



Molly Stepniewski, right, sits with Megghan Heling during the memorial service for Charlie Kirk at Franklin Park on Sept. 18. The two women organized the event that drew about 300 people.

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Committee chooses building options to consider

Cost estimates to be ready next month

By KEVIN PASSON Editor-in-Chief

Members of the Shawano County Public Property Committee on Sept. 18 narrowed the options to consider for new government buildings, including remodeling the current courthouse.

Cory Beyer, of Venture Architects, presented the options. After the list was narrowed, Kurt Berner, of The Samuels Group, said he would return next month with cost estimates for the work that would most likely be done in phases.

"There will be sticker shock," Berner warned the committee.

The options, which have various building phases, include a new judicial center to house the sheriff's department, jail, courtrooms and other judicial offices combined with the Huber facility at the Huber site on Engel Drive.

A new government center would either be built on the block behind the current courthouse or moved to the Department of Human Services campus on Anderson Avenue.

Jim Davel, administrative coordinator, said regardless of which option is chosen, the county will need to buy more land. However, the purchase price could possibly be offset with the sale of some current county land.

For example, if the government center is moved to the DHS campus, the land of the existing courthouse and the houses owned by the county behind it could be sold. Or, if the law enforcement center is moved to the Engel Drive site, the current site of the sheriff's department and jail could be sold.

Berner said the next phase will be to determine the expenses, with equal space given to potential income. There continues to be talk about remodeling part of the Huber site as a place to house juveniles; that space could be leased to other counties and provide a revenue stream for Shawano County.

Davel said the city of Shawano agreed to turn over the parking lot behind the

Kirk's life celebrated at community gathering

Conservative activist killed at Utah university event

By KEVIN PASSON Editor-in-Chief

A memorial service to honor the life and legacy of Charlie Kirk drew nearly 300 people to Franklin Park in Shawano on Sept. 18, more than a week after the conservative media personality was killed.

"Charlie stood firm in his beliefs, but the one I want to touch on tonight is his belief in the American family," said Molly Stepniewski, who organized the event along with Megghan Heling. "He believed that bringing families back together was the key to healing America. He often

spoke about how a family provides stability, identity and value that will guide us. Without strong family values, he warned, we will risk losing the very foundation that makes our country strong."

She urged the audience to recommit themselves to Kirk's vision of family.

"Let's spend more time around the table with the ones we love, pass down traditions and teach our children the values that hold us together," Stepniewski said. "If we want a stronger future, it starts with rebuilding the bonds of family — right here and right now. This is the legacy that Charlie would have wanted us to continue."

Kirk, 31, was speaking at an event Sept. 10 at Utah Valley University when he was killed, allegedly by Tyler Robinson, 22. Robinson was charged with aggravated



A memorial of flags, candles and crosses honors the life Charlie Kirk.

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Behnke bill seeks voter input on wheel taxes

Assemblyman
sees measures as
taxation without
representation

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

Rep. Elijah Behnke is supporting those who are not happy with wheel taxes with legislation that will add some hoops for municipalities to approve them in the future.

However, he's not optimistic that the Wisconsin Legislature will pass his bill by the time the current legislative session ends next year.

Currently, counties and municipalities can pass a wheel tax through an ordinance. The city of Shawano passed one in 2024, while Shawano County rejected plans to implement its own in March. The money collected through the wheel tax can only be used for street-related measures, which frees up general fund money for other needs in the government, officials have argued.

That has not set well with some, including one



Rep. Elijah Behnke, left, listens to constituents at Shawano City Hall in April on a wide variety of issues, one of them being wheel taxes, which the city of Shawano passed last year and Shawano County approved earlier this year. Behnke has introduced a bill that would require a vote of the people before any wheel tax became law.

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of Behnke's election rivals last year. Shawano resident Shirley Hinze, who was the Democratic candidate, took the Shawano Common Council to task last October after the council approved a \$40 wheel tax one month earlier.

"As long as you're going to assess this on people that

live in the community and not address the tourism that comes into the community with the other private ownership, I don't think you have really a good base for putting a \$40 fee on this residents of this community until you present some very good specifics as to why," Hinze said. "These fees will

bury you until something is changed in Madison. This is a stop-gap measure."

Behnke's legislation would require a referendum take place during a regularly scheduled election to get voters approval for any future wheel tax plans. However, current wheel taxes in place are not immune, as

the bill requires counties and municipalities to call for a referendum within 18 months or be forced to repeal the taxes.

Behnke noted that the bill originally was written by Rep. Dave Maxey from Waukesha County, but he wanted to be part of the effort to implement it based on what he'd heard earlier this year while doing listening sessions around the 6th Assembly District.

"My community feels like they don't have a say," Behnke said. "You could be going in April to vote for a judge, and then you can vote on a wheel tax. It's just moving it from a local ordinance to the actual taxpayers that have to pay the wheel tax. I see this as a basic taxation with representation. Taxation without representation is not OK."

While Behnke wants to see it passed, he's not convinced it will happen due to the Wisconsin Senate. Currently, the Senate is planning to only meet three more times between now and February, and then the new election season begins.

"They didn't meet at all in September, whereas we met several times and passed some bills," Behnke

said. "It's rumored that the Senate's only going to meet once in October, once in November and once in February. They are just so spineless to help the state move forward, because they're afraid of losing the majority."

Behnke has another bill that's expected to be voted on in the Assembly next month that would provide fleet plates for truck companies, similar to one already passed for cars, but he expects that to go nowhere with the Senate, as well.

"I'm doing my job on my side, but I don't think leadership in the Senate side is moving much along," Behnke said.

Behnke attended the February meeting of the county board at the suggestion of former Rep. Peter Schmidt, and he noted "the mood of the room" indicated folks didn't want to pay more for their vehicle registration.

"I feel like I'm over-taxed," Behnke said. "We're not just living this gravy life. Gas is still reasonable, but groceries are super high, and property taxes are getting out of control."

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Schools have measures to deter weapon incidents

Physical barriers,
encouragement
of students help,
leaders say

By LEE PULASKI
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School safety came to the forefront again recently as a 16-year-old was arrested Sept. 9 after a loaded handgun and ammunition were found in a backpack at Preble High School in Green Bay.

The school quickly moved to require students to bring only clear and colorless backpacks and bags into school. The policy took effect Sept. 22.

With concerns about weapons easily getting into a school, NEW Media checked in with school district superintendents in Shawano, Oconto and Menominee counties to see what they do to prevent incidents like what happened at Preble from taking place.

Kurt Krizan, superintendent for the Shawano School District, noted that the schools have locked doors and controlled ac-

cess points with protocols about who can come in or out during school hours. He said that regular safety drills take place to ensure preparedness for potential school shooters or other violent incidents.

The school district has two school resource officers in partnership with the Shawano Police Department to monitor safety and respond to concerns. There's also an anonymous reporting system that allows students or anyone in the community to confidentially share concerns.

"At Shawano School District, we take school safety very seriously and have implemented multiple layers of prevention and support to protect our students and staff," Krizan said.

Besides the physical safety measures, the school district tries to defuse incidents attributed to students' mental well-being, including social-emotional learning programs integrated into the curriculum that provide healthy coping strategies, along with peer mentoring. Krizan said the district partners with local organizations to expand access to mental health resources.

"We believe that fostering a safe and supportive environment requires ongoing collaboration between schools, families and the community," Krizan said.

He added that the district has not considered requiring clear backpacks like Green Bay has, but he noted that students are not allowed to carry backpacks in between classes.

Other school district superintendents had similar comments.

All doors are locked from the outside during the school day at Gresham School, according to its superintendent, Newell Haffner. During the day, the front doors provide a detour to the main office for students. Gresham shares a school resource officer with the Bowler School District.

"At Gresham, we try hard to foster a collaborative culture and a safe environment for students," Haffner said.

Other measures Gresham utilizes to deter violence and weapons in schools include a school counselor who provides students with support, along with a telehealth service to cater to mental health needs.

"At Gresham, we believe that relationships matter," Haffner said. "All of our teachers take time to make relationships with students. We have had a number of students talk to staff when a classmate is struggling during their day. Gresham staff prioritize spending quality time with all students."

Besides locked doors, Bowler School District also has staff present at the entrances before and after school to greet students and monitor them, according to Superintendent Glenda Butterfield-Boldig.

"This allows us to monitor students as they come into the building and notice if anyone is behaving unusually or is attempting to conceal something in their clothing," Butterfield-Boldig said. "We currently do not have metal detectors, but we do have a handheld metal detecting wand that can be used when we have reason to suspect something is being concealed."

Besides the shared school resource officer with Gresham, Bowler also continuously goes through training for school critical incidents with the sheriff's department and neighbor-

ing school districts to be prepared in case the worst happens.

"Just as important as these reactive measures, though, is working to build a school culture and climate of respect and belonging," Butterfield-Boldig said.

"The Bowler School District continues to engage in work around developing systems where every student feels seen and heard, is connected to at least one caring adult at the school and feels safe to report any unsafe or concerning activity. When students feel connected, supported and valued, they are less likely to engage in behaviors such as bringing weapons to school or harming themselves and others."

Gillett School District also has secure entry protocols, school resource officers and safety drills and training in place to provide security, according to Superintendent Nathan Hanson. Creating an environment of support is also important, he said.

"Just as importantly, we believe in and are working toward fostering a supportive environment for our students," Hanson said. "We believe that a truly

safe school is one where students feel supported and connected. Our districts have invested in resources that address the social and emotional health of our students. We provide access to school counselors and allow families to choose and work with mental health professionals on campus as families need and choose."

Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District Superintendent Garrett Rogowski noted that having plenty of participation options available for students and their families provides a supportive environment expected to deter anyone from resorting to violence.

"We provide multiple family nights to engage our district families in positive activities that allow parents to get to know our school staff and develop relationships that foster positive school experiences," Rogowski said. "We try to offer multiple extra- and co-curricular opportunities for our students at all levels to provide them with a positive outlet beyond the academic experience in school. These connections create a sense of belonging and ownership."

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New community kitchen opens in Keshena

Menominee can utilize facility, equipment for food projects

By **LEE PULASKI**
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Menominee tribal members engaged in big food projects or who want to host larger quantities of people for feasts have a place to do so now.

The new community kitchen, taking up the space that used to be the old recreation center in Keshena, held an open house Sept. 20 where dozens of tribal members gathered to sample a variety of Indigenous foods — braised bison, turkey meatballs with sage sauce, and wild rice pudding topped with blackberries among them — and see what the new kitchen has to offer them.

“It’s a great resource for our community members and Indigenous food producers in the area to have a safe, certified kitchen that meets all the food safety standards so that they can expand their market and grow the capacity of their agriculture business or farm,” said Stephanie Dodge, intertribal food systems manager for the Menominee Agriculture and Food Systems Department. “The kitchen also offers opportunities for community members to do large-scale canning processes for their families.”

Besides canning, there are freeze-drying and dehydrating machines that can help with food preservation, according to Dodge. This will be a benefit to hunters especially, she said, as they look for ways to avoid spoilage of the game they track down.

“I have some people who want to come in and dehydrate their bear meat to make some jerky,” Dodge said. “It’s a beautiful opportunity for us to expand and provide more information and education on cooking demonstrations, how to use our culturally relevant foods on a daily basis or manner



Francisco Alegria, the Menominee tribe's nutrition educator, works on one of the main entrees for the open house Sept. 20 at the new community kitchen in Keshena as another dish cooks in the industrial oven behind him. While he, as a professional chef, gets to use the facility, it's also open to other members of the tribe who need space for larger food projects.

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Stephanie Dodge, the Menominee tribe's intertribal food systems manager, holds a jar of spearmint tea leaves dehydrated using the new equipment at the Menominee community kitchen.

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rather than making it a special event or ceremony.”

The kitchen cost the tribe about \$100,000 to construct in the old recreation center. There is a serving room where community members got to taste the various dishes in

a grand feast and a dining hall where they enjoyed their meals and were in fellowship with their neighbors.

Besides the prep area, the kitchen also has a walk-in cooler and a separate walk-in freezer. The facil-

ity is powered by an array of solar panels outside, saving the tribe about \$10,000 on energy costs annually, which means when a storm knocks out electricity to homes, the community kitchen will still have the power on

and be able to help store people’s food when their refrigeration systems are out of commission.

“We’re trying to enhance the practice and the daily use of growing your own foods, processing your own foods and consuming your own foods on a more regular basis,” Dodge said.

Francisco Alegria, the tribe’s nutrition educator, sees the kitchen as an expansion of the work he’s been trying to do as the tribe tries to reverse the effects of colonization and reintroduce the people to the traditional ways of food with modern equipment.

“It’s nice to have a walk-in cooler, walk-in freezer and some of this industrial equipment not only to hold food and cook it safely but to do the volume,” Alegria said. “Some people are cooking for 50 people, 100 people. It’s nice to build a reach to those volumes, because sometimes you’re limited (at home).”

Alegria said there is a versatility to the things that community mem-

bers can do. There’s even equipment that they can check out to use at home if they have smaller food projects that don’t require an industrial kitchen to accomplish.

“People can come and learn from other people around here,” Alegria said. “That’s food sovereignty. We’re taking back our food systems.”

The need for a community kitchen dates back to 2018, when the agriculture and food systems department conducted a survey on what needs tribal members had. The kitchen was at the top of the list, because there was no kitchen endorsed by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration on the reservation, according to Gary Besaw, the department’s director.

Besaw pointed out that there were folks who were hesitant to start gardens on a grand scale, because there wasn’t a place to process their crops or do any canning. He said the schools have kitchens to do that sort of thing, but they’re hard to reserve for the community, because the school’s needs came first.

The old kitchen that was part of the former recreation center will still be available to the community as a fundraising area, according to Besaw.

The new kitchen is just the first step, in Besaw’s view, of becoming a major source of food not only for the Menominee tribe but for neighboring Indigenous communities. For example, the Menominee are working with the Oneida Nation to provide more hull corn raised on its reservation near Green Bay and bring it to Keshena and nearby communities.

Future plans include having a segment of the reservation at its border with Oconto County for ranches that raise bison and other meats.

“We’re told that you need to know the stories, and you need to know the old-school way of processing, and if you teach the kids that, then we’ll allow you to use the commercial stuff,” Besaw said.

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Shawano, Pulaski participating in theater program

The Fox Cities Performing Arts Center has announced the Center Stage High School Musical Theater Program is entering its 10th anniversary season, continuing its tradition of celebrating and supporting the achievements of young performers across north-east Wisconsin.

This year, the program welcomes a record 35 participating high schools.

“Reaching our 10th an-

niversary with 35 participating schools, more than doubling the 14 schools that participated in year one, is a powerful reflection of the program’s impact and commitment to arts education in our community,” said Amy Gosz, chief programming officer. “Center Stage not only highlights outstanding musical theater but also helps students build confidence, creativity and connections

that last well beyond the stage.”

Launched in 2016, the Center Stage Program has grown into a cornerstone of the center’s education initiatives, providing experiences for students and educators. The 2025–26 season will include a variety of opportunities, from a dance workshop led by local professionals to workshops with touring arts experts. Select stu-

dents will serve as student ambassadors or audition for the Encore Singers, a featured ensemble that performs at center-hosted and community events throughout the year.

The season will culminate in a Tony Awards-style showcase on May 16, 2026, at 7:30 p.m., when students will gather to celebrate their accomplishments in an evening performance.

Tickets for the Center Stage High School Musical Theater Showcase go on sale at noon Sept. 19. Tickets start at \$15 in person. Online and phone purchases include fees. Tickets can be purchased at foxcitiespac.com, through the Fox Cities PAC mobile app, by visiting or calling the ticket office at 920-730-3760, or via Ticketmaster online.

For ticket office hours,

visit foxcitiespac.com. Performance schedules, prices and performers are subject to change.

The 2025-26 participating high schools and their scheduled musicals include Pulaski High School, which will perform “Seussical,” and Shawano Community High School, which will perform “The Addams Family Musical: School Edition.”

Schweers family celebrates family's roots

People can learn community history through walking tour

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

Several descendants of a family that immigrated to Shawano before the start of the Civil War gathered Sept. 11 to, among other things, see the Shawano Has History plaque showcasing the family hardware store.

Mary Podzilni, of Shawano, was joined by four family members to see the plaque marking the former home of Schweers Hardware at 127 S. Main St., Shawano. Today, the building is home to War Bonnet Native American Gifts.

"The Schweers family came to Shawano because of one man, Herman Nabor," Podzilni said.

The Shawano Has History Project started in April 2022 when Ben and Diane Hartwig visited the Shawano County Historical Society looking to bring plaques to historic buildings in Shawano. These plaques would tell the visitor about the history of the property, businesses and owners.

After Ben Hartwig visited London and found plaques on their historic properties, he wondered if that could happen in

Shawano. This was the impetus that would become a Shawano Has History project partnership among the historical society, Leadership Shawano County, the Business Improvement District of Shawano, the city of Shawano and the Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce.

The plaque at Franklin Park (the former site of Franklin School) was the first one installed. That was done March 27, 2024. Since then, nearly 20 more plaques have been installed, mostly in the downtown area.

Journey through time

The Shawano School District Community Education program is teaming up with the Shawano Has History Project to provide a two-part program about the city's history.

The first night, Oct. 14, will be a one-hour panel presentation and Q&A session, featuring Shawano County Historical Society staff and project volunteers who will share the process of preserving Shawano's unique local history, historic downtown and the stories behind the plaques.

On Oct. 21, participants will take part in a guided one-hour walking tour of downtown Shawano, visiting several historic buildings marked by the Shawano Has History Project plaques and ending at Stubborn Brothers for a free drink.



Descendants of John Martin Schweers gathered Sept. 11 at the plaque marking the location of Schweers Hardware at 127 S. Main St., Shawano. The store was located at this location around 1900. This Shawano Has History plaque is among nearly 20 installed mostly throughout the downtown area. From left are: Mary Gausmann, Naperville, Illinois; Mary Podzilni, Shawano; Nancy Streiff, Reston, Virginia; Susan Lehner, Appleton; and Katie Lavery, Temecula, California.

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Learn about the people, businesses and events that helped shape the community of today. Whether a longtime resident, new to the area or just someone who loves local history, this class offers a meaningful and memorable way to connect with Shawano's past.

To sign up, visit <https://shawanosd.cr3.schooltoday.com/public/home>. The registration fee will be donated to the Shawano Has History Project.

Schweers family history

Podzilni proudly shared her family story.

Nabor was born in Prussia (known today as

Germany) in the 1820s, immigrated to the United States, settled in Shawano and then returned to Prussia to find a wife, which he found in Margarete Schweers. The two were wed June 6, 1851, when Schweers was 18.

"Margarete must have thought the little community had opportunity to offer, because she wrote to three of her younger brothers in Germany to come and see for themselves. She must have been lonesome, too," Podzilni said. "Little did she know that the whole family — five brothers and her mother and father — would also choose to come."

The three oldest brothers (John Martin, Frederick and William) arrived first and landed in Charleston, South Carolina. John and Frederick made their way to Shawano, and William stayed in Charleston. By June 1860, the entire family had arrived.

When the Civil War broke out, John and Frederick joined the Union Army, while William joined the Confederacy.

"He died of cholera while a Confederate soldier," Podzilni said.

The others are buried in the Pioneer Hill section of Woodlawn Cemetery.

John Martin Schweers

would go on to serve as county clerk and county sheriff, and then as co-owner of the hardware store.

The business was originally on the east side of South Main Street, and the 127 S. Main St. building was constructed immediately after an 1890 fire destroyed six buildings on the west side of the street.

Schweers specialized in tinsmithing, among other trades.

The building was home to various hardware stores as late as 1927, but by 1938, it was occupied by F.W. Woodworth Co.

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Leadership Shawano County celebrates 25 years

New program for youth planning to start

By LEE PULASKI
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Leadership Shawano County has spent 25 years developing future community leaders, and many of the past participants came together Sept. 18 at the North Star Mohican Casino Resort.

Since its inception, 423 people from across the county have taken the classes and used what they learned to make their own communities better places to live. Past classes have created long-lasting initiatives like the Boys and Girls Club of Shawano County, Sun Drop Dayz and more.

Nancy Schultz took over as executive director of the program four years ago. Although she hadn't gone through the program herself before, Schultz believes it serves a purpose when it comes to Shawano and the other surrounding communities.

"It has been an honor to be a part of it for the last four years. I'm on my fifth class this year," Schultz said. "To see all of the things that have happened in the last 25 years, I'm in awe. I look at our leadership. I look at our community. We have just moved



A table of Leadership Shawano County alumni chats before dinner Sept. 18 at the North Star Mohican Casino Resort as they celebrate the last 25 years of a program that has generated more than 400 community leaders.

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mountains in our community."

Having "a-ha" moments when students realize how things function in a community is a wonderful thing to witness, Schultz said. There are 25 students in the class that started earlier this month and will continue until May; so far, there are five proposals for community projects to be implemented, which will be whittled down to one big class effort.

All of the leadership participants so far have been adults, but Leadership Shawano County is planning to launch a new program this year aimed at high school sophomores and juniors.

Schultz, who also served on the group's steering committee from 2013-19, said right now the effort will focus on one high school and branch out in subsequent years.

"I'm excited for that," Schultz said. "We're creating our youth to become leaders in this community. It's so needed."

The program was a great fit for Uriah Williams, who was transitioning from being the pastor for Peace United Church of Christ to executive director for United Way. Williams was part of the 2025 class.

"When I was hired by United Way, the board — many of them

— had been through the program," Williams said. "They really wanted me to go through it to be the director, and of course I said yes."

Not being from the community when he took over at Peace UCC, Williams did not know a lot of the people who'd made Shawano what it was. Going through Leadership Shawano County helped to expand his gaze.

"It was just a great networking and leadership opportunity," Williams said, noting that the classes also helped improve his public speaking beyond what he did from the church pulpit.

One of his favorite parts of the class was a trip to a farm in Krakow. Williams recalled learning about sustainable farming techniques and strategies to keep farms going.

"One of my takeaways from the class was how blessed we are as a city and a county to have so many wonderful people living and working here to see that it's the best it could be," he said.

Lesley Nemetz, Shawano city clerk, participated in Leadership Shawano County in 2014. She was the city's deputy clerk at the time and still feeling a little new to the community. So she decided to take the leadership classes to help her understand more about Shawano itself and

the other places that make Shawano County unique.

"At that time, I wanted to be able to grow in my leadership skills and my leadership style, so this was one of the really great ways to do that," Nemetz said. "This program teaches you so many valuable things and makes it so you get to experience a lot and you get to grow your connections. As somebody who works for the city of Shawano, having great connections not only through the community but through Shawano County (the combination of Shawano and Menominee counties) is really important."

Nemetz continued to be a part of Leadership Shawano County by serving on the steering committee for six years after graduating in 2015.

For Nemetz, the biggest highlight was the first class when everyone was getting to know each other.

"When you're watching those relationships form between the members of the class, it's just really exciting to see a room of 14-20 strangers get to work together and become friends," she said. "I've made some lifelong friends in the class, so that one where you're getting to know people has always been my favorite."

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Honoring Vietnam veterans



ABOVE: Tim Aumann offers a brief history of America's involvement in Vietnam and honors the memory of the soldiers who died in the war during the Headstones event Sept. 20 at Woodlawn Cemetery in Shawano. Presented by the Shawano County Historical Society and the Shawano Parks and Recreation Department, the program included stories at the gravesites of four men whose lives ended because of the Vietnam War.

RIGHT: Doug Engel tells the story of Cpl. Bruce Guex, a Shawano High School graduate who was killed in Vietnam in 1969. After first going to Vietnam in January 1969, he was injured in February only to recover and be sent back to the front lines. In March, he was killed by sniper fire at night.



Seymour man charged with child sex assault

Victim a Belle Plaine 6-year-old child

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

A Seymour man remains in the Shawano County Jail on a \$25,000 cash bond after being charged earlier this month with first-degree sexual assault with a child under 13 and exposing his genitals.

A preliminary hearing had been scheduled for Sept. 17 for Lawrence J. Fields, 63, but he did not yet have an attorney. When he initially appeared in court, it was questionable whether Fields qualified for a public defender. Fields told Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Court Judge Katherine Sloma that some of his relatives are working on finding a lawyer for him, and he'd be hiring one once he got paid Sept. 26.

The criminal complaint alleges that he touched the 6-year-old victim around Labor Day at a home on

County Road Y in the Town of Belle Plaine. The victim's mother said she asked Fields, her uncle, to watch the victim while she went to Clintonville to clean a house. The mother, who said she was gone about 90 minutes that day, said Fields is one of the few relatives still speaking to her, and he'd watched the victim on previous occasions.

While away, Fields allegedly touched the victim around her breasts, buttocks and private parts, according to the complaint. When Fields allegedly exposed his genitals, the victim became scared and ran outside, coming back inside later, at which point Fields allegedly told the child that she could not tell anyone about what happened.

The home had two cameras, but one was off because the mother did not turn it on via her cellphone, and the other was disconnected, but the mother told a deputy she had not disconnected the camera and neither had

her daughter.

The mother said she would not be in contact with Fields anymore, and that she'd blocked him on all social media, according to the complaint.

Two days later, a Shawano County Sheriff's Department detective interviewed the victim and found her to be credible. A monitored phone call was made to Fields after that, according to the complaint, where he denied any sexual contact or exposure but offered to help pay for any counseling for the victim.

Fields was later arrested by Outagamie County Sheriff's Department officials and transferred to Shawano County's custody. According to the complaint, Fields immediately asked for an attorney and denied a request for detectives to examine his phone.

A status conference has been scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Oct. 7 in Branch I of the Shawano County Courthouse.

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Brecken Bystol and others in the 3-year-old preschool class at Sacred Heart Catholic School were recently bakers while learning about the letter B. They each mashed, mixed and made their very own banana bread, thanks to Tanya Myerchin, food services manager.

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Menominee get funding for overdose prevention

In 2024, the U.S. saw an almost 27% reduction in overdose deaths, and early data indicates Wisconsin experienced a similar decline in overdose deaths.

Hopeful improvements are not reaching all communities. Rates of fatal overdose remain high among Indigenous populations, in Wisconsin and in the U.S. overall, and resources are difficult to access in rural areas of the state.

To address the gap in critical resources to address overdose risk, public health organization Vital Strategies is awarding \$1.3 million in targeted grants across the state.

The grants are being awarded to local governments and local health departments in rural areas, and to tribal governments and other tribally designated entities.

The grantees have committed to match the awards through investments from their own local or tribal opioid settlement funds, which will be allocated toward establishing or expanding evidence-based and health-oriented overdose prevention interventions, such as medications for opioid use disorder and safer use supplies programs.

Through an application process, 17 grantees were se-

lected to receive up to \$100,000 each in funding to implement community-based solutions to overdose, including culture-based Indigenous harm reduction initiatives.

With its grant money, the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin will establish a syringe service program within the community, offering a range of harm reduction supplies and services. In addition, it will expand access to evidence-based treatment and support for pregnant women with substance use disorders, and provide harm reduction training and education for the broader community.

Gillett man dies in Highway 22 crash

A two-vehicle crash on Sept. 20 on state Highway 22 near the intersection of state Highway 22 and County Road P has killed a Gillett man.

Deputies and other first responders immediately responded to the scene of the accident in the Town of Gillett after getting the call at about 10:26 a.m. and observed a gray Volkswagon SUV in the west ditch that had extensive damage and a Chevrolet pickup truck in the southbound lane with extensive damage. A

preliminary investigation revealed the pickup, operated by a 22-year-old man from Sobieski, was traveling south and a gray SUV driven by a 24-year-old man and occupied by a 2-year-old child, was traveling north.

The SUV operated left of the centerline and came in contact with the front of the truck, according to a sheriff's department press release. As a result of the impact, the truck started on fire, and other motorists on scene were able to

suppress the fire and assist the driver out of the truck.

The SUV driver died at the scene as a result of injuries sustained in the crash. The child and the truck driver were transported to a hospital in Green Bay for treatment of injuries sustained in the crash.

An ongoing investigation is being conducted by the sheriff's department and the Brown County Medical Examiner's Office. No other information is being released at this time, according to the press release.

Saturday Oct. 4th 10AM

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Sunday Oct. 5th 10AM

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Flowers thrive at Bloomed on Dairy

New floral shop outside Bonduel to hold its grand opening Oct. 4

By **KAY REMINGER**
Correspondent

Flowers and more are thriving at Bloomed on Dairy, located at N4863 County Road F outside of Bonduel. Owner Kaci Wolf has flowers for just about every occasion, noting: "Flowers fill the void when words fall short."

Wolf offers a semi-full service floral shop, with her focus leaning toward custom florals designed to fit her customers' needs. Her storefront also serves as a place to stop in for everyday bouquets and arrangements and will also feature a gift shop filled with perfectly curated gifts and goods, including some from local crafters.

The Bloom Barn will hold its grand opening from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 4. Guests can expect fresh blooms, coffee, shopping and sparkle. The Mill, The Mill's Closet, Knotted Chain Permanent Jewelry and Endlessstyle, a custom-hat bar, will be onsite as well.

The Wolf family — husband Allan, wife Kaci and their four children, who range in age from 2-8 — live on a third-generation farm. They began purchasing the farm from Allan's aunt and uncle and have plans to add more cows in the coming year. Currently, they milk about 250 cows and farm approximately 575 acres.

Kaci Wolf attended college for business and worked in corporate human resources for several years before the pandemic prompted the family to step back and reevaluate their priorities. Taking a leap of faith, the Wolfs decided Kaci would stay at home.

"Being a stay-at-home mom married to a farmer has made me a stronger woman. It's hard. Yet I realize the best place to raise a family is on a farm," Wolf said.

Originally, Wolf considered a small food stand selling cut flowers, hamburger, beef, eggs and vegetables as a way to get their children involved in gardening. That idea quickly shifted when she began offering floral drops for events out of her garage — a venture that turned out to be highly successful.

Social media helped her efforts grow quickly. Wanting to test the market, Wolf



Kaci Wolf stands next to her floral barn, Bloomed on Dairy, where her Oct. 4 grand opening will take place. Folks got a sneak peek inside the barn in August when Bonduel held its Country Charm farm tour with several area farms.

KAY REMINGER

offered a Mother's Day bouquet of flowers paired with six chocolate-covered strawberries.

"People preordered and picked up the day before Mother's Day, and we sold out almost right away," Wolf said. "Then we sold graduation bouquets out of The Mill in Bonduel, which exploded. In June, we offered a Father's Day bucket, which included local products from the area such as Pingel's beef sticks, Laney Cheese and cookies from Fannita's Bakery in Sha-

wano. That went over very well. We were feeling out the market, and our intuition paid off."

This past year, Wolf also started a social media account called Raised on Dairy to showcase life on their dairy farm and highlight how technology is changing agriculture.

"My husband is incredibly progressive. We are on a path to get robotics and have an automated calf feeding system — not something a person typically

sees on a smaller dairy farm. I wanted to share what it's like raising a family on a farm," Wolf said. "Our whole family brand at this point is Raised on Dairy, but after we started the flower thing I wanted to connect to that because it is about family. I wanted my kids to witness that we can do hard things even though we're busy, and we can all be involved. That's where Bloomed on Dairy came from."

Considering herself less than an expert, Wolf promises to give her best to the community.

"I'm not a trained florist, but I feel confident that I'll give it my best ability and effort to make something beautiful," Wolf said. "I ask people to be patient while I catch my footing because I've been so busy in the best way possible. I'm not really sure what to expect moving into this."

Wolf credits family, friends, neighbors and her community for a large part of her success.

"I wouldn't be able to do this without my village of people," she said. "Being involved in happy moments, embracing the sad and to be able to find joy in those places that might not necessarily have it, is why I do what I do."

She also acknowledges her faith as a guiding part of her journey.

"I've trusted God to lead me down this path, and I pray that every bouquet, every arrangement and every moment shared through this business carries that same light," Wolf said.

Becoming a florist has deepened that connection. Any walk of life is welcome at her shop, but kindness is what matters most. To Wolf, it feels like a blessing to be able to build a business right on the family farm.

"The flowers I create are not just arrangements. They're made in the same home where I raise my children, teaching them right from wrong, showing them what it means to walk in faith, and reminding them that love, compassion and community are what truly matter," Wolf said.

At the heart of it all is her commitment to custom florals — arrangements that are as unique as the people and moments for which they are created.

For information on upcoming events and hours of operation, check out her Facebook page Bloomed on Dairy. Text or call orders at 715-851-9662 or by email at bloomedondairy@gmail.com. The Instagram account is @bloomedondairy.

Bobolinks among most impressive songbird migrants



A male bobolink is among its summer breeding grounds at Horicon National Wildlife Refuge.

CATHY CARNES

Birds are on the move, so we are, too.

Recently, my husband and I took a trip to Whitefish Point to learn what birds are migrating south from their northern climes this time of year. Here we found the Whitefish Point Bird Observatory (WPBO), one of the best migration hot spots in Michigan. It is located at the end of apeninsula that juts out into Lake Superior and acts as a natural migration corridor for thousands of birds. It provides a shorter north-south route for them when crossing Lake Superior.

Whitefish Point provides important resting and feeding habitat for migrants that touch down here. It is also a Globally Important



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Columnist

Bird Area, home to many rare breeding birds with more than 340 bird species recorded from the area.

Michigan Audubon conducts research at WPBO to learn more about bird migration, raise public awareness of birds and the environment, and promote bird conservation. Learn more about their interesting work at <https://wpbo.org>. When we learned that they gave free birding tours every Saturday and Sunday mornings from

Aug. 16 to Nov. 15, we were in.

We joined our birding group Sept. 13. Birds are mostly quiet, not singing, and also not in their breeding plumage this time of the year, so they're harder to see and identify. Thankful for an experienced guide who was able to bring birds close by mimicking their calls, we were able to see several species including warblers and shorebirds.

Our guide also pointed out birds flying well above us, black specs in the sky until you could focus in more closely with binoculars to make them out. He could also identify birds by their calls; he had a good

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GARDENING WITH MELINDA MYERS

Plant this fall for beautiful spring bouquets

This fall, plant an array of spring flowering bulbs to brighten your garden and bouquets. There are plenty of daffodils, tulips, hyacinths and alliums that will delight with an assortment of flower colors and sizes that will bloom throughout the spring.

Include animal resistant double, bicolor and split cup daffodils that provide unique beauty and impact in floral arrangements. Create a simple bouquet with just a few stems of daffodils or an elegant arrangement of single and double flowered varieties.

Harvest daffodils when the buds show color and are perpendicular to the stem like a goose's neck. Don't worry about the sap daffodils exude, shortening the life of the other cut flowers in the arrangement. Properly conditioning the daffodils will eliminate the risk to your other spring favorites.



Consider wearing gloves as some people report itching or rashes when handling these plants. Use your hands to harvest daffodils for the longest stems possible and to reduce sap released from the stem.

Reach into the base of the flower stem, thumb pointed down and pull up. Cut the stems of freshly picked daffodils to the desired length for conditioning. Place them in a clean container of cool water and floral preservative. Leave them in the water for three to six hours when the sap stops flowing. Do not recut the stems before adding them to mixed flower arrangements.

Tulips have long been

a favorite of gardeners and floral arrangers. Grow some taller varieties like finola, foxtrot, silver parrot tulips and negrita double (longfield-gardens.com).

Gardeners growing tulips strictly for cutting will plant the bulbs in trenches and treat them as annuals. The first-year bloom is always the biggest, but you can enjoy them cut and try for a second and third year of flowers. Just cut the stems short and leave at least two to three leaves on the plant to create and store energy for next year's bloom.

Harvest tulips when the buds are just starting to show color for the longest vase life. Wait for double and parrot type tulip buds to be fully colored but not yet open. Remove the whole plant, bulb and all, if you do not plan on saving the plants for the following year. Store the tulips upright with the bulbs attached. Cut



A bouquet consisting of unique daffodil varieties found in one of Longfield Gardens' daffodil bulb collections. LONGFIELD-GARDENS.COM

and rehydrate the stems in water just before arranging. Wrap the stems in brown paper if they are cut in the garden or when you rehydrate the stems and set them in several inches of cool water for 12-18 hours. Keep in mind tulips continue to grow after cut so plan for this when creating your arrangements.

Harvest hyacinths for cutting as you did tulips. Pull the whole plant, bulb and all, out of the ground if you are growing them as annuals for cutting. Otherwise, cut only the stem and leave all the leaves behind if you want the bulbs to bloom again next year.

Include a variety of alliums in your planting plans this fall. Alliums' long and sturdy stems make them easy to harvest and arrange.

Paranormal scolding derails judgement train

I've gone to a lot of funerals this year. Jon's a member of the Legion Honor Guard, so he has attended more.

This may be an unpleasant topic, but when a person is closing in on 80, certain things get your attention. Remember the commercial where an old lady cries, "I've fallen and I can't get up"? That used to put me in stitches. Now if a fall means just getting a few stitches, I consider that a blessing.

Funerals in the Northwoods are a bit different than in the city. They are less formal, though memorial services in general do not bring out the "proper" in some people.

Instead of suits or dress shirts, male attendees often wear T-shirts, and if they do lean a bit to proper, clean jeans. Most women still wear dresses, skirts or dress pants, but some feel visitation venues are good for showing off skin in con-



spicuous places. The display is hard to ignore, especially if it includes extensive body art.

I admit this lack of what I consider proper dress for a church service used to summon my judgmental side. After all, this is an occasion giving a loved one a solemn and sacred goodbye. I held but would never openly express the opinion that what some people wore was not only inappropriate; it was disrespectful, even shameful.

At a funeral I attended recently, I had my comeuppance and experienced an unexpected epiphany.

At the visitation, it was impossible not to be a bit shocked by a woman wear-

ing a very low-cut dress. Her shoulder-to-shoulder tattoos were, shall we say, eye-catching, which I assume was her intention.

Just as I was tut-tutting to myself, I swear I heard the voice of the deceased in my head. "That's my daughter's friend. She came to visit me in the nursing home several times — which is more than you did, and she's here."

I felt my face getting red. I didn't even know my old friend had been in a nursing home until I read the obituary. Shame on me for not keeping up on what was once a very close relationship.

I am an inveterate people-watcher, so as the service began, I couldn't help but notice a woman chewing gum. When she accidentally popped a loud bubble, she sheepishly looked around to see if anyone noticed. Luckily, I managed to stifle my in-

stinctive reaction to chuckle derisively. In church? Good grief.

Then came that same voice: "That woman was one of my home health care workers. She may be a little irreverent, but she was very good to me. She made it possible for me to live at home a lot longer than I might have, and she's here."

I was feeling an increasing unease at this paranormal scolding when to my left I noticed a guy wearing a baseball cap that was long-past-needs-washing. My first thought ordinarily would have been that he should be embarrassed. Couldn't he at least have worn a clean cap?

By now, I wasn't surprised by the voice that said, "That young man did yard work and fixed things around the house after my husband died. And he's here."

Now I was the one who was embarrassed.

To assuage my increasing discomfort, I forced myself to concentrate on the service. I honestly couldn't help it when my attention was drawn to a teen wearing a pair of those popular ripped jeans. Not only would I never have been dressed like that in a house of worship, I'd have run away from home if my mother made me wear something like that in public.

No surprise, there was that pesky voice again.

"That's my great niece. She sent me a lot of handmade cards, always saying how much fun she had at our family get-togethers. No, I never much liked her wardrobe choices, either, but she's here."

As the homily began, a time-worn man who needed a shower, shave and haircut came in late and plopped down in the opposite pew. His T-shirt proclaimed his support

for a certain political viewpoint, his jeans were soiled, and his hands were calloused. I was repulsed by the tell-tale odor of cigarettes. Good Lord. What next?

"Will you just stop already?" the exasperated voice said. "That's my nephew by marriage. He worked the night shift and drove straight up from the (Fox) Valley. He may be a little rough around the edges, but he's here, and if God and I don't care, why should you?"

"OK, OK, you made your point. I get the message," I replied silently. "Thank you for reminding me what really matters, sweet lady, and just so you know, I'm really glad I'm here. See you on the other side."

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birding ear. Mine is not so good.

At one point, our guide excitedly pointed to two dark specs in the sky, exclaiming "bobolinks." Really? That got me wondering about bobolinks. I know a lot of songbirds and shorebirds migrate long distances, but what about the bobolink?

The only time I have seen bobolinks in the last several years has been in the spring at Horicon National Wildlife Refuge in Wisconsin. There we heard breeding males singing and touting their breeding colors. The male is easy to spot this time of the year

with its striking black and white feathers and its head topped with a large patch of light yellow.

According to the Cornell Lab All About Birds (AAB) website, bobolinks have a bubbly rambling song heard during the breeding season. During migration they are likely using their pink call to communicate within the flock. This must be what our birding guide heard.

Like many other songbirds, as summer ends and bobolinks molt, the male loses his bright colors, replacing them with buff and brown plumage much like the females. Interesting though, he will molt

again when on his wintering grounds with his new feathers all having yellowish tips, his appearance still similar to that of a female. By spring, the yellow wears off revealing once again his striking breeding colors.

So how about migration? They excel at it. According to AAB, the bobolink is one of the world's most impressive songbird migrants. They travel from their breeding grounds in the northern U.S. and southern Canada to southern South America every year, an about 12,500 miles roundtrip. During its lifetime, its annual journeys may amount in miles to

traveling the equivalent of four or five times around the circumference of the earth.

Bird migration is fascinating. Birds find their way across hundreds to thousands of miles using magnetic cues, the stars and land forms to help them navigate. What especially helps the bobolink navigate, according to AAB, is that it can orient itself with the earth's magnetic field due to iron oxide in the bristles of its nasal cavity and in tissues around the olfactory bulb and nerve (involved with the sense of smell). They also use the stars at night

to guide their journeys.

Unfortunately, like many songbirds, bobolinks are declining in numbers. AAB reports that it is listed as an "Orange Alert Tipping Point species, meaning that it has lost more than 50% of its population in the past 50 years and has shown accelerated declines within the past decade."

Loss of habitat, especially meadows and hay fields where they breed, remains a main reason for their decline. They are also shot as agricultural pests in the southern U.S., eaten in Jamaica and sold as pets in Argentina. To help in their conservation, people can

mow their fields after nestlings have fledged and use fire and mowing outside of the nesting season to manage natural prairies.

I feel richer for having seen those two fleeting bobolinks on their journey south, such small birds in a large world on a great journey with many obstacles. They are amazing, and I wish them all safe travels.

Cathy Carnes is a retired biologist in Oconto who worked with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Green Bay Field Office and prior to that with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Regulatory Branch in Buffalo, New York. As endangered species coordinator for the USFWS, she helped conserve and recover federally listed threatened and endangered species in Wisconsin.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, SEPT. 26

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

NAVARINO: Farmtoberfest, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Porter's Patch, W4314 State Highway 156. Variety of family activities, 60 varieties of pumpkins for sale, food, live music. Details at porterspatch.com. Weekends through Oct. 26. Admission \$12.32 plus tax per person; ages 3 and younger free.

SHAWANO: Homecoming parade, 6 p.m., downtown. Starts at Elizabeth and Main streets, north on Main, left at Green Bay Street, left on Washington Street to Franklin Park.

WITTENBERG: Walls of Wittenberg Show, 6:30-9 p.m., Art Park, 114 Vinal St. Cloud Nine Fire Show.

WABENO: "The Wild Women of Winedale," 7 p.m., Nancy Volk Auditorium, 4325 Branch St. Wabeno Area Players production. Tickets \$15, \$10 for students at wabenoareaplayers.org.

BOWLER: Hollywood's Greatest Game Shows, 8 p.m., North Star Mohican Casino Resort, W12180 County Road A. Ticket information at www.northstarcasinoresort.com.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 27

SHAWANO: FRESH Project Farmers Market, 8 a.m. to noon, Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St.

LENA: STEF's Fall Color Memorial Ride, 9-11 a.m. registration, ride leaves 11 a.m., Ray's Boneyard, 9089 D and

B Frontage Road. 50/50 and bucket raffles, table raffles, silent auction.

OCONTO: Harvest Fest, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Main Street. More than 150 craft and vendor booths, car show, live music, food trucks, kids activities.

BIRNAMWOOD: Schairer's Autumn Acres, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., 154 U.S. Highway 45. Corn maze, pumpkin patch, wagon rides, petting zoo and other family activities. Horse-drawn wagon rides, apple fest and craft show weekend, live music by The Drovers noon to 3 p.m.

TIGERTON: Applefest, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tigerton Community Park, 236 Pine St. Kids activities, bounce houses, vendors, crafts, apple pie contest and sales. Pie and ice cream inside Legion Hall, 223 Pine St.

NAVARINO: Mycological Society Foray/Mushroom Hike, 10 a.m. to noon, Navarino Nature Center, W4656 Lindsten Road. Learn more about mushroom hunting. Registration is required, call 715-758-6999.

BONDUEL: Harvest Hayride, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Everflow Farm and Orchard, W3945 Landstad Road. Tickets \$15, \$13 for ages 3-12, includes hayride to and from pumpkin patch, corn maze. one large pumpkin, one small pumpkin and two gourds.

PULASKI: Annual Sharing of Our Stories, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., various locations. Details at pulaskichamber.org.

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WITTENBERG: Walls of Wittenberg Fall Art Show, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., WOWSPACE, 114 Vinal St. Theme "Art Through Fire." Photography, glasswork, metalwork and pottery.

KESHENA: Sounds of Summer — A Beach Boys Tribute, 8 p.m., Menominee Casino Resort, N277 State Highway 47-55. General admission \$25.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 28

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6 to be inducted into Shawano Hall of Fame

2 coaches previously honored as former players

Four former athletes and a pair of former coaches will become the newest members of the Shawano Community High School Athletic Hall of Fame during a Sept. 27 induction ceremony.

The class of 2025 will include Christine (Umland) Hoch (1977), Allen Quinney (1981), Andy Onesti (1984), Chris Culhane (2008), coach Neil "Buzz" Montour and coach Mike Wegner.

The ceremony will be held at 11:15 a.m. Sept. 27 in the high school commons. This event is free and open to the public.

Also, the inductees will be introduced as part of the pregame to the homecoming football game. Those introductions will begin at 12:30 p.m. in the stadium, prior to the Hawks hosting Luxemburg-Casco at 1 p.m.

Christine (Umland) Hoch

Hoch was a trailblazer in Shawano Community High School athletics, competing in an era when girls sports were still finding their footing. Hoch excelled in volleyball, basketball and track and field, while also serving as a leader and advocate for the growth of girls athletic opportunities.

In volleyball, Hoch played for four years (1973-1976), earning a varsity letter in her senior season. She was part of the historic 1975 volleyball team that advanced to the state tournament after winning the conference, regional and sectional championships, finishing the season with a 23-4 record and a sixth-place finish at state.

Hoch was also central to the success of the 1976 squad, which earned a share of the conference championship with Antigo.

Playing basketball her junior and senior seasons, she earned a varsity letter and served as co-captain in her senior year.

On the track, Hoch competed all four years, lettering as a sophomore, junior and senior. In 1976, she tied the school record in the 220-yard dash with a time of 27.8 seconds – a mark that still ranks among the top 10 in school history.

Hoch was also a dedicated member of school organizations, including the Girls Athletic Association, Varsity Club and National Honor Society, and she served as a student representative and leader within school clubs and organizations.

Hoch died suddenly in 2005 from cancer at the age of 46.

Allen Quinney

Quinney was a versatile and dedicated athlete at Shawano Community High School who excelled across three major sports – football, basketball and baseball.

His leadership, consistent performance and competitive spirit helped elevate each of his teams, led to his selection as male athlete of the year in 1981 and left a lasting legacy in Shawano athletics.

On the football field, Quinney played three seasons from 1978-80, earning varsity letters in his junior and senior years. As a junior, he earned second team all-conference honors at tight end. In his senior season, Quinney was recognized as first team tight end and second team defensive end and capped his football career by being named team MVP.

Quinney's impact on the basketball court was equally impressive. Playing three years from 1979-81, he earned letters each season and helped lead the team to a regional championship in 1981.

Quinney's individual accolades grew alongside the team's success, earning honorable mention All-Valley Conference as a sophomore, second team All-Bay Conference as a junior and first team all-conference honors in his senior year, when he was also named team MVP.

In baseball, Quinney played three seasons, earning letters each year and contributing to regional championship teams in 1980 and 1981. The 1981 team finished with a 13-4 record and was sectional runner-up.

Individually, Quinney earned second team All-Bay Conference honors as a junior and first team All-Conference recognition as a senior.

Quinney lives in Gresham and retired in 2024.

Andy Onesti

Onesti was one of Shawano Community High School's premier distance



CHRISTINE (UMLAND) HOCH



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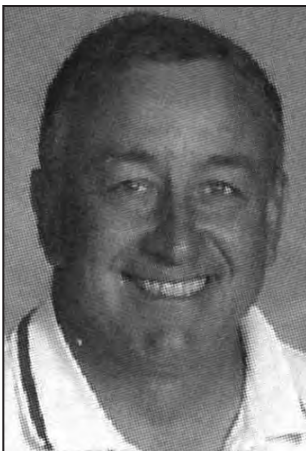
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runners, excelling in cross country and track and field.

In cross country, Onesti competed for four years (1980-83), beginning his career as part of the 1980 state-qualifying team that finished 16th at the WIAA State Cross Country Meet and took second in the conference.

As a sophomore, he helped lead Shawano to the Bay Conference championship, followed by a runner-up finish in 1982 and a third-place finish in 1983. Onesti's individual accomplishments included earning all-conference honors in 1982 and 1983. As a senior, he served as team captain and was named the team's most valuable runner.

Onesti's track and field career was equally impressive. Competing from 1981-84, he broke two school records in his senior season – the 800-meter run (1:59.14) and the 1,600-meter run (4:20.44). His 800 meter record stood until 1990 and still ranks fourth all-time, while his 1,600 meter record stood until 2000 and remains the second fastest in school history.

In 1984, Onesti qualified for the WIAA State Track Meet in the 800 and 1,600 meter, capping a career that also saw him named most improved runner as a junior and senior.

Chris Culhane

Culhane was a standout multi-sport athlete whose

dedication and leadership left an indelible mark on Shawano's cross country, basketball, baseball and track programs.

Culhane ran cross country for three years, earning varsity letters as a junior and senior. He was an integral part of the 2006 state-qualifying team and helped lead the Bay Conference championship team in his senior year.

Individually, Culhane was the conference champion in 2007 and earned first team all-conference honors his junior and senior seasons. He finished 13th at state that same year and was named MVP as a senior, also serving as team captain in his final two seasons. His fastest 5,000 meter time of 16:12 reflects his endurance and competitive spirit.

In addition to cross country, Culhane contributed as a varsity athlete in basketball and baseball, lettering in both sports during his junior and senior years. On the basketball court, his teams posted solid records, including a 14-5 finish in 2007.

Culhane also earned team MVP honors in track and field as a senior. He still holds a place among the school's all-time top 10 performers in multiple track events, including the third-fastest 3,200 meter time (9:35.73) and as a member of the school record-holding 3,200 meter

relay team in 2008.

Neil "Buzz" Montour Coaches Hall of Fame

Montour, born in 1931 in Shawano, is a beloved figure in Shawano Community High School athletics whose impact as an educator, coach and leader spanned nearly four decades.

A standout athlete himself, Montour earned a full football scholarship to Valparaiso University where he played four years, before dedicating his life to coaching and mentoring young athletes in his hometown.

Montour began his career teaching physical education in Gilman from 1953-57, where he served as head coach for football, basketball, boys volleyball and track. In 1957, he returned to Shawano, initially coaching at the junior high level. From 1957-60, his junior high football teams compiled a 14-4 record, including an undefeated season in 1960.

In 1961, Montour transitioned to Shawano High School where he coached varsity football for eight seasons. Under his leadership, the team steadily developed and competed with determination through those formative years.

Beyond coaching, Montour served as the Shawano athletic director from 1962-73, shaping the school's athletic programs during a crucial period. He later contributed as a track

coach, mentoring younger athletes in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

Montour's dedication extended beyond the field as he was a longtime Lettermen's Club adviser and served as the Wisconsin Valley Conference commissioner, further influencing high school athletics throughout the region.

He was recognized for his devotion with the Dr. Jeffries Dedicated Teacher Award and was honored in 1999 as a member of the inaugural Shawano Community High School Athletic Hall of Fame class.

Montour and his wife, Ila, had four children and seven grandchildren. He died in 2018.

Mike Wegner

Coaches Hall of Fame

Wegner, a Shawano High School graduate from the class of 1971 and a 2009 Athletic Hall of Fame inductee, has made an enduring impact on Shawano athletics through his decades of coaching, teaching and leadership.

Starting his teaching career at Shawano in 1979, Wegner served the school community not only as a science and chemistry teacher, but also as a passionate coach who guided multiple teams to success across several sports.

Wegner's early coaching years saw him take on JV basketball and varsity assistant coaching duties from 1979 through the early 1990s. His basketball teams consistently posted winning records, including a stellar 17-1 season in 1981-82.

In addition to basketball, Wegner coached freshmen baseball for two years before taking over as varsity baseball head coach in 1982. Under his leadership, the baseball program flourished, as evidenced by four teams qualifying for the state tournament, including the teams from 1984, 1986, 1994 and 1997. In 1984 and 1988, the teams were Bay Conference co-champions. He was also honored with his selection as the coach of the All-Star Classic in 1989, a testament to his respect in the baseball community.

In the late 1990s and 2000s, Wegner transitioned to golf coaching, leading the boys golf team from assistant to head coach and guiding them to a conference championship in 2003. He also spearheaded the launch of Shawano's girls golf program in 2006.



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The Oconto Falls volleyball team went a perfect 5-0 to capture the championship at the Pulaski Invitational on Sept. 20. In morning pool play, Oconto Falls defeated Bonduel (25-9, 25-16), NEW Lutheran (25-14, 25-16) and Seymour (25-18, 25-18). The Panthers then advanced to the Gold Bracket, where they topped Pulaski (25-22, 25-16) in the semifinal and beat Kiel (25-12, 25-18) in the championship match.

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Oconto Falls wins
Pulaski Invitational

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Against Bonduel, Izzy Otto and Brenna Belanger each tallied seven assists. Otto and Rylie Shallow sparked the service game with five and four aces, respectively, while Lucy Ripley paced the offense with 11 kills.

Versus NEW Lutheran, Otto dished out nine assists and added seven aces, Shallow recorded 11 digs, Ripley finished with seven kills and three aces, and Brylee Gorman added four aces. Against Seymour, Otto posted 18 assists, five kills and seven digs; Ripley tallied 10 kills, two aces and six digs; Cal-

li Bursa contributed seven kills and eight digs; Gorman chipped in five kills; and Shallow anchored the defense with 11 digs.

In the Gold Bracket against Pulaski, Otto handed out 15 assists, Ripley delivered 17 kills and Shallow added nine digs and four aces.

As for the championship match against Kiel, Otto recorded 15 assists and two aces, Shallow had 15 digs, Ripley added 11 kills and two aces, Gorman tallied six kills, and Bursa finished with eight digs. Oconto Falls improved its record to 19-4.

Pulaski 2, Houghton 1
Kiel 2, Pulaski 0
Pulaski 2, Marinette 0
Green Bay NEW Lutheran 2, Pulaski 0
Green Bay NEW Lutheran 2, Bonduel 1
Central Wisconsin Christian 2, Wittenberg-Birnamwood 0
Wittenberg-Birnamwood 2, Algoma 0
Elcho 2, Bowler 0
Suring 2, Bowler 0
Bowler 2, Stockbridge 0
Wausaukee 2, Bowler 0
Suring 2, Elcho 0
Suring 2, Lourdes 1
Suring 2, Three Lakes

St. Mary Catholic 2, Shawano 1
Shawano 2, Valders 1
Wabeno/Laona 2, Shawano 1
Thursday, Sept. 18
Oconto Falls 3, Wrightstown 0

Oconto Falls swept Wrightstown, winning in straight sets 25-21, 25-21, 25-15.

The Panthers were led by Izzy Otto with 25 assists, 12 digs and five aces. Rylie Shallow added 15 digs and three aces, while Lucy Ripley recorded 17 kills, five digs and two aces. Ella Jahnke chipped in six kills, and Brylee Gorman tallied five kills.

Tigerton 3, Bowler 0

Tigerton defeated Bowler 3-0 in a CWC matchup with set scores of 25-19, 25-17 and 25-17. It wasn't an easy match as the Tigers had to fight back from a six-point deficit in the second set to win that one.

Jaelyn Brady led Tigerton with 25 digs, followed by Lillian Welch with 12 and Renata Nordwig with 10.

Danika Tiller tallied 12



Suring's Lexi Remic (9) and Aliya Cox (8) block the ball for another point in the Eagles' 2-0 win over Bowler on Sept. 20.

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Shawano native to be inducted into Lawrence Hall of Fame

Jaskolski set new standard in softball program

Five Lawrence University athletic greats and one coach are set to be inducted into the Intercollegiate Athletic Hall of Fame.

Among the inductees is Shawano native Amanda Jaskolski of the class of 2015.

The group will be inducted in a ceremony Oct. 17, and the inductees will be introduced during the homecoming football game against Beloit College on Oct. 18 at Ron Roberts Field at the Banta Bowl.

Jaskolski set a new standard for greatness in the Lawrence softball program.

In her two seasons with the Vikings, Jaskolski became the first shortstop in Midwest Conference history to be a first-team National Fastpitch Coaches Association All-American. An exceptional hitter and slick fielder, Jaskolski was a two-time Midwest Conference player of the year and two-time first-team NFCA All-Great Lakes Region selection.

Jaskolski transferred to

Lawrence before her junior season in 2014. In just two campaigns, Jaskolski put up some eye-popping numbers.

When she graduated in 2015, Jaskolski was second in the Lawrence record book with a .439 career batting average. She was third with 19 career home runs and eighth with 76 runs batted in. Jaskolski set the Lawrence record with a career .820 slugging

percentage.

Jaskolski set six season records on her way to hitting .462 as a senior in 2015. She set Lawrence records that season with 54 hits, 13 home runs, 37 runs scored, 46 RBIs, 31 walks and 104 total bases.

During her two seasons, Jaskolski led Lawrence to a 46-25 record, including a 19-9 record in the Midwest Conference play. Lawrence qualified for the Midwest

Conference Tournament in both seasons and reached the championship game in 2015.

Jaskolski, who earned a degree in history at Lawrence, works as a development coordinator at Breakthrough T1D (formerly the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation). Jaskolski and her wife, Christina Nagle, have two children, Max and Remi, and live in Appleton.

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assists, and Aaliyah Lederhaus collected seven.

Presley Stewart-Rolfs led the Tigers with seven kills, while Welch had six and Lederhaus had five. Stewart-Rolfs and Mya Smith each had two block kills.

Brady notched 11 service points with five aces, Nordwig had 10 points and two aces, Myah Dent had 10 points and three aces, Tiller notched eight points and two aces, and Stewart-Rolfs netted six points with two aces.

Coleman 3, Lena 2
Lena's wins over Coleman were squeakers, but Coleman's victories came with much bigger margins as the Cougars tamed the Wildcats 3-2.

Coleman won the first set 25-15, and Lena came back to win the second set 25-23. Coleman won the third set 25-13, and again Lena came back to win 25-23 in the fourth set. In the fifth and final set, Coleman won 15-8.

Suring 3, Niagara 0
Suring won all three sets against Niagara, but none of the wins came easily.

The Eagles won by scores of 25-23, 25-23, 25-21.

Chloe Schroeder collected 28 assists for Suring.

Gracie Christensen tallied eight digs and three kills, and Addison Frank

had one kill.
Aliya Cox had 12 kills and seven digs, while Lexis Remic had four kills and four digs.

Ellayna Skarban tallied 13 kills and five digs.

Karissa Hischke had a pair of digs and a kill, while Hailey Bo Pecanas had one kill, and Aleena Broetzman had a dig.

Schroeder had three aces, Christensen had two, and Remic recorded one.

**Marion 3, Gresham 2
Manitowoc Lincoln 3, Pulaski 0
Tuesday, Sept. 16
Tigerton 3, NEW-CHAA 1**

Tigerton headed to Green Bay to play a volleyball match against NEWCHAA (Northeast Wisconsin Christian Homeschool Athletic Association) and returned home with a 3-1 victory.

The match was played at the Sports Advantage Center.

The Tigers started off slowly by getting behind and losing the first set of the night. They then stormed back and won the next three sets to win the match 3-1 with set scores of 18-25, 27-25, 25-22 and 25-17.

Danika Tiller had 17 assists, and Aaliyah Lederhaus had 11.

Presley Stewart-Rolfs tallied 16, followed by Tiller, Lederhaus and Mya Smith with seven each,

and Lillian Welch with six.

Jaelyn Brady led the Tigers with 22 digs, with Lederhaus adding 20, Renata Nordwig 16, Tiller 15, Welch nine, Stewart-Rolfs and Smith with six each, and Myah Dent with five.

Smith had the lone block kill.

As for service points and aces, Nordwig recorded 11 and six, respectively, followed by Stewart-Rolfs with nine points and two aces, Dent with nine points, Tiller with eight points with one ace, and Brady with seven points and an ace.

Suring 3, St. Thomas Aquinas Academy 0
Suring defeated St. Thomas Aquinas Academy 3-0, but the visitors edged closer with each set.

Suring won by scores of 25-10, 25-13, 26-24.

Chloe Schroeder notched 14 serves and four aces. Lexis Remic had 13 serves and three aces. Karissa Hische had 13 serves and an ace, while Grace Christensen had eight serves and an ace.

Schroeder led the Eagles with 33 assists; she also had four kills. Aliya Cox led with 11 kills, the team's only block kill and two digs.

Ellayna Skarban added eight kills, while Remic had seven kills, four digs and an assist. Hische tallied four kills and two digs, and Addison Frank

had two assists. Christensen collected six kills, two digs and an assist.

**Xavier 3, Shawano 0
Northland Lutheran 3, Bowler 0
Wabeno/Laona 3, Bonduel 1
Gresham 3, White Lake 1
Monday, Sept. 15
Marion 3, Port Edwards 1**

The Mustangs defeated the Blackhawks 3-1 in the Sept. 15 nonconference game.

Marion won the first two games before dropping the third and then sealing the win with a victory in the fourth game.

Scores were 25-17, 25-18, 22-25, 26-24.

Leading Marion were Myah Malueg with seven kills; Julia James, Sophia Wudstruck and Annika Jannusch with four aces each; Malueg and Suri Beilfuss with two blocks each; Madeline Wudstruck with 19 digs; and Sophia Wudstruck with 11 assists.

Amherst 3, Bonduel 2
The Falcons and the Bears battled to five sets before Amherst pulled out a 3-2 win.

Bonduel won the first set 25-23 but then lost 26-28 and 18-25 to go down 2-1. The Bears came back to win the fourth set 25-20 before falling 15-6 in the final set to give Amherst the win.

Bonduel is 9-4 overall.

Chargers notch second CWC-East volleyball win

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

Bonduel represented the Central Wisconsin Conference-East at last year's WIAA girls state volleyball tournament.

Another CWC-East team would like to follow in the Bears' footsteps.

Wittenberg-Birnwood is one of eight teams competing for a CWC-East championship this season, along with Amherst, Bonduel, Iola-Scandinavia, Manawa, Menominee Nation, Shiocton and Weyauwega-Fremont.

The Chargers are now 2-0 in conference play after taking all three games from Manawa on Sept. 16 on the Wolves' home court at Little Wolf High School.

Wittenberg-Birnwood opened the match with wins of 25-11 and 25-10 before completing the sweep with a 25-21 victory.

The Chargers built an 11-5 lead in the first set before Charlie Eichman served up 12 straight points — including three aces — to help the team take a 23-5 lead.

Brieleigh Ladika used a pair of serving aces to help give the Chargers a 7-0

lead in the second game, and the Wolves never got any closer than six points the rest of the way.

Manawa, however, led for most of the third game and almost forced a fourth set.

The Chargers trailed 7-2 and 9-4 before taking a 16-15 lead midway through the game.

Manawa eventually brought the tally to 22-21, but the Chargers responded by scoring the final three points to seal the game and win the match.

The win came a week after the Chargers dropped the first two sets of their conference opener against Iola-Scandinavia before winning the next three to take the match.

Those are the wins that can set the tone for an entire season, according to coach Becky Rew.

"Anytime you win in five (games), it's always big — especially if you come back from two down," she said. "Iola was a very scrappy team. I like a tight match early in the season. It reminds the girls that we can't take things for granted, and we have to work hard for every point."

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Mielke makes himself at home in end zone

By **GREG SEUBERT**
Correspondent

It was an offensive game plan that worked well for the Marion/Tigerton football team.

The plan? Hand the ball to Braylon Mielke and let the junior work his magic.

That “magic” added up to 337 rushing yards and five touchdowns Sept. 19 in a 48-38 win over Newman Catholic in Marion.

The win is the third straight 8-player victory for Marion/Tigerton, as the Thundercatz improved to 3-1 on the season and 3-0 in the Central Wisconsin Conference.

Players and fans who showed up for the game didn’t head home until 10:30 p.m. after two 30-minute lightning delays, one in the final minute of the first quarter and the other at halftime.

The teams combined for seven touchdowns in the first quarter alone.

Mielke opened the scoring on the game’s second play with a 51-yard run and found the end zone a second time from 15 yards out to cap a 68-yard drive on the team’s second possession.

The Thundercatz needed only one play on

its third drive to score, as Anthony Pagan scored on a 60-yard run.

Mielke added a 21-yard touchdown run that gave the Thundercatz a 28-24 lead heading into the second quarter.

While the Cardinals’ defense didn’t have an answer for Mielke, Newman Catholic had no problem finding the end zone, especially in the first quarter before the first lightning delay.

The Cardinals’ first three drives ended in touchdowns, as Quincy Pfender scored on a 1-yard quarterback keeper and added passes of 49 yards to Everett Puent and 21 yards to Griffin Puent.

The Thundercatz’ 28-24 lead heading into the second quarter didn’t last long, however, as the Cardinals answered on their next drive with a 10-yard touchdown pass from backup quarterback Michael Fox to go up 32-28 early in the second quarter.

Mielke gave the Thundercatz the lead for good with a 2-yard touchdown run with three minutes remaining in the first half.

The Thundercatz opened the second half with an 81-yard drive that ended with Mielke’s fifth trip to the end zone. The



Logan Drews lines up on offense for Marion/Tigerton during the Thundercatz’ 48-38 win over Newman Catholic.
GREG SEUBERT

Cardinals blocked the extra point try, but Marion/Tigerton had a 42-32 lead.

Another 10-yard touchdown pass from Fox cut the lead to 42-38 later in the

half, but Sam Anheuser’s 3-yard run late in the game pushed the lead back to 10 points.

“Teams know that we’re going to run the ball with

Braylon Mielke, but if we don’t have the guys up front, we don’t have the quarterback running the offense the way it’s supposed to be ran, it doesn’t work

no matter who you have back there,” coach Micah Schwantes said. “He’s a horse.”

The game was the first for the Thundercatz in two weeks, as Menominee Nation forfeited their scheduled game Sept. 12.

The win over the Cardinals allowed the Thundercatz to keep pace with Tri-County on top of the conference standings. The Thundercatz and Penguins will face each other Oct. 3 in Marion.

“We’re in a good place,” Schwantes said. “We’re healthy, but teams know we’re going to give it to (Mielke). That’s what I tell the guys up front: You have to do what you have to do and get (Mielke) his yards.”

The Thundercatz will head to Port Edwards Sept. 26 to face the Blackhawks, with kickoff set for 4 p.m.

“No matter who the opponent is, we want to do the best for ourselves moving forward, even if they are the Newman Catholics or the Almond-Bancrofts. It doesn’t matter,” Schwantes said. “If we can come into the game and do what we do, they have to be ready for us. It doesn’t matter who we play week to week. The goal is to do the best we can.”

Moesch’s big night helps Bonduel top Marinette

By **GREG SEUBERT**
Correspondent

Carter Moesch came up big for the Bonduel football team, as he scored four of his team’s five touchdowns Sept. 19 in a 35-6 Packerland Conference home win over Marinette.

In other games involving area teams, West De Pere handed Pulaski a 52-9 loss and Winneconne blanked Shawano 42-0.

Bonduel 35, Marinette 6

Moesch ran for 174 yards and three touchdowns, returned an interception for another score and blocked an extra point.

Besides Moesch’s big game, Marinette also

helped the Bears with 11 penalties for 95 yards and three turnovers.

Bonduel ran only 16 offensive plays in the first half, but still led 14-0 at the break. Moesch opened the scoring midway through the first quarter with a 3-yard run. Quinn Wesenberg’s interception led to another touchdown in the second quarter, a 56-yard run from Malachi Gray, on the first play of the drive.

Kaiden Brown returned the second-half kickoff 99 yards for what turned out to be Marinette’s only score, but Moesch blocked the extra point and the Bears hung on to a 14-6 lead.

Moesch extended

Bonduel’s lead to 21-6 late in the third quarter with a 21-yard run.

He then scored twice in the fourth quarter on a 20-yard interception return and a 43-yard run.

West De Pere 52, Pulaski 9

West De Pere stayed undefeated in Fox River Classic Conference-North play and overall by holding the Red Raiders to a touchdown and field goal in De Pere.

The Phantoms scored a pair of touchdowns in the first quarter and added two more in the second quarter to go up 28-0 before Pulaski’s Bohdan Schmidt scored on a 2-yard run with just over two minutes

to go in the first half.

West De Pere then added two more scores in the final 1:31 of the half to take a 42-6 lead at the break.

The Phantoms added to their lead with another touchdown in the fourth quarter before Miles Wipfel wrapped up Pulaski’s scoring with a 34-yard field goal early in the fourth quarter.

Schmidt finished with 129 of the Red Raiders’ 186 rushing yards on 16 carries and the Phantoms held Pulaski to 12 passing yards on two completions.

Winneconne 42, Shawano 0

The Wolves improved to 5-0 overall and 3-0 in the Bay Conference by shut-

ting out Shawano on the Hawks’ home field.

The Wolves, ranked second in Division 4 in the latest Wisconsin Football Coaches Association poll, had three touchdowns from quarterback Brody Schaffer and rushing scores from Mason Mathe, Bryce Jones and Andon Lang.

Schaffer’s scores came on an 11-yard run, 6-yard pass to Koltyn Kachur and a 35-yard interception return.

Other scores

Sept. 19: Lena/STAA 46, Gillett 0; Suring 40, Niagara 8; Menominee Nation forfeited to Wild Rose.

Upcoming games
Sept. 26 (all games 7

p.m. except where indicated): Marion/Tigerton at Port Edwards, 4 p.m.; Oconto Falls at Coleman; Mishicot at Bonduel; Loyal/Greenwood at Wittenberg-Birnamwood; Pulaski at Ashwaubenon; Suring at Lena/STAA; Gillett at Gibraltar.

Sept. 27: Luxemburg-Casco at Shawano, 1 p.m.

Season cancelled

Menominee Nation High School’s football program has cancelled its remaining varsity 8-player games for the rest of the season. The Eagles forfeited recent games to Marion/Tigerton and Wild Rose after being outscored 168-0 in losses to Laona/Wabeno and Tri-County.

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Bonduel golf outing raises \$15K for athletics

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

It was a record-breaking year for the 21st annual Bonduel Track and Field golf outing, organizer Greg Strayer said.

The Sept. 13 event drew 84 golfers in 21 teams and raised just over \$15,000. The 2024 event raised \$11,900.

“We had a goal of 25

teams, but we had a good group of golfers,” Strayer said. “We raised more than \$3,000 more than last year, and that’s great.”

He said the increase in funds came mostly from raffles and sponsorships.

“We raised the price of our sponsorships to \$100, \$250 and \$500,” Strayer said. “Quite a few of our supporters went up from

\$100 to \$250, and we had a new sponsor at \$500.

“We also 25 bucket raffles and a VIP raffle with a grand prize of a two-day stay at the Schoolhouse Inn in Langlade County. That was valued at \$1,350, and it was donated.”

This year’s event was held at Golden Sands Golf Course. The golf outing switches each year be-

tween Golden Sands and Shawano Lake Golf Course, and it’s always the second Saturday in September.

“We had a beautiful day,” Strayer said. “Everything ran like clockwork. We were very pleased with everything.”

The 2025 even had a few golfers show up from Pulaski, one with ties to Bonduel.

Strayer said Bonduel Athletics, the nonprofit group that oversees the fundraiser and distribution of funds.

“We get a lot of re-quests for funds,” Strayer said prior to the golf outing. “We paid for two or three buses for fans when the boys were in the state baseball tournament. We just wrote a check

for the football team for new headsets, and we just helped pay for two new speakers for the football field sound system.”

Strayer said he’s impressed with the fan support of Bonduel High School’s sports teams.

“We always have some of the biggest crowds at state tournaments,” he said.

Pulaski tennis team earns 2 wins against West De Pere

West De Pere topped Pulaski’s tennis team 5-2 on Sept. 18.

The Red Raiders won at No. 2 singles and No. 2 doubles.

In the singles match, Anna Krause defeated Grace Johnson 6-3, 6-3. In the doubles match, it was Ayla Groteluschen and Gretchen Rottier over Cadence Hopson and Julia Whipp 6-4, 6-2.

Xavier 7, Shawano 0
Tuesday, Sept. 16
Notre Dame 7, Pulaski 0

Notre Dame De La Baie Academy cut down Pulaski 7-0 in tennis.

The closest sets came in the doubles competition.

At No. 1 doubles, Linde Lemerond and Aubrie Schuessler won the first set 7-5, but then lost 5-7, 6-10. Ayla Groteluschen and Gretchen Rottier were defeated 4-6, 3-6 at No. 2, and at No. 3, Aubrey Coel and Riley Hartman lost 3-6, 2-6.

Menasha 4, Shawano 3
Monday, Sept. 15
Pulaski 6, Shawano 1

The Red Raiders tennis team beat Shawano with ease Sept. 15, winning 6-1.

The Hawks’ only victory came at No. 2 singles, when Jaelyn Hietpas gave everything she had to defeat Anna Krause 7-5, 6-4.

In other singles matches, Ruth Krause beat Ireland Letterman 6-0, 6-2 at No. 1; Emory Groteluschen beat Danielle Carroll 6-2, 6-2 at No. 3; and Elizabeth Dornfeld defeated Ruby Onesti 6-4, 6-1 at No. 4.

Pulaski won all three doubles contests.

In the No. 1 slot, Linde Lemerond and Aubrie Schuessler defeated Claire Weiland and Olivia Dobratz 6-0, 6-1. Ayla Groteluschen and Gretchen Rottier joined forces to beat Lana Owens and Madison Miller 6-1, 6-2 at No. 2. At No. 3, Aubrey Coel and Riley Hartman beat Chloe Gilling and Gracelyn Behnke 6-0, 6-1.

Pulaski’s Gerth wins Smiley invite

Maggie Gerth placed first in 18:54.3 and the Red Raiders girls cross country team placed second among Division 1 small schools at the Smiley Invitational at Wausau East.

Teammate Emerson Fabry placed second in 19:43.7, and Addie Bruckert was seventh in 20:21.2. Cameran Reiss finished in 11th, and Ellie Murphy was 21st.

Groth in 33rd.

Shawano placed eighth and was led by Josiah Kuehl in 26th overall in 17:59.0. Also, Aloysius Frechette placed 37th, Quinten Harkkey was 43rd, Teagan Harkkey was 45th and Beckett Hendricks finished 58th.

In Division 2, Oconto Falls placed 10th. Scoring for the Panthers were Isaiah Holtz in 20th place in 18:30.3, Ethan Zielinski in 45th, Mason Lotto in 47th, Landon Timm in 54th and Sage Mendolla in 81st.

Shawano runners placed fourth, with Bailey Hendricks leading the way with an eighth-place finish in 20:38.8. She was joined by Macy Beyer in 19th, Anabelle Schroeder in 23rd, Mikelah Powers in 32nd and Evelyn Kuehl in 35th.

In Division 2, Wittenberg-Birnamwood finished in third.

Running for the Chargers were Rory Savlesen, ninth place, 20:47.2; Nora Bushman, 12th; Harper Krull, 23rd; Delilah Schairer, 32nd; and Lilyana Groh, 48th.

Oconto Falls placed sixth with Emma Meissner finishing in eighth place in 20:41.0.

Also running for the Panthers were Lily Meissner in 11th place, Sydney Braund in 30th, Alexandria Braund in 36th and Mackenzie Lotto in 53rd.

Pulaski’s boys placed fourth.

Parker Marshall was eighth overall with a time of 16:46.8. He was joined by Arden Gillen in 11th, Mitchell Pilon in 15th, Grayden Gossen in 18th and Dayne

New London Bulldog Invite

Mariah Wondra, of Bonduel, placed third with a time of 19:06.4 among the girls.

Teammate Lillian Burreck was 11th in 21:19.2.

Suring’s Allyson Seibert placed 39th.

Brooklyn Ahlers, of Marion-Tigerton, finished 51st.

For the boys, Bonduel was paced by Gage Anderson in 15th in 18:31.2 and Griffin Uelmen in 16th in 18:33.1.

For Marion-Tigerton, it was Tristan Herro in 56th.

Suring’s Blake DeGrave finished in 69th place.

Angel Invitational

Bradyn Wendorff placed 23rd to lead the Gillett boys and Amanda Pate placed 29th to lead the girls at UW-Parkside in Kenosha on Sept. 20.

Also for the girls, Hope Soper was 58th, followed by Halle Wendorff in 115th, Sophia Limberg in 129th and Sharlese Stage in 175th.

Shawano golfers place fourth in Marinette invite

Fourteen area golf teams traveled to Riverside Country Club in Menominee, Michigan, for the 2025 Marinette Invitational on Sept. 18.

Shawano placed fourth with 416, while Oconto Falls was 10th with 449 and Bonduel was 11th with 457.

Shawano’s Gwen Hermann was eighth overall with a 97. She was joined by Madelyn Moesch with 101, Lauren Seehafer with 107 and Hailey Hawkinson

with 111.

Paige Wolf led Bonduel with a 104, followed by McKenna Onesti with 109, Leah Court with 116 and Hailey Spates with 128.

Oconto Falls’ golfers were Lilly Wagner with 110,

Katelyn Kurek and Addy Kluth with 112 each, and Riley Borkovec with 115.

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Bay Port won and Pulaski placed seventh at Mid-Valley Golf Course in De Pere.



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The 2025-26 Herdsmen at West Texas A&M University are, from left, Calvin Autrey, Claudia Tepper, Cayden Hodnett, Jacque Ghormley, Sam Blanton, Emerson Dean, Jayden Vititow, Will Hauerland, Emily Montgomery, Boone Begert, Jozie Petit and Jenna Arens (Shawano). Also pictured are the in-training Thunder XVI, Thunder XV and adviser Dr. Kelly Jones, far right. CONTRIBUTED

Shawano grad among Herdsmen for West Texas buffalo mascot

Thunder is once again rolling over the plains. Thunder XV, believed to be one of only two live buffalo university mascots in the country, again will make on-field appearances at all six of West Texas A&M University's home football games at Bain-Schaeffer Buffalo Stadium.. The buffalo, who is officially sponsored by Texas Farm Bureau, will run onto the gridiron accompanied by his handlers, the Herdsmen. This year's Herdsmen squad is comprised of 12 men and women, including Jenna Arens, a sophomore equine industry and business major from Shawano. Dating back to 1977, the Herdsmen are tasked with the safety, care and management of the buffalo, as well as his pen, dubbed the "Thunder Lodge." They also serve as ambassadors for WT's Paul Engler College of Agriculture and Natural Sciences and the university at large. Thunder XV will continue his duties while the Herdsmen continue to train Thunder XVI, dubbed "Sally," who arrived on campus in the spring.

Bonduel's Weier named MWC player of the week in volleyball

The Lawrence University volleyball team swept the Midwest Conference player of the week honors two weeks in a row. First-year player Audrey Weier was named the offensive player of the week, and fellow first-year player Aria Wessel was chosen as defensive player of the week. Weier, a middle blocker, hit .410 over the five matches and piled up 57 kills. She had a team-high 15 kills in the win over Chicago and picked up 10 kills with a .667 hitting percentage against No. 22 UW-Claire on the same day. Weier, who averaged 3.00 kills per set for the week, picked up 13 kills against Illinois Tech, had 10 against Rockford and nine against Marian. Weier also posted 18 blocks during the week, including six against Marian. In the second week of the month, Ally Corrente was chosen as offensive player of the week, and Weier was named defensive player of the week. Weier was a force at the net. Weier piled up 16 digs in the six matches for an average of 0.73 per set. Weier picked up five blocks in the victory at Central and added four in the win over Concordia Chicago. Weier also added 14 digs during the week. Weier collected 52 kills and hit .289 for the week.

Pulaski soccer team has rough week on the field; Shawano defeats Mosinee

The Pulaski Red Raiders soccer team fell at home to the Oshkosh North Spartans 4-0 on Sept. 18. Oshkosh North grabbed an early goal in the sixth minute from Gerome Mtabi. The Spartans tacked on three more goals in the second half to pull away for the win. Espoire Amisi made one save on goal for Oshkosh North (3-3-2). Jonah Dreves made three saves on goal for Pulaski (4-3-2). Tuesday, Sept. 16 Sheboygan North 2, Pulaski 1 The Sheboygan North Golden Raiders took down the Pulaski Red Raiders 2-1 in a closely contested Fox River Classic Conference game Sept. 16. Aaron Cortez scored both goals for Sheboygan North, which built a two-goal lead by the 58th minute. Pulaski cut the deficit in half off a Nolan Pratt direct free kick that beat North goalkeeper Jacoby Knowles. Jonah Dreves had seven saves on goal for Pulaski (4-2-3, 0-1-1). Knowles had eight saves on goal for North (6-0-1, 1-0-1). Monday, Sept. 15 Shawano 2, Mosinee 1 Shawano improved to 6-2-1 overall with a 2-1 nonconference win over Mosinee. Amherst 8, Gresham/Bowler 0 Amherst scored four goals in each half to defeat Gresham/Bowler 8-0 in Gresham.



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66 Scattering on a farm

70 Whole bunch

71 Geode stone

72 Motel restriction

73 Leather punches

74 Piglet pal

75 Beverly Hills shopping street

79 French roast

80 Improper thing

81 Personal flair

83 Beloved

84 "Yeah, somewhat"

86 State Dept. aide

90 Jack or joker

91 Gaelic popstar

94 Informal injustice

95 With determination

97 Regional foliage

98 Boss at a bistro

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104 Elevator entryways

105 Banquet hall parker

107 Skewered steak

108 Informal "Understand?"

109 Tiara inset

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112 Café cup

116 Metallic fabric

117 Quick cut

119 Boomerang shape

121 Southwestern creek

122 Displays on walls

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PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Sept. 21
Deputies responded to 38 incidents, including a noise complaint on Big Lake Road in the Town of Red Springs; property damage on Old Q Road in the Town of Almon; a noise disturbance near Chrissie Circle and County Road HH in the Town of Washington; a disturbance on First Avenue in Birnamwood; suspicious activity on Riverside Drive in the Town of Wescott; five 911 calls; one traffic hazard; three welfare checks; one crash.

Sept. 20
Deputies responded to 45 incidents, including operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated near South Warrington Avenue and Bonduel Street in Cecil; property damage on state Highway 32 in the Town of Green Valley; bail jumping on Cedar Street in Tigerton; two 911 calls; seven reckless driving incidents; three traffic hazards; four crashes, one involving deer.

Sept. 19
Deputies responded to 42 incidents, including vehicle theft on Hiawatha Court in the Town of Wescott; disorderly conduct at the county jail, 405 N. Main St., Shawano; suspicious activity near Amoco, 205 N. Warrington Ave., Cecil; operating after revocation near state Highways 22 and 117 in Cecil; two 911 calls; four reckless driving incidents; two traffic hazards; one crash.

Sept. 18
Deputies responded to 40 incidents, including assault on Little Road in Gresham; suspicious activity on North Genesee Street in Wittenberg; an ATV accident near state Highway 117 and East Flambeau Road in Bonduel; suspicious activity on Anderson Avenue in the Town of Wescott; suspicious activity on Cedar Street in Tigerton; attempted burglary on Old Keshena Road in the Town of Wescott; trespassing on Leopold Road in the Town of Seneca; bail jumping on Cedar Street in Tigerton; suspicious activity on Beilke Road in the Town of Red Springs; two 911 calls; two reckless driving incidents; two traffic hazards; five

welfare checks; one crash.

Sept. 17
Deputies responded to 34 incidents, including a disturbance at Dollar General, 243 S. Cecil St., Birnamwood; theft at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg, N7198 U.S. Highway 45; attempted burglary on South Cecil Street in Bonduel; harassment at McDonald's, 413 N. Genesee St., Wittenberg; harassment on Cloverleaf Lake Road in the Town of Belle Plaine; operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated near County Road G and East Town Hall Road in the Town of Red Springs; two 911 calls; three reckless driving incidents; three traffic hazards; two welfare checks; one crash, involving deer.

Sept. 16
Deputies responded to 43 incidents, including operating after revocation near state Highway 29 and County Road D in the Town of Seneca; suspicious activity on North Genesee Street in Wittenberg; bail jumping on Fourth Street in Mattoon; suspicious activity on Primrose Lane in Tigerton; a noise disturbance on Hiawatha Court in the Town of Wescott; suspicious activity on Red Lake Court in Gresham; property damage at the county jail, 405 N. Main St., Shawano; two 911 calls; one reckless driving incident; three traffic hazards; one welfare check; two crashes.

Sept. 15
Deputies responded to 40 incidents, including fraud on St. Johns Church Road in the Town of Waukechon; suspicious activity near state Highway 47-55 and County Road A in the Town of Wescott; a noise disturbance on West Main Street in Bowler; operating after revocation near U.S. Highway 45 and Hummingbird Road in the Town of Birnamwood; a vicious animal complaint on Lakewood Court in the Town of Wescott; harassment on North Genesee Street in Wittenberg; one 911 call; four reckless driving incidents; one welfare check; one crash.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Sept. 21
Officers responded to 17 incidents, including bail jumping at Hensel's Shawano Inn, 134

S. Washington St.; a missing person on South Sawyer Street; two reports of vandalism on South Union Street; suspicious activity on East Lieg Avenue; a disturbance on Engel Drive; a disturbance on Fairview Way; suspicious activity at Dunkin Donuts, 1209 E. Green Bay St.; one 911 call.

Sept. 20
Officers responded to 20 incidents, including suspicious activity on East Green Bay Street; a noise disturbance on Estates Lane; theft on South Sawyer Street; suspicious activity on South Lafayette Street; three reckless driving incidents; one welfare check.

Sept. 19
Officers responded to 27 incidents, including threatening at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; vandalism at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; suspicious activity near People's Express South, 716 S. Main St.; three 911 calls; one reckless driving incident; one welfare check; one crash.

Sept. 18
Officers responded to 24 incidents, includ-

ing suspicious activity on East Center Street; suspicious activity on Military Road; suspicious activity on East Maurer Street; theft on East Fifth Street; suspicious activity on East Randall Street; theft on East Richmond Street; bail jumping on West Picnic Street; harassment at Wisconsin House, 216 E. Green Bay St.; suspicious activity near East Division and South Andrews streets; two 911 calls; one reckless driving incident; three traffic hazards; three welfare checks; one crash.

Sept. 17
Officers responded to 20 incidents, including elder abuse or neglect on South Lincoln Street; theft on South Franklin Street; threatening on West Pine Street; a disturbance on Mountain Bay Trail Drive; one 911 call; three welfare checks.

Sept. 16
Officers responded to 25 incidents, including harassment on South Lafayette Street; suspicious activity on East Center Street; two 911 calls; one reckless driving incident; three welfare checks; two crashes.

COURT NEWS

▪ Andrea P. Slater, 32, Green Bay, pleaded no contest Sept. 17 to second-degree recklessly endangering safety and a misdemeanor charge of disorderly conduct. Judge Katherine Sloma withheld sentencing and placed her on four years of probation with conditions.

▪ Juan Jaurez Correa, 63, Green Bay, pleaded no contest Sept. 17 to operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fourth offense). Sloma levied a \$900 fine and other costs, sentenced him to six months in jail and revoked his driver's license for 24 months.

▪ Lindsey S. Moschel-Olszewski, 36, Green Bay, pleaded no contest June 19 to two counts of felony bail jumping. Sloma withheld sentencing Sept. 18 and placed her on four years of probation with conditions.

▪ Tyler J. Parker, 35, pleaded no contest Sept. 19 to possession of THC (second or subsequent offense) and a misdemeanor charge of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (third offense). Sloma sentenced him to 90 days in jail and revoked his driver's license for 28 months.

▪ Brandon J. Kleczka, 37, Gillett, pleaded no contest Sept. 18 to operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fourth offense). Sloma sentenced him to 18 months in prison, followed by 30 months of extended supervision with conditions.

▪ Michael J. Munson, 41, Gresham, was charged Sept. 15 with operating a motor vehicle with a restricted controlled substance (fourth offense), possession of narcotic drugs, possession of methamphetamine, five counts of felony bail jumping, and a misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a \$2,500 cash bond and adjourned his initial appearance

until Nov. 11.

▪ Cameron Robert Pedersen II, 37, Shawano, was charged Sept. 15 with strangulation and suffocation, throwing or discharging bodily fluids at a public safety officer or prosecutor, and misdemeanor counts of battery, disorderly conduct, and resisting or obstructing an officer. Sloma set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for Nov. 10.

▪ Darcy A. Spruce, 44, Shawano, was charged Sept. 15 with three counts of felony bail jumping and misdemeanor counts of disorderly conduct and resisting or obstructing an officer. Sloma set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for Oct. 6.

▪ Shawnelee Dixon, 33, Shawano, was charged Sept. 17 with felony bail jumping and misdemeanor counts of disorderly conduct and criminal damage to property. Sloma set a \$750 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for Nov. 4.

▪ Zadeus K. Huxford, 34, Keshena, was charged Sept. 17 with intimidating the victim of a domestic abuse crime, six counts of felony bail jumping, and a misdemeanor count of knowingly violating a domestic abuse injunction. Sloma set a \$30,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Sept. 22.

▪ Krystal K. Espinosa, 40, Wittenberg, was charged Sept. 17 with felony bail jumping. Sloma set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for Nov. 4.

▪ Nagih I. Nickey, 30, Shawano, was charged Sept. 18 with possession of methamphetamine, 15 counts of felony bail jumping, and misdemeanor counts of operating while revoked and possession of an illegally obtained prescription.

Sloma set a \$3,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Sept. 24.

Legals WNAIXLP

09/19/2025, 09/25/2025, 10/03/2025
STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KATHLEEN A. GAVIN
Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No. 25 PR 70
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth June 9, 1947 and date of death June 17, 2025, was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 100 E. Wall St. Apt. 7, Bowler, WI 54416
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is [Date] December 22, 2025.
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main St., Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate Office.
Form completed by: Samantha J. Emro, Esq., Emro Law, LLC 1101 E. South River St., Ste. 103 Appleton, WI 54915 (920) 882-5540
Bar Number: 1123918
WNAIXLP

09/12/2025, 09/19/2025, 09/25/2025
STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF REX ROGER CARLSON
DOD: 07/23/2023
Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No. 2025PR65
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 03/12/1961 and date of death 07/23/2023, was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of N5615 Oriole Road, Wittenberg, WI 54499.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is December 17, 2025.
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N Main St., Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate office.
BY THE COURT:
DATE SIGNED: SEPTEMBER 3, 2025
Electronically signed by Gwen Hoffman, Probate Registrar.
FORM COMPLETED BY:
Joy N Sisler
PO Box 5
New London, WI 54961
(920)779-4140
Bar Number 1086541
WNAIXLP

9/26/25, 10/3/25, 10/10/25
STATE OF WISCONSIN SHAWANO COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Frances E. Brunzelle
DOD 10-15-2024
Notice Setting Time to Hear Application and Deadline for Filing Claims (Informal Administration)
Case No. 25 PR 66
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 11-23-1933 domiciled in Shawano and date of death 10-15-2024 County, State of Wisconsin mailing address of 725 South Main Street, Apt. 202, Shawano, WI 54166
3. The application will be heard at the Shawano County Courthouse 311 N. Main Street, Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202 before Gwen Hoffman Probate Registrar, on October 14, 2025 at 10:00 am.
You do not need to appear unless you object. The application may be granted if there is no objection.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is 12-12-2025
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate Office County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano
6. This publication is notice to any persons whose names or address are unknown.
The names or addresses of the following interested persons (if any) are not known or reasonably ascertainable:
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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT SHAWANO COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF Ruth Marianne Bora
Notice of Name Chance Hearing
Case No 25cv175
NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: Ruth Marianne Bora To:Ruth Marianne Bora-DeWulf Birth Certificate: Ruth Marianne Bora This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Shawano County State of Wisconsin Judge Sloma Court House BR1 311 N Main St Shawano WI October 24, 2025 8:45 a.m. If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-526- 9347 prior to the scheduled court date. WNA
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9/26/25
STATE OF WISCONSIN SHAWANO COUNTY

Notice of Self Storage Sale
Please take notice Just Simple Storage - Gresham - Upper Lake Dr; Cherry Rd located at W10711 UpperLake Dr / W10129 Cherry Rd, Gresham, WI, 54128 intends to hold a Auction of storage units in default of payment. The sale will occur as an Online Auction via www.bid13.com on 10/16/2025 at 12:00PM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods, furnishings and garage essentials.
Lance Lindner unit #BB18; Scott McKeever unit #BB2. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.
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STATE OF WISCONSIN SHAWANO COUNTY

SERVBANK, SB
Plaintiffs
Vs.
JACOB J. EGGERT UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JACOB J. EGGERT; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, Defendants'
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE Plaintiff Case No. 2025CV000020
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered on April 22, 2025, in the amount of \$136,620.47, the Sheriff, or Designee, will sell the described premises at public auction as follows:
TIME: October 8, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.
TERMS: 1. 10% down in cash, cashier's check or certified funds at the time of sale; balance due within 10 days of confirmation of sale; failure to pay balance due will result in forfeit of deposit to plaintiff.
2. Sold "as is" and subject to all legal liens and encumbrances.
3. Buyer to pay applicable Wisconsin Real Estate Transfer Tax in addition to the purchase price.
4. Bidders not a party to this action are subject to the requirements of Wisconsin Statute Section 846.155.
PLACE: MAIN LOBBY OF COURTHOUSE IN HALLWAY (OUTSIDE OF THE TREASURER'S OFFICE), 311 N. MAIN STREET SHAWANO, WI 54166
Property description: THAT PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (NE ¼ OF NW ¼), SECTION FOURTEEN (14), TOWNSHIP TWENTY SIX (26) NORTH, RANGE SIXTEEN (16) EAST, IN THE TOWN OF WAUKECHON, SHAWANO COUNTY, WISCONSIN, BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTH QUARTER CORNER OF THE SAID SECTION 14; THENCE NORTH 89° 54'; WEST ALONG THE SECTION LINE, 165.45 FEET THENCE SOUTH 02° 18'; 38" EAST, 263.51 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89° 54'; EAST 165.45 FEET TO THE QUARTER SECTION LINE; THENCE NORTH 02° 18'; 38" WEST ALONG THE SAID LINE, 263.51 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, EXCEPT THAT PART CONVEYED TO THE TOWN OF WAUKECHON BY QUIT CLAIM DEED RECORDED IN VOLUME 600 RECORDS, PAGE 348, AS DOCUMENT NO. 395694.
Tax Key No.: 046-142100000
Property Address: W5507 PORTER ROAD, SHAWANO, WISCONSIN 54166
Shannon K. Cummings State Bar No. 1033710
Attorney for Plaintiff
633 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 408 Milwaukee, WI, 53203
Phone: 312-541-9710
Mailing Address: 30 N. LaSalle St., Suite 3650 Chicago, IL 60602
Email: WisconsinPleadings@johnsonblumberg.com
Johnson, Blumberg & Associates, LLC, is the creditor's attorney and is attempting to collect a debt on its behalf. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT SHAWANO COUNTY

Nancy Karpinski
DOD 08/09/2025

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No. 25 PR 71

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 05/01/1947 and date of death 08/09/2025, was domiciled in Shawano County State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 1024vSmailey ST, Shawano, WI 54166.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is December 23, 2025.
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano, Wisconsin 5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate Office.
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9/19/25, 9/26/25, 10/3/25
STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT SHAWANO COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Leslie C. Hoffmann
DOD - July 10, 2025
Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No. 25 PR 69
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth May 5, 1970 and date of death July 10, 2025 was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of W6601 County Road B, Shawano, Wisconsin 54166
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is December 19, 2025
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Room 202, Shawano, Wisconsin, Probate Office Attorney Abby K. Fritze Brehmer Law 320 Main Avenue, Suite 202, De Pere, WI 54115 (920) 760-3499 1122863
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9/19/25, 9/26/25, 10/3/25
STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT SHAWANO COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF Preston Robert Waubanasum
Notice of Name Chance Hearing Case No.25cv14
NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: Preston Robert Waubanasum To: Preston Robert Dodge Birth Certificate: Preston Robert Waubanasum This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Shawano County State of Wisconsin Shawano Court House 311 N Main St Shawano WI Judge William F. Kussel JR BR 1 10/13/2025 8:15 am
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YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW

'No comment' is no help to the public

As homelessness grows across Wisconsin, social service agencies are feeling a crunch. The federal government is slashing funding for tackling the problem, and state lawmakers aren't helping much either.

Reporters for Wisconsin Watch, the nonprofit news organization for which I work, unpacked those challenges in a mid-July story. They noted the Legislature's budget writing committee rejected a \$24 million proposal by Gov. Tony Evers to boost funding for homelessness support services and shelter operations.

The reason? Committee leaders won't say.

The 2,358-word story included perspectives of multiple service providers and policy experts, but the lawmakers were conspicuously absent. My colleagues sent multiple requests for comment to four members of the committee, including its two co-chairs. One declined an interview request. The others did not reply.

The silence leaves the public guessing.

Do the lawmakers disagree on the scope of the problem? Do they think money can be better spent on other issues? How much is just politics between a Republican-controlled committee and a Democratic governor?

We don't know, because they won't tell us.

It's hard to address homelessness — or any complex challenge — if we don't even know where leaders stand.

Unfortunately, independent journalists are growing accustomed to being ignored. In a trend spanning multiple levels of government and political parties, public officials are increasingly avoiding answering inconvenient questions about matters of public concern. They're sending generic statements instead of agreeing to interviews that are more likely to yield clarity. That's if they respond at all.

It's happening in Wisconsin and beyond.

"Patterns of media evasion and selective engagement have become the norm for many newsmakers. They may work with media that are friendly to or aligned with the source's views, resulting in little to no accountability questions or pushback," according to a 2024 Poynter Institute report. "Many sources who once engaged with reporters, even if grudgingly, have become masters of media avoidance."

Such tactics are less



harmful to journalists than they are to constituents. We ask questions on behalf of the public — not to satisfy our own curiosities. Ignoring us is ignoring the public.

In Wisconsin, the silence means less information on everything from state prison staffing shortages to the politics behind state conservation funding or dormant city initiatives in Milwaukee.

Earlier this year, a McFarland man who arrived three years ago from Cuba attended what he thought would be the first hearing in his asylum case — after following steps laid out by the federal government. Instead, a judge dismissed Miguel Jerez Robles' case and agents with Immigration and Customs Enforcement arrested him.

"He had everything in order, and he was arbitrarily arrested and placed in expedited removal when he doesn't qualify to be in expedited removal," his attorney told the Capital Times and Wisconsin Watch.

The news outlets reached out to ICE for comment. It did not respond. A month after his arrest, the man was released, still with no explanation.

Thankfully, such stonewalling is not universal. Some officials still value transparency, agreeing to interviews that help the public understand their actions. It's probably not always easy. Engaging with journalists takes time and energy, and requests may flow in with tight deadlines.

Their constituents are better off for it.

While writing this column, I emailed the four lawmakers who did not comment during Wisconsin Watch's homelessness reporting in July: Rep. Mark Born, R-Beaver Dam; Sen. Howard Marklein, R-Spring Green; Sen. Romaine Robert Quinn, R-Birchwood; and Sen. Eric Wimberger, R-Oconto. I offered a fresh chance to discuss their vote and share their perspectives on receiving media requests.

None of them responded.

Jim Malewitz is the managing editor of Wisconsin Watch. Your Right to Know is a monthly column distributed by the Wisconsin Freedom of Information Council (wisfoic.org), a group dedicated to open government.



GUEST COLUMN

Avoid 'gut punch' of newspaper closing

"A gut punch."

That's how Dave Bordewyk, executive director of the South Dakota NewsMedia Association, described the abrupt closure of four newspapers in the state last month.

On Aug. 7, News Media Corporation, which published 25 newspaper titles in Arizona, Illinois, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming, announced it was immediately shutting down all of its operations.

The (relatively) good news is that within a couple of weeks, Champion Media, a community newspaper company based in Mooresville, North Carolina, announced it was acquiring and restarting the Brookings Register, Huron Plainsman, Redfield Press and Moody County Enterprise at Flandreau.

What happened in those four communities is a sobering reminder that many newspapers are struggling, not just in South Dakota but around the world.

The decline of community newspapers reflects a dramatic shift in the traditional business model for newspapers and changing readership trends as people increasingly rely on online sources for information.

To be fair, the industry was slow to adapt. I recall attending sessions at newspaper conventions in the late 1990s where "the experts" underestimated the impact of the internet on both revenue and readership and, for too long, failed to adjust to the changing landscape.

Historically, newspapers had relied heavily on advertising to pay for production costs, enabling



them to keep subscription rates relatively low. It was the business model that sustained newspapers for decades.

Comparing the newspapers of the 1990s with the newspapers of today is sobering. The dramatic loss of display ads in the paper over the past three decades tells you all you need to know. I counted the number of ads in the Courier the first week of August 2005 — 42 display and 53 classified ads.

During the first week of August this year, there were 24 display and four classified ads. While there are numerous contributing factors, the impact is significant.

The loss of that revenue means a dramatic shift to increased subscription prices. Fewer pages (and stories and photos). Staff cuts. Curtailed office hours. Other major adjustments in how newspapers do business.

In some cases, newspapers have closed. It's only then that the people who live in the communities realize the impact of losing their newspaper. That was certainly the case last month.

An Aug. 8 Associated Press story noted: "Brookings Mayor Ope Niemeyer said the closure of his town's newspaper 'absolutely' leaves a big hole in the community."

He said the Brookings Register "did a great job telling readers what was going on ... It brings the

community together. It's an entity that's going to be irreplaceable."

That's the potential reality of hundreds of communities in which the survival of their community newspapers is tenuous.

As was the case with the Brookings Register, when a paper closes, there are immediate efforts to revive it. That doesn't always happen.

So what can be done?

First, newspapers need to take bold steps to remain vital and adapt to changing realities.

Second, newspapers need to be honest and direct with their readers about the challenges, struggles and realities of publishing a newspaper.

Third, if the community wants to keep its newspaper, it needs to step up before a paper closes.

Here are some tangible and practical ways you can help do that:

- Subscribe to the newspaper's print or online edition. This provides a direct revenue stream and enables you to receive content regularly and remain in touch with your community.
- Subscribe for a friend or family member.
- Donate; many papers accept donations, even if they are not nonprofit organizations.
- Interact and engage with your paper. Read, contribute stories and photos and offer suggestions. Write a letter.
- Volunteer to assist.
- Advocate. Talk to your family, friends and neighbors about the importance of supporting local news. Share stories and posts. Tell others about stories you read and

encourage them to read — and subscribe.

• Advertise in your community newspaper. If you own a business or are part of an organization, promote your products and services. Recognize your staff. Share your history. Mark your business milestones. Sponsor special stories and sections.

• Advertising is not limited to businesses and organizations. If you're having a garage or rummage sale, promote it in your newspaper. Recognize someone for their birthday, anniversary or accomplishment. Give a shoutout to a business or organization for a job well done. Share a message that you'd like the community to see. Place an ad to spark support for a pet project or issue. Use your newspaper to invite people to join your organization.

Community newspapers keep us connected, informed and engaged. Their impact transcends the issues they publish. They provide continuity, stability and a living history for our communities. They link us to businesses, government and each other in ways that social media simply cannot.

The sobering reality is that if your paper shuts down, there will likely be a call to do many of the things I've outlined here to resurrect it.

Why wait? Actively support your community newspaper now — before the "gut punch" of closing becomes your reality.

Tim L. Waltner became a community journalist with the Freeman Courier in 1973. He retired in 2020. Readers can email him at timlwaltner@gmail.com.

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murder and faces the death penalty if convicted.

He founded Turning Point USA in 2012 and was its executive director.

Stepniewski said Shawano’s peaceful vigil was intended to be a space for anyone feeling sadness who wanted to honor the life of Kirk, support his family and stand together as they move forward and continue to share his message.

The Rev. Kyle Johnson, lead pastor at Hope Community Church in Shawano, acknowledged the heavy hearts of supporters as well as the divided world that exists.

He said people could best honor Kirk in their words and actions by cherishing family, living with purpose and strengthening bonds that bind.

“The divide is great,” Johnson said. “In the moment like this, the divide can only get greater, but there is a statement that is said – all the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle.”

He urged those in attendance to continue to be the example that needs to be shone.

“We need to listen effectively,” he said. “You’re going to have an opportunity this week to engage people that don’t process the world the way that we do, but we’re going to shine that light. We’re going to listen — listen to not what’s in their words but what’s in their heart, where there’s hurt, where’s there’s confusion.”

He then urged them to respond — not to win an argument but by to build up the other person and

help close the divide.

“This is not what’s going to define us,” he said of the killing. “This is not going to end with us fully separated; we are going to bring us back together.”

Johnson noted the quote on the back of T-shirts worn by many in attendance: “I want to be remembered for my faith.”

Ray Benishek collected donations to print 100 T-shirts with Kirk’s photo on the front and a quote on the reverse.

“What an amazing event,” Benishek said. “Thank you to every single person who accepted the memorial shirts. And a special thanks to everyone who donated and helped me get the ball rolling.”

Johnson said faith was key to Kirk.

“There’s a God that has uniquely designed each and every one of us for a purpose, but because ... of the divide each one of us has in our heart, we have a separation from God,” Johnson said.

He added God provides the way for everyone to come back together, and this is through the light of Jesus Christ.

“Although there is a heaviness that’s over us, I think there also needs to be a sense of hope, a sense of peace, because clearly if he wanted to be remembered for his faith, his faith is defined as only through Jesus Christ we can be saved,” Johnson said.

The gathering ended with a moment of silence and the opportunity for those in attendance to talk and take photos in and around the temporary memorial.

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Bonduel Founders Day celebrated



Pam Hammel, of Valders, looks over some of the many fall crafts available for sale at vendor booths at the Sept. 20 Bonduel Founders Day celebration. Hammel and her family were camping in the Cecil area and decided to check out the event.

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public library to the county. Near the last phase of any building project would be to build a new library on the site of the parking lot and then turn the site of the current library into a parking lot.

Supervisor Al Kuhn said Berner also needs to run numbers on what it would cost to remodel the existing courthouse. He said taxpayers will want to know that cost when it comes to making a final decision.

Berner said he also wants to provide information on what the possible projects will mean to taxpayers, but he may not have those figures until November.

In the first option, the judicial office and jail support would be done first, followed by county government in the second phase, law enforcement in the third phase, juvenile in the fourth and library in the fifth phase.

Another option is to complete all of the judicial offices, law enforcement and jail in a first phase, followed by county government in phase two, the library in the third phase and juvenile in the fourth.

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09/26/2025, 10/03/2025

Village of Bonduel

Notice of Public Hearing
Request for CONDITIONAL use Permit

The Village of Bonduel Plan Commission will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday, October 6, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.**, at the Bonduel Village Hall, 117 W. Green Bay Street, Bonduel, to hear the request for the following planning and zoning matter:

Conditional Use Permit, Jason Hutter, 107 E Green Bay Street, Parcel No. 107-70050-0570, to consider light industrial facility producing food with cooling and packaging area in the C-1 Commercial District.

The Plan Commission will take comments from all interested parties at the Public Hearing. Immediately following the closing of the Public Hearing, the Plan Commission will make recommendations to the Village Board.

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BUDGET PUBLICATION - 2025-2026			
Menominee Indian School District			
Menominee High School Gym October 1st 2025 at 5:00pm			
GENERAL FUND	Audited 2023 - 2024	Unaudited 2024 - 2025	Budget 2025 - 2026
Beginning Fund Balance	22,872,470.37	\$15,254,686.26	7,700,940.28
Ending Fund Balance	15,254,686.26	\$7,700,940.28	7,700,940.28
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Transfers-In (Source 100)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Local Sources (Source 200)	4,406,216.00	2,088,945.48	3,306,116.00
Inter-district Payments (Source 300 + 400)	1,265,153.00	960,356.00	799,928.00
Intermediate Sources (Source 500)	26,153.58	27,278.58	24,110.00
State Sources (Source 600)	9,769,248.43	15,155,564.58	14,011,600.00
Federal Sources (Source 700)	12,848,164.40	11,950,774.34	8,460,927.00
All Other Sources (Source 800 + 900)	86,333.32	36,297.60	25,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	28,401,268.73	30,219,216.58	26,627,681.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES			
Instruction (Function 100 000)	8,910,511.89	9,587,579.81	9,679,057.00
Support Services (Function 200 000)	12,486,379.31	17,190,243.78	13,310,831.00
Non-Program Transactions (Function 400 000)	14,622,161.64	10,995,138.97	3,637,793.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	36,019,052.84	37,772,962.56	26,627,681.00
SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND	Audited 2023 - 2024	Unaudited 2024 - 2025	Budget 2025 - 2026
Beginning Fund Balance	142,188.78	113,141.23	176,281.85
Ending Fund Balance	113,141.23	176,281.85	176,281.85
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	3,675,143.27	3,831,735.72	3,442,515.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	3,704,190.82	3,768,595.10	3,442,515.00
DEBT SERVICE FUND	Audited 2023 - 2024	Unaudited 2024 - 2025	Budget 2025 - 2026
Beginning Fund Balance	599,327.63	1,210,751.72	791,151.79
Ending Fund Balance	1,210,751.72	791,151.79	791,151.79
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	2,291,461.60	4,271,786.87	2,549,020.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	1,680,037.51	4,691,386.80	2,549,020.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	Audited 2023 - 2024	Unaudited 2024 - 2025	Budget 2025 - 2026
Beginning Fund Balance	34,852,785.58	813,313.86	813,615.84
Ending Fund Balance	813,313.86	813,615.84	813,615.84
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	11,879,658.87	7,235,560.13	0.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	45,719,130.59	7,235,258.15	0.00
FOOD SERVICE FUND	Audited 2023 - 2024	Unaudited 2024 - 2025	Budget 2025 - 2026
Beginning Fund Balance	0.00	(0.00)	192,967.01
Ending Fund Balance	(0.00)	192,967.01	207,967.01
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	977,625.58	1,263,512.44	1,025,869.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	977,625.58	1,070,545.43	1,010,869.00
COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND	Audited 2023 - 2024	Unaudited 2024 - 2025	Budget 2025 - 2026
Beginning Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ending Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	0.00	0.00	0.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	0.00	0.00	0.00
PACKAGE & COOPERATIVE PROGRAM FUND	Audited 2023 - 2024	Unaudited 2024 - 2025	Budget 2025 - 2026
Beginning Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ending Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	0.00	0.00	0.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses			
ALL FUNDS	Audited 2023 - 2024	Unaudited 2024 - 2025	Budget 2025 - 2026
GROSS TOTAL EXPENDITURES - ALL FUNDS	88,100,037.34	54,538,748.04	33,630,085.00
Interfund Transfers (Source 100) - ALL FUNDS	13,264,085.81	9,762,268.86	2,356,935.00
Refinancing Expenditures (FUND 30)	0.00	0.00	0.00
NET TOTAL EXPENDITURES - ALL FUNDS	74,835,951.53	44,776,479.18	31,273,150.00
PERCENTAGE INCREASE - NET TOTAL FUND EXPENDITURES FROM PRIOR YEAR		-40.17%	-30.16%
PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY			
Levy Summary	Audited 2023 - 2024	Unaudited 2024 - 2025	Budget 2025 - 2026
General Fund	\$3,700,000	\$1,288,028	\$3,010,793
Referendum Debt Service Fund	\$1,859,813	\$4,271,785	\$2,549,020
Non-Referendum Debt Service Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital Expansion Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
Community Service Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
Prior Year Levy Chargeback	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Levy	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL SCHOOL LEVY	\$5,559,813	\$5,559,813	\$5,559,813
PERCENTAGE INCREASE - TOTAL LEVY FROM PRIOR YEAR		0.00%	0.00%
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Mistakes on the Lake

Packers late game collapse gives Browns 13-10 victory

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Cleveland Browns kicker Andre Szmyt booted a 55-yard field goal through the uprights as time expired to give the Green Bay Packers its first loss of the season Sept. 21 in Cleveland.

Leading a large majority of the game, it looked the Packers were going to come away unscathed, even with how sloppy the offense looked. Up 10-0 with 3:38 left in the game, the Browns got its first points of the game on a Szmyt 35-yard field goal.

Needing to run the clock out to ice the game, Green Bay ran two receiver sweeps to Matthew Golden to pick up seven yards and force Cleveland to use timeouts. On the ensuing third-and-three, Jordan Love dropped back and attempted a quick slant to Dontayvion Wicks. Browns safety Grant Delpit stepped in front of the pass and intercepted the ball, taking it back to the Packers 4-yard line.

From there, a pass interference call gave the Browns a first-and-goal from the 1-yard line, where rookie running back Quinshon Judkins plunged into the end zone. With the extra point, the Browns tied the game and as a whole scored 10 points in 37 seconds.

Green Bay was not out of it yet though, as taking over on its own 35-yard line, Love quickly worked down the field with a pass interference and an 18-yard catch and run by Tucker Kraft moved the ball to the Browns' 22-yard line. In an effort to milk the clock and set up the game-winning field goal after the two-minute warning, running back Josh Jacobs appeared to fumble the football and



Expecting to take the lead with 27 seconds left in the game, a dejected Packers special team unit walks off the field following a blocked field goal attempt. Brandon McManus' failed 43-yard field goal was recovered by the Cleveland Browns on the Cleveland 47-yard line.

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simultaneously recovered it with Browns linebacker Devin Bush. Jacobs was ruled down before fumbling, which ultimately stood as the call after review.

After a penalty and two runs, the Packers were set up with a 43-yard game-winning field goal attempt. The kick was blocked and recovered by the Browns at its own 47-yard line. Five plays later, Browns quarterback Joe Flacco worked the team down to the Packers' 37-yard line, setting up Szmyt's game-winning kick.

"To be in a position to win the game at the end of the game and have the script totally flip on you with a block and then



Against the Browns, Jordan Love was 18-of-25 for 183 yards with one touchdown, one interception and an 89.2 rating.

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them getting into field goal range – it's tough, it's tough to deal with," said Packers head coach Matt

LaFleur.

While the last 3:38 seconds of the game provided excitement, the same

cannot be said about the rest of the game. It was a sloppy offensive game for both sides, as the teams combined for 451 yards, both averaging about 3.9 yards per play. On top of that, both teams combined for 165 penalty yards on 22 penalties, with 14 of them coming by way of Green Bay.

Love finished the game completing 18-of-25 passes for 183 yards, one touchdown and one interception. In one of the offensive lines' worst games since he became the starting quarterback, Love was sacked five times.

With the poor game from the offensive line, Green Bay saw injuries to Zach Tom and Aaron

Banks again in this game, which led to some shuffling that saw Jordan Morgan and Anthony Belton receive the majority of the snaps at left guard and right tackle, respectively.

"You know, there was definitely things that happened, you know (Tom) getting injured right there, Banks going out, so we were shuffling guys around, but the first two games, I think that is kind of how it has been. Guys have shuffled in and have done some good things," said Love, about the offensive line. "It is one of those things. It is the next man up mentality. Everybody that suits up, be ready to

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Jordan Love and the offense struggled through the Week 3 loss before melting down with an interception, 14 penalties and a blocked winning field goal attempt.

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Self-inflicted wounds still an issue

Penalties, mistakes keep Packers from reaching full potential

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Stop me if you have heard this one before. The Green Bay Packers lost a very winnable game after errors, including turnovers, penalties and special teams disasters set the team back.

Over the past couple of seasons, the Packers have

been employed the NFL's youngest team and while that certainly calls for excitement for the future (especially after back-to-back playoff appearances), one thing that is common for young teams and rings true for the Packers since Jordan Love took over the quarterback duties, is there is going to be mental errors.

Coming into the 2025 season, Green Bay still rolls out the youngest roster in the league, but through two weeks with two dominant wins over last season's NFC playoff teams, it looked this Packers team was finally able to put some of those mental errors at bay.

While it is hard to base it off of one game, it ap-

pears that those mental mistakes still need to be worked out for this team to reach its full potential.

Some of those mistakes are not to be blamed on the youth of this team. In the Week 3 loss to the Cleveland Browns, Love was sacked five times. While Love was to be

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O-line in question against the Cowboys

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Green Bay's Week 4 contest will be a Sunday Night Football game at Dallas against the 1-2 Cowboys.

Packers' offense vs. Cowboys' defense

Green Bay's offense had been a mixed bag through two games to start the year.

There was nothing mixed about the Sept. 21 performance in Cleveland. The Packers' offense was downright terrible.

Their passing game was poor. Their run game was inept. They could not protect their quarterback, and their quarterback turned the ball over.

Other than that Mr. LaFleur, how was the play?

Jordan Love had not turned the ball over coming into the game against Cleveland but threw an interception that turned the tide in Cleveland's favor.

He'll need to be much better against Dallas. The good news is the best game of Love's career came in Dallas, for his first postseason start.

The rest of the group around him has questions to answer as well.

Tucker Kraft tweaked his knee late in the week last week and was not nearly as impactful in the passing game as the offense struggled to find its way throughout the day in Cleveland.

Matthew Golden caught four passes and made one big play down the field. Dontayvion Wicks is off to a good start this season but only caught two passes in the loss.



Micah Parsons and the defense held the Browns scoreless for the first three quarters. GREG MELLIS | GREEN & GOLD EXPRESS



Adding to the offensive line struggles, Zach Tom returned to the lineup but was hurt on his first play back. GREG MELLIS | GREEN & GOLD EXPRESS

Josh Jacobs ran for 30 yards on 16 carries, and the run game as a whole has been woefully inefficient to start the season.

Zach Tom returned to

the lineup and lasted all of one snap before having to go back to the sideline. They would play seven different offensive linemen with Aaron Banks also leaving the game with an injury. They've played eight different offensive linemen this season.

The Sept. 21 game was their worst performance of the season.

They did not protect Love as he was sacked five times and under pressure throughout the day.

There was no bigger reason for the offense to sputter than the poor play from the offensive line.

To be fair, Cleveland's front is vicious, and they are one of the best defenses in football.

This week, the Packers will be facing a defense

not nearly as good, with the Cowboys set to line up across from them.

Of course the Packers are familiar with some of the situation in Dallas. Their best defender, Micah Parsons, came from there in a trade that was consummated in late August.

In return, the Cowboys received two draft choices and Kenny Clark.

Clark suffered an injury in the Sept. 21 loss to Chicago, and it's unclear if he'll be able to play against the Packers.

If he is, Dallas' run defense has been very good to start the year. They slowed down Saquon Barkley and D'Andre Swift in two of their first three games.

The pass defense? That's a different story.

Russell Wilson and Caleb Williams both had their way with Dallas' defense that has had little to no pass rush in the absence of Parsons.

They're coordinated by Matt Eberflus, who has been more prone to being conservative in calling a defense, which could play in Green Bay's favor as they attempt to rebound from Sunday's disaster.

Packers' defense vs. Cowboys' offense

Green Bay's defense continues to play well. Yes, they lost, but almost all of Cleveland's points can be attributed to blunders on offense and special teams.

Love's interception to Grant Delpit gifted the Browns seven points, and a blocked field goal gave the Browns great field position to kick a game-winning field goal.

Rashan Gary had two more sacks Sept. 21, bringing his season total to 4.5.

He's on pace to surpass 10 sacks for the first time in his career.

Parsons was not as impactful on the stat sheet but was a big help on Gary's first sack of the day as three people blocked him, and nobody blocked Gary.

One thing to watch on Green Bay's defense is the depth on the defensive line.

Devonte Wyatt left the game with a knee injury, and his status could be uncertain for Sunday's game.

If he's unable to play, they'll be down to two defensive tackles that have played extended snaps.

That will mean bigger roles for Nazir Stackhouse and Warren Brinson, the latter of which has been a healthy scratch in each of the first three games.

On the other side of the ball, there are some familiar faces in Dallas with Dak Prescott still running the show in Dallas.

He's flanked by a talented group of receivers with George Pickens, CeeDee Lamb and Jalen Tolbert at receiver. Jake Ferguson is a talented tight end as well, and he caught 13 passes in the team's 31-14 loss in Chicago.

The big question mark on offense for Dallas is whether one of their best players will be available.

Lamb exited Sunday's game with an injury, and his status for this week is in doubt.

If he's unable to go, it's a break for Green Bay's defense, who could focus more of its resources elsewhere.

Dallas' run game has had a good start to the season. Javonte Williams averaged more than seven

yards per carry against Chicago last week, and scored a touchdown in each of the first two games of the season.

The interior of Dallas' offensive line is undergoing some shuffling as Cooper Beebe was placed on injured reserve, and he will miss Sunday's game.

This should be a battle that is fun to watch.

Special Teams

Dallas has the best kicker in football with Brandon Aubrey doing the field goal kicking for them.

Their return game has been solid as well with KaVontae Turpin handling return duties for the Cowboys.

Green Bay's special teams is coming off a disastrous performance, but there were a few bright spots in Sunday's 13-10 loss.

Daniel Whelan has been excellent all season and continues to be an asset as the punter, and the return of Bo Melton and Zayne Anderson had Green Bay's coverage units handling the Browns' return game.

Savion Williams has had nice moments as the kick-off returner, and he looks like a potential asset in that phase of the game.

Matthew Golden has been the punt returner but has not looked comfortable since Jayden Reed went down with a broken collarbone.

The Packers could elevate Mecole Hardman from the practice squad to return punts, but they've shown no interest in doing so through the first three weeks of the season.

The kicking game also was a disaster last week. They had one kick blocked and nearly had another earlier in the game.

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blamed for a mental error on one of the sacks for sure, having eight lineman recorded at least one snap throws off the chemistry.

What isn't excusable though is the 14 penalties that the Packers racked up in that game.

Committing 14 penalties in a game is a big reason why superior teams like

the Green Bay Packers lose games to inferior opponents like the Cleveland Browns. Those penalties get magnified, too, when it affects scoring drives, as against a good defense like the Browns. Green Bay had a total of 10 drives.

"Obviously (Cleveland) has a really good defense, but you know we had a

lot of long drives. We had a 15-play drive, 16-play drive, 14-play drive, and we didn't come out with points because of things that we did," said Packers running back Josh Jacobs. "Whether it was false starts or penalties or whatever. (Cleveland) has a really good defense, but I felt like a lot of that was on us,

so we have to look in the mirror."

There seems to be some stability in the special teams room as of late as Brandon McManus and Daniel Whelan look like two of the best players at the kicker and punter positions in the entire NFL. Things seemed to run smoothly, until the blocked

field goal, which adds to the last of special teams errors that Packers fans have had to endure for the last decade.

It is easy to say that Love's interception late in the fourth quarter was the reason why Cleveland was able to mount the comeback, but when it boils down to it, it is close to im-

possible to win in the NFL committing 14 penalties.

On offense, those penalties lead to long downs, which are obviously much harder to pick up than short downs, and on defense, penalties allow opposing offenses to get second chances, something that can't happen in the NFL.

GREEN BAY PACKERS AT DALLAS COWBOYS

TIME AND DATE: 7:20 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28
LOCATION: AT&T Stadium
TV: NBC

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

2025 RECORDS: Packers 2-1. Cowboys 1-2.

HISTORY: The Packers lead the all time series 22-17 and have won five games in a row against the Cowboys including four at AT&T Sta-

dium. The last time these two teams met was Jan. 14, 2024, in Dallas, which was Jordan Love's playoff debut.

Love and the Packers piled up 48 points on the Cowboys in what Jerry Jones would later describe as the worst loss he has ever experienced in his time with the team.

The last regular season meeting between these two teams came in 2019, Matt LaFleur's first season as head coach. The Packers took a big lead early before coasting to 34-24 victory.

COACHES: Packers, Matt LaFleur, sixth season, 69-34.

Cowboys, Brian Schottenheimer, first season, 1-2.

PACKERS SCHEDULE

Sunday, Sept. 7, vs. Detroit Lions, W 27-13
Thursday, Sept. 11, vs. Washington Commanders, W 27-18
Sunday, Sept. 21, at Cleveland Browns, L 10-13
Sunday, Sept. 28, at Dallas Cowboys, 7:20 p.m.
Bye Week
Sunday, Oct. 12, vs. Cincinnati Bengals, 3:25 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 19, at Arizona Cardinals, 3:25 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 26, at Pitts-

burgh Steelers, 7:20 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 2, vs. Carolina Panthers, noon
Monday, Nov. 10, vs. Philadelphia Eagles, 7:15 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 16, at New York Giants, noon
Sunday, Nov. 23, vs. Minnesota Vikings, noon
Thursday, Nov. 27, at Detroit Lions, noon
Sunday, Dec. 7, vs. Chicago Bears, noon
Sunday, Dec. 14, at Denver Broncos, 3:25 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 20, at Chicago Bears, TBA
Saturday, Dec. 27, vs. Baltimore Ravens, TBA

Sunday, Jan. 4, at Minnesota Vikings, TBA

NFL SCHEDULE

Thursday, Sept. 25
Seattle at Arizona, 7:15 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 28
Minnesota at Pittsburgh (in Dublin, Ireland), 8:30 a.m.
Washington at Atlanta, noon
LA Chargers at NY Giants, noon
Tennessee at Houston, noon
Philadelphia at Tampa Bay, noon
Carolina at New England,

noon
New Orleans at Buffalo, noon
Cleveland at Detroit, noon
Jacksonville at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m.
Indianapolis at LA Rams, 3:05 p.m.
Chicago at Las Vegas, 3:25 p.m.
Baltimore at Kansas City, 3:25 p.m.
Green Bay at Dallas, 7:20 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 29
NY Jets at Miami, 6:15 p.m.
Cincinnati at Denver, 7:15 p.m.

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play, and I think those guys did a good job coming in on those short-notice plays, but it is tough.”

Jacobs was bottled up on the ground, totaling just 30 yards on 16 carries and ending his consecutive game touchdown streak. Emanuel Wilson added another 25 yards on six carries, while Love, Golden and Savion Williams combined for 26 rushing yards on nine carries.

Golden led the team in receiving, catching four passes for 52 yards. Jacobs



Shut out before scoring on each of their last three possessions of the game, the Browns celebrate the game winning field goal as time expires. GREG MELLIS | GREEN & GOLD EXPRESS

added another 44 yards on five receptions, while Kraft caught three balls for 29

yards. It was third-string tight end John FitzPatrick who caught Love’s lone

touchdown, totaling 12 yards on two catches.

As for the defense, Quay Walker led the team with 14 tackles, while Rashan Gary was very productive, totaling three tackles and two quarterback sacks. Xavier McKinney also came away with his first interception of the season.

For the Browns, Flacco finished the game completing 21-of-36 passes for 142 yards, no touchdowns and the one interception. Judkins was the spark for the offense for Cleveland.



0	Matthew Golden.....	WR
1	Micah Parsons.....	DL
2	Malik Willis.....	QB
7	Quay Walker.....	LB
8	Josh Jacobs.....	RB
10	Jordan Love.....	QB
13	Dontayvion Wicks.....	WR
16	Bo Melton.....	CB
17	Brandon McManus.....	K
18	Malik Heath.....	WR
19	Daniel Whelan.....	P
20	Javon Bullard.....	S
21	Nate Hobbs.....	CB
23	Emanuel Wilson.....	RB
24	Carrington Valentine....	CB
25	Keisean Nixon.....	CB
27	Kitan Oladapo.....	S
29	Xavier McKinney.....	S
30	Chris Brooks.....	RB
31	Nick Niemann.....	LB
33	Evan Williams.....	S
36	Kamal Hadden.....	CB
39	Zayne Anderson.....	S
42	Matt Orzech.....	LS
50	Zach Tom.....	OL
52	Rashan Gary.....	DL
55	Kingsley Enagbare.....	DL
56	Edgerrin Cooper.....	LB
58	Isaiah McDuffie.....	LB
59	Ty’Ron Hopper.....	LB
63	Rasheed Walker.....	T
65	Aaron Banks.....	G
67	Donovan Jennings.....	G/T
70	Darian Kennard.....	T/G
71	Anthony Belton.....	T
74	Elgton Jenkins.....	C/G
75	Sean Rhyan.....	G
77	Jordan Morgan.....	T/G
83	Savion Williams.....	WR
85	Tucker Kraft.....	TE
86	John FitzPatrick.....	TE
87	Romeo Doubs.....	WR
88	Luke Musgrave.....	TE
89	Ben Sims.....	TE
90	Lukas Van Ness.....	DL
91	Warren Brinson.....	DL
93	Nazir Stackhosue.....	DL
94	Karl Brooks.....	DL
95	Devonte Wyatt.....	DL
96	Colby Wooden.....	DL
99	Barryn Sorrell.....	DL

1	Jalen Tolbert.....	WR
2	Juanyeh Thomas.....	S
3	George Pickens.....	WR
4	Dak Prescott.....	QB
5	Bryan Anger.....	P
6	Donovan Wilson.....	S
7	Trevon Diggs.....	CB
9	KaVontae Turpin.....	WR
10	Joe Milton III.....	QB
13	Dante Fowler Jr.....	DE
14	Markquese Bell.....	S
17	Brandon Aubrey.....	K
18	Damone Clark.....	LB
19	Ryan Flournoy.....	WR
20	Kaiir Elam.....	CB
23	Jaydon Blue.....	RB
24	Miles Sanders.....	RB
25	Trikweze Bridges.....	CB
26	DaRon Bland.....	CB
27	Reddy Steward.....	DB
28	Malik Hooker.....	S
29	C.J. Goodwin.....	CB
33	Javonte Williams.....	RB
35	Marist Liufau.....	LB
40	Hunter Luepke.....	RB
41	Donovan Ezeinuaku.....	DE
44	Trent Sieg.....	LS
50	Shemar James.....	LB
52	Tyler Booker.....	G
53	James Houston.....	DE
54	Sam Williams.....	DE
57	Jack Sanborn.....	MLB
58	Mazi Smith.....	DT
59	Kenneth Murray Jr.....	LB
60	Tyler Gyton.....	T
66	T.J. Bass.....	G
67	Brock Hoffman.....	C
69	Ajani Cornelius.....	OT
71	Nate Thomas.....	T
73	Tyler Smith.....	OL
75	Hakeem Adeniji.....	OT
76	Trevor Keegan.....	G
78	Terence Steele.....	T
86	Luke Schoonmaker.....	TE
87	Jake Ferguson.....	TE
88	CeeDee Lamb.....	WR
89	Brevyn Spann-Ford.....	TE
90	Solomon Thomas.....	DT
93	Jay Toia.....	DT
94	Marshawn Kneeland....	DE
95	Kenny Clark.....	DT
96	Jadeveon Clowney.....	DE
97	Osa Odighizuwa.....	DT

Parsons, Clark could weigh heavily in revenge game

BY JACOB WESTENDORF
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The Green Bay Packers are taking their show on the road again this week, traveling to Dallas to take on the Cowboys.

The Packers are 2-1 on the season and looking to bounce back from a horrible loss in Cleveland.

The Cowboys are 1-2 and trying to avoid putting their season on life support.

Of course, all eyes are going to be on one man throughout the course of the week.

More on that, as we lead off our weekly six pack.



1.) Micah's Return

– The biggest discussion point this week is going to involve the player who was the center of the NFL universe in late August.

Micah Parsons was traded to Green Bay on Aug. 28 for two first round draft picks and Kenny Clark.

It was a seismic move that sent shockwaves through the NFL. Players like Parsons simply do not get moved.

Of course, since Parsons was moved, Jerry Jones has been willing to speak about the ins and outs of the trade often enough.

The conversation surrounding the trade of Parsons was that the Cowboys wanted to improve their run defense, implying Parsons was not a good run defender.

Parsons has not said much about the Cowboys since being traded to Green Bay, but there's little doubt that he will want to remind the Cowboys just what they traded away.



2.) Kenny Clark,

Too – On the other side of the line of scrimmage, the Packers will be facing their former friend in Kenny Clark.

Clark was the casualty of the trade for Parsons to Green Bay, and has looked like he was set to have a bounce back year through his first three games in Dallas.

Clark helps anchor a run defense that has been really strong each of the last two weeks, especially on Sunday in Chicago.

If Clark is able to play, he'll be facing a makeshift offensive line that really struggled in Sunday's loss to the Cleveland Browns. Clark has a chance to perform well in a revenge game for him.



3.) Defensive Backs –

The Packers' defense has passed all of its tests early in the season, but this week could be a big test for a group that was seen as Green Bay's biggest weakness. If CeeDee Lamb is able to play, Dak Prescott will have his full complement of pass catchers at his disposal.

Lamb, George Pickens and Jake Ferguson facing a defensive back trio of Nate Hobbs, Keisean Nixon and Carrington Valentine is a matchup that should favor the Cowboys. If it does not end up working that way for the Cowboys, it could be a long night for the home team.



4.) Special Teams Disasters

– The Packers are coming off another disastrous performance on special teams. When you're facing an inferior opponent like the Cleveland Browns were, losing on special teams is one way to allow a team like that to beat you. The Packers did just that, with a blocked field goal providing an exclamation point on the second of two poor performances this season. On the other side of the field will be one of the best special teams groups in football.

Kavontae Turpin is a dynamic return man, and,

of course, Brandon Aubrey is a weapon.

Once the Cowboys cross midfield, they are in field goal range. That's proven incredibly valuable this season.



5.) Six in a Row? – Remember

back in the 1990s when it felt like the Packers would never beat the Cowboys, and that those games were always in Dallas.

All of the members of the Packers' teams of the 1990s insist they would have beaten the Cowboys had any of those games been played at Lambeau Field, but since they were not, the victors get to write the history.

That role has reversed.

The Packers have won five games in a row against the Cowboys, and four of those have come in Dallas. That includes a 48-32 wallop in the 2024 postseason, where Jordan Love played the best game of his

career.

If the Packers win Sunday, that would make it six wins in a row, which would match the longest streak in the history of the rivalry since Dallas won eight in a row from 1991 until 1997.



6.) Prime Time

Pack – Three of the first four games of the season have been in a prime time slot, either as game of the week, or a night game.

This will be the second night game the Packers have played this season, the first of which was a 27-18 win over the Washington Commanders.

The Packers and Cowboys have not played a game on Sunday Night Football since the Packers won 45-7 at Lambeau Field, highlighted by Clay Matthews' interception return for a touchdown.

The Packers would win the Super Bowl that season.

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CLEVELAND BROWNS 13, GREEN BAY PACKERS 10



Green Bay Packers defensive lineman Micah Parsons collected two tackles and two quarterback hits against Cleveland in the Packers’ 13-10 Week 3 loss. Parsons, in his third game with the Packers, was again a force in an all-around solid defensive performance, but the Browns scoring 13 points in the final 3 minutes, 38 seconds served as a reminder of the importance of playing a 60-minute game. GREG MELLIS | GREEN & GOLD EXPRESS

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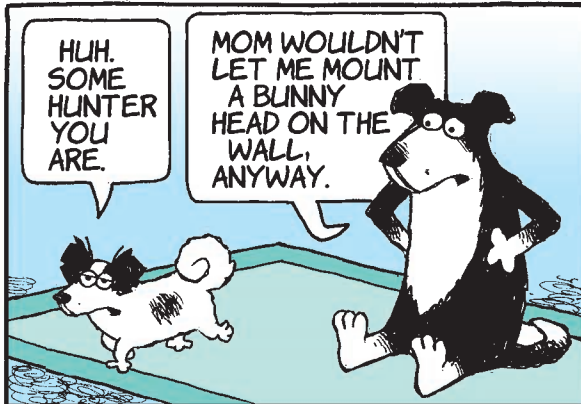
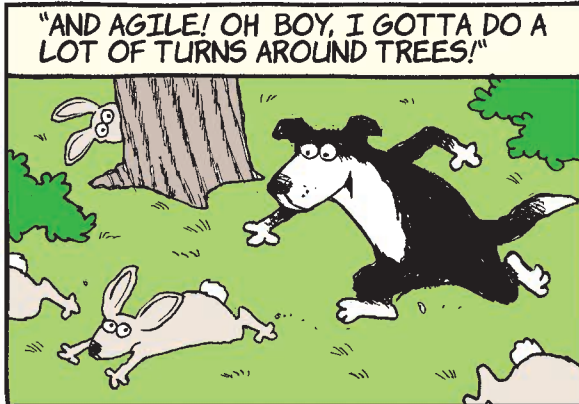
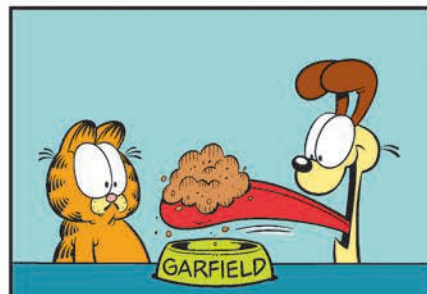
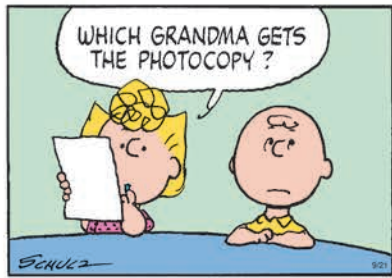
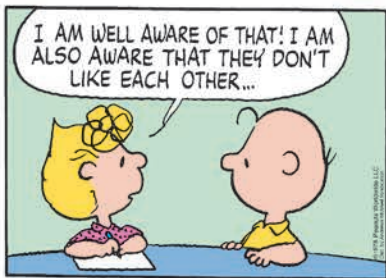
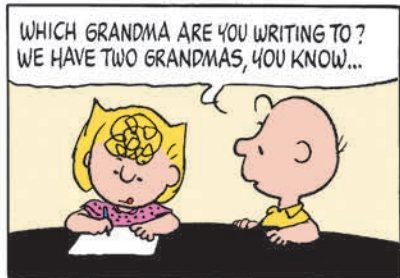
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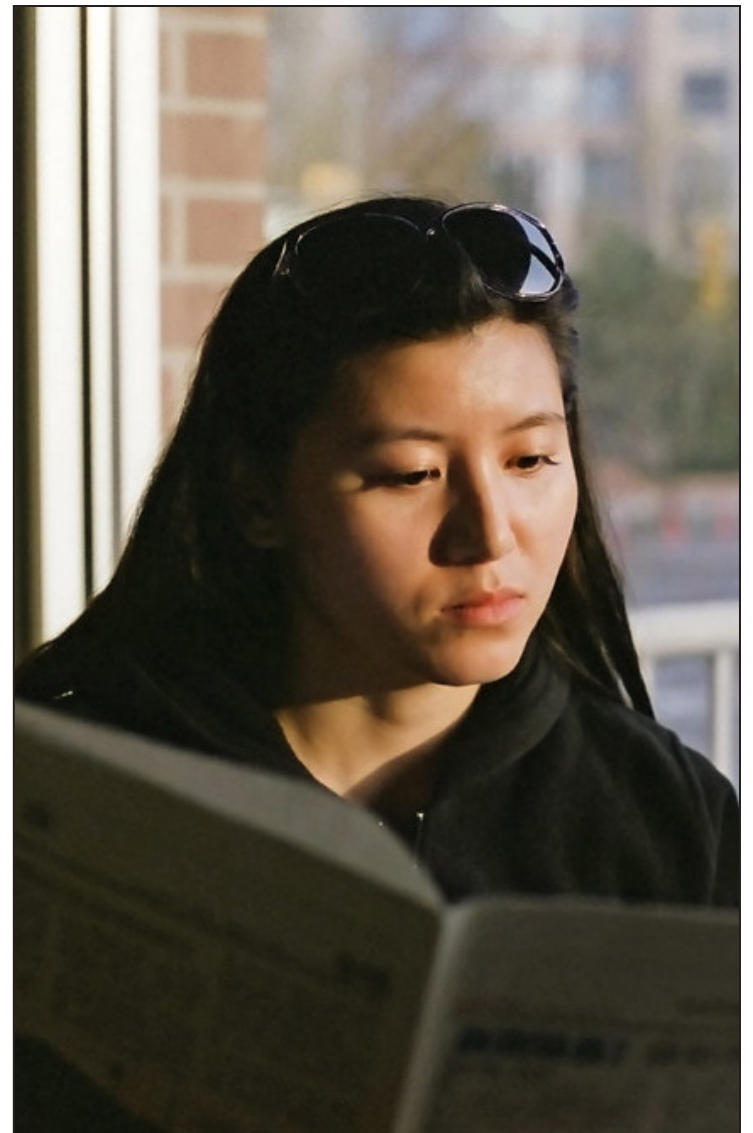
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