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Sidewalk woes mount with easement issues

Village board must decide between easements, with \$50K price tag, or construction permits

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

More headaches emerged for the Wittenberg Village Board regarding a Wisconsin Department of Transportation sidewalk grant as members learned Oct. 17 they might have to hire a real estate consultant and negotiator to work with property owners to acquire right-of-way.

The village received a grant in 2022 from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's Alternative Transportation Program that will pay for 80% of the cost to install seven new sidewalks, estimated to cost around \$920,000. To make this happen, the village would need to get eight temporary limited easements.

Mary Jo Miller, with the consulting firm Martenson and Eisele, informed board members she has already reached out to two real estate firms on a DOT-approved list — Moss and Associates in Green Bay and Becher-Hoppe Associates in Wausau. The firms sent back cost estimates that could cost Wittenberg up to \$50,000 in 2024 to acquire the temporary limited easements, which total about one-quarter acre.

This comes at a time as the village is finalizing its 2024 budget.

"The way DOT works is that they require you to hire someone that is on their list of qualified negotiators and acquisition experts," Miller said. "They have to reach out to the property owners, and then they have a sale study done. When you can verify that each of the acquisitions are worth less than \$25,000, which they should be able to, then they put together this nominal waiver form and then the village would approve that."

Among the costs for the village going this route is \$5,000 for the acquisition of the rights-of-way, \$35,000 for the real estate consul-

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New segments of sidewalk for the village include the following:

- North Genesee Street from north of Grand Avenue to East Wood Avenue, east side.
- East Grand Avenue from North Meisner Street to South Mission Street, south side.
- South Webb Street from School Street to Washington Park, north side.
- East Vinal Street from South Mill Street to Pond Park, south side.
- Pond Park from South Mill Street to East Vinal Street.
- South Ellms Street from north of Walnut Street to Reed Street, east side.
- West Reed Street from Homme Home to South Mill Street, south side, and along South Mill Street to Park Pond, west side.

tant fees, and \$5,500 for Martenson and Eisele to create legal descriptions and exhibits. Miller said the offers to the property owners could range from \$100 to \$500, which would require village board approval before being finalized.

"It's absolutely ridiculous, in our opinion," Miller said. "This is the way DOT does it."

An alternative to the easements could be having affected property owners sign construction permits. Going this route, according to Miller, would require notifying the property owners of their right to an appraisal and compensation, which would be at the village's expense.

"What that means is that it's one form, a standard form, and you approach the property owner and say, 'We just need an easement from you so that, when we're done with our construction, we need to be on your property to blend it and restore it, things like that,'" Miller said.

The right to an appraisal is a federal regulation. Even after the permits are signed, property owners can request an appraisal, according to Miller. They would even have the right to do so in the middle of construction, she said, which could

delay the project even further.

"They can say, 'I want an appraisal. Get off my property; I want an appraisal,'" Miller said. "If that happens in the middle of construction or before we're about to start or something, and it messes up the construction schedule, that's a risk you would take by going that direction."

Board President William Switalla suggested going with that route immediately, but Miller urged caution and consulting with the village's attorney before making a final decision.

Miller noted that owners could ask for an appraisal even if the village decides to use a real estate company, and the cost would fall to Wittenberg in that scenario.

Miller said that the sidewalks themselves would not be on anyone's property, but the easements are required during the construction process.

Originally planned to take place in 2024, the sidewalk installation is

now expected to go out for bids in early 2025, with construction taking place that summer.

"This whole process (with the easements) will take close to a year, between the time that they start notifying these properties and everything is done and signed and is recorded," Miller said. "If someone throws a wrench in it, how much will this put you off?"

Switalla recommended bringing the property owners together to discuss the issue, but noted some of the property owners have already indicated they do not want the sidewalk in front of their property to begin with.

"I'm looking at the list and see that there's maybe two that are unfavorable," Switalla said. "I'm thinking if we just have a meeting and bring them all in here, we could explain the process. Together, the smart ones will help the people who don't understand."

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Krueger resigns from board; Lange replaces him

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

Devin Krueger formally resigned from the Wittenberg Village Board on Oct. 17, but his space was quickly refilled during the same meeting.

Krueger, 28, is moving out of the village, which makes him no longer eligible to be a board member. He graduated from Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School in 2012.

This was Krueger's first term on the village board. He said he will remain close to the community being on the board for the Wittenberg



DEVIN KRUEGER

Area Chamber of Commerce.

Tanya Lange was appointed unanimously by the board to replace Krueger. She is the owner for T&C Lanes, the village's bowling alley. Lange will

remain in Krueger's seat through April 2024, when the post is up for election, and then she can run for a full two-year term.

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A set of cathedral chimes were put back up in Little White Chapel in Wittenberg recently. Venue managers believe the chimes harken back to the 1920s.

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About 100 people can be seated in the upper level of Little White Chapel, and stained glass windows kept from when the building was a church help to add a touch of atmosphere.

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Goin' to the chapel, and we're gonna ...

Former church in Wittenberg now venue for weddings, birthday parties, other events

By **LEE PULASKI**

City Editor

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For more information about Little White Chapel, go to www.cteventspace.com/thelittlewhitechapel.

Young engaged couples who seek to get married in a church to satisfy their parents' wishes no longer have to settle for one with an active congregation now that CT Event Spaces has opened up Little White Chapel in Wittenberg.

Located at 400 Front St. in the village, the chapel is hoping to become the premier location in western Shawano County for weddings, birthday parties, reunions and much more. Little White Chapel held a ribbon cutting Oct. 18 with the Wittenberg Area Chamber of Commerce and held an open house.

Hope Ukpogong is managing the chapel, but she's hoping to get ownership of the venue someday. She noted that the building used to serve as a Methodist church but has been closed for over a year before CT Event Spaces decided to invest in it.

"It was something that I wanted to do, redo a church into a chapel and turn it into an event space," Ukpogong said. "This one just kind of fell into our laps, and we went from there."

Ukpogong noted the church building had water and roof damage when it was purchased, but the renovations are making it look like new again.

"It took about eight months to get it to where it is right now," Ukpogong said. "We're still working and will do the flooring sometime next year, but we wanted to get it to a place where people can come in and enjoy it."

CT Event Spaces retained the stained glass windows to maintain a uniqueness to the building and make it still feel like a church, according to Ukpogong.

"Even if we were going to do something else, we would have kept all the stained glass," she said. "This is an old, unique building, and it's just something different. I

have a lot of brides who actually just want to have their ceremony here, and then I have other people wanting to do baby showers, bridal showers and more with the space downstairs."

The upper level of the chapel can seat about 100 people and has a stage area, while the lower level has tables and a kitchen area and can seat about 90 people. Rental prices range from \$99 to \$399 per day.

CT Event Spaces also operates event venues in Gillett and Wausau. The company works with Sweet Ride Limousine Service, Creative Celebrations By Hope, Aurora the Borealis, A Taste of Jamaica and Taste of Jamaica Entertainment with DJ Rayon to provide a variety of services to make an event pop.

Ukpogong said that the chapel has the numbers for a couple of pastors if folks interested in getting married need an officiant, but she noted many of the brides that have booked for ceremonies so far come with pastors already planned for.

"A lot of them, this has been a back-up space for outdoor weddings," Ukpogong said. "There was one last week, and it actually rained, so they rented it as a back-up and actually had it here. They were from Antigo, so it wasn't too far away."

Ukpogong has done wedding planning and decorating venues for events for 20 years, so it seemed ideal to have a venue for people to utilize.

"It seemed like my forte to do something like this," she said, noting she's still working a full-time job at the same time she's managing Little White Chapel. "I eventually just want to do this full time. I'm HR for a company right now."

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Mammograms recommended at age 40

Breast surgeon emphasizes early detection key

New guidelines earlier this year from the United States Preventative Services Task Force have lowered the age at which women should begin having regular mammograms from age 50 to 40.

“The new guidelines recommend that women with an average risk of developing breast cancer begin having mammograms at age 40,” said Dr. Honnie Bermas, a breast surgeon with Fox Valley Surgical Specialists,



HONNIE BERMAS

a partner of ThedaCare Cancer Care. “Many breast cancer experts, including ThedaCare’s oncology team, support women having an annual mammogram with the hope that early detection will reduce the number of breast cancer cases discovered at a later stage.”

The task force is an independent, volunteer panel of medical experts working to improve public health by making evidence-based recommendations about clinical preventive ser-

vices such as screenings, counseling services and preventive medications. Its recommendations frequently influence insurance plan coverage and guidelines from providers.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and ThedaCare strongly encourages women to schedule regular mammograms. After skin cancer, breast cancer is the most common cancer in women and the second-leading cause of cancer deaths in women.

Bermas noted that a woman’s risk for developing breast cancer changes as she ages.

Other risk factors include family history, genetics, race, weight, pregnancy history and lifestyle choices.

She recommends women discuss their breast cancer risk with their primary care provider or gynecologist as early as age 25.

“It’s important to discuss family history, which is a major factor in developing breast cancer, and determine whether the patient is at a high risk and, if so, what the proper screening program should be for that patient,” she said.

Bermas noted most insurance companies and Medicare/Medicaid cover the cost of one screening mammogram annually beginning now at age 40.

On average, American women have a 13% chance of developing breast cancer in their lifetime, according to the American Cancer Society. Those odds change depending upon age, family history, race and ethnicity. Black women and Ashkenazi Jews have a higher incidence of breast cancer.

For women with dense breast tissue, newer 3-D mammography screening is recommended, as dense breast tissue can make it more difficult to detect breast cancer. Most Mammograph Centers, including all ThedaCare locations, are now using 3-D mammography. In March, a Federal Drug Administration rule change requires health care facilities to notify patients if they have dense breast tissue. It’s estimated half of all women have dense breast tissue.

For information about recommended screenings, visit ThedaCare.org.

2024 PROPOSED BUDGET VILLAGE OF WITTENBERG			
On Tuesday, November 7, 2023 the Village Board of Wittenberg will meet at the Wittenberg Community Center at 6:00 pm for the purpose of hearing any citizen or taxpayer on the proposed budget for the Village of Wittenberg for the year 2023.			
A detailed proposed budget is open for inspection at the Community Center during regular office hours of the clerk.			
SUBJECT:	2023 Budget	2024 Proposed	Reason for Change
REVENUE			
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Taxes	8,200.00	8,215.00	
Intergovernmental	373,603.00	431,188.00	
Licenses & Permits	5,100.00	5,300.00	
Fines/Penalties	300.00	300.00	
Public Charges for Services	17,530.00	17,412.00	
Misc. Revenues	7,536.00	32,136.00	
Unrestricted Funds	180,059.00	150,000.00	
	\$ 851,089.00	\$ 903,866.00	
EXPENSES			
General Government	\$ 292,546.00	\$ 326,468.00	
Public Safety	22,500.00	25,875.00	
Public Works	186,800.00	187,600.00	
Health/Human Services	400.00	600.00	
Conservation & Development	-	-	
Culture/Recreation	15,949.00	15,998.00	
Capital Outlay	332,894.00	347,325.00	
Transfer to Other Funds	-	-	
	\$ 851,089.00	\$ 903,866.00	
WATER SEWER			
Expenses	\$ 232,080.00	\$ 891,088.00	
Revenues	\$ 232,080.00	\$ 648,331.00	
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Expenses	\$ 92,829.00	\$ -	\$ 60,734.00
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Expenses	\$ -		
Revenues	\$ 13,872.00		
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Schmidt votes to fund American Family Field

State Rep. Peter Schmidt, R-Bonduel, voted in favor of legislation that will provide funding for maintenance and rehabilitation of American Family Field, which is nearly a quarter of a century old.

“This is a good deal for Wisconsin, and there will be no new taxes on Wisconsinites,” said Schmidt. “This isn’t a handout or a bailout, and the Milwaukee Brewers will contribute an addition \$100 million. The state’s investment in the stadium will be funded by taxes from team salaries.”

Under the new lease, the Brewers will contribute an additional \$50 million in team capital and \$50 million in additional team rent payments of \$1,851,852 per year over the 27-year lease. Over the life of the lease, the Brewers will be contributing over \$140 million. This more than doubles the team’s current rent payment and their contribution overall.

With the state’s new shared revenue formula passed earlier this year, counties and municipalities through-

out the state will receive more revenue from sales tax revenues in the stadium district. Currently, sales in the stadium exceeds \$225 million.

“In 2025, Shawano County will see an estimated \$42,000 in new money, Brown County an additional \$410,000, and Outagamie County an additional \$279,000. Each county will receive half of that amount in 2024,” said Schmidt. “These extra payments will continue every year through 2050. If the Brewers leave, those numbers will be zero, and the entire state will lose. That is the big difference in this new lease deal and why I chose to support the bill.”

This legislation will extend the Brewers lease in Milwaukee until 2050. According to the Legislative Fiscal Bureau, the state is projected to bring in nearly \$700 million in income tax revenue and direct sales tax revenue at the ballpark over the length of the lease. The state stands to net nearly \$300 million by keeping the Brewers in Wisconsin.

United Way kicks off annual campaign

18 nonprofits benefit from organization's 2023 fundraising

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

If everyone in Shawano and Menominee counties donated \$1 each week for a year, the Shawano Area United Way would raise more than \$2 million to aid local nonprofit organizations.

While that would be a tremendous boost to area groups, the United Way's annual campaign is significantly less robust. Organizers have an overall goal of \$75,000, which amounts to closer to \$2 per person for the entire year.

"Our focus is really to work with our community to make sure that it's healthy, it's stronger and more vibrant," said Nancy Schultz, United Way executive director.

The umbrella group has four focus areas: education, health, financial stability and meeting residents' basic needs.

The annual campaign began about a month ago, but the public kickoff event was held Oct. 19. The campaign will run through Dec. 31, although contributions are accepted throughout the year.

About 85% of all donations are used to provide services, with the remainder used for administrative costs.

Schultz said a major push the past few years has been helping residents struggling with addictions or in recovery. This year, an emphasis will



Deyonne Ullmer, president of the board of directors of the Shawano Area United Way, right, talks about the many groups aided by the United Way as Nancy Schultz, executive director, looks on. The pair addressed those attending the Oct. 19 public campaign kickoff event.

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be aimed at mental health. Schultz said she is working to bring a National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) affiliate to Shawano.

"It is a collaboration of community leaders coming together," she said. "How do we get more mental health services here in our community to help families or individuals in need?"

She said some of the efforts will be education, peer-to-peer counseling and reducing the stigma of mental illness.

Another area of emphasis this year will be the continuation of the Snuggle with a Hug Diaper Bank, which began last year.

"One of my passion areas is early childhood," Schultz said. "We know a lot of families struggle with basic needs."

The diaper distribution network helps about 130 families each month.

Deyonne Ullmer serves as president of the board of directors. She said she joined two years ago after taking with co-worker and then-President Ron Scanlan.

"I don't have enough time in my day to help every single person, so I do it through United Way," Ullmer said. "They do so much."

She said several nonprofits wanted her to be part of their organizations, and she decided the best way to help them all was to put her efforts into the Shawano Area United Way.

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To contribute to the Shawano Area United Way, donate through its website at www.shawanocountyunitedway.org, or send a check to Shawano Area United Way, P.O. Box 31, Shawano, WI 54166. Call 715-526-0238 for more information or to volunteer.

need funds to be able to help other organizations, and everybody needs it," Ullmer said. "We've really starting rebuilding a board. We have very energetic and passionate people. I wouldn't say it's a huge struggle, just keep it going strong like we are."

Schultz said the local United Way helps all of Shawano County as well as those in Menominee County. Assistance is offered for all ages.

"We don't exclude anyone," she said.

The Shawano Area United Way contributes to about 18 nonprofits each year. The groups apply for funds, usually for a specific project. United Way board members review the applications, decide which groups get funds and then award the grants.

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Linda Davis, Shawano Area United Way board treasurer, sold raffle tickets at the annual campaign kickoff event Oct. 19 at Boarders Inn & Suites by Cobblestone Hotels. The goal is to raise \$75,000 to assist local nonprofit organizations in 2024.

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Shawano County economic forecast looks promising

Job vacancies, child care will continue to be issues of concern

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

Economic growth in the city of Shawano and Shawano County will continue to improve but at a slower rate than in the past year, Wisconsin Department of Revenue officials said when they addressed a group of local business and community leaders Oct. 18.

John Koskinen, chief economist with Wisconsin DOR, and Cari Redington, research and policy division administrator, provided the economic forecast at a Shawano County Progress Summit at Stubborn Brothers Brewery.

“Basically, we’re expecting not a recession but moderating economic growth,” Koskinen said. “As the Federal Reserve is trying to slow things down ... we assume that we’re looking at about a 2.5% growth in 2023, slowing down to about 1.5% for 2024, 2025 and 2026.”

He said the slower growth is due in large part to the labor restraints and low unemployment rates.

Koskinen also said the unemployment rate may drift up slightly from the current 2.9%, but it would stay well below the 4% mark that is considered full employment.

“Total employment has not come back as well as we expected,” he said in reference to the numbers prior to COVID-19.

A slow growth in employment will occur, and personal income growth will also continue to increase but at slower rates than now.

“We’re seeing basically a little over 5% (personal income) growth this year,” he said. “It’ll slow down to about 4% in 2024, 2025 and 2026.”

Koskinen noted that while residential values in the county are less than the state average, the equalized value is up in both the city and county.

Redington noted that Wisconsin now has the biggest surplus ever in its history, and although the current budget has been passed, there is still discussion from the governor’s office and the legislature regarding how to spend it.

She cited three significant areas of discussion — affordable child care, broadband and school aid.

Costs of child care continue to rise, but the wages paid to child care workers is not keeping pace. This makes it more difficult to hire staff, leading to child care deserts in many communities.

“A study was recently published that it’s less expensive to send your 19-year-old to UW-Madison in tuition than it would be to send your 9-month-old to day care,” Redington said.

She suggested there may have to be more collaborative efforts among hospitals, nonprofit organizations and governmental entities.

Significant enhancements have been made in broadband across the state, but there is much more to be done.

Finally, school aid for all levels remains under consideration. Along with that, Redington noted that the average Wisconsin student loan debt is \$31,000, a little less than national average.

A high student loan debt also contributes to a brain drain, specifically from rural areas, as recent graduates leave for higher wages.

Koskinen and Redington both addressed housing shortages, specifically a study done in Shawano County last year that showed a need for more senior housing and affordable workforce housing.

Koskinen said that while Wisconsin housing is less than the large nearby markets of the Twin Cities and Chicago — which helps keep residents in Wisconsin — many find themselves in housing that is less than what they can actually afford. Unfortunately, the more expensive housing is not available.

On the flip side, Redington said the price of a new starter home is more than new workers can afford. Zon-



Peter Thillman, chief economic development officer for Shawano County Economic Progress Inc., right, welcomes audience members to an economic forecast presentation Oct. 18. Guest speakers at the event were John Koskinen, chief economist with Wisconsin Department of Revenue, center, and Cari Redington, DOR research and policy division administrator.

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ing laws often require a minimum size house or lot, which creates costs beyond their reach. She suggested municipalities consider some zoning changes to help attract younger talent to their communities.

Both DOR representatives also provided general information on Wisconsin’s economic state.

“We’re in a very strong position right now,” Redington said. “We’ve got the largest budget surplus in history.”

She said the state’s rainy day fund is at legal capacity, long-term debt is down and the bond rating is improving.

“In a nutshell, the state of Wisconsin, financially, is in a very good position to navigate the bipartisan policies that will help individuals and businesses of Wisconsin,” she said.

She also highlighted the budget approved earlier this summer.

“The increase in shared revenue has been huge,” Redington said. “Future increases are attached to growth in sales tax. This has been frozen for communities for a long time. We’ll be able to alleviate the stagnation in funding that local governments have been struggling with.”

She said the repeal of the personal property tax is good for everyone. It was crafted in such a way that there is no tax loss for local governments, it’s simpler for businesses to file

their taxes, and it’s easier all around administratively.

Koskinen said the work ethic of Wisconsin residents continues to be a plus for the state.

“Wisconsin is more engaged in the workforce than the U.S. as a whole,” he said. “It’s true by gender; it’s true by ethnicity. No matter how you slice it, we have more people working than the U.S. as a whole.”

That being said, about 5% of jobs available are open and unfilled.

“If we could put every person that’s unemployed in a job, would we have enough workers?” He asked. “Well, if we could employ everybody and they would happen to be in the right location in the right industry with the right skill set, we would still be short 75,000 people.”

Wisconsin is extremely competitive with other states for workers in the 16-24 age range and is among the top six states for worker participation rates in the 25-45 age range.

Its unemployment rate is 2.9%, the 14th lowest in the nation.

“We have at this point fully recovered our manufacturing job losses from the COVID contraction,” he said.

Personal income growth in the state in the first quarter of the year is up 6.9%, well above the national average.

Sacred Heart students make a difference

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

Open trunk at your own risk



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

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

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

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Shawano Optimists present annual awards

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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



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

AT A GLANCE

WHAT: Shawano Optimists

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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



Top dog from Oconto Falls

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

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Schmidt gives award to Seymour fire captain

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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Drug, hate speech incidents mar school district

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

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

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

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

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

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

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

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

Krizan told NEW Media that

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

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

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

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

Krizan wrote.

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

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

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

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WHAT’S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, OCT. 27

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY, OCT. 28

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

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

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

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

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

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

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MONDAY, OCT. 30

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

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 1

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

FRIDAY, NOV. 3

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

SATURDAY, NOV. 4

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

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

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

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

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

SUNDAY, NOV. 5

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



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Three churches celebrate their shared histories

Trio of congregations also have same pastor

By **NICOLE HIXSON**
Correspondent

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The celebrations culminated with a service Sept. 17.

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



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

NICOLE HIXSON

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

NICOLE HIXSON



Getting older prompts review of youth

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

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

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



Kathleen Marsh
Columnist

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

The hunters returned in the morn-

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

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

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

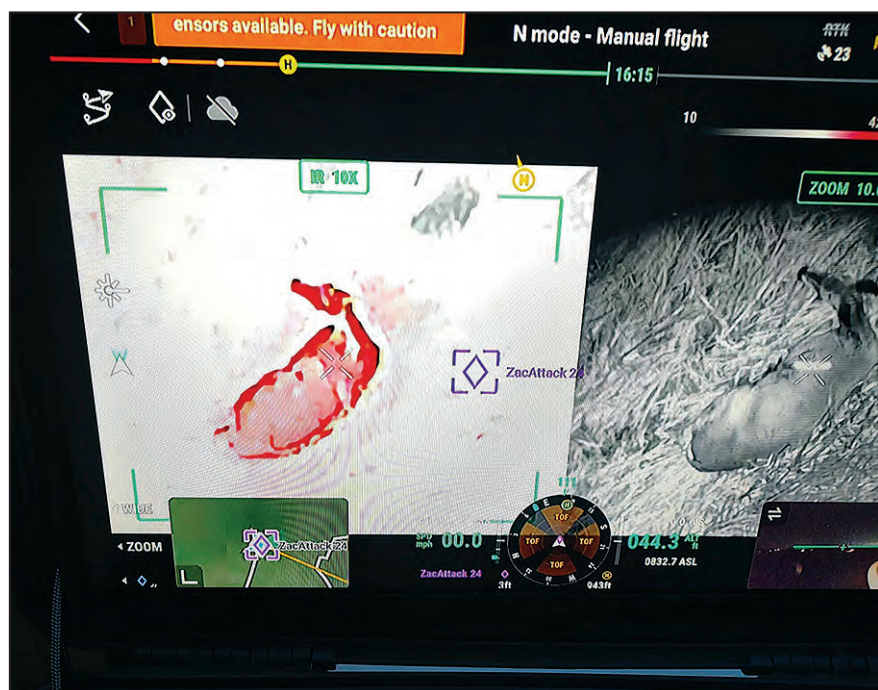
The mil-spec drone can fly in wind speeds to 55 mph, and rain and extreme temperatures don't stop it. Washed-away blood is irrelevant to the battery-powered marvel.

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

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

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

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



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

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Belted kingfishers dive like bullets

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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A belted kingfisher flies away after catching its prey.

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Kimberly ends Pulaski's season in straight sets

Pulaski coach guides team one last time before retirement

By **DUSTIN RIESE**
Correspondent

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Chargers only area team to advance in football playoffs

By **DUSTIN RIESE**
Correspondent

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

Wittenberg-Birnamwood 46, Clintonville 8

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

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

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

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

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

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

Homestead 27, Pulaski 13

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

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

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

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

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

Mondovi 33, Bonduel 29

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

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

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

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

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

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

Somerset 38, Oconto Falls 12

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

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

at their own game to end their season.

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

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

Three Lakes/Phelps 28,

Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas 6

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

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

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

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

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

Suring 36, Marion/Tigerton 24

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

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Hawks, Bears run to state tournament

Individuals from other schools will also participate

By **DUSTIN RIESE**
Correspondent

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

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

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

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

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

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

Menominee Indian's Urijah Reevis

finished 36th.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Division 3

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

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

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

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

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

Gresham/Bowler's Madolyn Haffner placed 36th.

Wolf River Lutheran's Violet Buchholz placed 37th.

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

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

Scoring for the Bears were Ben

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

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

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

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

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

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

Division 1

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

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

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

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

Pulaski off to sectionals after defeating Owls

By **DUSTIN RIESE**
Correspondent

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

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

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

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

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

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

For the second straight game,

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

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

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

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

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

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

Shawano

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

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

Bonduel volleyball team advances to sectionals

Three area teams qualified for regional title matches

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

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

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

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

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

Shawano

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

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

Oconto Falls

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wittenberg-Birnamwood

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bowler

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

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

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

Leading the team in assists was Ava Paiser with 20.

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

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

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

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

Gresham

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Suring

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

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

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

Menominee Indian

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

Gillett

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

Marion

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

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

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

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Chet & Emil's, Oct. 9

Cody Home 13-7

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Bill Lueders
Guest Columnist

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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BILL LUEDERS, Wisconsin Freedom of Information Council president

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

1st Amendment protects judicial candidates

To the editor:

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

There are some alternate views to consider.

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

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

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

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

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

There is more to say, but I will

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

Mary E. Ascher, Suring

Creation makes more sense than evolution

To the editor:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Loren Longard, Suring

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Aspirus and St. Luke's move closer to affiliation

Health systems sign definitive agreement

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For information, visit aspirus.org/stlukes.

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

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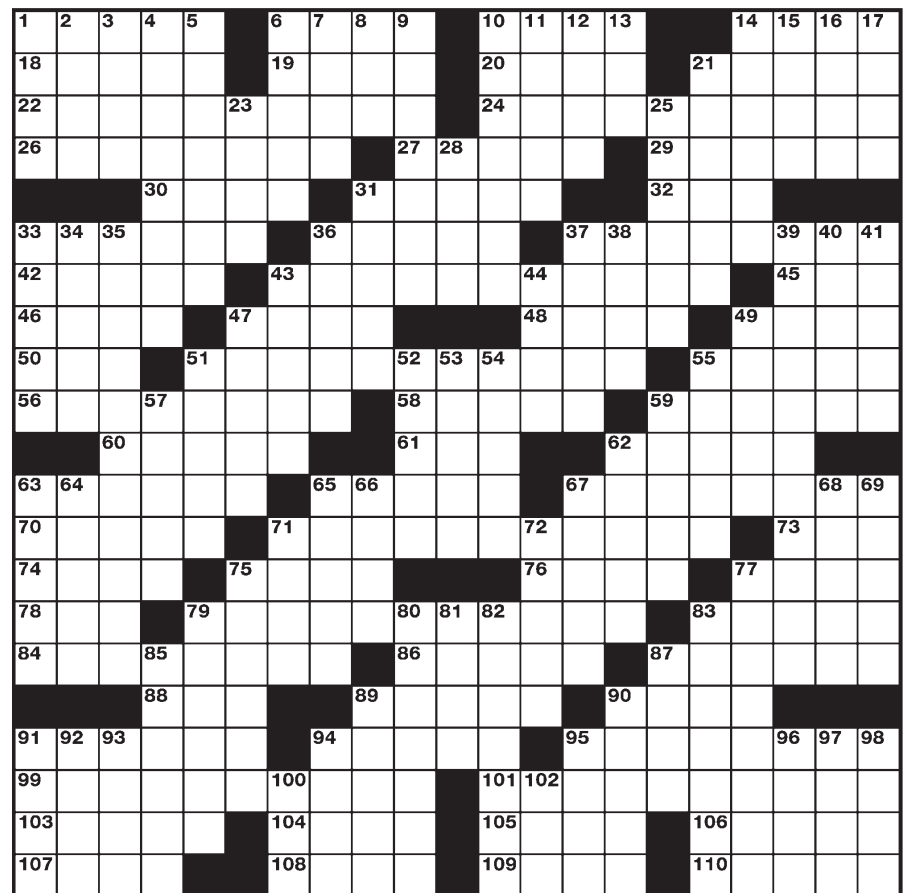
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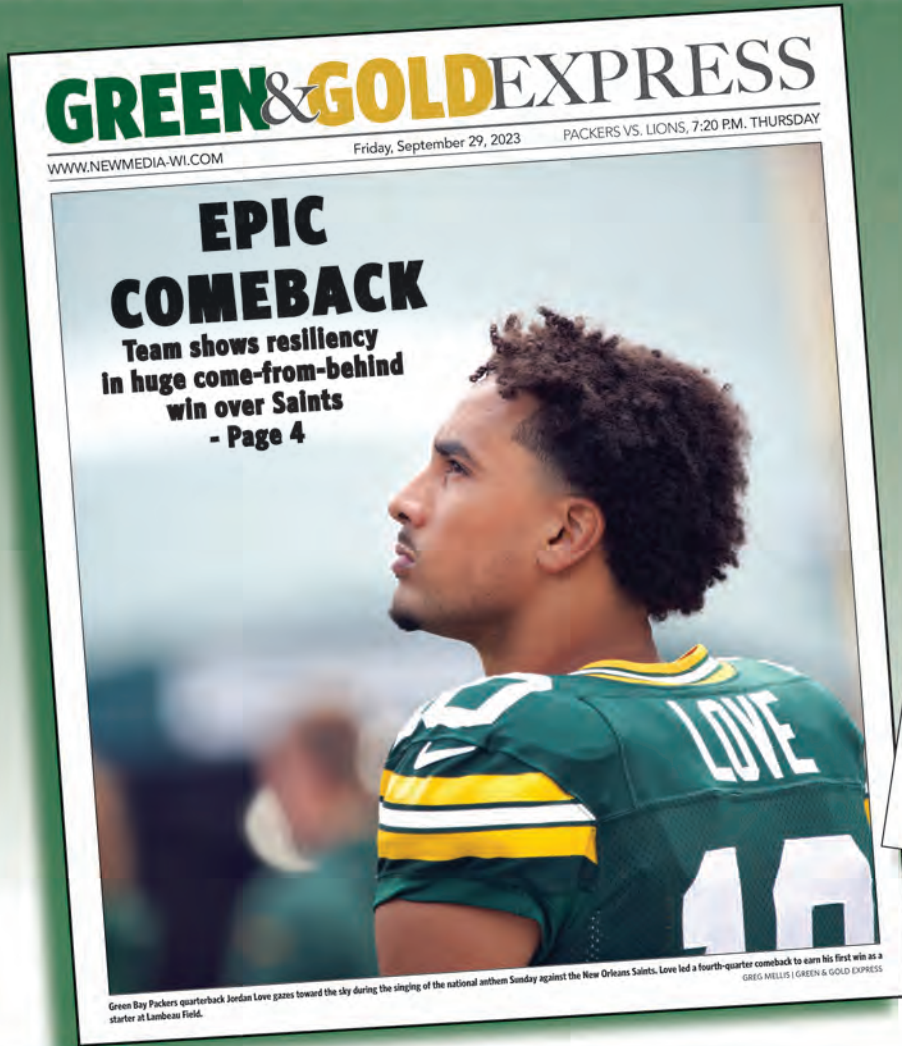
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WEEK	DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME	TV
1	Sunday, September 10	at Chicago Bears	Home	3:25 p.m.	FOX
2	Sunday, September 17	at Atlanta Falcons	Away	12 p.m.	FOX
3	Sunday, September 24	NEW ORLEANS SAINTS	Home	12 p.m.	FOX
4	Thursday, September 28	DETROIT LIONS	Home	7:15 p.m.	prime video
5	Monday, October 9	at Las Vegas Raiders	Away	7:15 p.m.	ESPN
6	Sunday, October 22	BYE WEEK			
7	Sunday, October 29	at Denver Broncos	Away	3:25 p.m.	CBS
8	Sunday, November 5	MINNESOTA VIKINGS	Home	12 p.m.	FOX
9	Sunday, November 12	LOS ANGELES RAMS	Home	12 p.m.	FOX
10	Sunday, November 19	at Pittsburgh Steelers	Away	12 p.m.	CBS
11	Thursday, November 23	LOS ANGELES CHARGERS	Home	12 p.m.	FOX
12	Sunday, December 3	at Detroit Lions (Thanksgiving)	Away	11:30 a.m.	FOX
13	Monday, December 11	KANSAS CITY CHIEFS	Home	7:20 p.m.	NBC
14	Sunday, December 17	at New York Giants	Away	7:15 p.m.	CBS
15	Sunday, December 24	TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS	Home	12 p.m.	FOX
16	Sunday, December 31	at Carolina Panthers	Away	12 p.m.	FOX
17	Sunday, December 31	at Minnesota Vikings	Away	7:20 p.m.	NBC
18	TBD	CHICAGO BEARS	Home	TBD	TBD

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OBITUARIES

Diana Marlene Morris, 70, of Keshena, formerly of Columbus, Ohio, left our earth peacefully early Saturday morning, Oct. 14, 2023, at her home following a long, well-fought battle with cancer.

Diana was born Feb. 11, 1953, in Columbus, Ohio, a daughter of the late Varnedo Heeth and Blanch (Lamb) Dunn. She spent her life dedicated to education and her family. Diana graduated from Franklin University in Columbus, Ohio, with a Bachelor of Science in business administration. She moved on to the Ohio State University, where she earned her Ph.D. in comparative



literature, specializing in Native American studies.

When Diana moved to Keshena to join the faculty of the College of Menominee Nation, a passion was ignited. She began as a professor and advanced to administrative roles, while traveling the country, advocating for the college. Diana finished her career at the College of Menominee Nation in 2020 as chief academic officer, add-

ing and improving many programs for the college. Her legacy there will be felt for many generations.

Diana is survived by her partner, Dale Kakkak, who has been lovingly by her side for this journey; as well as daughters, Marie Myers and Melissa Morris, of Ohio, and a devoted local stepdaughter, Cedar Kakkak and her partner, Ryan Fish Jr. and his children, Brayden, and Kyren Fish. She is also survived by her adoring grandchildren, Austin Peters, Ashton LaTender, Simone

LaTender and Scarlett LaTender, who will also miss her dearly.

A traditional indigenous funeral service for Dr. Morris was held at the Morris-Kakkak residence on Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2023. Ron Corn Jr. "Muqsahkwat" officiated. Burial took place at Menominee Nation Cemetery in Middle Village.

Mickelson Funeral and Cremation Service of Shawano is assisting the family with arrangements. Please share online condolences at www.mickelsonfs.com.

"So long and thanks for all the fish."



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

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

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



Clerk and at Maehnowesekiyah Wellness Center. Michele was proud that her jobs allowed her to give back to the tribe.

On Nov. 4, 2000, Michele married Paul Hudson of Shawano. The couple greatly enjoyed fishing and snowmobiling. Michele loved movies and music, especially Pat Benatar and Adele. She also enjoyed being physically active and played softball for many years

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

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

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul; sister, Yvette Reed; brother-in-law, Lonnie Peterman; and nephew, Wyatt Schroeder.

Visitation washeld on Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2023, at the South Branch Community Center.

Gruetzmacher Funeral Home in Suring is assisting the family

with arrangements. Online condolences can be expressed at www.gruetzmacherfuneralhome.com.



Travis D. Stueck, 71, of Shawano, passed away on Oct. 19, 2023, at Greentree Health and Rehabilitation in Clintonville.

Travis was born in Shawano on March 5, 1952, to the late Donald and Florence (Grosskopf) Stueck. He grew up on a small farm in Gresham with many pets. Travis attended Shawano High School. Following school, he was employed as an automotive mechanic for most of his life.

He enjoyed restoring old cars and frequently attended the Iola Car



Show and the Shawano races.

In his younger years, Travis participated in the demo derby. He was very approachable and could meet and talk with anyone like you were an

old friend.

Survivors include his sister, Audrey Fiskien; his nephew, Jim (Amy)

Fiskien, and their children, Brandi (Riley) and Joshua Fiskien. He is further survived by his beloved American Eskimo dog, Cody.

A memorial service for Travis will be held on Friday, Oct. 27, 2023, at 3 p.m. at Mickelson Funeral Service in Shawano. Jim Hartleben will officiate. Visitation will begin at the funeral home at 1:30 p.m. and continue until the time of service.

Mickelson Funeral and Cremation Service Inc. of Shawano is assisting the family with arrangements.

Please share online condolences at www.mickelsonfs.com.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff at Little Chute Health

Services and Greentree Health and Rehabilitation, as well as all those who took the time to send cards and visit with Travis.



Janice B. Dorak, 91, passed away peacefully and was called home to our Lord on Saturday, Oct. 14, 2023. She was born in 1931 in Green Bay to the late Louis and Barbara DeBauche.

Janice loved praying, playing cards, reading and especially her family. Her family will always remember her as their prayer warrior.

In addition to her parents, Janice was preceded in death by husband, Melvin Dorak, and brother, Gerald DeBauche.



She is survived by sons, Daniel Dorak and wife Jan, of Sullivan, and Chris Dorak and wife Deb, of Shawano; granddaughter, Jennie; grandson, David; great-grandsons, Colin and Bailey;

brother, Ken DeBauche and wife Donna, of Bella Vista, Arkansas; niece and godchild, Kelly Samp; and

niece, Julie Forst and husband Don.

A funeral service was held Thursday, Oct. 19, 2023, at Church of the Resurrection of our Lord, 8121 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers, Florida.

In lieu of flowers, please consider memorials to Hope Hospice, 2430

Diplomat Parkway E, Cape Coral, FL 33909 (239-482-4673).

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Special thanks to the caring folks at Hope Hospice and many friends at Golfview.



Arja Jacobs

Arja K. Jacobs, 76, of Embarrass, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2023.

Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory, Clintonville.

Sacred Heart students to walk in spirit parade Oct. 30

Sacred Heart Catholic School students and staff in preschool through eighth grade are once again holding their own school Halloween spirit parade, starting at 12:45 p.m. Oct. 30 in downtown Shawano.

Students will change into their costumes after lunch and leave the school campus at 12:45 p.m. Shawano police officers will be on hand to keep students safe and build positive relationships with the kids.

Students will head to Main Street starting at Until the Cows Come Home and Stubborn Brothers Brewery, then make a swoop from one side of Main Street to the other. They will walk across to BMO Bank before crossing to The

Stock Market. After Main Street, students will cross on Division Street to head toward Associated Bank. They plan to end at Fire Fitness and Staff of Life.

Several businesses will pass out candy to the students.

COURT NEWS

• Daryl J. Waupekenay, 31, Neopit, pleaded no contest Oct. 19 to fleeing an officer in a vehicle, five counts of felony bail jumping, two misdemeanor counts of operating a motor vehicle after his license was revoked and resisting or obstructing an officer. Shawano-Menominee County Judge Katherine Sloma sentenced him to one year in jail and revoked his license for six months.

• Peter A. Wauoose, 40, Suring, pleaded no contest Oct. 16 to felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of operating a motor vehicle while his license was revoked. Sloma levied fines and court costs totaling \$1,425.50.

• Dawn L. Oshkeshequoam, 40, Green Bay, was charged Oct. 16 with

four counts of felony bail jumping and misdemeanor counts of operating a motor vehicle while her license was revoked, resisting or obstructing an officer and bail jumping. Sloma set a \$1,000 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for Oct. 23.

• Shawn R. Homan, 49, Shawano, was charged Oct. 17 with 12 counts of felony bail jumping and misdemeanor counts of battery, disorderly conduct and intimidating a victim. Sloma set a \$2,500 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for Nov. 22.

• Dylan J. Wolff, 24, Cecil, was charged Oct. 17 with two counts of burglary, theft of movable property, and two misdemeanor counts each of

theft and criminal damage to property. Sloma set a \$10,000 signature bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Oct. 27.

• Kyle A. Kylmanen, 40, Fort Atkinson, was charged Oct. 17 with operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fourth offense) and a misdemeanor count of operating while revoked. Sloma set a \$1,500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Oct. 27.

• Rudolph B. Bailey, 21, Wittenberg, was charged Oct. 18 with fleeing an officer in a vehicle and second-degree recklessly endangering safety. Sloma set a \$3,000 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for Nov. 8.

• Derrick R. Johnsen, 25, Shawano,

was charged Oct. 19 with possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), possession of cocaine (second or subsequent offense), two counts of misdemeanor bail jumping and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a \$100 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for Nov. 29.

• Daniel L. Moesch, 58, Shawano, was charged Oct. 19 with possession of narcotic drugs, four counts of misdemeanor bail jumping, and misdemeanor counts of possession of THC, disorderly conduct and resisting or obstructing an officer. Sloma set a \$750 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for Nov. 20.

PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Oct. 23

Officers responded to 32 incidents, including a warrant arrest on East Richmond Street; operating after revocation on Ellis Street; juvenile runaway at an undisclosed location; a hit-and-run crash on South Airport Drive; three juvenile problems at undisclosed locations; two tobacco complaints at undisclosed locations; three truancy reports at undisclosed locations.

Oct. 22

Officers responded to 22 incidents, including an assault on South Lincoln Street; warrant arrest on South Union Street; juvenile runaway at an undisclosed location; property theft at Washerette, 950 E. Fifth Street; reckless driving on East Green Bay Street; property theft on West Richmond Street; animal bite on South River Street; vehicle theft on South Smalley Street; attempted theft on South Smalley Street; bail jumping on South Evergreen Street.

Oct. 21

Officers responded to 14 incidents, including bail jumping at Sturgeon Park, 811 S. Water St.; fraud at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay Street; property theft on Valley Lane; juvenile problem on South Sawyer Street.

Oct. 20

Officers responded to 34 incidents, including threatening on South River Street; tobacco problem at Shawano

Community High School, 220 County Road B; scam on East Elizabeth Street; property theft at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; assault on Acorn Street.

Oct. 19

Officers responded to 22 incidents, including a hit-and-run at East Lieg Avenue; threatening at South Prospect Street; assisting with a fire at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; two incidents of juveniles returned home on South Maiden Lane; property theft on South Andrews Street; truancy at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; shoplifting at Charlie's County Market, 521 S. Main St.; child abuse or neglect at Hillcrest Primary School, 1410 Waukechon St.; vehicle crash at Dairy Queen, 1005 E. Green Bay St.

Oct. 18

Officers responded to 29 incidents, including a juvenile problem at Shawano Community Middle School, 1050 S. Union St.; drug offenses at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; juvenile problem at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; threatening on South Lincoln Street; threatening at Shawano Community Middle School, 1050 S. Union St.; reckless driving on Olson Street.

Oct. 17

Officers responded to 18 incidents, including drug offenses on North Franklin Street; child abuse or neglect at Hillcrest Primary School, 1410 Waukechon St.; trespassing on Rusch Road; noise

on Olson Street; tobacco problem at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; vehicle crash on South Main Street; fraud at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; traffic hazard on East Green Bay Street.

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Oct. 23

Deputies responded to 36 incidents, including threatening on County Road BE in the Town of Waukechon; criminal damage on Main Street in the Town of Angelica; seven 911 calls; three traffic hazards; two reckless driving incidents; one crash.

Oct. 22

Deputies responded to 17 incidents, including harassment on Mosling Road in the Town of Green Valley; one 911 call; one traffic hazard; one reckless driving incident; one crash.

Oct. 21

Deputies responded to 22 incidents, including a vehicle fire on Fox Lane in the Town of Wescott; a failure to report to jail at the Shawano County Jail, 405 N. Main St., Shawano; warrant on the North Star Casino, W12180 County Road A in the Town of Bartelme; one 911 call; two reckless driving incidents; six crashes, two involving deer and another involving a dog.

Oct. 20

Deputies responded to 20 incidents, including a weapon offense on Pine Street in Tigerton; fraud on Oak Avenue in the Town of Richmond; bail jumping on First

Avenue in Birnamwood; vehicle fire on Partridge Lane in the Town of Aniwa; two reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazard; three crashes, one involving deer.

Oct. 19

Deputies responded to 32 incidents, including a death investigation on Summit Street in Wittenberg; shoplifting at Cenex, N4795 State Highway 32 in the Town of Angelica; warrant at the Menominee Tribal Jail in Keshena; fraud on Town Hall Drive in the Town of Angelica; operating without a license on state Highway 29 in the Town of Maple Grove; four 911 calls; one traffic hazard; three crashes.

Oct. 18

Deputies responded to 27 incidents, including fleeing and pursuit on state Highway 29 in the Town of Herman; burglary on County Road BE in the Town of Hartland; property damage at Shawano County Jail, 405 N. Main St., Shawano; trespassing on Shorewood Lane in the Town of Pella; found property at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main St., Shawano; one 911 call; one reckless driving incident; one traffic hazard; one crash.

Oct. 17

Deputies responded to 31 incidents, including noise on Tile Drive in the Town of Maple Grove; illegal burning on Old Lake Road in the Town of Wescott; operating without a license on state Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; three 911 calls; three reckless driving incidents; one crash involving deer.

BOOKS AND STUFF

New friends have disturbing secrets in book

"The Things We Carry" by Kate Anslinger is the first in her The Town series but stands alone just fine. Chapters are labeled "Before" and "After," indicating a major event, but we won't know what it is until the end.

Evie and Matt Sullivan and their boys, Jack and Liam, have just arrived in Flagport when Jack makes a friend. The neighbor's place is gorgeous, complete with a backyard "kid paradise." It is home to Lauren and Ryan Rivers and their girls, Lily and Piper. The two women hit it off immediately.

It is obvious that the Rivers family is well off, while the Sullivans must budget. Lauren wears only boutique clothing, but Evie happily wears clothes from discount stores. Lauren doesn't let any of that prevent a real friendship. Soon the new family is part of Flagport society.

For Lauren, everything must be tightly controlled and perfect. Lauren seems to be ashamed of the way her father uses his money to get his



way. She puts on a calm, casual face but she hides deep feelings of guilt and pain. She believes that if she controls Lily's life, she can protect her from making the mistakes she made.

Evie is nearly the opposite of Lauren. She is an only child, with a strict career military dad and quiet, loving mom. After her family settled in Ohio, Evie earned a degree in horticulture, started a landscaping business, met and married Matt, and started a family. They moved to Flagport as part of Matt's job.

With Lauren's recommendations, Evie's business is soon thriving, and the four children become close

friends. Evie's greatest concern is Liam's anti-social outbursts. Evie can't help noticing how Lauren is fully focused on Lily while paying little attention to Piper.

Poor Lily gets very little free time. Her grades must be perfect, and she must be the best in every activity. Evie can see the resentment simmering beneath Lily's quietly compliant nature. As close as she and Lauren are, Evie senses that any advice would be unwelcome.

Things suddenly come to a head when Evie and Lily are in a car accident together. Evie has a broken arm, but Lily sustains serious head trauma. As the families wait for word on Lily's condition Lauren rages with questions and guilt. What was Lily doing with Evie at 1 a.m.? Why didn't Lily call her? Was she a bad mother for being so strict? Lauren must contend with the ever-present guilt lurking in the back of her mind.

Evie's common sense won't let threats of lawsuits get in the way and confronts Lauren. That one act of true friendship opens Lauren floodgates. Soon she has related a tragic night when she was a teenager.

Her family was at a Flagport party. She knew her parents would be drinking and expect her to drive them home, but Lauren foolishly

AT A GLANCE

BOOK: The Things We Carry (The Town series, Book 1)

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accepted some potent shots from her classmates. Lauren and her sister, Megan, knew that she was drunk and shouldn't drive, but because it was a short drive, Lauren decided to drive anyway.

Fate conspired to cause a young mother to attempt to turn into her driveway just as the McCaul family approached. The crash was horrific and Lauren fully expected to be charged with drunk driving or worse. Instead, Lauren's father made a deal with the chief of police, and Lauren was officially cleared. She killed someone and received no punishment. Lauren has carried that guilt ever since.

As Lily recovers, she tells her parents that she and Jack are in love. Instead of going to college, the couple plans to move to California and start a life there. Lauren is stunned to realize she is happy for them. Maybe now she can forgive herself and live a healthy, truly happy life.



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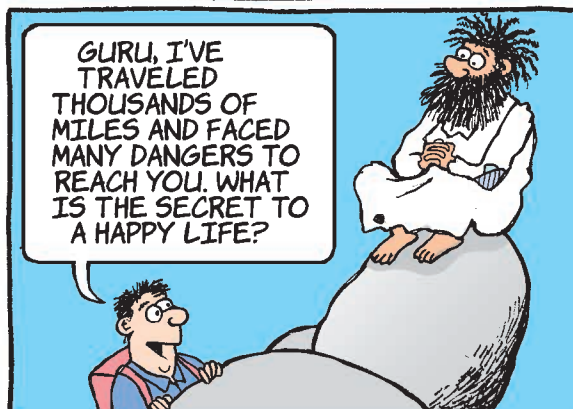
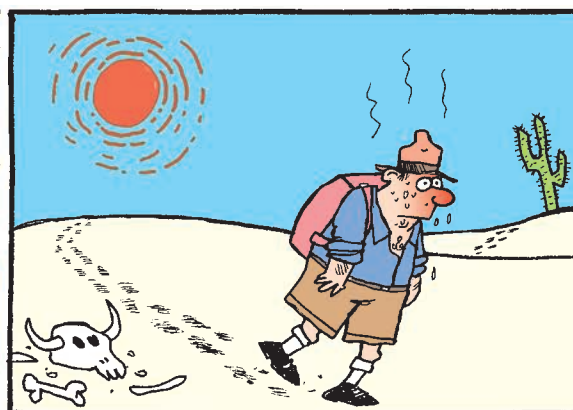
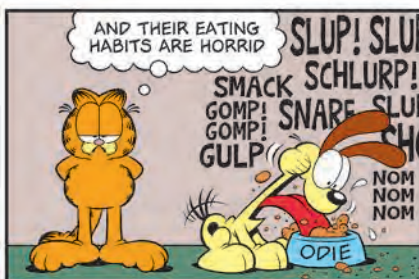
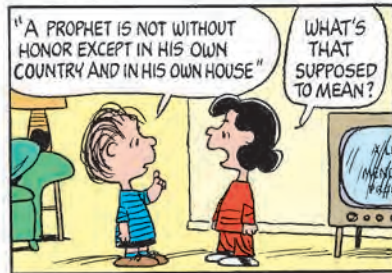
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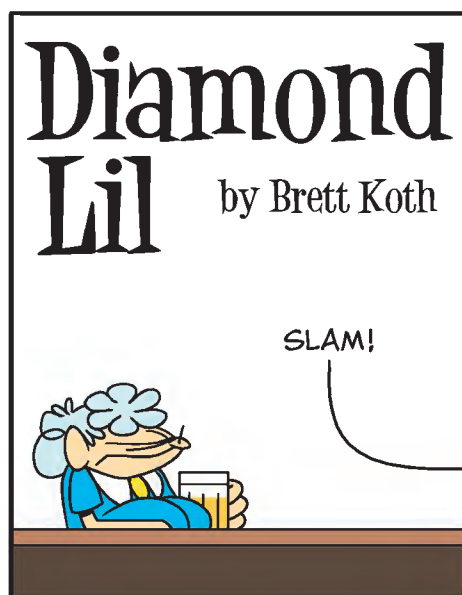
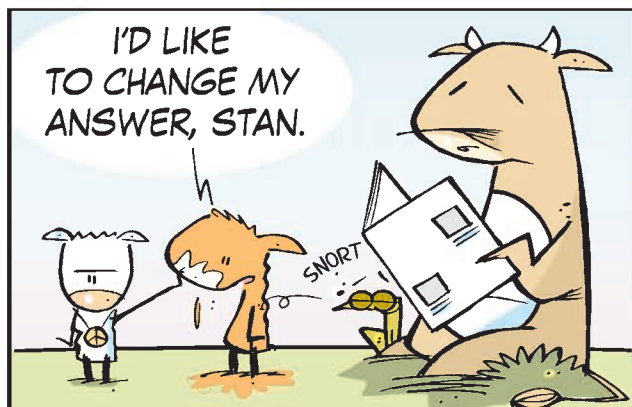
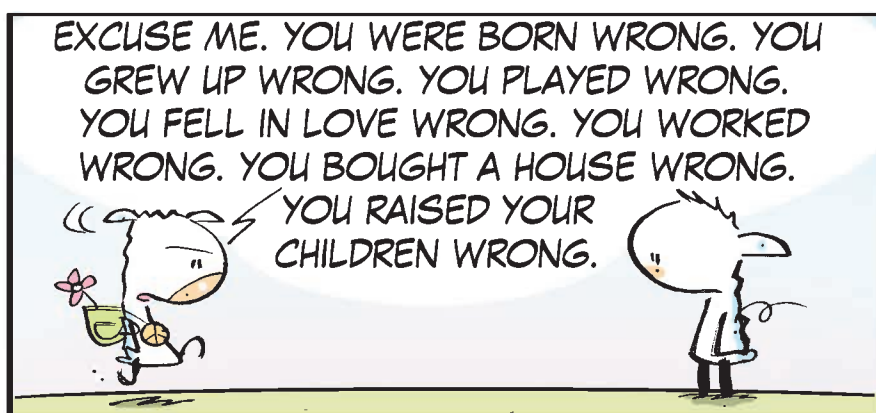
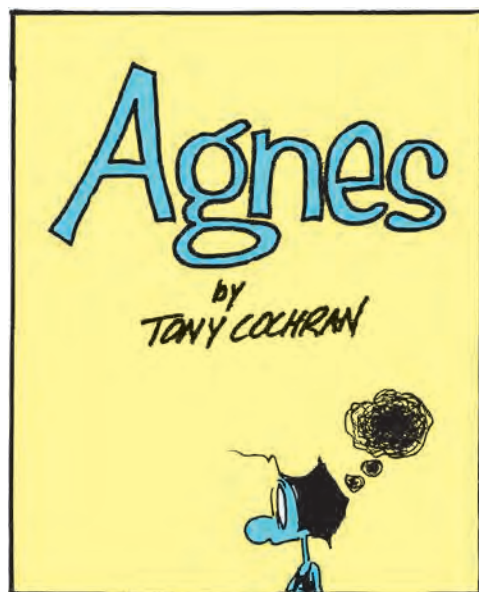
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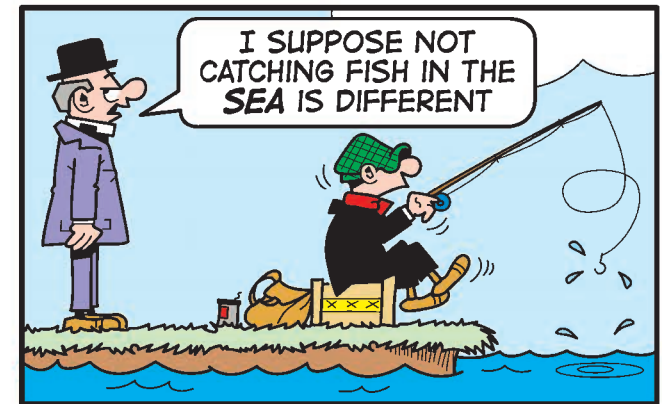
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by Smythe



A cartoon panel showing a man in a swimsuit standing on a beach, looking at a shark in the water. The man says "YES." and the shark says "HACK". The cartoon is signed "John De Wit" in the bottom left corner.

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FOX 55 WZAW 11 WLUK		2023 World Series Pregame (N) (Live)		2023 World Series Game 2: Teams TBA The top MLB teams battle for the 2023 World Series championship. (N) (Live)																				55 Shazam "It's a Family Affair" 11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N)		11 Beat Shazam "It's a Family Affair"		55 S.W.A.T. "Vice"		11 Jeopardy!					
NBC 23 WGBA 12 WJFW		Big Ten Countdown (N) (Live)		College Football Ohio State at Wisconsin From Camp Randall Stadium in Madison, Wis. (N) (Live)																				23 NBC26 News at 10pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 (N)		Saturday Night Live "Nate Bargatze; Foo Fighters" Host Nate Bargatze; Foo Fighters perform. (N) (Live)									
PBS 23 WHRM 33 WLEF 33 WPNE		Celebrity Antiques Road Trip "Rory McGrath and Steve Punt" Rory McGrath and Steve Punt embark on an antiques quest around Warwickshire and Nottinghamshire.				Father Brown "The Beast of Wedlock" Father Brown's past collides with the present when he investigates a missing person.				Death in Paradise The team is called to a preppers commune when a member is poisoned in a locked bunker.				The Mallorca Files "The Outlaw Jose Rey" Max and Miranda go on a wild west adventure to investigate a credit card scam.				Doc Martin "Faith" Morwenna's parents surprise her with a visit from Kenya, but their news threatens to ruin the trip.				Agatha Christie's Poirot "The Case of the Missing Will" Poirot investigates the murder of a Cambridge don opposed to the feminist movement.													
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9 WAOW										9 Action 2 News at 10 (N)	9 (:35) Cover 2 (N)								
8 WBAY																			
CBS		(3:25) Football Cincinnati Bengals at San Francisco 49ers (N) (Live)		60 Minutes (N)		Yellowstone "A Thundering" A damaging article threatens to expose John. (N)		Big Brother The head of household nominates houseguests for eviction. (N)		9 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N)	9 (:35) Sports Xtra	9 (:05) Osteen	9 (:35) Friends "The One With Barry and Mindy's Wedding"..						
6 WFRV										9 (:35) InvestigateTV (N)	9 (:05) Game Time Dan Hurley Dan Hurley (N)								
7 WSAW										9 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)									
FOX		The Simpsons "Treehouse of Horror XXXIII"		Bob's Burgers "Apple Gore-char! (But Not Gory)"		The Simpsons "Thirst Trap: A Corporate Love Story" (N)		Krapopolis "Woods-Stock" (N)		Bob's Burgers "Running Down a Gene" (N)		Family Guy "Happy Holo-ween" (N)		55 Seinfeld "The Secret Code"	55 Seinfeld "The Pool Guy"	55 Goldbergs "Graduation Day"	55 Goldbergs	55 Housewife "Vacation!"	55 American Housewife "Prom"
55 WZAW										11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N)		11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N)	11 (:35) Attkisson	11 (:05) National (N) (Live)					
11 WLUK																			
NBC		Football Night in America (N) (Live)		(:15) NFL Football Chicago Bears at Los Angeles Chargers The Chargers become accustomed to primetime when they return to SoFi Stadium to entertain the Bears. (N) (Live)										23 NBC26 News at 10pm (N)	23 (:05) Graham Bensinger Dirk Nowitzki Guests Dirk Nowitzki..	23 (:35) Outdoors "Deer Hunt McNeely Ranch"			
26 WGBA														12 Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)		12 Funny You			
12 WJFW																			
PBS		Martin Clunes: Islands of the Pacific "Galapagos" Martin explores the Galapagos Islands, getting up close to sea lions, iguanas and tortoises.		Hotel Portofino "Comings Together" Cecil gets entangled with criminals; Bella and Lucian help Nish, who is being hunted by Danioni. (N)		World on Fire on Masterpiece Stan and Rajib make a hasty retreat across the desert; Marga reasserts her commitment to the führer. (N)		Annika on Masterpiece The team investigates a Scottish millionaire found dead in his own shark tank. (N)		Antiques Roadshow "Vintage Chattanooga Hour 1" Rolex Red Submariner circa 1970; 1932 Los Angeles Olympic Games banner; diamond and pearl necklace.		Austin City Limits "Margo Price; Molly Tuttle & Golden Highway" This long-running concert series features artists from every musical genre in a live-music setting.							
23 WHRM																			
33 WLEF																			
33 WPNE																			
62 WACY		Family Feud		Two Half Men		** Secret Window '04 John Turturro, Maria Bello, Johnny Depp.				Forensic Files		Forensic Files		The Simpsons		Forensic Files		Crimes "Conspiracy Theory: Part 2"	
46 WTPX		NCIS "Viral"				NCIS "Shell Game"				NCIS "Skeleton Crew"		NCIS "Beneath the Surface"		NCIS "Wide Awake"				NCIS "Oil & Water"	
CW		Sullivan's Crossing "Rock and a Hard Place" Maggie and Cal find themselves facing a dire situation.		The Chosen "Beyond Mountains" Jesus and Matthew prepare the sermon; a Sanhedrin member is shocked by Shmuel's reports on Jesus. (N)		Son of a Critch "Growing Apart"		19 WOW Why, Vickie? Why? (N)		34 The Good Doctor "Not the Same"		41 Truth of God		34 WOW - Women Of Wrestling Why, Vickie? Why? (N)		41 Extra (N)		34 Moviefone TV	
14 WCWF																			
34 WYOW																			

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

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

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

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

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

ANOTHER SLOW START

Packers forced to fight from behind, fall short again



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

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Packers disappoint again in 19-17 loss to the Broncos

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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Denver in rushing, recording 82 yards on 15 carries.

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

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

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

In the mid-second quarter, the

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BEAT The Expert

Week 8 Games: Sunday, Oct. 29



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

Tie Breaker Game:
Minnesota @ Green Bay

Week 7 Winner:

**Shane Senn
Senn
Insurance**

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



Jim Wiegand
Tower Clock
Eye Center

This Week's Picks:

Dallas
New York Jets
LA Chargers
Detroit

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Minnesota 28 @ Green Bay 13



Robert Buss
Buss
Automotive

This Week's Picks:

LA Rams
New York Jets
LA Chargers
Detroit

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Minnesota 21 @ Green Bay 24



Shane Senn
Senn
Insurance

This Week's Picks:

Dallas
New York Jets
LA Chargers
Detroit

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Minnesota 20 @ Green Bay 23



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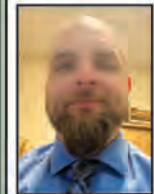
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New York Jets
LA Chargers
Detroit

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Minnesota 13 @ Green Bay 20

NOTEBOOK

Injuries for Packers, Vikings could mean lackluster game

By JACOB WESTENDORF

Green & Gold Express

Packers' offense vs. Vikings' defense

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

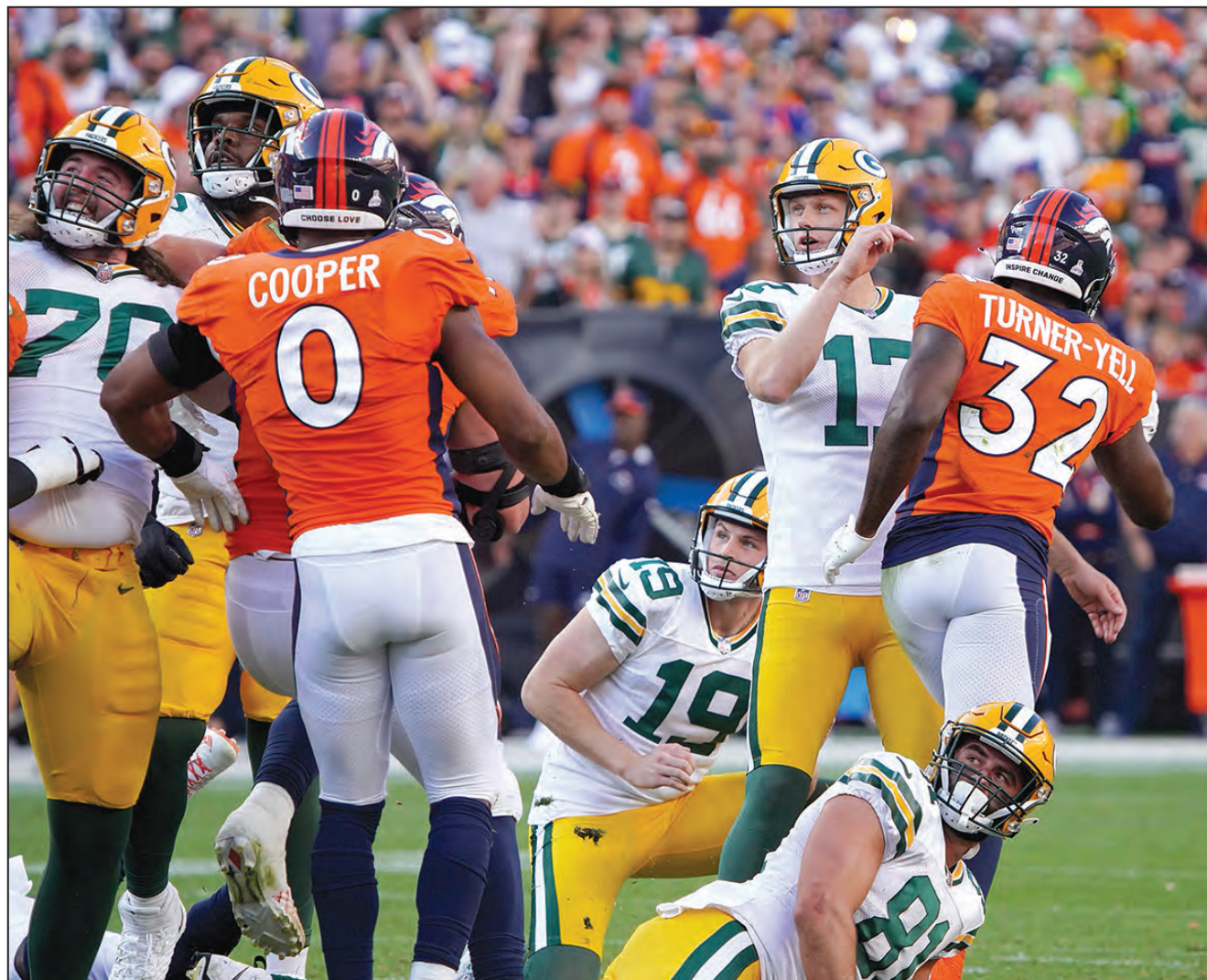
At this stage, it's hard to feel good about Green Bay's ability to execute at even a league average level.

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

Packers' defense vs. Vikings' offense

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

list before Sunday's game.

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

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

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

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

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

Special teams

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He lined up for a 43-yard field



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

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

That being said, the Packers have

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

the season.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PACKERS SCHEDULE

Sept. 10 at Chicago W 38-20

Sept. 17 at Atlanta L 25-24

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

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

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

Oct. 15 BYE

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

Oct. 29 vs. Minnesota Noon FOX

Nov. 5 vs. LA Rams Noon FOX

Nov. 12 at Pittsburgh Noon CBS

Nov. 19 vs. LA Chargers Noon FOX

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

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

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

Dec. 17 vs. Tampa Bay Noon FOX

Dec. 24 at Carolina Noon FOX

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

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NFL SCHEDULE

Thursday, Oct. 26

Buccaneers at Bills, 7:15 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 29

Jets at Giants, Noon

Jaguars at Steelers, Noon

Eagles at Commanders, Noon

Rams at Cowboys, Noon

Vikings at Packers, Noon

Falcons at Titans, Noon

Patriots at Dolphins, Noon

Saints at Colts, Noon

Texans at Panthers, Noon

Browns at Seahawks, 3:05 p.m.

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

Chiefs at Broncos, 3:25 p.m.

Ravens at Cardinals, 3:25 p.m.

Bears at Chargers, 7:20 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 30

Raiders at Lions, 7:15 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 2

Titans at Steelers, 7:15 p.m.

KEYS TO THE GAME

Turnovers could be deciding factor

By JACOB WESTENDORF

Green & Gold Express

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

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

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

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

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

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

Green Bay defense vs. TJ Hockenson

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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two catches for 15 yards when they played the Falcons.

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

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

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

Packers' tackles vs Danielle Hunter

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

system after the first three games of the year.

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

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

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

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

Assuming Hunter is still in Min-

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

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

Hutchinson and Crosby both wrecked the game against Green Bay.

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

Packers' secondary vs. Kirk Cousins

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

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

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

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

team have lost an eye-popping nine fumbles.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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Bakhtiari stays in control of his future

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

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

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

So what's going on?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

That surgery did what?

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

Is this upcoming surgery to address lateral femoral issue?

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

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

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

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

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

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

But you want to play again?

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

Recovery period?



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

Why put yourself through this?

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

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

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

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

What's your role with this team this season?

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

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Jaire Alexander	23	CB	5-10	196	26	6	Louisville
Zayne Anderson	39	S	6-2	206	26	1	BYU
Karl Brooks	94	DL	6-3	296	23	R	Bowling Green
De'Vondre Campbell	59	LB	6-4	232	30	8	Minnesota
Anders Carlson	17	K	6-5	219	25	R	Auburn
Kenny Clark	97	DL	6-3	314	28	8	UCLA
Sean Clifford	8	QB	6-2	218	25	R	Penn State
Brenton Cox Jr.	57	LB	6-4	250	23	R	Florida
Josiah Deguara	81	TE	6-2	238	26	4	Cincinnati
AJ Dillon	28	RB	6-0	247	25	4	Boston College
Romeo Doubs	87	WR	6-2	204	23	2	Nevada
Rasul Douglas	29	CB	6-2	209	29	7	West Virginia
Kingsley Enagbare	55	LB	6-4	258	23	2	South Carolina
Rudy Ford	20	S	6-0	210	28	7	Auburn
Rashan Gary	52	LB	6-5	277	25	5	Michigan
Malik Heath	18	WR	6-2	213	23	R	Mississippi
Elgton Jenkins	74	G/T	6-5	311	27	5	Mississippi State
Anthony Johnson Jr.	36	S	6-0	205	23	R	Iowa State
Aaron Jones	33	RB	5-9	208	28	7	Texas-El Paso
Caleb Jones	72	T	6-9	370	24	2	Indiana
Tucker Kraft	85	TE	6-5	259	22	R	South Dakota State
Dallin Leavitt	6	S	5-10	195	29	5	Utah State
Jordan Love	10	QB	6-4	219	24	4	Utah State
Isaiah McDuffie	58	LB	6-1	227	24	3	Boston College
Luke Musgrave	88	TE	6-6	253	23	R	Oregon State
Josh Myers	71	C/G	6-5	310	25	3	Ohio State
Royce Newman	70	G/T	6-5	310	26	3	Mississippi
Yosh Nijman	73	T	6-7	314	27	4	Virginia Tech
Keisean Nixon	25	CB	5-10	200	26	5	South Carolina
Matt Orzech	42	LS	6-3	245	28	4	Azusa Pacific
Jonathan Owens	34	S	5-11	210	28	5	Missouri Western
Jayden Reed	11	WR	5-11	187	23	R	Michigan State
Sean Rhyan	75	G	6-5	321	23	2	UCLA
Jon Runyan	76	G	6-4	307	26	4	Michigan
Darnell Savage	26	S	5-11	198	26	5	Maryland
Ben Sims	89	TE	6-5	250	23	R	Baylor
T.J. Slaton	93	DL	6-4	330	26	3	Florida
Preston Smith	91	LB	6-5	265	30	9	Mississippi State
Eric Stokes	21	CB	6-0	194	24	3	Georgia
Zach Tom	50	OL	6-4	304	24	2	Wake Forest
Samori Toure	83	WR	6-1	191	25	2	Nebraska
Carrington Valentine	37	CB	6-0	189	22	R	Kentucky
Lukas Van Ness	90	LB	6-5	272	22	R	Iowa
Quay Walker	7	LB	6-4	241	23	2	Georgia
Rasheed Walker	63	T	6-6	324	23	2	Penn State
Christian Watson	9	WR	6-4	208	24	2	North Dakota State
Kristian Welch	54	LB	6-3	240	25	4	Iowa
Daniel Whelan	19	P	6-5	216	24	1	UC Davis
Dontayvion Wicks	13	WR	6-1	206	22	R	Virginia
Emanuel Wilson	31	RB	5-11	226	24	R	Fort Valley State Univ.
Eric Wilson	45	LB	6-1	230	29	7	Cincinnati
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Brian Asamoah II	33	LB	6-0	226	23	2	Oklahoma
Mekhi Blackmon	5	CB	5-11	178	24	R	USC
Andrew Booth Jr.	23	CB	6-0	194	23	2	Clemson
Garrett Bradbury	56	C	6-3	300	28	5	North Carolina State
Blake Brandel	64	G	6-7	315	26	3	Oregon State
Jonathan Bullard	90	DL	6-3	290	30	8	Florida
Camryn Bynum	24	S	6-0	200	25	3	California
Andre Carter II	55	OLB	6-6	256	23	R	Army
Ty Chandler	32	RB	5-11	204	25	2	North Carolina
Lewis Cine	6	S	6-2	199	24	2	Georgia
Ezra Cleveland	72	G	6-6	312	25	4	Boise State
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Troy Dye	45	LB	6-3	225	27	4	Oregon
Akayleb Evans	21	CB	6-2	198	24	2	Missouri
Jaren Hall	16	QB	6-0	207	25	R	BYU
C.J. Ham	30	FB	5-11	250	30	7	Augustana (S.D.)
N'Keal Harry	13	WR	6-4	225	25	5	Arizona State
Jordan Hicks	58	LB	6-1	236	31	9	Texas
T.J. Hockenson	87	TE	6-5	248	26	5	Iowa
Danielle Hunter	99	OLB	6-5	263	28	9	LSU
Ed Ingram	67	G	6-3	307	24	2	LSU
Theo Jackson	25	S	6-1	198	25	2	Tennessee
Pat Jones II	91	OLB	6-4	264	25	3	Pittsburgh
Greg Joseph	1	K	6-0	206	29	4	Florida Atlantic
Dean Lowry	94	DL	6-6	296	29	8	Northwestern
Alexander Mattison	2	RB	5-11	215	25	5	Boise State
Josh Metellus	44	S	5-11	207	25	4	Michigan
Johnny Mundt	86	TE	6-4	233	28	6	Oregon
Byron Murphy Jr.	7	CB	5-11	190	25	5	Washington
Nick Muse	34	TE	6-5	252	24	2	South Carolina
Kene Nwangwu	26	RB	6-1	210	25	3	Iowa State
Brian O'Neill	75	T	6-7	310	28	6	Pittsburgh
Josh Oliver	84	TE	6-5	259	26	5	San Jose State
K.J. Osborn	17	WR	5-11	203	26	4	Miami (Fla.)
Ivan Pace Jr.	40	LB	5-10	231	22	R	Cincinnati
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Brandon Powell	4	WR	5-8	181	28	6	Florida
David Quessenberry	76	OT	6-5	310	33	6	San Jose State
Dalton Risner	66	G	6-5	312	28	5	Kansas State
Jaquelin Roy	93	DL	6-3	305	23	R	LSU
Austin Schlottmann	65	C	6-6	300	28	5	TCU
Harrison Smith	22	S	6-2	211	34	12	Notre Dame
NaJee Thompson	11	CB	5-11	205	23	R	Georgia Southern
Khyiris Tonga	95	DL	6-4	338	27	3	BYU
Jay Ward	20	S	6-1	188	23	R	LSU
D.J. Wonnum	98	OLB	6-5	258	25	4	South Carolina
Ryan Wright	14	P	6-3	245	23	2	Tulane
Reserve/Injured							
Marcus Davenport	0	OLB	6-6	265	27	6	Texas-San Antonio
Justin Jefferson	18	WR	6-1	195	24	4	LSU
Malik Knowles	81	WR	6-2	196	23	R	Kansas State
William Kwenkeu	47	LB	6-1	235	26	2	Temple
James Lynch	92	DL	6-4	295	24	4	Baylor
Nick Mullens	12	QB	6-0	210	28	5	Southern Mississippi
Olisaemeka Udoh	74	OT	6-6	320	26	5	Elon
Reserve/Injured; Designated for Return							
Jalen Nailor	83	WR	6-0	190	24	2	Michigan State
Reserve/Non-Football Injury							
Chris Reed	62	G/C	6-3	314	31	8	Minnesota State

Packers outscored 78-26 in first half this season

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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