and I think for me, I'm trying to make sure I attack this rehab like I've done with everything and just making sure that it's behind me.

Why put yourself through this?

Because I'm different. I have an unparalleled work ethic. I'm stubborn and I'm not gonna let someone else write my story. This is me just taking control of what I need to do.

When I want to look back, do I want to look at the guy who got injured and was like ah, that's good enough? If that's not me, then the future, older me is gonna be pissed at the younger me like, 'You quitter.' When times are tough, for sure. That's why you guys ask me and I'm like – I'm sure plenty of you guys don't want to come into work anymore. I'm sure there's been tough days at work, at home, where you're like screw it. But take that same mentality and you put it here, gravity can be different and it can weigh more but it just shows that's also what makes us human beings special is our ability to preserve and to push. And I want to do that.

Business side of this – are you open to doing something contractually to return?

We'll talk about it when we get there. I don't rule anything off the table, on both ends.

What's your role with this team this season?

I mean, anything I can to this team, but I also need to make sure that I have to take care of myself. That has to be the number one most important thing. Being a football player and being on the sideline doesn't really, it's not the role of a football player. So for me, the selfish and unselfish thing to do is just to make sure the health is the number one priority so every step I need to do is to make sure that we take care and put this issue that occurred on New Year's Eve 2020 officially behind us.

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Jaire Alexander	23	CB	5-10	196	26	6	Louisville
Zayne Anderson	39	S	6-2	206	26	1	BYU
Karl Brooks	94	DL	6-3	296	23	R	Bowling Green
De'Vondre Campbell	59	LB	6-4	232	30	8	Minnesota
Anders Carlson	17	K	6-5	219	25	R	Auburn
Kenny Clark	97	DL	6-3	314	28	8	UCLA
Sean Clifford	8	QB	6-2	218	25	R	Penn State
Brenton Cox Jr.	57	LB	6-4	250	23	R	Florida
Josiah Deguara	81	TE	6-2	238	26	4	Cincinnati
AJ Dillon	28	RB	6-0	247	25	4	Boston College
Romeo Doubs	87	WR	6-2	204	23	2	Nevada
Rasul Douglas	29	CB	6-2	209	29	7	West Virginia
Kingsley Enagbare	55	LB	6-4	258	23	2	South Carolina
Rudy Ford	20	S	6-0	210	28	7	Auburn
Rashan Gary	52	LB	6-5	277	25	5	Michigan
Malik Heath	18	WR	6-2	213	23	R	Mississippi
Elgton Jenkins	74	G/T	6-5	311	27	5	Mississippi State
Anthony Johnson Jr.	36	S	6-0	205	23	R	Iowa State
Aaron Jones	33	RB	5-9	208	28	7	Texas-El Paso
Caleb Jones	72	T	6-9	370	24	2	Indiana
Tucker Kraft	85	TE	6-5	259	22	R	South Dakota State
Dallin Leavitt	6	S	5-10	195	29	5	Utah State
Jordan Love	10	QB	6-4	219	24	4	Utah State
Isaiah McDuffie	58	LB	6-1	227	24	3	Boston College
Luke Musgrave	88	TE	6-6	253	23	R	Oregon State
Josh Myers	71	C/G	6-5	310	25	3	Ohio State
Royce Newman	70	G/T	6-5	310	26	3	Mississippi
Yosh Nijman	73	T	6-7	314	27	4	Virginia Tech
Keisean Nixon	25	CB	5-10	200	26	5	South Carolina
Matt Orzech	42	LS	6-3	245	28	4	Azusa Pacific
Jonathan Owens	34	S	5-11	210	28	5	Missouri Western
Jayden Reed	11	WR	5-11	187	23	R	Michigan State
Sean Rhyan	75	G	6-5	321	23	2	UCLA
Jon Runyan	76	G	6-4	307	26	4	Michigan
Darnell Savage	26	S	5-11	198	26	5	Maryland
Ben Sims	89	TE	6-5	250	23	R	Baylor
T.J. Slaton	93	DL	6-4	330	26	3	Florida
Preston Smith	91	LB	6-5	265	30	9	Mississippi State
Eric Stokes	21	CB	6-0	194	24	3	Georgia
Zach Tom	50	OL	6-4	304	24	2	Wake Forest
Samori Toure	83	WR	6-1	191	25	2	Nebraska
Carrington Valentine	37	CB	6-0	189	22	R	Kentucky
Lukas Van Ness	90	LB	6-5	272	22	R	Iowa
Quay Walker	7	LB	6-4	241	23	2	Georgia
Rasheed Walker	63	T	6-6	324	23	2	Penn State
Christian Watson	9	WR	6-4	208	24	2	North Dakota State
Kristian Welch	54	LB	6-3	240	25	4	Iowa
Daniel Whelan	19	P	6-5	216	24	1	UC Davis
Dontayvion Wicks	13	WR	6-1	206	22	R	Virginia
Emanuel Wilson	31	RB	5-11	226	24	R	Fort Valley State Univ.
Eric Wilson	45	LB	6-1	230	29	7	Cincinnati
Colby Wooden	96	DL	6-4	273	22	R	Auburn
Devonte Wyatt	95	DL	6-3	304	25	2	Georgia
Reserve/Injured							
David Bakhtiari	69	T	6-4	310	32	11	Colorado
Tyler Davis	84	TE	6-4	252	26	4	Georgia Tech
Luke Tenuta	78	T	6-8	314	24	2	Virginia Tech

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Cam Akers	31	RB	5-10	217	24	3	Florida State
Brian Asamoah II	33	LB	6-0	226	23	2	Oklahoma
Mekhi Blackmon	5	CB	5-11	178	24	R	USC
Andrew Booth Jr.	23	CB	6-0	194	23	2	Clemson
Garrett Bradbury	56	C	6-3	300	28	5	North Carolina State
Blake Brandel	64	G	6-7	315	26	3	Oregon State
Jonathan Bullard	90	DL	6-3	290	30	8	Florida
Camryn Bynum	24	S	6-0	200	25	3	California
Andre Carter II	55	OLB	6-6	256	23	R	Army
Ty Chandler	32	RB	5-11	204	25	2	North Carolina
Lewis Cine	6	S	6-2	199	24	2	Georgia
Ezra Cleveland	72	G	6-6	312	25	4	Boise State
Kirk Cousins	8	QB	6-3	205	35	12	Michigan State
Christian Darrisaw	71	T	6-5	315	24	3	Virginia Tech
Andrew DePaola	42	LS	6-1	229	36	9	Rutgers
Troy Dye	45	LB	6-3	225	27	4	Oregon
Akayleb Evans	21	CB	6-2	198	24	2	Missouri
Jaren Hall	16	QB	6-0	207	25	R	BYU
C.J. Ham	30	FB	5-11	250	30	7	Augustana (S.D.)
N'Keal Harry	13	WR	6-4	225	25	5	Arizona State
Jordan Hicks	58	LB	6-1	236	31	9	Texas
T.J. Hockenson	87	TE	6-5	248	26	5	Iowa
Danielle Hunter	99	OLB	6-5	263	28	9	LSU
Ed Ingram	67	G	6-3	307	24	2	LSU
Theo Jackson	25	S	6-1	198	25	2	Tennessee
Pat Jones II	91	OLB	6-4	264	25	3	Pittsburgh
Greg Joseph	1	K	6-0	206	29	4	Florida Atlantic
Dean Lowry	94	DL	6-6	296	29	8	Northwestern
Alexander Mattison	2	RB	5-11	215	25	5	Boise State
Josh Metellus	44	S	5-11	207	25	4	Michigan
Johnny Mundt	86	TE	6-4	233	28	6	Oregon
Byron Murphy Jr.	7	CB	5-11	190	25	5	Washington
Nick Muse	34	TE	6-5	252	24	2	South Carolina
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David Quessenberry	76	OT	6-5	310	33	6	San Jose State
Dalton Risner	66	G	6-5	312	28	5	Kansas State
Jaquelin Roy	93	DL	6-3	305	23	R	LSU
Austin Schlottmann	65	C	6-6	300	28	5	TCU
Harrison Smith	22	S	6-2	211	34	12	Notre Dame
NaJee Thompson	11	CB	5-11	205	23	R	Georgia Southern
Khyiris Tonga	95	DL	6-4	338	27	3	BYU
Jay Ward	20	S	6-1	188	23	R	LSU
D.J. Wonnum	98	OLB	6-5	258	25	4	South Carolina
Ryan Wright	14	P	6-3	245	23	2	Tulane
Reserve/Injured							
Marcus Davenport	0	OLB	6-6	265	27	6	Texas-San Antonio
Justin Jefferson	18	WR	6-1	195	24	4	LSU
Malik Knowles	81	WR	6-2	196	23	R	Kansas State
William Kwenkeu	47	LB	6-1	235	26	2	Temple
James Lynch	92	DL	6-4	295	24	4	Baylor
Nick Mullens	12	QB	6-0	210	28	5	Southern Mississippi
Olisaemeka Udoh	74	OT	6-6	320	26	5	Elon
Reserve/Injured; Designated for Return							
Jalen Nailor	83	WR	6-0	190	24	2	Michigan State
Reserve/Non-Football Injury							
Chris Reed	62	G/C	6-3	314	31	8	Minnesota State

Packers outscored 78-26 in first half this season

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From inexperience to lack of talent to costly penalties, there is a lot to be concerned about if you are a Packers fan, but the most concerning thing may be Green Bay's inability to score a touchdown in the first half of its games.

Throughout its six games this season, Green Bay has only scored two first-half touchdowns and, as a whole, has been outscored 78-26 in all six first halves combined.

Especially with how young the team is, avoiding adversity needs to be the No. 1 priority for this team to succeed. That simply has not happened. This year at halftime, Green Bay has found itself in deficits of 17-0, 27-3, 10-3 and 9-0. As any NFL player, coach or writer will tell you, it is really hard to win games in this league when faced with a two (or more) score deficit with 30 minutes of a game to make it up.

"I think we just have to have more urgency to start the game," said

Packers quarterback Jordan Love. "We just have to find a way to just put up points. We have just got to find a way to be better, honestly."

Coming out of the bye week, it seemed conceivable that Green Bay would put together a game plan that put Love and the offense in positions to succeed, especially against a Broncos team that gave up 70 points to the Miami Dolphins four weeks ago. That did not happen, and for Love to say that the team needs to have more urgency to start the game makes you wonder what happened at practice over the past 13 days.

It is glaringly obvious that Green Bay's lack of first-half points has severely limited the team's chances at winning games.

"Obviously zero," said head coach Matt LaFleur, when asked how much progress the team made during the bye week to improve on the slow starts to games.

Finding a solution to the first-half problems is not an easy thing to do, either. The early passing game has been nonexistent. While the running

game has seemingly improved over the last couple of weeks, it pales in comparison to how other teams start games.

A lot of that stems from Green Bay's inability to throw the ball to the middle of the field. Whether that is because of below-average play calling or Love's inability to make those throws, something drastic needs to change, because every week it is the same story.

Going back to Green Bay being outscored 78-26 in the first half, the team as a whole still only has a points differential of -2. While, yes, the team did beat the Bears by 18 points, it also lost to the Lions by 14 points, so those games basically wash each other out. So realistically, Green Bay is outscoring its opponents in the second half of its games. But since the team keeps digging itself into big holes in the first half, outscoring opponents in the second half is basically an empty stat at this point in the season.

"I think it is a true test to all of us," said LaFleur. "It is extremely

frustrating. I do believe in the guys in that locker room in terms of the character that we have, but it does test you. No question about it. You have to look internally and see what you can control."

LaFleur is right. It is extremely frustrating to see each game start as slowly as it does. As anyone who has played sports knows, it is very demoralizing to have to play from behind early in games, and this Packers team has done so the previous four weeks. Energy and morale is almost instantly lost, and when you don't have energy, you don't have results. The test now, is finding someone to step up and keep the energy strong so that this team does not give up on the season, which seems very possible given the lack of leadership.

"The urgency is starting the game fast and going to put up points to start the game much faster," said Love. "There are just too many critical errors right now on offense, and we all have to do a better job. We all just have to lock in and do a better job of making plays."



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