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Shawano County supervisors adopt budget, levy

Equalized value increases,
mill rate decreases

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

Shawano County uses its annual budget of \$73.3 million and 386 full-time equivalent employees to administer more than 330 mandated programs across 31 departments.

The 2024 budget and corresponding \$17.99 million tax levy were approved by supervisors Oct. 25.

"Overall, we have a very lean budget," Jim Davel, administrative coordinator, told supervisors as he touched on several key aspects of the budget.

Health rate increases will be between 5-6%, although the original plan was a 10% increase.

"Additionally, we don't have to switch carriers, so that's a benefit going forward," he said. "It's about a \$30,000 increase overall. We pay close to \$6 million in health insurance ... for all of our employees here."

The county will use \$1.1 million from its reserve funds as its matching grant amount for a \$7 million highway grant.

"Because of our fund balance, we can spend cash for that instead of borrow or bond for that," Davel said.

Also, fund balances in the public health and library accounts will be used for some of those 2024 operations instead of adding the cost to the levy.

"Over time, the board has approved money to those departments, and that money has not been utilized," Davel said. "In this case,

we did utilize some of those funds to help with the overall budget for those departments."

Initial requests included 11 new positions within the county, but only five were added to the budget.

Although \$100,000 in new requests were made for courthouse equipment, only the absolute essential \$4,000 was included.

The levy includes \$16.4 million for general county operations, \$1.4 million for debt service, \$175,245 for bridge aid, \$676 for special charges and \$3,525 for property taxes charged back.

Carrie Buntjer, finance director, noted that the mill rate will decrease to \$3.89 per \$1,000 or equalized value. In 2019, the rate was \$5.32.

"Our equalized value has taken a large jump," she said. "The equalized value went up 12.9% from last year

to this year, and the year before was 14.6%."

Typically, as the value increases, the mill rate decreases.

"For this year, net new construction came in at 1.35% or about \$220,000," she said. "Last year was \$209,000, and the year before was \$240,000."

She noted the county will receive an additional \$673,000 in state shared revenue this year. The millions of dollars in unused American Rescue Plan Act money generated \$250,000 in interest for the 2024 budget.

The county has about \$14 million in debt from two projects — the human services building and the jail locks. She said that by law the county could borrow up to \$238 million.

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New pay scale OK'd for Shawano County employees

Plan will cost additional
\$290K next year

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

The Shawano County Board of Supervisors adopted a new pay plan for county employees as part of its 2024 budget approved Oct. 25.

Officials intended to develop a pay plan that would balance internal equity, maintain market competitiveness and provide a consistent pay plan for all covered staff.

"This really does fix a long-term overall pay problem that we have," said Jim Davel, administrative coordinator. "It's incredibly expensive when we look for people, and we compete with everybody in the community."

The initial cost to implement the new pay plan will total \$290,615, of which \$244,946 will be wages and \$45,668 will be fringe benefits.

The additional cost will be covered by the tax levy, additional

shared revenue and fund balance surpluses.

The plan affects all regular full-time and part-time positions, excluding employees currently in the Wisconsin Professional Police Association collective bargaining unit and elected officials. Wages of these employees were scrutinized as part of a study completed earlier this year.

Carlson Dettmann Consulting LLC reviewed the county's existing classification and compensation programs and conducted a market analysis for wages in similar jobs in the county's competitive and comparable markets.

The new plan consists of 20 pay grades and 11 steps per grade.

Davel said that in 2014, 2015 and 2016, no raises were given to county workers. Also, a decision to be in the 50% range (middle of the pack) for pay backfired, when the county ended up only in the 25% range, meaning three-fourths of competitive jobs were paying more than the county.

"That really caused a pretty big

hole," Davel said. "We've been slowly trying to get back to (being) competitive."

As part of the most recent study, county wages were also compared with 11 other counties, with the aim that Shawano County would be in the middle.

"I think it's the appropriate thing to do, going forward," Davel said.

For correction officers, jail cooks and jail sergeants, the \$3 per hour raise (configured in 2023 with the use of federal COVID-19 money and local funds) will be added to the employee's hourly base pay as of Dec. 31, then the employee's new base pay will be placed at the next step that gives them an increase.

Two years ago, the board approved a \$3 per hour increase for correctional workers using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Last year, the county took \$1 out of its levy to cover some of that ARPA money.

"This budget and this pay scale covers that \$2 that's remaining from the ARPA money," Davel said. "If you

recall at the time, I wrote ... that we should use the levy money instead of ARPA money, because ARPA money was going to run out, and this is our solution ... to cover that \$3 that the board approved previously."

Davel said one of the goals of the new plan is to make the county one of the employers of choice for residents.

"We have to be competitive. At the highest point since I've been here, we've had a 23% turnover rate," he said. "We spend a tremendous amount of money looking for people. We need folks that stick around here. That saves us money in the long run."

Going forward, a review of the pay structure based upon market conditions and other factors will be conducted annually by the Shawano County Executive Committee with any resulting revision to the pay structure to be approved by the Shawano County Board.

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Fontanini gets 10 years for child abuse pics

Former Shawano resident already sex offender at time 2,000 photos, videos discovered in his home

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

A former Shawano man was sentenced in federal court to 10 years in prison for possessing depictions of child sexual abuse, was ordered to pay \$75,000 restitution to the known victims and was placed on lifetime supervised release.

According to court documents, a July 2020 search of Denis Fontanini's Shawano residence recovered several electronic devices that contained 2,000 videos or images that constituted child sex abuse. Many videos depicted violent sexual abuse of a child who was less than 12 years old.

At the time, Fontanini, 29, was a registered sex offender for having been convicted in 2016 in Menominee County on two counts of child enticement and a single count of exposing genitals to a child.

In that case, Fontanini also was charged with two counts of child



DENIS FONTANINI

sex assault for allegedly luring two children into a building and sexually assaulting them. Those charges were dismissed but read-in at sentencing in exchange for Fontanini's guilty

pleas to the enticement charges. Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Court Judge James Habeck had sentenced Fontanini in 2017 to a year in prison and six years' probation, according to online court records.

Prior to the search of his residence, state officials determined that Fontanini had distributed child pornography on the Kik messenger online platform. Fontanini admitted to possessing and distributing the child pornography but said he did so in order to "bring these groups down."

He also said that he distributed the child porn to gain the trust of other online users.

Fontanini was indicted in federal court in November 2022 on a single count of possessing child sexual abuse materials. He pleaded guilty to the charge in July.

At sentencing on Oct. 26, Fontanini faced maximum penalties of 20 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine and lifetime supervised release. If found to be non-indigent, District Judge William Griesbach could order Fontanini to pay a \$5,000 special assessment.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Alexander Duros recommended that Fontanini serve a 10-year sentence and that Griesbach should factor into the sentence that many of the images depicted sadistic conduct toward a minor and that more than 600 images were recovered from Fontanini's electronic devices.

Fontanini's attorney, John Bird-sall, sought a five-year sentence for

his client, arguing that Fontanini's state probation was revoked due to the federal charges, and is currently serving a five-year sentence for his Menominee County convictions.

Birdsall wrote the court that Fontanini has support from friends and family members who "know his true character."

Robin Taklo wrote the court that Fontanini "wants chemical castration, so he can focus on a positive future. He wants to contribute to society."

Ronald Gourde, a friend of Fontanini's, wrote the court that while detained at Racine Correctional Institution, "He always tells me that he is working hard to be a better person ... Denis speaks as if he wants to do the right things to correct his misdeeds of the past and looks forward to a new, positive future."

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Witt-Birn school mill rate drops nearly 10%

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

Voters in the Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District approved their 2023-24 budget and tax levy Oct. 23.

The new levy will mean a near 10% drop in the mill rate, noted Garrett Rogowski, superintendent of the district.

The 2023-24 mill rate will be \$7.29 per \$1,000 of equalized value, compared to the \$8.06 per \$1,000 that was levied for the 2022-23 budget year.

"The levy went up, but the mill rate is down," said Kim Moede, district accountant. "The equalized value of the district increased 13.7%."

Moede said most of the increase in the equalized value was due to revaluation of properties, not new construction.

The district's general fund will equal \$15,459,163 and carry a tax levy of \$3,338,592, Rogowski said.

Overall, including the debt service and community service accounts, the total school-based levy will be \$5,752,098. This includes the general fund levy as well as \$2,113,506 for the referendum debt service and \$300,000 for the community service fund.

The community service fund is for the district aquatic center and nature center.

Much of the budget remains the same, after adjusting for inflation, wages and benefits.

Moede said one additional section of kindergarten at Wittenberg Elementary School will be added, as well as another section of 4-year-old kindergarten.

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Supervisor irked over lack of action on library

Mold issues affecting county employees who work in the building

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

Mold issues at the Shawano County Library and the safety of the employees who work there brought out the ire of a Shawano County supervisor toward the end of the Oct. 25 county board meeting.

District 21 Supervisor Joe Miller pointedly asked Chairman Tom



JOE MILLER

only one here talking about this," Miller said. "This should be on all our radar screens, and we should be demanding action be taken immediately to protect those employees."

He questioned whether either the

Kautza if the library mold issue still existed and if the county employees were still working there. Kautza answered yes to both questions.

"That's unacceptable. I should not be the

public health department or corporation counsel had weighed in on the issue with written comments. To this, Kautza said he did not believe either had done so.

"We talked about how important our employees are during the budget," Miller said. "Well, let's put our money where our mouth is and let's take care of them."

Miller asked why the library is still open.

Kautza said the building is not owned by the county. Technically, the library board owns the building.

"But they're county employees," Miller said.

An employee became sick from

the mold and has since quit working at the library because of it.

Water leaks, mold, and horizontal and vertical cracks in the foundation of the building are forcing the library to move out of its home at 128 S. Sawyer St. It is hoped the library can find a temporary home until a new, multi-use county building is constructed that would contain courthouse offices and a library.

In early October, the library board created a subcommittee to research a temporary home. The subcommittee has yet to meet.

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Leaky roof forces cancellation of hockey events

Crawford Center issues go back more than a decade, coach says

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

Shawano Community High School hockey coach Adam Gafner told the Shawano County Board of Supervisors on Oct. 25 that the leaky roof at the Crawford Center on the Shawano County Fairgrounds is leading to canceled games, practices and fundraisers.

"It's been a known issue that the roof needs to be replaced on this facility for many years," Gafner said. "It was probably the ultimate disappointment when I walked into the rink — it's basically raining in the facility, for lack of a better term."

That day, and for a few days before and after it, the area was deluged with rain that wouldn't seem to stop.

"Games are being canceled. Practices are being canceled," Gafner said. "This weekend (Oct. 28-29) is the biggest fundraiser of the year. That's been canceled."

Gafner coaches the co-op hockey team — with players from Bonduel and Clintonville — has children in the youth hockey league and is a financial support of the hockey organization through his employer.

He said maintenance on the building has been postponed too many times.

"This roof's been not working for over a decade. For whatever reason, it's been put off and put off and put off again," he said. "What's going on in this facility is unacceptable. We're paying almost \$85,000

a year for a rink we can't use. The amount of volunteer time that's going into this — you actually have one of your employees who's my assistant coach — he and I have been there every single day. It's just wrong.

"I've looked at every lease going back 20 years. It is the responsibility of this county for the exterior of the building. Now that the bill's due, it's basically the youth league needs to pay for the roof, or we're going to extort you in a different way to get you to pay for it."

Pat and Ruth Crawford paid for the building's construction, then sold it to the county for \$1 to benefit area youths, Gafner said.

"If we can't invest back into our own community for children, which was the whole point of the building in the beginning, it's disheartening," he said. "It's been put off for years."

Gafner said the youth league has no place else to go as no other facility is close enough. Hundreds of youths are affected, and thousands of dollars in revenue was lost this past weekend.

"I don't know what else to say, but it's getting to a point where we're almost going to have to go to court with the county," he said. "It shouldn't need to go there. We're all adults. We should be able to work through this. But, we're paying for a lease for a building we can't use."

At the end of the meeting, when supervisors had a few minutes to comment, Supervisor Mart Grams said he favored the county getting rid of the Crawford Center.

"It's nickel-and-diming us," he said.

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Supervisors support vets transitioning to civilian life

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

Shawano County will once again support the Green Light for Veterans program.

Supervisors on Oct. 25 approved a resolution declaring that each year, the second week of November is a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifice of American men and women in uniform transi-

tioning from active service.

County officials also encourage residents to recognize the importance of honoring all those who made sacrifices to preserve freedom by displaying a green light in a window of their place of business or residence.

The resolution notes that veterans continue to serve their communities in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, religious

groups, civil service and by functioning as county veteran service officers in 29 states to help fellow former service members access more than \$52 billion in federal health, disability and compensation benefits each year.

About 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually with an estimated 20% increase of service members transitioning to civilian life in the

near future.

Studies indicate that 44-72% of service members experience high levels of stress during transition from military to civilian life.

Active military service members transitioning from military service are at a high risk for suicide during their first year after military service.

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Noriega-Avila still without an attorney

Three months after previous counsel's departure, 1,161 attorneys contacted to take on case

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

The hunt for a second attorney for Pedro Noriega-Avila, the Pulaski man charged in 2016 with child sex assault charges, is proving to be as difficult as the first search.

Noriega-Avila was initially charged in 2016 with one count of sexual assault of a child under age 13, two counts of sexual assault of a child and two counts of incest with a child by stepparent. Court records show that Noriega-Avila appeared for his initial hearing in June of that year, paid a \$5,000 cash bond and then did not return for the next hearing.

Noriega-Avila was missing from the court for almost five years until his arrest in Arizona in 2021. Law enforce-



PEDRO NORIEGA-AVILA

ment responded to a U.S. Border Patrol station on March 13, 2021, regarding the warrant issued by the Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Court for Noriega-Avila, and the defendant was already in custody

when officers arrived. Noriega-Avila was brought back to Shawano County in July 2021.

Noriega-Avila remains in the Shawano County Jail on a \$500,000 cash bond. He has been incarcerated for over two years, mainly because of the difficulty in finding an attorney the first time around. It took until late 2022

before Sara Stertz was found to defend the case.

The defendant's trial was set to start in August, but the day before it was due to commence, Stertz withdrew from the case for two reasons — disagreement on defense strategies and the fact that she was in the late term of pregnancy.

Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Court Judge William Kussel Jr. said during an Oct. 26 status conference that Stertz believed there would be other attorneys willing to take on the case in her stead. According to court records, at least 1,161 attorneys have been contacted to take on the case to no avail.

"The public defenders office filed their report about the search for a subsequent attorney," Kussel said.

"They indicated that, while the defendant is still eligible for their attorney, they haven't been able to appoint an attorney yet."

Kussel reiterated, as he has with many other cases, that the search for available attorneys handling criminal cases continues to be a slow process, even as the state has recently increased the pay for appointed attorneys.

"This is a very significant and, perhaps, difficult case for an attorney," Kussel said. "The difficulty in finding an attorney is probably due to the type of case."

Another status conference has been scheduled for 10:15 a.m. Dec. 21 in Branch II of the Shawano County Courthouse.

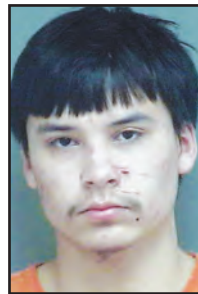
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LaRock case going to trial in early 2024

Attorneys unable to reach deal in Shawano attempted homicide matter

By **LEE PULASKI**
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Attorneys have been unable to reach a deal in the case of Royce LaRock, a 21-year-old Shawano man who allegedly stabbed another man earlier this year, so defense attorneys



ROYCE LAROCK

asked for the matter to move forward to a trial.

LaRock is charged with one count of attempted first-degree intentional homicide, one count of aggravated battery, one misdemeanor

count of resisting or obstructing an officer and one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct.

LaRock's trial is scheduled to begin Feb. 26, 2024, in Branch II at the Shawano County Courthouse

and is expected to last four or five days. A final pre-trial conference has been scheduled for 1 p.m. Feb. 8 in Branch II.

It took some time for court officials to find a date suitable for all parties, attorneys and witnesses. When the suggestion of a trial in late April came up, defense attorney Richard Jones agreed to juggle some of his other cases to allow the February trial.

"I don't want Mr. LaRock to sit in jail until he's 55 years old," Jones said.

According to the criminal complaint, Shawano police officers were dispatched April 25 to Acorn Street for a reported stabbing. When officers arrived, a victim was allegedly laying

at a neighbor's front step with a stab wound to the stomach area, with intestinal protrusion from a stab wound. The victim allegedly said LaRock was the person who had stabbed him.

If convicted, LaRock faces up to 60 years in prison for attempted first-degree intentional homicide, \$50,000 in fines and 15 years for aggravated battery, \$10,000 and nine months for resisting or obstructing an officer and \$1,000 and 90 days for disorderly conduct.

LaRock is currently being held in the Shawano County Jail on a \$500,000 bond.

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Steinke resigns from Shawano County Board

By **KEVIN PASSON**
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Shawano County Supervisor Sandy Steinke has resigned from the board, Chairman Tom Kautza announced Oct. 25.

He said Steinke resigned effective Oct. 23. She has a new job in Green Bay and did not believe she would be able to attend future board and committee meetings.

The board regularly meets at 3



SANDY STEINKE

p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month.

Steinke represents the 5th County District. The area is in the city of Shawano mostly from Waukechon Street to the east, as well as

properties in the area of Humphrey

Circle and to the east, and the county fairgrounds.

Shawano County Clerk Kara Skarlupka said the chairman has the power to appoint someone to fill the unexpired term with approval from the full board.

Kautza said anyone interested in being appointed should call him at 715-216-4369. He will interview candidates and possibly bring one to the board for approval.

With or without someone in the

role for the next six months, the term will expire in April 2024. Any district resident who wants to run for the two-year post in the spring can begin to circulate nomination papers Dec. 1, Skarlupka said.

All nomination papers are due by 5 p.m. Jan. 2, 2024, to the county clerk's office.

Steinke served on the board several terms, the clerk said.

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OBITUARIES

Samuel Wierzba

Samuel Wayne Wierzba passed away on Oct. 28, 2023, at home, surrounded by family and under the care of LeRoy Hospice, following a short but brave battle with cancer in which he had hope until the very end. He was 48 years old.

Sam was born on May 31, 1975, in Menomonee Falls, son of Frank Sr. and Althea (Blanchette) Wierzba.

Sam married the love of his life, Angie Bricko, on March 21, 2014, in Antigo.

Following high school, Sam went on to train as a journeyman carpenter, most recently working for Appleton Lathing Corporation.

Sam enjoyed hunting and fishing.



Most of all, he loved spending time with family, which often included a day of garage sales or driving them wherever they may need. Sam was known to always lend a helping hand. He was a hard worker and always willing to help with projects.

In addition to his parents and wife, Sam is survived by children, Shana (Brad) Volkman, Casey Anstutz (Dillen), Alexis Holland (Blake), Maddie Wierzba and Marcus

Wierzba; grandchildren, Bentley, Micah, baby Volkman, and baby Clara; mother-in-law, Ruth Bricko; siblings, Dawn Whitney, James (Lisa) O'Laughlin, Steven (Sigrid) O'Laughlin, Nikki (Jeff "Clyde") Nievinski, Kurt (Megan) Wierzba, Audra (Jamie) Deruchowski, Megan (Dana) Faulks, Jake (Dezi) Wierzba and Jim Kolinski; sister-in-law, Cassie Wierzba.

Sam was preceded in death by a brother, Frank Jr.; sister, Kelly; grandson, Jaxson; father-in-law, Don; and biological mother, Nancy.

During Sam's battle with cancer, he asked a favor. He said if things didn't go well and he was called to be

with Jesus, he asked that we honor him by showing kindness to all. When we see someone struggling, be the hand to help them. You never know how the universe is using you to answer someone's prayers.

A memorial service for Sam will be held on Saturday, Nov. 4, 2023, at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Antigo with Pastor Fletcher Larson officiating. Visitation will take place at the church, prior to the service from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Those attending are asked to wear their hunting or fishing attire in remembrance of Sam's passion for hunting and fishing.

Strasser-Roller Funeral Homes is assisting the family.

James W. Luepke

James W. Luepke, 80, passed away on Monday, Oct. 23, 2023, in Shawano surrounded by family.

James was born on Oct. 31, 1942, in Green Bay, to the late Elmer and Ruth (Lawrenz) Luepke.

He graduated from Bonduel High School in 1960. After high school, James proudly served in the United States Army where he was in the 101st Airborne Division, and in 1963, he received his honorable discharge.

On April 24, 1965, he was united in marriage to Mary Lemke at St. Paul Lutheran Church. He drove trucks



for Red Owl, CW Transport and CCX Trucking, where he received the name Ghost Rider until retiring in 2007.

In James' free time, he enjoyed gardening, cutting wood and being

in the outdoors. He was an active member of St. Paul Lutheran Church and the Bonduel American Legion Zernicke-Wegner Post 217.

James is survived by his wife of 58 years, Mary; sons, Patrick (Mary) Luepke and Matthew (Tricia) Luepke;

grandchildren, Amanda (Matthew) Oshier, James (Kylee) Luepke, Evan (Melanie) Luepke, Olivia (Turner) Waller, Seth (friend) Shelby Beyer) Luepke, Haley Quandt and Kylie Quandt; great-grandchildren, Brooklyn Luepke, Maverick Luepke, Weston Luepke, Mason Dewitt, Waylon Luepke, Atticus Waller and two more on the way; siblings, Lynne (Jerry) Marohl, Tom (Barb) Luepke, Steven (Karen) Luepke, Joel (Laurie) Luepke and Kaye (Kevin) Voss; and in-laws, Dean and Joni Lemke, Owen Boettcher and Lois Lemke.

He is further survived by many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

James was preceded in death by his son, Timothy James Luepke; parents, Elmer and Ruth; brothers, Lonny Luepke and Dennis Luepke; parents-in-law, Marvin and Beatrice Lemke; brother-in-law, John Lemke; and sister-in-law, Dorene Boettcher.

A funeral service for James was held Thursday, Oct. 26, 2023, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Bonduel with Pastor Timothy Shoup officiating. Burial was held at the church cemetery.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to all the staff at Birch Hill Nursing Home and Pro-medica, for all their wonderful help. www.swedbergfuneralhome.com

Arnold Levesque

Arnold J. Levesque, 84, of Clintonville, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2023, in Green Bay.

Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory, Clintonville.

David D. Kuehl

David D. Kuehl, 78, of the Town of Union, passed away Saturday, Oct. 28, 2023 in King.

Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory, Clintonville.

Brian S. Bossell

Brian S. Bossell, 61, of the Town of Grant, passed away Sunday, Oct. 29, 2023.

Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory.

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Don't forget to turn clocks back this Sunday!

Public silenced in school board levy vote

Menominee Indian votes for levy that's \$231K higher but well below state's revenue limit

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Over 40 taxpayers filled the room where the Menominee Indian School Board held a special midday meeting Oct. 24 to approve a tax levy, hoping to voice their opinions on the matter. However, the board made it clear that the decision no longer rested with the people.

The board unanimously approved a levy of almost \$5.56 million, which puts the tax rate at \$8.63 per \$1,000 of equalized valuation, meaning that property worth \$100,000 could expect to be taxed \$863 by the school district. It was \$231,314 more than it had requested at the district's annual meeting on Sept. 27, which was voted down by the taxpayers present.

A number of property owners wanted answers as to why the board was going to approve a higher levy instead of the original one, which would have put the tax rate at \$8.27. However, when the meeting started, Superintendent Wendell Waukau made a statement that the meeting was one for board discussion, not an additional meeting of the electorate, so public comment was not going to be taken.

"The board, under its powers, is taking action to approve the levy, which is part of the powers of the board," Waukau said. "It is not a regular meeting, which includes public comment, and that is in our policy. The purpose today is to have a review of the levy, which relates to our budget. The board will discuss that among themselves, and then they will proceed with the action item."

Kyla Davis, the district's business manager, noted that Menominee Indian School District's actual revenue limit is over \$8 million, and if the district had opted to levy to the maximum, the district's tax rate would \$12.68, because the funding



Menominee Indian School District property owners file out of the board room at Menominee Indian High School after the school board voted to adopt a \$5.56 million tax levy at a special meeting Oct. 24. Many wanted to voice their concerns but were told by Superintendent Wendell Waukau that public comments would not be heard at the meeting.

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would be a 44% increase over last year.

Davis noted that final state aid numbers were not made available until Oct. 15, and it turned out the estimates were off, which is why the board was looking at the \$5.56 million levy instead of the \$5.33 million presented at the annual meeting.

"Unfortunately, we did not get good news with our aid estimates," Davis said. "We received \$1.2 million less than we expected on our estimated budget, which means the budget looks different than what we previously presented."

MISD did not receive any sparsity aid from the state, according to Davis, because it did not meet the threshold of having a student count below 745. Also, some of the aid loss

is due to private school voucher programs with the reservation bordering Shawano County, where there are several parochial schools available to families wanting a different type of education for their children.

"In our general fund, compared with what we presented before, we're reducing by \$566,000 compared to the 2022-23 general fund budget," Davis said.

Underlevying is a way to reduce taxpayer burden, she noted, and the district has underlevied by \$13 million in the last decade. However, it is an impact to school resources, as well.

"We're decreasing the number of staff we can have for our students," Davis said. "We reduce the

resources for our classrooms, which can lead to outdated materials. It also leads to fewer extracurricular activities, because it reduces the amount of money we can use for after-school programs."

That piece of news concerned board member Regina Washinawatok, who asked what was being cut from the general fund this year.

"Are we going to have to eliminate some programs, have larger class sizes?" Washinawatok said.

Davis pointed out that most of the cuts come from proposed capital improvement projects, including building updates and renovations.

"It doesn't directly impact the classroom this year," she said.

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The 29th annual Santa parade will be held at 6 p.m. Dec. 1 in downtown Shawano. "Classic Christmas Movies" is the theme.

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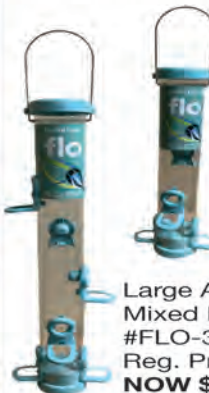
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District may hire agency to fill sub posts

Teachers on Call expected to relieve burden on existing staff, fill more vacancies

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Shawano School District, like most other districts, is having difficulty finding substitutes whenever a teacher or paraprofessional must be gone for a day, week or even several months.

Currently, the district has an in-house substitute teacher coordinator who makes calls to available substitutes to fill the gaps, but oftentimes, schools must ask regular staff to help during their preparatory periods when there's not enough subs rising to the call. That has led the district to look at utilizing a service called Teachers on Call, which has access to a broader pool of subs from around northeast Wisconsin and could help relieve the burden on existing staff.

The Teachers on Call has been helpful to the Marinette School District, according to Nicole Hartlaben, Shawano's human resources director. She told the district's finance and facilities committee Oct. 25 that it would cost the district \$2,500 for setup and then a fee for each substitute teacher the agency gets.

"Essentially, it works the way a temp agency works," Hartlaben said. "We get billed an upcharge of 30% on what we're paying for our subs. They do all of our recruitment, hiring, and they maintain all of the unemployment tax, workers' comp."

Using Teachers on Call will be like having a targeted marketing effort, according to Hartlaben, and the agency will have better resources than what the district currently has.

"They already have a pool of subs that they'd be able to use in Shawano," she said.

Rosie Thiel, the district's current

substitute coordinator, often finds herself putting in a full day as a sub herself but often has to get up early in the day and find people to fill in for other staff first.

"She actually gets up at 6 o'clock and does all this," Hartlaben said. "She'd go back to being a permanent sub for the district. She wouldn't lose any pay."

Teachers on Call uses the same automated system, Front Line, that the district uses for teachers to call in when they're not able to be at the school that day, Hartlaben said, so there would be little difficulty in transitioning. If approved by the board, it would take effect in January at the start of the second semester.

School board member Christine McKinnies noted that when she subbed as a paraprofessional, she'd get messages through Front Line to her phone several times daily letting her know what vacancies there were for the day, and then she'd select which ones she was interested in.

McKinnies questioned if it wouldn't be better for the district if it just raised the pay for substitute teachers. Currently, sub paraprofessionals get paid \$11-\$12 an hour, while sub teachers get \$150 per day for working one or two days in a classroom, \$170 if they sub for at least a 30-day period, and \$230 for long-term subbing that lasts a semester or longer.

"When I worked at the middle school as a para, and when I went subbing as a para, my hourly rate went down \$3," McKinnies said. "That's currently \$14 an hour, but if we paid the subs plus the upcharge we'd pay this company, that would be \$18.20."

Hartlaben reiterated that the 30% upcharge would be negated by the

fact that Teachers on Call would handle all the bookkeeping in terms of unemployment tax and other accounting measures for the subs, which is currently being handled by district office staff.

"One other advantage is that we can bring in retired teachers (through Teachers on Call), because they're not working for a public entity," Hartlaben said. "We have somebody working at the middle school as a long-term sub who is going to have to take a six- to eight-week break because of WRS (Wisconsin Retirement System)."

Board member John Arens was not confident that raising pay rates would be enough to attract substitutes to work in Shawano.

"We have to look at this as, is this the cost of doing business?" Arens said. "You can raise the rates of pay all you want. You're not going to attract the people."

Hartlaben noted that the district had 64 open teaching or paraprofessional days during one pay period.

Out of those, 31 had to be filled by staff at the school, because there are not enough substitutes available to help.

"That's just very alarming to me to have half of our sub openings to be filled by certified staff who are giving up their prep time to do that," Hartlaben said.

Hartlaben estimated that the district could expect to pay about \$100,000 per year for Teachers on Call to fill vacancies. The proposal will go to the full board for a vote in November or December.

McKinnies noted that, in the end, she was more concerned about teacher burnout from having to work extra to compensate for missing staff than she was about having to pay a little more.

"If this is going to save our teachers having to scramble and spend a part of their lunch period or a prep period trying to cover for a missing teacher, I'm all for helping our teachers," McKinnies said.

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SATURDAY, NOV. 4

OCONTO: Antiques and Collectibles Sale, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Beyer Home and Carriage Museum, 915 Park Ave. Fundraiser for Oconto County Historical Society.

SHAWANO: Craft and Bake Sale, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., St. James Lutheran Church and School, 324 S. Andrews St. Vendors including fall and Christmas crafts.

GILLET: Annual Bazaar, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., St. John's Lutheran Church (Clock Church), 100 W. Main St. Food and beverages, bake sale, bucket raffles

SURING: Fall Bazaar, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., St. Michael Catholic Church, 210 S. Krueger St. Pulled-pork and turkey sandwich luncheon, Charlie's Corner, crafts, baked goods and raffle.

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.

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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.

GRESHAM: Elvis in Concert starring Dakota Poncratz, 7 p.m., Jungles on Main, 1215 Main St.

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.

TUESDAY, NOV. 7

SHAWANO: Book signing event featuring John Maino, 6-7 p.m., Shawano County Library, 128 S. Sawyer St. "Fifty Strong" features stories of four decades of U.S. veterans and their families. Free and open to the public.

THURSDAY, NOV. 9

SHAWANO: Veterans Day ceremony, 9 a.m., Shawano Community Middle School, 1050 S. Union St., Shawano. Breakfast for veterans at 8:15 a.m. in school cafeteria. Black Hawk helicopter arriving around 10 a.m.

SHAWANO: All You Can Eat Chili Dinner, 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Peace United Church of Christ, 208 E. Maurer St. \$9, ages 5-12 \$4, 4 and under free. Chili is available to go as well.

FRIDAY, NOV. 10

SHAWANO: Fallen Angel Memorial Truck, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Qualheim's True Value, 1345 E. Green Bay St. One-of-a-kind memorial pays homage to the fallen Wisconsin men and women of the Persian Gulf wars: Desert Storm, Iraq and Afghanistan.

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SATURDAY, NOV. 11

NAVARINO: Art Fest, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. Food, crafters, bake sale, Nature center items for purchase. Admission \$1.

SHAWANO: Merry Mielke Christmas Art and Craft Fair, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Mielke Arts Center, N5649 N. Airport Road. Sponsored by Shawano Arts Council. Original art or crafts will be available for purchase.

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Kim Smith sits in her office in Shawano before seeing clients. Born and raised in Wisconsin, Smith studied psychology with a specialization in community counseling from UW-Milwaukee. She recently moved to the area and opened Northwoods Counseling and Wellness in downtown Shawano.

NICOLE HIXSON

New counseling center open for business

Patients can get treatment in person or through telehealth

By **NICOLE HIXSON**
Correspondent

For anyone who has tried to get mental health services recently, the fact that there is often a very long wait to receive those services does not come as a surprise. Fortunately, an opportunity for counseling has come to Shawano, and at the moment, clients can be seen within a week.

Kim Smith offers telehealth and in-person sessions at Northwoods Counseling and Wellness LLC.

Born and raised in Wisconsin, Smith studied psychology with a specialization in community counseling from UW-Milwaukee. She enjoys spending her time outdoors by hiking and camping and recently moved to

the area after spending summers near Lulu Lake for 20 years. She brings a wealth of experience in inpatient and outpatient mental health and teaching as an adjunct psychology professor. When not working, she keeps busy with her five adult children and black lab, Cooper.

"The mental health system can be very confusing for people who aren't familiar with the different types offered," Smith said. "Sometimes, people can get very confused and frustrated.

"Psychotherapy is important, in addition to the medication piece," she continued. "Insurance can be confusing for people, and it can be really challenging to get into that first appointment."

She works predominantly with adults, and treatment typically lasts six to 12 sessions, but it really depends on individual needs.

With training in a variety of therapies, she is able to individualize and tailor a treatment program geared

toward an individual client instead of taking a one-size-fits-all approach.

"My experience includes working with individuals who struggle with depression, anxiety, trauma, grief, relationship issues and phase of life challenges," said Smith. "I've completed advanced training through Postpartum Support International (PSI) and have experience supporting women and couples coping with pregnancy and postpartum depression/anxiety, pregnancy loss and the transition to parenthood.

"In addition, I work with professionals who are dealing with compassion fatigue. Health care workers, therapists, teachers and counselors often experience vicarious or secondary trauma. Compassion fatigue can affect the most dedicated workers and can lead to total exhaustion of one's mental and physical state."

Smith is quick to point out that regardless of the profession, be it veterinarians, first responders or teachers, everyone is human, and

sometimes that can result in struggles. It is important to reach out for help and support when needed, and prospective clients do not have to wait until they are in a bad place to seek treatment.

Smith is very happy to be in private practice and to see what the future holds.

"For me, it's the best fit at this time of my life," Smith said. "I'm much more flexible with clients, and I'm happy that I can offer help."

Smith's office is on the second floor of the Total Fitness building at 116 N. Main St., Suite B, Shawano. Appointments can be scheduled by calling 715-600-6037, and additional information such as accepted insurance, services offered and fees can be found at www.northwoodscounselor.com.

"I strive to provide a safe, warm and nurturing environment for patients to heal and grow," Smith said. "Once you have decided to reach out for support, you have begun your healing journey."

Rewriting recipes helps Indigenous tribes

So this is a slightly different food column. Don't worry; there is still a recipe to follow, but this one includes a couple Menominee chefs helping other indigenous community kitchens feed their elders and members.

Leah Husby and I were asked to write healthy recipes and do some hands-on training for some indigenous community kitchens. Fifty recipes in total were created and handed to the communities. They included indigenous ingredients combined with some contemporary techniques. With the recipes, they also did in-person training with the community cooks.

Now I want to clarify that we are not the ones in the kitchens doing all the hard work. We just assisted with some helpful recipes and tools they have the option to use or not. The community cooks are the real heroes here. They are the ones who show up day in and day out and create the community meals. So we always make sure to tip our hats to them.

This project took months in the works. Rewriting 50-plus recipes for communities is no easy task. We made a wide variety to try to cater to most communities. We have to factor things in, like availability to product, community sizes, and also each community food preferences. We can't just write up some type of grilled squid dish and believe communities will recreate it. So we made dishes that we thought would actually work — soups, braises, rubs, sauces, breads, teas, and also added in some recipe terminology.

What really helped with this project is when we spoke to the community cooks. We had the opportunity to ask them questions, like what are popular food items in their communities, what type of product do they have availability to, are the recipe templates going to be easy to follow, and what traditional dishes are important to them and their community.

Along with speaking to the cooks, we had a chance to meet them in person for hands-on training. During the training we showcased a seasonal soup, the one shown in the recipe today, and a quick bread along with a tea and a sauce. Also what was important is we showed how to properly do recipe conversions.

As a chef, I feel recipe conversions should have a paragraph of its own. We all can pretty much double or reduce a recipe by half, right? Well, what about if you want to take a recipe that yields 40 portions at 8 ounces per person and make it into 145 at 6 ounces



Butternut squash soup is a perfect dish to keep warm with during the coming winter. This recipe is one that Menominee chefs Francisco Alegria and Leah Husby helped to rewrite for Indigenous communities utilizing native ingredients.

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**Francisco
M. Alegria**
Columnist



per person? What about volume versus weight measurements? Things like this are what we taught them. We shared a formula for this type of conversion, which then any recipe size will work, now due to the fact that this formula makes it possible to convert the recipe to the size of your audience.

So, the winter squash. Yes, we have an abundance of them this time of year. Let's not forget to add pumpkins to that list. This recipe is a soup puree, which everyone has probably made some type of squash soup before, but how many of us had made a pureed soup? Squash has been a part of indigenous cuisine for thousands of years

BUTTERNUT SQUASH SOUP

1 butternut squash
2 apples
1/2 onion
1/2 cup leeks (white parts only)
1/2 cup apple juice (sauce)
1/4 cup brown sugar (sauce)

1/4 cup apple sauce (sauce)
1 tablespoon melted butter (sauce)
1/2 teaspoon of sage, garlic powder, rosemary, cinnamon, and black pepper
1 quart and 1 cup of vegetable stock

- Preheat the oven to 425 degrees. In a cooking sheet or casserole dish combine the squash, apples, onions and leeks. Set aside. In a small bowl combine the apple juice, melted butter, brown sugar and spices. Pour over the squash and bake for about 1 hour or until the squash is fork tender. Scoop out the softened squash from the skin and the vegetables and add to a large soup pot.
- Add in the stock and cook for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Using an immersion blender or a regular blender or a food processor, puree the squash/vegetable/stock blend until completely smooth. If using a regular blender, do not seal the lid. Blending hot liquids with the lid on can cause the heated product to expand, risking injury from the hot liquid. No blender? Use a potato masher.
- Return pureed contents to the soup kettle. Heat for 10 minutes over low heat. Ladle into bowls.
- Tips, can save and roast the seeds for added nutrients and a garnish.

— one of the three sisters.

Availability is pretty easy for all of us to find. Try the local Save A Lot in Keshena, any local grocery store or try local farms. Try growing some.

Any questions or suggestions, let me know. Need help with a recipe? Want to learn the formula mentioned

in the article? Just reach out. In the meantime enjoy this squash soup.

Chef Francisco M. Alegria is from the Menominee Reservation and has Indigenous roots from Mexico. He is a Teppanyaki master who owns an Indigenous/Asian fusion catering business and serves as a nutritional educator for the Menominee tribe. Readers can contact him at falegria@mitw.org.

FARM LIFE FROM A FARM WIFE

Elephants fascinating, despite bully's taunts

Back in sixth grade, we had a bully in our class who loved to torment me. I was a chunky kid, and he took every opportunity to remind me, dubbing me "Elephant." One of the more torturous times in my sixth-grade life was "Height and Weight Day." Why in the world would they pull a scale out to the front corner of a sixth-grade class is beyond me. But there it was, the dreaded scale, with its big measuring weight on one end which measured in 10-pound increments and a smaller one on the other for fine-tuning pound-for-pound.

Stepping on, I didn't want the school nurse to push that big one up toward the middle. Hearing her sigh as that's exactly what she did, while on the scale I'd hold my breath, thinking that if I didn't breathe it might reduce the scale by a pound — or 20. To her credit, she didn't broadcast her finding, just quickly scribbled a note in her chart and told me to get down and put my back up against the wall to see if I'd grown.

Once a week, we had an instructor come in to teach the class French. She was a little bit of a thing, all of 4-feet, 4-inches, always smiling and waving as she entered, "Bonjour mes amis!" (Good morning my friends!) "Comment vas-tu?" (How are you?) We'd always respond, "Tres bien, et toi?" (Very good, and you?) and she'd reply with a smile, "Tres bien!" It warmed my heart to see her.

One day my tormentor raised his hand and, trying unsuccessfully to hold back a nasty laugh, sputtered, "How do you say elephant in French?" Our teacher, unbeknownst to his ways, shrugged and said, "Ella-PHUNT, I suppose." He, uninhibited and outright laughing now, snorted. "How do you say peanuts?" She paused, looking at him long and hard before forcibly replying, "That's enough." From then on, though, I was a French Ella-PHUNT.

I suppose you'd think that would sour me for life regarding the elephant but no, I've always had a fascination with them. I'm sure it's because I appreciate all of God's creatures and wonder, what was going through His mind when He created this magnificent beast?

Our book club suggested a book, "The Memory of an Elephant" by Alex Lasker, based on the true nature of an elephant. They have an amazing memory and are very herd-based, tending and watching out for each other and



Kay Reminger
Columnist

especially for their little ones.

My sister, Beth, was my kids' second mamma. For example, we'd go places, and Beth would plunk our youngest in the middle of her and I, encircling her while proclaiming, "We are your mamma elephants, and you are our little."

We'd take slow four-wheeler rides like that; Beth driving, Jess in the middle with me buttoning up the rear. Once when I applied for my job with the United States Post Office, one prerequisite was that I must have fingerprints taken. To complete this criteria, I had to show up at the Shawano County Jail. Beth and Jessica came with me and we sat on a bench, squished together so close our thighs were touching because we were all-nervous. Of course our baby elephant was in the middle.

Now, many years later, our daughter is on staff with Youth With A Mission in Tyler, Texas. Wanting to do something meaningful with her life, upon graduating college from UW-Green Bay, she and a friend researched YWAM, finding it filled their desire. After completing the Discipleship Training School and the follow-up course School of Evangelism, she's been leading outreaches to many different parts of the country and world.

Finding her true mission in life is to spread the Good News to the nations, she is fulfilling the Great Commission found in Matthew where Jesus said, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

At present, she is leading an eight-member team on a mission's trip in Thailand, going village-to-village, telling people about Jesus and hosting house churches. They've seen many salvations and have been able to encourage the church there.

On a free day, she texted me they got to experience nothing less than the



Jessica Reminger, front, and a group she works with through Youth With A Mission walk with an elephant during a mission to Thailand.

JESSICA REMINGER

majestic elephants deep in the mountains of Thailand. The team viewed the animals in a pasture-like setting, getting up-close and personal. These huge beasts with their leathery skin, massive flapping ears and extended trunks were astonishing. Extending their hands, the group offered treats. The elephants brushed their elongated trunks against upheld palms and, grabbing the treats daintily, ate them up.

Elephants have always held a fascination for me, not even letting a sixth-grade bully stop it.

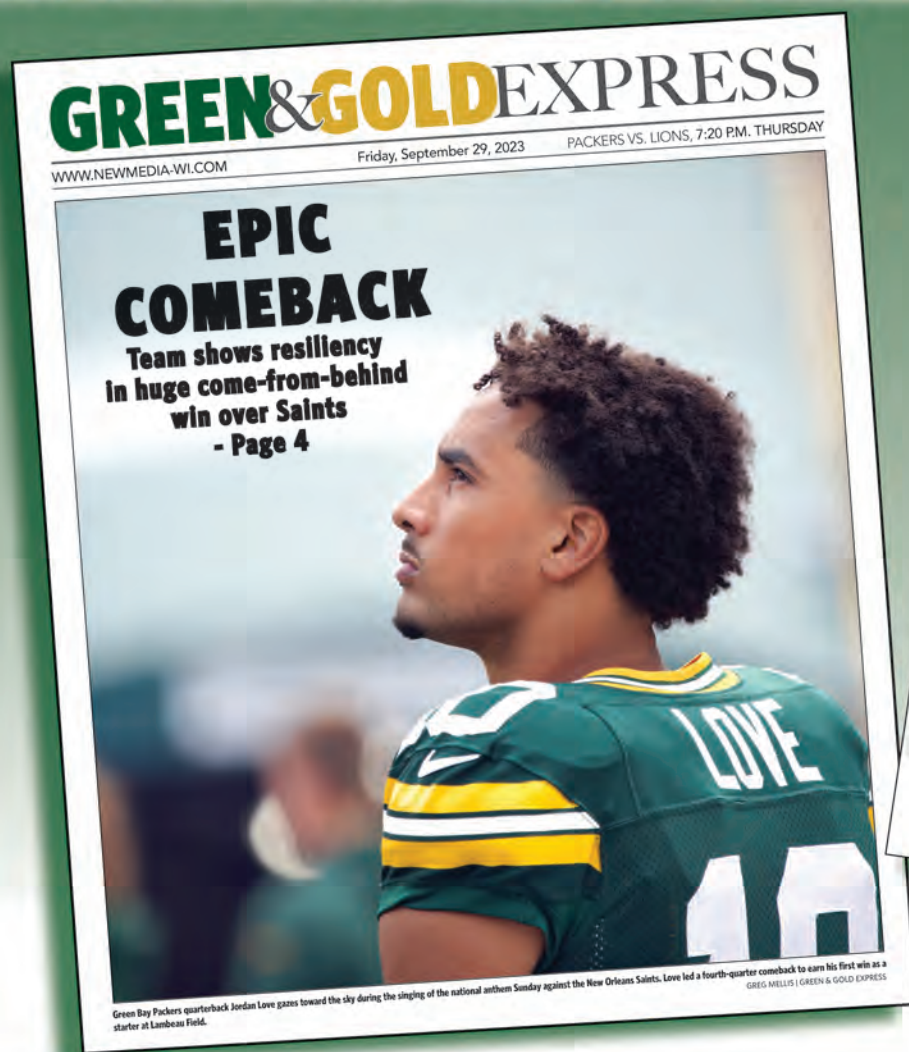
("God spoke: 'Earth, generate life! Every sort and kind, cattle and reptiles and wild animals — all kinds!' And there it was: wild animals of every kind, cattle of all kinds, every sort of reptile and bug. God saw that it was good." Genesis 1:24-25, The Message Bible)

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

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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
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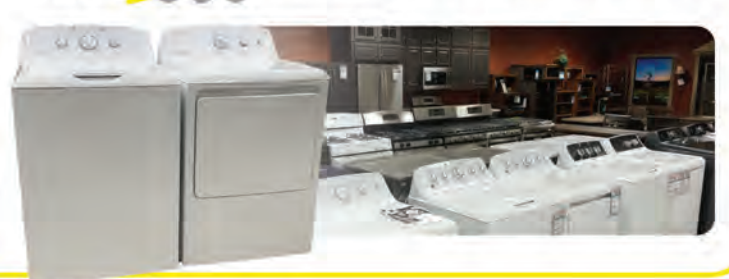
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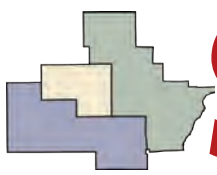
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Goal line stand sends Chargers to Level 3

Wittenberg-Birnamwood will take on Wrightstown

By **DUSTIN RIESE**
Correspondent

How fitting of an end was this? Already with one goal line stand in a 27-22 victory over Amherst during the regular season, the top-seeded Wittenberg-Birnamwood Chargers squared off with the Falcons on Oct. 27 with a spot at Level 3 on the line.

In a game that saw both offenses struggle to move the ball as a combined 310 yards were gained by both offenses, it was the Chargers defense that came through once again.

After picking up a safety early in the second half to take a 9-0 lead, W-B's Owen Dickman came away with an interception in the fourth quarter and returned it 71 yards for the pick six to put the Chargers in front 16-8.

The Falcons put together one last drive at the end and came away with an 18-yard touchdown with 37 seconds remaining to set themselves up with a chance to force overtime.

Connor Groshek intercepted the two-point try to seal the deal for Wittenberg-Birnamwood as they took down Amherst with another goal line stand, 16-14.

"We have relied a lot on our defense all season, and we had to again tonight," said Bryson Schmid, the Chargers running back and defensive back. "I didn't see much of the interception, as I was on the other side of the field guarding my guy. All I know is that Connor (Groshek) came through with a big play when we needed it and helped seal the game."

After a scoreless first quarter that saw next to nothing in terms of yards, it was Wittenberg-Birnamwood getting on the board first as they put together a drive that lasted more than nine minutes and spanned parts of the first and second quarters. The ground attack from Nathan Waupekenay, Schmid and Marshall Fraaza started to wear down the Falcons defense.



Wittenberg-Birnamwood quarterback Nathan Waupekenay was a threat through the air and on the ground against Amherst in the Level 2 playoff game Oct. 27. The Chargers won 16-14 and will play Nov. 3 against Wrightstown in at DC Everest.

DUSTIN RIESE

It appeared as if Fraaza scored the first points of the game by getting outside and outrunning the Falcons defense for 62 yards. However, a block in the back nullified the touchdown and forced the Chargers to go back to work offensively.

Leave it to Waupekenay and the passing game as he hooked up with Jett Rogowski three times on that drive and four times in the first half for 70 yards to move the ball inside the Amherst 10. Schmid took care of things from there and plowed into the end zone from two yards out to give the Chargers a 7-0 lead.

"It's always nice to score first, and I was happy I was able to put

us in front for good," Schmid said. "We had our chances in this one but just couldn't move the ball when we needed to."

Schmid continued to do his thing on the offense late in the first half, coming away with a 19-yard run to move the chains while Waupekenay tried to connect with him on a flea flicker, only to overshoot him. The clock would run out on the first half shortly after as the Chargers took a 7-0 lead into the break.

As the second half got underway, it was the defense coming up huge once again for the Chargers as a big Waupekenay run was once again called back due to a holding call and forced the Chargers to

punt it away. With the ball pinned inside their own five, Amherst went back to pass only to get hammered in the end zone for a safety, as the Chargers extended their lead to 9-0.

"We played well as a team, but our defense was exceptional to-night," Schmid said. "I feel this was one of our better defensive performances of the year, and had it not been for their effort, we may not be standing here with a win."

Forced into another tough position, and needing points in a hurry, Amherst finally started to put together something offensively. Luke Hoffman played a role in that after missing three games due to an injury, but it was the arm of Michael Benjamin that got things rolling as he hooked up with Cannen Hodges for a 45-yard completion to move the ball inside the Chargers red zone.

Amherst would convert on a fourth and short later in the drive before scoring a TD a few seconds into the fourth as they pulled within 9-8.

With all the momentum on their side, the Falcons defense started to make plays as they held the Chargers offense in check most of the game apart from that lengthy TD drive. Set up with great field position again after a short punt, it was the Chargers defense coming up huge again as Benjamin saw his third down pass tipped up in the air and Dickman came down with the interception as he took it 60 yards to the house for the pick six and extended the Chargers lead to 16-8.

"I am at a complete loss for words," coach Jason Rieck said. "I'm glad we don't have to prepare for that team anymore. They are such a well-coached team and make great adjustments."

"Our defense has come up huge all season, and they did that again tonight. They play with a bend-but-don't-break mentality that works in our favor, but does cause some stress at times. I'm so happy for all our kids tonight as we live to see another day."

Wittenberg-Birnamwood will advance to Level 3 to take on No. 3 seed Wrightstown Tigers.



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VOLLEYBALL SECTIONALS

Bonduel bows out to SMC in four-set thriller

By **DUSTIN RIESE**
Correspondent

Emotions ran high for both teams when No. 2 seed Bonduel faced off against No. 1 seed St. Mary Catholic in the first round of sectional volleyball action Oct. 26.

The Bears fell to the Zephyrs 3-1, but all four sets came down to the final moments with none of them being decided by more than five points.

After falling behind 2-0, Bonduel rallied to take the third set 25-20 and was leading 15-10 in the fourth set and on the verge of forcing a decisive fifth set. That is when the Zephyrs turned things on as they outscored the Bears 15-7 down the stretch to come from behind to close out that final set 25-22 and end the Bears season 3-1 by scores of 25-21, 25-21, 20-25 and 25-22.

"Both teams played a really great game," Bears coach Abby Krull said. "We spent the night trading blows. SMC is a great team, and I felt we matched up pretty well. They would go on a run, I'd take a timeout, then we would get a little run, and they'd have to take one."

In what seemed like a home game at times for the Bears, the atmosphere in Neenah is what every player dreams of for tournament volleyball as both sets of fans came ready to roll.

That helped the overall play of the match reach new heights as both sides traded blows early on, but it was the Zephyrs grabbing a 7-4 lead following a Lauren Fischer kill.

That was when Audrey Weier took over as the junior not only made life difficult from an offensive side but was relentless on defense as she finished the match with 18 kills, 12 digs and seven blocks.

"We showed up knowing this team was beatable, even though we lost to them twice in past tournaments," Weier said. "Our team's energy was up, and we were just pumped to be there and make it past regionals for the first time in a while. Mistakes always happen in volleyball games, and I think we did a great job shaking it off and going to the next play. Didn't end how we wanted, but I'm proud of what we accomplished this year."

Weier was the one that not only got things rolling for the Bears in the

first set, but she played a role in four straight points to help the Bears pull even 8-8 before the Juliana Jacobs block gave the Bears a 14-12 lead midway through that first set.

The remainder of the first set was a back and forth affair as both sides continued to exchange blows only to have the other match them point for point before a strong finish capped off by the Audrey Norville kill gave the Zephyrs a 1-0 set lead with the 25-21 win.

Eager to turn things around in the second set, the Bears came out on fire as Jacobs and Makayla Gray picked up several kills early on to give the Bears an early 7-3 lead. That lead would grow to 11-6 with Hailee Thompson coming away with several aces as the Bears were in complete control early.

Their lead wouldn't last long as the Zephyrs haven't played from behind a ton this season, but they know how to battle back as Norville and Eliana Brenn started to have their way with the Bears and went on an 8-1 run to put SMC back in front 14-12.

Things only continued to get worse from there with Fischer pushing the lead to 20-15 with a couple of aces before a thunderous rally of kills from Josie Anvelink and Weier pulled Bonduel within 20-19. That was as close as they would get as once again it was the play of Norville finishing things off to hand Bonduel their second set loss of the night 25-21.

Knowing set three was a do or die set for the Bears, they didn't get off to the start they were hoping for as they trailed 3-0 early and then again 5-3. After battling back to tie things up 6-6, Anvelink took over with a series of blocks and kills to put the Bears in front 10-7 with another kill by Gray making the score 12-9.

Bonduel wouldn't trail the rest of the way, but they did let the Zephyrs tie things up a few times. However, each time they found a way to battle back as the front line presence of Weier and Gray was proving to be too much in this one as Bonduel kept their season alive with a 25-20 set three win to make things 2-1.

"I felt our girls responded well after going down 2-0," Krull said. "They battled hard to earn a fourth set and continued to battle no matter what the odds looked like for us."

Already with one do or die set



St. Mary Catholic's Lauren Fischer hits the ball with Bonduel player Audrey Weier (4) trying to block. The Bears' season ended in the sectional round this year as St. Mary Catholic won 3-1 by scores of 25-21, 25-21, 20-25 and 25-22.

DUSTIN RIESE

under their belt, the Bears were trying to do the unthinkable, which was not only to force a fifth set, but to perhaps find a way to win that fifth set.

Getting off to 6-3 lead certainly helped instill confidence as Jacobs set the tone with an early block that led to a couple of tip shots from Thompson for easy points. That was followed by blocks from Anvelink and another tip by Gray as the Bears had all the momentum early, 9-5.

Despite holding a 15-10 lead in the fourth set and seemingly in control the entire time, no lead is safe against this Zephyrs squad and the Bears were about to find that out first hand.

Whether it was the play up front from Fischer and Norville, or the serves from Samantha Weiss and Olivia Noel, Bonduel found their lead slipping away as their season was now in jeopardy of coming to an end.

The Zephyrs closed out the match on a 15-7 run to take set three 25-22 and end the Bears season.

"Overall, this season was a lot different for me as a player than my two other years playing varsity," Weier said. "Starting the season, we had to

move around players and really find out who we were as a team before we actually started playing our best. We went to many tournaments that really pushed us and forced us to see our weak spots. Volleyball is always really fun when it's challenging and the rallies are really long, which happened to us a lot this year."

With the loss, Bonduel ended their season with a 32-5 overall mark including a 7-0 conference mark as they claimed the 2023 Central Wisconsin East Division championship this year.

Bonduel was led by Weier and her 18 kills, while Anvelink and Jacobs added eight kills and five kills, respectively. Thompson set things up for the offense as she came away with 39 assists and 12 digs, while Jayla Reinke added 17 digs in the defeat.

"We may have fallen a little short of the ending we wanted, but our girls fought for every point and left everything on the floor," Krull said. "I am so proud of the season we have had and am sad to see it come to an end."

"I'm so grateful for my team this year, and I hope to accomplish more next year," Weier added.

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Chargers take 4th, Hawks 6th at conference meet

Wittenberg-Birnamwood swimmers finished in fourth place, and the Shawano/Bonduel co-op took sixth at the Bay Conference Championship Meet on Oct. 24.

Door County United won the meet with 543 points. The Chargers scored 240, and the Hawks had 137.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood captured first place in the 200 medley relay in 1:57.43.

In the 200 individual medley, Witt-Birn's Kelsy Davis placed first in 2:18.38.

The Chargers' Faith Resch won the 50 freestyle in 25.4, while teammate Reese Dickman was third in 25.68.

Resch also won the 100 freestyle in 56.59.

The Witt-Birn 200 freestyle relay team placed third in 1:46.35.

Davis finished first in the 100 backstroke in 1:01.86.

Dickman was second in the 100 breaststroke in 1:10.78.

Overall conference standings have Door County United in first with 20 points, Seymour with 16, New London with 13, Wittenberg-Birnamwood with 10, Marinette/Peshtigo with 7, Shawano/Bonduel at 4 and Clintonville with 2.

Next for the swimmers, Shawano/Bonduel will compete in the Division 1 sectional meet at Wisconsin Rapids on Nov. 4. The Chargers will compete in the Division 2 sectional meet at Merrill the same day.

Shawano, Bonduel girls take 6th at state cross-country

Teams and individuals earned titles in three divisions at the 2023 Boys & Girls State Cross Country Championships at The Ridges Golf Course in Wisconsin Rapids on Oct. 28.

In the Division 1 girls race, Olivia Stedl of Pulaski placed 123rd with a time of 20:44.8.

In the Division 2 girls race, Shawano placed sixth.

Bailey Hendricks ended up in 24th place in 19:56.7. She was joined by Grace Chelberg in 51st, Lilly Guenther in 53rd, Adalyn Barkley in 86th and Macy Beyer in 96th.

Anabelle Schroeder (113th) and Arica Preston (145th) also ran for the Hawks.

Oconto Falls' Hailey Delzer placed 57th with a time of 20:33.7, and Brooke Hodkiewicz was 75th in 20:52.2.

In Division 3, Bonduel placed sixth as well.

Mariah Wondra ran to 40th place in 20:41.9. She was joined by Tea-

gan Engel in 62nd, Ashley Kurey in 66th, Joselyn Bohm in 71st and Cierra Schnell in 111th. Hailey Berg (120th) and Taylor Rank (152nd) also competed.

In Division 2 boys racing, Shawano placed 10th and was led by Will Chelberg in fourth place with a time of 16:07.9. Also scoring for the Hawks were Ethan Onesti in 11th, Josiah Kuehl in 93rd, Andon Chelberg in 97th and Connor Chelberg in 141st. Trevor Schwartz (144th) and James Lange (146th) also competed.

Oconto Falls' Ben Adams placed 38th with a time of 17:03.4.

In the Division 3 boys race, Bonduel took 13th and was led by Ben O'Brien in 19th place in a time of 16:57.3. Race Anvelink placed 87th, Oliver Chitwood was 120th, Griffin Uelmen was 122nd and Gage Anderson placed 128th. Also competing were Garrett Anderson (144th) and Ben Reisner (146th).

Gillett's Bradyn Wendorff finished in 27th place in 17:10.6.

Pulaski soccer ends in sectional semis

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Heavy rain hampered play as seven goals were scored in Pulaski's soccer sectional semifinal loss to West Bend West on Oct. 26.

The No. 4 Red Raiders lost 4-3 to the top-seeded West Bend team. West scored twice in each half, while Pulaski had one goal in the first half and two in the second.

"The weather made for a challenging evening for both squads," Pulaski coach Jeff Schneider said.

The Spartans jumped on the board early with an unassisted goal from Franklin Kunfira in the seventh minute, and the Red Raiders were forced to play catch up for most of the match.

The teams traded goals throughout the game, but the Spartans managed to respond each time Pulaski cut into the lead. Kunfira led the way for West Bend West, scoring all four goals

as the lone attacking threat for the Spartans.

Trailing 1-0, Pulaski's Aran Capella tied the match at the 29th minute, only to see Kunfira score two minutes later and give the lead back to the Spartans.

In second half play, Kunfira put West up 3-1 with a goal at the 43rd minute. Maddox McKeefry of Pulaski scored at the 47th minute to tighten the score to 3-2.

However, Kunfira scored again at the 60th minute to put West up 4-2. Pulaski's scoring ended in the 72nd minutes on a goal by Ben Uelmen.

West ended the night with nine shots on goal, while Pulaski had eight.

Pulaski's Josh Roth recorded six saves, while West's Brayden Voge notched five.

Pulaski's season ends with a record of 15-7-1 and an appearance in the sectional level of state playoffs six of the past seven seasons.



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Will Schmidt be stalwart against censorship?

For some reason, given the makeup of Shawano County and much of northeast Wisconsin, I figured that when a book issue at the library made headlines, it would be something considered “woke” or something involving gays and lesbians, as a lot of these brouhahas have been springing up around the country. If I’d placed money on that and not on Christian books with crosses, I would have lost.

Currently under debate by the Shawano County Library Board is where Christian fiction belongs. Previously labeled as faith books, they’ve moving them to the inspirational books section and removed the cross. That brought a few people out to protest the idea at the last board meeting Oct. 9, and if the meeting hadn’t been held in the middle of the day, I’d imagine there would be more people gnashing their teeth on the subject.

The issue has even caught the attention of Rep. Peter Schmidt, who took a stand against the idea in his weekly email blast letting folks know what’s going on at the capitol. Schmidt said that a constituent brought the issue to him, and he plans to take steps to keep the matter from moving forward. He is also vowing to work closely with the Wisconsin Library Association and said he has already met with its representatives on the matter.

“It is a slippery slope when we as

Lee Pulaski
City Editor



a society begin to ban or burn books,” Schmidt said in the email. “Whether it’s the Holy Bible, Hindu scriptures or ‘Fahrenheit 451,’ everyone should have uncensored access to books in our state-funded libraries.”

It’s refreshing when a public official comes out in favor of enlightenment, especially when it’s a Republican. Unfortunately, when it comes to censorship, there are many cases where conservatives are the ones banning, censoring or torching books. In Mississippi, a mayor threatened to withhold \$110,000 from his town’s library until staff removed “homosexual material” because it offended his Christian beliefs. In Virginia, two school board members suggested taking the banned books and holding a public burning “so we can identify within our community that we are eradicating this bad stuff.”

Back to the local issue, it makes no sense to label Christian fiction inspirational when you still have books of other faiths like Judaism, Hinduism

and the like that still are under the faith category. Not all inspirational stories from Christian roots, and not all Christian fiction can be deemed inspiring.

The Shawano County Library is claiming that it’s adhering to American Library Association guidelines, which opposes the use of a cross on Christian fiction. However, the ALA’s Association for Library Services to Children decided about five years ago to pull Laura Ingalls Wilder’s name off an award for outstanding children’s literature authors because her books, written about life in the late 19th century, don’t fit in the political correctness of today. Therefore, I wouldn’t place much faith in the organization’s guidelines.

If it’s the cross that’s the issue, it does seem unfair that only Christian faith books are identified separately. However, instead of covering up the crosses, why don’t we have symbols on other books of faith. A Star of David icon on Jewish-themed books might look nice. The ALA’s website objects to a cross when other religious fiction does not have such a designation, so maybe instead of eliminating the crosses and moving the books into inspiration limbo, we should figure out how menorahs and nativity scenes can coexist on our library shelves.

The fact that this is coming up now, when the main branch in Sha-

wano is practically falling in on itself, seems particularly ridiculous. Removing the crosses just in time to lock the doors when the health hazards get to be too much shows faulty priorities.

When you ban a book, you’re curtailing people’s freedoms. When you burn a book, you’re curtailing those freedoms and adding barbecue sauce. When you resort to censorship through hiding books under a different category, you’re curtailing freedoms while wearing a fake cloak of inclusivity, and that’s not what libraries should stand for.

I’m glad the matter is catching attention at the state level and that Schmidt is willing to fight against censorship. Of course, it’s easy to get upset and fight back when you’re a member of the discriminated party — in this case, Christians.

I hope Schmidt’s fervor is just as solid when — and I say “when” because it will happen eventually — people push to ban LGBT materials, books about race, classic novels with themes that cause certain snowflakes to melt and other pieces of literature in our local libraries. It’s easy to have righteous fury when the issue impacts you, but true character comes when you channel that fury for a cause that has nothing to do with you.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Politicians trying to erase rule of law in Wisconsin

To the editor:

As a retired lawyer, who practiced for 42 years, I find it frustrating that politicians promote agendas which erase of the rule of law governing our democracy.

Assembly Speaker Robin Vos continues to suggest that Justice Janet Protasiewicz may be subjected to impeachment proceedings for stating her views on redistricting and abortion during her successful campaign for Wisconsin Supreme Court, which she won by 11 points. This is despite the fact that months ago the Wiscon-

sin Judicial Commission absolved the justice of complaints filed on these very subjects. In fact, Justice Protasiewicz made the complaint decisions public.

In addition, former Justice David Prosser, who supported Daniel Kelly in the election and whose opinion was solicited by Vos, opined that there are no grounds for impeachment of Protasiewicz based on what she has said.

The stake in the heart of the GOP impeachment canard is the United States Supreme Court case, *Minnesota Republican Party v. White* and the Minnesota Board of Judicial Standards, None other than Justice Antonin Scalia, the late dean of the conservative wing of the court, wrote

the majority opinion which is exactly on point.

The decision states that the Minnesota judicial code prohibiting candidates from announcing their views on disputed legal or political issues is a violation of the First Amendment as an interference with a candidate’s free speech. Therefore, the views expressed by Justice Protasiewicz are protected speech. Attempting to interfere with her election by impeachment is an unconstitutional transgression.

It is reasonable to believe that the state GOP knows this. Let us consider what could happen if the U.S. Supreme Court validated rule of law is ignored. The Assembly impeaches

and the Senate fails to take up the trial leaving the justice in limbo. Arguably, Wisconsin is the most gerrymandered state. The next election cycle goes forward without addressing maps, which could put a minority in the super majority in the legislature allowing the GOP a veto-proof majority. This ignores the Fair Maps resolutions passed by 57 of 72 counties and effectively sidelines the governor.

Say goodbye to democracy in Wisconsin. Justice Protasiewicz is exonerated, but her right to protected speech was violated. Every person, man or woman, who voted for her has had their vote discounted and, therefore, their democratic rights lost.

Stephen Menard, Shawano

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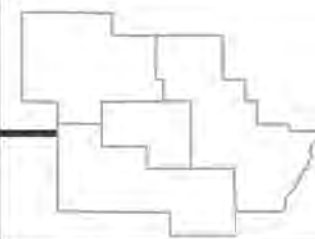
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Menominee tribal authorities announced that human remains were discovered in the Menominee forest by a hunter Oct. 30.

A joint investigation is currently being conducted by the Menominee Tribal Police Department, Federal Bureau of Investigations, Menominee Tribal Enterprises, Menominee Tribal Conservation, Menominee Town Fire Department, Menominee Emergency

Management and the Menominee County Medical Examiner's Office.

The identity of the person and the cause of death are unknown at this time. Authorities report the investigation is ongoing, and more information will be released as it becomes available.

The authorities have claimed that the reservation community is not at risk.

ThedaCare mammography tech helps women prepare for screenings

While 2D (two-dimensional) mammograms were the standard breast cancer exam for years, 3D mammograms now provide a more effective screening for most patients.

"3D mammography is the better screening choice for all women," said Miranda Parson, a mammography technologist at ThedaCare Regional Medical Center-Neenah. "It can offer an increased cancer detection rate. In particular, women with dense breast tissue will likely benefit from 3D exams because tumors are more difficult to detect in dense tissue. A 3D mammogram combines multiple X-rays of the breast to create the 3D image, providing a clearer image of the breast tissue."

In March 2023, a Food and Drug Administration rule change requires health care facilities to notify patients if they have dense breast tissue, which

slightly increases a woman's chance of developing breast cancer. It's estimated half of all women have dense breast tissue.

In Wisconsin, a bill currently moving through the state Senate (Senate Bill 121) would require insurance companies to cover enhanced testing, such as 3D mammograms, for those with dense breasts.

Most insurance companies, including Medicare and Medicaid, cover 3D mammogram for the initial exam. If you are unsure whether your insurance provider does, contact them before your appointment to confirm your coverage. Most mammography centers, including all ThedaCare locations, are now using 3D mammography.

Parson advised that before a mammogram, patients should provide a full medical breast history prior to the screening.

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BOOKS AND STUFF

Dark day at lighthouse in Collins' mystery novel

I wanted a short book this week, so I chose "Lights Out at the Lighthouse" by Danielle Collins. It is book three in her Hearts Grove Mystery series.

The people of Hearts Grove are hoping that this year's Valentine's dance will be a big success. Longtime Hearts Grove resident Henrietta Hewett runs H.H. Antiques but still finds time to be active in community events.

She also has a side job working with private investigator Ralph Gershwin and his son, Scott. I'm sure previous books included their history, but it is obvious that they're longtime friends.

This story opens with Henrietta and her assistant, Olivia, working on the décor for the upcoming "A Very Victorian Valentine's" dance. Using her shop inventory and her many contacts, she and Olivia transform the hall into a beautiful Victorian venue.

Henrietta is concerned that Olivia is missing out on the special times because her boyfriend, Nelson, prefers tech gaming over spending time with Olivia. Without being obvious, Henrietta tries to encourage Olivia to find



new friends and get out more. Sadly, the young woman is reluctant.

Their work is interrupted when Ralph arrives to take Henrietta to lunch. The pair commiserates over this being the slow season for both businesses. Little do they know that they will soon be very busy.

Gerald Folsom is found dead, and they get a request from his daughter, Amilia, to investigate the death. The police have ruled it a suicide, but Amilia is certain that he would never consider such a thing. Now she needs Ralph and Henrietta to prove it was murder, and, if possible, find the killer.

As soon as they see the scene, they're convinced that Gerald Folsom was murdered and his body posed.

Hearts Grove has a new police detective who insists it was suicide and smugly tells Ralph and Henrietta so. Undeterred, Ralph and Henrietta dig into Gerald's past for clues to who might want him dead.

Amelia shares that following her mother's death he became devoted to getting the old lighthouse onto the historic places register. A search uncovers a bundle of letters to Gerald from someone named Dee. Henrietta reads them, finding that Dee was a friend of Gerald's, married to a very controlling man.

With Scott's tech savvy, Ralph learns that Gerald, not the city, owns the old lighthouse. He bought it before shoreline property prices went sky high. If the lighthouse got onto the historic register, the land could never be developed.

Henrietta gets a note asking her to meet someone at the lighthouse. When she does, she sees a note tucked into the door jamb and a woman running down an almost hidden path.

The next day, the body of a woman named Delores is found at the light-

AT A GLANCE

BOOK: Lights Out at the Lighthouse (Hearts Groves Cozy Mysteries, Book 3)

AUTHOR: Danielle Collins

PUBLISHER: Danielle Collins

YEAR PUBLISHED: 2022

NUMBER OF PAGES: 152

house. Later, the lighthouse is destroyed by fire.

Using information in the note and some intuition, Ralph and Henrietta confront the woman's husband. He tearfully confesses to killing Gerald Folsom because he wanted to buy the lighthouse and sell it to a developer. He also admits to being ultra-controlling of Dee and accidentally killing her in a jealous rage.

With the case wrapped up, the citizens of Hearts Grove celebrate at the Valentine's dance. To Henrietta's great pleasure, Olivia appears on the arm of Scott Gershwin, and he's not the only one interested. Looks like she's ready to give life without Nelson a try. Both Ralph and Henrietta are happy for the young people but content in their own single status at the same time.



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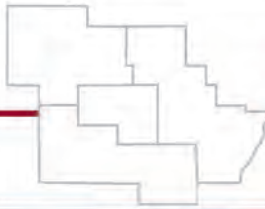
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COURT NEWS

• Blu R. Anderson, 30, Mosinee, pleaded no contest Jan. 18 to repeated sexual assault of a child, child enticement for sexual contact, using a computer to facilitate a child sex crime, possession of child pornography and child sexual exploitation. On Oct. 24, Shawano-Menominee County Judge Katherine Sloma sentenced Anderson to six years in prison, followed by eight years of extended supervision.

• Keilon A. Snipes Reed, 18, an inmate at Green Bay Correctional Institution, pleaded no contest Oct. 25 to fleeing an officer in a vehicle, second-degree recklessly endangering safety and misdemeanor possession of THC. Sloma sentenced Reed to 18 months in prison followed by three years of extended supervision.

• Joshua J. Pyawasit, 39, Shawano, pleaded no contest Oct. 25 to two counts of battery and one count of disorderly conduct, all misdemeanors, amended from felony counts in a plea agreement. Another case alleging felony child abuse was dismissed but read into the record. Sloma placed him on probation for one year with 60 days in jail imposed and stayed for his agent's use.

• Elias Dominguez Morales, 31, Green Bay, pleaded no contest Oct. 25 to misdemeanor possession of cocaine, amended from a felony charge in a plea agreement. Judge William Kussel Jr. levied fines and court costs of \$1,555.50.

• Roshod L. Ware, 36, Houston, Texas, pleaded no contest Oct. 26 to two counts of possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor counts of possession of THC, possession of amphetamine and carrying a concealed weapon. Sloma sentenced him to one year in jail and levied fines and court costs of \$5,738.75.

• Patricia A. Nunway, 29, Keshena, pleaded no contest Oct. 25 to possession of methamphetamine, two counts of misdemeanor bail jumping, and a misdemeanor count of operating a motor vehicle while her license was revoked. Sloma withheld sentence and placed Nunway on three years of probation with conditions, including 120 days in the county jail.

• Kane A. Peters, 17, Shawano was charged Oct. 23 with two counts of felony bail jumping and misdemeanor charges of battery and disorderly conduct. Kussel set a \$1,000 cash bond, and a status conference was scheduled for Nov. 15.

• Ashley L. Wilber, 39, Shawano, was charged Oct. 23 with felony bail jumping. Kussel set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Nov. 6.

• Deonte J. Matchopatow, 18, Shawano, was charged Oct. 23 with felony bail jumping. Kussel set a \$500 cash bond, and a status conference was scheduled for Nov. 15.

• Anna V. Tikhonov, 24, Pulaski, was charged Oct. 23 with second-degree recklessly endangering safety. Kussel set

a \$7,500 signature bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Feb. 2.

• Jason G. Ratliff, 38, Tigerton, was charged Oct. 23 with second-degree recklessly endangering safety, two misdemeanor charges of criminal damage to property and misdemeanor disorderly conduct. Kussel set a \$2,500 signature bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Nov. 6.

• Mara L. Clasen, 36, Shawano, was charged Oct. 23 with five counts of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of operating a motor vehicle while her license was revoked. Kussel set a \$1,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Dec. 11.

• Daniel M. Blackowl, 34, Keshena, was charged Oct. 24 with two counts of felony bail jumping and misdemeanor counts of disorderly conduct and criminal damage to property. Kussel set a \$1,000 cash bond, and a preliminary hearing was scheduled for Nov. 10.

• Glenn J. Boivin, 45, Neopit, was charged Oct. 24 with the repeated sexual assault of the same child, first-degree child sex assault and two counts of exposing a child to harmful material. Kussel set a \$50,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Oct. 31.

• Nicholas T. Stevens, 30, Green Bay, was charged Oct. 25 with fleeing an officer in a vehicle, first-degree recklessly endangering safety, possession of

methamphetamine, and misdemeanor counts of operating while revoked and possession of drug paraphernalia. Kussel set a \$10,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Oct. 31.

• Isaiah G. Arseneau, 19, Bowler, was charged Oct. 25 with two counts of exposing a child to harmful material. Kussel set a \$5,000 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for Jan. 16.

• Horst P. Ellwart III, 34, Bowler, was charged Oct. 26 with child abuse intentionally causing harm, resisting arrest, battery or threat to a law officer, 14 counts of misdemeanor bail jumping, three counts of misdemeanor child neglect and a misdemeanor charge of disorderly conduct. Kussel set a \$7,500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Oct. 31.

• Devonte M. Browning, 29, Wausau, was charged Oct. 26 with battery or threat to a law officer and three counts of misdemeanor bail jumping. Kussel set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for Dec. 20.

• Melissa S. Beechner, 41, Shawano, was charged Oct. 27 with 13 counts of felony bail jumping, possession of methamphetamine, possession of narcotic drugs, and misdemeanor counts of possession of THC and possession of drug paraphernalia. Kussel set a \$4,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Nov. 6.

PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT Oct. 30

Deputies responded to 38 incidents, including trespassing on Evergreen Road in the Town of Pella; three 911 calls; two reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazard; seven crashes, five involving deer.

Oct. 29

Deputies responded to 26 incidents, including harassment on Channel Drive in the Town of Washington; attempted theft on County Road G in the Town of Red Springs; juvenile problem on Cloverleaf Lake Road; criminal damage on Herms Lane in the Town of Washington; two 911 calls; two reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazard; three deer-related crashes.

Oct. 28

Deputies responded to 38 incidents, including juvenile alcohol on County Road Y in the Town of Belle Plaine; juvenile alcohol on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; trespassing on Witt-Morr Townline Road in the Town of Morris; property damage on Cherry Road in the Town of Herman; warrant on state Highway 29 in Bonduel; drugs on state Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; four 911 calls; two traffic hazards; three crashes, two involving deer.

Oct. 27

Deputies responded to 44 incidents,

including a warrant at the Menominee Tribal Jail in Keshena; found property on Hemlock Road in the Town of Wittenberg; vehicle fire on state Highway 29 in the Town of Wittenberg; harassment on Mork Avenue in the Town of Wescott; harassment on Lindsten Road in the Town of Navarino; trespassing on Cherry Road in the Town of Herman; trespassing on County Road CC in the Town of Waukechon; operating without a license on U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Birnamwood; bad check on Channel Road in the Town of Washington; three 911 calls; one reckless driving incident; one crash.

Oct. 26

Deputies responded to 46 incidents, including a bad check on South Warrington Avenue in Cecil; found property on Main Street in Birnamwood; fraud on East Reed Street in Wittenberg; assisting with a fire on County Road R in the Town of Washington; property on East State Street; five 911 calls; four failures to report to jail; two traffic hazards; two crashes.

Oct. 25

Deputies responded to 37 incidents, including criminal damage on Old D Road in the Town of Almon; a warrant on U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Birnamwood; noise on Knoke Street in Gresham; repossession on South Webb Street in Wittenberg; three 911 calls; two reckless driving incidents; one

traffic hazard; three crashes, one involving ducks.

Oct. 24

Deputies responded to 31 incidents, including a warrant on East Ridlington Avenue in Shawano; property theft on South Warrington Avenue in Cecil; assisting with a fire on Main Street in Birnamwood; one 911 call; one reckless driving incident; four crashes.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Oct. 30

Officers responded to 29 incidents, including three juvenile problem calls at Olga Brener Intermediate School, 1300 S. Union St.; two juvenile problem calls at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; reckless driving at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; harassment on East Maurer Street; found property on South Main Street; vehicle crash on East Green Bay Street.

Oct. 29

Officers responded to 16 incidents, including a sexual assault at an undisclosed location.

Oct. 28

Officers responded to 23 incidents, including a traffic hazard on East Green Bay Street; juvenile problem on South Sawyer Street; fight in progress on Lakeland Road;

reckless driving on state Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; shoplifting at Charlie's County Market, 521 S. Main St.

Oct. 27

Officers responded to 27 incidents, including a vehicle crash on South Airport Drive; drug offenses at Quality Inn and Suites, 104 N. Airport Drive; vehicle crash on South Union Street; drug offenses at an undisclosed location; reckless driving at Longhorn Saloon, 1181 S. Main St.; reckless driving on state Highway 22 in the Town of Belle Plaine.

Oct. 26

Officers responded to 17 incidents, including a hit-and-run on South Lincoln Street, a vehicle crash at Car Wash, 1348 E. Green Bay St.; juvenile problem at Shawano Community Middle School, 1050 S. Union St.; juvenile problem on South River Street; harassment on Pearl Avenue.

Oct. 25

Officers responded to 27 incidents, including noise on Prospect Circle; property theft on West First Street; juvenile problem at Olga Brener Intermediate School, 1300 S. Union St.; juvenile problem at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; two truancy reports at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; drug offenses at ThedaCare Medical Center, 100 County Road B; harassment on South River Street.

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Federal Sources	700	789,938
Other Sources	900	25,000
TOTAL REVENUES		15,459,163
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES		
Undifferentiated Curriculum	110000	3,325,823
Regular Curriculum	120000	2,331,143
Vocational Curriculum	130000	487,800
Physical Curriculum	140000	8,542
Co-Curricular Activities	160000	247,241
Pupil Services	210000	315,312
Instructional Staff Services	220000	765,633
General Administration	230000	328,923
School Building Administration	240000	912,384
Business Administration	250000	2,768,964
Central Services	260000	105,389
Insurance & Judgments	270000	170,700
Debt Services	280000	14,612
Other Support Services	290000	410,143
Inter-fund Transfers	410000	1,893,673
Instructional Service Payments	430000	1,372,881
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES		15,459,163

SPECIAL PROJECT FUNDS (FUND 21, 23, 27)		
	ACCOUNT CODE	2023-24 BUDGET
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		
Inter-fund Transfers	100	1,386,458
Local Sources	200	200,000
Intermediate Sources	500	13,000
State Sources	600	617,000
Federal Sources	700	420,582
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		2,637,040
EXPENDITURES		
Special Education Curriculum	150000	1,807,342
Co-Curricular Activities	160000	200,000
Pupil Services	210000	317,807
Instructional Staff Services	220000	209,598
Business Administration	250000	19,593
Central Services	260000	6,296
Other Support Services	290000	8,200
Instructional Service Payments	430000	69,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		2,637,836

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District Administrative Assistant
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DEBT SERVICE FUND (FUND 39)		
	ACCOUNT CODE	2023-24 BUDGET
REVENUES		
Local Sources	200	2,113,506
TOTAL REVENUES		2,113,506
EXPENDITURES		
Debt Services	280000	2,151,569
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		2,151,569

LONG-TERM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TRUST FUND (FUND 46)		
	ACCOUNT CODE	2023-24 BUDGET
REVENUES		
Inter-fund Transfers	100	507,215
Local Sources	200	100,000
TOTAL REVENUES		607,215
EXPENDITURES		
Business Administration	250000	530,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		530,000

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND (FUND 49)		
	ACCOUNT CODE	2023-24 BUDGET
EXPENDITURES		
Business Administration	250000	195,196
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		195,196

FOOD SERVICE FUND (FUND 50)		
	ACCOUNT CODE	2023-24 BUDGET
REVENUES		
Local Sources	200	229,500
State Sources	600	9,000
Federal Sources	700	420,000
Other Sources	900	500
TOTAL REVENUES		659,000
EXPENDITURES		
Business Administration (Food Services)	250000	721,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		721,000

COMMUNITY SERVICE FUNDS (FUND 80, 81)		
	ACCOUNT CODE	2023-24 BUDGET
REVENUES		
Local Sources	200	369,000
TOTAL REVENUES		369,000
EXPENDITURES		
Business Administration	250000	151,691
Central Services	260000	600
Other Community Services	390000	196,709

CoVantage Cares Foundation reaches milestone

CoVantage Cares Foundation announces total giving has now surpassed \$3 million since the foundation's inception in 2015, supporting more than 350 nonprofits that help individuals in need and improve the quality of life in the communities served by CoVantage Credit Union.

"With the foundation on the heels of its eighth birthday, this accomplishment is something we are so proud to have reached," said Charlie Zanayed, CoVantage Cares Foundation president. "These funds have been distributed to organizations that make tremendous impacts for those who lack proper housing and battle food insecurities daily. Funding has also provided various financial education opportunities, supported many community enhancement projects and so much more. Our work is not done, and we look forward to the many more grants we will be able to support in the years to come."

Foundation director Morgan Teal said whether the economy is thriving or facing challenging times, there is always a need to serve the underserved.

"It is an honor of mine and the Cares Foundation board to bring resources together each quarter and annually during our Giving Tuesday campaign to support nonprofits who are committed to making an impact," Teal said. "There is power in creating hope and showing kindness to others."

CoVantage Credit Union employees celebrated this accomplishment with CoVantage Cares Foundation by wearing their Cares Foundation shirts in branches throughout Wisconsin, Michigan and Illinois.

Individuals and businesses can consider supporting CoVantage Cares Foundation this Giving Tuesday when they kick off their two-week giving campaign to support

13 nonprofit organizations. Funds generated will be matched with up to \$175,000 in contributions from CoVantage Cares Foundation.

To learn about the campaign as it gets closer, visit covantagecu.org/givingtuesday.

Headquartered in Antigo, the credit union has \$3.2 billion in assets and serves more than 150,000 members. Founded in 1953, the financial cooperative serves members in all 50 states with locations in Wisconsin, Michigan and Illinois.

Primary care plays central role in maintaining and improving health

National Primary Care Week, typically held in the third week of October, serves as a reminder of the central role that primary care plays in maintaining and improving our health.

Primary care, sometimes referred to as family medicine, is comprised of caregivers who see patients for wellness exams and preventive health, while also addressing acute and chronic illness. They see patients of all ages and include pediatrics and internal medicine.

Dr. Noel Deep, primary care provider and chief medical officer at Aspirus Langlade Hospital, reviewed an article for MDEdge Internal Medicine, published by the Journal of the American Medical Association that shed light on the role primary care plays in postoperative health outcomes.

The researchers concluded that primary care may act as a protective factor against postoperative morbidity and mortality. This protective effect could be attributed to various factors, including the early identification and management of comorbidities, preoperative medical optimization, timely diagnosis of surgical conditions and the promotion of healthier lifestyle choices.

Deep applauded the study's find-

ings. He emphasized the significance of having data that supports the importance of regular primary care visits, particularly for older adults.

"As primary care practitioners, we serve as the bedrock of health care," he said. "Our focus is on building relationships with our patients, understanding their unique needs and providing holistic care. This connection is essential for delivering personalized and effective health care."

Deep has been advising his patients, especially older adults, about the benefits of maintaining routine follow-up visits with their primary care physicians for health screenings and the management of chronic conditions.

"A strong patient-provider relationship goes beyond medical records," Deep said. "It's about understanding a patient's life, preferences and concerns. This knowledge enables us to offer tailored solutions and support their overall well-being."

When selecting a primary care provider, many individuals prioritize the comfort and rapport they feel with their health care professional. Patients who have a trusted primary care provider are more likely to receive preventive care and early interventions, leading to improved health outcomes.

BOWLER SCHOOL DISTRICT 2023-2024 BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	Audited 2021-22	Unaudited 2022-23	Budget 2023-24
Beginning Fund Balance	2,829,092.60	3,367,473.06	3,646,813.75
Ending Fund Balance	3,367,473.06	3,646,813.75	2,972,131.75
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Transfers-In (Source 100)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Local Sources (Source 200)	1,366,309.51	1,400,727.12	1,210,220.00
Inter-district Payments (Source 300 + 400)	339,916.18	292,908.00	267,065.00
Intermediate Sources (Source 500)	15,648.00	38,615.66	24,178.00
State Sources (Source 600)	3,968,226.29	3,952,681.19	4,214,351.00
Federal Sources (Source 700)	1,532,547.99	1,638,001.06	1,466,158.00
All Other Sources (Source 800 + 900)	151,267.89	21,548.82	17,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	7,373,915.86	7,344,481.65	7,198,972.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES			
Instruction (Function 100 000)	2,524,805.99	2,776,989.69	2,969,085.00
Support Services (Function 200 000)	2,920,518.40	2,775,016.65	3,211,908.00
Non-Program Transactions (Function 400 000)	1,490,211.01	1,513,134.62	1,692,681.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	6,935,535.40	7,065,140.96	7,873,654.00

SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND	Audited 2021-22	Unaudited 2022-23	Budget 2023-24
Beginning Fund Balance	57,925.98	144,958.03	79,692.62
Ending Fund Balance	144,958.03	79,692.62	62,785.62
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	1,242,147.85	1,193,365.54	1,283,409.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	1,155,115.80	1,258,630.95	1,300,316.00

DEBT SERVICE FUND	Audited 2021-22	Unaudited 2022-23	Budget 2023-24
Beginning Fund Balance	50,759.10	147,479.64	52,746.73
Ending Fund Balance	147,479.64	52,745.73	51,170.73
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	190,559.06	349,021.27	351,200.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	93,838.52	443,755.18	352,775.00

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	Audited 2021-22	Unaudited 2022-23	Budget 2023-24
Beginning Fund Balance	735,395.38	3,740,416.13	1,481,706.62
Ending Fund Balance	3,740,416.13	1,481,706.62	772,890.62
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	3,005,020.75	67,449.74	45,000.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	0.00	2,326,159.25	753,816.00

FOOD SERVICE FUND	Audited 2021-22	Unaudited 2022-23	Budget 2023-24
Beginning Fund Balance	89,827.30	89,480.72	8,274.57
Ending Fund Balance	89,480.72	8,274.57	9,847.57
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	267,927.01	222,671.59	274,284.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	268,293.59	303,857.74	272,711.00

COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND	Audited 2021-22	Unaudited 2022-23	Budget 2023-24
Beginning Fund Balance	148,481.89	96,057.61	(30,916.99)
Ending Fund Balance	96,057.61	(30,916.99)	(375.89)
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	61,000.00	21,548.30	312,054.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	113,424.28	154,524.90	275,511.00

Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses

ALL FUNDS	Audited 2021-22	Unaudited 2022-23	Budget 2023-24
GROSS TOTAL EXPENDITURES -- ALL FUNDS	8,566,207.59	11,552,068.98	10,828,783.00
Interfund Transfers (Source 100) - ALL FUNDS	550,271.01	593,559.00	894,321.00
Refinancing Expenditures (FUND 30)	0.00	0.00	0.00
NET TOTAL EXPENDITURES -- ALL FUNDS	8,015,936.58	10,958,509.98	10,134,462.00
PERCENTAGE INCREASE -- NET TOTAL FUND EXPENDITURES FROM PRIOR YEAR		36.71%	-7.52%

PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY

FUND	Audited 2021-22	Unaudited 2022-23	Budget 2023-24
General Fund	1,350,389.00	1,225,997.00	1,072,953.00
Referendum Debt Service Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
Non-Referendum Debt Service Fund	0.00	344,569.00	347,200.00
Capital Expansion Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
Community Service Fund	60,000.00	0.00	235,000.00
TOTAL SCHOOL LEVY	1,410,389.00	1,570,566.00	1,655,153.00
PERCENTAGE INCREASE --		11.36%	5.39%
TOTAL LEVY FROM PRIOR YEAR			
MILL RATE	7.69	8.04	7.74

Christine Backes
District Secretary
Bowler School District

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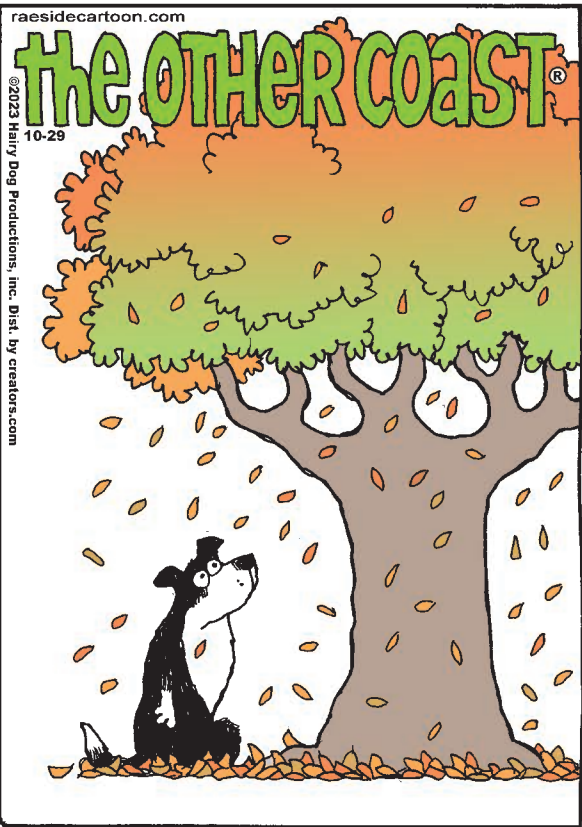
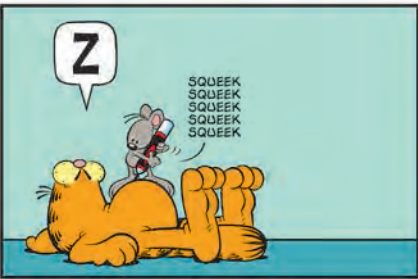
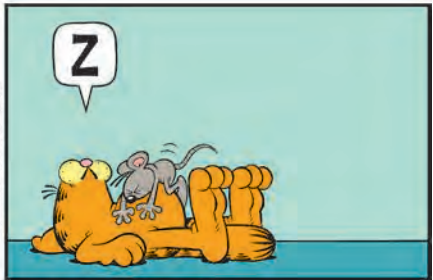
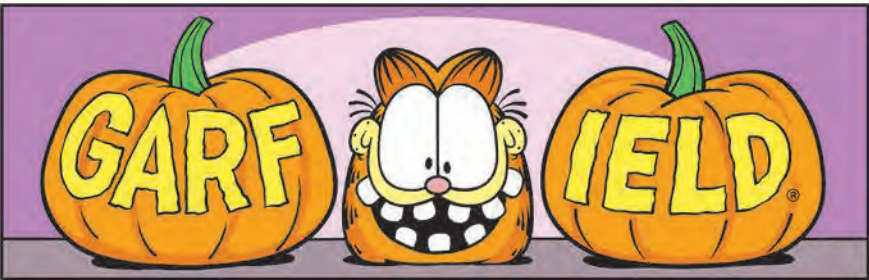
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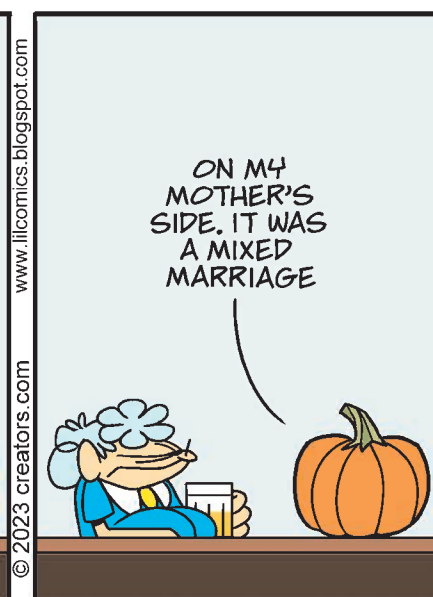
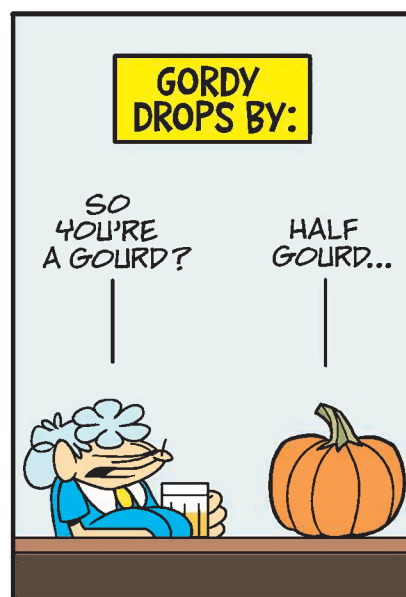
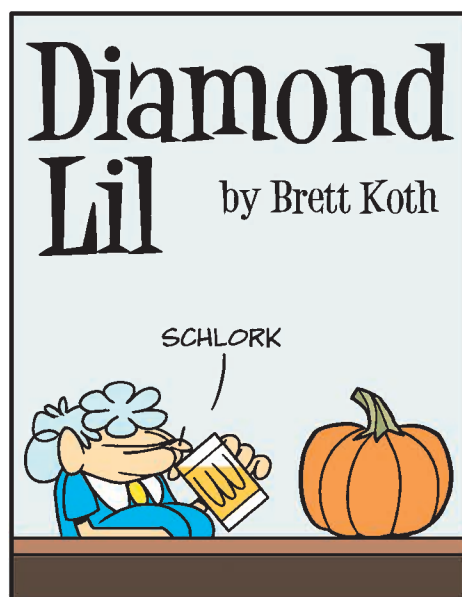
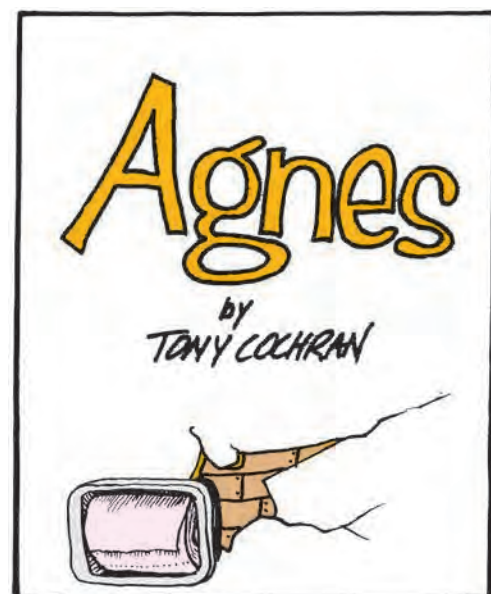


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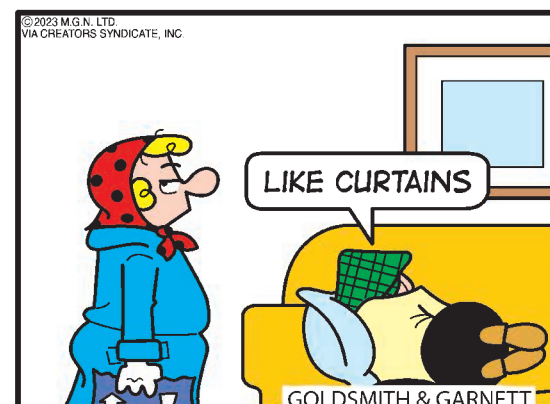
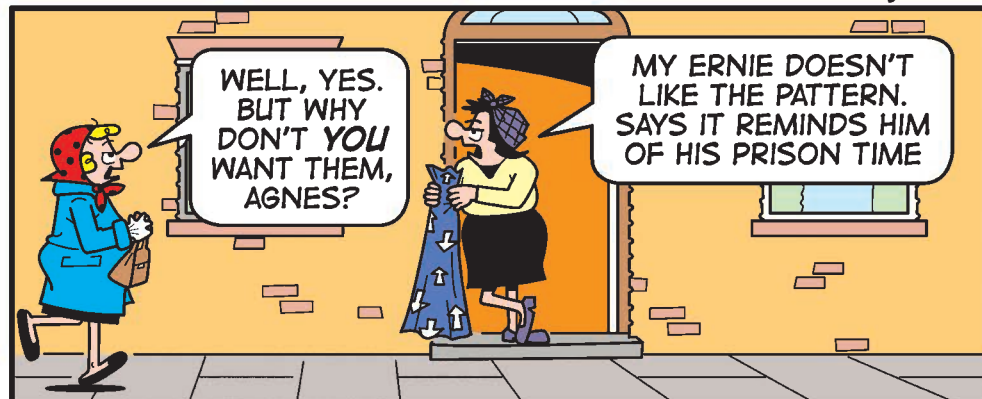
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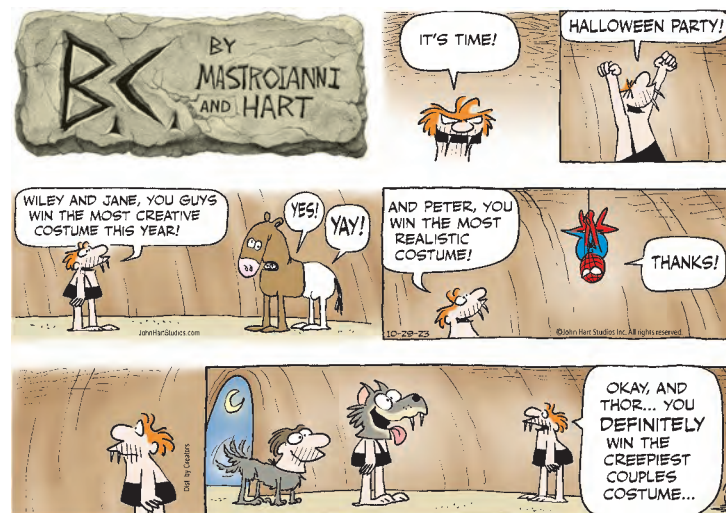




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**SATURDAY**

MORNING / AFTERNOON

NOVEMBER 4

	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30																				
ABC WAOV WBAY	Good Morning America (N)		1 Good Morning America (N) 2 Action 2 News: This Morning (N)		1 Wildlife 2 Good Morn.		1 oh baby! 2 Wildlife		1 Hearts of 2 Wildlife		1 Vets-Pets 2 oh baby!		College Football Teams TBA All the action from NCAA college football. (N) (Live)			College Football Studio (N) (Live)		College Football Teams TBA All the action from NCAA college football. (N) (Live)			College Football Studio (N) (Live)																					
CBS WFRV WSAW	1 Mission 7 (6:00) CBS Sat		1 Hope in the Wild (N)		1 CBS Sat (N) 7 Lucky Dog (N)		7 Innovation (N) 7 Lucky Dog (N)		7 Mission Unstoppable (N)		7 Hope in the Wild (N)		Tails of Valor		Recipe Rehab		College Football Ohio State at Rutgers From SHI Stadium in Piscataway, N.J. (N) (Live)			College Football Missouri at Georgia From Sanford Stadium in Athens, Ga. (N) (Live)																						
FOX WZAW WLUK	15 Planet 11 (6:00) News (N)		15 Xploration Outer Space		15 Super Animals		15 Nature Knows Best		Big Noon Kickoff (N) (Live)				College Football Teams TBA All the action from NCAA college football. (N) (Live)			College Football Penn State at Maryland From Capital One Field at Maryland Stadium in College Park, Md. (N) (Live)																										
NBC WGWA WJFW	26 Today 12 Voyager		12 906 Outdoors		26 Rescue- 12 Magellan		26 Transform 12 Eart..		Wild Kingdom		Earth Odyssey (N)		Harlem Globetrotters (N)		One Team Sports (N)		Figure Skating ISU Grand Prix: Grand Prix de France From Angers, France. Premier Soccer Newcastle United vs. Arsenal Newcastle United is up against Arsenal at St James' Park in matchround 11 of the Premier League. (N) (Live)			2023 Breeders' Cup Classic (N) (Live)																						
PBS WHRM WLEF WPNE	Wild Kratts		Curious George		Work It "Special Delivery; Campout Confusi..		Tiger "Someone Else's Feelings; Empath..		Best of Sewing With Nancy		Love of Quilting "Turnstyle"		Garden Smart "Start Small"		The American Woodshop		Jacques Pépin "All in the Family"		Dooky "Christmas Traditions"		Taste "Union Kitchen; Washington DC"		Cook's Country "Hawaiian Melting Pot"		Test Kitchen "Two Simple Pastas"		Milk Street "Chicken Three Ways"		Sara's "Vegetariano Italiano"		Pati's Mexican Table "Recados"		This Old House		Ask This Old House		Rick Steves' Europe		My Farm "Duck Duck Goose"		The Lawrence Welk Show "Island Show (Jim Hobson)"	
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SATURDAY				EVENING				NOVEMBER 4					
		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		College Football Studio (N) (Live)	College Football Washington at USC From Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum in Los Angeles. (N) (Live)							9 News 9 (N) 2 Action 2 News at 10 (N)	9 (:35) Weird Earth 2 (:35) InvestigateTV (N)	2 (:05) The Song "Julio Iglesias Jr." Guests Julio Iglesias Jr.	9 (:35) Storm of 2 (:35) Opry "Keith Whitley Tribute Show" (N)
CBS 5 WFRV 7 WSAW		College Football Postgame (N) (Live)	College Football LSU at Alabama From Bryant-Denny Stadium in Tuscaloosa, Ala. (N) (Live)							5 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N) 7 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)	5 (:35) HS Sports Xtra 7 (:35) Beat the Odds	5 (:05) Boondock 7 (:05) The Song "Julio Iglesias Jr." Julio Iglesias Jr.	5 (:35) Wisconsin 7 (:35) Opry (N)
FOX 55 WZAW 11 WLUK		55 To Be Announced 11 Jeopardy!	11 Wheel of Fortune "Fabulous Food"	55 To Be Announced 11 To Be Announced					55 Beat Shazam "Schoolhouse Rock!"	11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N)	55 S.W.A.T. "Diablo" 11 Beat Shazam "Schoolhouse Rock!"		
NBC 26 WGBA 12 WJFW		Big Ten Countdown (N) (Live)	College Football Purdue at Michigan From Michigan Stadium in Ann Arbor, Mich. (N) (Live)							26 NBC26 News at 10pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 (N)	Saturday Night Live		
PBS 20 WHRM 36 WLEF 38 WPNE		Celebrity Trip "Christopher Timothy and Patrick Robinson" Christopher Timothy and Patrick Robinson make their way around Gloucestershire and Herefordshire.		Father Brown "The Hidden Man" Inspector Sullivan informs Father Brown that Hercule Flambeau is on the run and wanted for murder.		Death in Paradise The team investigates the murder of a real estate agent during a beach sale.		Murder, They Hope "The Bunny Trap" Gemma and Terry own a valuable collector's item; the murderous Bunnyman is determined to acquire it.		Doc Martin "From the Mouths of Babies" 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.	
62 WACY 46 WTPX		Family Feud	Two Half Men	Someone They Knew		S.W.A.T. "Wild Ones"		S.W.A.T. "Diablo"		The Simpsons	Housewife	Housewife	Mom
		Law & Order: SVU "Institutional Fail"		Law-SVU "Community Policing"		Law-SVU "Maternal Instincts"		Law-SVU "Patrimonial Burden"		Law-SVU "Melancholy Pursuit"		Law-SVU "Depravity Standard"	
CW 14 WCWF 34 WYOW		14 Big Bang 34 Good Dr	14 The Big Bang Theory "The Plimpton Stimulation"	★★ Cowboys & Aliens "11" Harrison Ford, Olivia Wilde, Daniel Craig. An amnesiac gunslinger is a frontier town's only hope against extraterrestrial invaders.				14 News (N) (Live) 34 Liquidator "Worth His Salt"	14 Moviefone TV 34 TMZ (N)	14 The National Desk (N) (Live)	34 ★★★½ Up in the Air '09) Vera Farmiga, George Clooney.	14 AWLO Tonite	14 TMZ (N)

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CBS		1 News- maker 7 WFRV 1 WSAW		1 Sunday Mass 2 Sunr..		CBS News Sunday Morning News, features, weather and com- mentary. (N)		Face the Nation (N)		1 Green- Gold 2 Retir..		The NFL Today (N) (Live)		1 Wis- consin 2 Paid		Paid Program- ing		1 Paid 7 Big Deal (N)		1 Paid Program 2 Beat the Odds		SailGP Racing Spain Sail Grand Prix, Anda- lucía - Cádiz (N)				NFL Football Indianapolis Colts at Carolina Panthers The Colts return to the road as they pay a visit to the Panthers in the Tar Heel State. (N) (Live)													
FOX		11 Paid 55 WZAW 11 WLUK		11 Paid 65 Moun- tain Faith Living		11 FOX News Sunday (N)		11 Sharyl Attkisson		11 Invest. 11 Fox News		11 Home Remod- eler		FOX NFL Kickoff (N) (Live)		FOX NFL Sunday (N) (Live)		NFL Football Los Angeles Rams at Green Bay Packers The Rams look to ride high into their bye following an outing with Jordan Love and the Packers. (N) (Live)				(25) NFL Football Dallas Cowboys at Philadelphia Eagles The Cowboys look to put one over on their NFC East rivals in this contest against the Eagles. (N) (Live)																	
NBC		26 Sunday Today With Willie Geist (N) 12 WGBA 12 WJFW		26 Meet the Press (N) 12 Fast: Home Rescue		26 The Race 12 Meet Press		26 Mid- West Out- doors		Paid Program- ing		26 Paid 12 The Huddle		Paid Program- ing		Figure Skating ISU Grand Prix: Grand Prix de France From Angers, France.		NASCAR Cup Series Countdown to Green (N) (Live)		NASCAR Cup Series NASCAR Cup Series Championship From Phoenix International Raceway in Avondale, Ariz. (N) (Live)																			
PBS		20 WHRM 38 WLEF 38 WPNE		Wild Kratts Curious George		Work It Out Wom- bats! Daniel Tiger's Neighbor- hood		Washing- ton Week With The Atlantic		Firing Line With Margaret Hoover		Here and Now		Market to Market		Doc Martin "From the Mouths of Babes"		Agatha Christie's Poirot "The Adventure of the Italian Nobleman"		Father Brown "The Hidden Man"		Death in Paradise		Great Performances "Message in a Bottle" A dance and theater show tells the story of a migrant family and features a mix of dance styles.		Fill'er Up: Wiscon- sin Gas Stations		Wisconsin Life		John M "Dod- geville, Wisconsin"									
WACY		Paid 45 WTPX		Paid		Paid		Jeffress		Vets-Pe..		Ready..		Outback		Ocean..		Broadw..		Know		Hollywood (N)		Top 10		The Good Doctor		Good Dr "Fault"		ModFam		ModFam		Mom		FamFe..			
CW		14 Wor- ship 14 WCWF 34 To-morr..		14 Daily 34 In Touch (N)		14 Catho- lic Mass		14 Sha- lom 34 Key of David		14 Out- door 34 Cath. Mass		14 Mt. Faith 34 Perry Stone		14 Walk- Fit! 34 Mad Dog & M		14 New Shark 34 Paid Prog.		14 Polka 34 Paid Prog.		34 Paid Program- ing		34 Paid Program- ing		34 Paid Program- ing		34 Paid Program- ing		34 My Santa "13) 34 Bloodline Detectives "Murder by I-59" (N)		34 Highway Thru Hell		14 Fast Meal 34 WOW		34 NEW Shark Vac- uum!		14 Shel- don 34 Fam- ily ..		14 Shel- don 34 Fam- ily ..	

SUNDAY			EVENING								NOVEMBER 5		
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	America's Funniest Home Videos (N)		★★★½ Coco (17) Voices of Gael García Bernal, Benjamin Bratt, Anthony Gonzalez. A boy embarks on a journey through the colorful Land of the Dead to discover his family's history.			Generation Gap "I Love It When It's Summertime" The seniors and juniors are joined by Cheryl Ladd. Guests Cheryl Ladd		9 News 9 (N) 2 Action 2 News at 10 (N)		9 (:35) Ent. Tonight (N) 2 (:35) Cover 2 (N)	2 (:05) Entertainment Tonight (N)	9 (:35) Kickin' It: With Byron Allen	
CBS	60 Minutes (N)		Yellowstone "New Beginnings" Kayce and Rip come to blows; Beth starts buying up land. (N)			Yellowstone "The Reek of Desperation" Rainwater teams up with Jenkins for big business deal. (N)		Big Brother The head of household nominates houseguests for eviction. (N)		5 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N) 7 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)	6 (:35) Sports Xtra 7 (:35) InvestigateTV (N)	6 (:05) Osteen 7 (:05) Game Time Joe Namath Joe Namath (N)	5 (:35) Wisconsin 7 (:35) SEAL Team
FOX	(3:25) Football Dallas Cowboys at Philadelphia Eagles (N) (Live)	The OT (N) (Live)	The Simpsons "Treehouse of Horror XXXIV" (N)	Krapopolis "Please Demeter" (N)	Bob's Burgers "Bul-ly-leave It or Not" (N)	Family Guy "Old World Harm" (N)	55 Seinfeld "The Shower Head" 11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N)	55 Seinfeld "The Doll"	55 Goldbergs "Jedi Master Adam Skywalker" 11 11 News (N)	55 Goldbergs 11 (:35) Attkisson	55 Housewife "The Guardian" 11 (:05) National (N) (Live)	55 American Housewife "How Oliver Got His Groove Back"	
NBC	Football Night in America (N) (Live)		(15) NFL Football Buffalo Bills at Cincinnati Bengals The Bills visit the Bengals in a rematch of their emotional 2022 AFC divisional playoff. (N) (Live)										
26 WGBA													
12 WJFW													
PBS	Miriam and Alan: Lost in Scotland and Beyond The street where Miriam Margolyes' Jewish family first lived in Scotland; Highlands; Cawdor Castle.		Hotel Portofino "Contortions" Rose and Alice return to Portofino; Cecil devises a plan to take control of the hotel. (N)			World on Fire on Masterpiece As Kasia takes on her first assignment as an agent, Rajib's military values are tested. (N)		Annika on Masterpiece The team is flown to the Hebrides to investigate the death of a man found in a block of ice. (N)		Antiques Roadshow "Thrills & Chills" A MAD issue 8 complete "Frank N. Stein" story; a German wax-head doll; mourning jewelry collection.		Austin City Limits "Jorge Drexler" This long-running concert series features artists from every musical genre in a live-music setting.	
20 WHRM													
35 WLEF													
38 WPNE													
32 WACY	Family Feud	Two Half Men	Movie				Forensic Files	Forensic Files	The Simpsons	Forensic Files	Crimes "Conspiracy Theory: Part 3"		
45 WTPX	NCIS "After Hours"		NCIS "Scope"			NCIS "Reasonable Doubts"		NCIS "Charade"		NCIS "Return to Sender"		NCIS "Homefront"	
CW	Sullivan's Crossing "Pressure Drop" Sully lets his temper get the best of him.		The Chosen "Homecoming" Jesus delivers the Sermon on the Mount before he and his disciples return to their families. (N) (SP)			Son of a Critch "You're Dead After School"		14 WOW The World's Greatest Opportunity (N) 34 Liquidator		14 The Good Doctor "Fault"		14 Truth of God	
14 WCWF										14 WOW - Women The World's Greatest Opportunity (N)		14 Extra (N)	
34 WYOW												34 Moviefone TV	

WEEKDAY					MORNING / AFTERNOON										NOVEMBER 6 TO NOVEMBER 10										
		7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30		
ABC	9 WAOW	Good Morning America				Live with Kelly and Mark		The View		News 9 Barry-more		GMA3: What You Need to Know		General Hospital		Tamron Hall		Judge Eboni	Judge Eboni	News 9 WAOW at 4PM		News 9	World News		
	2 WBAY	Good Morning America				Action 2 News	25 Words	The View		Storage Wars Pawn Stars		Action 2 News	Paid Program	General Hospital		GMA3: What You Need to Know		25 Words	Invest-igateTV+	Action 2 News	Action 2 News	Action 2 News	World News		
CBS	5 WFRV	CBS Mornings				Local 5 Live		The Price Is Right		The Young and the Restless		News Bold/Beautiful		The Talk		Let's Make a Deal		Friends/F Retire	Friends	News	News	News	CBS News		
	7 WSAW	CBS Mornings				25 Words	Paid/F Elite	The Price Is Right		The Young and the Restless		News-Channel 7 Bold/Beautiful		The Talk		Let's Make a Deal		The Kelly Clarkson Show		News	Invest-igateTV+	News	CBS News		
FOX	65 WZAW	Business	AgDay	Dateline		Sherri		The Jennifer Hudson Show		Family Feud	Family Feud	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	Mathis Court	Mathis Court	Hot Bench	Hot Bench	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	Family Feud	Family Feud	Young Sheldon	Young Sheldon		
	11 WLUK	(4:30) Good Day Wisconsin				Live with Kelly and Mark		Fox 11 Living With Amy		Dr. Phil		Various		Various		The Jennifer Hudson Show		Barry-more	Barry-more	The People's Court		Judge Judy	Judge Judy	News	Tu Inside
NBC	28 WGBA	Today				Today 3rd Hour		Today With Hoda & Jenna		People Puzzler		Scripps		NBC News Daily		Dateline		Tamron Hall		The Kelly Clarkson Show		Family Feud	Family Feud	News	NBC News
	12 WJFW	Today				Today 3rd Hour		Today With Hoda & Jenna		Neighbor		Neighbor		NBC News Daily		Person, Place	Pictionary	Pictionary	Funny You	Funny You	Jeopardy	Up North at 4	Jeopardy!	News	NBC News
PBS	20 WHRM	Wild Kratts	Curious/ Curious	Daniel Tiger	Rosie/ Rosie	Sesame Street	Work It	Donkey Hodie	Pinkali-cious	Elinor	Nature Cat	Elementary	Xavier Riddle	Old House	Test Kitchen	Prehistoric Road Trip		Various		Odd Squad		Arthur	Nature Cat	America	
	38 WLEF	Wild Kratts	Curious/ Curious	Daniel Tiger	Rosie/ Rosie	Sesame Street	Work It	Donkey Hodie	Pinkali-cious	Elinor	Nature Cat	Elementary	Xavier Riddle	Old House	Test Kitchen	Prehistoric Road Trip		Various		Odd Squad		Arthur	Nature Cat	America	
	33 WPNE	Wild Kratts	Curious/ Curious	Daniel Tiger	Rosie/ Rosie	Sesame Street	Work It	Donkey Hodie	Pinkali-cious	Elinor	Nature Cat	Elementary	Xavier Riddle	Old House	Test Kitchen	Prehistoric Road Trip		Various		Odd Squad		Arthur	Nature Cat	America	
	32 WACY	Morning Rush				A.Wom.. Midwes..		Sherri		iCRIME		iCRIME		Dateline		The First 48		Chicago Fire		TMZ Live		ModFam	ModFam	Goldbe..	Goldbe..
CW	45 WTPX	Various	Xplorati..	Various	F Planet	Various		Various		Various		Various		Various		Various		Various		Various		Various			
	18 WCWF	The National Desk		National Weat	Paid Program	Judge Eboni	Supreme Justice	Hot Bench	Hot Bench	Paternity Court	Court Cam	Law & Order: SVU		48 Hours		Judge Mathis		Pictionary		Person, Place	Jeopardy	Funny You	Young Sheldon	Young Sheldon	
	34 WYOW	Divorce Court	Divorce Court	The Steve Wilkos Show		Karamo		Maury		Extra		Holly-wood	Blast		Blast		Jerry Springer		Maury		Karamo		The Steve Wilkos Show		TMZ Live

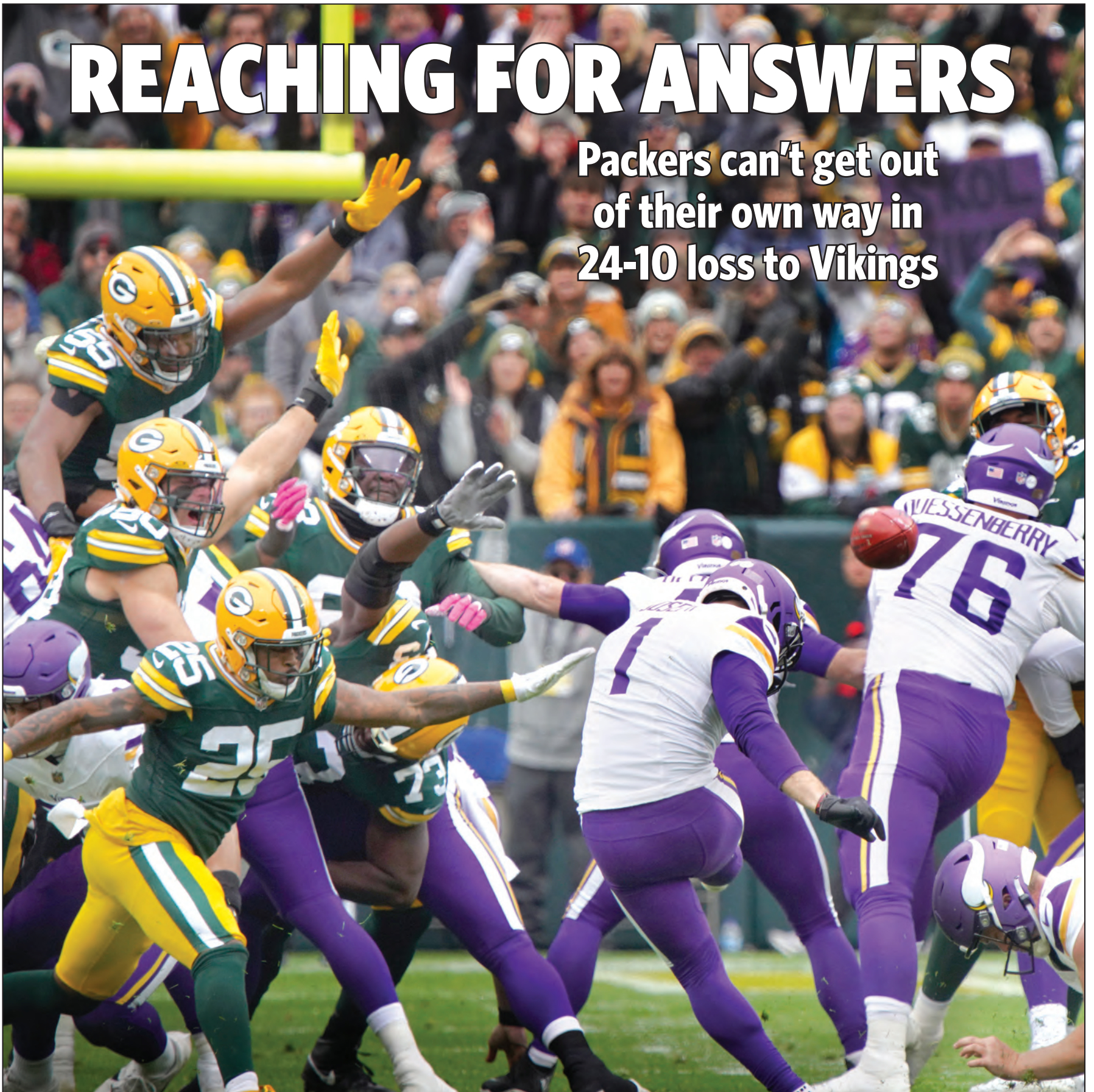
WEDNESDAY			EVENING						NOVEMBER 8				
	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	
ABC 9 WAOW 8 WBAY	9 News 9 (N) 2 Action 2 News at Six (N)	9 Packers Live 2 On the Red Carpet at the CMA Awards	The 57th Annual CMA Awards (N) (Live)						9 News 9 (N) 2 Action 2 News at 10 (N)	(:35) 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 Green Bay Nation 7 Inside Edition (N)	Survivor 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)		6 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N) 7 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (N)		(:35) Comics Unleashed With Byron Allen		
FOX 55 WZAW 11 WLUK	55 Big Bang 11 Jeopardy! (N)	55 Big Bang 11 Wheel (N)	The Masked Singer "Trolls Night" The stars of "Trolls Band Together" take the stage. (N)			Snake Oil "Return of Bethenny and Jay" Bethenny Frankel and Jay Pharoah act as guest advisers. Bethenny Frankel, Jay Pharoah (N)		55 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N) 11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)	55 Seinfeld "The Friars Club"	55 Seinfeld "The Switch" 11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) (Live)	55 Last Man 11 (:35) Seinfeld	55 Last Man 11 (:05) Inside Ed. (N)	55 Goldbergs 11 (:35) King
NBC 26 WGBA 12 WJFW	26 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 6 (N)	26 Packers 12 Wheel "Veterans Week" (N)	NBC News Republican Presidential Debate (N) (Live)						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 Relationships" Uncovering surprising undersea relationships and connections. (N)			NOVA "Inside China's Tech Boom" High-profile tech companies and labs that drive China's rise to the forefront of global innovation. (N)		Secrets of the Dead "Decoding Hieroglyphics" How ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics were first translated 200 years ago.		Finding Your Roots "Out of the Past" Actors Billy Crudup and Tamera Mowry-Housley uncover their lost roots. Guests Billy Crudup, Tamera Mowry-Housley		Wisconsin Vietnam War Stories "Escalation"	
42 WACY 45 WTPX	Family Feud (N)	Two Half Men	Dateline "The Other Side of Paradise"			Chicago P.D. "Lines"		My News at 9 (N)	Tonight (N)	Two Half Men	Housewife	Housewife	Mom
CW 14 WCWF 54 WYOW	Blue Bloods "Justifies the Means"		Blue Bloods "Hate Is Hate"			Blue Bloods "Times Like These"		Blue Bloods "Protective Instincts"		Blue Bloods "True Blue"		Blue Bloods "Good Intentions"	
	14 Big Bang "The Guitarist Amplification"	14 Big Bang "The Cohabitation Experimentation"	Sullivan's Crossing "Boiling Point" Sully tries to hold things together at Sullivan's Crossing. (N)			The Spencer Sisters "The Winemaker's Woe" Darby and Victoria investigate acts of vandalism. (N)		14 Last Man "Ryan v. John Baker"	14 Seinfeld "The Switch"	14 National (N) 54 Family Guy	14 The National Desk (N) (Live) 54 Family Guy "Amish Guy"	14 Last Man 54 Burgers	14 Extra (N) 54 Bob's Burgers "Itty Bitty Ditty Committee"
	54 Dish Nat. (N)	54 TMZ (N)						54 Dish Nat. (N)	54 TMZ (N)				

THURSDAY				EVENING				NOVEMBER 9						
	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 "The Women Tell All" (N)		(:15) 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	6 Local 5 News at 6:00 (N) 7 NewsChannel 7 at 6 (N)	6 Wisconsin Huddle 7 Inside Edition (N)	Big Brother Following a live vote, a houseguest is evicted and interviewed; remaining houseguests compete. (N) (Live)			SEAL Team "Trust, But Verify: Part 2" The team must escape from a dangerous country.			6 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N) 7 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (N)	(:35) Comics Unleashed With Byron Allen			
FOX 55 WZAW 11 WLUK	55 Big Bang 11 Jeopardy! (N)	55 Big Bang 11 Wheel (N)	Hell's Kitchen "All up in Your Grills" A bar-becue challenge judged by pit master Aaron Franklin. Guests Aaron Franklin (N)			LEGO Masters "Brick Chic" Teams must make luxurious bags that are functional. (N)		55 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N) 11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)	55 Seinfeld "The Bottle Deposit"	55 Seinfeld "The Label Maker" 11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) (Live)	55 Last Man 11 (:35) Seinfeld	55 Last Man 11 (:05) Inside Ed. (N)	55 Goldbergs 11 (:35) King	
NBC 26 WGBA 12 WJFW	26 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 6 (N)	26 FamFeud 12 Wheel "Veterans Week" (N)	Law & Order "Class Retreat" Cosgrove has a surprising connection to a murder victim.			Transplant "Nadir" Mags worries about how to get her life back on track. (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 "Retzer Nature Center in Waukesha"		John McGivern's Main Streets "Amana Colonies, Iowa"		Doc Martin Penhale organizes a police open house but the turnout is not what he expected.		Agatha Christie's Poirot "The Chocolate Box" Poirot faces an unsolved murder case while visiting his former colleagues in Belgium.		Living With Hitler "Downfall and Legacy" An exploration of life on the home front and abroad during World War II.		Wisconsin Vietnam War Stories "Turning Point"	
42 WACY 45 WTPX	Family Feud (N)	Two Half Men	Dateline "What They Saw"			Chicago P.D. "Buried Secrets"		My News at 9 (N)	Tonight (N)	Two Half Men	Housewife	Housewife	Mom	
CW 14 WCWF 54 WYOW	Chicago P.D. "Infection, Part III"		Chicago P.D. "Let It Bleed"			Chicago P.D. "The Real You"		Chicago P.D. "A Good Man"		Chicago P.D. "Donde Vives"		Chicago P.D. "End of Watch"		
	14 Big Bang "The Adhesive Duck Deficiency" 54 Dish Nat. (N)	14 Big Bang "The Hot Tub Contamination" 54 TMZ (N)	Son of a Critch "Feast or Famine" (N)		Run the Burbs "Phamily Emergency" (N)		Children Ruin Everything "Each Other" (N)	Everyone Else Burns "Episode 3" (N)	14 Last Man "Shoveling Snow" 54 Dish Nation (N)	14 Seinfeld "The Label Maker" 54 TMZ (N)	14 The National Desk (N) (Live) 54 Family Guy "Lottery Fever"	14 National (N) 54 Family Guy "Stewie Goes for a Drive"	14 Last Man 54 Burgers	14 Extra (N) 54 Bob's Burgers "Housetrap"

FRIDAY				EVENING					NOVEMBER 10					
	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)	ABC News Special TBA (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 Salute to Veterans 7 NewsChannel 7 at 6 (N)	7 Inside Edition (N)	Let's Make a Deal Primetime (N)		Raid the Cage "Down, Set, Hut!" Former football players and their wives compete. (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 6 (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 11 Wheel "Veterans Week" (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 Bottle Deposit"	55 Seinfeld "The Race" 11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) (Live)	55 Last Man 11 (:35) Seinfeld	55 Last Man "All About Eve" 11 (:05) Inside Edition (N)	55 Goldbergs "Amadoofus" 11 (:35) King "Ray-gin' Bulls"		
NBC 26 WGBA 12 WJFW	26 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 6 (N)	26 FamFeud 12 Wheel "Veterans Week" (N)	The Wall (N)		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 55 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 "Blood in Amsterdam" Van der Valk investigates when an employee of a renowned jeweler is killed.		(:35) Mr. Bean "Goodnight, Mr. Bean"		Independent Lens "Three Chaplains" Muslim chaplains protect the right of every armed forces member to practice their faith freely.		Wisconsin Vietnam War Stories "Pulling Back"	
42 WACY 45 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 Vengeance Formulation" 54 Dish Nat. (N)	14 The Big Bang Theory "The Fetal Kick Catalyst" 54 TMZ (N)	Hawaii Five-0 "Powa Maka Moana"		Hawaii Five-0 "Loa Aloha"		Hawaii "Na Me'e Laua Na Paio"		Hawaii Five-0 "Ma Ke Kahakai"	Hawaii Five-0 "Ho'opali"		Hawaii Five-0 "Ho'ohuli Na'au"		
	14 Big Bang "The Vengeance Formulation" 54 Dish Nat. (N)	14 The Big Bang Theory "The Fetal Kick Catalyst" 54 TMZ (N)	Penn & Teller: Fool Us "Magic Is Sexy" Cash; Aleš Hrdlicka; Henry and Klaus; Jonah Babins. (N)		FBoy Island (N)		14 Last Man "Spanking" 54 Dish Nation (N)		14 Seinfeld "The Race" 54 TMZ (N)	14 National (N) 54 Family Guy "Meg and Quagmire"	14 The National Desk (N) (Live) 54 Family Guy "Cool Hand Peter"	14 Last Man "All About Eve" 54 Burgers "The Oeder Games"	14 Extra (N) 54 Bob's Burgers "Hawk & Chick"	

REACHING FOR ANSWERS

Packers can't get out of their own way in 24-10 loss to Vikings



The Packers busted through for their second blocked field goal of the season after rookie Karl Brooks got his hand on Greg Joseph's 44-yard attempt. Green Bay safety Jonathan Owens corralled the loose ball and returned it 23 yards to the Packers' 44. However, the Packers offense failed to capitalize on the block. After moving into the redzone, the team turned the ball over on downs.

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Packers averaging 15 points per game over four-game losing streak

Green Bay drops to 2-5 after loss to Minnesota

By **LUKE REIMER**
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The Packers once again got off to a slow start Oct. 29 as the team dropped a divisional matchup to the Minnesota Vikings to record its fourth loss in a row.

With the loss, the Packers fall to 2-5 on the season, dropping to third place in the NFC North, holding just a 12% chance to make the playoffs and currently slotting in for the sixth pick in the 2024 NFL Draft.

As has been the case with numerous games involving Green Bay this year, the matchup was filled with mental mistakes — including twice turning the ball over on downs, deep in Minnesota territory, and racking up 11 penalties for 99 yards.

The real kicker for the Packers though, in this game, was the defense's inability to get off the field on third down. In total, the Vikings converted 10-of-18 on third downs.

Not only were the penalties and the inability to stop Minnesota's third down offense a problem for Green Bay, the receiving corps had close to 10 combined dropped passes throughout the game, limiting Packers quarterback Jordan Love's ability to properly lead his offense. In total, Love finished the game 24-of-41 with 229 yards, one touchdown and one interception.

That interception came when Vikings defensive back Josh Metellus ripped the ball out of Jayden Reed's hands on a deep seam route in the middle of the second quarter.

"That was obviously tough to watch," said Packers coach Matt LaFleur. "Just way too many mistakes — penalties, drops, not being able to convert on third down and conversely not getting off of the grass on third down, struggles in the red zone, starting the game out with four three-and-outs. It is hard to get into a rhythm offensively, and then



Green Bay Packers linebacker Preston Smith reaches for Vikings backup quarterback Jaren Hall. Smith would knock the ball from Hall's hand for a forced fumble. GREG MELLIS | GREEN & GOLD EXPRESS



Minnesota Vikings quarterback Kirk Cousins limps off the field after suffering what would later be diagnosed as a torn Achilles tendon. Cousins will be out for the remainder of the year. GREG MELLIS | GREEN & GOLD EXPRESS

when we needed a stop, we weren't able to do that."

Love spoke on what happened on the interception, saying that the defender made a good play on the ball, but that Love wished he could have put the ball in a better position for his receiver Reed.

"I wish that I could have put it a little bit more in front of him, you

know. There was a DB playing a cover 2 look over the top, so I didn't want to put it too far out there in front of him, but I gave him an opportunity. But the DB made a great play and was able to just rip it out of his hands," said Love. "Those are the things that we can look back and say, 'I wish I would have thrown this ball a little farther,' but it comes down to execution, making those plays, me making better throws, and guys just going out there competing and winning."

Once again, though, Green Bay was able to make the game interesting in the second half, as it held many opportunities to come back and put points on the board.

Down 24-3, with 7:48 remaining in the third quarter, Love marched down the field to the tune of a 14-play drive. That drive included passes of five, 10, 31, 10, six, five and a one-yard gain. The drive ultimately culminated in Love connecting with Packers wide receiver Romeo Doubs for a one-yard touchdown.

Later in the third quarter, up 24-10, the Vikings marched all the way down to the Green Bay 13-yard line. On second down, Vikings quarterback Kirk Cousins was sacked by Packers linebacker Preston Smith, to set up a third-and-19. On the ensuing

play, Cousins was once again sacked but came up limping. Minnesota was forced to try for a field goal. That field goal attempt was ultimately blocked by Packers defensive lineman Karl Brooks to keep it a two-score game.

Cousins was eventually ruled out of the game with an apparent ankle injury, but upon further tests after the game, it was determined that he had torn his meniscus, virtually ending the Michigan State alum's season. That left Vikings rookie quarterback Jaren Hall to succeed Cousins.

On Green Bay's ensuing drive after the blocked field goal, Love completed passes of 17 yards (to Christian Watson), 11 yards (to Dontayvion Wicks) and 10 yards (to Reed) to set up a first-and-10 from the Vikings 15-yard line. From there an Aaron Jones five-yard rush was followed up by three straight incompletions, resulting in a turnover on downs and giving the ball back to Minnesota with 7:15 left in the game.

With Hall in the game, the Packers defense jumped on the young quarterback quickly, with Smith recording his second sack of the game, this time forcing a fumble. Packers defensive tackle Devonte Wyatt jumped on the loose ball, and Green Bay took over possession at Minnesota's 15-yard line.

After an A.J. Dillon one-yard rush, Love was sacked for seven yards and Green Bay all of a sudden faced a third-and-16 from the Vikings' 21-yard line. Love's third-down pass attempt to Watson was incomplete and his fourth-down scramble attempt only picked up 15 yards, as Green Bay once again turned the ball over on downs, basically ending the team's chances at winning the game.

Looking at the positives after a game like this, LaFleur said that the team has to continue to fight to keep hope alive, something that the team has been doing in every game through the losing streak.

"I do see a group of men that continues to fight," LaFleur said. "If there is anything to hang your hat on, we have to continue to fight and scratch and claw and try to find ways to improve."

BEAT The Expert

Week 9 Games: Sunday, Nov.5



Luke Reimer
New Media

Dallas @ Philadelphia
Minnesota @ Atlanta
Chicago @ New Orleans
LA Chargers @ New York Jets...Mon., Nov. 6

Tie Breaker Game:
LA Rams @ Green Bay

**Week 8
Winner :**

**Tim Murphy
New Media**

Weekly Standings	Weekly Record	Overall Record
Jim Wiegand, Tower Clock Eye Center	5-0	28-12
Tim Murphy, New Media	5-0	28-12
Jacob Westendorf, New Media	4-1	28-12
Luke Reimer, New Media	5-0	25-15
Shane Senn, Senn Insurance	4-1	24-16
Robert Buss, Buss Automotive	3-2	23-17
Kevin Passon, New Media	4-1	23-17
Staff, Iverson's Piggly Wiggly	4-1	23-17
Staff, Shawano Health	4-1	23-17
Staff, Walsh Dental	3-2	20-20
Sue Moede, Moede and Sons Plumbing	2-3	19-21



Jim Wiegand
Tower Clock
Eye Center

This Week's Picks:

Philadelphia
Atlanta
New Orleans
LA Chargers

Tie Breaker Game:

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Tie Breaker Game:

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NOTEBOOK

Packers, Rams both going through transition years

By JACOB WESTENDORF

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Packers offense vs. Rams defense

The Rams defense gave a glimpse of what could be in store for the Packers on their first series against the Dallas Cowboys. The Rams sacked Dak Prescott on three of the first four plays. One of the plays didn't count because of a penalty, but that is the effect that their front can have.

Dallas' offensive line has been better in protection this season than Green Bay's to this point.

The Packers benched Rasheed Walker against Minnesota for Yosh Nijman. Walker would return to the game after Nijman left with a foot injury.

The Nijman and Walker situation puts even more uncertainty around an offense that does not have a semblance of an identity at this point of the season.

Jordan Love was the Packers leading rusher against the Vikings. AJ Dillon and Aaron Jones were unable to find any room to roam, which contributed to their first-half struggles.

That's where the Packers biggest issues lie. Matt LaFleur said after another lifeless performance Sunday that they need to find a way to move the chains to establish a rhythm offensively.

The Packers have been outscored 73-9 in the first half since Week 3.

That falls on everyone. Love's passing attempts that went to Jones or Christian Watson, his two most talented playmakers, went for a total of 50 yards.

"He has some plays he'd like to have back, but we have to make some plays for him," LaFleur said after the Packers third consecutive game where they scored less than 20 points.

The Packers have not scored 20 points in a game since they played Detroit, and 17 of those points came in garbage time after the Lions built a three-score lead.

They continue to search for answers but have been unable to find any to date.



A pass thrown for Jayden Reed was ripped away by Josh Metellus, who returned the interception for 43 yards. Coach Matt LaFleur said he believed the Packers had at least six drops, and a few were critical missed opportunities. Almost any time there was a big spot for a receiver or a 50/50 ball, the Packers lost. The quarterback was far from perfect but his receivers made very few plays for him.

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Packers defense vs. Rams offense

Green Bay's run defense was good against Minnesota, giving up less than three yards per carry to Alexander Mattison and Cam Akers.

They did, however, give up the Vikings first rushing touchdown of the season.

The more concerning issue, though, was Green Bay's struggles against Minnesota's passing game. Justin Jefferson did not play Sunday, and it did not seem to matter. Jordan Addison had a big day, catching all three of his targets against Jaire Alexander, including a 20-yard touchdown that made the score 24-3.

KJ Osborn and TJ Hockenson

made their share of plays as well.

Overall, the Vikings converted 10 of 18 third downs, eight of which required more than eight yards to convert.

They did have three sacks, including two from Preston Smith. The Packers need more from their pass rushers not named Rashan Gary. Going into Sunday's game, Gary had as many pressures as the rest of the edge rushers combined.

Smith's big performance would be a welcome sight for a group that is looking for more of a collective effort when it comes to rushing the passer.

That will be a key against Matthew Stafford. Stafford's arm is as

talented as anyone's, but he has struggled when he's been pressured throughout his career.

Stafford did leave Sunday's 43-20 loss to the Dallas Cowboys with an injury that could put his availability in doubt for this week's game.

If Stafford cannot go, Brett Rypien will be under center for the Rams. He was 5-for-10 for 42 yards in mop-up duty against the Cowboys.

The Rams run game has been struggling to find its primary runner since Kyren Williams was lost to injury. Royce Freeman and Darrell Henderson split duties Sunday. Their approach will likely be by committee against the Packers as well.

The strength of the Rams is in their receiving corps. Cooper Kupp is one of the best receivers in football. He's back and healthy.

Rookie Puka Nacua proved plenty capable in Kupp's absence early in the season. Nacua has 795 yards receiving on the season. That is nearly four times the amount that Green Bay's leading receiver, Romeo Doubs, has to this point.

The Rams have a prolific group of receivers that Green Bay will be tasked with slowing down.

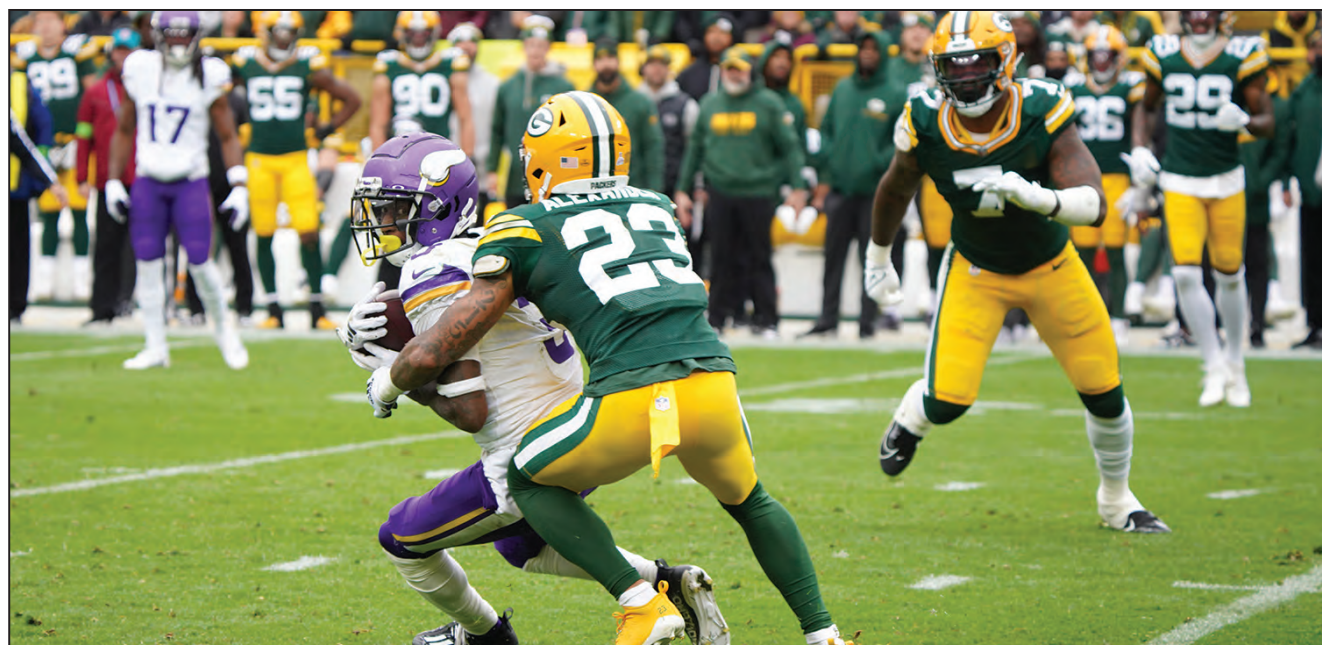
Special teams

The Packers have to be pleased with Anders Carlson to begin this season. One miss in seven 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 over punt return duties midway through the second quarter of the Denver game but did not return a punt against Minnesota, with Jayden Reed resuming those duties.

Nixon said late last week that he hoped there would be more opportunities to return kickoffs with the weather turning for the worse.

Nixon was right through one



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game at least. Minnesota did not kick the ball through the back of the end zone against Green Bay. Perhaps he can help spark an offense that is struggling.

Los Angeles used to be a special teams stalwart when they were led by John Fassel, but he left for Dallas

when Mike McCarthy was hired to be their head coach.

The Rams special teams finished 29th in Rick Gosselin's special teams rankings from 2022.

Like the Packers, the Rams were breaking in a new snapper, holder and kicker to start the year. They're a

team in transition.

The results have been poor. The Rams are ranked 32nd in the NFL in ATS' special teams rankings for the year.

With two teams in transition, this could be a spot where the Packers have an advantage.

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2023 RECORDS: Packers, 2-5. Rams 3-5

HISTORY: These two teams have locked horns a lot recently, with the Rams traveling to Green Bay each of the last two seasons.

They may have met up for a conference championship game, had the Packers not lost a home playoff game to the San Francisco 49ers in January 2022. For all his successes, Sean McVay has never beaten Matt LaFleur. The Rams lost 36-28 in 2021 at Lambeau Field, and 24-12 in 2022 to account for both regular-season meetings between the two coaches.

The Packers also won a divisional playoff game 32-18 at Lambeau Field following the 2020 regular season.

The all-time series has been much closer. The two teams have played 98 times, the Packers hold a slight edge in the series, with 49 wins to 47 losses and two ties.

The last time the Rams won at Lambeau Field was in 2006 when Marc Bulger was the quarterback.

COACHES: Packers, Matt LaFleur (fifth season, 49-24). Rams, Sean McVay (seventh season, 63-43)

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 L 24-10

Nov. 5 vs. LA Rams Noon FOX

Nov. 12 at Pittsburgh Noon CBS

Nov. 19 vs. LA Chargers Noon FOX

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

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

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

Dec. 17 vs. Tampa Bay Noon FOX

Dec. 24 at Carolina Noon FOX

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

Jan. 7 vs. Chicago, TBD

NFL SCHEDULE

Thursday, Nov. 2

Titans at Steelers, 7:15 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 5

Dolphins at Chiefs, 8:30 a.m.

Vikings at Falcons, Noon

Bears at Saints, Noon

Rams at Packers, Noon

Commanders at Patriots, Noon

Seahawks at Ravens, Noon

Buccaneers at Texans, Noon

Cardinals at Browns, Noon

Colts at Panthers, 3:05 p.m.

Giants at Raiders, 3:25 p.m.

Cowboys at Eagles, 3:25 p.m.

Bills at Bengals, 7:20 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 6

Chargers at Jets, 7:15 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 9

Panthers at Bears, 7:15 p.m.

KEYS TO THE GAME

Packers have potential to defeat Rams

By JACOB WESTENDORF

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The Green Bay Packers' losing streak swelled to four games after another lifeless performance against the Minnesota Vikings on Oct. 29.

The Packers dug themselves another hole they could not dig out of. They were outgained 94-15 in the first quarter. The most exciting play of the first quarter was a kickoff return by Keisean Nixon that couldn't get them past their own 30-yard line.

The Rams are coming into town after digging a hole of their own against the Dallas Cowboys. Dallas raced out to a 33-3 lead and coasted to a victory that same day.

The Rams are 3-5 coming into Lambeau Field, but they have at least looked competent at times. The Packers cannot say that at this point.

The team continues to say they're searching for answers but have yet to find any.

Here are some potential answers as the Rams roll into town.

Interior offensive line

vs. Aaron Donald

Losing David Bakhtiari was a sting the Packers have been unable to overcome thus far. Rasheed Walker has had some nice moments but has looked like a seventh-round rookie at times as well. That was to be expected.

There are ways to get around a tackle who is struggling. It's not ideal, but it's doable. The Packers are searching for answers there as Yosh Nijman replaced Rasheed Walker midway through the second quarter in the loss to Minnesota.

It's harder to work around immediate pressure up the middle.

That's something the Packers are going to potentially face this weekend.

When discussing greatest defensive players of all time, there are three names that surface the most. Lawrence Taylor, Reggie White and Aaron Donald.

Donald will be facing the Packers again this Sunday and has to be lick-



Jordan Love went 24-for-41 for 229 yards with one touchdown and one interception against the Vikings. He was also sacked four times. He averaged 5.6 yards per attempt, his lowest number so far the year. Against Minnesota, Green Bay once again could not score a first-half touchdown, making it five straight games in which the team has not scored a first-half touchdown.

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ing his chops seeing how much the Packers interior offensive line has struggled.

Through their first seven games, the preferred interior offensive line of Elgton Jenkins, Josh Myers and Jon Runyan Jr. have given up 22 pressures. Runyan has given up 10 by himself.

The passing game is having enough of its struggles down the field. Those struggles will be even more exaggerated if the Packers are unable to keep Jordan Love upright.

Donald isn't at the peak of his powers anymore but is still very productive. He only has 2.5 sacks on the season but 35 total pressures. Those numbers tend to even themselves out over time.

The Packers need to ensure that Donald doesn't start getting on a roll this Sunday.

Packers secondary

vs. Cooper Kupp and Puka Nacua

The Packers cornerback room, thought to be a strength of the team, is in an interesting spot.

Last week, they made three moves at cornerback including signing Robert Rochell off the Panthers practice squad.

Jaire Alexander was active for Sunday's game against Minnesota, but he is truly going to be week-to-week with a back injury.

When asked about the severity of the injury, LaFleur replied, "It's a back."

That's as ominous as it sounds. Alexander returned from the injury to face Davante Adams and the Raiders after a two-game absence but missed the following week against Denver.

The Rams offense for its faults boasts a dynamic receiving tandem of Cooper Kupp and Puka Nacua. Kupp is one of the top receivers in football.

Nacua helped pick up the slack when Kupp missed the first four games of the season with a hamstring injury.

With both healthy and operating at full potential, the Rams offense can be dangerous.

Alexander hasn't traveled much to the slot since arriving in Green Bay, but he may have to with Kupp coming into town, as that's where he primarily likes to operate.

Whether the Packers will shadow Kupp with Alexander remains to be seen as well. They typically haven't done that but may have to because of the matchup problem that Kupp presents to any defense.

At some point, the defense has to attempt to match their strength against the opponents and make them play differently than how they would like.

The best way to do that is to let Alexander cover Kupp, if he is operating at full capacity.

That, however, will remain in question.

Aaron Jones vs. Rams defense

Aaron Jones is the straw that stirs the drink for the Packers offense. He's been fully healthy going into one game this year, the season opener against Chicago. Perhaps coincidentally, or perhaps not, the Packers scored 38 points that day.

That's a full 14 points more than they've scored in any other game this season.

The Rams defense is still able to get after opposing quarterbacks with Donald anchoring their pass rush. If there's one thing they sacrifice to get that pass rush, it's defending the run. The Rams rank 20th in defensive DVOA against the run. The Packers run game has struggled this season but had been finding some semblance of its footing this year. AJ Dillon had a strong showing in Denver, and Jones should be as close to 100% as he's been all season going into this game. They struggled again against Minnesota, but the Packers may not have much of a choice than to try and establish their run game



Running back Aaron Jones has only been fully healthy going into the home opener against the Bears, a game in which the Packers scored 38 points, more than at any other time this season. Seemingly healthy again, he was used only sparingly against the Vikings, which has many fans wondering why he wasn't used more. The Packers need to make things easier for Jordan Love. One way to do that is get the run game going at the rate it was expected to when this season began.

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against a ferocious Rams front.

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Rochell excited to join Packers

By JACOB WESTENDORF
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The Green Bay Packers signed cornerback Robert Rochell to the active roster from the Carolina Panthers practice squad Oct. 25.

Rochell (6-0, 193), a third-year player out of Central Arkansas, was originally selected in the fourth round (No. 130 overall) of the 2021 NFL Draft by the Los Angeles Rams. In two seasons with the Rams (2021-22), he played in 28 games with five starts, recording 15 tackles (12 solo), an interception and four passes defended. Rochell also registered four tackles and two fumble recoveries on special teams.

After being released by the Rams following the 2023 training camp, he spent time on the practice squads of the Seattle Seahawks and the Panthers.

Crazy 24 hours, right?

Everything happened so fast, but it's a part of the process of staying down and believing in yourself at the end of the day. Just thankful to be here for the opportunity. Hopefully

I'm able to step into a role to help the team win.

Two years with Rams, so easy transition with a similar system?

Yeah, for sure. What's a little different is the verbiage on what they call things and how they run it. For the most part, yeah, it's the same scheme and the same with how they run things structurally. The learning curve will be quick.

You've done this a few times this year. How is the learning process?

When I went to Seattle, they had a whole different type of scheme. So, getting over there, I was just trying to get acclimated fast, and that's when I ended up going to Carolina, where my old coaches were. My old coaches from the Rams were in Carolina, and they run the same system, so I got right in and blended in. I was hoping to get up playing at some point over there, and then I got the call here yesterday. They run the same scheme, so it's working in my favor of staying in the same type of defense. I'm thankful for that.

Does the excitement drive you?



The Green Bay Packers signed cornerback Robert Rochell to the active roster from the Carolina Panthers practice squad Oct. 25. Rochell, a third-year player out of Central Arkansas, was originally selected in the 2021 NFL Draft by the Los Angeles Rams.

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That's always fun, especially going against the guys that you grinded with. I did camp with the Rams and did everything with them for this upcoming season. Going back to go against those guys and see all my old coaches and teammates is going to be great just to compete against those guys on another team and a different type of atmosphere. It'll be fun.

Do you know any of your new teammates?

Played against a lot of these guys when in L.A. I know some of them from the draft of '21. That's really about it.

What's this transition like?

Just look forward to what's good in the situations. For the most part, the worst part is probably the physical part and you have to get your body checked again and all that. The transition is fairly easy. They make it to where it's easy for the players and getting the stuff that you need to be ready for the next play. The other teams take care of your equipment and cleats and all that with shipping it. So, it was a pretty smooth move.

Was it an easy decision to come here?

No. Not at all. We're here to play football.

These guys signed Rasul (Douglas), and it changed his career. Can this be a career reset for you?

Yeah, I definitely look at it as a reset, mentally and physically, to come in and realign myself with the game of football and show the attributes

that I can do on and off the field.

You were part of the 2021 draft class, so you know Eric Stokes?

Yeah, we trained together in the offseason so I know him pretty well. We have a good relationship. Coming into it, I lean on him to get some understanding. The guys since I've been here, they've been teaching me everything, talking to me, interacting with me, getting me up to speed. Just happy to be here.

What is your game, and what do you like to do?

Hard worker. It really doesn't matter. Whatever role they assign to me or whatever situation they need me to be in, I'll be ready to go, from defense to special teams. Even if they need me on offense. Whatever it takes for us to get some wins.

Who is the first person you told you were coming to Green Bay?

My mother. I told my mother first, just because we've been going through the process of changing teams and my mother wants to watch me play on Sundays. It's been difficult, because I played on Sundays with the Rams and she missed a few of the games this season. I had to call her and tell her that we're in Green Bay.

What did she say to you?

She was ecstatic. She's still texting my phone right now, happy, sending all the types of emojis and just emotional. You know how mothers are. It's all love, and I'm just glad to have her in my corner through the ups and downs.



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Jaire Alexander	23	CB	5-10	196	26	6	Louisville
Zayne Anderson	39	S	6-2	206	26	1	BYU
Corey Ballentine	35	CB	5-11	196	27	5	Washburn
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
Robert Rochell	22	CB	6-0	193	25	3	Central Arkansas
Jon Runyan	76	G	6-4	307	26	4	Michigan
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
Zach Tom	50	OL	6-4	304	24	2	Wake Forest
Samori Toure	83	WR	6-1	191	25	2	Nebraska
Carrington Valentine	37	CB	6-0	189	22	R	Kentucky
Lukas Van Ness	90	LB	6-5	272	22	R	Iowa
Quay Walker	7	LB	6-4	241	23	2	Georgia
Rasheed Walker	63	T	6-6	324	23	2	Penn State
Christian Watson	9	WR	6-4	208	24	2	North Dakota State
Kristian Welch	54	LB	6-3	240	25	4	Iowa
Daniel Whelan	19	P	6-5	216	24	1	UC Davis
Dontayvion Wicks	13	WR	6-1	206	22	R	Virginia
Emanuel Wilson	31	RB	5-11	226	24	R	Fort Valley State Univ.
Eric Wilson	45	LB	6-1	230	29	7	Cincinnati
Colby Wooden	96	DL	6-4	273	22	R	Auburn
Devonte Wyatt	95	DL	6-3	304	25	2	Georgia
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David Bakhtiari	69	T	6-4	310	32	11	Colorado
Tyler Davis	84	TE	6-4	252	26	4	Georgia Tech
Darnell Savage	26	S	5-11	198	26	5	Maryland
Eric Stokes	21	CB	6-0	194	24	3	Georgia
Luke Tenuta	78	T	6-8	314	24	2	Virginia Tech

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Tremayne Anchrum Jr.	72	OL	6-2	314	25	4	Clemson
Tutu Atwell	5	WR	5-9	165	24	3	Louisville
Steve Avila	73	OL	6-3	332	24	R	TCU
Earnest Brown IV	90	DE	6-5	270	24	1	Northwestern
Aaron Donald	99	DT	6-1	280	32	10	Pittsburgh
Kevin Dotson	69	OL	6-4	321	27	4	Louisiana-Lafayette
Cobie Durant	14	DB	5-11	180	25	2	South Carolina State
Cory Durden	98	DT	6-4	292	24	R	N.C. State
Ethan Evans	42	P	6-3	231	22	R	Wingate
Zach Evans	21	RB	5-11	202	22	R	Mississippi
Royce Freeman	24	RB	6-0	238	27	5	Oregon
Jordan Fuller	4	DB	6-2	203	25	4	Ohio State
Myles Gaskin	33	RB	5-10	200	26	5	Washington
Nick Hampton	31	OLB	6-3	235	23	R	Appalachian State
Rob Havenstein	79	OL	6-8	330	31	9	Wisconsin
Lucas Havrisik	8	K	6-2	188	24	1	Arizona
Tyler Higbee	89	TE	6-6	255	30	8	Western Kentucky
Michael Hoecht	97	OLB	6-4	310	26	3	Brown
Brycen Hopkins	88	TE	6-4	245	26	4	Purdue
Jacob Hummel	35	LB	6-1	235	24	2	Iowa State
Alaric Jackson	77	OL	6-7	285	25	3	Iowa
Desjuan Johnson	94	DE	6-3	252	24	R	Toledo
John Johnson III	43	DB	6-0	209	27	7	Boston College
Ernest Jones IV	53	LB	6-2	230	23	3	South Carolina
Derion Kendrick	1	DB	6-0	190	23	2	Georgia
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Quentin Lake	37	DB	6-1	201	24	2	UCLA
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Puka Nacua	17	WR	6-2	205	22	R	BYU
Joe Noteboom	70	OL	6-5	321	28	6	TCU
Troy Reeder	59	ILB	6-3	245	29	5	Delaware
Demarcus Robinson	15	WR	6-1	203	29	8	Florida
Christian Rozeboom	56	LB	6-2	230	26	3	South Dakota State
Brett Rypien	11	QB	6-2	202	27	4	Boise State
Duke Shelley	26	DB	5-8	183	27	5	Kansas State
Coleman Shelton	65	OL	6-4	299	28	5	Washington
Ben Skowronek	18	WR	6-3	224	26	3	Notre Dame
Matthew Stafford	9	QB	6-3	220	35	15	Georgia
Zach Thomas	57	OL	6-5	300	25	2	San Diego State
Tre Tomlinson	6	DB	5-9	180	23	R	TCU
Austin Trammell	81	WR	5-10	185	25	2	Rice
Kobie Turner	91	NT	6-2	288	24	R	Wake Forest
Zach VanValkenburg	51	OLB	6-4	263	25	1	Iowa
Alex Ward	47	LS	6-4	240	24	R	UCF
Jonah Williams	92	DE	6-5	275	28	3	Weber State
Ahkello Witherspoon	44	DB	6-2	195	28	7	Colorado
Russ Yeast	2	DB	5-10	195	24	2	Kansas State
Byron Young	0	OLB	6-2	250	25	R	Tennessee
Reserve/Injured							
Stetson Bennett	13	QB	5-11	190	26	R	Georgia
Bobby Brown III	95	NT	6-4	324	23	3	Texas A&M
Ronnie Rivers	20	RB	5-9	195	24	2	Fresno State
Jason Taylor II	25	DB	6-0	204	23	R	Oklahoma State
Kyren Williams	23	RB	5-9	194	23	2	Notre Dame
Reserve/Injured; Designated for Return							
Hunter Long	84	TE	6-5	253	25	3	Boston College

Green Bay has an uphill battle the rest of the way

By **LUKE REIMER**
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Mistakes oftentimes lead to undesired results, and for this Green Bay Packers team, those mistakes have been plentiful this season.

It is no secret that not performing at your best ability will likely result in a loss in the NFL, and this Packers team has found that out, as it is in the midst of a four-game losing streak. While mistakes are to be expected, the frequency that this team makes simple mistakes — like a false start on third-and-short or a dropping a pass with no one around — has become frighteningly frequent.

The 2023-24 Packers season was expected to be a transition year. Aaron Rodgers is no longer in town, the offense is the most inexperienced in the NFL and there had been a litany of injuries heading into the season. Losses were expected, but nobody expected those losses to come as a result of Green Bay continuing to shoot themselves in the foot.

In Sunday's loss to the Min-

nesota Vikings, the Packers found themselves deep in Vikings' territory twice late in the game. Down 14 points, any score would have been a great opportunity for Green Bay to keep themselves alive in the game, but just as many times as the team was down there, it turned the ball over on downs.

Penalties, turnovers, missed tackles, missed blocks and not getting off the field on third down, among other inadequacies, have severely limited Green Bay's season. While some fans and writers want to blame that on inexperience (which is fair), Packers coach Matt LaFleur is not so quick to do so.

"Yeah, we aren't even talking that game — the young guy game," said LaFleur, when asked about the youth on the team. "We are focused on whoever is out there, the expectation is the same. We have played seven games now, and I am not interested in that. I think that that is an excuse; we will never do that. We are going to continue to find ways to keep improving, and it starts in practice."

LaFleur talked about seeking ways to get better as a team, but as anyone who has watched Green Bay Packers football over the last few weeks can tell, this team does not really seem like it is improving. That is not for lack of effort or talent, though; it is due to those aforementioned mistakes.

Whether it is coaching, players not knowing the rules or players not buying into the system, a change needs to happen in practice and in meetings. It does not necessarily need to be a coaching change or a front office change, but something needs to happen.

That probably starts with the first-half offense. Against Minnesota, Green Bay once again could not score a first-half touchdown, making it five straight games in which the team has not scored a first-half touchdown. Getting off to a hot start will undoubtedly give Green Bay the momentum and energy it desperately needs to work itself through a 60-minute game.

"It is those little plays that we

are not making and not capitalizing on," said Packers quarterback Jordan Love, when talking about the first-half struggles. "It is obvious. It is not like, 'What are we doing wrong?' It is obvious on the film. We are just executing, not capitalizing on these opportunities that we have and I think that is the biggest thing. As an offense, we have to find a way to stay on the field, move those chains, make those big plays and help our defense out."

The good news, though, is that Love believes that his offense is right on the cusp of displaying what the highest level of its game actually is.

"We are too inconsistent on offense right now; we aren't making plays," said Love. "We have (opportunities); we just aren't capitalizing, and that's everybody. But we pretty much said that we are right there. If we make those plays, if the ball is bouncing the other way, and we are making those plays instead of not making those plays, these are totally different games. I feel like we are right there (to figuring out the offense)."

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