

The cute and the creepy



Costumed kids of all ages wandered the West Side Beach woods from station to station Oct. 26 during the Oconto Falls Trick or Treat Trail. See story and more photos on Page 3.

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Oconto Falls added to state downtown program

Connect Communities aids Main Street revitalization efforts

Efforts to give new life to the Oconto Falls business district are getting a boost from the state of Wisconsin. City Administrator Peter Wills announced Oct. 25 that the city of Oconto Falls will participate in the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC)'s Connect Communities Program, an initiative that works with communities to advance downtown and historic commercial corridor revitalization efforts.

Oconto Falls is one of two new communities joining the program in the fall of 2024. The other is Downtown Green Bay, bringing the total number of Connect Communities participating to 96.

Launched in 2013, the Connect Communities Program provides access to tools, resources, and training to help communities pursue revitalization and redevelopment efforts. In the past decade, participating communities have reported adding more than 870 net new businesses and more than 3,300 jobs, as well as \$3.9 billion in private investment.

"Strong, thriving communities are what makes Wisconsin a great place for people to live, work, grow, and do business," said Missy Hughes, secretary and CEO of WEDC, in the news release making the announcement.

Mayor Clint Braun said the partnership with WEDC will help foster growth in the community.

"Our Main Street needs to hit the rewind button on decades of neglect and take the steps necessary to move toward a future of vibrant prosperity," Braun said. "We're excited to take yet another step in the right direction to bring our once-pulsing downtown Oconto Falls back to life."

Hughes said Connect Communities gives the city access to a variety of program services, including:

- An online networking and discussion group to get new ideas from staff and other participating Connect Communities.
- Main Street workshops focused on popular downtown revitalization topics.
- An on-site visit from a member of WEDC's community development staff to assist in identifying needs and helping develop a plan to achieve local goals.
- Training for the downtown direc-

School board seeks options on middle school ball diamonds

Trent Maloney Memorial group offers cost estimates, fundraising help

BY WARREN BLUHM
News Editor

Oconto Falls school officials plan to bring estimates to the school board's next meeting Nov. 11 on the cost of designing baseball and softball fields at the new middle school, with an eye toward remembering a student who died too young.

Trent Maloney Memorial Inc. (TMMI) representatives appeared again at the Oct. 21 board meeting in hopes of getting a commitment to support a fundraising initiative for the fields in memory of Trent, a 9-year-old Oconto Falls Elementary School third grader who died Feb. 28, 2020, of complications from cardiac arrest he had suffered five weeks earlier.

The memorial fund established by his parents, Greg and Randi Maloney, has staged a baseball tournament each year in August to fund scholarships for Oconto

Falls High School students, a practice they intend to keep up through 2029, the year Trent would have graduated from OFHS.

Now they are advocating for the fields to be built at the middle school, which is currently under construction and scheduled to open in the fall of 2025. The goal is for the fields to be ready for the class of 2029 to play on them, and TMMI intends to raise private funds for naming rights and as many amenities as they can manage.

The group provided an estimate, provided in part by Hutchinson Property Services and numbers offered by the Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District, that a facility could be built for \$1,327 million. Lighting and a sound system would add another \$400,000 to the cost.

Greg Maloney and TMMI member Derek Tate described the group's visits to four recently completed high school

baseball facilities, including Wittenberg-Birnamwood, to get an idea what features to include for Oconto Falls.

The proposal includes an artificial turf varsity field, concession stand and restrooms, dugouts and other features, including a second ball diamond with a dirt and sod surface that could serve as a junior varsity field.

"The reason we included the second field right away is we all know costs aren't going to get any cheaper," Randi Maloney said, saying there's an advantage to doing both fields at the same time and have one complete facility.

She pointed out that the baseball diamond at Memorial Field has been mostly unchanged for about 50 years, and the committee agreed the new facility should be built right the first time.

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True Value files for Chapter 11 bankruptcy

Customers will notice few changes at local stores

By **KEVIN PASSON**
Editor-in-Chief

Shoppers at True Value stores in Shawano, Wittenberg and Oconto Falls will notice few, if any, changes at the stores due to the company's recent bankruptcy filing.

Chicago-based True Value filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection and said in a press release all of

its 4,500 stores, including Qualheim's True Value in Shawano and United True Value in Oconto Falls, will remain open during the bankruptcy process. All stores but one are independently owned.

"We, United True Value, are independently owned and operated, just as all True Value stores are," the Oconto Falls store posted on Facebook. "We will continue to proudly serve our community and surrounding areas, and this should have very little impact on us as a store."

"That being said, please

have patience and understanding with us as we navigate through this time."

The 75-year-old hardware company initiated the proceedings to enter into an agreement with Do It Best, which has offered to pay \$153 million in cash to purchase the business.

Qualheim's True Value posted a statement to its Facebook page even before True Value announced its plans.

"Before too much speculation starts, we want you to know that we are not going anywhere," according to the post. "We are a local,

privately owned business and are in good financial health. The Chapter 11 filing and impending sale of True Value Company will have no bearing on us at this point. We have many other suppliers and options available to us and we will determine what the best path is going forward to best serve our community."

Under the agreement with Do It Best, the home improvement rival will become a "stalking horse" bidder, according to True Value. That means that while the Fort Wayne, Indiana company is technically

the lead bidder, True Value remains open to better offers.

True Value sells a variety of home improvement goods like tools, lumber and plumbing Company officials said True Value has succumbed to slumping sales. The company, has between \$500 million and \$1 billion in total liabilities.

"We determined that the sale of our business was the path forward to maximize value and best serve our retail partners and other stakeholders into the future," True Value CEO Chris Kempa said in a

statement. "We believe that entering the process with an agreed offer from Do it Best, who has a similar decades-long history in the home improvement space and also operates with a focus on supporting members and helping them grow, is the most beneficial next step for True Value."

Do it Best is a member-owned wholesaler of lumber and hardware products to independent stores.

The transaction with Do it Best is expected to close by the end of the year.

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Vets 4 Vets group to hold spaghetti dinner in Suring

Vets 4 Vets of Northeast Wisconsin is hosting its 22nd Annual Veterans Spaghetti Dinner from 3-6 p.m. Nov. 11 at Red Maple Country Club, 501 Golf Course Road, Suring.

The organization will again be offering a spaghetti, meatball, and garlic bread dinner, with carryout available on request. Full cash bar and dining room service at Red Maple

will be available. There will be silent auctions, bingo, 50/50 and meat raffles, a DJ for entertainment and more.

All veterans who bring in their invitation postcards will be eligible to win grocery gift certificates. Veterans and active military who do not have an invitation are welcome to attend the dinner and can fill out a postcard to be

eligible for the grocery gift certificates, but they will need to bring military ID or proof of military service if possible.

The spaghetti dinner is free for veterans, while guests and the general public will pay \$7 per person.

Vets 4 Vets of Northeast Wisconsin is a nonprofit Suring-based organization made up of veterans and non-veterans.

Neopit man arrested for assault, burglary

By **KEVIN MURPHY**
Correspondent

A Neopit man who allegedly foot stomped the head and neck of a woman he was living with was indicted Oct. 23 in federal court with two counts of assault and one count of burglary.

Court documents alleged that Nee Gee J. Cloud, 31, rendered the woman unconscious by stomping on her head and neck, punching her repeatedly on the head, kicking her torso and slamming her head onto the floor. The woman was hospitalized for a month for the Sept. 20 incident to treat her lacerations and facial fractures.

The homeowner of the residence received remote notifications from his home security system and asked a neighbor to go to the house and see what was going on. As the notifications continued, the homeowner viewed the surveillance system and saw Cloud

violently assaulting the woman, identified as O.W. The woman and Cloud were in a relationship and lived at the residence with the homeowner.

The neighbor knocked on the door but couldn't contact Cloud. He then called 911. Menominee Tribal Police arrived and found Cloud outside the residence. He tried to flee inside but was subdued with a Taser. Cloud was taken into custody.

Inside the residence, police found blood in the kitchen area. O.W. was laying unresponsive in a pool of blood in the bedroom. O.W. was airlifted to a Wausau hospital.

The homeowner emailed authorities videos from his home security system that show Cloud kicking in the front door and looking for O.W. who was hiding in a bedroom closet.

Minutes later, Cloud was recorded exiting the

bedroom and walking to the kitchen sink with blood on his hands.

Someone was heard yelling from outside for Cloud to open the door, according to the complaint. Cloud walked outside with blood on his arms and engaged with officers when they arrived.

Asked if O.W. was alive, Cloud answered that she was. Cloud ran toward the front door but was overtaken by officers who deploy a Taser on him before he is restrained and taken into custody.

Cloud was formally arrested Sept. 24, was ordered into federal detention the next day and arraigned Oct. 23.

Cloud faces maximum penalties of 20 years in prison if convicted of assault with the intent to commit murder, and 10 years each for burglary and domestic assault by a habitual offender convictions.

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tor or program lead, board president, or municipal staff.

- Roundtable discussion groups, quarterly webinars and regional training sessions on pertinent topics.
- WEDC's online downtown development library of resources and toolkits.



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- Invitation to the annual Main Street Awards program, plus eligibility to nominate a project for a Connect Communities award.
- Businesses in participating districts are also eligible to access matching loan dollars through the Kiva crowdlending platform, have access to a statewide historic façade design library, and can apply for annual make-over and place-makeover contests.

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The group envisions combining the resources of the school district and the community similar to those that led to construction of the softball diamonds and the ST Paper Stadium football field a decade ago.

"We have beautiful facilities here, and this is kind of like the final piece of the puzzle," Maloney said. "We want it to be something that we're very proud of as a community, that we're bringing people into our community, and let's be honest, I would want people to be jealous, to say, 'Wow, look at that,

what they did, that's pretty cool."

School board member Carrie Hill, who also serves on the TMMI committee, said the group believes turf is necessary to reduce the constant need for rescheduling spring games because of wet grounds.

The fly in the ointment is that ball diamonds were among about \$12 million worth of projects that were removed after a \$49.9 million middle school referendum failed in April 2022. The scaled-down \$36.5 million referendum passed the following November.

School Board President Clint Gardebrecht said he remembered cutting down pine trees with Mike Bouche, the district's building and grounds supervisor and an assistant baseball coach, to prepare the grounds for the four softball diamonds.

"I firmly believe that this didn't happen out here, until we had done that and proved to the community that we could do something that was fairly fiscally responsible when we built those softball fields," Gardebrecht said. "And then a few years later we had multiple

referendums that didn't pass, where we had high-dollar estimates for what a football complex would be, and we had what turned out to be a school-driven, community-based effort to put in the football field, and it's another marquee attraction that we have where other schools come and say wow, look at what they have."

Bouche agreed that the community stepped up after the old Panther Pride group came with \$40,000 to the board, which agreed to lease the land for \$1.

"We stuck a fork in the ground and then people

started coming," Bouche said. "I am totally supporting this group — I think there's a million different avenues to go to get it done and get it started so we can move on with it. Sometimes it just takes that first step and then people trust the fact that you're actually going to do it."

Board members were inclined to support the project but agreed that the first step is to get a design plan and more concrete numbers than TMMI's rough estimate.

Superintendent Dean Hess suggested that he and

district business manager Kim Sinclair get back to the board with the cost of design work and get some understanding what the board's options might be.

"You don't have to look very far to see some pretty neat things where people came together — softball fields, the football field, the veterans memorial — these are things where people came together and did something," Hess said. "None of those things, by the way, happened without anxiety and some consternation, I'm sure."

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A spooky time in the woods

Dozens of volunteers make for successful event

BY WARREN BLUHM
News Editor

Judging from the smiles and and laughter from delighted children as they romped through the West Side Beach woods, the second annual Oconto Falls Trick or Treat Trail was another success Oct. 26.

The event was blessed with nice autumn weather with sunshine and temperatures in the upper 40s.

“It was so cold last year,” more than one volunteer said as they passed out goodies at more than two dozen stations along the wooded trail off the beach grounds. Games and other activities at the trailhead kept kids busy before and after their journey through the forest.

Many parents and grandparents got into the spirit of the day by dressing in costumes along with the children.

“It’s wonderful to see families getting out to share good times together,” Sherry Druckery said as she volunteered at the St. John’s Lutheran Church of Morgan booth.

Christine Grzelak, who conceived the local event and has served as chief organizer the first two years, thanked a long list of volunteers after the event, from the set-up help to

parking and game attendants and the people who help dismantle everything at the end of the two-hour celebration.

She credited the Witch Next Door Store for helping to set the atmosphere.

“You truly make the trail such a scenic adventure, and I can’t imagine not doing this event without your collaboration,” Grzelak said. “Your crew works so hard setting up and taking down.”

New Mayor Clint Braun also got a shout-out for showing up at sunrise and helping all the way to the end.

“He helped with set up, take down, and also went around taking so many wonderful pictures and videos that I can’t wait to share with you,” she said. “Mayor Clint Braun and his son and crew from PROCAR also volunteered with parking and traffic control, a much needed improvement we needed this year.”

Boy Scout Troop 1024 helped parked cars at Pine Grove Park on Sherman Street, while Thomas the Tank Engine from Whispering Pines Tree Farm shuttled families from the overflow parking area to the trail.

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The trailhead at West Side Beach is decked out with spooky decor Oct. 26 for the second annual Oconto Falls Trick or Treat Trail.

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Purple witch Ann Senn provides goodies for a princess who visited during the second annual Oconto Falls Trick or Treat Trail.

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With the theme based on the film “Hocus Pocus,” a visit from the Sanderson Sisters seems inevitable — from left, Ireland Herman, Lyla Bailey and Baylee Booth.

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Oakleigh Klaus gets a ride in a backpack to the Oconto Falls Trick or Treat Trail.

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Some local talent entertains at the Oconto Falls Trick or Treat Trail 2024.

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LaVern “Lefty” Henry Mayer, 97, Oconto Falls, died Thursday morning, Oct. 24, 2024, surrounded by family.

He was born Nov. 15, 1926, in the Town of Advance to Herman and Nora (Werner) Mayer. He grew up in Morgan and attended South Morgan School and graduated from Oconto Falls High School with the class of 1944.

Following graduation, he worked in the family owned cheese factory with his father and also helped farmers. In 1946, he went to Florida to a baseball school and also worked in an orange and grapefruit factory. He played pro baseball in Frostproff Deland, Palatka and Lakeland from 1947-50.

On Oct. 14, 1950, he married Marilyn Delzer, and they lived in Oconto Falls. Lefty worked as a cheesemaker at the



Morgan Co-op. He played semi-pro baseball for the Marinette Marines and also on Sundays for a Green Valley team.

In 1953, he went back to play pro baseball. He played in St. Petersburg, Florida, Charleston, South Carolina, and Raleigh, North Carolina. While at Charleston, he played against Hank Aaron when he was with Jacksonville. He broke his leg while

playing for Raleigh, and that was the end of his pro career.

In 1959, he and his wife bought Sankey Dairy in Oconto Falls and bottled milk and made home deliveries in Oconto Falls and surrounding communities. Bottling was done until 1968, and he then became a distributor for Morning Dairy until 1989 and continued to work for his son-in-law delivering until 1996. He worked at a convenience store and gas station until December 2017.

Lefty coached Babe Ruth baseball teams from 1963-76, and in 1966, he helped start the Legion Baseball team and coached it until 1981. In 1975, he was elected to be the North Team coach for the Wisconsin American Legion All Stars held in County Stadium in Milwaukee.

Lefty was on the board

of director of the Blue Ribbons Baseball team in Green Bay from 1981-83. In September 2009, Lefty was elected into the Wall of Fame at Oconto Falls High School.

He was a member of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church where he held various positions on the church council from 1957 to 2006, including being president for a number of years. He served on the church building committee from 1975 to 1977.

He is survived by his wife of 74 years; three sons and one daughter, Leland (Anna) Mayer, Eau Claire, Lawrence (Anne Wallis) Mayer, North Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, James (Mary Jo) Mayer, Oconomowoc, and Debra (Allan) Konitzer, Oconto Falls; grandchildren, Kari (Jason) Fleming, Burke, Virginia, Marc (Jenna) Mayer,

Eau Claire, Cory Mayer, Marquette, Michigan, Lutetia (Skye) Wallis/Mayer Smith, Squamish, British Columbia, Canada, Tristan Wallis/Mayer, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, Imogen Wallis/Mayer, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, Emily (Conner) McCarthy, Benjamin Mayer, and Megan Mayer, all of Minneapolis, Minnesota, Abigail (Mike) Montie and Samuel (Liz) Konitzer, both of Oconto Falls; great-grandchildren, Brandon and Samantha Fleming, Burke, Virginia, Calvin and Wesley Mayer, Eau Claire, Georgia and Michael Montie, Oconto Falls, Aurora Smith, Squamish, British Columbia, Rylann McCarthy, Minneapolis, Minnesota; one brother, Charles Mayer, California; one sister, Dolores Winter, Little Suamico; two sisters-in-law, Mae (Byron) Aprill,

Pulaski, and Romelle Delzer, Oconto Falls; one brother-in-law, William (Donna) Delzer; many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; parents-in law, William and Elsie Delzer; brothers-in-law, Kenneth Delzer, Otis Delzer, Robert Delzer, Eugene Winter; one sister-in-law, Virgene Delzer, brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Harold and Helen Black; and one grandson, George William Konitzer.

Visitation will be held 3-6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26, 2024, at Jones Funeral Service in Oconto Falls.

Visitation will continue after 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 27, 2024, at Calvary Lutheran Church in Abrams until the time of services at 4 p.m. Sunday with the Rev. Matthew Stuebs officiating.



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Tim Konitzer



Tim Konitzer, 69, Freedom, died early Saturday, Oct. 19, 2024, at a Green Bay hospital, following an acute illness.

He was born Jan. 28, 1955, in Green Bay to Marcel and Marie (Vorrone) Konitzer Sr.

On Dec. 7, 1974, he married Deb Siebers in Kaukauna, and they had two children. Tim worked as a mechanic and truck driver for all of his life in the area.

He was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church in Oconto Falls and served as a volunteer fireman for the Oneida Fire Department for 13 years, the past 20 years in an honorary capacity. Tim will be lovingly remembered as a caring and loving son, husband, father, grandpa, brother, uncle and as one who opened their home to care for numerous children.

Survivors are his wife of 50 years, Deb Konitzer; their two children, Amy (Matt) Ruehle, Justin (April) Konitzer; nine grandchildren, Angela, Brie and Beka Ruehle, Kai and Jake Konitzer, Logan, Ellie, Mya and Emily Bahr; three siblings, Bill (Janey) Konitzer, Lana Geurts, Roger Konitzer; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Ginny Konitzer, Brian, Larry (Chris) and Richard (Sherry) Siebers, Jeff Scho-

Jean Lockstein



Jean Lockstein, 71, Gillett, died Sunday morning, Oct. 20, 2024, at a Shawano health care facility.

She was born Jan. 14, 1953, in Marinette to Lawrence and Elizabeth (Hoffman) Stujenske. Jean grew up in Marinette and Green Bay, graduating from Bay Port High School.

On July 20, 1974, she married John Lockstein at St. John the Baptist Church in Howard. The couple lived in rural Gillett all of their married lives where Jean once worked for the shoe factory in Pulaski and Gillett Canning. She was a member of St. John’s Lutheran Church in Gillett. Jean will be lovingly remembered as a loving and caring wife, mother and grandmother who enjoyed reading, doing puzzles and spoiling her cats.

Survivors are her husband of 50 years, John Lockstein Sr.; their two daughters, Marie (Truc) Nguyen and Bonnie (Erik) Seefeldt; daughter-in-law, Tina Parsons; seven grandchildren, Tyler (Lizzie) Lockstein, Ben, Joshua and Isabel Nguyen, Isaac, Gabrielle

and Arthur Seefeldt; one great-grandson, Leon Lockstein; her siblings, Tom Stujenske, Pat Stujenske, Joan (David) Sabel, Judy (John) Lerch, Randy (Donna) Stujenske and Brian Stujenske; many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son, John Jr. on Oct. 10, 2010; brother, Christopher Stujenske; and brother-in-law, Gust Lockstein Jr.

Visitation with the urn present will be held after 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 2, 2024, at Jones Funeral Service in Oconto Falls until the time of service. Funeral services will be held 1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home with Pastor Chris Byars officiating. Burial will follow in St. John’s Lutheran Cemetery.

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Steffen, Benson face the voters in 4th District

Redrawn district covers parts of Brown and Oconto counties

Southeastern Oconto County will get new representation in the state Assembly after the Nov. 5 election due to the redistricting that was finalized earlier this year.

The maps drawn by Gov. Tony Evers, and approved last winter by the legislature after a court battle, reconfigured the 4th Assembly District to include part of southeastern Oconto County in addition to Brown County, beginning with the new term that begins Jan. 7.

The district now includes the Oconto County towns of Abrams, Lena, Little River, Little Suamico, Maple Valley, Oconto, Oconto Falls, Pensaukee, Spruce and Stiles; the cities of Oconto and Oconto Falls; and the village of Lena, as well as Howard, Suamico and part of the city of Green Bay in Brown County.

State Rep. David Steffen, R-Howard, faces Suamico Democrat Jane Benson on the ballot.

Benson, 68, has lived in Suamico for 22 years and has been married to her husband, Jeff, for 24 years. An independent web development specialist for 16 years, she has worked with teams of people to identify what's important to businesses and create an internet presence for them, similar to researching issues and writing bills for the Assembly. She has been active in the League of Women Voters and Fair Maps Coalition and serves on the board of the Northeast Wisconsin Clean Water Action

Council.

Steffen, 53, describes himself as a husband, father to one son, and a 40-year resident of the 4th Assembly District. He owns two small businesses in Howard and has represented the district since 2015. Prior to serving as a state representative, he served on the Howard Village Board and Brown County Board.

The two candidates responded to questions regarding issues facing the legislature and the 4th District.

What is the first thing you plan to tackle if you're elected to the Assembly?

Benson: Enshrine reproductive rights in the state constitution, so women are full citizens again. It's at least a three-year process to accomplish this. Drafting a bill, passing it in two consecutive legislative sessions, then putting a referendum on the ballot for Wisconsinites to vote on it.

Steffen: My first bill to be introduced will be to make retirement tax-free for Wisconsin residents. Our seniors have been particularly hard hit by the sky high prices for food, fuel and housing. Putting them in a situation where they are living their golden years without paying any income taxes will certainly enhance their quality of life and keep our retirees from moving to no-tax states like Florida, Texas and Tennessee.

With abortion becoming an issue that differs from state to state after



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the repeal of Roe v. Wade, what should Wisconsin's law be?

Steffen: I am a pro-life, conservative Republican. I have been a leader in the Pro Life movement and have also been recognized by Wisconsin Right to Life for my efforts and support of their agenda. However, it will be difficult to reduce the number of abortions in Wisconsin as long as Tony Evers remains our governor.

Benson: I trust women. Health care workers should be protected as they care for pregnant women. They should not be threatened by Republican legislative bills with fines and felonies, effectively abandoning women in their greatest hour of need. Privacy should be respected as a decision is considered about how to handle a pregnancy.

Fetal viability should be a guideline, but because so many variables can occur, "health" of the mother should be the primary consideration.

What should the Assembly do to improve Wisconsin's agriculture industry?

Benson: The agriculture industry in Wisconsin is undergoing fundamental change. Where we once had "family farms," we now have an "oligopoly," where four or fewer companies control sectors of the industry. The state justice department needs to enforce existing antitrust laws. Legislators need to properly fund staff to break up the unfair concentrations of power. A straightforward example is fertilizer. Local cooperatives are concentrated, so farmers experience a fixed price, and can't "shop

around."

Steffen: I have worked with the Wisconsin Farm Bureau for many years to find ways to assist our family farmers. At the top of the list for next session includes increasing the health insurance options, expanding the markets for crops and making the Agriculture Road Improvement Program (ARIP) a permanent line-item in the state budget.

Social media has become a concern for people across the country, including in Wisconsin. What do you think Wisconsin's policy on social media should be?

Steffen: The harms of social media on our children has been a focus of mine over the last two years. Research has indicated that social media is a direct cause of anxiety, depression and self-harm in our youth, especially amongst girls. I was the lead author of the bipartisan Kids Online Safety Act (KOSA). This legislation provides common sense default settings for youth social media users to protect them from online predators, additive AI-driven advertising and limits social media access during the overnight hours. Parents and children are struggling to deal with the dangers associated with social media. It is time for us to establish modest safety guardrails to protect our children.

Benson: Social media companies are not state-owned; therefore, the state does not have the right

to tell them what to do. Facebook and other tech companies are global and so enormous that Wisconsin does not have the resources to try to control them. Handle this at the national level. We should make our wants known, so that families have the controls they need to protect the safety of children and young people online.

Public school funding continues to be an issue. How much of the schools' funding should come from the state?

Benson: The Wisconsin constitution requires providing equitable public schools for "all" children. Our schools are not being fairly funded by the state or the federal government. We need to re-do the state funding formula to make it fairer. School districts are constantly asking taxpayers to pass referenda to cover state and federal mandates and too little reimbursement for special education pupils. Meanwhile, state money is given away to private and religious schools through vouchers.

Steffen: Public education continues to be the largest line-item in the state budget. Additionally, the last three state budgets have all added record increases in funding to or public schools. While the state taxpayers will continue to pay two-thirds of the cost of public education, our local taxpayers, residents and local school boards need be increasingly engaged to address the remaining costs associated with public education.



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10/25 & 11/1/2024 CITY OF GILLETT 2025 PROPOSED BUDGET					
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Thursday, November 7, 2024 at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers of the Gillett Municipal Building, 150 N McKenzie Ave, Gillett Wisconsin, a public hearing will be held on the proposed 2025 budget, following the public hearing the Council will vote on the proposed budget during a Common Council meeting at 6:00 pm that same night . The proposed budget is available for inspection in the business office at City Hall during normal business hours 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Mon - Thursday; at the Gillett Public Library during normal business hours; at the Gillett Post Office or the Gillett Police Department during normal business hours. The following is a summary of the proposed 2025 City Budget:					
	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2023 Actual	2024 Budget	2025 Budget
Taxes-General Levy	559,452.00	644,165.00	644,165.00	787,659.00	562,146.00
Other Taxes	118,007.00	118,007.00	25,312.00	118,307.00	103,018.00
Special Assessments/charges	1,000.00	1,000.00	-	0.00	0.00
Intergovernmental Revenues	709,837.00	639,681.00	797,117.00	766,347.00	798,596.00
Licenses & Permits	11,375.00	11,375.00	13,016.00	11,825.00	11,800.00
Fines, Forfeitures, Penalties	16,850.00	16,850.00	9,273.00	11,960.00	12,060.00
Public Charges for Service	148,890.00	148,890.00	141,596.00	161,940.00	160,740.00
Intergovernmental Charges	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	6,050.00	6,050.00	23,796.00	8,200.00	9,500.00
Other Financing Sources	0.00	225,000.00	114,882.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL REVENUES	1,571,461.00	1,811,018.00	1,769,157.00	1,866,038.00	1,657,860.00
"EXPENDITURES					
General Government"					
General Government	299,651.00	267,983.00	240,189.00	234,167.00	271,590.00
Public Safety	569,874.00	484,424.00	483,076.00	467,967.00	527,512.00
Public Works	381,946.00	407,240.00	503,002.00	517,035.00	546,348.00
Health and Human Services	24,900.00	26,500.00	25,012.00	27,800.00	27,150.00
Culture, Recreation, Education	21,300.00	30,300.00	20,041.00	42,700.00	28,800.00
Conservation and Development	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Outlay and Planning	-	-	60,866.00	-	-
Debt Service	70,277.00	265,020.00	299,294.00	400,864.00	181,560.00
Other Financing Uses	180,000.00	282,600.00	370,453.00	175,505.00	74,900.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,547,948.00	1,764,067.00	2,001,933.00	1,866,038.00	1,657,860.00
	72,513.00	46,051.00	122,776.00	-	-
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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT
COURT BROWN COUNTY

PROGRESSIVE UNIVERSAL
INSURANCE COMPANY
AS SUBROGEE OF
ISAAC S OLIVER
Plaintiff,
vs.
ERICO MORALES-TEREZ
JUAN A HERNANDEZ
Defendants.

SMALL CLAIMS AMENDED SUMMONS
Case No. 24SC003846

TO: ERICO MORALES-TEREZ
8715 CCC RD
OCONTO FALLS WI 54154

You are being sued by: PROGRESSIVE
UNIVERSAL INSURANCE COMPANY
AS SUBROGEE OF ISAAC S OLIVER in
the Small Claims Court of BROWN
County, located at
100 S JEFFERSON GREEN BAY WI
54305-3600.

A hearing will be held at 3:15 p.m. on
November 27, 2024. If you do not appear,
a judgment may be given to the party
suing you. A copy of this amended
summons along with the summons and
complaint is being mailed to you.
Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin this
October 25, 2024.

KOHN LAW FIRM S.C.
ELECTRONICALLY SIGNED BY:
/S/MERRICK RAMOS
MERRICK RAMOS
Plaintiff's Attorney
State Bar No. 1116409
735 N. Water St., Suite 1300
Milwaukee, WI 53202
(414) 276-0435

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT
COURT OCONTO COUNTY

MIDLAND CREDIT MANAGEMENT, INC
Plaintiff,
vs.
DONNA L THOMPSON
Defendant.
Case No. 24CV000119

AMENDED SUMMONS

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN
TO: DONNA L THOMPSON
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KRAKOW WI 54137

You are hereby notified that the Plaintiff
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Plaintiff's
attorneys, whose address is 735 N.
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seizure of property.
Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin October
23, 2024.

KOHN LAW FIRM S.C.
ELECTRONICALLY SIGNED BY:
/S/JOHN DANNER
JOHN DANNER
State Bar No. 1125953
Attorney for Plaintiff

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Committee tours county jail

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

The days of housing dozens of inmates in one large cell are long gone. Today's rules require a more individualized approach to managing a jail population, and members of the Shawano County Ad Hoc Building Committee saw and heard about that when they toured the local jail Oct. 23.

The new jail was built in 1994, with another \$4 million invested in updates and improvements since 2018. The work release center on Engel Drive opened in 1998.

"The big concern is that we're not connected to the courthouse, so when we're transporting inmates back and forth to the courthouse, it's a huge security issue that's been mentioned on our jail inspections the last 10

years," said Troy Beyer, jail administrator.

Inmates are walked from the jail across Third Street to the courthouse when necessary.

In the jail are seven pods and five dorms for inmates. The pods accommodate 16 inmates each with two to a room. The dorms are open sleeping areas with no individual cells to lock down.

Beyer noted all inmates have to be classified, and that can affect how many inmates can be in any specific area, thus reducing the amount of available beds.

"By state law, we have to classify inmates according to ... minimum, medium, max, high max," he said. "The criteria for that is the current charges, institutional behavior and criminal history."

The majority of inmates are medium, max or

high max classifications.

Full capacity for the jail is at the 85% mark, which is 130 for the jail and 122 for the work release center.

"It all comes down to that classification piece," Beyer said. "We have to have room to manage with the classification piece. If we have somebody that's disruptive, and we have to move them, but we don't have a bed to move them to."

The ad hoc committee is expected to tour the courthouses, jails and government centers in Green Lake and Waushara counties in early December and then recommend a course of action to the county board that month.

The three avenues are to continue to maintain the existing government buildings (courthouse, sheriff's department, jail and library), remodel some or all of them, or build new.

Suspect arrested in fatal ATV crash

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

A Gillett man was arrested in Arkansas after allegedly fleeing the scene of a fatal ATV accident in Oconto County.

Sheriff Todd Skarban said the Oconto County Emergency Dispatch Center received a call at about 7 p.m. Oct. 25 in regard to a two-vehicle accident involving an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) and a sport utility vehicle (SUV) on Shawano Line Road at Nelson Road in the Town of Gillett.

Deputies immediately responded to the scene of the accident and observed a westbound ATV laying on its side with the operator laying close by on the road. Deputies also observed a westbound silver

2007 GMC Acadia SUV with front end damage.

The operator of the ATV, identified as Thomas Roberts, 60, Green Bay was struck by an SUV being operated by Obilio Thomas Sargento Robrelo, 32, who resided in the City of Gillett. Lifesaving measures were attempted however, Roberts died on scene as a result of injuries sustained in the crash.

Robrelo fled the scene on foot after the crash. After exhaustive law enforcement efforts, Robrelo was located and arrested at a hotel in Jacksonville, Arkansas. Robrelo is currently incarcerated at the Pulaski County Regional Detention Facility awaiting extradition back to Oconto County.

OCONTO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Oct. 23

Deputies responded to 51 incidents, including automobile theft on North Brown County Line Road in the Town of Chase, a wanted person on Tom Post Road in the Town of Brazeau, property damage on Arbutus Avenue in Oconto, fire on County Road M in the Town of Chase, suspicious activity on County Road K in the Town of Oconto Falls, harassment on West Burnt Dam Road in the Town of Townsend, 10 traffic stops, one traffic hazard, one traffic offense, one citizen assist, two miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; one 911 hangup and two open lines; five crashes involving deer.

Oct. 22

Deputies responded to 42 incidents, including suspicious activity near County Road A and Midway Road in the Town of Lena, identity theft on Hedgewood Court in the Town of Abrams, an unwanted party on Business 41 in the Town of Oconto, an animal bite on Brookside Cemetery Road in the Town of Pensaukee, drugs in Gillett, harassment on Rudy Road in the Town of Townsend, a noise disturbance on Cheyenne Drive in the Town of Abrams, a disturbance on East Frontage Road in the Town of Abrams, a disturbance on Magnin Road in the Town of Stiles, a disturbance on state Highway 22 in the Town of Oconto Falls, three traffic stops, one traffic hazard, three citizen assists, four miscellaneous traffic incidents, two welfare checks; two open-line 911 calls; three crashes involving deer.

Oct. 21

Deputies responded to 51 incidents, including suspicious activity on Oak Lane in the Town of Riverview, attempted fraud on Horse Road in the Town of Abrams, drugs in the Town of Oconto, an animal bite near state Highway 41-141 and County Road D in the Town of Abrams, a weapon offense on Arbutus Avenue in Oconto, trespassing on East Anderson Lake Drive in the

Town of Breed, an animal bite on County Road S in the Town of Little Suamico, suspicious activity near Four Towns Road and state Highway 32 in the Town of Maple Valley, theft on North McKenzie Street in Gillett, suspicious activity on County Road J in the Town of Pensaukee, four traffic stops, one traffic hazard, one traffic offense, one citizen assist, three miscellaneous traffic incidents, two welfare checks; one 911 hangup and four open lines; one ambulance call; four crashes, two involving deer.

Oct. 20

Deputies responded to 43 incidents, including a disturbance on Woodstock Lane in the Town of Chase, suspicious activity on County Road S in the Town of Little Suamico, property damage near state Highway 32 and Diamond Roof Road in the Town of Townsend, property damage on County Road A in the Town of Little River, a weapon offense on South Main Street in Oconto Falls, property damage near South Main Street and Union Avenue in Oconto Falls, internet fraud on East Rost Lake Road in the Town of Brazeau, harassment on Arbutus Avenue in Oconto, a wanted person on East Frontage Road in the Town of Little Suamico, suspicious activity on Melissa Boulevard in the Town of Little Suamico, a disturbance on state Highway 32 in the Town of Chase, sexual assault in the Town of Townsend, four traffic stops, one traffic hazard, five traffic offenses, one citizen assist, three miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; two open-line 911 calls; one ambulance call; four crashes, two involving deer, one involving a bear.

Oct. 19

Deputies responded to 46 incidents, including suspicious activity near state Highway 32 and Thelen Road in the Town of Riverview, fire on Elm Grove Road in the Town of Oconto, eight traffic stops, three traffic hazards, four traffic offenses, two citizen assists, three mis-

cellaneous traffic incidents; three 911 hangups and two open lines; two ambulance calls; four crashes, two involving deer.

Oct. 18

Deputies responded to 44 incidents, including a wanted person on Spruce Road in the Town of How, theft on state Highway 32-64 in the Town of Mountain, theft on Business 41 in the Town of Oconto, trespassing on River Road in the Town of Mountain, harassment on East Frontage Road in the Town of Little Suamico, suspicious activity on Red Tail Lane in the Town of Little Suamico, suspicious activity on Kalies Road in the Town of Riverview, four traffic stops, two traffic offenses, two citizen assists, six miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; one 911 hangup and one open line; one ambulance call; four crashes, three involving deer.

Oct. 17

Deputies responded to 39 incidents, including an unwanted party on Cross Road in the Town of Little Suamico, property damage on West Wheeler Lane in the Town of Lakewood, a weapon offense on Nero Lane in the Town of Little Suamico, harassment on Doran Street in the Town of Oconto, harassment on County Road V in the Town of Maple Valley, two traffic stops, one traffic hazard, three citizen assists, one miscellaneous traffic incident, three welfare checks; four 911 hangups and two open lines; two ambulance calls; five crashes, one involving deer.

Oct. 16

Deputies responded to 40 incidents, including child neglect in the Town of Spruce, theft on North River Road in the Town of Oconto, fire on County Road F in the Town of Lakewood, a disturbance on Ridge Road in Oconto Falls, fire near East Highland Drive and North Main Street in Oconto Falls, an ATV accident on Butler Spring Road in the Town of Bagley, animal neglect on Guelig Road in

the Town of Stiles, one traffic stop, one traffic offenses, one citizen assist, four miscellaneous traffic incidents; one 911 hangups and two open lines; two ambulance calls; five crashes, three involving deer.

Oct. 15

Deputies responded to 41 incidents, including suspicious activity on West Main Street in Lena, property damage on County Road V in the Town of Underhill, property damage on White Lake Road in the Town of Bagley, two drug-endangered children complaints in Oconto Falls and one in the Town of Pensaukee, two traffic stops, four traffic offenses, one citizen assist, one miscellaneous traffic incident; two open-line 911 calls; three crashes, two involving deer.

Oct. 14

Deputies responded to 38 incidents including an animal bite on Ducaine Road in the Town of Lena, a disturbance on North Zippel Avenue in Gillett, theft on Old 32 Road in the Town of Mountain, a death investigation in the Town of Oconto Falls, suspicious activity near County Road I and Bacon Road in the Town of Oconto Falls, an animal bite on Morgan Marsh Road in the Town of Morgan, suspicious activity on state Highway 32 in the Town of Townsend, suspicious activity near West Main Street and South Elm Avenue in Gillett, two traffic stops, two traffic hazards, two miscellaneous traffic incidents, three welfare checks; one 911 hangup and two open lines; one ambulance call; three crashes, one involving deer.

Oct. 13

Deputies responded to 22 incidents, including trespassing on East Anderson Lake Drive in the Town of Breed, motorcycle theft on Knapp Street in Suring, criminal damage on County Road S in the Town of Little Suamico, a noise disturbance on Cheyenne Drive in the Town of Abrams, a disturbance on Pine Ridge Lake Lane in the Town of Lakewood, a disturbance on state High-

way 22 in the Town of Oconto, harassment on state Highway 32-64 in the Town of Mountain, threatening on Froelick Road in the Town of Pensaukee, child abuse in the Town of Lakewood, a structure fire on Pittco Road in Brown County, a disturbance on North Zippel Avenue in Gillett, two traffic hazards, one miscellaneous traffic incident, two welfare checks; three open-line 911 calls.

Oct. 12

Deputies responded to 40 incidents, including a noise disturbance on Holiday Inn Road in the Town of Spruce, animal neglect on Airport Road in the Town of Oconto, theft on South Lake Street in Gillett, an unwanted party on Park Avenue in Oconto, an animal bite on Gallas Road in the Town of Oconto Falls, threatening on Breeze Lane in the Town of Chase, suspicious activity on East Frontage Road in the Town of Little Suamico, suspicious activity on Brookside Road in the Town of Pensaukee, animal neglect on Menominee Line Road in the Town of Underhill, intoxication on state Highway 32 in the Town of Townsend, suspicious activity on North Flatley Avenue in Oconto Falls, one citizen assist, one miscellaneous traffic incident, three welfare checks; one 911 hangup and two open lines; one ambulance call; three crashes, one involving deer.

Oct. 11

Deputies responded to 46 incidents, including suspicious activity on County Road S in the Town of Chase, criminal damage on County Road V in the Town of Underhill, attempted fraud on Country Oaks Drive in the Town of Little Suamico, illegal burning near North Krueger Street and East Main Street in Suring, three traffic stops, one traffic hazard, three traffic offenses, two citizen assists, two miscellaneous traffic incidents, two welfare checks; one 911 hangup and five open lines; three crashes, three involving deer.

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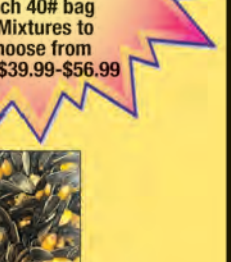
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Behnke, Hinze make pitches for Assembly seat

Candidates look at ag, abortion, education and social media

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The 6th Assembly District will have new representation in January, and voters will decide between a Republican representative seeking a third term in office and a Democrat seeking her first state office.

Elijah Behnke, 41, lives on the east side of Abrams in Oconto County, but is currently looking at homes in the Pulaski area, which is in the district. Behnke is a small business owner who operates Echelon Professional Cleaning and is also a hobby farmer. He has a two-year degree in biblical studies from Toccoa Falls College.

Shirley Hinze, 68, lives in Shawano. Hinze touts her experience with advisory committees, planning commissions, being a president of a preschool board, being a school aide in a public school and working as an accountant.

Behnke and Hinze both answered several questions addressing their views on issues important to voters in the 6th Assembly District.

What is the first thing you plan to tackle if you're elected to the Assembly?

Behnke: There are so many issues that should be addressed, but we need to focus on what we can realistically get signed into law. I've consistently supported middle-class tax cuts four times, only to see them vetoed by Gov. (Tony) Evers. The high cost of living is destroying the middle-class. I also support common-sense legislation that limits government overreach



Shirley Hinze walks along the parade route on Independence Day in Bonduel to meet folks as she tries to get to know the issues of the 6th Assembly District. This will be her first term as a state representative, if she's elected.

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and reduces government spending.

Hinze: I would work to expand Badger Care and Medicaid by accepting the federal funds that Wisconsin currently refuses. Both of these programs affect seniors.

With abortion becoming an issue that differs from state to state after the repeal of Roe v. Wade, what should Wisconsin's law be?

Hinze: Women have the right to choose. It is up to the woman and her partner to determine the size of their family, not the government. This isn't even about abortion anymore. I wish more of these people that call themselves pro-life started caring about what happens to the child after its born. You can't claim to care about life and repeatedly vote against child care and school lunch programs.

Behnke: I am the Pro-Life Wisconsin endorsed candidate, and I stand by my 100% pro-life voting record. As a Christian,

I absolutely believe life begins at conception and should be protected.

What should the Assembly do to improve Wisconsin's agriculture industry?

Behnke: Wisconsin farmers are over regulated and burdened. Having grown up on a farm, I know first hand how difficult it can be. Giving farmers more opportunity for economic growth such as the sale of raw milk will help farmers grow and thrive. Legalizing the sale of raw milk will be one of my top priorities. Wisconsin is losing too many small family farms every year; we must give them the support and resources needed to succeed.

Hinze: I would pass legislation providing funds to small family farms so they can transition into different forms of agriculture. We are losing our farming communities to expanding mega farms, and it is important to make sure smaller operations can remain competitive. Providing

funding for the development of sustainable methods of fertilization and weed control is essential to the health of our future generations.

Social media has become a concern for people across the

country, including in Wisconsin. What do you think Wisconsin's policy on social media should be?

Hinze: Our First Amendment is an essential part of a free and fair democracy. Why is it important to certain groups of people to include speech that explicitly encourages hate and violence under these protections?

Behnke: The issue of social media has become a large issue across our nation and right here in Wisconsin. While it seems government involvement is needed, I do not believe it is the role of government to monitor and dictate the use of social media.

Public school funding continues to be an issue. How much of the schools' funding should come from the state?

Behnke: Children are the future and I want to ensure they can be as successful as possible. Public school funding is one of, if not the most, difficult funding issues that Wisconsin faces.

However, the answer is not to keep throwing money at an issue that does not seem to resolve even with more state funding. Rural school districts are crippled by the per pupil funding while large districts are fortunate enough to have larger amounts per pupil. We must have a top down conversation regarding education with all stakeholders involved.

Hinze: I'm just scratching the surface with this; school financing is incredibly complicated. Currently, over half of Wisconsin public schools are under referendum, including Shawano. Republicans have frozen property taxes and school budgets leading to budget shortfalls. A minimum amount of this tax money returns to the communities. Additionally, the voucher program siphons money from already struggling schools. It is unacceptable that so many of our school districts can't even afford building repairs when we're sitting on a \$6 billion surplus.



Elijah Behnke has plenty of information for voters in his hands as he walks along the parade route on Independence Day in Bonduel. Behnke is seeking his third term in the Assembly but his first in the 6th District, due to legislative maps being redrawn.

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Hamstring injuries are common but fixable

The hamstrings are a group of three muscles that attach at the bottom of the pelvis. They run down the back of the leg and reattach to the bones of the lower leg just below the knee.

"The hamstrings help us extend our legs and bend our knees," said Dr. Ryan Wagner, ThedaCare sport medicine physician. "Having good muscle strength and flexibility in our hamstrings is key for many leg movements and our overall balance."

Hamstring injuries are common. Anyone involved in sports or exercise activities that involve running, sprinting or jumping is susceptible to

strains and more serious hamstring injuries. This includes soccer, football, basketball and pickleball players, as well as runners and dancers. Adolescents experiencing sudden growth spurts also may be vulnerable when their muscle growth doesn't quite keep pace with their bone growth.

Muscle overload is the most common cause of a hamstring injury, Wagner said. Other triggers include muscle weakness, tightness, imbalance and poor conditioning.

Wagner described the range of hamstring injuries and their typical treatment.

- Minor strains (grade 1 injury). These are mild and typically heal in a few days after rest, elevation and compression. The person could use ice or heat as well, depending on what their health care provider recommends – or whichever feels better.

- More severe strains or slight tears (grade 2 injury). These injuries may involve swelling and bruising after a few days. Again rest, elevation and compression are the first line of treatment. Sometimes with grade 2 injuries, medical officials may put the person on crutches for a period of time to take weight off the muscle.

- Complete muscle tears (grade 3 injury). These injuries may take months to heal. In rare cases, the hamstring muscles may tear away from the bone. This is known as an avulsion injury and may require surgery. Doctors likely would do imaging to determine the extent of damage before deciding on a treatment plan.

Once a hamstring injury heals, a therapy program that focuses first on flexibility and then strengthening can be beneficial, Wagner noted. A licensed athletic trainer at a school or physical therapist can create and oversee that

treatment program.

"When the muscle strain doesn't respond to rest, compression and elevation — and there's continued pain when putting weight on the leg — it's time to seek further medical advice," Wagner said. "A licensed athletic trainer, if available, or primary care provider could do the first assessment. The person could then move on to an orthopedic specialist if a more serious injury is suspected."

Keeping the hamstring muscles in good condition is the first step toward avoiding hamstring injuries, Wagner said. That requires having a good

year-round cross-training exercise routine so that one muscle group doesn't overpower another. For example, having strong quadriceps on the front of the thigh can lead to hamstring strains. Stretching exercises also are important for the hamstrings.

"Generally speaking, taking part in a wide range of physical activities is good for everyone, no matter their age or activity level," Wagner said. "That will help prevent hamstring and many other muscle injuries. Lastly, warming up all the muscle groups is important before beginning any physical activity, including sports."

St. Paul place to be for arts and crafts

Visitors browse the arts, crafts and raffle baskets Oct. 26 at St. Paul Lutheran School's art and craft fair. Besides the vendors, there was also plenty of food via lunch prepared by students and a bake sale in the front hall.

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Social Security announces COLA adjustment for 2025

Social Security benefits and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments for more than 72.5 million Americans will increase 2.5% in 2025, the Social Security Administration has announced.

On average, Social Security retirement benefits will increase by about \$50 per month starting in January. Over the last decade, the cost-of-living adjustment increase has averaged about 2.6%. The COLA was 3.2% in 2024.

Nearly 68 million Social Security beneficiaries will see a 2.5% COLA increase beginning in January 2025.

Increased payments to nearly 7.5 million people receiving SSI will begin on Dec. 31.

"Social Security benefits and SSI payments will increase in 2025, helping tens of millions of people keep up with expenses even as inflation has started to cool," said Martin O'Malley, commissioner of Social Security.

Some other adjustments that take effect in January of each year are based on the increase in average wages. Based on that increase, the maximum amount of earnings subject to the Social Security tax

(taxable maximum) is slated to increase to \$176,100 from \$168,600.

Social Security will begin notifying people about their new benefit amount by mail starting in early December.

This year, for the first time, Social Security beneficiaries will receive a newly designed and improved COLA notice that makes it easier for customers to find the information they need most. The simplified COLA notice is now only one page, uses plain and personalized language, and provides exact dates and dollar

amounts of a person's new benefit amount and any deductions.

Individuals who have a personal my Social Security account can view their COLA notice online, which is secure, easy and faster than receiving a letter in the mail. People can set up text or email alerts when there is a new message — such as their COLA notice — waiting for them in my Social Security.

People will need to have a personal my Social Security account by Nov. 20 to see their COLA notice online. To get started, visit www.ssa.gov/myaccount.

Information about Medicare changes for 2025 will be available at www.medicare.gov. For Social Security beneficiaries enrolled in Medicare, the 2025 benefit amount will be available via my Social Security's Message Center starting in late November. Those who have not opted to receive messages online will receive their COLA notice by mail in December.

To read more, please visit www.ssa.gov/cola.

Gretzinger to speak at Veterans Day ceremony

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The Allied Vets Council will hold a Veterans Day program at 11 a.m. Nov. 11 at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main St.

The ceremony will begin with the sounding of the bells and fire whistle.

Veteran Dennis Bohm will greet those who gather, and the Rev. Edward Looney of Sacred Heart Catholic Church will offer the invocation.

Kathy Rupp, a member of the U.S. Army from 1974-79 and provost marshal of AMVETS Post 10, will lead the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by Patty Ainsworth singing the National Anthem.

Bohm will introduce the main speaker, Shawano County Supervisor Jeremy

Gretzinger, who served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1999-2008.

Bohm and Rupp will recite the names of deceased veterans, followed by the presentation of a wreath by Dan and Diane Hartwig, owners of Twig's Beverage.

VFW Post 2723, commanded by Phil Nelson, will offer a rifle volley, and taps will be played by Brent Buettner and company.

Looney will offer the benediction, and Bohm will have closing remarks.

In case of rain, the program will be held inside Shawano Ambulance Service.

The Allied Vets Council includes VFW Post 2723, DAV Chapter 53, AMVETS Post 10, VVA Chapter 206 and American Legion Post 117.

Firefighter visits Sacred Heart



Connor Thorson tries some fire gear on for size as other students from Sacred Heart Catholic School listen to Lt. Brandon Winslow from the Shawano Area Fire Department during his Oct. 11 presentation.

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The news editor candidate would spend much of the time covering Oconto County, although occasionally a story could take them to Shawano County or Menominee County. The editor also works with freelancers to help out with additional stories when needed and seek out potential writers to add to the papers' richness.

While the office is a base of operations, we want someone who'll be out in the community gathering the news. All are welcome to apply, including recent or pending college graduates. Photography and copy editing skills are a must. Experience laying out pages is also helpful, but we can train in-house.

Send a resume, cover letter explaining why you want the job and four to six samples of your work to editor Kevin Passon at kpasson@newmedia-wi.com.



A rose bush is blooming in October in Leopold, despite this time of year being fall. KAY REMINGER

FARM LIFE FROM A FARM WIFE

There’s a little confusion about the seasons

Taking the Highway 22 exit, I head into Shawano. Driving across the Wolf River Bridge, slowing to a crawl, I glance across to see the sun reflecting on the river, exploding like hundreds of diamonds, the trees leaning over — their fall loveliness showing off alongside the diamonds. How can one give justice to this splendor?

Our ridge is magnificent right now, and we’ve seen more than one vehicle stop at the crest of the hill to snap a picture or two. One day a semi-tanker manure truck hauling liquid gold had to actually drive around a car that had stopped to take a picture at the top of the hill. Common sense flies the coop when there’s a



photo op. These colors are fugitives, here one day and seemingly gone the next. While we’re living with the magnificence all around us, we did take a drive to Rib Mountain one glorious day and after having breakfast at the Log Cabin in Wausau and, of course, a Fleet Farm run, took our time meandering home. Every year, I do the same thing: marvel at our Father’s workmanship while at the same time bemoan

the swiftness of the season. Oh, how I love this time of year. Not only do the colors soothe me, I don’t mind the work of making wood. We take our time and go at it on days we have a couple of hours to spare. Our cords of wood are forming up nicely, like soldiers ready for battle. Pretty decent analogy because that’s about what they do — battle the cold. I’m not such a good stacker and my hunks tend to either lean in or lean back, neither of which is good. I leave the stacking to my husband. The moon this month was another phenomena — I’ve heard it called a “hunter’s moon” which is quite appropriate. The other night I was awakened (did I



Corn lines a walking lane on both sides leading to the Reminger barn. KAY REMINGER

hear a mouse scratching in the wall?) and walking into our back room thought the sun was peeking out, it was that brilliant. Trying to snap a picture of it did no justice to it at all. Daily treks down my walking lane almost engulf me with dry, maize-colored corn stalks towering over on either side. One day, looking down I spotted a pile of something suspect at the end of the lane. Snapping a picture of it I inquired of our friend, “What does this look like to you?” He texted back, “Looks

to be bear scat. Guess he left u a gift!” Oh thanks. Thanks a lot. Thereafter, I raise my cell high in the air broadcasting the podcasts I listen to. On full volume. Someone told me once that the bear would be more scared of me than I was of him. Impossible. My sister said I need a dog. Or bear spray. So many ladybugs crawling as if they’re on a mission is annoying. They also stink when squished. I would not have been disappointed had they missed the ark. Corn fields still standing

will soon be combined and shelled for high-moisture corn or grain, but the cob needs to test out at 14-15%. The lower the moisture content, the less drying charges are assessed. Back in the day, an old wives tale circulated that if the cob floated, it was dry enough to pick and then it could be stored in a crib without chance of getting moldy. Besides lots of fall activity, something curious is brewing. One day we were in

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Injury numbers rise with pickleball popularity



Among the new amenities installed in Shawano’s Kuckuk Park were pickleball courts, which saw a lot of activity over the summer. With pickleball picking up in popularity, there’s also the risk of injuries from the sport. FILE | NEW MEDIA

Prevea Orthopedics and Sports Medicine experts are seeing a considerable increase in the number of pickleball related-injuries in recent years, as the sport continues to grow in popularity. According to a recent study presented at the 2024 annual meeting of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, bone fracture injuries related to pickleball have increased 200% over the last 20 years. Beyond the increase of bone fractures, often occurring as the result from a fall, Dr. Jonathan Dunker has also seen a steady increase in the number of pickleball-related knee and shoulder injuries. “The most common pickleball injury in my clinic are meniscus tears. The meniscus is a piece of cartilage in your knee, and it can tear when you turn or twist the upper leg while your foot is planted firmly on the ground,” Dunker said. “Additionally, the number of wrist fractures and rotator cuff injuries, due to falls on the court, have increased substantially.” Recent data collected by USA Pick-



JONATHAN DUNKER

leball, has found that pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the country. From 2021 to 2023, it’s estimated the number of pickleball players increased from 4.8 million to 8.9 million in the U.S. alone. With so many newcomers to the sport, many of which are over the age of 40, Dunker encouraged new pickleball players to stretch properly before participating and not to push themselves too much, too soon. “Pickleball is a great cardiovascular exercise for everyone, and I personally love playing the sport,” Dunker said. “But most of the injuries I am seeing from pickleball are occurring in those aged 50 to 70 years old. A bad fall for someone in that demographic, especially if they have osteoporosis or thinning bones, could result in a fracture or a soft tissue injury. Those types of injury can potentially require surgery.”

Orange dominating Wisconsin gardens this fall

There is still a lot of garden time left, and one of the classic colors of the fall season is orange.

Orange steals the show all the way until Thanksgiving, really. Depending upon our frosts and freezes that line up over the next 6 to 8 weeks, the color orange may just be a garden centerpiece for many weeks to come.

Of course, there are pumpkins and squash in the color orange, many different shades, but there are also a great many garden blooms that continue to put on a spectacular show.

Colorful annuals in shades of orange — such as calendula and marigold, cosmos, Mexican sunflower and many others — continue to bloom in the garden, all the while attracting late flying pollinators such as bumblebees, honeybees, butterflies and more.

Mix and match orange



annuals with contrasting blue or purple blooms. Some of these — black and blue salvia, Victoria falls salvia, floss flower, Marguerite daisy, garden heliotrope and others — offer breathtaking, contrasting cooler shades to the hot orange blooms. Perennials in shades of orange, such as black-eyed Susans, as well as many varieties of hybrid cone-flowers in orange — such as flamethrower, Cheyenne spirit, Mandarin and others — add their colorful and unique blooms to the October showcase.

There are the long-lasting fall mums that range in size from 3-inch mini mums



Marigolds bloom profusely throughout October and provide fiery, long-lasting fall color.

ROB ZIMMER

that can be tucked into containers and borders, to specimen plants in 6-inch,

8-inch, 10-inch and larger pots that can be arranged throughout the garden,

dropped into existing containers or planted right into the ground.

Fall is classic dahlia time as well, and they will bloom beautifully up until the first freeze. Many varieties of dahlias bloom in shades of orange, orange red and spicy shades such as paprika.

While you're at it, visit your local garden center or nursery and pick up a selection of orange-colored tulips, daffodils, crown imperials and more to be planted now for the colorful display of orange you'll enjoy all through the coming spring. What better way to waken the spring gardening season than with a showcase of orange beauty? The time is now to purchase your bulbs and plant in anticipation of their spring spectacle.

Rob Zimmer is a nature and garden author, public speaker and radio show host on WHBY. Readers can find him on Facebook at www.facebook.com/RobZimmerOutdoors.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, NOV. 1

SHAWANO: Smiles for Freedom, by appointment, Shawano Family Dentistry, 115 Alpine Court. Free dental care to veterans and active military personnel. 715-524-4935.

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

SATURDAY, NOV. 2

SHAWANO: Craft and Bake Sale, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. James Lutheran School, 324 S. Andrews St. Fall and Christmas craft vendors.

SURING: Fall Bazaar, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., St. Michael Church, 210 S. Krueger St. Shredded pork and turkey sandwiches, chili, chicken soup and pie, Charlie's Corner, crafts, baked goods, and raffle.

OCONTO: Auditions for "84 Charing Cross Road," 10 a.m., Park Avenue Playhouse, 408 Park Ave. Five actresses and three actors needed for Machikanee Players production scheduled for Feb. 7-9 and Feb. 14-16.

SHAWANO: Public Auction Sale by Zurko, 10:15 a.m., Shawano Community Hall, 115 E. Division St. Vintage coins, comics, antiques,

stamps, old toys, collectibles, and more. Preview beginning at 9 a.m.

BONDUEL: Red River Riders Day at the Races, 12:30 p.m., Doc's Harley Davidson HOG Barn, W2709 State Highway 29. 18th annual fundraiser, \$15 at the door. Food, video horse racing, basket raffle, auctions, derby hat contest, 50/50 and other special raffles.

BOWLER: The Glam Band, 8 p.m., North Star Mohican Casino, W12180 County Road A. Doors open 7 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOV. 3

OCONTO: Elks Lodge Breakfast and Basket Fundraiser, 7-11 a.m., Oconto Elks Lodge, 310 Farnsworth Ave. \$8 per person, free to veterans.

MONDAY, NOV. 4

OCONTO: American Red Cross blood drive, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Oconto High School, 1717 Superior Ave. Appointments at RedCrossBlood.org or 800-733-2767.

SHAWANO: Recovery talking circle, 6-8 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, Room 4, 100 W. Presbyterian St. Information: Dallas Gast, 715-701-5388 or dallasgast8@gmail.com.

TUESDAY, NOV. 5

WITTENBERG: Food Safety Certification Course, 8 a.m. to noon, Northcentral Technical College, 402 N. Genesee St., Suite 3. Admission fee \$109. 715-253-3500 for information.

OCONTO FALLS: American Red Cross blood drive, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., United Methodist Church, 165 N. Farm Road. Appointments at RedCrossBlood.org or 800-733-2767.

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

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 6

SHAWANO: Chamber Coffee Connection, 8-9 a.m., The Daily Drip, 15 N. Main St., Unit B. Business networking.

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BOWLER: Native American Talking Circle, 7-9 p.m., Mohican Family Center, N8605 Oak St. Information: Yvonne Burr, 715-326-0891.

FRIDAY, NOV. 8

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

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woods and looking up, my husband spotted a lilac bush — in full bloom. It was bizarre, contrasting with the fall-colored tree shadowing it. We were astounded.

Snapping a picture of the unusual scene, I posted it with the note: "Lilacs blooming and trees turning; what's up with that?"

Many comments were similarly perplexed:

"My lilac blossomed again and so did my roses!"

"Maybe we should just skip winter?" (I'm with this one.)

"Our lilacs did the same and our roses blossomed three times."

"I just took the blanket off my roses and I turn

to see clematis in bloom. Unbelievable!"

These comments made me do some digging. From www.mlive.com, I discovered Tyler Kluck of Kluck Nursery in Saginaw, Michigan. He states, "It's not uncommon to have lilacs bloom a second time in a season. Stress-periods of dryness during the growing season can create another growth spurt on lilacs in late summer or fall. During a dry time the lilacs will drop leaves. A rainy period then can bring them out of the stress and make them bloom again."

Mowing lawn just lately I also noticed a few dandelions. Roses, lilacs and clematis I don't mind coming

back for a curtain call, but dandelions? Not so much.

While the season seems to be a little disoriented right now, I am going to just relax and enjoy it all. Too soon, much too soon, we'll have a white-cotton coating on everything.

("And he changes the times and the seasons; he removes kings and raises up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding." Daniel 2:21)

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

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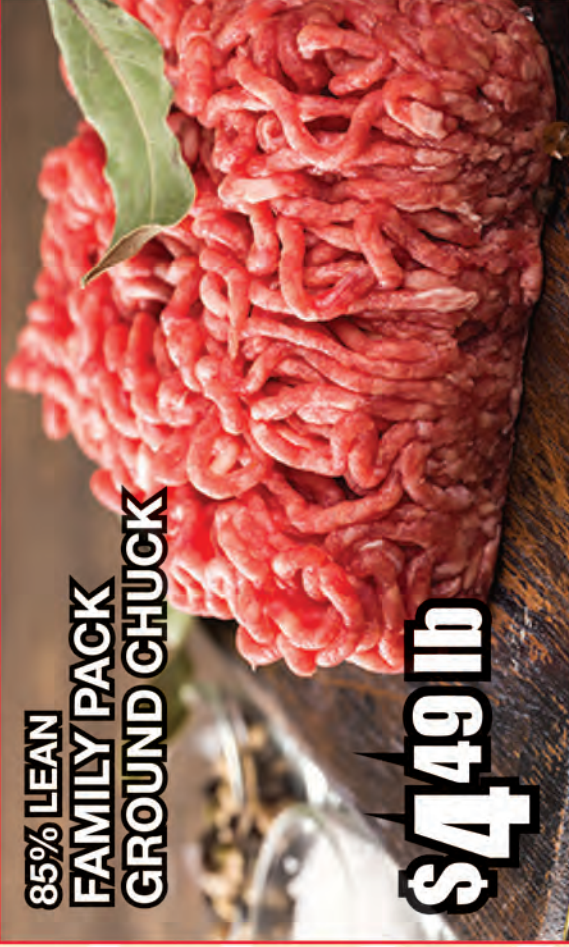
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Bears, Chargers, Hawks to comepte at state

Several individuals will also run

Oct. 26
Division 1 and Division 3 sectionals

Pulaski's Olivia Stedl captured third place overall at the sectional race and will represent the Red Raiders at the state cross country meet Nov. 2.

Sectional racing was held at Meadow Links Golf Course in Manitowoc and was hosted by Manitowoc Lincoln and Lutheran High School.

Stedl finished the race in 19:21.9. The Red Raiders placed eighth overall.

Other runners for Pulaski were Addie Bruckert in 20th in 20:27.7, Cameran Reiss was 40th in 21:44.9, Briana Anundsen was 57th in 22:43.6, and Estella Vieaux placed 66th in 23:33.6.

Arden Gillen will represent the boys at state as he placed 13th in 16:33.4. The team placed fifth.

Also scoring for the Red Raiders were Daniel Augustine, 23rd, 17:06.4; Grayden Goosen, 24th, 17:06.7; Parker Marshall, 30th, 17:14.5; and Mitchell Pilon, 42nd, 17:40.7.

Rounding out the team were Dayne Groth in 44th in 17:46.1 and Peyton Yaw in 50th in 18:13.7.

Division 3 sectional

It was a huge day for the Wittenberg-Birnamwood and Bonduel girls cross country teams as both advanced to the state meet after running in the sectionals at Colby.

The Chargers won the meet with 72 points, followed by Bonduel in second with 87. But, it was



Menominee Nation freshman Bryant Waupoose III placed fifth overall at the Division 3 sectional meet at Colby on Oct. 26. He will represent the Eagles at the state meet Nov. 2.

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Bailey Hendricks, a junior at Shawano Community High School, led her teammates on the sectional course at Colby, finishing in second overall. The entire team will compete at the Nov. 2 site cross country meet in Wisconsin Rapids.

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Bonduel junior Mariah Wondra who claimed first place overall with a time of 19:26.5.

Rory Salvesen led her team, placing fourth in 20:02.6. Also in the top 10 were Harper Kroll in sixth 20:31.7 and Nora Bushman in eighth in 20:36.4.

Gabrielle Timm finished in 12th place in 21:48.9, and Jayden Zeinert was 42nd in 24:57.8.

Joining Wondra in scoring for the Bears were Teagan Engel in ninth in 20:39.6, Hailey Berg in 14th in 22:14.8, Cierra Schnell in 31st in 23:46.5 and Kember Frome in 32nd in 23:50.5.

Rounding out the team were Seidy Blandon in 41st place in 24:51 and Taylor Rank in 49th in 25:07.2.

Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy placed eighth with 186 points.

Scoring for them were Aspynn Anderson in 13th place in 21:59.5, Della

Kostreva in 36th in 24:26, Madilyn Thomson in 39th in 24:49, Alexis Maloney in 40th in 24:50.4 and Haley VanArk in 58th in 26:13.1.

Also running for Lena were Kali Fischer, 65th, 26:53.7, and Hannah Thomson, 71st, 28:52.5.

Local individual runners were Gillett sophomore Hope Soper, 15th place, 21:38; Suring junior Ginger Gerndt, 26th, 22:53.9; Gillett senior Lily Hansen, 27th, 22:56.5; Wolf River Lutheran sophomore Violet Buchholz, 33rd, 23:18.4; Gillett junior Sophia Limberg, 44th, 24:08.9; Gillett sophomore

Maggie Kaczmarek, 57th, 25:02.9; Marion sophomore Bella Conover, 69th, 25:35.1; Marion senior Bridget Much, 71st, 25:48; Suring sophomore Natalie Seibert, 26:09.5; and Suring freshman Ada Jantz, 78th, 26:19.6.

The Bonduel boys team will also advance to the state meet after claiming second place with 65 points.

Race Anvelink led his Bears teammates, finishing in seventh place in 17:35.5. Also scoring were Oliver Chitwood in 10th in 17:54.3, Gage Anderson in 11th in 17:54.8, Griffin Uelmen

in 14th in 18:11.8 and Joah Dworniczak in 23rd in 18:45.

Also competing for Bonduel were Garrett Anderson, who placed 31st in 19:11.6, and Ben Reissner, who finished 54th in 20:29.2.

Gillett junior Bradyn Wendorff will compete at the state meet, as he placed fourth in 16:47.7.

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood boys were ninth. Scoring for the Chargers were Milo Salvesen in 37th in 19:38.9, Jonas Bushman in 42nd in 19:44.6, Mary Nowinsky in 43rd in 10:45.2, Landon Meronk in 44th in 10:59.2 and Taras Guk in 48th in 20:08.4.

Also running were Colten Mueller in 56th in 20:58.4 and Hayden Miller in 59th in 21:07.8.

Suring's team placed 11th with 326 points. Scoring for the Eagles were Riley Thomson in 61st in 21:29.2, Blake DeGrave in 63rd in 21:59.2, Liam Matelski in 64th in 22:01.6, Garrett School in 65th in 22:11.1 and Skylar Bristol in 73rd in 26:27.4.

Individual competitors were Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy's Mason Belongia, who placed 29th in 18:46; Gillett's Scott Herroux, who placed 58th in 20:09; Gillett's Nash Stage, who finished 66th in 20:40; Marion's Tristan Herro, who finished 71st in 21:02.1; Lena's Dash Comins, 75th, 21:14.3; Wolf River Lutheran's Ryan Drengrer, 76th, 21:18.1; Lena's Dane Comins, 77th, 21:19.5; Gresham/Bowler's Mason Martin, 85th, 22:27.8; and Lena's Cooper Malloy, 94th, 24:13.9.

The state meet will be held Nov. 2 in Wisconsin Rapids.

Oct. 25
Division 2 Sectional

Shawano's girls cross country team will return to the state tournament after capturing second place at the Division 2 sectional at Colby/Abbotsford.

Tomahawk won the

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Bonduel's girls cross country team members placed second at the sectionals in Colby on Oct. 26. From left, are Mariah Wondra, Teagan Engel, Seidy Blandon, Taylor Rank, Hailey Berg, Cierra Schnell and Kember Frome. The state meet will be held the afternoon of Nov. 2.

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3 local teams advance in football playoffs

Oct. 25
Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy 24, Wausauke 12
Max Peterson rushed for two touchdowns and Calvin Peters rushed for one score as Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy defeated Wausauke 24-12 in their Level 1 playoff game.

Lena led 16-6 after the first quarter and added eight more in the second for a 24-6 halftime lead. Wausauke scored six points in the third quarter, and that ended the scoring.

Peters rushed 20 times for 102 yards and also competed 2-of-6 passes for 35 yards. Peterson rushed eight times for 101 yards, and Tyler Shallow rushed eight times for 42 yards.

Shallow caught both of Peters' passes.

The No. 1 seeded Lena team will host Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah at 7 p.m. Nov. 1.

Bonduel 35, Crandon 14
Bonduel advanced to Level 2 playoff action after a 35-14 win over Crandon in the Division 6 Level 1 game at Bonduel.

Colin Fischer rushed for three of the Bears scores. Ryan Westrich rushed for one Sam Roberts caught another.

Fischer carried the ball 12 times for 92 yards. He scored on runs of 7, 3 and

5 yards. Cade Johnson completed 7-of-8 passes for 113 yards. He threw a 51-yard TD pass to Roberts, who caught a total of three balls for 66 yards.

Roberts also had one interception for Bonduel. Crandon scored the first and last touchdowns in the game, but Bonduel saced five in between.

The No. 2 seeded Bears will host Auburndale at 7 p.m. Nov. 1.

Wittenberg-Birnhamwood 48, Barron 0
Wittenberg-Birnhamwood had little trouble making it past Level 1 play-off action, as the Chargers crushed Barron 48-0 at home.

The No. 4 seed Chargers will travel to St. Croix Falls on Nov. 1 for a Level 2 game.

Baldwin-Woodville 58, Oconto Falls 21
Oconto Falls ran into a buzz saw at Baldwin-Woodville and returned home after a 58-21 loss that ended their season.

It was a high scoring first quarter with 52 total points put up on the board. Trailing 14-0, Isaac

Bramer scored on a 34-yard run to bring the Panthers close at 14-7. The hosts rattled off two more touchdowns before Wyatt Laughrin returned a kickoff 92 yards to make in 30-14. Baldwin-Woodville scored



The Wittenberg-Birnhamwood football team takes to the field Oct. 25 for a Level 1 playoff game against Barron. The Chargers won 48-0 and will play a Level 2 game Nov. 1 at St. Croix Falls.

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one more time before the period ended, making the score 38-14.

Three touchdowns in the second and third quarters put the score at 58-14.

In the fourth quarter, Bramer scored on a 52-yard run, and the scoring ended at that point.

Bramer rushed eight

times for 106 yards. Em-erich Skarban completed 8-of-16 passes for 80 yards, and Bramer caught four passes for 37 yards.

The Panthers end the season at 8-2 overall and 6-1 (second place) in the Northwoods Conference.

Kaukauna 45, Pulaski 13

Pulaski's 6-0 lead in the first quarter was the most the Division 2 Red Raiders could muster as they dropped a 45-13 Level 1 playoff game at Kaukauna.

Bohdan Schmidt scored on a 1-yard touchdown run at 6:24 to give Pulaski the early lead.

Kaukauna responded

with 10 points in the second quarter and 21 in the third for 31-6 lead.

In the fourth, Spencer Hakes scored on a 64-yard run, and with the extra point, it was 31-14. But, two touchdowns by Kaukauna sealed the defeat for Pulaski.

Pulaski (5-5 overall and 4-3 in the Fox River Classic Conference-North) was led by Hakes' 10 rushes for 112 yards. Ethan Schmidt completed 7-of-15 through the air for 31 yards. Bohdan Schmidt and Hakes each caught four balls for 13 yards.

Oct. 24
Gillett 36, Wild Rose 14

The Gillett Tigers ended their season with a non-conference game, defeating Wild Rose 36-14.

The Tigers took an 8-0 first quarter lead and held to a slim 15-14 halftime lead. Another touchdown in the third quarter and two more in the fourth sealed the win.

Gillett ends the season at 2-4 in the Across the Bay Conference and 3-6 overall.

Team leaders were Jesse DeBauch with 976 passing yards, DeBauch with 350 rushing yards, Lavonzell Smith with 262 rushing yards, Andrew Urich with 364 receiving yards and Smith with 241 receiving yards.

Shawano, Bonduel win regional volleyball titles

Oct. 26
Shawano 3, Oconto Falls 1
The seance-seeded Shawano Hawks defeated top-seeded Oconto Falls to win the regional volleyball title.

Shawano won the first game 25-18, but Oconto Falls came back to claim the second game 25-22. The Hawks won the third game 25-16 and then eked out a 27-25 victory in the fourth and deciding game.

The Panthers end the season at 6-3 in the North Eastern Conference, behind a three-way tie for first. Oconto Falls was 28-

13 overall. Shawano (26-7) will travel to Mosinee on Oct. 31 for a sectional matchup. **Bonduel 3, Kewaunee 0**

Bonduel claimed its regional title after a 3-0 win over Kewaunee.

Scores were 25-10, 25-22, 25-18.

The Bears (27-4) will host Oconto in sectional action Oct. 31.

Florence 3, Suring 0
Suring's season ended with a 3-0 loss to Florence. Scores were 25-13, 25-15, 25-11.

The Eagles placed third in the Marinette &

Oconto Conference with a 7-5 mark and were 12-12 overall.

Oct. 24
Shawano 3, Winneconne 0
Oconto Falls 3, Lakeland 1

Shawano will face off against Oconto Falls for the regional title in their Division 2 bracket Oct. 26.

The No. 2 seeded Hawks on Oct. 24 defeated Winneconne 3-0, while the No. 1 seeded Panthers topped Lakeland 3-1 in a much closer match.

Shawano won on scores of 25-6, 25-12 and 25-11. Oconto Falls won

the first game 25-15 but dropped the second 23-25. The Panthers then won the next two games on scores of 25-23 and 25-17.

Bonduel 3, Clintonville 0
In Division 3 action, Bonduel won 3-0 in straight sets over Clintonville. The Bears won 25-12, 25-16, 25-15.

Bonduel was led by Josie Anvelink with nine kills, 10 digs and six aces. Audrey Jacobs and Juliana Jacobs chipped in eight kills each. Audrey Weier had six kills.

Tatum Sporisky added seven digs and three aces.

Jayla Reinke had 25 assists. The Bears will host Kewaunee for the regional title Oct. 26.

Oconto 3, Wittenberg-Birnhamwood 0
The No. 7 seeded Wittenberg-Birnhamwood lost 3-0 to No. 2 seeded Oconto in Division 3 action on Oct. 24.

Wittenberg-Birnhamwood lost a close 26-24 first game, dropped a 25-13 second game and saw their season end with a 25-21 third game.

The Chargers finished their season with an overall mark of 18-15.

Green Bay Southwest

3, Pulaski 1

The Red Raiders beat Green Bay Southwest 26-24 in the first game of their Division 1 regional matchup but then dropped three straight to end their season. Scores of the final three games were 25-14, 25-19, 25-13 in favor of Green Bay Southwest.

Pulaski finished the 2024 campaign at 3-6 in the Fox River Classic Conference and 12-22 overall.

Suring 3, Pembine/Goodman 0

Suring advanced to a

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Josiah Kuehl will be the sole boys runner for Shawano Community High School at the state cross country meet at Wisconsin Rapids the afternoon of Nov. 2. Kuehl placed eighth at the sectional meet at Colby.

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Wittenberg-Birnamwood cross country coach Cathy Easker stands behind the girls team that won the sectional championship in Colby on Oct. 26 and will compete at the state meet Nov. 2. Scoring for the Chargers at sectionals were, from left, Rory Salvesen, Gabrielle Timm, Harper Krull, Jayden Zeinert and Nora Bushman.

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event with 67 points, and Shawano had 68.

Bailey Hendricks led the Hawks, winning second place overall in 20:00.2.

She was followed by Adalyn Barkley in 10th place in 21:04.4, Maci Beyer in 12th place in 21:10.9, Anabelle Schroeder in 20th in 21:50.2 and Mikelah Powers in 24th in 22:01.2.

Teagan Powers placed 47th in 23:43.2, and Zoe

Sipple was 51st in 24:08.7.

Oconto Falls' Hailey Delzer qualified as an individual, as the Panthers placed third. Delzer was fourth overall in 20:12.7.

Also scoring for the Panthers (104 points) were Emma Meissner in 19th in 21:44.4, Brooke Hodkiewicz in 23rd in 21:59.3, Ava Hodkiewicz in 26th in 22:04.2 and Josie Holtz in 32nd in 22:24.9.

Mackenzie Lotto placed 36th in 22:48.9.

Urijah Reevis, running for Menominee Nation, placed 39th in 23:10.9.

As for the boys, Menominee Nation's Bryant Waupoose III and Shawano's Josiah Kuehl will compete as individuals, as New London and Rhineland teams advanced.

Bryant Waupoose was fifth overall with a time

of 17:00.3, and Kuehl was eighth overall with a time of 17:24.2.

Menominee Nation's team placed fourth. Joining Bryant Waupoose were Ryan Corn in 10th in 17:49.7, Barron Waupoose in 28th in 18:34.8, Jason Chapman in 35th in 18:48.5 and Francis Delabrau in 51st in 19:06.8.

Quinn Olson placed 54th in 19:15.6, and Michael

Peters was 61st in 19:34.1.

Oconto Falls was sixth and was led by Evan Yuma in 11th place in 17:50.9. Also scoring were Isaiah Holtz in 16th in 18:07, Griffin Kopke in 29th in 18:38.9, Brant Laluzerne in 38th in 18:49.9 and Landon Timm in 42nd in 18:58.7.

Sage Mendolla placed 52nd in 10:09.7.

Shawano runners placed eighth. Joining Kuehl

in scoring were Trevor Schwartz in 26th in 18:29.6, Teagan Harkey in 34th in 18:48.3, Aloysius Frechette in 37th in 18:49.3 and Quinten Harkey in 45th in 18:59.7.

James Lange placed 65th in 10:41.7, and Aiden Sischo was 89th in 22:26.4.

The state meet will be held Nov. 2 at Ridges Golf Course in Wisconsin Rapids.

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Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Ava Hegewald competes in the 50-yard breaststroke. She placed 10th in 38.36. Teammate Reese Dickman led the Chargers teammates, grabbing a third-place finish.

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Chargers swimmers take 2nd at conference sprints

Wittenberg-Birnamwood swimmers jumped out of the gate with a win in the first event at the conference sprints hosted by Shawano on Oct. 22. Before the night was over, the team captured four first-place finishes and placed second overall.

Brooklyn Beran, Reese Dickman, Kelsie Davis and Faith Resch won the 200-yard medley relay in 1:56.32. Shawano's team of Jai Bisterfeldt, Lydia Lynch, Brynn Hannes and Tela Hopfensperger placed fourth in 2:24.55.

Davis won the 50-yard butterfly in 27.79 with teammate Rylee Crick placing fourth in 30.42. Shawano's Hopfensperger placed 10th in 32.68, followed by Bisterfeldt in 12th in 35.46, Hannes in 13th in 36.32 and Kenley Keliher in 17th in 40.17.

The 50-yard freestyle race followed, and Dickman won in 25.67. Claire Timm was seventh in 29.87, Addie Schmid was eighth in 31.56, and Elizabeth Behnke was 11th in 32.73. Kelliher led the Shawano swimmers, placing 13th in 32.73. She was followed by Bre Anderson in 16th in 33.9, Brynn Walenta in 20th in 34.63 and Jade Rodefer in 21st in 35.14.

The Chargers team of Resch, Davis, Beran and Dickman won the 200-yard

freestyle relay in 1:44.55. Shawano's team of Bisterfeldt, Breleigh Thornock, Hannes and Hopfensperger placed sixth in 2:03.07, while Anderson, Rodefer, Walenta and Keliher were 11th in 2:22.25.

Davis placed second in the 100-yard individual medley in 1:02.72, with Hopfensperger in eighth in 1:11.51. Also competing were Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Ava Hegewald, 11th, 1:18.13; Shawano's Lila Melchoir, 14th, 1:26.66; and Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Chloe Hanson, 15th, 1:26.96.

A Chargers team of Olivia Bessette, Hegewald, Crick and Timm grabbed second place in the 100-yard medley relay in 1:03.04, and teammates Schmid, Hanson, Andrea Powell and Behnke placed fifth in 1:14.14. Shawano's foursome of Lilie Tonn, Lynch, Jayden Brown and Melchoir were next in sixth place in 1:15.01.

Resch finished second in the 25-yard freestyle in 11.9. Bisterfeldt placed sixth in 13.75, with Thornock in eighth in 14.09 and Schmid in ninth in 14.31. Also racing in the event were Brown in 11th in 14.5 and Rodefer in 17th in 16.

Resch was also second in the 50-yard backstroke in 29.43, with Beran right behind her in third place with a time of 31.56. Ava Filtz placed 16th in 43.03. Hannes led Shawano

with a 10th-place finish in 38.45. Brown was 12th in 41.14, and Tonn was 13th in 41.72.

In the 100-yard freestyle, Beran placed third in 1:00.04, while teammate Bessette was sixth in 1:02.89. They were followed by Timm in 12th (1:06.88), Behnke in 15th (1:12.24), Lynch in 16th (1:12.44, Tonn in 17th (1:12.74), Thornock in 18th (1:14.41) and Anderson in 21st (1:16.52).

Crick, Bessette, Hegewald and Timm took third in the 100-yard freestyle relay in 55.01, and teammates Schmid, Hanson, Powell and Behnke placed seventh in 1:03.81. Shawano's Keliher, Brown, Tonn and Thornock finished in sixth in 1:02.04, and teammates Anderson, Melchoir, Walenta and Rodefer were eighth in 1:06.48.

Dickman earned the third-place spot in the 50-yard breaststroke in 34.1, with Crick in fifth in 34.99 and Bessette in seventh in 37.27. Hegewald placed 10th in 38.36, and Hanson was 13th in 40.76. Swimming for Shawano were Lynch, 17th, 44.18; Melchoir, 19th, 45.49; and Walenta, 21st, 47.15.

Final team scores were Door County United 378, Wittenberg-Birnamwood 316, New London 251, Seymour 180, Shawano 115, Clintonville 82 and Marinette 27.

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Division 5 regional game at top-seeded Florence after beating Pembine/Goodman 3-0. Scores were 25-12, 25-19, 25-16.

Niagara 3, Lena 0

Lena, the No. 7 seed in its Division 5 bracket, lost 3-0 to No. 2 seed Niagara.

Lena ended the season at 4-9 in the Marinette & Oconto Conference and 6-10 overall.

Hilbert 3, Gresham 0

The No. 4 seeded Gresham Wildcats lost 3-0 to No. 5 seed Hilbert. Scores were 25-6, 25-12, 25-17.

Kiara Cornelius had nine assists and seven service points, Janay Pecore-Kirkland had nine kills, and Lexi Baddmoccasin-Barnes tallied six digs.

Gresham ended the season at 8-2 in the Central Wisconsin North Conference and 12-11 overall.

Northland Lutheran 3, Bowler 0

Bowler's season ended an overall record of 6-12 after losing 3-0 to Northland Lutheran in Division 5 playoff action. Scores were 25-16, 25-16, 25-17 in favor of the home team.

Bowler finished at 4-5 in the Central Wisconsin North Conference.

Green Bay NEW Lutheran 3, Tigerton 0

Tigerton met its match, losing 3-0 to Green Bay NEW Lutheran in a Division 5 playoff game in Green Bay.

Scores were 25-14, 25-10, 25-10.

Tigerton played some of their best serve receiving of the season, but they could not match the multi-talented offensive hitters of the Blazers.

"I'm very proud of how the girls stuck together through many long rallies tonight," coach Holly Meverden said. "It was a sad night for the seniors, but they can hold their heads up and know that they tried their hardest."

Lillian Welch had two kills, with Presley Stewart-Rolfs, Aaliyah Lederhaus and Angel Welch getting one each.

Sienna Breaker led with four assists.

Breaker collected five digs, Jade Selle had four, Danika Tiller, Lillian Welch and Lederhaus had three each, and Stewart-Rolfs had two.

Stewart-Rolfs had one block kill.

Tiller tallied three service points, and Breaker, Lederhaus and Angel Welch had two each.

The Tigers finished 5-5 in the Central Wisconsin North Conference and 10-11 overall.

Oct. 22

Tigerton 3, Stockbridge 2

Tigerton trailed Stockbridge 2-0 but came back from behind to win 3-2 and advance to the next round of Division 5 playoff action.

Stockbridge claimed 27-25 and 25-15 victories and needed just one more win to advance. Tigerton saw it differently; the Tigers needed three straight wins to come from behind

and win. On scores of 25-17, 25-22, 15-13, Tigerton did just that.

Jade Selle led the Tigers with 14 kills, followed by Aaliyah Lederhaus with 12, Sienna Breaker with 11 and Presley Stewart-Rolfs with nine.

Danika Tiller had 39 assists.

Angel Welch led with 37 digs, followed by Selle with 30, Breaker and Lederhaus with 25 each and Stewart-Rolfs with 24.

Angel Welch had 17 service points with two aces, while Stewart-Rolfs had 13 service points, and Selle had 12 service points with two aces.

Tigerton will play Oct. 24 at Green Bay NEW Lutheran.

Shawano 3, Marinette 0

Shawano defeated Marinette in three sets to advance to the second round of Division 2 playoff action.

Scores were 25-6, 25-12, 25-11.

The Hawks will play Winneconne on Oct. 24.

Clintonville 3, Menominee Nation 2

Down 2-0 to the Truckers, the Eagles fought back to tie the match at two games apiece before Clintonville prevailed in the fifth set.

Scores for the Eagles were 22-25, 17-25, 25-15, 27-25, 10-15.

Clintonville will play at No. 1 seed Bonduel in Division 3 action Oct. 24.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood 3, Southern Door 0

Seventh-seeded Wittenberg-Birnamwood beat No. 10 seed Southern Door to advance to the second round of Division 3 playoff action.

Scores were 26-24, 25-13, 25-20.

The Chargers will take on No. 2 seed Oconto on Oct. 24.

Coleman 3, Gillett 0

Sixth-seeded Coleman topped 11th-seeded Gillett in three straight sets to end the season for the Tigers.

Scores were 25-7, 25-18, 25-21.

Audrey Pate had four aces, seven kills and four digs. Emily Soper had four kills, and Mya Kuhn tallied one ace and two kills

Lena 3, White Lake 0

Lena, seeded seventh, topped 10th seed White Lake in three sets with scores of 25-10, 25-8, 26-24.

The Wildcats will take on No. 2 Niagara on Oct. 24.

Oneida Nation 3, Marion 2

Marion took a 2-0 lead over Oneida Nation but could not find that third victory, as the visitors won 3-2 to advance in Division 5 playoff action.

The Tigers won the first two sets 25-14 and 25-17. However, Oneida Nation clawed its way back with victories of 25-23, 25-17, 15-8.

Bowler 3, Providence Academy 0

Bowler won in three straight sets over Green Bay's Providence Academy. Scores were 25-15, 25-12, 25-14.

The No. 6 seed Panthers will play Oct. 24 against No. 3 Northland Lutheran.

Shawano wins regional soccer title with shutout of New London

Oct. 26

Shawano 2, New London 0

The Shawano Hawks are regional soccer champions after shutting out New London 2-0.

Shawano will take on Lakeland in sectional action Oct. 31.

West Bend West 1, Pulaski 0

The fourth-seeded Red Raiders fell to the fifth-seeded Spartans in the regional championship.

Beckett Seifert scored off a corner kick in the fourth minute to give West Bend West a 1-0 advantage. The goal turned out to be the game winner in a contest between two evenly matched teams that combined for seven total shots on goal.

Pulaski (14-5-3) lost starting goalkeeper Josh Roth late in the first half to

a concussion. Jonah Drevs replaced him and made three saves the rest of the way for the Red Raiders.

Brant Feltz made five saves in goal for the Spartans (14-5-1).

Oct. 24

Pulaski 5, Green Bay Southwest 0

The Red Raiders advanced to the regional title game after shutting out Green Bay Southwest 5-0.

Pulaski spread the scoring around, with goals coming from Colin Tackmier, Tate Gerth, Hudson Schultz, Josh Aranda and Maddox McKeefry.

Donovan Holderness and Parker Sanders each had one assist.

Josh Roth worked 65 minutes in the goal and made three saves. Jonah Drevs worked the other 15 minutes, but Green Bay Southwest had no shots on goal in

that time.

Pulaski will host West Bend West on Oct. 26.

Shawano 6, Mosinee 0

Shawano shut out Mosinee 6-0 to advance to the Division 3 regional title game.

The Hawks will host New London on Oct. 26.

Oct. 22

Pulaski 5, Green Bay Southwest 0

The fourth-seeded Red Raiders took down the 13th-seeded Trojans in first-round playoff action of the boys soccer state tournament.

Pulaski (14-3-3) got goals in the fourth and eighth minutes to jump out to an early 2-0 lead. Hudson Schultz and Maddox McKeefry got the goals. Colin Tackmier found the net just before the half to put

Pulaski up 3-0.

The Red Raiders added two more insurance goals in the second half, courtesy of Josh Aranda and Tate Gerth.

Josh Roth and Jonah Drevs combined to earn the shutout in goal for Pulaski. Raymond Arrozal made three saves in goal for Green Bay Southwest.

Pulaski will host fifth-seeded West Bend West in a regional championship game Oct. 26. The game will be a 7 p.m. start at Saputo Stadium in Pulaski.

Oct. 21

New Holstein 3, Gresham/Bowler 1

Gresham/Bowler lost in the opening round of the Division 4 soccer playoffs, bowing out to New Holstein 3-0.

Gresham/Bowler ended the season 1-17, including a 0-12 mark in the Central Wisconsin Conference.

Wisconsin forest products celebrated

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Forest Products Week was celebrated nationally from Oct. 20-26. The week recognized the people who work in and care for forests, the industry workers who make the forest products people depend on and the many ways forest products contribute to Wisconsin's economy and quality of life.

Wisconsin's forest products industry contributes \$37.8 billion in total economic value to the state and ranks second nationally for production value. The industry also ranks sixth nationally in generating forestry employment, with more than 123,000 jobs in the state.

Forest products are not only important to Wisconsin's economy, but they positively impact lives. "From paper products such as food packaging, fine writing paper and toilet paper to lumber used to build homes, flooring and furniture, we depend on forest products daily," said Scott Lyon, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) forest products team leader.

Forest products also play a vital role in mitigating the changing climate. Trees store carbon, offsetting greenhouse gas emissions while they are growing, and they retain the stored carbon throughout the useful life of forest products. Forest Products Week recognizes the industry workers who harvest, transport and transform logs into products and the woodland owners and professional foresters who care for the 17 million acres of forests in Wisconsin to ensure that they provide raw forest materials while also offering recreational opportunities and ecosystem services, such as clean water and air.

"Through the use of sustainable forestry practices, trees are grown and harvested responsibly, providing the economic, social and ecological benefits of forest products today and for future generations," said Carmen Hardin, DNR Applied Forestry Bureau director.

Steps can be taken to stop cyberattacks

The Stephenson National Bank and Trust (SNBT) and the Independent Community Bankers of America (ICBA) are reminding customers of practical steps to help protect their financial data and quickly recover in the event of a data incident. Almost three quarters (74%) of cybersecurity incidents can be attributed to human error. More than half (56%) of Americans wouldn't know the proper steps to take after an incident. "Cyber criminals are always on the lookout for weaknesses, so it's crucial for all of us to strengthen our defenses and stay alert to protect against these persistent threats," said Elisa Rollo, SNBT senior vice president and chief retail officer.

"We make it a priority to educate our employees on handling sensitive data, and we want to equip our customers with the tools they need to defend against new threats by fostering a culture of cyber and data readiness." SNBT uses sophisticated technology and monitoring techniques, strong firewalls and other methods to secure customer data. Additionally, banks practice stringent privacy policies and train employees to treat confidential information with the utmost of care, meeting or exceeding federal and state mandates. Consumers can also take proactive steps to thwart cyberattacks. While there is no foolproof way to avoid online identity theft, a person can minimize their risk by:

- Limiting disclosed information. Don't respond to unsolicited requests for personal information, such as banking access ID, account number, username or password, even if they appear to originate from a bank, government agencies or other legitimate companies.
- Creating strong and unique passwords. Use complex, unique passwords for each of online account to avoid a domino effect if one password is compromised. Be sure to change them regularly.
- Monitoring accounts for unusual activity. Frequently review bank and credit card statements for unauthorized transactions. A person should notify their bank immediately if there is anything suspicious.
- Enabling security features. Use the strongest authentication options offered in addition to a password such as a code sent to a mobile device.
- Guarding against phishing attempts. Be cautious of emails, texts or phone calls asking for personal information. Phishing scams often mimic legitimate companies, so double-check the sender's details, avoid clicking on unknown links and report suspicious messages.
- Maintaining up-to-date software. Regularly update device operating systems, apps and antivirus software to protect against security vulnerabilities.

Automatic updates help enable this protection without manual intervention. For information, visit www.staysafeonline.org. "Cyber threats are constantly evolving, so consumers should take an active role in safeguarding their financial data," said ICBA President and CEO Rebeca Romero Rainey. "Community banks not only prioritize customer protection through rigorous security measures but also empower individuals with the knowledge to defend themselves in an increasingly digital world. Small changes in our online habits can make a world of difference and significantly reduce the risks of cyberattacks."

Scammers target college students seeking jobs

Many college students seek flexible, part-time employment to help cover school expenses. Finding a job can be challenging, and students may feel pressure to find work quickly. If this situation describes you or a student in your life, watch out for scams. BBB Scam Tracker has gotten reports of employment scams impersonating professors and university departments. You receive an email to your school email address encouraging you to apply for a job. The message appears to come from your school's job placement office, student services department or even a specific professor. The position, which may be anything from pet sitting to mystery shopping, sounds perfect for a college student. The work is easy, has flexible hours and offers excellent pay. When you reply to the message, things start to get strange. The "employer" hires you without an interview. Then, they send you a check with instructions to deposit it before you've even done any work. You are instructed to use this money to purchase gift cards, money orders, pre-paid debit cards or other supplies you'll need for your new job. Part of what you purchase should be sent to your new employer. The rest of the money will be your payment. However, the check is a fake. It can take weeks for your bank to discover the fraud. By then, any money you send is gone for good, and you're stuck paying back the bank. In addition, the scammers now have your personal information. In a recent BBB Scam Tracker report, a student received an email offering a remote job opportunity. The student filled out a Google form with their confidential information including photo copies of their Social Security Card, driver's license, and bank routing and account numbers. The scammer sent a fake check and instructed the student to Zelle a portion to another person. Here's how to avoid employment scams.

- Do your research. Before you say yes to any job, research the company that wants to hire you. Does the company have a professional website and legitimate contact information? Search for what others are saying about their experience with this company. Do an internet search with the employer's name and the word "scam" to see if there are reports involving job scams.
- Beware of red flags. Scammers often send emails with many typos and grammatical errors. They offer to hire you without an interview and even pay you before you've done any work. None of these are behaviors of a reputable business.
- Examine the email address of those offering jobs to see if it matches the domain used by an actual company. Be alert to Gmail business email addresses.
- Never send money to strangers. Never send funds in cash, checks, gift cards or wire transfers to someone you don't know or haven't met. No legitimate company will ask you to pay them to get a job.
- Be very wary of some positions. Some types of jobs are more likely to be scams, such as mystery shopping or secret shopper positions or work-from-home jobs that involve receiving and reshipping packages.

For more information on how to avoid employment scams, go to www.bbb.org/employmentscam or www.bbb.org/avoidscams. Anyone who has been the victim of an employment scam can report it on www.bbb.org/ScamTracker.

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AARP seeks volunteers for tax prep work

Tax filing season may be months away, but AARP Foundation Tax-Aide sites in cities across Wisconsin are already seeking volunteers who want to serve their community by becoming tax preparers for the program.

Tax-Aide focuses on serving older adults with low to moderate income and helps them secure tax refunds, according to Tax-Aide Prospective Volunteer Specialist Richard Blackburn. Volunteers provide free tax preparation and filing services to taxpayers, as well as other services.

Anyone interested in learning how to become a Tax-Aide volunteer can visit aarpfoundation.org/taxaidevolunteer or call 888-227-7669.

Volunteers are trained, and classes are generally held in December or January for the upcoming tax filing season. The amount of training required depends on the position. All levels and types of experience are welcome to apply. Volunteers come from a variety of industries, ranging from retirees to college students, and do not need to be AARP members.

During tax filing season — February through April — volunteers assist taxpayers while the local

site is in operation. Users can find the nearest Tax-Aide location in their area by visiting the Tax-Aide site locator, which will be available starting in mid-January. There are 92 Tax Aide sites across Wisconsin.

For the 2024 tax season, nearly 28,000 volunteers at 3,600 sites across the country helped nearly 1.7 million taxpayers receive \$1.3 billion in refunds. The importance of the Tax-Aide program and the difference that volunteers make in people's lives cannot be understated,

Blackburn said.

"These volunteers make a meaningful difference in the lives of vulnerable older adults right in their communities by helping build their financial resilience," he said. "Even modest refunds can impact the lives of older adults. Our Tax-Aide volunteers help make sure they don't miss out on the credits and deductions they have earned and need."

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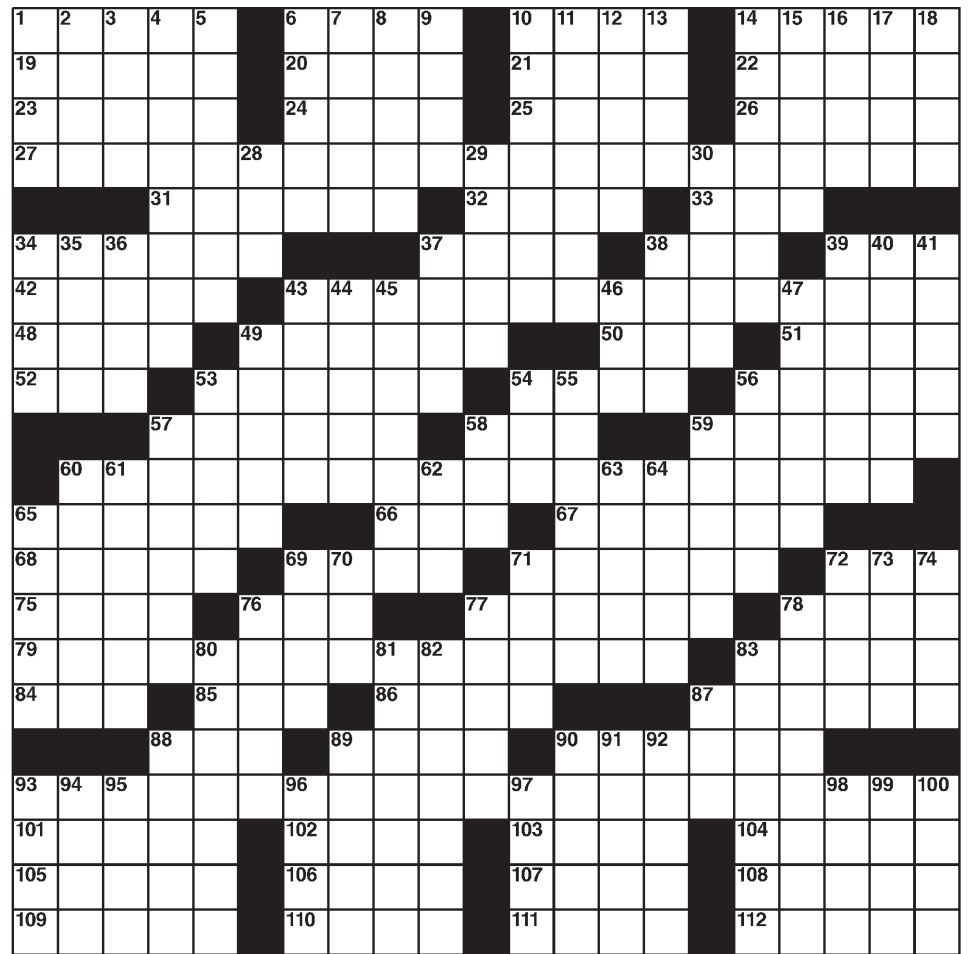
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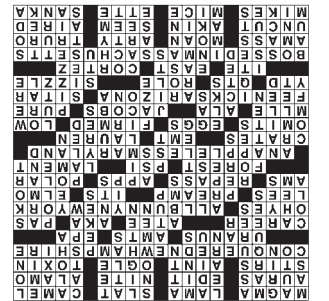
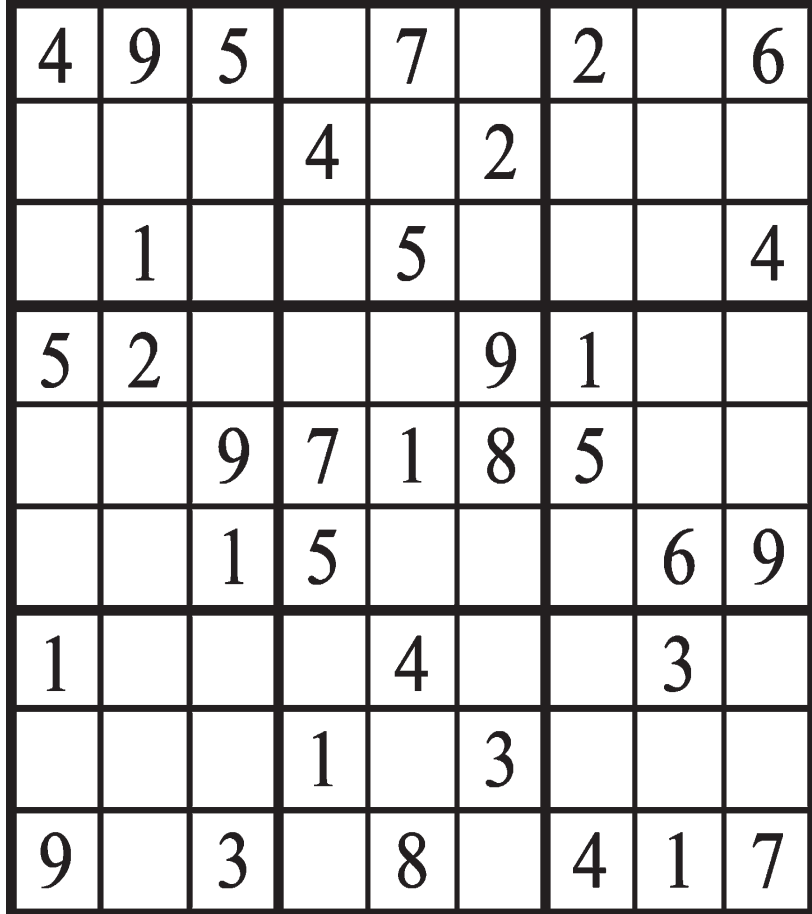
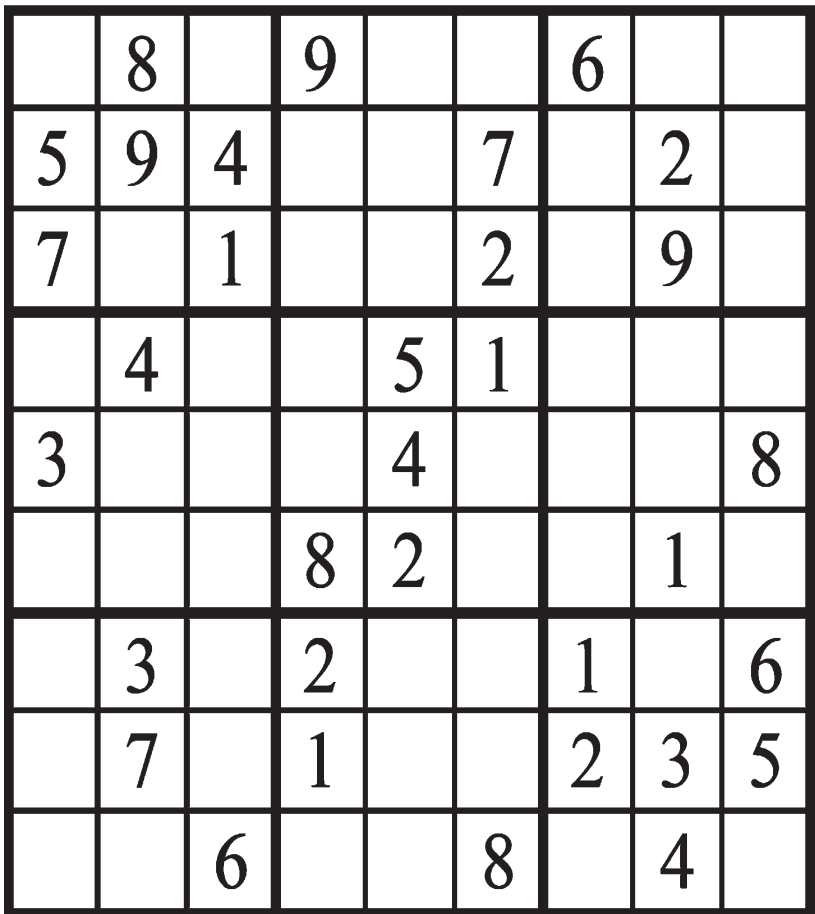
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11/01/2024

Notice of General Election and Sample Ballots
November 5, 2024

Office of the Oconto County Clerk
To the voters of Oconto County

Notice is hereby given of a general election to be held in the several wards in Oconto Couty, on the 5th day of November, 2024, at which the officers named below shall be chosen. The names of the candi- dates for each office to be voted for, whose nominations have been certified to or filed in this office, are listed under the title of the office and under the appropriate party or other designation, together with any referendum questions submitted to a vote, in the sample ballot below.

INFORMATION TO VOTERS

Upon entering the polling place and before being permitted to vote, a voter shall:
state their name and address
show an acceptable form of photo identification*
sign the poll book**

*If a voter does not have acceptable photo identification, the voter may obtain a free photo ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.

**If the voter is unable to sign the poll book due to disability, a poll worker may write the word "exempt."

If a voter is not registered to vote, they may register to vote at the polling place serving their residence, if the voter provides proof of residence.

Where ballots are distributed to voters, the initials of two inspectors must appear on the ballot.

Upon being permitted to vote, the voter shall enter a voting booth or go to a machine and cast their bal- lot. The vote should not be cast in any manner other than specified here. Sample ballots or other ma- terials to assist the voter in marking their ballot may be taken into the booth and copied. The sample ballot shall not be shown to anyone so as to reveal how the ballot is marked.

A voter who is a parent or guardian may be accompanied by the voter's minor child or minor ward.

An election official may inform the voter of the proper manner for casting a vote but the official may not advise or indicate a particular voting choice.

Assistance for Voting

A voter may select an individual to assist in casting their vote if the voter declares to the presiding of- ficial that they are unable to read, have difficulty reading, writing, or understanding English, or that due to disability are unable to cast their ballot. The selected individual rendering assistance may not be the voter's employer or an agent of that employer or an officer or agent of a labor organization which represents the voter. If a voter is unable to state their name and address, an assistant may also do so for the voter.

Voting for President and Vice President

A vote for candidates for President and Vice President is a vote for the presidential electors of those candidates. A write-in vote for President and Vice President must designate the name of a presidential candidate. A write-in vote for a candidate for President only will be counted. A write-in vote for a candi- date for Vice President only will not be counted.

Where Paper Ballots are Used

The voter shall fill in the oval next to the name of the candidate of their choice for each office for which they intend to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall write in the name of the person of their choice in the space provided for a write-in vote. When voting for President and Vice President, the voter shall fill in the oval next to the set of candidates (ticket) for president and vice president for whom they intend to vote. To vote for a Presidential ticket that does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall write in the names of persons of their choice in the spaces pro- vided. On referendum questions, the voter shall fill in the oval next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall fill in the oval next to "no" if opposed to the question.

Where Optical Scan Voting is Used

The voter shall fill in the oval next to the name of the candidate of their choice for each office for which they intend to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall write in the name of the person of their choice in the space provided for a write-in vote and fill in the oval next to the write-in line. When voting for President and Vice President, the voter shall fill in the oval next to the set of candidates (ticket) for president and vice president for whom they intend to vote. To vote for a Presidential ticket that does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall write in the names of persons of their choice in the spaces provided and fill in the oval next the write-in lines. On referendum questions, the voter shall fill in the oval next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall fill in the oval next to "no" if opposed to the question.

When using an *electronic ballot marking device* ("Automark," "Express Vote," "Clear Access" or "Image- Cast Evolution-ICE") to mark an **optical scan** ballot, the voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select the name of the candidate of their choice for each office for which they intend to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall touch the screen next to "write-in" and type in the name of the person of their choice. When voting for President and Vice President, the voter shall touch the screen at the set of candidates (ticket) for president and vice presi- dent for whom they intend to vote. To vote for a Presidential ticket that does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall touch the screen next to "write-in" and type in the names of persons of their choice. On referendum questions, the voter shall touch the screen at "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall touch the screen at "no" if opposed to the question.

Where Touch Screen Voting is Used

The voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select the name of the candidate of their choice for each office for which they intend to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall type in the name of the person of their choice in the space provided for a write-in vote. When voting for President and Vice President, the voter shall touch the screen at the set of candi- dates (ticket) for president and vice president for whom they intend to vote. To vote for a Presidential ticket that does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall touch the screen next to "write-in" and type in the names of persons of their choice. On referendum questions, the voter shall touch the screen at "yes" if in favor of the question or the voter shall touch the screen next to "no" if opposed to the question.

Spoiling Ballots

If a voter spoils a **paper or optical scan** ballot, they shall return it to an election official who shall issue another ballot in its place, but not more than three ballots shall be issued to any one voter. If the ballot has not been initialed by two inspectors or is defective in any other way, the voter shall return it to the election official who shall issue a proper ballot in its place.

The voter may spoil a **touch screen** ballot at the voting station before the ballot is cast.

After Voting the Ballot

After an official **paper** ballot is marked, it shall be folded so that the inside marks do not show, but so the printed endorsements and inspectors' initials on the outside do show. The voter shall then deposit their folded ballot in the proper ballot box or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit and leave the polling place promptly.

After an official **optical scan** ballot is marked, it may be inserted in a security sleeve so the marks do not show. The voter shall then insert the ballot in the voting device or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. If a central count system is used, the voter shall insert the ballot in the ballot box or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. The voter shall leave the polling place promptly.

After an official **touch screen** ballot is cast, the voter shall leave the polling place promptly.

Sample ballots may also be viewed on myvote.wi.gov and at the polling locations on election day.

DONE in the City of Oconto, on September 10, 2024.
Kim Pytleski, Oconto County Clerk
301 Washington Street
Oconto, Wisconsin 54153
920-834-6800

All Oconto County voters will vote for President/Vice President, Representative in Congress, District 8, United States Senator, District Attorney, County Clerk, Treasurer, Register of Deeds. For State Senator and Representative to the Assembly, and local referenda questions, voters will vote based on their municipality of residence.

President/Vice President
Kamala D. Harris / Tim Walz, Democratic
Donald J. Trump / JD Vance, Republican
Randall Terry / Stephen Broden, Constitution
Chase Russell Oliver / Mike ter Maat, Libertarian
Jill Stein / Rudolph Ware, Wisconsin Green
Claudia De la Cruz / Karina Garcia, Party for Socialism and Liberation
Cornel West / Melina Abdullah, Justice For All
Robert F. Kennedy Jr. / Nicole Shanahan, We The People

Representative in Congress, District 8, Term Ending Jan. 3, 2025
Kristin Lyerly, Democratic
Tony Wied, Republican

United States Senator
Tammy Baldwin, Democratic
Eric Hovde, Republican
Phil Anderson, Disrupt The Corruption
Thomas Leager, America First

Representative in Congress, District 8: Term Jan. 3, 2025 to Jan. 3, 2027
Kristin Lyerly, Democratic
Tony Wied, Republican

State Senator, District 2
Kelly Peterson, Democratic
Eric Wimberger, Republican
State Senator, District 12
Andi Rich, Democratic
Mary Felzkowski, Republican

Representative to the Assembly, District 4
Jane Benson, Democratic
David Steffen, Republican
Representative to the Assembly, District 6
Shirley Hinze, Democratic
Elijah Behnke, Republican
Representative to the Assembly, District 35
Elizabeth McCrank, Democratic
Calvin Callahan, Republican
Representative to the Assembly, District 36
Ben Murray, Democratic
Jeffrey L. Mursau, Republican

District Attorney
Hannah Schuchart, Republican
County Clerk
Kim Pytleski, Republican
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Tanya M. Peterson, Republican
Register of Deeds
Laurie Allen Wusterbarth, Republican

Referenda Questions
Statewide
Eligibility to vote. Shall section 1 of article III of the constitution, which deals with suffrage, be amended to provide that only a United States citizen age 18 or older who resides in an election district may vote in an election for national, state, or local office or at a statewide or local referendum?

Town of Stiles
Appointment of Town Officials. Shall the persons holding the offices of Town Clerk and Town Treasurer in the Town of Stiles be appointed by the town board?

City of Oconto
Number of Alderpersons. Commencing with the regular spring election in April of 2025, should the Common Council of the City of Oconto be increased from six (6) alderpersons to eight (8) alderper- sons?"

Crivitz Schools
Shall the School District of Crivitz, Marinette and Oconto Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$29,000,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school facility improvement project consisting of: renovations at the Elementary School, including for classrooms, a secure entrance/office and the library; construction of an addition and renovations at the Middle/ High School for technical education; district-wide capital maintenance, building infrastructure and site improvements; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment?

Municipalities represented by the **2nd and 12th State Senate Districts** are as follows:
District 2: Towns of Abrams, Breed, Chase, Gillett, How, Lena, Little River, Little Suamico, Maple Val- ley, Morgan, Oconto, Oconto Falls, Pensaukee, Spruce, Stiles, Underhill; Villages of Lena and Suring; Cities of Gillett, Oconto, and Oconto Falls
District 12: Towns of Bagley, Brazeau, Doty, Lakewood, Mountain, Riverview, and Townsend

Municipalities represented by the **4th, 6th, 35th, and 36th Assembly Districts** are as follows:
District 4: Towns of Abrams, Lena, Little River, Little Suamico, Maple Valley, Oconto, Oconto Falls, Pensaukee, Spruce, Stiles; Village of Lena; Cities of Oconto and Oconto Falls
District 6: Towns of Breed, Chase, Gillett, How, Morgan, Underhill; Village of Suring; City of Gillett
District 35: Town of Townsend
District 36: Towns of Bagley, Brazeau, Doty, Lakewood, Mountain, Riverview
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11/01/2024
NOTICE OF REFERENDUM ELECTION
November 5, 2024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at an election to be held in the several towns, villages, wards, and election districts of the State of Wisconsin, on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, the following questions will be submitted to a vote of the people pursuant to law:

2023 Senate Resolution 71
Enrolled Joint Resolution

To **renumber and amend** section 1 of article III; and to **create** section 1 (1) of article III of the constitution; relating to: eligibility to vote in Wisconsin (second consideration).

Whereas, the 2021 legislature in regular session considered a proposed amendment to the constitution in 2021 Senate Joint Resolution 32, which became 2021 Enrolled Joint Resolution 13, and agreed to it by a majority of the members elected to each of the two houses, which proposed amendment reads as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 1 of article III of the constitution is renumbered section 1 (2) of article III and amended to read:

[Article III] Section 1 (2) Every Only a United States citizen age 18 or older who is a resident of an election district in this state is a qualified elector of that district who may vote in an election for national, state, or local office or at a statewide or local referendum.

SECTION 2. Section 1 (1) of article III of the constitution is created to read:

[Article III] Section 1 (1) In this section:

- (a) "Local office" means any elective office other than a state or national office.
- (b) "National office" means the offices of president and vice president of the United States, U.S. senator, and representative in congress.
- (c) "Referendum" means an election at which an advisory, validating, or ratifying question is submitted to the electorate.
- (d) "State office" means the offices of governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state treasurer, attorney general, state superintendent of public instruction, justice of the supreme court, court of appeals judge, circuit court judge, state senator, state representative to the assembly, and district attorney.

SECTION 3. **Numbering of new provision.** If another constitutional amendment ratified by the people creates the number of any provision created in this joint resolution, the chief of the legislative reference bureau shall determine the sequencing and the numbering of the provisions whose numbers conflict.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the foregoing proposed amendment to the constitution is agreed to by the 2023 legislature; and, be it further **Resolved, That** the foregoing proposed amendment to the constitution be submitted to a vote of the people at the election to be held on the first Tuesday of November, 2024; and, be it further **Resolved, That** the question concerning ratification of the foregoing proposed amendment to the constitution be stated on the ballot as follows:

"Eligibility to vote. Shall section 1 of article III of the constitution, which deals with suffrage, be amended to provide that only a United States citizen age 18 or older who resides in an election district may vote in an election for national, state, or local office or at a statewide or local referendum?"

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT AS TO THE QUESTION

The Wisconsin Constitution provides that "[e]very United States citizen age 18 or older who is a resident of an election district in this state is a qualified elector of that district." Wis. Const. art. III, § 1. That language is repeated in Wisconsin statute, Wis. Stat. § 6.02(1).

The referendum question would modify the language in Wis. Const. art. III, § 1 to provide that "only" a U.S. citizen 18 or older who resides in an election district may vote, and it would specify that only such individuals may vote in an election for "a national, state, or local office or at a statewide or local referendum." It also would add definitions of what "local office," "national office," "referendum," and "state office" mean. 2023 Wis. S.J. Res. 71.

A "yes" vote would vote to modify existing article III, section 1 of the Wisconsin Constitution to provide that "only" a U.S. citizen 18 or older who resides in an election district can vote "in a national, state, or local office or at a statewide or local referendum."

A "no" vote would vote not to change Wis. Const. art. III, § 1 of the Wisconsin Constitution.

DONE in the City of Oconto, on September 10, 2024.

Kim Pytleski, Oconto County Clerk
301 Washington Street
Oconto, Wisconsin 54153
920-834-6800

Ballot ID: 4022

Town of Stiles, Wards 1 - 2

Official Ballot

Partisan Office, Referendum, and Special Election for Partisan Office

November 5, 2024

Notice to voters: if you are voting on Election Day, your ballot must be initialed by two (2) election inspectors. If you are voting absentee, your ballot must be initialed by the municipal clerk or deputy clerk. Your ballot may not be counted without initials (see end of ballot for initials).

General Instructions:

If you make a mistake on your ballot or have a question, ask an election inspector for help (absentee voters: contact your municipal clerk).

To vote for a name on the ballot, fill in the oval next to the name like this: ☐

To vote for a name that is not on the ballot, write the name on the line marked "write-in" and fill in the oval next to the name like this: ☐

Federal

When voting for President and Vice President, you have one of two choices:

• Vote for candidates on one ticket, or

• Write in names of persons on both write-in lines

A write-in vote for only a vice presidential candidate will not be counted.

President / Vice President

Vote for 1

☐ Kamala D. Harris / Tim Walz (Democratic)

☐ Donald J. Trump / JD Vance (Republican)

☐ Randall Terry / Stephen Broden (Constitution)

☐ Chase Russell Oliver / Mike ter Maat (Libertarian)

☐ Jill Stein / Rudolph Ware (Wisconsin Green)

☐ Claudia De la Cruz / Karina Garcia (Party for Socialism and Liberation)

☐ Cornel West / Melina Abdullah (Justice For All)

☐ Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. / Nicole Shanahan (We The People)

☐ write-in (President)

☐ write-in (Vice President)

Special Congressional Election

Representative in Congress

District 8: Term ending Jan. 3, 2025

Vote for 1

☐ Kristin Lyerly (Democratic)

☐ Tony Wied (Republican)

☐ write-in:

Congressional

United States Senator

Vote for 1

☐ Tammy Baldwin (Democratic)

☐ Eric Hovde (Republican)

☐ Phil Anderson (Disrupt The Corruption)

☐ Thomas Leager (America First)

☐ write-in:

Representative in Congress

District 8: Term Jan. 3, 2025 - Jan. 3, 2027

Vote for 1

☐ Kristin Lyerly (Democratic)

☐ Tony Wied (Republican)

☐ write-in:

Legislative and State

State Senator

District 2

Vote for 1

☐ Kelly Peterson (Democratic)

☐ Eric Wimberger (Republican)

☐ write-in:

Representative to the Assembly

District 4

Vote for 1

☐ Jane Benson (Democratic)

☐ David Steffen (Republican)

☐ write-in:

District Attorney

Vote for 1

☐ Hannah Schuchart (Republican)

☐ write-in:

Continue voting at top of next column.

Continue voting at top of next column.

Continue voting on back of ballot.

Page 1 of 2-sided ballot. Ballot continues on other side. ➡

County

Referendum

County Clerk

Vote for 1

☐ Kim Pytleski (Republican)

☐ write-in:

County Treasurer

Vote for 1

☐ Tanya M. Peterson (Republican)

☐ write-in:

Register of Deeds

Vote for 1

☐ Laurie Allen Wusterbarth (Republican)

☐ write-in:

To vote in favor of a question, fill in the oval next to "Yes," like this: ☐

To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to "No," like this: ☐

State

"Eligibility to vote. Shall section 1 of article III of the constitution, which deals with suffrage, be amended to provide that only a United States citizen age 18 or older who resides in an election district may vote in an election for national, state, or local office or at a statewide or local referendum?"

☐ Yes

☐ No

Municipal

Shall the persons holding the offices of Town Clerk and Town Treasurer in the Town of Stiles be appointed by the town board?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Continue voting at top of next column.

Official Ballot

Partisan Office, Referendum, and Special Election for Partisan Office

November 5, 2024

for

Town of Stiles, Wards 1 - 2

Oconto County

Ballot ID: 4022

Ballot issued by

Initials of election inspectors.

Absentee Ballot issued by

Initials of Municipal Clerk or Deputy Clerk

If issued by SVDs, both must initial

Certification of Voter Assistance

I certify that I marked or read aloud this ballot at the request and direction of a voter who is authorized under Wis. Stat. §6.82 to receive assistance.

Signature of assistor

For Official Use Only

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OCONTO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Proceedings of Oct. 25

• Bond was set at \$500 cash for Anthony Funk, 64, Krakow, after he was charged with taking and driving a vehicle without consent and a misdemeanor count of lewd and lascivious behavior, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Oct. 23. Judge Jay Conley adjourned his initial appearance until Nov. 7.

Proceedings of Oct. 24

• Antonio Wells, 32, Gillett, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to misappropriating ID information to obtain money, six counts of felony bail jumping and misdemeanor counts of credit card theft, fraudulent use of a credit card, theft of

movable property, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Sept. 3; as well as six counts of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Sept. 11; and six counts of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of driving without a valid license, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred May 25. Conley scheduled a pre-trial conference for Dec. 2.

• Tyler Adam Ralph, 30, Mountain, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to two counts of battery or threat to a law officer, attempted escape from criminal arrest and misdemeanor counts of operating a motor vehicle

while intoxicated (second offense), resisting or obstructing an officer, criminal damage to property, and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred June 20. Conley scheduled a pre-trial conference for Nov. 7.

• Paula Jo Hackett, 41, Shawano, waived her right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to fleeing an officer in a vehicle, possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred June 28. Conley scheduled a pre-trial conference for Nov. 7.

• James L. Valley, 39, Cecil, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to battery

or threat to a law officer and misdemeanor counts of lewd and lascivious behavior, disorderly conduct and bail jumping, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Sept. 14. Conley scheduled a pre-trial conference for Dec. 12.

Proceedings of Oct. 22

• Brandon J. Neumann, 31, Gillett, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to three counts of felony bail jumping and misdemeanor counts of

operating while revoked and possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred July 27. Conley scheduled a pre-trial conference for Nov. 7.

• Erick Robert Spreeman, 34, Coleman, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to theft in a business setting, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Oct. 24, 2023. Conley scheduled a pre-trial conference for Dec. 12.



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Towns of:

Abrams W1-3	Jean Hansen (920) 826-2299	5877 Main Street, Abrams, WI 54101
Bagley W1	Alan Sleeter (920) 590-0198	9812 County Road Z, Pound, WI 54161
Brazeau W1-2	Brooke Kriescher (920) 897-3855	10892 Parkway Road, Pound, WI 54161
Breed W1	Kristen Telford (920) 842-2166	11155 State Highway 32, Suring, WI 54174
Chase W1-5	Jeromy Delebreau (920) 822-1560	8481 County Road S, Pulaski, WI 54162
Doty W1	Cheryl Field (715) 276-7554	14899 County Road T, Mountain, WI 54149
Gillett W1-2	Renee Carlson (920) 819-7475	10908 Town Hall Road, Gillett, WI 54124
How W1	Becky Dickson (920) 842-9851	12896 State Highway 32, Suring, WI 54174
Lakewood W1	Michelle Moczynski (715) 276-3579	17181 Twin Pines Road, Lakewood, WI 54138
Lena W1	Dawn VanArk (715) 281-4672	6087 Goatsville Road, Lena, WI 54139
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Oconto Falls W1-2	Susan Mogged (920) 373-6663	6120 Cream City Road, Oconto, WI 54153
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Riverview W1-2	Beth Hartman (715) 276-6914	4684 Brookside Road, Abrams, WI 54101
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Stiles W1-2	Terrah Patton (920) 634-5348	9097 County Road B, Oconto Falls, WI 54154
Townsend W1-2	Linda Ziegler (715) 276-6856	5718 Watercrest Road, Lena, WI 54139
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City of Oconto W1-7	Brittney Burrueel (920) 834-7711	150 N. McKenzie Avenue, Gillett, WI 54124
City of Oconto Falls W1-8	Jenny Friedman (920) 846-4505	1210 Main Street, Oconto, WI 54153
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All polling places will open at 7:00 A.M. and will close at 8:00 P.M.
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At the close of voting on Election Day, pursuant to the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 19.84, the Election Inspectors at each polling place will convene as the Local Canvassing Board for the purpose of conducting the local canvass pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 7.51. This meeting will be open to the public pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 19.81-89.

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At the close of voting on Election Day, pursuant to the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 19.84, the Election Inspectors will convene as a joint meeting of the Local Board of Canvassers and the MBOC for the purpose of conducting the local and municipal canvasses pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 7.51 and 7.53(1). This meeting will be open to the public pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 19.81-89.

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If provisional ballots have been issued and are subsequently cured by the voter before 4:00 p.m. on the Friday after the election, the MBOC must meet no later than the following Monday at 9:00 a.m. to process the cured provisional ballots. This is a public meeting and requires applicable notice.
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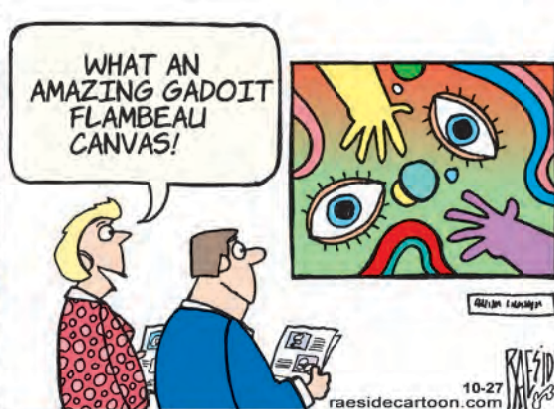
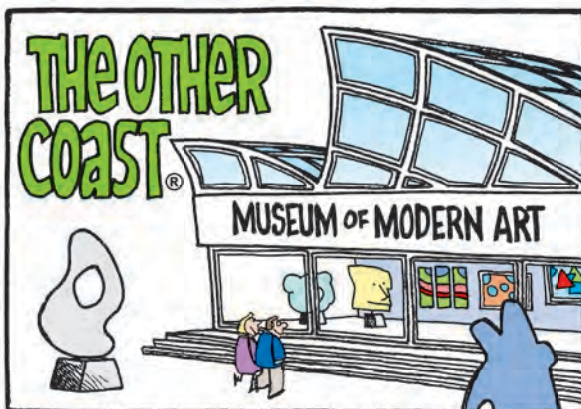
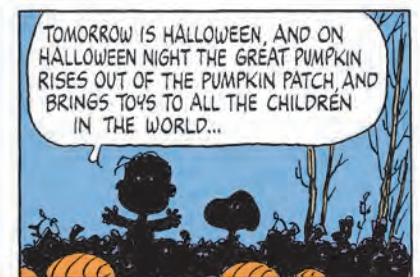


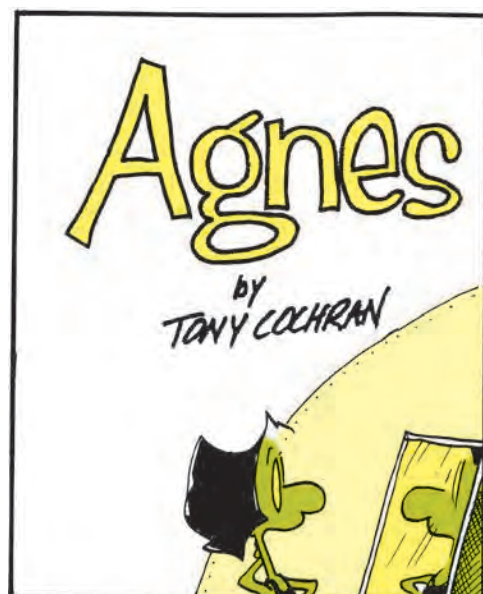

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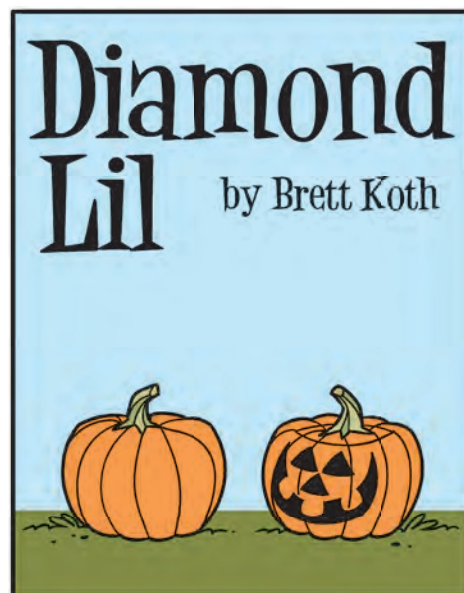
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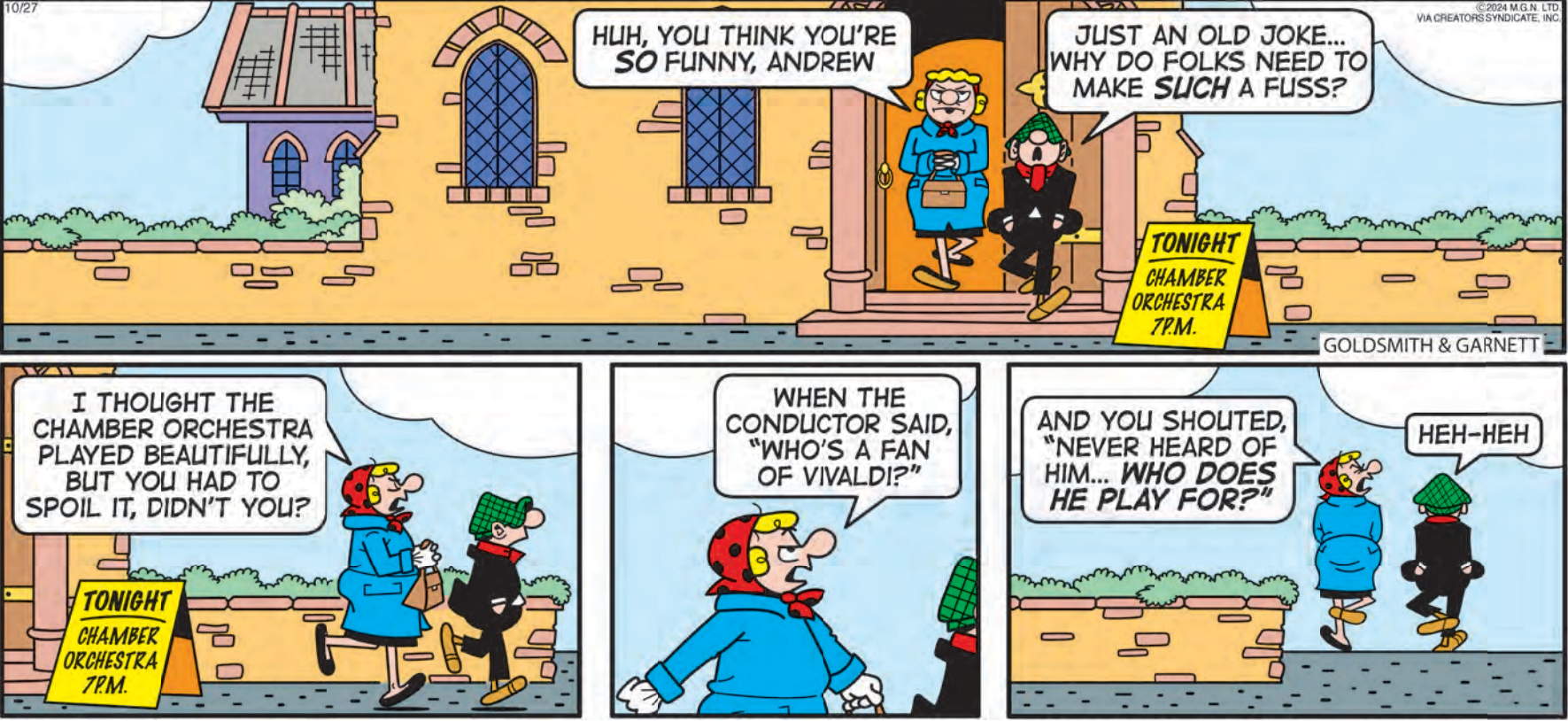


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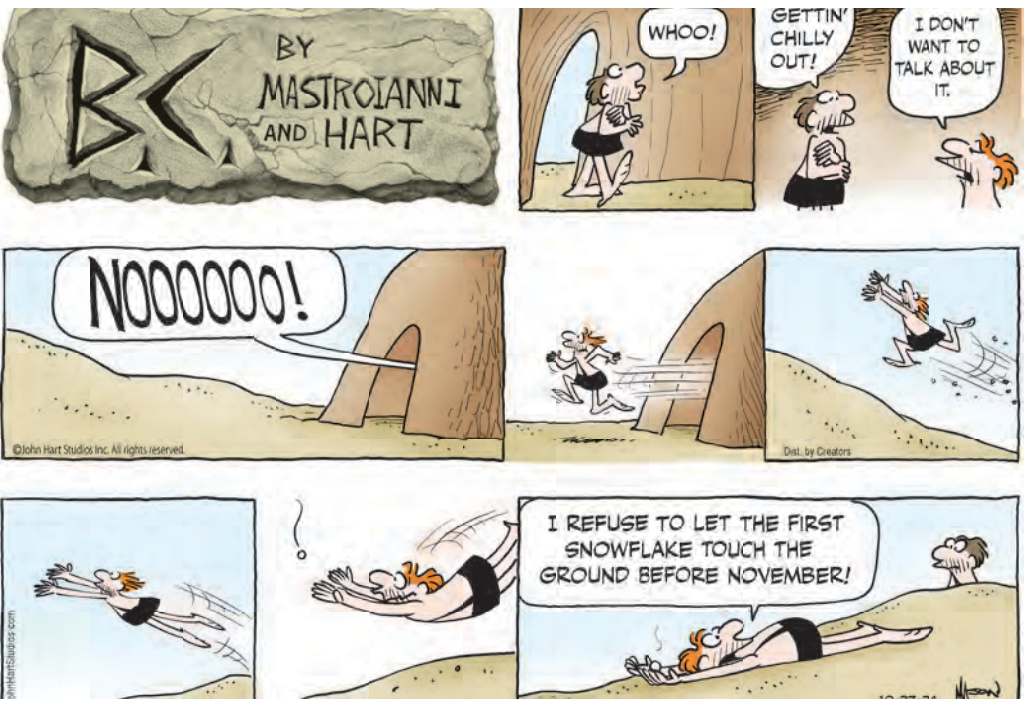


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LOVE HURTS, BUT PACKERS GET THEIR KICKS ANYWAY IN 4TH STRAIGHT WIN



On a third down deep in their own territory early in the fourth quarter, Jacksonville quarterback Trevor Lawrence (16) was sacked by Edgerrin Cooper (56), who also forced a fumble, which was recovered by Devonte Wyatt (95) at the Jacksonville 5-yard line. Two plays later, Tucker Kraft's 3-yard touchdown catch gave the Packers a 10-point lead. Jacksonville would fight back and tie the game, but Packers kicker Brandon McManus had a second consecutive game-winning field goal as time expired to give Green Bay a 30-27 win.

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Packers eke out 30-27 win over Jaguars

BY LUKE REIMER
Green & Gold Express

For the second straight game, the Packers won on a last-second field goal from kicker Brandon McManus, but a larger cloud looms over Green Bay.

In Green Bay's 30-27 victory over the Jacksonville Jaguars, quarterback Jordan Love left the game with a groin injury, safety Evan Williams left the game with a hamstring injury and defensive back Jaire Alexander was hobbled late in the game.

"Obviously a high level of concern when a guy is in there and did it on the first drive," said Packers head coach Matt LaFleur on Love's injury status. "I think that everybody could see him struggling to move around, and it got to a point where we and he didn't feel like he could protect himself, so we went with Malik (Willis)."

Love seemingly sustained the injury on the first drive of the game but played through it until he was replaced by Willis early in the third quarter. Before exiting the game, Love connected on 14-of-22 passes for 196 yards and one interception.

In relief of Love, Willis added four completions on five attempts for 56 passing



Former Jaguars and current Packers kicker Brandon McManus was 3-for-3 on his extra points and 3-for-3 on field goals, winning the game on a 24-yarder over his former employer Oct. 26.

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yards and one touchdown.

Willis' biggest play of the game came late. After Jacksonville had tied the game at 27-27, Willis was tasked with leading the game-winning drive with 1:48 left on the clock. After a 4-yard rush from Josh Jacobs, Willis dropped back and hit a wide open Jayden Reed, who leaked out from the line of scrimmage seemingly unnoticed and took the pass 51 yards down to the Jaguars' 15-yard line. From there, Green Bay was able to run the clock down to two seconds, before

McManus hit the game-winning field goal.

"We were trying to take it one play at a time, and we were looking for a certain look, and we didn't get it the first time we ran it," said Willis, on the 51-yard completion to Reed. "We actually ran it twice. We just ran the first play, and then we ran it again, and we got the look that we were looking for, and we just canned right into it. It was perfect. You love to see it."

Jacobs saw another productive day on the

ground, as the Alabama alum ran for 127 yards and two touchdowns. Willis ran for 23 yards, and Emanuel Wilson and Chris Brooks combined for 39 yards.

As for the receiving game, Tucker Kraft led the team in receiving with 78 yards and a touchdown on three receptions. Romeo Doubs recorded 72 yards on three receptions, Reed recorded 55 yards on two receptions and Christian Watson recorded 39 yards on four receptions.

On Jacksonville's side of the ball, quarterback

Trevor Lawrence completed 21-of-32 passes for 308 yards and two touchdowns. Lawrence added an interception. The Clemson alum did some damage on the ground as well, rushing for 10 yards on four carries and one touchdown.

Running back Tank Bigsby did a majority of the work on the ground for Jacksonville, picking up 78 yards on 18 carries.

Much like Green Bay, Jacksonville was bitten by the injury bug as two of the team's top receivers, Christian Kirk and Brian Thomas Jr., went down with a fractured collarbone and hamstring injury, respectively. Before their injuries, Thomas recorded 60 yards on three receptions and Kirk recorded 59 yards on two receptions. Jaguars tight end Evan Engram secured Lawrence's other passing touchdown.

As has been the case for the majority of the season, Green Bay won the turnover battle once again, 2-1. Defensive back Xavier McKinney hauled in his sixth interception on the season, adding to his already league-leading total.

The more important turnover though came on the second play of the fourth quarter. With Green Bay up 20-17, Lawrence and the Jaguars' offense

were faced with a third-and-seven from its own 14-yard line. Lawrence took the snap and was almost immediately hit by a blitzing Edgerrin Cooper. Upon the hit, Lawrence lost the football, and it was recovered by Packers defensive lineman Devonte Wyatt, who was playing his first game since Sept. 29.

Two plays later, Willis connected with Kraft for a 3-yard touchdown reception.

On top of the turnovers, Green Bay's defense has excelled at getting off of the field. In its last game against Houston, C.J. Stroud and the Houston offense converted just 4-of-13 opportunities on third down. In this game against Jacksonville, the Jaguars only converted 1-of-9 attempts on third down.

"I think (Jacksonville) is a good football team. They have a lot of playmakers, they have three really good receivers, they have a stud running back, a stud quarterback and a stud tight end, so like, we knew that they were going to get their shots in, Ut was just about staying resilient," said LaFleur, on his evaluation of Green Bay's defense. "Twice our defense set us up with great field position, and we were able to capitalize."

Which Packers offense will show up?

Players need to clean up penalties, mistakes to battle for division lead

By **JACOB WESTENDORF**
Green & Gold Express

Green Bay will host division rival Detroit at 3:25 p.m. Nov. 3 at Lambeau Field.

Packers Offense vs. Lions Defense

Green Bay's offense is maddening.

There are times they look like the best unit in football. They look like they can attack you with their dynamic run game or an explosive passing game.

Other times, they look like they cannot get out of their own way. Penalties and silly mistakes continue to plague them.

Jordan Love continues to turn the ball over and threw a terrible interception in the red zone last week.

His availability for this week could be in question. He left Sunday's win over Jacksonville with a groin injury and did not return.

If he cannot go, it will be the Malik Willis show again. Willis helped save the day with a huge completion to Jayden Reed after the defense gave up a touchdown pass that tied the game at 27-27.

Willis' big day was called, "pretty damn impressive," by Matt LaFleur.

Willis has certainly been that. They've won all three games he's had to play extended action.

The run game was the star of the show on Sunday. Josh Jacobs rumbled for more than 120 yards on 25 carries. That included a nifty 38-yard touchdown that helped ensure the Packers would never trail again.

Jacobs was a workhorse when they needed him. He can be a role player if they need that, too.

Romeo Doubs and Tucker Kraft are helping lead the way for Green Bay's passing game. Reed sprinkled in a big play last week as well.

That passing game is going to need to be up to snuff this week to keep pace with a powerful Lions' offense.

Detroit's defense looked like it could be in flux after a devastating blow they suffered in early October.



Above, running back Josh Jacobs (8) is averaging 4.6 yards per carry for the Packers and could be more if the offense cuts down on penalties and other mistakes that cost the offense yardage. In the background is backup quarterback Malik Willis, who played most of the second half against the Jaguars on Oct. 26. At left, quarterback Jordan Love casts a sideways glance after a play against Jacksonville.

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Their star pass rusher, Aidan Hutchinson, was lost for the season with a gruesome leg injury that has knocked him out for the rest of the regular season, at minimum.

The Lions' pass rush was largely based around Hutchinson's prowess, so it remains to be seen how they'll rebound from it long-term.

They did not pressure Sam Darnold much until Christian Darrisaw left

their game against the Vikings.

The Lions rebuilt their secondary this offseason and famously traded ahead of Green Bay to take Alabama's Terrion Arnold in this past year's NFL draft.

Their biggest playmakers in the secondary come from their nickel/safety positions.

Kerby Joseph and Brian Branch entered Sunday's game tied for the team lead in interceptions with

four.

Branch has been a standout for the first two seasons of his career. Joseph has tormented the Packers, including a huge day against Aaron Rodgers in 2022.

Taking care of the ball is going to be paramount against this ball-hawking secondary for the Lions.

Packers Defense vs. Lions Offense

Green Bay's defense had some really good mo-

ments Sunday. They took the ball away twice from Jacksonville, and it led directly to 14 points for Green Bay's offense.

Xavier McKinney had another interception, his sixth of the season. He might be a leading candidate for Defensive Player of the Year now that Hutchinson is out for the season with a leg injury.

Jaire Alexander looked like he was hobbled after the last play of the game on defense. His availability for this week would be paramount as they're set to play Amon-Ra St. Brown.

Evan Williams also left Sunday's game with a hamstring injury, and the defense began to struggle once he was out of the lineup.

Javon Bullard struggled noticeably for the first time in his rookie season.

He was victimized for two big plays on a touchdown drive that gave the Jaguars a 17-13 lead in the third quarter.

Overall, the defense did a good job but not great. They held the Jaguars without a third down conversion until late in the fourth quarter. They were able to make big plays and did enough to help the offense put the game away.

This week, the challenge is going to be much tougher.

Detroit's offense will be the best one the Packers have faced this season.

Jared Goff, thought to be a throw-in for the Matthew Stafford trade that took place following the 2020 season, has thrived in Detroit under Ben Johnson and Dan Campbell.

He's steady, smart and deadly accurate.

He's completing more than 70% of his passes on the season and is a certifiable MVP candidate if such a thing exists at this point in the season.

The Lions' run game is dynamic, led by Jahmyr Gibbs and David Montgomery.

Montgomery had a big game against the Packers at Lambeau Field a season ago, scoring three times.

Gibbs is the Lions' version of lightning in a bottle.

He's a dual-threat back

with the ability to make plays in both the run and pass game.

He's averaging nearly six yards per carry, and more than eight yards per reception.

This is a game that could test Green Bay's linebackers. It remains to be seen how they'll line up, as they've rotated either by injury or natural competition during the year.

In the passing game, it runs through Sam LaPorta and St. Brown.

Jameson Williams was Detroit's big play threat, but he'll miss this weekend's game as part of a two-game suspension.

The Lions are a diverse, dynamic offense and present a great challenge to Green Bay's ascending defense.

Special Teams

The special teams unit is coming off what might be its best game of the season Sunday against Jacksonville.

They were largely unnoticed, which is about all you can ask for in most games.

That is, until the very end of the game. Green Bay is now 2-0 on game-winning field goals in the Brandon McManus era.

He's made a game-winner in each of his first two games as a Packer.

This one, helped save the bacon of the Packers who blew two separate 10-point leads against the lowly Jaguars.

Detroit's special teams are led by kicker Jake Bates, who booted the Lions to victory against Minnesota two weeks ago.

Detroit's return game has been led by Kalif Raymond, but they've had limited opportunities for the new kickoff rule.

They've had more opportunities as a punt returner but haven't been able to break anything deep down the field.

That, of course, was until this past week against the Titans where they returned a punt for a touchdown.

The Lions are notably aggressive on special teams. Rich Bisaccia and his unit will need to be on alert for fakes in all situations.

DETROIT LIONS AT GREEN BAY PACKERS

TIME AND DATE: 3:25 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 3
LOCATION: Lambeau 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
2024 RECORDS: Packers, 6-2, Lions 6-1
HISTORY: The Lions and Packers have been locking horns since the 1930s. The Packers lead the all-time series

106-76-7. Their last matchup at Lambeau Field came last year when the Lions won 34-20 in late September in a game that was not as close as the final score suggested. The Lions ran all over the hapless Packers' defense and slowed down Jordan Love and an offense that was trying to find its way. Their most recent meeting, however, was Green Bay's turning point of their 2023 season. The Packers jumped out to a big lead early and held on late for a 28-22 victory at Ford Field on Thanksgiving Day.

This year's meeting is drastically different in that both teams are aware of who they are and have cemented their status as primary contenders to represent the NFC in this year's Super Bowl.
COACHES: Packers - Matt LaFleur (fifth season, 62-29). Lions- Dan Campbell (fourth season, 30-27)
PACKERS SCHEDULE
Friday, Sept. 6 at Philadelphia, L 29-34
Sunday, Sept. 15 vs. Indianapolis Noon W 16-10
Sunday, Sept. 22 at Tennessee Noon

W30-14
Sunday, Sept. 29 vs. Minnesota Noon L 29-31
Sunday, Oct. 6 at LA Rams 3:25 p.m. W 24-19
Sunday, Oct. 13 vs. Arizona Noon W 34-13
Sunday, Oct. 20 vs. Houston W 24-22
Sunday, Oct. 27 at Jacksonville W 30-27
Sunday, Nov. 3 vs. Detroit 3:25 p.m. FOX
Week 10 BYE
Sunday, Nov. 17 at Chicago Noon FOX
Sunday, Nov. 24 vs. San Francisco 3:25 p.m. FOX
Thursday, Nov. 28 vs. Miami 7:20 p.m.

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Thursday, Dec. 5 at Detroit 7:15 p.m.
Amazon Prime
Sunday, Dec. 15 at Seattle 7:20 p.m.
NBC
Monday, Dec. 23 vs. New Orleans 7:15 p.m. ESPN
Sunday, Dec. 29, at Minnesota Noon FOX
Week 18 vs. Chicago TBD
NFL SCHEDULE
Thursday, Oct. 31
Houston at NY Jets, 7:15 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 3

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Tampa Bay at Kansas City, 7:15 p.m.

Packers add depth to tight end position

FitzPatrick plucked from Falcons' practice squad

BY JACOB WESTENDORF
Green & Gold Express

Green Bay Packers tight end John FitzPatrick was selected with the 213th pick in the sixth round of the 2022 NFL Draft by the Atlanta Falcons. He was placed on injured reserve on Sept. 1, 2022.

During the 2023 season FitzPatrick made the Falcons' 53-man roster as the fourth tight end behind Kyle Pitts, Jonnu Smith and MyCole Pruitt and played in nine games with one reception for 12 yards and three special teams tackles.

FitzPatrick was waived by the Falcons on Aug. 27 and re-signed to the practice squad.

On Oct. 11, FitzPatrick was signed by the Green Bay Packers to their active roster off of the Atlanta Falcons practice squad.

What do you think of this place?

It's been great. I've enjoyed my time here so far. People have been great, coaches have been great and I'm just continuing to learn and grow.

You're from Atlanta, right?

Born in New York. Lived outside of Atlanta my whole life just about, played at Georgia.

Drafted by your hometown team. Was it hard to leave that behind?

My two, three years were great in Atlanta. I really enjoyed my time there, but I'm excited about this next chapter.

What are your

impressions on the Packers?

The Packers as a whole – tight-knit community. Just going around the town, the city, the restaurants, you see green everywhere. You see the Packers jerseys, which is really cool, and then as far as the people in the building, everyone's really driven. They just want to win, which I'm all about and I'm excited to be here.

Half the Georgia roster is here.

Yeah, it was nice seeing some familiar faces with Quay and Bullard and a bunch of those guys, and they've been good to me. We all sit close to each other in the team meetings, so it's cool.

Do you know enough to play this week?

Yeah, whatever I'm asked of, I'm just going to go do it to the best of my ability. I'm continuing to learn and grow and just whatever coach wants, I'm ready for.

What's your best attribute?

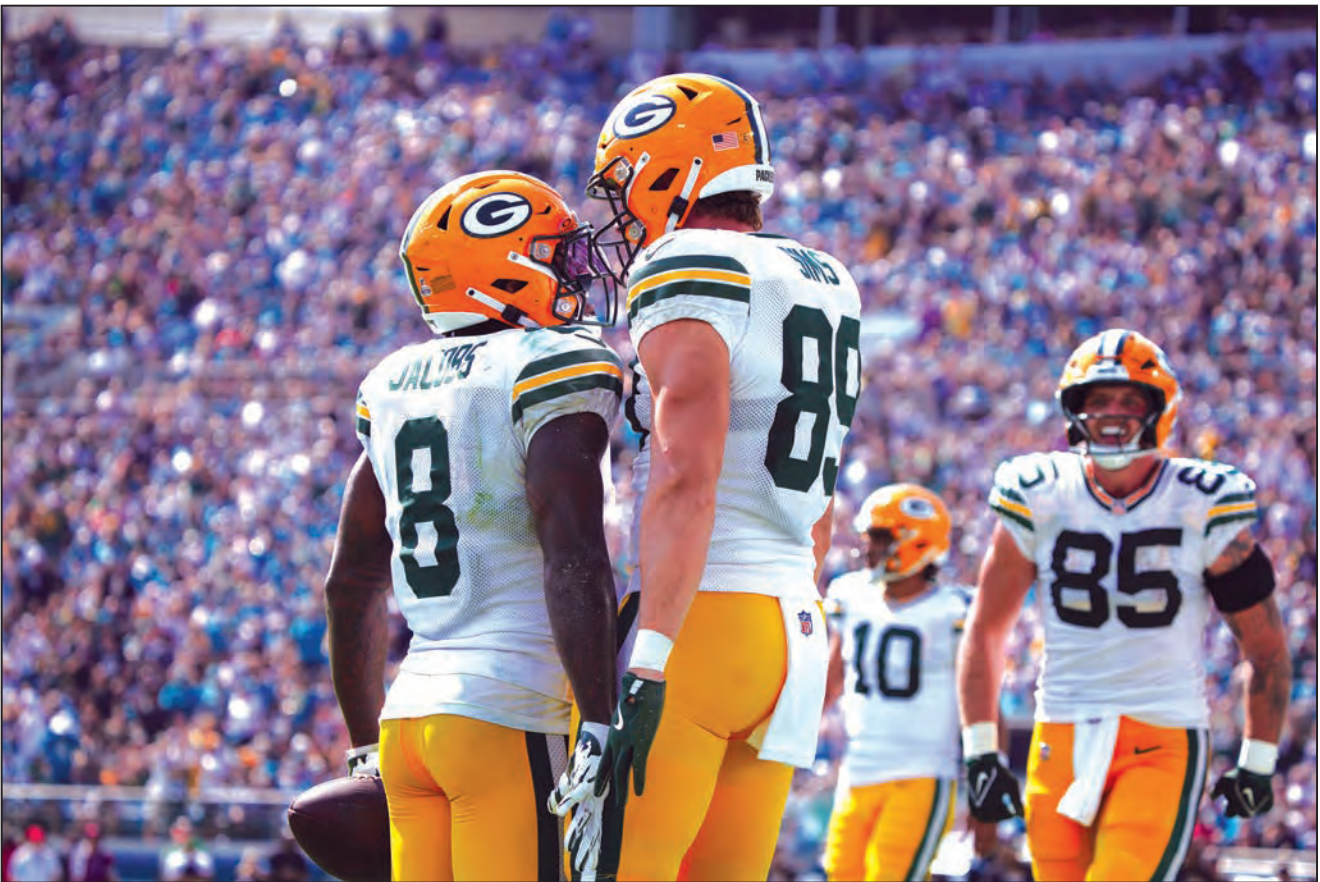
I think that's up to the coaches. But I'm willing to do whatever they ask of me, blocking, running around, receiving, special teams.

Did you play much special teams when you were active for Atlanta?

I did. Punt, kickoff return, some kickoff cover.

Is the tight end room tight?

I like it a lot. Ben, Tuck, Beck and Messiah, we're having a great time, and with J.D., he sets a good standard for the room and what he wants us to be at



Tight end Ben Sims (89) and running back Josh Jacobs (8) share a laugh during the Jacksonville game. In the background are quarterback Jordan Love (10) and tight end Tucker Kraft (85).

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every single day, has us prepared. So I'm enjoying my time in the room.

Did you take a pre-draft visit here?

I did.

Do you remember meeting anyone?

When I was here two years ago, I think it was a different facility but some similar people. I had met with coach Dunn and some of the other people here. I just remember going around the facility meeting new people – players not so much, because I think it was April or May when I came.

You broke bones in both feet before your last year at Georgia?

We were doing like a team run, offseason training drill, and I went to cut and felt a pop in my right foot and didn't think much

of it and then later in that practice, felt something in my left. Just did X-rays, and they said it was Jones fractures. It wasn't great, but it was manageable. Just a pain-tolerance thing. It affected me with some lateral stuff but, as far as running straight, I was fine. And then just got them fixed after the season.

Think about shutting it down for NFL or did you want to win?

At that point, all I wanted to do was win. We had a great team and, thankfully, we won it all, we won the Natty. It was worth it to wait and get it fixed after the season, like I did.

Surgery on both feet?

I did. The day after the national championship, I got surgery on my right and then four weeks later

on my left.

Real estate major?

I think development would be an avenue I'd consider along with some private-equity stuff. Just talking to different people in Atlanta and around, I think I would do well.

Can you block well?

Georgia's big thing is if you're willing to block, you're going to find your way onto the field, and that's what I learned early from some older guys in the room. From there, just really honed in on that and wanted to get on the field, obviously, so I honed in on that and it created some opportunities for me. I'm never going to say I'm great at blocking or it's my strong suit. I'm working on it every single day.

There's always something you can be better at

within a block, specifically, or just any type of block.

Know much about Tucker Kraft?

No. Like, obviously, great tight end in the league but as far as personal, no.

What does he think of how he plays?

He's a beast. Physical, he's fast. It's really cool to see. He can do it all.

Tight end room at Georgia was really good?

Yeah, we had a bunch of big-time players, so it was fun.

So you had to block to play?

Like I said, I had Coach Monken most of the time when I was playing. He drew so many plays where we were blocking, receiving. It allowed me to be on the field.

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KEYS TO THE GAME

Battle of the Beasts

Big plays needed as the unstoppable force meets immovable object

By JACOB WESTENDORF
Green & Gold Express

The calendar has turned to November, and the Green Bay Packers are looking to make it a month to remember.

After an October schedule that saw them catch a couple of breaks, November looks to be the most grueling portion of Green Bay's season.

Starting with this week, the Packers will play three playoff teams in a span of 25 days, capping it off

with a Thanksgiving Day game against the Miami Dolphins.

The first order of business is the Detroit Lions, who are the class of the NFC North in the early portion of the season.

They're the defending champions of the division and could have played for the Super Bowl if not for a second half collapse in the NFC Championship Game.

There has been no hangover in Detroit. The Lions are 6-1, and entering Lambeau Field with a chance to put a strangle-

hold on the NFC North.

The Packers are going to need to play their best game to knock them off.

Here are the keys to doing just that.

Packers' run defense vs. Lions' backfield

Jahmyr Gibbs and David Montgomery form one of the best thunder and lightning backfield combinations in all of football.

Gibbs is the lightning version of that and certainly lives up to the phrasing of lightning in a bottle.

Montgomery is the workhorse. His numbers may not be gaudy, but he's been a perfect fit for Detroit's physical offensive identity.

Last year against the Packers at Lambeau Field, Montgomery started slow, but as the game wore on, he continued to get better. Runs that went for two yards in the first half went for five or six yards in the second half.

Green Bay's run defense has been up and down this season. They struggled against Joe Mixon two weeks ago but also shut down the Arizona Cardinals dynamic run game in early October.

One of the biggest advantages that Detroit has is their ability to remain balanced. Jared Goff is really good in the play-action pass game.

In the first of two matchups last year, Detroit ran for more than 200 yards, and Montgomery piled up three touchdowns as the Packers were blown out at Lambeau Field.

The Lions ran for more than 140 in the second



Christian Watson caught four passes for 39 yards against Jacksonville, giving him 13 receptions for 196 yards this season.
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this week. Winning the turnover battle will be paramount to winning the game.

Jeff Hafley vs Ben Johnson

Jeff Hafley has won the hearts of Wisconsin with the performance of his defense through the first half of the season.

They take the ball away. They're exotic and multiple.

They're not perfect, but they are much more aesthetically pleasing than the defense run by either of his first two predecessors.

Ben Johnson was one of the top head coach candidates in last year's coaching cycle.

Johnson eschewed becoming a head coach to remain in Detroit for what everyone in the Lions' organization is hoping can be a special season.

If Green Bay's defense continues on its trajectory, Hafley and Johnson could be hot

candidates when the coaching carousel picks up again this winter.

For this weekend, however, this is a battle of wits that should be fascinating to watch.

Hafley has become adept at simulating pressures to make opposing passers uncomfortable, including Houston's C.J. Stroud.

Johnson has been excellent at keeping his quarterback comfortable.

Each coordinator will win a down or series.

Whoever makes the best adjustment or calls the best plays situationally will go a long way toward winning the game.

Games like these typically come down to who makes the biggest plays in big spots. Detroit takes the ball away like Green Bay does as well.

The Packers won two weeks ago against the Houston Texans despite being minus-3 in the turnover battle.

The Packers will not be able to get away with that

matchup, but it was not nearly as dominant of a performance as it was the first time around. The Packers' defense made enough big plays to slow down Detroit's powerful offense.

It's unlikely they'll be able to rely on big plays and takeaways, so they'll need to slow down Detroit's offense more traditionally. That starts with stopping their dynamic ground game.

Turnovers

One of the biggest reasons that Green Bay was able to beat the Lions on Thanksgiving last year was their ability to make big plays.

They started the game with a big completion to Christian Watson. That drive was finished off with a touchdown.

On defense, the Packers sacked Goff four times and forced three fumbles, including returning one for a touchdown.

That does not account

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Tight end Tucker Kraft had a big day against Jacksonville, first connecting with Jordan Love for a 67-yard catch-and-run that put the Packers inside the Jaguars' 10-yard line, and second, catching a 3-yard touchdown pass from Malik Willis later in the game. So far this season, Kraft has caught 24 passes for 342 yards and five touchdowns.

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TUCKER KRAFT CATCH-AND-RUN LONGEST OF THE SEASON FOR THE PACKERS

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Willis to the rescue again

Packers backup will be ready if needed against the Lions

BY LUKE REIMER
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While not necessarily wanted, Green Bay Packers fans got another look at their backup quarterback in the win over Jacksonville.

Malik Willis was once again very productive in his most recent relief appearance for Jordan Love, who exited the game with a groin injury. Coming into the game with a 13-10 lead, Willis once again led Green Bay to a victory. Willis has seen the final clock tick to zero with a win four times this season.

It is yet to be seen if Willis will take the field as a starter or as a backup in Green Bay's upcoming matchup against the Detroit Lions. If Willis does

suit up as the starter, there seems to be some comfortability, not only from Packers fans, but staff and coaches as well.

"It has been pretty impressive," said Packers head coach Matt LaFleur, on Willis' performance this season. "Impressive is the word."

As was the case in his two starts against the Indianapolis Colts and the Tennessee Titans this season, as soon as Willis stepped into the game against the Jacksonville Jaguars, the run game saw an instant upgrade. One hundred and twenty of Green Bay's 170 rushing yards on the day came after Willis entered the game early in the third quarter.

While it is easy to



Backup quarterback Malik Willis shows his versatility in running with the ball against Jacksonville. Willis played most of the second half in relief of Jordan Love, who was sidelined with a groin injury.

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chalk this anomaly up to Green Bay running a more conservative offense with the backup under center, it may actually be due to the change of blocking scheme. With offensive linemen Zach Tom, Elgton Jenkins and Josh Myers

seemingly blocking better in the run game than pass game this season, using the offensive linemen's strengths may fit the philosophy more with Willis under center than Love. Now, that is not saying that if Love is healthy,

Willis should see more time, because Green Bay's offensive linemen are good enough to both run block and pass block effectively.

It is no secret that the offense has been more effective to run the ball with Willis under center,

partly due to his potential to run himself, but that is not to say that the passing offense with Willis has been bad.

So far this season, Willis has completed 29-of-39 passes for 380 passing yards and three touchdowns. Those stats come along with zero interceptions and zero fumbles.

Against Jacksonville playing nearly the entire second half, Willis completed 4-of-5 passes for 56 yards and one touchdown. Those numbers come on the back of not seeing any starter snaps in practice throughout the week.

"Yeah, it is none," said Willis, on how many first team snaps he sees in practice. "(Love) needs all of the reps. You get your reps on scout, and you get your reps in individual, and you just do what you can to get those mental reps and do

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Week 9 Games: Sunday, Nov. 3
Houston @ NY Jets - Thurs., Oct. 31
Indianapolis @ Minnesota
Chicago @ Arizona
Tampa Bay @ Kansas City - Mon., Nov. 4

Tie Breaker Game:
Detroit @ GreenBay

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Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Detroit 17 @ Green Bay 21

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This Week's Picks:
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Minnesota
Chicago
Kansas City

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Detroit 28 @ Green Bay 31



This Week's Picks:
NY Jets
Minnesota
Arizona
Kansas City

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Detroit 24 @ Green Bay 28



This Week's Picks:
NY Jets
Indianapolis
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Kansas City

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Detroit 16 @ Green Bay 21



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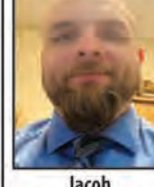
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Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Detroit 21 @ Green Bay 24



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Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Detroit 28 @ Green Bay 21



This Week's Picks:
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Kansas City

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Detroit 31 @ Green Bay 34



This Week's Picks:
Houston
Minnesota
Chicago
Kansas City

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Detroit 40 @ Green Bay 10



This Week's Picks:
Houston
Minnesota
Arizona
Kansas City

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Detroit 28 @ Green Bay 20



Xavier McKinney (29) intercepted Trevor Lawrence for his sixth pick of the season. McKinney has an interception in six of the Packers' eight games, and he's alone at the top of the league in that category.

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whatever you can do when called upon.”

It has become obvious that Wills is always ready to come when his number is called and perform well, part of the reason why Packers general manager Brian Gutekunst brought him in.

"It is a high stress job, but at the same time, the Lord blessed me with this ability, and I just have to utilize it and have fun with it," said Willis.

Given the state of the Packers backup quarter-

backs in the last decade, there is some comfort knowing that it finally has a player who can be relied on when the starter goes down. When Tim Boyle, DeShone Kizer, Brett Hundley, Sean Clifford and even Love when he was young came in for relief, there was always a sense of uneasiness, and for a majority of teams in the league, that feeling is shared. Now with Willis, he has proven that he can win games.

If it is Willis who suits

up on Sunday at quarterback against the Detroit Lions, this Green Bay offense should not suffer too much. While yes, Detroit is a good football team, the two different styles of offense with each quarterback starting gives Green Bay an opportunity to use the entire playbook. It is obvious that Willis is more than capable to run the offense, but as always for every team in the NFL, it will come down to establishing a run game and controlling the line of scrimmage.

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Running back Josh Jacobs carried the ball 25 times against the Jaguars, the most carries he's had in a game since Week 2 against the Indianapolis Colts. His 127 yards was also the most since the Colts game, when he ran for 151 yards. Based on his current trajectory, he would surpass 1,400 yards this season. GREG MELLIS | GREEN & GOLD EXPRESS

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Jacobs led Green Bay's ground game with 127 yards rushing and two TDs

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