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Schmidt sponsoring tax cut proposals

Income taxes to be slashed, while up to \$100K of retirement income will be tax-free

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Rep. Peter Schmidt is the co-sponsor for a pair of legislative projects that, if they get past the Wisconsin Legislature and Gov. Tony Evers, are expected to make a huge impact on the income of his constituents in the 6th Assembly District.

Dubbed the "Returning Your Surplus" legislation, it would reduce the middle-income tax rate by almost a full percentage point, and the average filer would see a decrease of \$772 per year. The legislation also includes the creation of a tax-free retirement, a setup similar to what's offered in nearby Iowa and Illinois, and would exempt single filers up to \$100,000 and joint filers up to \$150,000.

The income tax cut would mean that taxes for income between \$27,630 and \$304,170 for individuals, and between \$36,840 and \$405,550 for married couples, would drop from 5.3% to 4.4%.

"There are currently nine states that don't tax income at all," Schmidt said.

Evers vetoed that same income tax cut in the state budget. He has said he was open to reconsidering cutting taxes if Republicans would look at funding some of his priorities. Evers called a special session for the legislature to spend more than \$1 billion for child care, the University of Wisconsin System, worker shortage programs and

other areas.

Schmidt said in an interview with NEW Media that the Republicans have tweaked the income tax cut to focus mainly on the middle class instead of providing a tax cut across the board that included the highest bracket, which he believes Evers will be more amenable to supporting.

The income tax cut would be especially beneficial to communities where spring school district referenda are being considered, such as Shawano, Schmidt said. He noted that giving more money back to residents will be helpful if school districts pass referenda that will increase taxes at the local level.

"Shawano's looking at \$93 million," Schmidt said. "That's going to be a big tax hike. I've got constituents in Shawano who are thinking, 'We should leave,' and cash out. It might sound like a little bit, but if you talk to the middle-class families, it's unaffordable."

As for the tax-free retirement, Schmidt believes it will get bipartisan support in the Assembly, noting that the legislation passed in Illinois with a Democratic majority in its legislature, and Iowa with a Republican majority.

"If you're single, it'll be the first \$100,000 of your retirement income tax-free, which is your 401Ks and your prior entitlements," Schmidt said. "Your Roth will not be included because that's already pre-taxed. Individuals have the option to take tax credits or do it this

way. They can't go back and forth."

He added that any work income retirees earn while receiving retirement benefits will still be taxed. This will not affect federal taxes on retirement income, Schmidt said.

"That's where the income tax cut comes in," he said. "There are a lot of senior citizens that are working part-time, because they can't afford their retirement due to the increase in taxes and inflation. This is a compromise bill where we can use the state surplus and give it back to the hard-working taxpayers."

Schmidt noted that a majority of people in the 6th Assembly District are considered to be senior citizens, so the tax-free retirement will impact a large swath of his constituents.

"We have a population that's retiring or has moved into that phase," Schmidt said. "They're moving toward that fixed income."

Senior citizens who might be looking to downsize to something more affordable can't do so right now because of high interest rates on mortgages and continued inflation, according to Schmidt.

"A lot of senior citizens do not want to downsize with the mortgage rate being around

8%," Schmidt said, noting it's at a 23-year high. "This tax cut will alleviate some of that, because this will be retroactive to the start of 2023. When everyone files their taxes, they're going to get a bigger refund, because it goes back to the first of the year."

The retroactive start date will include the income tax cut, as well, he said.

The total tax-cut effort is expected to use up about \$2.9 billion of the state's current surplus of \$4 billion, according to Schmidt.

With both proposals being announced Aug. 29, they must go through legislative committees and then to the full Assembly, followed by the Senate and then to Evers' desk. Schmidt noted that details could change between now and then.

"We'll see how it looks once it gets through the process," he said.

Schmidt was less enthusiastic about supporting Evers' ideas for the surplus, including worker shortage and child care programs.

"Growing the government is not good long-term, and we've seen what happens," Schmidt said. "As government gets bigger, people lose their liberties."

The Associated Press contributed to this story.



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Vacation rentals closer to approval

Shawano Plan Commission recommending allowing use in residential districts

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

The city of Shawano could soon require homes used as short-term vacation rentals to be registered for such use.

Policy plans passed the first hurdle Aug. 30 with the Shawano Plan Commission, and the process continues with the city's finance committee followed by the Shawano Common Council.

According to Dave Moesch, zoning administrator, the city code does not permit vacation rental homes in residentially zoned districts. They are allowed in mixed-use zone areas like neighborhood, community, urban and downtown, but in those cases, homeowners must seek a conditional use permit for that to happen.

"Currently, our code does not allow for vacation homes in residential districts," Moesch said. "We've found out that these have been going on anyway, so what we want to do is correct this to be permitted by right in residential zoning districts with the required biennial permit."

The city's proposal would allow short-term vacation rentals if homeowners apply for a biennial license. An application would need to be completed and turned in to the city clerk's

office, and owners would also have to submit a copy of their state license. Licenses would be valid for two years, and the license year would begin July 1.

The fee for the license has not been determined, but it's expected to be recommended by the finance committee prior to the council's next meeting on Sept. 13.

The proposed vacation rental home policy notes that bed-and-breakfast businesses, commercial indoor lodging and boarding houses are not part of the land use category. Vacation rentals are not permitted in mobile home or business zones, along with zones for public lands.

"This would allow for short-term vacation rentals in residential district without a conditional use permit," Moesch said.

Commission member Terry Hilgenberg praised the work that city staff put into the policy, calling it a "compromise" and believes it's just enough regulation without it being too restrictive. He noted some cities and villages have vacation rental policies that are very restrictive, with enforcement being extremely aggressive.

"There are at least two cases attacking the short-term rental provisions some municipalities have in Wisconsin that are in the circuit court system," Hilgenberg said. "It's good that we're

doing what we're doing. I think it's structured. We're going to be in good shape for people, for both the taxpayers and property owners, and the users."

City Administrator Eddie Sheppard noted that Shawano tries not to push enforcement as a first resort, preferring to work with land owners on issues before penalizing or executing consequences.

"This allows us to know not only where (vacation rentals) are, but also if there's substantial issues, there's the option not to renew," Sheppard said. "We try to reach out and work with them, but if there's an instance when they're in violation, it would be a municipal situation, and there would be a fine."

Moesch noted that Shawano's proactiveness regarding vacation rentals is getting some attention, with the towns of Wescott and Richmond, along with the Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce contacting him about the issue.

"They're all dealing with this and wondering what to do," Moesch said. "They don't know much about it, so they came to me with questions on what we're doing. There's just not a lot of good information out there."

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FYI

Proposed regulations for vacation rental homes in Shawano:

- Occupancy shall be limited to two persons per bedroom, plus an additional two persons. At no time may the number of guests exceed eight regardless of the number of bedrooms in the home.
- The maximum stay for any party other than the owner of the premises shall be 30 consecutive days.
- The number of guest vehicles allowed on site is limited to the number of bedrooms in the unit. No recreational vehicle may be used for living or sleeping purposes.
- The appearance or use of the dwelling shall not be altered in a manner that would cause the premises to differ from its residential character either by the use of colors, materials, construction, lighting, signs or the emission of sounds, odors, dust or vibrations that carry beyond the premises.
- The availability of the vacation rental home to the public shall not be advertised on site.
- Minimum required off-street parking: one space per each bedroom.
- Permitted by right with required biennial license. An application must be completed and submitted to the city clerk for approval. Owners must also submit a copy of their Wisconsin state license. The license fee shall be as set by council resolution, and the license shall be valid for two years. Said licensing year is July 1 to June 30.

Source: City of Shawano

Public's help sought in shooting of 3 swans, heron

Swans who were shot born earlier this spring; heron killed day after swans

By **ROSS BIELEMA**
Correspondent

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources wardens are continuing to investigate the apparent shooting of three young trumpeter swans and a great blue heron in the Navarino State Wildlife Area.

A citizen reported seeing the three gray-and-white cygnets dead at mid-day Aug. 27 and called a game warden, according to Lt. Andy Lundin of the Wisconsin DNR's law enforcement division. The small swans, which were born in the spring, were recovered in

a flowage area with standing water about 2 miles northwest of the Navarino Nature Center along McDonald Road, he said.

The body of a great blue heron, a familiar shorebird that stands about 3 feet tall, was recovered in the same area the next day. All four birds appear to have been shot and further examination is ongoing, Lundin said.

Local DNR game warden Clark Delzer is heading the investigation, he added.

Although the state's early teal season opened Friday, none of the birds shot is a game bird in Wisconsin.

There was no open waterfowl season at the time of the apparent shootings, Lundin noted.

"This is not hunting," Lundin said. "This is killing."

The two adult trumpeter swans — huge, all-white birds with a 7-foot wingspan — remain in the area. The signets' parents apparently were unharmed.

"These swans have been watched all summer long," Lundin said.

Trumpeter swans, the largest of three swan species seen in Wisconsin, were extirpated from the state in the 1880s. They were reintroduced in 1989, and the effort was so successful that they were removed from the state endangered species list in 2009, according to the DNR website.

Trumpeters are considered one of the largest birds in North America, weighing up to 35 pounds. Many trumpeters are banded, using neck bands, for tracking purposes, but the adults at Navarino are not banded, he said. The young can't fly until 3-4

months old, according to the National Audubon Society.

Adults typically do not nest until 4-7 years old.

Navarino State Wildlife Area is a 15,000-acre public area that includes portions in Shawano and Waupaca counties. Although 14,000 acres of the site are open to hunting year-round, the 1,000-acre section around the nature center is closed to hunting during the waterfowl season, according to the Navarino Nature Center website, www.navarino.org/recreational-opportunities.

To provide information on the deaths, call the DNR tipline, 800-843-9367. Although no reward money can be paid to tipsters through the hotline because state law protects callers' anonymity, he hopes birdwatchers or others might offer a reward.

Take an up-close look at the county fair

By **KEVIN PASSON**
Editor-in-chief

Olivia Danley, of Clintonville, entered three sheep into the competition at the 2023 Shawano County Fair and went home with just as many ribbons.

"I got first and second on my lambs, and when I sold, I got \$22 a pound," she said. "The actual market price right now is \$1.30-\$1.60. We have pretty good sales here."

Danley is the fifth generation of her family members to compete at the fair.

"I've been showing for 13 years, and this is my last year," the 19-year-old said.

Danley likes to help her grandpa out, and the family breeds their own animals.

"I like raising them, watching them grow from birth and then showing them at the fair," she said.

This year, she entered a wether and two ewes.

"They were born in February," she said, talking about the different age categories in which the animals compete.

After the fair ends, "one of them that I sold will go to market and be butchered," she said. "The other two will go home, back to our farm."

At the ticket booth

Orie Klosterman volunteered several hours Sunday selling tickets at the front gate of the fair, with part of the proceeds from each ticket sale donated to Wolf River Lutheran High School.

"They use that at the school for tuition, supplies, equipment, stuff like that," he said.

Klosterman has sold tickets for about half a dozen years.

"You meet a lot of people," he said. "A group just went through here, a family from Minneapolis. People from all over. It's interesting to me, because some areas don't have as nice of a fair. Here, you have a lot of animals, a lot of exhibitors, a lot of other things going on. The food is good, too."

His first time at the fair this year was Sunday.

"I work from 9 to 1. We work different shifts," Klosterman said. "So, then maybe I'll take in the fair, grab a bite to eat, something like that. That's kind of the plan."

Klosterman didn't grow up on a farm, so he never had animals to



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show at the fair as a child, but he still attended.

"I didn't miss many years when I was a kid," he said.

Selling food and drink

Local VFW Commander Tom Hoffman organized the volunteer staff for the group's food and drink booth at the fair once again — and enjoyed the time and effort put into it for another year.

"My job lasts a week here," he said. "I got 22 volunteers that help us, the majority are veterans."

While he gets a lot of help, his biggest challenge comes at two significant points.

"The biggest challenge really is cleaning before and after. You're looking at the cleaning crew — my wife and I. That's it," Hoffman said,

pointing to himself. "I get my list of volunteers; it fills up just like that for the bar. We're fortunate that way."

Hoffman couldn't place a number on how many hamburgers and cheeseburgers are sold at the stand each year, simply noting they have "boxes and boxes. And french fries galore."

"We have really good chili, sloppy Joes, cheeseburgers," he said. "Proceeds help area veterans."

"We take all of our money, our funds, and give to veterans," he said, noting the tips are donated to the area Honor Flight for veterans to see the military monuments in Washington, D.C.

Polka Mass

Msr. Jim Dillenberg celebrated



VFW Commander Tom Hoffman and Amy Prusik volunteer their time at the VFW food stand. Proceeds from the sale of food and drink benefit area veterans.

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the Polka Mass at the Shawano County Fair this year, first pointing out his relationship to the community.

"Yes, I'm related to the Dillengbergs here, the scoundrels and the saints," he said, eliciting laughter from the makeshift congregation. "I know the saints; I don't know the scoundrels."

"I'm among the few Dillengbergs that didn't grow up in Shawano. I grew up in Kewaunee County, and I live in Kewaunee now."

Dillenberg entered Sacred Heart Seminary in Oneida at age 13. He later attended St. John Seminary in Collegeville, Minnesota, and was ordained May 29, 1965.

He became the first president of the National Congress for Seafarers, then national director of the Apostleship of the Sea (AOS) and spent



Orie Klosterman, left, sells another ticket at the front gate of the fair, with part of the proceeds from each ticket sale donated to Wolf River Lutheran High School.

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Myrtle Dayhart and Noreen Uttech found comfort inside the animal barns, where the roof provided shade and the fans provided a breeze.

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five years in Rome (1991-96) in an AOS position now called general secretariat. In 1996, he received the Star of the Sea Award from National Catholic Council for Seafarers.

Music at Sunday's Mass was provided by Jerry Voelker and the Jolly Gents.

Staying cool

Temperatures on Sunday and Monday reached into the mid-90s, and staying cool was at a premium

for those who ventured to the fair those days.

Myrtle Dayhart and Noreen Uttech found comfort inside the animal barns, where the roof provided shade and the fans provided a breeze.

"We enjoy going through the barns," Uttech said.

"I've been coming here all my life," Dayhart added.

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Members of the Shawano County Fair Board and the Shawano County 4-H prepare for a posed photo and ribbon-cutting ceremony Sept. 1 outside the new horse barn on the Shawano County Fairgrounds.

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New barn source of pride for horse community

While sitting on the fairgrounds, the new facility could be used for other events year-round

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

The Shawano County Fair and Shawano County 4-H formally dedicated the new horse barn on the fairgrounds Sept. 1.

Almost 50 people came out to see a project that has been in the planning stages for years and finally got off the ground in 2023 with fundraising and a county grant.

"We have been working on this since 2017, believe it or not," said fair spokeswoman Diane Schnell. "We've been fundraising throughout our community. In 2020, we sort of had to take a step back and look at what we could and couldn't do. So we downsized our barn, and we still decided we're going to move forward for what the community can afford."

Bert Huntington donated the stalls for the barn, and as a result got the family name on the building, similar to what happened a few years ago with the 4-H exhibit building. According to Schnell, \$185,000 was raised through fundraising, but the county provided a grant for \$200,000 to help make the barn a reality.

"It took a lot of work," Schnell said. "We're very proud of it, and we're very

proud of Shawano County."

Schnell credited former fair board president Dale Hodkiewicz, along with fair board members Robert Krause and Scott Breitrack, for pushing the project to become a reality.

"It was such an endeavor, and I want you to be very proud of Shawano County," Schnell said. "We have the second largest horse show in the state, behind Dane County. One time, we only had 37 horses here. This year, we have 71 horses that needed stalls plus another 25 that are trailering in because we don't have enough room. That makes our program really strong."

Schnell sees the building lasting at least 40-50 years, but she also sees it as a point of creating more horse events outside the Shawano County Fair.

"Just like in the 'Field of Dreams,' if you build it, they will come," she said. "We feel that, by having this barn, we can now open up other opportunities like having some other horse shows — maybe rodeos, maybe something — because we now have a safe place, not just during the fair, but we will try to use this during the year as much as we can."

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Shawano County Fair provides non-stop fun



There were reports of a number of multi-vehicle crashes for the duration of the Shawano County Fair, but fortunately they all took place at the bumper car ride on the midway.

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Eight Second Ride provided a down home country performance Aug. 31 on the main stage behind the grandstand as one of the first bands performing at the Shawano County Fair.

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The midway was full for most of the duration of the Shawano County Fair, with plenty of food and other fun to be had.

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Hailey Spates, left, and Sophia Zeeman, both Landstad 4-H members, wait Aug. 31 for their turn to go into the arena of the Coliseum with their goats. The pair have been raising these goats for 18 months but have shown at the Shawano County Fair for the past 10 years.

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Plenty of animals, exhibits highlight county fair



A crossbred pig owned by Autumn Nowak of the Angelica 4-H feels right at home lying on a bed of wood shavings Aug. 31 at the Shawano County Fair.

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A pair of bantam ducks owned by Christopher Maroszek of the Tri-County 4-H settle down for the night Aug. 31 at the Shawano County Fair.

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A pair of sheep rest among the wood shavings at the Shawano County Fair. Both are mature ewes owned by Faith and Jenna Possbr with the Tiger Tribe 4-H.

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Systemwide outage affecting HSHS, Prevea

Still no timetable from company for restoration

By **KEVIN PASSON**
Editor-in-chief

HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital in Oconto Falls is among the six Wisconsin hospitals affected by a systemwide outage that is affecting all clinical and administrative applications and most phones and internet in the state and Illinois.

The outage also has hit Prevea Health, which partners with HSHS hospitals in Wisconsin. MyChart/MyPrevea communication is also down.

"Hospital Sisters Health System (HSHS) and Prevea Health became aware of a system outage that has temporarily taken offline virtually all operating systems," according to a website set up by the hospital system to address the issue.

HSHS was first made aware of the outage Aug. 27.

"We are continuing to follow existing protocols for system outages, including taking steps to minimize

disruptions and ensure high quality, safe patient care," according to the website.

The main line for each HSHS Wisconsin hospital is now working. Anyone trying to reach an inpatient at HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital and who does not have a personal cellphone can call 920-846-3444.

In addition, the Prevea Health main phone line at 920-496-4700 continues to work as well; however, those calling may experience delays or connectivity issues.

Patients who have appointments should still show up as scheduled.

"We acknowledge this outage is causing inconvenience for some patients and that services may take longer to schedule or receive," according to the website. "We are grateful to our caregivers, colleagues and physicians, who are doing everything possible to ensure we can continue to serve our community while we work diligently to

resolve the outages."

"We are well trained to take care of our patients' needs until the issue is resolved."

HSHS said it mobilized its incident command protocols and downtime procedures and engaged "outside experts" to determine what happened.

"We are continuing to follow existing protocols for system outages, including taking steps to minimize disruptions and ensure high quality, safe patient care," the website said.

Officials have not described the issue as a cybersecurity attack. It

was unclear if any patient or employee data or confidential company data was compromised in any potential breach.

"We are continuing to look into this issue," the site said.

According to hospital officials, nearly all HSHS hospital and clinic locations remain open, although specifics were not provided.

When the matter will be resolved remains unknown.

The website for hospital system updates is www.hshsupdates.org.

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Cowles gets conservation policymaker award

Sen. Robert Cowles, R-Green Bay, recently received the 2023 Lake Michigan Champion of Conservation Policymaker Award from the Lake Michigan Stakeholders.

"I am proud to accept the Lake Michigan Stakeholders' Champion of Conservation Policymaker Award," Cowles said in a press release. "All

of the bodies of water in Northeast Wisconsin — from Lake Michigan to the smallest ponds and streams — are vital environmental resources for our communities. Working hard to conserve these wonders of nature ensures that generation after generation can continue to discover their beauty and importance in our ecosystem."

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Federal policies restrict public land access

It's been no surprise to gun owners that President Joe Biden has gone after firearms and their owners on multiple fronts. There is ample evidence that he would love to ban ownership of American Sporting Rifles (AR-15s and clones mistakenly called "assault rifles," which are among the most popular semi-automatic rifles in the United States) and has used his Bureau of Alcohol, Firearms, Tobacco and Explosives (ATF) to ban pistol braces in an about-face from the previous ATF ruling that they were fine for civilian use.

Biden and other gun-hating liberals apparently have given up on the previous liberal dream to ban handguns. This is probably because the public has generally accepted concealed carry of handguns in all 50 states, with Nebraska becoming the 27th state to legalize constitutional or permitless carry (any resident age 21 or older with no criminal record can carry a handgun without a permit). Nebraska Gov. Jim Pellen signed the bill into law in April, and it becomes effective Sept. 10.

In recent weeks, Biden has turned his attention to hunting, hunter education in schools and even archery instruction. All hunters should be aware of these attacks to the sports we hold sacred, especially us Wisconsin hunters.

After a vast expansion of public access to federal lands for hunting, fishing, hiking and more under the Trump administration, Biden is looking to not only undo some of this access, but ban hunting guides on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land.

The BLM and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service that oversee many federal lands are changing definitions of conservationism through a newly proposed Public Lands Rule, according to a recent FOX News story.

Experts say rule changes would prohibit commercial use of guides and outfitters on these lands, effectively banning the long-accepted practice. The ban would prevent public access to these lands for most hunters and anglers, according to Kerrie Cox Romero, executive director of the New Mexico Council of Outfitters and Guides.

Another Wildlife Service practice aims to ban lead ammunition on eight public hunting areas, requiring copper-only bullets and non-lead fishing tackle by September 2026.

Because of the limited availability of all-copper bullets, this could prove



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another way to restrict hunters from these lands, according to the International Order of T. Roosevelt — an organization working to preserve hunting, fishing and trapping. Because of various regulations and restrictions, 2 million sportsmen have walked away from these sports in recent years, according to Luke Hilgemann, executive director of the IOTR.

This rule is not "following the science," according to the National Shooting Sports Foundation.

"In fact, it is ignoring the need for scientific evidence in order to advance an anti-gun and anti-hunting agenda," said Lawrence Keane, senior vice president of the NSSF.

The Biden administration in November 2022 settled a lawsuit with the Center for Biological Diversity after the Trump administration expanded hunting and fishing on federal lands. The settlement included taking steps to "protect wildlife harmed by expanded hunting and fishing on national refuges," according to the FOX News story.

Most of us hunters and anglers would argue that sportsmen keep wildlife populations in check and our tightly regulated sports do no harm to any species. In fact, these regulations and our conservation dollars from excise taxes on hunting and fishing equipment have helped expand populations of elk, wild turkeys, deer and other species, in addition to providing habitat for non-hunted species.

Meanwhile, sportsmen and legislators are working to reverse a twisting of language in a bill signed into law by Biden last year that will prohibit federal funding of any hunting, trap shooting or archery programs in schools.

The Bipartisan Safer Communities Act signed into law by Biden last year amended the 1965 Elementary and Secondary Education Act funding to prohibit giving funds for any program that provides training in the use of a dangerous weapon, according to a story by Free Range American.

Although some schools use Pittman-Robertson funds (an excise



A volunteer instructor helps a Clintonville School District student to shoot a bow during last fall's Badges and Bullseyes archery program at Clintonville Bow Hunters Club range. School archery programs can't be federally funded under recent changes signed last year by President Joe Biden. This year's Badges and Bullseyes program is set for Oct. 4 at the club.

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tax on firearms and ammo) to pay for hunter education, archery and trap shooting programs, this latest twist in long-standing ESEA policy bans using those funds for such programs. Sarah Martinez, a Department of Education official, noted that hunter ed, archery, wilderness safety and other courses that use firearms, bows or anything that can be considered "technically dangerous weapons" can't be funded under ESEA.

Here is a link to one of many stories on this anti-sportsman effort by the Biden administration: <https://freerangeamerican.us/biden-kills-school-archery-programs>.

Here's a list of the 116 Wisconsin high schools that have trap shooting teams, including Shawano, Oconto, Clintonville, New London and many other area schools: <http://wiclaytarget.com/teams>.

In response, the Protecting Hunting

Heritage and Education Act has been introduced in Congress to reverse this funding ban. At least 24 attorneys general have endorsed it (Wisconsin's has not). Supporters argue that teaching responsible and safe hunting and archery will lead to fewer accidents.

It's sad that in the name of supposedly protecting the public from mass shootings, Biden has chosen to attack hunting, fishing and archery. I don't recall any attack committed by someone armed with a trap gun, bow or fishing rod. Why don't we go back to the tried-and-true concept of punishing people for breaking the law and letting law-abiding Americans remain armed so they can protect themselves from those released without posting bond or those paroled multiple times?

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GUEST COLUMN

Say bye to summer by grilling local meat

It is a time to get together with family and friends, fire up the grill and enjoy one last cookout or campfire before fall sets in. While it's not easy to bid farewell to the summer grilling season and all that comes with it, fall also gives us a lot to look forward to, including Green Bay Packers football and a host of social gatherings centered around the sport.

It is always exciting to root for Wisconsin's favorite professional football team as they devour their opponents week after week. Just as commendable are Wisconsin's other packers — the more than 500 meat processing facilities that are located across the state. These businesses work tirelessly year-round to keep Wisconsin's meat industry thriving and provide protein-rich snacks and meals to consumers.

In the same way the Packers utilize the talents of their roster, the state of Wisconsin, too, continually invests in its strengths, which is evidenced by the \$10 million in funding Gov. Tony Evers allocated to create the Meat

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and Poultry Supply Chain Resiliency Grant Program in 2022. This program, funded through the American Rescue Plan Act, allowed Wisconsin meat processors to apply for grants of up to \$150,000, with a goal of increasing processing capacity and building critical infrastructure in the meat industry.

In his 2023-25 budget, Evers and the legislature agreed to \$2 million in funding over the biennium for the Meat Processor Infrastructure Grant Program. This grant program will provide \$1.8 million in grant opportunities for meat processors in the 2023-24 biennium, and \$200,000 over the 2024-2025 biennium. Thanks to

these programs and the improvements in resiliency and infrastructure that result from them, we are starting to see increased throughput and expanded capacity at meat processing facilities across the state.

DATCP's Meat Talent Development Program is another initiative making positive changes in Wisconsin's meat industry. This year, eight campuses within the Wisconsin Technical College System launched meat training curricula, with more courses being offered this fall.

One such program is the Humane Handling Institute, a first-of-its-kind training curriculum offered by the University of Wisconsin-River Falls focusing on humane livestock handling, stunning and equipment maintenance. Together, these programs are helping bolster the meat industry's workforce and are fostering our state's next generation of meat processors.

According to DATCP's Division of Food and Recreational Safety, 15 new meat processing businesses have be-

come licensed in Wisconsin over the past year. If not for the investments of the governor and the meat processors putting those dollars to good use, we would not be where we are with this growth. These hardworking and passionate processors are helping the industry keep up with consumer demand. They are doing this while producing a wide array of goods, ensuring consumers will have a wide selection of quality artisan meats to choose from for their next Packers party, family dinner or campout.

As we head into fall, I encourage all Wisconsinites to support your local producers and processors by stocking up on a variety of meat products to enjoy throughout the holiday weekend and beyond. After all, what is a summer celebration in Wisconsin without a juicy brat, burger, steak, rack of ribs or hot dog to enjoy? Sit back, relax and eat up, Wisconsin.

Randy Romanski is the secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Grandfather clause gets Suring alum support

To the editor:

I emailed a letter to Suring School Board President David Lally requesting that the board take action to approve a grandfather clause recommended by the WIAA and endorsed by Dr. John Rabe. This clause would allow my son, Trent, to finish his athletic career as a dual sport athlete.

Rabe has been involved in Suring athletics for over 75 years. Rabe is a former athletic director at Suring and is the second inductee into its Student Hall of Fame. He is a former professor of health, physical education, recreation and coaching at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. Rabe feels that once athletes were able to start an activity, they should be allowed to finish what they have started. If this was a pilot program, the athletes should be able to complete if they follow guidelines and have the desire to finish.

I'm asking the school board to take wise counsel of a loyal Suring Eagle and the grandfather clause recommended by the WIAA.

I ask how many people have had something taken away from you based on nothing you have done and how did it make you feel? People, believe it or not, have called me selfish for wanting my son to be able to be the best he can be.

The current superintendent at Suring Public School told me by phone in March that if Trent was younger he would have recommended for Trent to open enroll to a district that allowed for dual sports. Believe it or not, people have suggested this option for years, but Trent is loyal to his school and would never open enroll. Also, I have no desire to run my kid all around for something he can do in my own district.

Mike Van Den Elzen, Suring

Basketry guild practices ancient traditions

Members include longtime weavers, with many eager to teach lost craft to other people

By **LYNN ZAFFRANN**
Correspondent

The Wolf River Basketry Guild will celebrate its 30th anniversary in October, supporting local charities while keeping alive the art of basket weaving.

According to archaeologists, basket-making traditions began more than 10,000 years ago in North America. The Wolf River Basketry Guild is a quiet, but vibrant, crafting and social community in the Shawano area, following the same ancient traditions to craft traditional and contemporary baskets. One unique feature to basket-making is that there are no machines that can duplicate the weaving process. All baskets are hand-made, from the high-end to the dollar store varieties.

Mary Conradt is the current guild president. This is her third turn in the role. She's been a member for about 20 years and has been active in the guild, sharing her knowledge of the art of basketry.

"I taught through Shawano Community Education for eight years, but then the numbers were dwindling, so I couldn't fill classes," Conradt said, noting she was teaching two classes per semester.

Some of the current guild members came from Conradt's classes.

"The best part is, Mark and Joann Hendrickson were two of my students. They are now very active in the guild," she said.

Mark Hendrickson gave up his guild president role to Conradt in January and is now the historian, while Joann Hendrickson is the guild's treasurer. The Hendricksons live in Wausau.

There are no current classes being offered in the immediate Shawano area. Guild meetings are held monthly at the Shawano Masonic Center, 2324 E. Richmond St., Shawano. A business meeting is held, along with a demonstration by a member showing how to weave a particular basket.

Current guild members are accomplished basket weavers, coming from numerous locations in the state. At guild meetings, members learn advanced techniques of the craft and have the opportunity to craft different basket types as dem-



Mary Schwarz, left, from Green Bay demonstrates how to start to weave an elbow basket at the Aug. 26 meeting of the Wolf River Basketry Guild held at the Shawano Masonic Center. Lois Chabalowski looks on while a new technique is demonstrated. The elbow basket is a version of an historic Choctaw Indian basket.

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onstrated each month.

Mark Hendrickson said the guild has members from Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota and even Nebraska.

"If someone wants to join us for a day and try it out, that's kind of how my wife joined the guild, and then she enlisted me to come along," he said.

The couple gravitates toward Nantucket style basketry over molds, black ash basketry, some with molds and some freelance styles. Hendrickson processes local black ash logs into basket-making supplies. Black ash is unique among

all trees in North America in that it does not have fibers connecting the growth rings to each other. This is essential for basket making.

At a meeting held Aug. 26, Mary Schwarz from Green Bay demonstrated how to make an elbow basket. She brought a completed basket to show the finished project. Schwarz then demonstrated how to start this type of basket, using a technique that was new to some of the members. Schwarz distributed kits to members that included everything needed to duplicate the elbow basket, so they could start

working on making the baskets during the rest of the meeting.

After the demonstration, Schwarz observed a few of the members who were assembling materials to start weaving their baskets. Sue Johnson from Green Bay was working on her version of the elbow basket, and Schwarz stopped by to answer questions about the techniques she had demonstrated. Johnson used a template that was part of the packet of materials and directions that Schwarz had provided.

While laying out the reeds of



JoAnn Lewis, former secretary and president of the Wolf River Basketry Guild, holds up her version of an elbow basket. Lewis, from Oshkosh, shared that the monthly meetings let other basket weavers get together to have fun and socialize.

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the basket bottom on top of the included the template, Johnson noted, "We don't usually have that, that's different. We usually have patterns."

Schwarz showed her how to squeeze the reeds together to fit the template for the bottom of the basket.

While working on crafting her basket at the meeting, Lois Chabalowski from Menasha said that guild members come from all over the area and beyond.

"There was the Milwaukee Guild that was very active, and they disbanded, because they couldn't get officers," Chabalowski said. "Everyone's at the point where they don't want to make a commitment."

Chabalowski said that if she didn't finish her basket at the meeting, she could take it home to complete. She pointed to the basket that Schwarz had brought for her demonstration and said, with a smile, "Hopefully it will look that that, in the end."

Chabalowski said she's made about 50 baskets since she started weaving.

"I've been weaving a long time, but I don't weave consistently," she said. "I usually just weave at meetings. And then we have Mary Conradt. She has a group that meets once a month in Clintonville at a coffee shop that has a back room. So, we weave there and we buy lunch from them, and they're happy and we're happy."

JoAnn Lewis from Oshkosh, who

served as guild secretary for 20 years and president for five years, has a treasure trove of memories about the guild.

"It's just a matter of getting together and having fun," she said. "We've done projects for the community. We've made baskets for the homeless shelter, for breast cancer survivors and did Easter baskets for kids at a local church. We fill the baskets with small items."

"We've done baskets for the women's shelter, also," Hendrickson added.

The guild sponsors two basket-making workshops each year. The first one is held in April and is for members only. The fall workshop is held in September.

This year's event will be held Sept. 22-24 at Wolf River Lutheran High School, W7367 River Bend Road, Shawano. Three nationally-known weavers will teach attendees how to make various styles and types of baskets at the event. Participants come from all areas of the state, and even from outside Wisconsin.

Registration for this popular annual event is closed, but non-guild members can visit the workshop on Sept. 23 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., where hand-crafted baskets can be seen and basket-weaving supplies from various vendors will be available for sale.

Visit the guild's website at www.wolfriverbasketryguild.com for more information about the organization.

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Metallica gives NWTC \$100K in scholarships

Metallica Scholars Initiative has awarded Northeast Wisconsin Technical College \$100,000 in scholarships to make college possible for students pursuing high-wage careers.

The goal of the initiative is to support students looking to fill workforce shortages in skilled careers. Celebrating its fifth year, MSI was created through the rock band's philanthropic foundation, All Within My Hands, and the American Association of Community Colleges as an opportunity to build sustainable communities through quality workforce training. Today, MSI supports 42 colleges and more than 6,000 students nationwide to pursue

high-paying careers in growing fields.

"The Metallica Scholars Initiative is so important to us because we are seeing results. Five years in, with the help of community colleges across the country, we are helping people fill these essential jobs which require skills and training. We are so proud and grateful that we can facilitate this program," said Lars Ulrich, Metallica.

Up to 100 NWTC students are eligible to receive a \$1,000 scholarship toward programs in health sciences, construction, transportation, human services and manufacturing.

"NWTC is honored to be a part of the Metallica Scholars Initiative and

join this collaborative partnership to transform, strengthen and inspire lives through higher education," said Crystal Harrison, NWTC foundation director. "This generous contribution paves the way for our students to explore high-paying, in-demand careers that will positively impact their lives and community. This is more than just a donation; it's a gift that keeps on giving."

NWTC is one of the three colleges from Wisconsin joining the MSI roster. The applicants are competitively selected from a pool of applicants from across the country to transform the futures of students in their communities.

"The Metallica Scholars Initiative is a strong and cooperative assemblage of the nation's best community colleges, creating a supportive climate for participants to communicate directly and share best practices. As a result, our Metallica Scholars leave the program well-trained and confident," said Peter Delgrosso, All Within My Hands executive director.

These newly added colleges join 31 veteran institutions that were invited to continue in the program and to help play an important role in guiding the success of the new colleges.

NWTC students can apply for the scholarship at nwtc.edu/scholarships.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, SEPT. 8

KESHENA: Kehtekaewak Farmer's Market, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. College of Menominee Nation, N172 State Highway 47-55.

LENA: Dairy Fest, 6-10 p.m., St. Anne's Parish, 221 E. Main St. Truck pull 6 p.m., fireworks at dusk.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 9

SHAWANO: FRESH Project Farmers Market, 8 a.m. to noon, Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St. More than 45 local food and craft vendors.

LENA: Dairy Fest, St. Anne's Parish, 221 E. Main St. Stampede 5K run/walk 8 a.m., parade 10:30 a.m. Petting zoo, pony rides, face painting, bouncers, food vendors, free ice cream, live music.

OCONTO: Summer Vendors Market, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., 516 Brazeau Ave. Local creators and crafters, food available. Last market of the season.

BONDUEL: Patriots Day Community Walk, 10 a.m., Bonduel Fire Department, 207 S. First St. Walk 2,200 steps representing 110 stories of the Twin Towers led by firefighters in their fire gear. Presentation recognizing community service members of police, fire, EMS, military. Food provided.

SHAWANO: Empty Bowls Caring Hearts Sale Fundraiser, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., SAM25, 105 E. Richmond St. Purchase a hand-painted, ceramic bowl and soup-to-go along with baked goods, includes a tour of the shelter renovation and new clinic and programs, silent auction. Serving chili, chicken noodle and chicken dumpling soup. \$8-\$12.

OCONTO: Machickanee Players 40th anniversary open house, 1-6 p.m., Park Avenue Theatre, 408 Park Ave.

BIRNAMWOOD: Sip and Succulent Ladies Night Out, 6-9:30 p.m., Schairer's Autumn Acres, 194 Western Ave. Pumpkin succulent making and wine tasting. RSVP in advance to Karen at

715-573-8397 or by messaging the farm on Facebook, with the date you will be attending. \$45 includes all supplies and six wine tastings; appetizers and other items available separately. Must be 21 to attend. Saturdays through September and 1-4:30 p.m. Sept. 10.

WITTENBERG: Concert by Indigenous, 6:30 p.m., Ho-Chunk Gaming, N7198 U.S. Highway 45. Doors open 5 p.m., free admission. Opening performance by Drab.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 10

SHAWANO: Zurko Outdoor Flea Market, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Shawano County Fairgrounds, 990 E. Green Bay St. Admission \$2.

SHAWANO: Custom and Classics Car Show, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Shawano Lake County Park, W5791 Lake Drive. Registration 8-10 a.m., awards 2 p.m. DJ, food and beverages on site provided by Shawano Amvets, bucket raffles and 50/50.

CHASE: Chase Stone Barn Craft Sale, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., 8246 County Road S. About 90 vendors, doughnut truck, burgers and brats, live music.

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MONDAY, SEPT. 11

WITTENBERG: Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Maple Hills Golf Course, N6621 Cardinal Lane. Registration 9 a.m., shotgun start 10 a.m., dinner 3 p.m., prizes and social time. \$50 per person, \$200 per team includes nine holes with cart, dinner, raffle ticket and drink coupon. Call Angie at 715-250-1995

or email johnson1995.aj@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 13

CECIL: CoVantage Cares Fore Our Communities Golf Event, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Golden Sands Golf Club, 300 Nabor Road. Registration 9 a.m., shotgun start 10 a.m. Four-person scramble, \$80 per person includes 18 holes, cart, lunch and 19th Hole Event. The 19th Hole Event includes hors d'oeuvres, silent auction and prizes. For information, email morgan.teal@covantagecu.org or call 920-720-2572, ext. 5324.

NAVARINO: Wednesday Walks No. 9-11 a.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. Call 715-758-6999 or visit navarino.org to register.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 14

KESHENA: Beading Vibes Only, 2-5 p.m., Omaeqnomenewak Wetohkatikamek Center, W2908 Tribal Office Loop Road.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 15

KESHENA: Kehtekaewak Farmer's Market, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. College of Menominee Nation, N172 State Highway 47-55.

SHAWANO: Pass, Punt and Kick, 5:15-6:15 p.m., Shawano High School, 220 County Road B. Shawano Optimist Club Tri-Star Football Skills Competition. Open to all boys and girls ages 8-13. Registration deadline is 6 p.m. Awards and door prizes 6:15 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 16

WITTENBERG: 90th Anniversary Celebration, 7:30 a.m. to dusk, Nueske's Applewood Meats, 1390 E. Grand Ave. Farm-fresh pancake breakfast, live children's entertainment, old-time photography, live music, helicopter rides, camel rides, food trucks, classic cars, vintage displays, ping pong ball drop, fireworks show. Nonperishable food and cash donations for Feeding America will be collected.

SHAWANO: FRESH Project Farmers

Market, 8 a.m. to noon, Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St. More than 45 local food and craft vendors.

BONDUEL: Founder's Day, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., downtown. Over 160 crafters lining the streets, Amish buggy rides, baked goods, handmade items, food court, live music, kids entertainment, petting zoo, free parking.

OCONTO: Elks Fly-In, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., J. Douglas Bake Municipal Airport, 2883 Airport Road. More than 30 planes of all types, as well as more than 200 classic automobiles, on static display. Local craft vendors; food, beverages and desserts from local nonprofits and restaurants, radio-controlled electric planes, World War II-era military encampment, children's area featuring face painting, a bungee-bounce experience and balloon artist.

NAVARINO: Walk, Stretch and Reflect on the GRACE Trail, 10 a.m. to noon, Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. One mile, 10 gentle stretches, and 5 questions. Guided by Jaime Lee from Crazy Heart Yoga. \$20 per person. Space is limited. Sign up at Shawanopathways.org.

LAKEWOOD: Festi-Fall, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., downtown. Over 30 vendors featuring handmade items such as jewelry, rugs, jams, paintings, photos, ceramics, wood carving and more. Artist demonstrations, food trucks, wine tasting.

BIRNAMWOOD: Schairer's Autumn Acres, 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.

KESHENA: The Rally Car Show, noon, Menominee Casino Resort, N277 State Highway 47-55. The Rally cruise will leave the Iola Car Show grounds at 10 a.m., with final destination being Menominee Casino Resort parking lot around noon. Free show, open to the public.

Waltzing into the next world recalled

Jon and I recently visited my youngest sister, Sharon, and her husband, Randy, who have a second home in Wilton in southwestern Wisconsin. This tiny iconic town lies in what is called the Driftless Area, because glacial ice didn't grind the land flat. Though the typography is far different from the Wisconsin Northwoods, Wilton is like Townsend in that tourism is the major part of its economy. One main reason is that it's on the Elroy-Sparta Bike Trail and near the Kickapoo River where rafting, canoeing and kayaking are king.

It's breathtakingly beautiful — rolling hills dotted with picturesque farms, many tilled by Amish farmers who get around in buggies pulled by perfectly groomed horses. Men and boys are clad in bib overalls, blue cotton shirts and straw hats. Women and girls wear simple white blouses and long black skirts, their hair carefully tucked under pretty white bonnets. Many offer wares at shops and roadside stands.

Naturally, the place is teeming with tourists in summer, city folks who come for the slow pace, friendly faces, wholesome food and one-of-a-kind artwork and souvenirs. Sorry, there's one commodity you won't find at any Amish businesses — alcohol. If that's what you're after, take a scenic drive to St. Mary's Distillery, about 20 minutes



Kathleen Marsh
Columnist

west of Wilton. The Distillery offers a variety of distinctive and delicious drinks served in Mason jars, made with brandy or rum produced in the basement. Though prices range from \$8-\$14, business is very brisk.

Did you ever go somewhere and the place activates long-buried memories? As we sampled the brandy, I looked out a huge picture window on a postcard-perfect scene. Suddenly, I was transported to my childhood days in the tiny town of Sherwood, populated mostly by people of German descent.

My ancestors, German immigrants, came to America before the Civil War. My formative years were lived in a distinctly German culture. Mom cooked German dishes; we said "gesundheit," and "Ach du Lieber Gott." As teenagers, my pals and I recited: "Eins, zwei, drei, vier. Who's gonna buy the beer?" (No one; we were all underage.)

My father's side originated in

Bavaria. Jon and I went there in 1992; it immediately felt like home. If I'd known how to sprechen sie Deutsch, I could have stayed there forever. Put Bavaria on your bucket list — best German food, best German architecture, best German beer (King Ludwig Dark) and best German tavern in the world, the Hofbrauhaus in Munich.

My mother's people came from Heiligenstadt, formerly in East Germany. When Mom and I took a bus tour through Germany in 1993, we planned to rent a car and take a side trip there.

The road had been abandoned decades earlier — essentially a "you can't get there from here" dynamic. I soothed her disappointment by treating her instead to a concert that included polkas.

Polka music is special; it gets your hands clapping and toes tapping, but ya know hey der once, you just have to get out and dance. Like most kids in those days, I learned to polka at a wedding reception, this one at VanAbel's in Hollandtown. I was 10, shyly hiding behind Mom when suddenly, my uncle grabbed my arm and dragged me onto the dance floor, saying, "Follow me."

Before I knew what was happening, we were doing the polka. I was a sturdy little girl, but he started swinging me around like a rag doll. I hung on for dear life. Finally, I relaxed and "fol-

lowed" him. Once you get the rhythm, you never forget how to polka.

The rest of that night is a blur, but I vividly recall one other scene. My parents were dancing a "slow one." Public displays of affection were verboten; I had never seen them hug, much less kiss. I knew little about their courtship, only that Mom was wearing a blue dress the night they met, and that their first dance was to the "Blue Skirt Waltz." The way they glided around the floor was way beyond romantic.

I was still lost in that memory as we headed back to Wilton. It suddenly came to me that it was at Sharon and Randy's wedding in 1986 when I last saw my father. We had danced to "Wooden Heart," a German song I will always love. How could I know that night that Dad would waltz into eternity a few weeks later? Mom died the day after Christmas in 2004, taking her last breath as the German version of "Silent Night (Stille Nacht)" was playing on the radio.

I like to think of them in heaven, entwined in each other's arms and dancing to the "Blue Skirt Waltz" because, like some memories, love is eternal.

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.

Shawano County libraries pushing cards

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For information, contact the library at sha@shawanolibrary.org or 715-526-3829.

Public comment period open for wolf management plan

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is seeking public comment on proposed permanent wolf rules relating to gray wolf harvest regulations.

The public comment period is open through Sept. 15. A virtual public hearing on the proposed rule will be held Sept. 12 at 4 p.m. The public can provide verbal comments on the draft rule at the hearing. Registration will take

place at the hearing by completing a hearing appearance form. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged for those who plan to speak during the hearing.

Pre-register at ScottR.Karel@wisconsin.gov.

The DNR will accept written comments on the proposed rule by U.S. mail, email or online. The public can review the rule and make comments online.

Written comments on the proposed rule will be accepted until 11:59 p.m. Sept. 15. Comments can be mailed to Department of Natural Resources, Attn: Scott Karel, P.O. Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707-7921 or emailed to DNRAAdministrativeRulesComments@wisconsin.gov

Using the regular rulemaking process, the rule proposal will achieve two primary objectives.

First, it will codify provisions of an emergency rule, EmR 1210, which went into effect Aug. 18, 2012. Non-statutory provisions of 2011 Act 169 state that this emergency rule remains in effect until a permanent rule takes effect.

Second, it will implement recommendations from and update regulatory text in consideration of a new wolf management plan.

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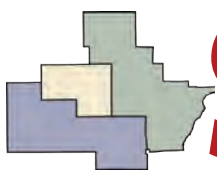
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Shawano lands in middle of the pack at the Heart of the Valley meet

By **DUSTIN RIESE**
Correspondent

The Shawano Hawks golf team was back on the links Sept. 1 as they participated in the annual Heart of the Valley Metro meet at High Cliff Golf Course in Sherwood. With the initial day of this event getting rained out in August, Mother Nature cooperated on Friday as it was an absolutely perfect day for golf.

Known to be a challenging course that tests players mentally and physically, the Hawks put together a good day on the links Sept. 1, finishing with a team score of 171 to land them in seventh place overall. That was good for a middle-of-the-road finish as they finished just three strokes behind the sixth-place Appleton East squad and nine strokes from cracking the top four.

"This meet is meant to be a good team building meet," coach Dean Kugler said. "The girls had to work together as partners, help each other out as a team and had to figure out a way to work through some challenging lies that we typically don't see."

Unlike most invites or meets where it is every golfer for herself, this one was set up as more of a partner type of match as each team played in pairs. The first nine holes were the typical scramble style with a shotgun start, with the second nine holes becoming a best ball where everyone plays from the best shot. Leading the way for the Hawks were Sophia Eggert and Maddie Moesch, as they finished with a score of 80.

Both of these girls put forth a great effort all match long and made several big shots to help set them up with better positions on the short game. Had it not been for a couple of bad bounces on holes 16-17, they would have cracked the mid-70s and put themselves in a position to be one of the top overall teams for the day.

Next was the pairing of Braylyn Babino and Audrey Holston, who finished their round with a score



Braylyn Babino, pictured, and her Shawano teammate Audrey Holston finished their round with a score of 91 as the pair participated in the annual Heart of the Valley Metro meet at High Cliff Golf Course in Sherwood on Sept. 1.

DUSTIN RIESE

of 91. Like the team of Eggert and Moesch, Babino and Holston had some tough bounces throughout the round that hampered some of their potential scores on certain holes. Still, it was a good day for this group as they refused to give up and played the course as well as possible, with the wind being a significant factor.

The final team for the Hawks was the pairing of Alli Johnson and Lily Glysch as they capped off their day with a combined score of 98. Granted, they wanted to finish a little higher up in the standings; yet any time that an entire team can crack the 100-stroke mark on a challenging course is something to build on.

With the bulk of the golf season set to get underway and the conference meet season set to begin, the Hawks will look to build off this showing going forward. Results aside, this was an important day for the Hawks and their team as they needed to get familiar with this course. Should they have a few players advance in the postseason, this is a course they will see again, and Kugler knows the familiarity that they received will only help them when it matters later.

"We have a lot of things to improve upon as a team, but there is also plenty of time to get better," he said. "Once we get into the regional round of competition, should we have some of our girls qualify for

sectionals, this is the course that will host the sectional round of competition. Having them have a chance to get out there today and get a good feel for the course is going to be a huge advantage over other teams later in the season."

Appleton North took home the Heart of the Valley title with a team score of 150, with Kaukauna coming in second at 153 and Xavier landing in third with a score of 155. Those were the only three teams to crack the 160 stroke mark as Neenah took fourth at 162, Kimberly fifth at 164, Appleton East sixth at 168 and Shawano seventh at 171. Kaukauna, Appleton West and West De Pere rounded out the top 10 with three more Kimberly teams finishing 11-13.

Pulaski blanks Menasha, ties West De Pere

By **DUSTIN RIESE**
Correspondent

The Red Raiders of Pulaski couldn't have asked for a better start to their week as they trounced the Menasha Blue Jays in non-conference action 13-0 on Aug. 29.

Pulaski jumped out to an early 3-0 lead in the first 15 minutes and never looked back as they built up a 7-0 lead by the half. Zach Brodhagen (assisted by Nolan Pratt) opened the scoring in the first minute with Ben Uelmen (Donovan Holderness) making it 2-0 in the seventh minute and Maddox McKeefry (unassisted) in the 15th minute.

Pulaski continued to make things look easy as AJ Schenk picked up a pair of goals in the 22nd and 28th minutes, Nathan Jossie in the 26th minute and Holderness adding the seventh goal at the 40-minute mark. The second half was more of the same as Pulaski tacked on six additional goals in the first 18 minutes to end the game via the mercy rule. Hudson Schultz had two of those goals, as did McKeefry to complete his hat trick. Schenk

added an additional goal, with Austin Marchand (Nathan Maroszek) adding the final goal in the 58th minute.

Pulaski 3, West De Pere 3

Goals were clearly not an issue this week for Pulaski as they scored 16 times across two games. After scoring 13 in their game against Menasha, they also managed to put up three against West De Pere while playing them to a 3-3 draw on Aug. 31.

West De Pere got out to a two-goal lead in the first half off goals from Johan Hernandez and Jonathon Romatowski, as things were looking bleak for the Red Raiders early on. With one minute remaining in the first half, Zach Valeria cut the deficit in half to make things 2-1 at the break.

The second half was a tale of two halves as it was the Red Raiders striking first. Brodhagen and Schultz combined to score twice and only two minutes apart as the Red Raiders took their first lead of the night, 3-2, just eight minutes into the half. Not even a minute later, Tyler Kowalczyk took it upon himself to tie things up as his unassisted goal made things

3-3. Pulaski keeper Josh Roth had three saves, with Cooper Nimmer picking up 12.

Wausau East 2, Shawano 1

Goals were tough to come by for Shawano this week, as they dropped a pair of non-conference games.

First, was a trip to Wausau East on Aug. 29 where the Lumberjacks came out victorious 2-1. Warner Beyer and Kody Popelka found the back of the net for the Lumberjacks. Drake Herm and Anderson Schmidt picked up the assists in that one, but Shawano was unable to find the breakthrough goal to tie things up.

Kody Popelka scored Shawano's only goal.

Green Bay Southwest 2, Shawano 0

Much like their game earlier in the week, goals were tough to come by as the Hawks couldn't find the net in a 2-0 loss to the Trojans. Jenson Troup and Mason Hermes had both goals for the Southwest team, who took an early 2-0 just nine minutes into the match. After that, it all came down to the goal tending, and Andrew Vanden

Huevel was outstanding.

Not only did Vanden Huevel keep his team in it, but he did so by coming away with 19 saves as the Trojans were pestering him in goal all night. Even with a pair of losses, coach Andrew Brooks loves the direction his team is going as they continue to push toward conference play.

"We have a pretty young team compared to last year, with only three players returning with extensive varsity minutes," he said. "This group has shown the ability to work hard, and (they) have been very coachable thus far. If those things continue, we should be in line for a great season."

Amherst 9, Bowler/Gresham 1

It's amazing how fast momentum can change in a game. After playing the Falcons tough most of the night, all it took was two mental breakdowns for the Falcons to take a competitive match up and flip it into a one-sided affair.

Amherst scored four times in the first half and five times in the second. Bowler/Gresham scored its only goal in the second half.



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Bonduel football team notches first win

By **DUSTIN RIESE**
Correspondent

Fox Valley Lutheran 42, Shawano 20

Still in search of their first win, the Hawks had no answers for Fox Valley Lutheran's running game as Jack Egan ran all over the Hawks' defense, culminating in a 42-20 win Aug. 31.

Egan had 178 yards on 28 carries while picking up three scores to lead the way for the Foxes' offense. Egan scored his first TD in the first on a one-yard run before adding two more in the second half.

When it comes to the Hawks and their offense, this was their best offensive showing of the season thus far which is a positive. Jerzey Brockner led the offense with 42 yards on 11 carries while also connecting for 161 yards through the air. Sixty-three of those yards went to Dylan Hodkiewicz, who hauled in a 35-yard touchdown in the third quarter to put the Hawks on the board. Brocker tossed for an additional 49-yard pass to pull Shawano within 16-12, only to have the Foxes end the game with 26 unanswered points.

Shawano's final score came on a four-yard run by Brocker and a successful two-point conversion in the fourth quarter.

Grantsburg 36, Oconto Falls 20

It took three weeks for the Panthers to drop their first game as they fell to Grantsburg 36-20 on Aug. 31.

The big problem in this one for the Panthers was their inability to contain Brock Matheny, who tossed for 175 yards and two scores. Eighty-six of those yards went to Marcus Michel who had one score, while Trenton Johnson picked up 68 yards and another score. That was a big reason why the Panthers fell behind 12-0 early and were never able to climb back into the game.

Not only did Grantsburg's passing game give the Panthers some issues, but so did the running game as Gavin Rossow added 103 yards. Oconto Falls managed to do a great job clawing back into the game, but the end result didn't matter as the Panthers dropped their first game of 2023.

Emerich Skarbon made the score 12-6 with a one-yard TD run in the second quarter.

Down 18-6 at the half, Wyatt Laughrin scored in the third quarter, and the two-point conversion was

successful to bring Oconto Falls closer at 18-14.

A kickoff return for a touchdown and field goal put Grantsburg up 28-14 going into the fourth quarter.

Alex Haines ran in for another Oconto Falls TD in the fourth quarter, but the Panthers couldn't get over the hump to tie or win the game.

Gillett 51, Sevastopol 30

If you like offense, then this was the place to be Aug. 31 as Gillett took down Sevastopol on the road 51-30.

This was all about the passing game as the duo of Jesse DeBauche and Ben Matczak were impossible to stop as they hooked up three times in the first half from 30, 20 and 38 yards out to build an early 21-0 lead. DuBauche finished the night with 360 yards passing and four TDs.

While Matczak had three TD receptions, Brandon DuBauche lit up the stats sheet as he hauled in a game high 216 yards and another TD reception. Gillett needed every one of those yards as the Pioneers did an excellent job to pull within 35-24, only to see the Tigers pull away late for the three-score win.

Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas 34,

Oneida Nation/NEW Lutheran 6

Another week and another win for Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas as they opened up a massive 34-0 lead before cruising to a win Aug. 31. Calvin Peters and Ty Shallow set the tone as the duo combined to rush for more than 200 yards and three scores on the ground. Peters also tossed for 60 yards and another score as the Lena offense remains tough to stop.

Bryce Liebrecht led the way for Oneida Nation with 86 yards on 14 carries, including a fourth-quarter score. Apart from that, the Oneida offense didn't have much of anything going, which has been a theme two weeks into the season. Peters and Shallow combined for all five of the Lena TDs as Shallow opened the game with a 19-yard TD run before adding a 43 yarder later.

Peters began his big day with a 23 yard pass to Logan Graef before punching it in from one yard out. Graef also added a second TD to his name in the second half scoring from 58 yards out on the ground to cap off a big win.

Gibraltar 35, Suring 32

In one of the better 8-player games of the week, it was the

Vikings of Gibraltar holding on to defeat the Suring Eagles 35-32 on Aug. 31. Michael Pecans had a great day passing the ball for Suring, completing five of his six passes for 163 yards. Ninety-two of those yards went to Jake Cornell on two receptions, with Michael Bailey adding the rest of the yards and receptions.

The Vikings also had an impressive showing in the passing game with Brandon Sitte as he hauled in eight receptions for 126 yards, including 48 yards on a first quarter TD that saw the Vikings open up an early 7-0 lead. Pecans had the answer for Suring, running it in from 22 yards out while a two-point conversion made things 8-7.

That was only the beginning of what was a big night for Pecans as he threw for three scores including two in the fourth to help lead the Suring comeback effort. Unfortunately for the Eagles, their effort would go to waste as Sitte picked up a pair of fourth-quarter scores of his own to help the Vikings hold on for the win.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood 47,

Nekoosa 0

Perhaps the most impressive team in the early part of the season could be Wittenberg-Birnamwood. Not only are they off to a 3-0 start, but they have done so with three dominating victories thus far.

On Sept. 1, the Chargers continue to be led by an impressive ground attack that is led by Braeden Groshok and Bryson Schmid. Nathan Waupekenay has also been a key reason for the Chargers' success, as his ability to make plays with both his arm and legs have led to a ton of points in three weeks.

Pulaski 35, De Pere 30

You could make a case that the best winless team in the state was Pulaski, as they dropped a pair of challenging games to open the season. Looking to secure their first win of 2023, it was the Red Raiders locked into a shootout as they held off FRCC rival De Pere 35-30 on Sept. 1. The Red Raiders relied on a rushing attack that was led by Logan Schultz and his three scores as they rushed for nearly 300 yards. Spencer Hakes added 97 more yards as the Pulaski offense went with what they do best to score points.

When it comes to De Pere and their offense, the arm of Easton Arendt was nearly the difference as he threw for 303 yards and four

touchdowns. Three of those scores went to Hayden May, who racked up 157 yards on nine catches with those three scores. May caught the game's first score from six yards out before adding a 30-yard TD reception in the second and a 27-yarder in the fourth.

The turning point of the game came in the third quarter as the Red Raiders outscored the Red Birds 21-0. Hakes opened the scoring in that quarter with an impressive 55-yard scamper while Schultz added scores of two yards and 41 yards. Schultz would add his third and final TD in the fourth as Pulaski came from behind and would hold off the Red Birds 35-30 to secure their first win of 2023.

Bonduel 20, Sturgeon Bay 19

Another team that was searching for its first win was Bonduel, and the Bears did what they had to secure their first win of 2023. Whether on the ground or through the air, the Bears made things happen as a 14-point fourth quarter was just enough for Bonduel to secure the win Sept. 1.

Following a scoreless first quarter, it was the Clippers who found the scoreboard first as a 42-yard TD run put Bonduel in a 6-0 hole, which held going into the half. Once the second half got rolling, a bit more urgency by the Bears offense had Dylan Hillsburg plowing in from three yards out to tie things up 6-6.

It was in the fourth when all of the fireworks started as both offenses seemed to be catching their groove. Bryce Pitzak put the Clippers back on top 13-6 as he hauled in an 83-yard TD pass. Pitzak led the way for the Clippers with six receptions for 137 yards and a score as the Sturgeon Bay passing attack gutted the Bears defense for 334 yards. Immediately following that score, it was time for the Bears' passing game to get things done as Cade Johnson found Noah Weier for 35 yards to make things 13-12. Bonduel would end up converting on a two-point try that proved to be crucial later on.

Already with one passing touchdown, Sturgeon Bay added a second TD pass later in the fourth as the Bears found themselves trailing 19-14 late. Leave it to the ground game and Hillsburg to change all that as he capped off a 44-yard night with his second TD of the game, which proved to be the difference in the Bears' 1-point win.

Gresham wins 3 at Owen-Withee Quad

By **LUKE REIMER**
Correspondent

The Gresham girls volleyball team won all three of its matches during the Owen-Withee Quad at Owen-Withee on Aug. 29.

Gresham defeated Owen-Withee in its first match that went three sets, 20-25, 24-14 and 15-13. Emily Jensen re-

corded 11 service points, while Maddie Haffner recorded eight service points and nine digs.

Gresham defeated Rib Lake in its second match of the quad in three sets, 17-25, 25-17 and 15-11. Jensen scored nine service points.

Gresham defeated Chetek-Weyerhauser in its third match of the quad in two sets, 25-10 and 25-17. Lexi Badd-

moccasin-Barnes led the Hawks with ten service points and ten assists.

Suring vs. Crivitz

Suring defeated Crivitz in five sets at Suring. After dropping the first two sets, Suring won by scores of 18-25, 21-25, 25-23, 26-24 and 15-7.

Lena vs. Gillett

Lena defeated Gillett in four sets at

Lena, winning 20-25, 25-23, 25-11 and 25-13.

Bowler vs. Menominee Indian and

Bowler vs. Faith Christian Academy

Menominee Indian defeated Bowler in three sets, winning 12-25, 25-16 and 26-24. Bowler defeated Faith Christian Academy in two sets, winning 27-25 and 25-12.

Shawano shuts out GB Southwest singles players

By **LUKE REIMER**
Correspondent

Shawano went perfect in its Aug. 28 singles matches against Green Bay Southwest at Green Bay Southwest.

Adison Moesch defeated Green Bay Southwest's Brianna Martinson in two sets, 6-3 and 6-2.

Ireland Setterman defeated Green Bay Southwest's Ella Crowley in two sets, 6-0 and 6-0.

Rachael Carroll defeated Green Bay Southwest's Jaisa Vanden Houten in two sets, 6-1 and 6-0.

Brynline Boyles defeated Green Bay Southwest's Robyn Wallenfang in two sets, 6-0 and 6-0.

Green Bay Southwest won two out of the three doubles matches.

Green Bay Southwest's Ella Van-

den Houten and Bail Wery defeated Shawano's Samantha Martzke and Natalee Jung in two sets, 6-1 and 6-0.

Green Bay Southwest's Ayana Russell and Emerson Krings defeated Shawano's Ashley Hanssen and Rylee Trochil in three sets, 4-6, 7-5 and 10-8.

Shawano's Katie Weiland and Maddigan Bakeberg defeated Green Bay Southwest's Maddy Beres and Amy Montiejand in three sets, 6-3, 5-7 and 10-7.

Pulaski vs. Bay Port

Bay Port defeated Pulaski by a score of 6-1, winning all four singles matches and two doubles matches Aug. 29.

Bay Port's Karlie Schock defeated Pulaski's Ruth Krause in two sets, 6-0

and 6-1.

Bay Port's Allie Brosteau defeated Pulaski's Isabella Skalecki in two sets, 6-2 and 6-3.

Bay Port's Marisa McAllister defeated Pulaski's Alya Grotluschen in three sets, 5-7, 6-7 (4) and 14-12.

Bay Port's Callie Schuette defeated Pulaski's Addison Heezen in two sets, 6-1 and 6-1.

Bay Port's Mira Matuszewski and Hannah Ernest defeated Pulaski's Sarah Johnson and Josie Steeno in two sets, 6-1 and 6-1.

Bay Port's Tia Gaffney and Ava Therriault defeated Pulaski's Hailey Jansen and Aubrie Schluessler in two sets, 6-2 and 6-1.

Pulaski's Alyssa Eggert and Linde Lemerond defeated Bay Port's Alyssa Wettstein and Abby Wells in three

sets, 2-6, 6-4 and 10-6.

Notre Dame vs. Pulaski

The Pulaski girls tennis team dropped all seven matches to Notre Dame on Aug. 31. The Red Raiders dropped four singles matches and three doubles matches.

Shawano vs. New London

The Shawano girls tennis team defeated New London by a score of 5-2 at New London on Aug. 31.

The Hawks won all four singles matchups, with Setterman defeating New London's Samantha Hoerth in two sets, 6-0 and 6-0. The Bulldogs won two out of the three doubles matches, with Katie Weiland and Bakeberg defeating New London's Madison Simenson and Addison Marsh, 6-2 and 6-0.

Shawano places second at conference matchup

By **LUKE REIMER**
Correspondent

Shawano finished second, while Bonduel placed sixth out of seven teams during a Bay Conference matchup in Seymour on Aug. 29.

While Xavier won the meet with

a score of 184, Shawano was close behind, scoring 194. Bonduel scored a combined 253 on the day.

Junior Sophia Eggert had the lowest score out of all teams, shooting a 40. Junior Gabi Krause had the lowest score for Bonduel, shooting a 59.

Fox River Classic Conference

Mini Meet 3

Pulaski finished fifth out of eight times in an FRCC matchup with eight teams competing Aug. 29.

Bay Port took home the win with a combined score of 339.

Notre Dame and Green Bay Preble followed behind with scores of 346 and 356, respectively. Pulaski finished with a score of 379.

Senior Vivien Ninham led the Red Raiders with a score of 83, which was tied for fourth best on the day.

AMATEUR BASEBALL

Antigo/Polar wins BABA title on walk-off homer

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

Antigo/Polar won the Badger Amateur Baseball Association Grand Championship on a AJ Kirsch walk-off home run. Kirsch's homer gave Antigo/Polar a 4-3 win over Scandi-

navia on Sept. 3 in Antigo.

Kirsch, Jed Weix, Isaac Bixby and Will Kubeny all finished with two hits for Antigo/Polar. Kubeny homered among his hits, while Weix doubled.

The grand championship was a

rematch from 2022, with Antigo/Polar also winning that contest.

Bixby also was the winning pitcher.

Gus Turner-Zick led Scandinavia with two hits. Jesse Dickert and Jason Steinbach each doubled. Ben

ONLINE

Visit www.bababaseball.com/index.html for up-to-date standings and statistics from the BABA.

Lee took the loss on the hill.

Shawano, Oconto Falls place in top 10 at invite

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Shawano had two runners in the top 10 and Oconto Falls had one in the boys varsity cross country De Pere Invite on Aug. 31 at UW-Green Bay.

Ethan Onesti placed third in in 16:30.2, and teammate Will Chelberg was fifth in 16:40.8. Ben Adams of Oconto Falls placed sixth in 16:48.8.

Gillett's Bradyn Wendorff ran to an 18th-place finish win 17:32.1.

Parker Marshall of Pulaski had a time of 18:04.7 for 39th place, one spot in front of Shawano's Josiah Kuehl's 18:05.4. Pulaski's Augustine Daniel was 42nd in 18:09.4.

Shawano's Andon Chelberg finished in 47th place with a time of 18:22.6. Pulaski's Novak Dayne was 56th in 18:36.1, and teammate Arden Gillen was 61st in 18:42.8. Quinn Olson of Shawano had a time of 18:51.4 for 66th place, and Pulaski's Peyton Yaw was 73rd in 19:01.8.

Oconto Falls' Griffin Kapke placed 82nd in 19:12, Shawano's Trevor Schwartz was 89th in 19:17.8, and Pulaski's Thomas Murphy was 100th in 19:35.7.

Other competitors included Brent Laluzeme of Oconto Falls, Connor Chelberg of Shawano, Isiah Holtz of Oconto Falls, Scott Heroux of Gillett, Dayne Groth of Pulaski, Nash Stage of Gillett, Ben Peterson of Gillett, Chase Anderson of Gillett, Enrique Stange of Pulaski, Emerson Rice of Oconto Falls, Braxton Rajkovich of Oconto Falls, Gillett's Zander Davis and Oconto Falls' Landon Timm.

Placing in the top 10 for the girls were Shawano's Lilly Guenther in ninth in 20:07.9 and Bailey Hendricks in 10th in 20:19.7.

Teammate Grace Chelberg was 16th in 20:47.7, with fellow Hawk Maci Beyer in 24th in 21:21.4. Olivia Stedl of Pulaski was 25th in 21:23.3, and Hailey Delzer of Oconto Falls had a time of 21:28.5 for 28th place.

Shawano's Adalyn Barkley was 53rd in 22:01.3, followed closely by Oconto Falls' Brooke Hadkewicz in 55th place in 22:03.7 and fellow Panther Hannah Ludermann in 58th place in 22:09.8.

Emma Meissner of Oconto Falls placed 72nd in 22:35.6, with teammate Maddy Przybyski in 97th in 23:22.9 and Shawano's Anabelle Schroeder in 99th in 23:25.4.

Other runners were Gillett's Hope Soper, Oconto Falls' Josie Holtz, Oconto Falls' Ava Hodkewicz, Oconto Falls' Madkenzie Lotto, Lena St. Thomas Aquinas Academy's Adrena Rabas, Gillett's Sophie Limberg, Gillett's Maggie

Kaczmarek and Gillett's Lily Hansen.

Green Bay Preble

Bonduel placed fourth out of six teams at Green Bay Preble on Aug. 31.

Ben O'Brien led the Bears with a fourth-place finish in 17:43.1. Joining him were Race Anvelink in 16th at 19:17, Gage Anderson in 28th at 20:50.7, Oliver Chitwood in 31st at 21:19.3 and Joah Dworniczak in 36th at 22:19.4.

Garrett Anderson also competed and finished in 37th place in 23:33.6.

T-Bird Invite

Wittenberg-Birnamwood sophomore Rory Salveson finished in first place and teammate Nora Bushman (freshman) placed fifth in Iola-Scandinavia T-Bird Invitational on Aug. 29. The cross country meet featured a 5,000-meter run.

Salveson finished with a time of 19:26.5, and Bushman's time was 20:55.4.

There were 118 girls competing. Sophomore Mariah Wondra of Bonduel placed eighth in 21:20.7, and teammate junior Teagan Engel was 14th in 21:58.2. Also in the top 20 was Bonduel senior Joselyn Bohm at 19th in 22:56.4.

Other local competitors in the top 50 and times included Bonduel senior Ashlyn Kurey, 25th place, 23:18.7; Wittenberg-Birnamwood freshman Gabrielle Time, 26th, 23:23; Bonduel sophomore Ceirra Schnell, 30th, 23:39; Bonduel junior Hailey Berg, 31st, 23:53.9; Oconto senior Elizabeth Finger, 48th, 26:04.6; and Wolf River Lutheran freshman Violet Buchholz, 49th, 26:08.6.

Other local competitors included Bonduel junior Taylor Rank, 72nd; Bonduel junior Seidy Blandon, 80th; Oconto sophomore Willow Burke, 84th; Marion freshman Bella Conover, 87th; Oconto sophomore Harper Burke, 89th; Oconto sophomore Jorgie Runnerstrom, 98th; Wittenberg-Birnamwood junior Ava Hegewald, 99th; Marion junior Bridget Much, 103rd; Oconto senior Gracie Simon, 104th; Wittenberg-Birnamwood junior Jayden Zeinert, 105th; Oconto senior Hayden Beekman, 106th; Oconto senior Alex Hyland, 108th; Oconto senior Sydney Christopherson, 112th; Wittenberg-Birnamwood senior Amelia Bessert, 113th; Oconto senior Savannah Brill, 115th; and Oconto freshman Emily Aerts, 118th.

Bonduel senior Ben O'Brien led the local boys with a fourth-place finish with a time of 17:13.7. There were 137 boys competing.

Menominee Indian freshman Ryan

Corn placed 14th with a time of 18:30.6, while teammate senior Julius Kaquatosh was 29th in 19:35.9. Wittenberg-Birnamwood senior Joey Seegmiller placed 32nd in 19:50.3, edging out Bonduel junior Race Anvelink, who placed 33rd in 19:52.4.

Another five local runners placed in the top 50. They were Gresham/Bowler senior Bryson Nelson, 36th, 20:03.7; Oconto junior Garrett Goetsch, 41st, 20:22; Wittenberg-Birnamwood sophomore Jonas Bushman, 42nd, 20:25.1; Menominee Indian junior Francis Delabrau, 43rd, 20:30.3; and Bondel freshman Oliver Chitwood, 49th, 20:43.

Other local runners were Menominee Indian sophomore Anikohsach Corn, 51st; Bonduel sophomore Griffin Uelmen, 53rd; Oconto senior Jackson Martin, 54th; Oconto junior Owen Bryzozowski, 57th; Oconto junior Daniel Alwin, 59th; Oconto junior Carter Kohc, 60th; Wittenberg-Birnamwood senior Ian Salveson, 63rd; Wittenberg-Birnamwood junior Hayden Miller, 65th; Bonduel freshman Gage Anderson, 67th; Oconto junior Trenton Hartman, 68th; Menominee Indian junior Barron Waupoose, 69th; Wittenberg-Birnamwood freshman Milo Salveson,

72nd; Bonduel junior Ben Reisner, 73rd; Wittenberg-Birnamwood junior Taras Guk, 77th; Marion senior Jesse Trebus, 78th; Wittenberg-Birnamwood freshman Carson Meronk, 79th; Bonduel freshman Joah Dworniczak, 83rd; Wittenberg-Birnamwood freshman Dalton Fletcher, 88th; and Marion sophomore Tristan Herro, 98th.

Finishing outside of the top 100 were Wittenberg-Birnamwood freshman Marty Nowinsky, 101st; Wittenberg-Birnamwood freshman Max Kasprak, 110th; Bonduel freshman Garrett Anderson, 113th; Bonduel freshman Garrett Klosterman, 117th; Menominee Indian freshman Tony Corn, 122nd; Wittenberg-Birnamwood senior Dustin Yaeger, 124th; Oconto sophomore Dalton Bastian, 126th; Menominee Indian sophomore Dennis Bear, 130th; Marion freshman Adam Liethen, 134th; and Gresham/Bowler sophomore Matthew Freitag, 136th.

As a team, the Bonduel boys were sixth, Menominee Indian was seventh, Oconto was 11th and Wittenberg-Birnamwood was 12th. For the girls, Bonduel placed third, with Wittenberg-Birnamwood in eighth and Oconto in 13th.

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AUTO RACING

Westphal wins to cement Mighty 4 title

Whitman, Teske, Frank, VanStraten also win track titles

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The Shawano Speedway racing season concluded with Championship Night on Sept. 2, with Tanner Westphal, Travis VanStraten, Gunner Frank, Jeffery Teske and Johnny Whitman winning track titles.

Westphal, Kyle Frederick, Troy Springborn, Jake Carpenter and Mike Mullen won feature races on the final night.

Westphal won the Mighty 4 feature race to seal up a title in the division. He moved up five spots during the

race to earn the top finish.

Dalton Nelson, Chad Halterman, Clint Malueg and Austin Pingel rounded out the top five in the feature race. Westphal won the title by eight points over Nelson. Brad Wedde took third. Calvin Stueck finished fourth, while Alexis Michonski was fifth overall.

VanStraten won the IMCA Stock Car class by 30 points, the largest margin for any champion. He moved up seven spots to finish second in the final feature race.

Frederick moved past four drivers to take first in the feature. Brekken Kleinschmidt, Vern Stedjee and Dan Michonski capped the top five.

Frederick finished second in the final standings, while Dylan Stedjee was third. Dan Michonski took fourth, and Vern Stedjee was fifth.

Frank won the Late Model class by

14 points. He was not part of the field on Championship Night.

Springborn started on the front row of the feature and went on to finish first. Ron Berna claimed second, while Brett Swedberg was third. Derek Janke and Andy Karl filled out the top five.

Karl landed second in the final standings, with Berna in third. Joel Bennett took fourth, while Todd Frank was fifth.

Teske finished 11 points higher than any other driver in the IMCA Sport Mod division. He moved up seven spots and placed fifth in the final feature race.

Carpenter moved past 10 cars to earn to top finish in the feature race. Logan Fleischman was second, JJ Vanderloop third and Mason Woods fourth.

Fleischman also took second in

the final standings. Jerry Vanderloop grabbed third. Tyler Sobiesczyk and Travis Rhoades rounded out the top five.

Whitman won the IMCA Modified division in what was the tightest finish of the speedway's five classes. He scored 487 points, edging Konnor Wilinski at 483 points. Whitman placed third in the final feature race, moving past 12 cars to do so.

Mullen started the race in third and went on to win the feature, while Jayden Schmidt took second. Jason Czarapata and Wilinski rounded out the top five.

Jordan Bartz came in third in the final standings. Jerry Wilinski took fourth, while Marcus Yarie was fifth.

All results and point standings can be found at www.myracepass.com/tracks/1874.

Genskow, Miller too much for White Lake/Elcho

By DUSTIN RIESE
Correspondent

Coming off a loss to open their 2023 8-player season, Marion/Tigerton was back on the field Friday for a matchup against White/Lake Elcho. As expected, this was another high-scoring affair, but one that Marion/Tigerton controlled from the second quarter on.

All it took was a massive second quarter that saw Marion/Tigerton score 22 of their 48 points and an offense that put up 36 points in the first half. That was more than enough to pull a victory as Marion/Tigerton improves to 1-1 on the season with their 48-28 victory on Sept. 1.

"All week during practice, we talked about having each individual do their job on the field," coach Micah Schwantes said. "They did just that and more tonight as we played a tremendous game."

If the first quarter was any sign of what was to come, this was going to be an offensive shootout as both teams came out on fire offensively. After White Lake grabbed an early 8-0 lead following a short run, it was the passing game of Braxton Genskow that got

the offense going as he completed 16 of his 26 passes for 205 yards and five TDs, with 118 of those yards going to Parker Miller.

Not only did Miller come down with eight receptions, but four of those receptions were for touchdowns, as the White Lake defense seemingly had no answers for him. The duo hooked up for a 13-yard TD midway through the first to tie things up 8-8 before connecting on a 42-yard gain later in the quarter to make things 14-14 after one. Their second TD came after White Lake connected for a long TD pass of their own, as neither defense was able to settle in early on.

Once the second quarter got underway, the Marion/Tigerton defense made some adjustments; they not only shut the White Lake/Elcho offense down, but their offense continued to inflict damage. While Miller may have been the primary focus of the game, Jackson Krohn made his presence known with two receptions for 26 yards — including a go-ahead 24-yard TD in the second to put Marion/Tigerton up 22-14. Marion/Tigerton then saw its lead cut to 22-20 after another TD run from White Lake/Elcho kept

things close before the offense closed out the first half with a flurry.

Already with three TD passes under his belt, Genskow hooked up two more times with Miller before the end of the half to stretch the Marion/Tigerton lead out to 36-20 after one half of play. Unlike the first half where the offense was the story, it was much more of a defensive battle the rest of the way as 20 total points were scored in the second half. Eight of those points came from White Lake/Elcho, as another TD run in the third made things 36-28 as they refused to go away. That is something that Schwantes wants to fix in the weeks ahead, as his team had a tough time stopping the run.

"Credit White Lake for being able to run the ball as well as they did," he said. "They are a very physical team and did a nice job setting the tone early in both halves. Thankfully our guys found ways to adjust in each half to get back on track. That is something we need to get better with defensively if we want to reach the level we expect to this season."

Looking for the knockout blow in the fourth quarter, it was time for Marion/Tigerton to show off their

ability to run the football. Look no further than Genskow. Not only did he have 205 yards passing with his five scores, but he added another score on the ground by taking one in from 40 yards out to make things 42-28. Genskow also led the team in rushing with 162 yards on 23 carries, as he had more than 360 yards of combined offense with six TDs.

Miller also had a massive game, as he had more than 200 all purpose yards and five TDs of his own; 86 of his yards came on the ground off just four carries — including his 67-yard burst late in the fourth quarter to extend the Marion/Tigerton lead to their biggest margin of the game, 48-28. Those would be the final points of the night for either side as Marion/Tigerton picked up their first win of 2023 in dominating fashion.

"I am very happy with our performance on the field tonight," Schwantes said. "Sure, we weren't perfect, but no one is going to play a perfect game this early in the season. I couldn't have asked for much more from our kids tonight as they took what we were discussing in practice and put it to use on the field, and the results showed."

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MICAH SHWANTES, Marion/Tigerton football coach

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Suring delivers clean sweep of Tigerton in volleyball action

By **DUSTIN RIESE**
Correspondent

The Suring Eagles couldn't have asked for a much better opening to their 2023 volleyball season as they continue their hot start. After dropping their season opening match in straight sets, the Eagles have responded with three straight match victories — including a straight-set win over Tigerton on Aug. 30 — to move to 3-1 on the season.

While the straight-set win is always nice, one has to look a little deeper to see just how dominant the Eagles actually were in victory over Tigerton. Not only did Suring dominate most sets, but they didn't concede more than 16 points in any of those three sets, which paved the way to a dominating win.

Coach Carly Hanson loved the way her team came out and sent a message during the entire match.

"I am extremely proud of the girls' effort from start to finish," she said. "They came out focused and managed to minimize our mistakes while capitalizing on theirs. This

was a complete team effort."

A match may not be decided in the first set, but a team can certainly set the tone for what is to come the rest of the night. The Eagles did that and more as they conceded a couple of early points before sinking their teeth in and taking complete control. At one point, it looked like they would run the table as the Tigers were searching for answers, only to fall in the first set 25-8.

"That was one of our best sets this season," Hanson said. "It's not too often when you can get on a run like we did and make it hold up. We were in complete control from the start, and the girls made sure they weren't going to let Tigerton back into the set. If we can play like that on a nightly basis, we are going to be tough to beat."

The second set was no different as the overall balance of the Eagles continued to give the Tigers fits across the board. Even with McKenzie Hoffman and Aaliyah Lederhaus having some success at the service line with three aces, the

Owls refused to crack as their front line continued to dictate the tempo of the game.

Even with the Tigers hanging around a bit longer than expected, Suring eventually got back into their game as Claire Pommerich, Bailey Stuart and Tessa Losurdo started to contain the Tigerton offense to gain momentum on their own end. That helped the Eagles pull away as they took a 2-0 match lead with a 25-13 set two win.

In what was a win-or-go-home set for the Tigers, Suring knew they had to keep focused as Tigerton was going to come at them with everything they had.

Tigerton continued to rely on several perfectly placed serves, but Lillian Welch and Samantha Suehring started to get involved up front as they combined for nine kills, with most of them coming in that final set. For the first time all match, it seemed like the Tigers had control of a set as Suring was in a much tougher battle this time around.

Mashya Seefeldt, and Autumn Degrave did a phenomenal job play-

ing in the middle as they managed to stop any momentum the Tigers had to help the Eagles settle in to their offense. Once that happened, it was the presence of Pommerich, Stuart and Losurdo on the outside as they continued to find holes in the Tigers defense from the front line.

Just when it looked like the Eagles were about to pull away again, Tigerton battled back as they didn't want things to end without at least trying to force a fourth set. However, good teams find ways to battle through adversity and win and Suring is a good team. Whether it be the mental toughness of the seniors or the great overall play from front to back, the Eagles took the Tigers' best shots from start to finish and managed to finish off what they started, 25-16, to sweep the Tigers.

"We have steadily improved every match, and that is all you can ask for," Hanson said. "The goal throughout a season is to get better with every match. We have been able to do that, and it is something we would like to continue as the season goes on."



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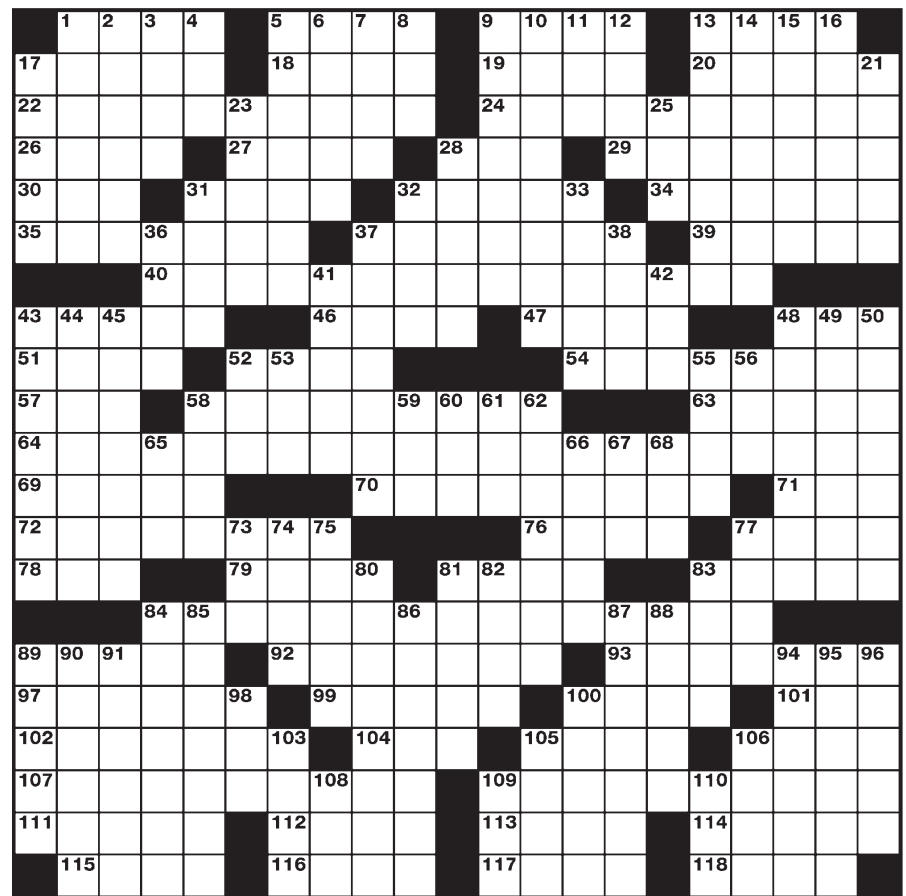
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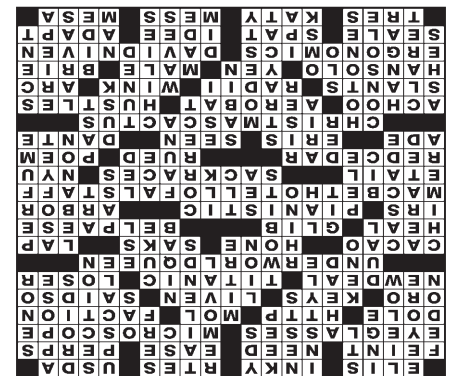
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OBITUARIES

Elfrieda Buettner

Elfrieda Buettner left this earth on the morning of Aug. 29, 2023, to join her daughter, Julie, in heaven.

Elfrieda Elsie Gertrude Gueths was born Oct. 2, 1932, in the Town of Richmond at the home of her parents, Arthur and Caroline "Lena" (Sommers) Gueths. She was baptized (Oct. 23, 1932) and confirmed (April 14, 1946) at St. Jakobi Lutheran Church. She attended Forest School and then lived with her sister, Nora, to attend Shawano High School. She graduated in 1950 and went to work at Farmers Implement.

On Sept. 19, 1953, she married Marvin Buettner at St. Jakobi — a marriage that lasted 20 days shy of 70 years. In 1955, Marv and Frieda moved to the family farm where she worked to raise her children and helped to run the farm. She continued to help milk until retiring from the farm in 2008, when she and Marv moved to their Madison Way apartment, where she resided until her death.

She was a lifelong member of St. Jakobi and a faithful member of the Ladies Aid. As her children got



older, she became the general leader of the Wolf River 4-H Club and served on the executive board of the Shawano County Leaders Association. Although forgetful at

the end, she recalled the effort of preparing vegetables for the Shawano County Fair. For many years at the fair, she could be found helping in the kitchen at the Fireman's Stand.

Although her only sport was afternoon bowling at the R & R, she enjoyed watching her grandchildren play sports. Marv and Frieda were named the 2008 Fans of the Year by the Shawano Athletic Booster Club. During basketball season, they would often venture to Houghton to see Josh play Michigan Tech basketball.

Elfrieda is survived by her husband, Marvin; and their four children, Joel (Vicki) Buettner, Joan (Chuck) Stoehr, Jennifer (Gary) Hoffman and

Jeffrey (Kathy) Buettner.

She was preceded in death by her oldest daughter, Julie, and her son-in-law, Michael Timm.

Her "favorite job" started in 1979 when she became a grandmother, and she was later blessed with becoming a great-grandmother.

Her 13 grandchildren are Joshua Buettner (Jenna Tillman), Katie (Troy) Kirgan, Kelsie (Michael) Perez, Kylee (Justin) Richter, Rodney (Nancy) Stoehr, Melissa (Andrew) Stumbras, Bradley (Christa) Hoffman, Mindy Hoffman; Brock (Hannah) Hoffman, Brady Hoffman (fiancee Anastasia Krueger), Beau Hoffman; Krystal Buettner and Brandon Buettner. Her great-grandchildren are Rayce Bosnich, Trenton Kirgan, Kali and Mason Perez, Caroline and Griffin Richter; Elaina, Esmae and Avner Stoehr, Bronson and Garen Stumbras, and Archer and Allie Hoffman.

She was preceded in death by a

great-granddaughter, Abigail Hoffman.

She is further survived by a sister, Betty (Sam) Cartwright; three sisters-in-law, Norma Martzke, Betty Booras and Marcia Buettner; and one brother-in-law, Willard (Virginia) Buettner.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her siblings, Reinhold Gueths, Lawrence Gueths, Nora Engel, August "Butch" Gueths, Carl "Chubby" Gueths, Alfred Gueths, Fred Gueths and Chester Gueths; and brothers-in-law, John Buettner, Roger "Rip" Buettner and Daniel Buettner.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, Sept. 2, at St. Jakobi Lutheran Church with the Rev. Travis Kleinschmidt officiating. Burial was in St. Jakobi Lutheran Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to St. Jakobi Lutheran Church.

Grandmas hold our hands a little while, but our hearts forever.

Janette M. Probst

Janette M. Probst, 81, of Oshkosh, passed away on Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2023, in Neenah.

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PUBLIC HEARING

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CU-2-23

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Any interested person may address the Village Board and Planning & Zoning Commission by letter or appear in person or by agent and be at the public hearing. The Planning & Zoning Commission will discuss, review and take possible action on CU-2-23 at their scheduled meeting to be held immediately after the Public Hearing is over.

Teri Westerfeld, Clerk/Treasurer
Village of Cecil

Date Posted: August 28, 2023
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

PROJECT: STORAGE GARAGE
SHAWANO LAKE SANITARY DISTRICT, SHAWANO, WISCONSIN

BID DEADLINE: 1:00 PM, September 22, 2023

NOTICE:

Shawano Lake Sanitary District will receive sealed proposals for construction of a new 2,880 S.F. heated Storage Garage at N5772 Old Lake Road, Shawano, Wisconsin. Lump-sum proposals will be accepted for general construction of the building. A single-prime contract will be awarded for complete construction of the building and site improvements including all trades.

TIME:

Sealed bids will be received by Shawano Lake Sanitary District at their office, N4802 River Bend Road, Shawano, Wisconsin until 1:00 PM, local time, on September 22, 2023, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

BIDS:

All bids shall be addressed to Nicole Bystol, Administrative Manager, Shawano Lake Sanitary District, N4802 River Bend Road, Shawano, WI 54166, and shall be enclosed in an opaque envelope clearly identified as "PROPOSAL FOR STORAGE GARAGE" marked with the name and address of the bidder. All bidders shall bid in accordance with, and shall bid upon the Proposal Forms included in the Bid Documents.

BID DOCUMENTS:

Bid Documents may be examined at the office of the Engineers.

Complete sets of Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Engineers, Nordin Design Group, Inc., N5841 Hwy. 47-55, Shawano, WI 54166, for a non-refundable fee of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00), payable to Nordin Design Group, Inc., for each set of Bidding Documents requested.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Owner requires Bidders to be pre-qualified for this project in accordance with the Wisconsin Statutes 66.29(2). Qualifications shall be delivered to Engineer, not less than 5 days prior to the bid deadline. Bidders who have submitted satisfactory qualifications for a previous project during calendar 2023 will not be required to submit separate qualifications for this project.

BID SECURITY:

Each proposal must be accompanied by a cashier's check or bid bond duly executed by the bidder as principal and having as Surety thereon a company qualified to act as Surety in the State of Wisconsin. The Bid Security shall be not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount of the bid, which shall be forfeited to the Shawano Lake Sanitary District in the event that the successful bidder fails to enter into a Contract and to furnish satisfactory Performance and Payment Bonds within ten (10) days after Award of Contract.

BID REJECTION:

Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive irregularities in the bidding, and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interests of the Shawano Lake Sanitary District.

Published by the authority of Shawano Lake Sanitary District.

By: Nicole Bystol, Administrative Manager

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A super blue moon was visible the night of Aug. 30-31. The next one won't happen until 2037.

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Super blue moon lights up the night sky

A super blue moon captured the attention of millions Aug. 30-31.

A blue moon is the term for when there are two full moons in a single month, according to NASA. The moon's cycle is 29.5 days, a bit shorter than the average length of a calendar month. Eventually that gap results in a full moon happening at the beginning of a month with enough days still remaining for another full cycle. This happens every two to three years.

The moon travels around the planet in an elliptical orbit, or an elongated circle, with Earth closer to one side of the ellipse.

Each month, the moon passes through the point closest to Earth (perigee) and the point farthest from

Earth (apogee). When the moon is at or near its closest point to Earth at the same time as it is full, it is called a "supermoon." Because the full moon is closer to Earth than usual, it appears larger and brighter.

The term "supermoon" is used to describe a full moon that occurs within a day or so of perigee, so they happen three to four times a year. About 25% of all full moons are supermoons, but only 3% of full moons are blue moons.

The time between super blue moons is quite irregular — it can be as much as 20 years — but in general, 10 years is the average.

The next super blue moons will occur in a pair, in January and March 2037.

Notice of Intent to Enter Public Contract

The Town of Richmond may enter into a public contract to the town of more than \$5,000, but not more than \$10,000, to be authorized by the town board in September, 2023 for the replacement of two back doors on the town hall. This notice is provided pursuant to Wis. Statutes Sec. 60.47 (2)(a) and Sec. 985.07 as Class I notice. This notice is posted on August 29, 2023 and published on September 8, 2023.

Notice given by Richard J. Stadelman, Town Clerk, Town of Richmond

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NOTICE FOR ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING Pulaski Community School District [Sec. 120.08 (1)]

Notice is hereby given to qualified electors of the Pulaski Community School District, that the budget hearing and annual meeting of said district for the transaction of business will be held in the Ripley Auditorium at the Pulaski High School on the fourth Wednesday of September, being September 27, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. A copy of the proposed 2023-2024 budget can be viewed on our website <https://www.pulaskischools.org/business/district-budget>. Dated this 31 day of August 2023,

Sara Mangold/District Clerk

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COURT NEWS

• Maria J. Pecore, 34, Shawano, pleaded no contest June 7 to child neglect with a consequence of bodily harm, second-degree recklessly endangering safety, possession of narcotic drugs and two counts of misdemeanor bail jumping. Judge Katherine Sloma sentenced her Aug. 28 to four years in prison, followed by five years of extended supervision.

• Jamie L. Erbrecht, 68, Shawano, pleaded no contest Aug. 30 to operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fifth or sixth offense) and a misdemeanor count of operating while his license was revoked. Sloma sentenced her to 18 months in prison, followed by 36 months of extended supervision, and revoked her driver's license for 36 months.

• Riley T. Bosman, 20, Cecil, appeared in court Aug. 30 after his probation was revoked July 13 on charges of possession of methamphetamine and two counts of possession of narcotic drugs. Sloma sentenced him to 18 months in prison and 36 months of extended supervision in addition to any time he is already serving for other crimes.

• Travis J. Morris, 43, Shawano, was

charged Aug. 28 with fleeing an officer in his vehicle and second-degree recklessly endangering safety. Judge William F. Kussel Jr. set a \$2,000 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for Sept. 20.

• Brian R. Sanapaw, 38, Keshena, was charged Aug. 28 with possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor counts of possession of THC and possession of drug paraphernalia. Kussel set a \$2,500 signature bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Sept. 15.

• Wayne A. Tullberg, 55, Weston, was charged Aug. 28 with possession of narcotic drugs, possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), three counts of misdemeanor bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Kussel set a \$750 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Sept. 8.

• Mason A. Frechette, 21, Green Bay, was charged Aug. 28 with two counts of felony bail jumping. Kussel set a \$1,500 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for Nov. 15.

• Tyson A. Schreiber, 24, Shawano, was charged Aug. 28 with five counts of felony

bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of criminal damage to property. Kussel set a \$7,500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Aug. 30.

• Ayesha M. Dodge, 27, Keshena, was charged Aug. 29 with possession with intent to deliver methamphetamine, possession of narcotic drugs and possession of THC (second or subsequent offense). Kussel set a \$7,500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Sept. 6.

• Kaitlyn L.M. Pingel, 20, Bowler, was charged Aug. 30 with fleeing an officer, possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), seven counts of felony bail jumping and three counts of misdemeanor bail jumping. Kussel set a \$5,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Sept. 6.

• Summer R. Mann, 22, Milwaukee, was charged Aug. 30 with possession of narcotic drugs and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. Kussel set a \$2,500 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for Nov. 15.

• Christopher D. Warrington, 26, Keshena, was charged Aug. 30 with possession of narcotic drugs, nine counts

of felony bail jumping, and misdemeanor counts of resisting or obstructing an officer and possession of drug paraphernalia. Kussel set a \$7,500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Sept. 7.

• Taylor D. Chevalier, 29, Neopit, was charged Aug. 30 with possession of methamphetamine, possession of narcotic drugs, and misdemeanor counts of possession of THC and possession of drug paraphernalia. Kussel set a \$5,000 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for Nov. 14.

• Ernest L. Wahsqonaikhezhi, 28, Keshena, was charged Aug. 31 with possession of narcotic drugs, two counts of felony bail jumping, three counts of misdemeanor bail jumping and misdemeanor resisting or obstructing an officer. Kussel set a \$5,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Sept. 7.

• Noah D. Jorstad, 24, Shawano, was charged Aug. 31 with eight counts of felony bail jumping and misdemeanor counts of disorderly conduct and resisting or obstructing an officer. Kussel set a \$1,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Sept. 1.

PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Sept. 4

Deputies responded to 36 incidents, including intoxication on Poplar Road in the Town of Richmond, property theft on First Avenue in Birnamwood, harassment on River Bend Road in the Town of Belle Plaine, noise on East State Street in Bonduel; a vehicle fire on state Highway 29 in the Town of Herman; two 911 calls; three reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazard; one deer-related crash.

Sept. 3

Deputies responded to 50 incidents, including drugs on state Highway 22 in the Town of Washington; robbery at 22 Shell, N4543 State Highway 22 in the Town of Belle Plaine; bail jumping on Country Lane in the Town of Washington, found property on School House Road in the Town of Seneca; juvenile problem at Ho-Chunk Casino, N7198 U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Wittenberg; juvenile runaway on Greenwood Lane in the Town of Hartland; property theft on Ash Road in the Town of Richmond; property theft on Freeborn Street in Cecil; two property theft incidents on County Road U in the Town of Herman; assisting with a fire on state Highway 22 in the Town of Green Valley; fireworks on Frontage Road in the Town of Washington; warrant arrest at the Shawano County Fairgrounds, 900 E. Green Bay St., Shawano; eight 911 calls; two reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazard.

Sept. 2

Deputies responded to 60 incidents, including operating while intoxicated

on Baehr Street in Cecil; vehicle fire on Old 47 Road in the Town of Cecil; fight in progress at Higher Wire, N6017 Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; property theft on Trieglaff Road in the Town of Grant; trespassing on Pioneer Court in the Town of Wescott; shoplifting on South Webb Street in Wittenberg; criminal damage on Sandy Drive in the Town of Washington; lost property at the Shawano County Fairgrounds, 900 E. Green Bay St., Shawano; scam on County Road MMM in the Town of Richmond; found property at the Shawano County Fairgrounds, 900 E. Green Bay St., Shawano; noise at the USA Raceway, W5901 County Road BE in the Town of Wescott; eight 911 calls; three crashes; four reckless driving incidents; two traffic hazards.

Sept. 1

Deputies responded to 53 incidents, including embezzlement at Burger King, 100 Express Way in Bonduel; warrant arrest on Hemlock Road in the Town of Hutchins; property theft on County Road MMM in the Town of Richmond; threatening on East Reed Street in Wittenberg; property theft on County Road E in the Town of Green Valley; three 911 calls; five reckless driving incidents; two traffic hazards; three crashes.

Aug. 31

Deputies responded to 33 incidents, including criminal damage at the Shawano County Jail, 405 N. Main St.; assisting with a fire on Hintz Road in the Town of Green Valley; a warrant arrest at the Shawano County Fairgrounds, 900 E. Green Bay St., Shawano; two lost property incidents at the Shawano

County Fairgrounds, 900 E. Green Bay St., Shawano; two 911 calls; three reckless driving incidents; four traffic hazards.

Aug. 30

Deputies responded to 26 incidents, including property theft at Wagner Shell, 504 E. Grand Ave., Wittenberg; property theft at the Shawano County Fairgrounds, 900 E. Green Bay St., Shawano; one 911 call; three reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazard.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Sept. 4

Officers responded to 23 incidents, including drug offenses on South Sawyer Street; a hit-and-run at Sherwin Williams, 1221 E. Green Bay St.; shoplifting at Family Dollar, 413 S. Main St.; attempted theft on East Lieg Avenue.

Sept. 3

Officers responded to 24 incidents, including a robbery at 22 Shell, N4543 State Highway 22 in the Town of Belle Plaine; reckless driving on Hill Street; drug offenses at Quality Inn and Suites, 104 N. Airport Drive; found property on Prospect Circle; harassment on South Main Street; drug offenses on South Evergreen Street; vehicle crash with an owl on Prospect Circle; operating without a license on East Green Bay Street.

Sept. 2

Officers responded to 25 incidents, including noise at Sturgeon Park, 811 S. Water St.; operating without a license on West Third Street; property theft on South Union Street; found property on South Smalley Street; intoxicated person at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.;

intoxicated person at Co-Op Park, 1001 E. Richmond St.

Sept. 1

Officers responded to 27 incidents, including noise on East Robin Lane; a warrant arrest at Charlie's County Market, 521 S. Main St.; shoplifting on South Main Street; counterfeit on East Fifth Street; shoplifting at Charlie's County Market, 521 S. Main St.; vandalism on South Smalley Street; property theft on East Randall Street.

Aug. 31

Officers responded to 20 incidents, including property theft at Sharon's Bar, 111 S. Washington St.; warrant arrest on South Lafayette Street; assisting with a fire call at Performance Foodservice, 1260 County Road B; alcohol offense at The Store, 404 E. Green Bay St.; a crash on North Washington Street; drug offenses at the police station, 125 S. Sawyer St.; identity theft at an undisclosed location; trespassing on South Prospect Street; shoplifting at Vivian Nails, 186 Woodlawn Drive; traffic hazard at Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St.

Aug. 30

Officers responded to 22 incidents, including found property at Sturgeon Park, 811 S. Water St.; property theft at the Shawano Recreation Center, 220 E. Division St.; fraud on North Humphrey Circle; property theft at Charlie's County Market, 521 S. Main St.; threatening on South Weed Street; shoplifting at Charlie's County Market, 521 S. Main St.; juvenile problem on Teddington Lane; drug offenses at Hardee's, 1120 E. Green Bay St.

Medals posthumously awarded to WWII veteran

Rep. Mike Gallagher presented medals posthumously to the family of World War II veteran Albert Spiegel on Aug. 28.

When America entered into World War II, Spiegel made the decision to leave his career to join the U.S. Army and serve his country. Within a year of his enlistment, Spiegel was deployed to the heart of the war in the European Theater, where he rose to the rank of master sergeant and led combat service support teams.

"Albert's leadership of his combat service support teams allowed the soldiers of Seine Area Command to ensure Allied victory in key battles in the European theater," Gallagher said during the presentation of the medals in De Pere. "In August of 1944, Seine Area Command was responsible for maintaining accountability of personnel and efficiently distributing supplies after the liberation of Paris."

The medals presented to Spiegel were the Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Service Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern

Campaign Medal with one bronze service star, World War II Victory Medal and Honorable Service Lapel Button World War II.

Spiegel was born May 2, 1917, in Tigerton, and he graduated from Tigerton High School and eventually became a bookkeeper for Morning Glory Dairy Foods. However, America's entry into World War II caused Spiegel's plans to change.

"Albert's service to his community and to his country did not end upon his honorable discharge from the Army," Gallagher said.

"He was an active member of St. James Lutheran Church in Shawano, serving his fellow parishioners on the church's finance committee and board of trustees for many years. He also continued to foster a sense of community among local veterans as a commander and 50-year member of the American Legion. However, Albert's greatest acts of service were performed as a devoted husband to his wife, Ebba, and father to his son, Jim, and daughters, Penelope and Juliann."

Spiegel passed away on Oct. 15, 2016.



U.S. Rep. Mike Gallagher, left, presents five medals Aug. 28 at his De Pere office to the family of the late Albert Spiegel, a Shawano County veteran who served in World War II.

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#2497
September 1, 8 15, 2023
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
SHAWANO COUNTY
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 23PR81

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

Curtis Lee Busch
DOD 8-8-2023

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
 2. The decedent, with date of birth of 2-22-1988 and date of death 8-8-2023, was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of W5141 Pioneer Court, Shawano, WI 54166.
 3. All interested persons waived notice.
 4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is November 29, 2023.
 5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate Office.
- Attorney James E. Aschenbrener
P.O. Box 146
Shawano, WI 54166
Telephone 715-524-6258
Bar No. 1008896
DATE SIGNED: August 22, 2023
Electronically signed by Gwen Hoffman
Probate Registrar
WNAXLP

#2507
September 29, 2023
STOCKBRIDGE-MUNSEE
TRIBAL COURT
MOHICAN NATION
STOCKBRIDGE-MUNSEE COMMUNITY
NOTICE OF COURT DATE
Case No. 2023-NC-0004

Petitioner:
Lexus Jade Fuller
From: Lexus Jade Fuller
To: Lexus Jade Reiter
The Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Court has scheduled this case for hearing as follows:
Hearing Date: Friday, September 29, 2023
Hearing Time: 10:00 AM
Hearing Type: Hearing
Location: Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Court
N8476 Mohheconnuck Road

Legals WNAXip

Bowler, WI 54416
All Name Change Proceedings: All parties must cause a notice of his or her intention to change name to be published in the Mohican News for one issue and in the Shawano Leader for one issue. The notice must state the petitioner's present name and the intended name and must state the date and time of the court hearing where the name change will be considered, and that any person who objects will have an opportunity to raise the objection at that time.
NOTICE: In the Mohican News and Shawano Leader shall not be less than 14 days and not greater than 90 days prior to the scheduled court hearing date, unless the Tribal Court finds good cause to waive this requirement.
Proof of Publication Notices: Must be provided to the Tribal Court prior to the hearing.
Date: Monday, August 7, 2023
Notice Hand/delivered in person this date
Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Court Clerk
WNAXLP

#2514
September 8, 15 & 22, 2023
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
SHAWANO COUNTY
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 23PR84

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Lois M. Wetzel
DOD 3-15-2023
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth of 6-22-1934 and date of death 3-15-2023, was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 113 Madison Way, Shawano, WI 54166.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is December 16, 2023.
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate Office.
Attorney James E. Aschenbrener
P.O. Box 146
Shawano, WI 54166
Telephone 715-524-6258
Bar No. 1008896
DATE SIGNED: August 29, 2023
Electronically signed by Gwen Hoffman
Probate Registrar
WNAXLP



SOUP SALE FUNDRAISER!!

Saturday, September 9, 2023
105 E Richmond Street, Shawano, WI
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Tour the shelter/clinic

Meet new Executive Director Hung Nyugen

Purchase a hand-painted, ceramic bowl and soup-to-go along with baked goods!

Serving Chili, Chicken Noodle, and Chicken Dumpling Soup



1 Quart with 2 Ceramic Bowls \$20.00
1 Quart Soup Only \$10.00
1 Ceramic Bowl Only: \$8.00
Bake Sale



ONLINE SILENT AUCTION

Sept 1 (7 a.m.) – Sept 8 (8 p.m.)

Winners will be posted on the event page by 9 p.m., September 8.

Pickup of baskets at SAM's House during our event on September 9, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Find all event links at www.sam25.org or join our event on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/sam25.org>

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#2475
September 8, 15, 22, 2023
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
SHAWANO COUNTY
PennyMac Loan Services, LLC
Plaintiff,
vs.
Alan J. Lenz and the United States of America
Defendant.
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
Case No. 23-CV-000055

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered on July 6, 2023 in the amount of \$96,846.34 the Sheriff will sell the described premises at public auction as follows:

TIME:
October 11, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.
TERMS:
Pursuant to said judgment, 10% of the successful bid must be paid to the sheriff at the sale in cash, cashier's check or certified funds, payable to the clerk of courts (personal checks cannot and will not be accepted). The balance of the successful bid must be paid to the clerk of courts in cash, cashier's check or certified funds no later than ten days after the court's confirmation of the sale or else the 10% down payment is forfeited to the plaintiff. The property is sold 'as is' and subject to all liens and encumbrances.

PLACE:
In the front lobby of the Shawano County Courthouse, City and County of Shawano
DESCRIPTION:
Commencing at the Southeast corner of Lot Six (6), Block C, on the original Plat of the Village of Cecil, Shawano County, Wisconsin; thence East 3 rods, more or less to the East boundry of Warrington Street; thence shall be the place of beginning; thence East 110 feet; thence North 60 feet parallel to Lemke Street; thence West 79 feet, more or less to the East boundry of the extension of Warrington Street; thence Southwesterly along the East boundry of the extension of Warrington Street 76 feet, more or less, to place of beginning. And; A part of Government Lot Four (4), Section Seventeen (17), Township Twenty-seven (27) North, Range Seventeen (17) East, in the Village of Cecil, Shawano County, Wisconsin, bounded described as follows: Commencing at the intersection of the North line of the said Government Lot 4, with the West line of Lemke Street; thence Southerly along the said West line 827.50 feet; thence angle 95 deg. 43 min. to the right 161.98 feet to the place of the beginning; thence continue on the same line 148.90 feet; thence angle 90 deg. 00 min. to the right 35.00 feet; thence angle 90 deg. 00min. to the right 148.90 feet; thence angle 90 deg. 00 min. to the right 35.00 feet to the place of beginning.

PROPERTY ADDRESS:
116 N Warrington Ave, Cecil, WI 54111-9210
DATED:
August 7th, 2023
Gray & Associates, L.L.P.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
16345 West Glendale Drive
New Berlin, WI 53151-2841
(414) 224-8404

George Lenzner
Shawano County Sheriff
Please go to www.gray-law.com to obtain the bid for this sale.
Gray & Associates, L.L.P. is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If you have previously received a discharge in a chapter 7 bankruptcy case, this communication should not be construed as an attempt to hold you personally liable for the debt.
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#2509
September 23, 2023
Notice of Public Sale
Lakeland Storage, 722 Waukechon St, Shawano, WI 54166.
Bidding will take place on www.Storagetreasures.com
<http://www.storagetreasures.com/>
starting September 23, 2023 at 9AM. Bidding is on the complete contents of the unit.
Owner - Emerald Wopshel Contents: boxes, totes, kids items, toys, misc.
Owner - Elvia Ovideo Contents: household items, boxes, tires, lamp
Owner - Elvia Ovideo Contents: household items, washer, boxes, bike, scooter
Owner - Lorraine Kelley Contents: baby items, clothes, boxes, bags
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#2482
August 25, September 1 & 8, 2023
MENOMINEE TRIBAL COURTS
MENOMINEE NATION
IN THE INTEREST OF; XZW 02/18/18 dob,
Allison Bailey
Address UKN
RESPONDENT
NOTICE OF HEARING FOR
CUSTODY-PHYSICAL PLACEMENT OF CHILD
CASE No. 19-CS-02

TAKE NOTICE THAT, Orman Daryl Waukau III through Legal Counsel filed a motion that requests the court to schedule a hearing on a motion for custody and physical placement of XZW and requested and was granted an order FOR temporary custody and physical placement with the father of the above-named child until such time the matter can be heard for final hearing before the court.
SERVICE to respondent was not made and believes she is avoiding service, now the court has ordered public publication of notice of the following scheduled date and time.
NOW THE COURT requires Respondent to be served by public publication or personal service therefore, reschedule for the hearing is as follows:
NOTICE OF HEARING
YOU ARE NOTIFIED TO APPEAR AT THE FOLLOWING DATE AND TIME:
LOCATION: MENOMINEE TRIBAL COURT W3293 WOIF River Drive Keshena, WI 54135
DATE: 15 September, 2023
TIME: 10 AM, or as soon as the matter may be heard.
BEFORE JUDGE; JUDGE HONORABLE CORI ALTMANN
Dated August 25, 2023
NOTIFICATION OF RIGHTS; You have a right to appear at the scheduled hearing. You have a right to legal counsel to represent you. You have a right to object to the motion. Failure to appear judgement may be granted as requested.
CONTACT; You may contact Mr. Fish For service or publication will continue or you may pick papers up at the Menominee Tribal Courts
KENNETH A. FISH
COUNSEL FOR Orman Daryl Waukau III
P.O. BOX 173
KESHENA, WI 54135
715-853-5855
kfislegal@gmail.com
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#2506
September 29, 2023
STOCKBRIDGE-MUNSEE
TRIBAL COURT
MOHICAN NATION
STOCKBRIDGE-MUNSEE COMMUNITY
NOTICE OF COURT DATE
Case No. 2023-NC-0005

Petitioner:
Arianna Anastasia Fuller
From: Arianna Anastasia Fuller
To: Arianna Anastasia Reiter
The Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Court has scheduled this case for hearing as Follows:
Hearing Date: Friday, September 29, 2023
Hearing Time: 10:15 AM
Hearing Type: Hearing
Location: Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Court
N8476 Mohheconnuck Road
Bowler, WI 54416
All Name Change Proceedings: All parties must cause a notice of his or her intention to change name to be published in the Mohican News for one issue and in the Shawano Leader for one issue. The notice must state the petitioner's present name and the intended name and must state the date and time of the court hearing where the name change will be considered, and that any person who objects will have an opportunity to raise the objection at that time.
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Proof of Publication Notices: Must be provided to the Tribal Court prior to the hearing.
Date: Monday, August 7, 2023
Notice Hand/delivered in person this date
Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Court Clerk
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#2483
September 8, 15 & 22, 2023
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
SHAWANO COUNTY
Planet Home Lending, LLC
Plaintiff,
vs.
Dakota J. Theis a/k/s Dakota Theis and John Doe Theis
a/k/a/ Jacklyn Ashley
Defendants.
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
Case No. 23-CV-000081

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered on June 26, 2023 in the amount of \$120,369.89 the Sheriff will sell the described premises at public auction as follows:

TIME:
October 11, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.
TERMS:
Pursuant to said judgment, 10% of the successful bid must be paid to the sheriff at the sale in cash, cashier's check or certified funds, payable to the clerk of courts (personal checks cannot and will not be accepted). The balance of the successful bid must be paid to the clerk of courts in cash, cashier's check or certified funds no later than ten days after the court's confirmation of the sale or else the 10% down payment is forfeited to the plaintiff. The property is sold 'as is' and subject to all liens and encumbrances.

PLACE:
In the front lobby of the Shawano County Courthouse, City and County of Shawano
DESCRIPTION:
That part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4-NW 1/4) and the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SW 1/4-NW 1/4) all in section Eleven (11), Township Twenty-nine (29) North (11) East, Town of Aniwa, Shawano County, Wisconsin, bounded and described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section 11; thence South 02 deg. 25' 30" along the section line 1171.19 feet to the Place of Beginning; thence North 87 deg. 28' 55" East, 250.00 feet; thence South 02 deg. 25' 30" East, 150.00 feet to the one-sixteenth line; thence North 87 deg. 28' 55" East along the one-sixteenth line 182.22 feet; thence South 02 deg. 25' 30" East, 728.56 feet the the centerline of County Trunk Highway Z; thence North 46 deg. 52' 30" West, 409.35 feet; thence North 50 deg. 46' 24" West, 194.80 feet to the section line; thence North 02 deg. 25' 30" West, along the section line 456.17 feet to the Place of Beginning; EXCEPT that part used for town road and highway purposes.
PROPERTY ADDRESS:
N11598 Sugar Bush Rd Birnamwood, WI 54414-8748
DATED:
August 14, 2023
Gray & Associates, L.L.P.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
16345 West Glendale Drive
New Berlin, WI 53151-2841
(414) 224-8404

George Lenzner
Shawano County Sheriff
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#2490
September 1, 8 and 15 2023
STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT SHAWANO COUNTY Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No. 22PR71

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Shirley W. Kopitske a/k/a Shirley May Kopitske
DOD 6/4/2023
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administra- tion was filed. 2. The decedent, with date of birth 5/11/1930 and date of death 6/4/2023, was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of N795 Lessor Navarino Road, Bonduel, WI 54107
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is November 27, 2023.
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main St, Shawano, Wisconsin, 54166, Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate Office.
Form completed by:
Attorney Michael D. Lawrynk
2711 N Mason St, Suite B
Appleton, WI 54914
Telephone 920-733-5521
Bar No. 1025075
DATE SIGNED: August 18 2023 Electronically signed by Gwen Hoffman Probate Registrar
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#2484
August 25, September 1 & 8, 2023
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
SHAWANO COUNTY
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 23PR79

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Barbara A Wetzel
DOD 3/17/2023
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 10/19/1935 and date of death 3/17/2023, was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 604 S. Weed St, Shawano, WI 54166
3. The application will be heard at the SHawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main St, Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202, before Gwen Hoffman, Probate Registrar, on October 10, 2023 at 10:00am.
You do not need to appear unless you object. The application may be granted if there is no objection.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is November 22, 2023.
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate Office.
6. This publication is notice to any persons whose names or addresses are unknown.
Form completed by:
Keith Steckbauer
PO Box 5 New London, WI 54961
Bar No. 1021304
DATE SIGNED: August 15, 2023
Electronically signed by Gwen Hoffman
Probate Registrar
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#2489
August 25 and Sept 1 & 8, 2023
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
SHAWANO COUNTY
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 23PR80

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Robert L. Swanson
DOD 7-31-2023
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth of 5-16-1951 and date of death 7-31-2023, was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of W3398 Old Dump Road, Bonduel, WI 54107
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is November 24, 2023.
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate Office.
Attorney James E. Aschenbrener
P.O. Box 146
Shawano, WI 54166
Bar No. 1008896
DATE SIGNED: August 18, 2023
Electronically signed by Gwen Hoffman
Probate Registrar
WNAXLP

#2515
September 8, 2023
Notice of Self Storage Sale
Please take notice All-Stor Self Storage - Shawano located at N5857 Hwy 47-55N/4844 Waukechon St/1003 Waukechon St., Shawano WI 54166 intends to hold a Auction of storage units in default of payment. The sale will occur as an Online Auction via www.storageauctions.com on 9/28/2023 at 10:00AM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Gordon Waupekenay unit #B23; Terry Wissell unit# DS23; Alex T Ratliff unit# DS-51; Karen James unit# G25. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.
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#2508
September 8, 2023
Notice is hereby given that the following has applied for an Alcohol Beverage License
in the Village of Cecil, this application will be acted upon at the Village Board Meeting, September 19th, 2023 at the Community Hall, 111 E Hofman St, Cecil, WI 54111
Liquor Licenses from - September 19, 2023 through June 30, 2024
Class A Combination
1. Dolgencorp, LLC d/b/a Dollar General Store #24987 410 N Hwy 22
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FIND WHAT YOU NEED
In The Classifieds 715-526-6188

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O'Malley *Cadillac*
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Vehicle may vary from photo



This month is your last chance to score a Cadillac!
Receive 1 entry for every 25 points earned from
September 1st - 30th for the September drawing.
Drawing on Saturday, September 30 at 9pm
Kiosk check in starting at 6pm.
Earn 4X ENTRIES on Saturdays.
Extra Entries! Huddle up on Friday, September 29 for 3X ENTRIES



SEPTEMBER 23 • 1 PM - 5 PM
\$40 IN ADVANCE / \$45 AT THE DOOR



OCTOBER 7
8 AM REGISTRATION
FREE SHOW



OCTOBER 21 • 8PM
TICKETS \$15

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GREEN & GOLD EXPRESS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2023

PACKERS BEGIN 2023 SEASON



**A LOVE
AFFAIR**
QB's play could
determine outcome

Green Bay Packers quarterback Jordan Love (10) is tackled by Seattle Seahawks cornerback Artie Burns (23) in the first half of a preseason NFL football game on Aug. 26 in Green Bay.

MIKE ROEMER | THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



When the Packers beat the Bears 28-19 on Dec. 4, 2022, it was the team's 787th win, one more than the Bears. By the time the last regular season game was played, Green Bay had amassed 790 wins, while Chicago remained at 786.

GREG MELLIS | GREEN & GOLD EXPRESS

Packers look to extend record of most NFL wins

Green Bay is 4 games ahead of longtime record-holding Bears

By **KEVIN PASSON**
Green & Gold Express

When the Green Bay Packers open the 2023 season Sunday, they will have another chance to extend their lead over the Chicago Bears as the winningest team in NFL history.

When the Packers beat the Bears 28-19 on Dec. 4, 2022, it was the team's 787th win, one more than the Bears. By the time the last regular season game was played, Green Bay had amassed 790 wins, while Chicago remained at 786.

The Packers finished the regular season with an 8-9 record. They went

5-4 at home and 3-5 on the road. The Bears finished the regular season with a 3-14 record. They went 2-7 at home and 1-7 on the road.

The first matchup in this rivalry came in 1921, when the then-Chicago Staleys (a name that would change to the Bears a year later) shut out the Packers 20-0.

Many Hall of Fame players have been on the field for both franchises since that first game; however, the one constant has been Chicago holding the record for most all-time wins in NFL history.

After the Packers won that fateful game in December, it was the first time since 1920 the Bears no longer sat at the top of the list as the team with the most victories.

Chicago built up its victory count over several decades — from the 1940s through their Super Bowl

performance in the 1980s. But, under the quarterback leadership of Brett Favre and Aaron Rodgers, the Packers roared back in the past 30 years to even the score — and then grab the lead.

Going into Week 1, the Packers also hold a 105-95 record over the Bears.

The Bears, one of two charter members of the NFL still in existence, have played more games (1,452) and have more ties (42) than any team in the league's regular season history. The Packers, founded a year later, have the most wins at 790. The other charter member, the Arizona Cardinals, have the most losses at 790.

The Dallas Cowboys hold the highest regular season win-loss percentage (.574), with a 550-408-6 record through the end of the 2022 season. The Tampa Bay Buccaneers maintain

GAME VITALS

GREEN BAY PACKERS AT CHICAGO BEARS

WHEN: 3:25 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10

WHERE: Soldier Field

TV: FOX

RADIO: Flagship WRNW-FM Milwaukee - 97.3; Packers Radio Network includes WIXX-FM Green Bay - 101.1, WRLO-FM Antigo - 105.3, WLST-FM Marinette - 95.1, and WSAU Wausau - 550 AM and 95.1 FM

THE SERIES

Packers vs. Bears All-time, regular season: 105-95
Last meeting, regular season: Dec. 4, 2022. Packers 28, Bears 19

the lowest regular season win-loss percentage (.404), holding a 299-442-1 record through 2022.

Green Bay has the second-highest percentage at .571. In their 1,418 games played, the Packers have a record of 790-590-38.

kpasson@newmedia-wi.com

BEAT The Expert

Week 1 Games: Sunday, Sept. 10



Luke Reimer
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Detroit @ Kansas City...Thurs., Sept. 7
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Dallas @ New York Giants
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Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 24 @ Chicago 21



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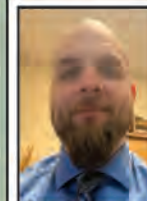
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Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 27 @ Chicago 20



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This Week's Picks:

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Tampa Bay
New York Giants
New York Jets

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 21 @ Chicago 10



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New
Media

This Week's Picks:

Kansas City
Minnesota
Dallas
Buffalo

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 13 @ Chicago 27



Kevin Passon
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Media

This Week's Picks:

Kansas City
Minnesota
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Buffalo

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 24 @ Chicago 13

KEYS TO THE GAME

Young players' performance will win or lose game

By JACOB WESTENDORF
Green & Gold Express

The oldest rivalry in the NFL renews again on Sunday as the Green Bay Packers will take on the Chicago Bears to kick off the 2023 season.

It's a new era in Green Bay. Aaron Rodgers, self-proclaimed owner of the Chicago Bears, is in New York.

Enter Jordan Love. The Packers famously spent a first-round pick on Love three years ago. After starting one game, but otherwise waiting on the bench, Love is set to become the team's starter.

Chicago likely breathed a sigh of relief as Rodgers exited the division to head out east. After an offseason spending spree, and a blockbuster trade that netted them wide receiver DJ Moore, there is optimism in Chicago for the first time since 2018 when they last won the NFC North.

Regardless of the outcome of this game, there will be no shortage of takes. If Green Bay wins, there will be a collective groan in Chicago who had hoped the Packers' reign of terror over them had ended.

If the Packers lose, there will be plenty of talking head shows proclaiming the Jordan Love era to be a failure.

The answer, as always, will not be known for quite some time.

Here are the keys to the Packers coming away with a victory to start the season.

Packers defense vs. Bears run game

The Chicago Bears have a bit of a transition going in their backfield for 2023. David Montgomery is gone after signing in Detroit. Khalil Herbert and D'Onta Foreman will hold down the fort until rookie Roschon Johnson is ready to contribute.

In addition to their backfield, the Bears have the legs of Justin Fields at their disposal. For all the questions about Fields' arm, those questions do not exist about his legs. Fields ran for 1,143 yards a season ago.

He's as dynamic as any quarterback when he takes off to run.

The Packers run defense is one of the biggest questions about their team going into 2023. They were 31st in the NFL in Football Outsiders' Defensive DVOA against the run last year. They're the worst run defense in the NFL since Brian Gutekunst took over as general manager.



Quay Walker (7) makes a tackle against the Chicago Bears in a 2022 game.

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This offseason, the Packers jettisoned Dean Lowry and Jarran Reed. Both players started a season ago.

They did not add anyone of significance in free agency. The earliest draft pick they used was on Colby Wooden in the fourth round.

Help for Kenny Clark will need to come in the form of organic growth from T.J. Slaton and last year's first-round pick Devonte Wyatt.

Preseason football yielded some promising results, but there are more challenging things ahead — starting with the Bears' dynamic ground game.

Jordan Love vs. early jitters

One of the themes of Jordan Love's preseason was a slow start, followed by a strong finish. The Packers scored once on their opening drive in the preseason, but it was largely due to an unsportsmanlike penalty that gave the Packers a free 15 yards. That drive ended with Jordan Love not completing a pass, and an Anders Carlson field goal.

This will be Jordan Love's first start as the preferred starter in Green Bay. It'd be natural for the quarterback to be extra juiced up before the game starts.

Brett Favre used to say he needed to get hit in order to get settled

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into a game.

Maybe that'll be the case for Love. Maybe it'll be something different.

Regardless, the Packers' margin for error is smaller than it has been with a new quarterback under center. That's just the way things are now. Love will need to shake off those jitters early.

Matt LaFleur will need to help get him settled in.

The formula against Chicago will be to get ahead early and force Fields to beat you with his arm. If Love can shake off jitters early, he could get them out to an early lead.

Packers ground game vs. Bears run defense

For as much conversation as there is surrounding the Packers' run defense, Chicago's might be in the same boat.

They'll be breaking in new starters on the defensive line and struggled last year to stop the run. The first meeting between the two teams saw the Packers pile up 203 yards and average a whopping 5.3 yards per carry.

With Love, the Packers could look to lean on their run game early in the season. Even if Love weren't a first time starter, this could be a team to follow a formula like that against anyway.

Aaron Jones and AJ Dillon combine for one of the better running back duos in all of football. Both players will be motivated as they're entering what in essence are contract

years. Dillon's contract is actually expiring. Jones' contract has an easy out after 2023.

Combine all of those factors together, it could be a big day on the ground for the Packers.

Packers young players vs. first NFL game

Like Love, nerves for the players around him would be natural. The Packers are incredibly young.

The oldest player on the team is David Bakhtiari. He's 31. That's not even old in football terms.

Their offense is going to be led by receivers whose eldest statesmen are second year players. Christian Watson and Romeo Doubs represent the veterans of the current cast of pass catchers.

Luke Musgrave and Jayden Reed are going to be playing in their first NFL game. Malik Heath could get snaps for what would be his first game.

Tucker Kraft is going to get snaps. It's his first NFL game. That's a significant portion of the passing game that is making its NFL debut.

Youth can lead to rookie mistakes. A recent example would be Heath getting the nod to run with the starting unit during the team's final preseason game. He was flagged for a false start on the first play.

Youth and growing pains are going to be a theme of the season.



Stopping Bears quarterback Justin Fields will be a priority for the Packers defense.

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10 things to look for in 2023 Packers

By JACOB WESTENDORF
Green & Gold Express

A new season is here. The Green Bay Packers will be set to start their season against the Chicago Bears at Soldier Field.

They'll finish their season against the Chicago Bears at Lambeau Field. The 15 games in between will tell a story unlike any we've seen in the last 15 years.

After nearly a decade of being considered a top contender for the Super Bowl, the Packers are not considered a favorite.

The good news for them is the NFC North is wide open with no clear favorite. The Minnesota Vikings, last year's champion, let go of some trusted veterans who have helped them in recent years.

The Chicago Bears spent a boatload of money this offseason, but they were the worst team in the NFL a season ago. Can they improve enough to win the division after winning just three games last season?

The Detroit Lions are the division favorite but have been synonymous with failure since 1957. For all the hype they've received coming off their 2022 season, they still only finished 9-8, which followed a 1-7 start.

The Packers have plenty of storylines to follow them, despite not being a Super Bowl favorite. Here are 10 things to keep an eye on:

1. Jordan Love

Let's start with the obvious, shall we? Jordan Love will be the first quarterback not named Brett Favre or Aaron Rodgers to be the team's preferred starting quarterback since 1991 when it was Don Majkowski.

Love, by all accounts, has taken charge in the locker room and become a leader of the team. His teammates have all been publicly supportive.

The Packers gave him a contract extension that represents a short-term commitment. If Love plays well in 2023, they could look to extend his deal well beyond the 2024 season when his contract expires.

Love's training camp had more ups than downs, but it was rocky at times. That can be expected during the season as well. There will be some highs and some lows. The hope for the Packers is that he doesn't make the same mistake twice. Love didn't turn the ball over once in the



Green Bay Packers wide receiver Christian Watson (9) tries to catch a pass while defended by Seattle Seahawks cornerback Michael Jackson (30) and safety Joey Blount (35) during a preseason NFL football game Aug. 26 in Green Bay. The Packers won 19-15.

JOE ROBBINS | AP

preseason, something that has been an issue in any extended playing time he'd received prior to this point.

That'll be a big point of emphasis for Love as he grows into the team's starter.

2. David Bakhtiari

David Bakhtiari is back in Green Bay. After a complex knee injury wiped out all but two quarters of the 2021 season, Bakhtiari played 11 games a season ago. He missed the first two games of the season due to the same knee injury, but after that only missed one more due to his knee.

The other three games he missed were due to a surprise appendectomy that wiped him out of three games.

When he did play, he was David Bakhtiari, which is to say one of the best players in the league at his position.

Bakhtiari didn't give up a sack in the 11 games he played. He's back with Elgton Jenkins to form one of the best left sides of the offensive

line in all of football.

He'll be on an unorthodox regimen in terms of practice. He was used sparingly during training camp. That'll continue into the season.

Bakhtiari joked that teammates are calling him "The Lamborghini," meaning they only take him out on Sundays.

Bakhtiari's practice participation might be limited, but if that keeps him active on Sundays, it's worth it.

3. Joe Barry's Last Stand

Joe Barry's defense was supposed to carry the day a season ago. The Packers' offense was going to try and find its way after the loss of Davante Adams. The defense was supposed to pick up the slack.

That didn't come to fruition. The defense was inconsistent at best, below average at worst.

Those struggles came despite having seven first-round picks on that side of the ball.

They added another this offseason

with outside linebacker Lukas Van Ness being selected with the 13th overall pick in April's draft.

Despite the struggles from a season ago, Barry survived a below average season.

In turn, Matt LaFleur stuck his neck out for the man he hired after they were spurned by former Wisconsin defensive coordinator Jim Leonhard.

If the defense fails this season, it's hard to imagine Barry keeping his job. They have plenty of talent, but talent alone doesn't lead to good performances.

The Packers need to be more consistent on that side of the ball.

4. New Dynamic Duo

The Packers are committed to a youth movement on offense. Despite Allen Lazard and Randall Cobb following Aaron Rodgers to the New York Jets, the Packers didn't add a veteran receiver in the offseason. Instead, they're relying on Christian Watson and Romeo Doubs to serve as the veterans in the room.

Doubs had a nice start to the season before hitting the rookie wall at the end of last year.

Christian Watson's season was essentially the opposite of Doubs'. Watson's season started with a drop on national television that would be replayed for weeks on end. He would struggle with injuries before breaking out in a big way at the halfway point of the season against the Dallas Cowboys.

His three touchdowns that day started a strong finish to the season where he would catch seven touchdowns in four games. By the end of the year, he was the team's top receiver.

Rookie Jayden Reed had a nice camp, but the Packers are relying on Watson and Doubs to help stabilize the passing game while the rest of the offense tries to catch up.

5. Rashan Gary's return

Rashan Gary has come a long way from draft night. He wasn't a popular draft pick. He hardly played as a rookie.

He's progressively gotten better since getting drafted. After the release of Za'Darius Smith, it was time for Gary to step up as one of the best players on the defense. Gary's season ended in early November with a torn ACL.



Romeo Doubs

with a torn ACL.

Before the injury, Gary was a wrecking ball for the defense. He had six sacks in the eight full games he played. He was the only edge defender in the NFL who was in the top 10 of ESPN's pass rush win rate, and run stop rate.

He could have been on his way to being a NFL Defensive Player of the Year candidate prior to the injury.

Gary is back. He was removed from the PUP list in training camp, and will play Week 1. LaFleur says he'll be on a pitch count early, but just his presence makes the Packers' defense so much better.

Ron Wolf used to talk about players who tilt the field in the direction of the team they play for.

Gary is one of those players. His presence cannot be understated.

Gary is also in the final year of his contract. Getting his contract extended is a likely priority with the Packers' front office.

6. Can They Stop The Run?

Fans likely still have nightmares of Raheem Mostert running wild against the Packers in the NFC Championship Game following the

2019 regular season. Mostert ran for a record-breaking 220 yards and four touchdowns that day.

The Packers haven't gotten much better since then. Since Brian Gutekunst took over as general manager, they're the worst team in the NFL defending the run. They were 31st in the NFL last season in Football Outsiders' Defensive DVOA.

They are replacing two starters with young players. Colby Wooden and Karl Brooks were the only outside additions to the defensive line. Both were picked on the third day of the draft.

Devonte Wyatt and TJ Slaton will be relied on heavily to take big jumps playing next to Kenny Clark.

Clark and defensive line coach Jerry Montgomery have said that stopping the run starts with a mindset.

If that is the case, the Packers will need a full mental makeover after the last four seasons. Their pass rush could be lethal, if they can get opposing teams in obvious passing situations.

That starts with stopping the run, something they haven't been good enough at.

7. Ground Game

Aaron Jones and AJ Dillon both return for what are in essence, contract years. Jones took a pay cut this offseason to stay with the only organization he has ever known.

Jones has been one of the most productive running backs in football since the Packers drafted him. The issue, if anything, has been he's been underutilized throughout his career. His contract has one more year on it but will likely be addressed in the offseason. If he looks like the same player, he could be an extension candidate.

Dillon is entering a contract year. After a promising second season, Dillon was disappointing in the first half of 2022. He turned it on toward the end of the season, but he has not been the bruising force that Gutekunst was hoping he'd be when he selected him with the 62nd overall pick in the 2020 NFL Draft.

Both players will be key factors in the offense this season. Last season, the two combined for 1,891 yards and nine touchdowns. That touchdown number will likely rise, especially for Jones as he only had two last season.

The team will likely heavily lean on these two backs as they break in a new starting quarterback.

8. Luke Musgrave

Musgrave represents the biggest investment the Packers have made in a tight end since they drafted Bubba Franks in 2000 with a first-round pick.

Of the 13 rookies from the Packers' 2023 draft class, Musgrave has been the most impressive. He stepped in as the starting tight end from the first day of OTA's in May and has not looked back.

He has clearly been a focal point of the passing game in practice and preseason games. He took every snap with Jordan Love during preseason games. He is the unquestioned starter at a position where the Packers have been starved for talent.

With the lack of veteran support, and rookie classmate Tucker Kraft struggling, it's possible that Musgrave could challenge Jermichael Finley's franchise record of 61 receptions set in 2012.

That would be unprecedented at a position that typically takes players awhile to adapt. The opportunity is there. The talent is there. It's up to Musgrave to capitalize on the situation.

9. Youth Movement

Bakhtiari is the oldest player on the team. He's 31. With an average age of 24.9 years, the Packers are the youngest team in the NFL since the 2017 Cleveland Browns.

They're asking youth to rule the day in some big spots. Obviously Love is going to be one of the big keys to the season, but how the rest of the year goes might depend on how quickly young players adapt to an NFL season.

If you exclude the running backs, the Packers' top four pass catching options are all second-year players or younger. The team is asking a lot of its young players.

Gutekunst said the goal wasn't necessarily to be young, but to be athletic and fast.

They've achieved both. Now it's up to the young players to grow up fast.

10. Walker's Maturity

Quay Walker was the 22nd overall pick and the largest investment the Packers had made in an inside linebacker since drafting AJ Hawk fifth overall in 2006.

His season had its ups and downs. At times, he showed his ability that caused Gutekunst to fall in love with him. Other times he showed that he was a rookie going through growing pains.

On two very specific occasions, Walker showed he had some growing up to do. Getting kicked out of one game can easily be dismissed as a one-time mistake, but the second time it happens, it's a troubling trend.

Walker fell into that trend at the end of last season when he was ejected from the team's season-ending 20-16 loss against the Detroit Lions for shoving a trainer.

LaFleur was noticeably furious during and after the game.

It was an unfortunate ending, because Walker was really coming on strong to end his rookie season.

Going into his second season, Walker appears to have grown from that situation. He told reporters earlier in camp that he had to give himself grace to move on from what happened a season ago.

The reality is that Walker is a first-round pick, and the team expects a lot out of him. He's been the player calling the defense with De'Vondre Campbell sidelined during the preseason. He is one injury away from being that player in games that count.

With his reputation, opposing teams are going to try and egg Walker on to get him to do something that could hurt the team.

Walker's maturity will be put to the test early and often. He'll need to continue to show that he's moved past his mistakes as a rookie and grow into the player the Packers think he can be.

Packers rebuild with solid draft picks

By **LUKE REIMER**

Green & Gold Express

In the first draft for the Green Bay Packers in the post-Aaron Rodgers era, the team looked to supplement pieces it lost in the offseason, while building for the future.

With Jordan Love taking over from under center, a similar thought in past drafts was asked: How early will Green Bay draft a pass catcher to help its quarterback?

In years past, the Packers fan base has loudly expressed its desire to give Rodgers some help on the offensive side of the ball early in the draft. While general manager Brian Gutekunst did not necessarily oblige then, it was obvious that the plan was to get Love help in the 2023 NFL Draft.

"We had a great three days, and I feel really good about," said Gutekunst. "I am just really, really excited about what we were able to do."

That help had to wait until the second day of the draft though, as Green Bay selected Iowa edge rusher Lukas Van Ness with the team's 13th pick. Van Ness figures to play immediately on the defensive line, as the status of Rashan Gary, coming off a torn ACL, is still up in the air. Van Ness has proven his versatility on the defensive line, as he has lined up at five spots (A-gap, B-gap, over the tackle, outside of the tackle and off the ball) in his Iowa career.

With the selection of Van Ness, the Packers have now chosen a defensive player with 12 out of their last 13 first-round picks — the lone exception being Love.

In the second round of the draft, Green Bay addressed its glaring need of pass catchers. Coming into the draft, the Packers wide receiver room consisted of five players, none of whom have been on the team longer than one year.

The first pass catcher off the board was Oregon State tight end Luke Musgrave. With tight ends Rob Tonyan Jr. and Mercedes Lewis signing with the Bears, Musgrave expects to slot into that starting position and will be relied upon immediately.

The Packers matched Musgrave with another pass catcher using their second pick of the second round on Michigan State wide receiver Jayden Reed. In Reed's senior season, he recorded 55 receptions



Green Bay Packers linebacker Lukas Van Ness (90) pursues a play on defense during a preseason NFL football game against the Seattle Seahawks on Aug. 26 in Green Bay. The Packers won 19-15.

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for 636 yards and five touchdowns. What instantly stands out about Reed though is his speed. Running a 4.45 second 40-yard dash at the NFL combine, Green Bay looks like it has its starting slot receiver to partner with Christian Watson and Romeo Doubs.

Pass catchers did not stop there, as Green Bay followed up its two second-round pick selections by selecting South Dakota State tight end Tucker Kraft in the third round. Kraft is expected to fill more of a

blocking role at the tight end position.

"I don't know that I have been a part of a draft where we have drafted two tight ends," said Packers head coach Matt LaFleur. "That is exciting — both of those guys are big, physical and fast, so I thought we did pretty well right there."

Virginia wide receiver Don-tayvion Wicks was the next pass catcher selected. Adding depth in the receiver room, Wicks' big-play ability gives LaFleur an intriguing



General manager Brian Gutekunst.

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athletic piece, even though he probably won't make an impact immediately. Green Bay ended its draft in the seventh round with yet another pass catcher, Grant DuBose from Charlotte.

Looking to fill other positions of need, Green Bay continued to beef up its defensive line with the selections of Auburn's Colby Wooden and Bowling Green's Karl Brooks. Green Bay also addressed its defensive backfield, drafting Iowa State's Anthony Johnson Jr. and Kentucky's Carrington Valentine.

The Packers selected Central Michigan running back Lew Nichols III with one of the team's seventh-round selections, to add more depth to the team's deepest position group. Nichols led the NCAA in rushing in the 2021 season, with 1,848 rushing yards.

Green Bay rounded out its 13-player draft with taking two positions to possibly replace Green Bay Packers legends. Needing a quarterback, Green Bay selected Penn State's Sean Clifford in the fifth round and Auburn kicker Anders Carlson in the sixth round. Carlson is the brother of current Las Vegas Raiders kicker Daniel Carlson.

"It is going to going to create great competition — I think we have great opportunity on our roster, so I liked it," said Gutekunst on his draft. "That was one of our goals, to add some pass catchers and skill players. You never know how it is going to fall, but it fell good for us."

GREEN BAY PACKERS ROSTER

Player	#	Pos	HT	WT	Age	Exp	College
Jaire Alexander	23	CB	5-10	196	26	6	Louisville
Zayne Anderson	39	S	6-2	206	26	1	BYU
David Bakhtiari	69	T	6-4	310	31	11	Colorado
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	27	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
Justin Hollins	47	LB	6-5	248	27	5	Oregon
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	22	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	25	3	Florida
Preston Smith	91	LB	6-5	265	30	9	Mississippi State
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	21	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
Daniel Whelan	19	P	6-5	216	24	R	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	28	7	Cincinnati
Colby Wooden	96	DL	6-4	273	22	R	Auburn
Devonte Wyatt	95	DL	6-3	304	25	2	Georgia
Reserve/Injured							
Tyler Davis	84	TE	6-4	252	26	4	Georgia Tech
Tyler Goodson	39	RB	5-9	197	22	1	Iowa
Broughton Hatcher	43	LS	6-4	242	23	R	Old Dominion
Tarvarius Moore	30	S	6-1	200	27	6	Southern Mississippi
Lew Nichols	32	RB	5-10	220	22	R	Central Michigan
Luke Tenuta	78	T	6-8	314	24	2	Virginia Tech
Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform							
Eric Stokes	21	CB	6-0	194	24	3	Georgia

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Player	#	Pos	HT	WT	Age	Exp	College
Tyson Bagent	17	QB	6-3	213	23	R	Shepherd
Andrew Billings	97	DL	6-1	311	28	7	Baylor
Josh Blackwell	39	DB	5-11	180	24	2	Duke
Khari Blasingame	35	FB	6-0	233	27	5	Vanderbilt
Larry Borom	75	OL	6-5	333	24	3	Missouri
Jaquan Brisker	9	DB	6-1	200	24	2	Penn State
Ja'Tyre Carter	69	OL	6-3	311	24	2	Southern
Chase Claypool	10	WR	6-4	238	25	4	Notre Dame
Dylan Cole	55	LB	6-0	240	29	7	Missouri State
Nate Davis	64	OL	6-3	316	26	5	Charlotte
Gervon Dexter Sr.	98	DL	6-6	312	21	R	Florida
Tremaine Edmunds	49	LB	6-5	250	25	6	Virginia Tech
T.J. Edwards	53	LB	6-1	242	27	5	Wisconsin
Dan Feeney	67	OL	6-4	310	29	7	Indiana
Justin Fields	1	QB	6-3	228	24	3	Ohio State
D'Onta Foreman	21	RB	6-0	235	27	5	Texas
Trenton Gill	16	P	6-4	219	24	2	N.C. State
Kyler Gordon	6	DB	6-0	200	23	2	Washington
Rasheem Green	94	DL	6-4	279	26	6	USC
Khalil Herbert	24	RB	5-9	212	25	3	Virginia Tech
Elijah Hicks	37	DB	5-11	200	23	2	California
Travis Homer	20	RB	5-10	202	25	5	Miami
Eddie Jackson	4	DB	6-0	206	29	7	Alabama
Jaylon Johnson	33	DB	6-0	196	24	4	Utah
Quindell Johnson	26	DB	6-2	208	23	R	Memphis
Roschon Johnson	30	RB	6-0	225	22	R	Texas
Braxton Jones	70	OL	6-5	310	24	2	Southern Utah
Jaylon Jones	31	DB	5-11	190	25	2	Mississippi
Justin Jones	93	DL	6-3	309	27	6	North Carolina State
Velus Jones Jr.	12	WR	6-0	200	26	2	Tennessee
Khalid Kareem	52	DL	6-4	268	25	4	Notre Dame
Cole Kmet	85	TE	6-6	260	24	4	Notre Dame
Mercedes Lewis	84	TE	6-6	265	39	18	UCLA
Darnell Mooney	11	WR	5-11	173	25	4	Tulane
DJ Moore	2	WR	5-11	210	26	6	Maryland
Yannick Ngakoue	91	DL	6-2	246	28	8	Maryland
Lucas Patrick	62	OL	6-3	313	30	7	Duke
Nathan Peterman	14	QB	6-2	225	29	7	Pittsburgh
Zacch Pickens	96	DL	6-4	300	23	R	South Carolina
Domique Robinson	90	DL	6-5	253	25	2	Miami (Ohio)
Jack Sanborn	57	LB	6-2	234	23	2	Wisconsin
Cairo Santos	8	K	5-8	175	31	9	Tulane
Patrick Scales	48	LS	6-3	226	35	8	Utah State
Tyler Scott	13	WR	5-11	185	21	R	Cincinnati
Noah Sewell	44	LB	6-2	253	21	R	Oregon
Terrell Smith	32	DB	6-0	207	23	R	Minnesota
Equanimeous St. Brown	19	WR	6-5	214	26	6	Notre Dame
Tyrique Stevenson	29	DB	6-0	204	23	R	Miami
Trent Taylor	15	WR	5-8	178	29	6	Louisiana Tech
Robert Tonyan	18	TE	6-5	240	29	6	Indiana State
DeMarcus Walker	95	DL	6-4	280	28	7	Florida State
Cody Whitehair	65	OL	6-3	316	31	8	Kansas State
Darnell Wright	58	OL	6-6	333	22	R	Tennessee
Reserve/Injured							
Isaiah Ford	32	WR	6-2	195	27	5	Virginia Tech
Teven Jenkins	76	OL	6-6	321	25	3	Oklahoma State
Doug Kramer	68	OL	6-2	300	25	2	Illinois

Kickoff weekend underway in NFL

The NFL returns for the 2023 season as Kickoff Weekend signals the start of a 272-game journey, one that promises hope for each of the league's 32 teams as they set their sights on Super Bowl LVIII, which will be played on Sunday, February 11, 2024, at Allegiant Stadium in Las Vegas.

For the 2023 NFL Kickoff Guide, visit newmedia-wi.com.

2022 was one of the most competitive seasons ever as the average final score margin of 9.70 points was the lowest for a full season since 1932 (9.13). The 2023 season will be filled with memorable moments, as young players emerge, familiar faces continue their climb up the record books and teams vie to make their mark in the postseason. Every team enters the season with hope and a trip to Las Vegas for Super Bowl LVIII in mind. Below are a few reasons why:

Nineteen teams remained in Super Bowl contention on the final day of the 2023 regular season, the most such teams since 2006 (20).

Four teams clinched a division title after not winning their division last year (Jacksonville, Minnesota, Philadelphia and San Francisco) and at least two teams have won their divisions the season after missing the playoffs in 19 of the past 20 years.

Jacksonville clinched the AFC South after finishing in last place in the division in 2021 and in 18 of the past 20 seasons, at least one team finished in first place in their division the season after finishing in last or tied for last.

Seven teams clinched playoff berths after missing the postseason in 2021 (Baltimore, Jacksonville, the Los Angeles Chargers, Miami, Minnesota, the New York Giants and Seattle) and since 1990 – a streak of 33 consecutive seasons – at least four teams have qualified for the playoffs in every season that were not in the postseason the year before.

The Kansas City Chiefs won Super Bowl LVII and for an 18th consecutive season, the NFL had a new Super Bowl champion, extending the longest streak without a repeat winner in league history. Only eight teams have repeated as champions since the first Super Bowl in 1967, with the 2004 Patriots (Super Bowls XXXVIII and XXXIX) being the last team to accomplish the feat.

Among the many notable accom-



Jordan Love (10) looks to the field as coach Matt LaFleur reviews his play selections.

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plishments players and coaches can achieve during the 2022 season:

Kansas City quarterback Patrick Mahomes (24,241 passing yards and 192 touchdown passes) can surpass Peyton Manning (29,442 passing yards) and Dan Marino (220 touchdown passes) for the most in each category by a quarterback in his first seven seasons in NFL history.

New York Jets quarterback Aaron Rodgers, who enters 2023 with 59,055 passing yards and 475 touchdown passes, can continue to climb the all-time passer ranks. He can surpass Philip Rivers (63,440) for the sixth-most passing yards in NFL history and Brett Favre (508) for the fourth-most touchdown passes all-time.

Tennessee running back Derrick Henry needs 10 rushing touchdowns to become the third running back all-time with at least 10 rushing touchdowns in six-or-more consecutive seasons.

San Francisco running back Christian McCaffrey can become the fourth running back in NFL history with at least four career seasons with at least 1,000 rushing yards and 500 receiving yards.

Minnesota wide receiver Justin

Jefferson (324 receptions and 4,825 receiving yards) can become the third player with at least 400 receptions in his first four career seasons and can surpass Michael Thomas (5,512) for the most receiving yards by a player in his first four career seasons in NFL history.

Las Vegas wide receiver Davante Adams can join Marvin Harrison as the only players in NFL history with 100 receptions, 1,000 receiving yards and 10 touchdown receptions in four consecutive seasons.

Tampa Bay wide receiver Mike Evans needs 1,000 receiving yards to join Jerry Rice (11 consecutive seasons from 1986-96) as the only players ever with at least 1,000 receiving yards in 10 consecutive seasons.

Kansas City tight end Travis Kelce (814 receptions and 10,334 receiving yards) can become the fourth tight end all-time with 900 receptions and fourth tight end ever with 11,000 receiving yards.

San Francisco defensive lineman Nick Bosa can become the third player since 1982 with at least 15 sacks in three of his first five career seasons, joining J.J. Watt and Reggie White.

Dallas linebacker Micah Parsons

needs 13 sacks to become the second player since 1982 with at least 13 sacks in each of his first three seasons, joining Reggie White.

New England head coach Bill Belichick ranks second all-time with 329 total victories (298 regular-season wins and a league-record 31 playoff victories) and needs two regular-season wins to join Don Shula (328 regular-season wins) and George Halas (318) as the only head coaches in NFL history with 300 career regular-season victories.

Kansas City head coach Andy Reid ranks fifth all-time in both total wins (269) and regular-season wins (247) and can surpass Tom Landry (270 total wins, 250 regular-season wins) for fourth place on both lists, while becoming the fifth coach in league history to reach the 250-win milestone in the regular season.

Pittsburgh head coach Mike Tomlin is the first head coach in NFL history to lead his team to a .500-or-better record in each of his first 16 career seasons and can surpass George Halas (16 consecutive seasons from 1933-51) for the third-longest such streak for a coach at any point in his career in NFL history.



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