



A visitor to the Museum of Wisconsin Art looks at items from the exhibit “Weaving a Legacy: Ho-Chunk Black Ash Basketry,” on display through Nov. 10. Ho-Chunk artist and photographer Tom Jones curated the exhibit alongside museum curator Jane Aspinwall.

Museum exhibit highlights artistry of Ho-Chunk baskets

Jones hopes the exhibit will document his tribe’s basketmaking tradition

By **RICHELLE WILSON**
Wisconsin Public Radio

A new exhibit on display at the Museum of Wisconsin Art gives visitors a close-up look at the history and enduring tradition of Ho-Chunk basketmaking.

Ho-Chunk people have been weaving baskets from the wood of black ash trees, which are native to the Great Lakes region, since at least the 1820s. A story passed down through generations explains that a Ho-Chunk woman had a dream where a voice guided her to a black ash tree and instructed her to cut strips of wood and weave them together.

At the end of the dream, “The voice told her that she will never want for money because she could trade this (basket) or sell it,” said Tom Jones, a Ho-Chunk photographer and artist who has been collecting the baskets at his home and studio in Prairie du Sac.

By the mid-20th century, it was common for Ho-Chunk makers to sell their baskets at roadside stands in the Wisconsin Dells and other tourist destinations.



Near the start of the exhibit, visitors see a collection of baskets by Helen Lonetree. Curator Tom Jones said Lonetree was an innovative basketmaker, as on display here with this unique spiked design.

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Cybersecurity requires constant vigilance

County tech services battles hackers, bots on a daily basis

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

Hackers and bots make attempts every day to break into the Shawano County computer systems.

Every day, Matt Hietpas, technology services director, and his staff combat the onslaught of attacks.

A recent attempt was discussed Oct. 16 at the meeting of the Shawano County Executive Committee.

“We implemented password changes organization-wide. We implemented other security postures,” Hietpas said. “We had a firewall specialist spend about 16 hours on our firewall to make sure our best practices are followed and up to date.”

Hietpas said he continues to go through the reports generated from the attack and response.

Hietpas said it’s a never-ending battle. Hackers aren’t just trying to break into the system for the information that is there; they also want access to other sites to which the county is connected. For example, the system at the sheriff’s department and jail have several connections to state and federal systems, and breaking into one system can help give access to others.

Information on county computers also includes personal information on employees as well as records of residents, such as births, deaths, court files, tax documents and more.

“That’s we invest heavily in our firewalls. The other two layers are the managed detection response that we put in back in December ... and the endpoint protection,” Hietpas said. “I think we’re sitting pretty good.”

In September, county email accounts encountered more than 800 phishing attempts.

Email phishing is when cybercriminals disguise themselves as trustworthy entities via email, hoping to trick the user into revealing personal information like passwords, credit card numbers or other sensitive data. They often craft convincing messages, playing on people’s trust or fear to get them to click on malicious links or download dangerous attachments.

Of those 800-plus attempts, 264 were

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Williams honored for service to agriculture

Passion for cows leads to nomination for state award

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

Cows have been Amanda Williams' passion since childhood, so it's only natural they are part of her career path. Today, she works in the feed section of the ag industry as an independent dairy nutritionist with a group of 15 other consultants. She has been with the group for three years, traveling to farms throughout northeastern Wisconsin. "I work with dairy producers to increase overall farm profitability through nutrition and management consulting," said Williams, who lives on a hobby farm with her husband and three children just north of the Shawano city limits. "Our philosophy is based on sound nutrition allowing the cow to

maximize rumen microbial growth and keep the cows healthy. With that, I also focus on overall farm efficiencies and profitability by looking at forages and what other changes we make to better utilize crop acreage. "In the short time I have been with the group, I have learned and adapted new ideas when it comes to feeding cows. Those concepts have paid off in dividends. We typically see eight to 12 pounds of energy corrected milk and on several herds have seen 20-plus pounds of energy corrected milk. This has had huge impacts on those operations." To top it all off, Williams has been named one of the Wisconsin Farm Bureau's 35 Under 35 Award finalists. The award is presented by WFBF's Young Farmer and Agriculturist program, in partnership with Insight FS. The 35 Under 35 program recognizes the creativity and innovation of young farmers and agriculturists who are preserving agriculture through leadership in



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environmental, social and economic activities. Applicants were evaluated for their involvement

in one of five categories — sustainable environment, sustainable future, sustainable self, sustainable service and sustainable storytelling. Williams is in the sustainable service category, which recognizes individuals who are serving agriculture through trade skills or advisory roles. "The 35 Under 35 program continues to be a successful initiative that highlights the incredible talents within the future leaders of Wisconsin agriculture," said Insight FS general manager Ben Huber. "It is refreshing to see the leadership qualities and sustainability initiatives on display." Williams was nominated for the award by one of her clients. She then followed up with the application process, which included a written portion and a video. This is the third year for this award, and there were 44 applications. Williams has been involved with the Shawano County Farm Bureau for several years and is entering her third year on the board of directors. "This year I will be serving as our YFA (Young Farmers and Agriculturist) chair," she said. "I also serve on numerous committees. I am a recent graduate of the leadership institute, Wisconsin Farm Bureau's premier leadership training program. The capstone of that program was traveling to Washington, D.C., to meet with our legislators and advocate for agriculture." Williams and her husband, Scott, have two sons and a daughter — Wade, Waylon and Walker. Their hobby farm includes Holstein show cattle. "I grew up showing, and my boys developed a love of it at an early age, and it looks like my daughter is on that same path," Williams said. "When not working or taking care of cattle, we are in our sports parent era, following the boys to baseball, hockey and football." All 35 Under 35 nominees will be recognized at a conference in December.

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Menominee distributing medical marijuana cards

Tribe not legalizing drug but won't prosecute members who have the cards

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

The Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin has announced that it is distributing medical marijuana cards to tribal members who need them. Beginning Oct. 21, the tribe's member services is

providing the cards for a fee to tribal members older than 18 who fill out an application and self-certify that they need marijuana for medical purposes. The fee is \$50 for adult tribal members but discounted to \$25 for veterans and elders over the age of 65. Desirae Grignon, assistant tribal administrator, said during a phone interview Oct. 18 that the cards are not showing the tribe plans to legalize marijuana, whether for medical or recreational use, and that there

are no plans for the Menominee Tribal Legislature to do so. Grignon said the cards allow for tribal members to have marijuana for medical use on the reservation only, and that possessing it off the reservation still puts them at risk for criminal prosecution. The legislature passed a motion in November 2023 tasking the Wolf River Development Company with researching the issue. A workgroup, of which Grignon was a member, came up with

the idea of the cards. "They will need to verify their identity through our member services department," Grignon said. "They would also need to self-declare and have a written statement stating they use medical marijuana for medical purposes. They have to disclose for what reason that they would need medical marijuana." The criteria for acceptance includes being at least 18 years of age, having an updated profile with member services and being

either an enrolled tribal member or being a registered descendant. The cards are valid for one year. "We're not giving medical advice or determining what medical situation may be more important than others or less important," Grignon said. "It's all up to the opinion of the applicant." Grignon said that it's made clear to applicants that the cards are only valid on the reservation, and if they get medical marijuana off the reservation, it is at their own risk.

"The applicant signs, stating that they're taking that risk and they're not holding the tribe liable for that," Grignon said. Grignon pointed out that the tribe is dealing with an opioid crisis, and having the medical marijuana cards available will provide an alternative to the existing pill culture. "We just want to give our tribal members an alternative form of medicine," Grignon said.

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Menominee Tribe honored for forest management strategy

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

Ron Waukau, forest manager, accepted the 2024 Connor Award for distinguished service by an organization from the Wisconsin Forest History Association of Wisconsin at its fall conference Oct. 11-12. The Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin is known nationally for the character and condition of its forest. Visitors are reminded that in 1856, Chief Oshkosh offered a vision of sustainable forest practice to the tribe.

"Start with the rising sun and work toward the setting sun, but take only the mature trees, the sick trees and the trees that have fallen," he is reported to have said. "When you reach the end of the reservation, turn and cut from the setting sun to the rising sun, and the trees will last forever." The forest landscape he was citing still retains some of that "ancient" character he saw at the time. That makes it different from the surrounding forest. Sustainable management of the forest was an old

concept to the Menominee in 1856 but an uncommon understanding to the general Wisconsin population that supplied logs and lumber for a rapidly growing United States. The Menominee have been applying modern forest management practices within an evolving natural science ever since they took in Chief Oshkosh's advice. In 2005, the Menominee Tribal Legislature put forth an ordinance that codified the process of operational coordination between the Tribal Historic Preservation

and Forest Management programs. In traditional forest practice management data, the age, timber type, growth and volume are used to schedule forest treatments to include timber harvesting. Now, once forest treatment targets are mapped out to steer annual forest operations planning, the maps are shared with the Historic Preservation Office to add data layers that delineate current cultural preservation set asides. Such sites include identification of ancient gardens,

seasonal campsites, burial sites, mounds, sacred sites and the like. Forestry staff will then use the updated maps to mark preservation zones within the timber sale or other treatment being planned. All the planned activity is offered to tribal members via a blog at the tribal website. In addition, the same tribal ordinance sets a design for basic and annual refresher training in identification of archaeological activity in the forest. This training is offered to all new forestry employees, interns,

loggers and cooperators. Waukau said new archaeological discoveries are made every year by forestry program workers. "Staff always keep an eye out, especially for sites near water," he said. "Sites that look good for a campsite now looked good hundreds of years ago." All discoveries of new sites are then fed back to the Historic Preservation Office to update its database to guide new archaeological research and set down data for future forest management practices.

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Supreme Court candidate makes case

Crawford runs to succeed Bradley

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The 2024 presidential election is just weeks away, but some are already looking ahead to the April 1, 2025, election.

Susan Crawford, a Dane County Circuit Court judge, is running for an open seat on the Wisconsin Supreme Court and brought her campaign to Shawano County Democrats on Oct. 16.

“We are getting started now, because the stakes are so high,” she said. “This race is going to determine the majority on our state supreme court again, just as it did with Janet Protasiewicz’s race last year, and that means that our constitutional rights are at stake. Our free elections, right to vote, safety of our communities — all those are on the table once again.”

Wisconsin Supreme Court candidates are officially nonpartisan; however, in recent years, candidates have clearly aligned with one of the two major political parties.

At this time, the only declared Republican is Brad Schimel, a Waukesha County Circuit Court judge since 2019 and the former Wisconsin attorney general from 2015-19.

“I do have an opponent who is a far right politician who wants to take us backwards,” Crawford said.



Wisconsin Supreme Court candidate Susan Crawford listens to local resident Greg Sturm at a gathering at the Shawano Civic Center on Oct. 16.
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Crawford grew up in Chippewa Falls. She and her husband, Shawn, raised their family in Wisconsin. They live in Madison and are parents to two young adults.

Crawford’s career began as an assistant attorney general with the Wisconsin Department of Justice. As the director of criminal appeals, she said she built relationships with prosecutors, public defenders and victim advocates in every

corner of Wisconsin.

“I argued my first case in front of the Wisconsin Supreme Court back in 1998,” she said. “Even though there were different points of view and different philosophies among the justices, they were all working hard to get it right. That was inspiring to me as a young prosecutor.”

After serving as a prosecutor for nearly a decade, she continued her public service in leader-

ship positions at multiple state agencies, including the Department of Corrections and Department of Natural Resources, before being named chief legal counsel in Gov. Jim Doyle’s office.

In 2010, Scott Walker was elected governor.

“That was my cue to leave state government,” she said.

Crawford became a private practice attorney.

“Within the space of about eight weeks, I went

from working for the governor to suing the governor,” she said. “I represented Madison teachers in the legal fight against Act 10. I also did work with the League of Women Voters to protect our voting rights, and I represented Planned Parenthood Wisconsin and their doctors to make sure they could deliver health care services, including abortions – abortion services are health care – to women without having to

worry about losing their medical license or being prosecuted for it.”

She said victories in lower courts were often overturned by a conservative-leaning state supreme court.

In 2018, she won a contested race for a Dane County judgeship and has served in that role ever since.

“I believe we have a majority of justices on the supreme court ... that are really trying to get it right to make sure they’ve got the truth of the matter, they have the facts right and they are using the law to protect Wisconsinites,” Crawford said. “I want to make sure we keep it that way.”

She said Schimel spent the better part of his career doing the opposite.

“(He) once referred to himself as Scott Walker’s bagman,” Crawford said. “He worked to take workers’ rights away from them. He worked to restrict women’s access to reproductive health care services. He hired a right-wing attorney into a state job at DOJ who was secretly working with conservative groups throughout the country to overturn *Roe v. Wade*.”

She also criticized Schimel’s handling of thousands of untested sexual assault kits during his time as attorney general.

“It wasn’t an issue of money; it was an issue of prioritization and making sure the work got done,” Crawford said. “He failed to do it.”

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Bonduel seeks voter approval on 2 questions

Continuation of technology, support staff help on the ballot

BY LEE PULASKI
City Editor

The Bonduel School District will ask voters next month to approve two operational referendum questions, one that will enhance the district’s technological capabilities and another that is expected to strengthen the district’s ability to recruit and retain support staff.

The first question seeks to exceed the district’s revenue limit by \$450,000 annually for the next six years for technology purposes. Besides continuation of the schools’ one-to-one technology program first started in 2006, the funding will help strengthen their cybersecurity, develop a district-wide emergency notification system, support streaming

services for community engagement, move key technology to a cloud and more.

The second question seeks to exceed the limit by another \$300,000 annually for the next six years to provide support staff with competitive pay and individual health benefits. This will be the first time the district has requested this particular override, according to Superintendent Joe Dawidziak.

If both questions pass through the will of the voters Nov. 5, the tax rate is expected to drop 19 cents. If only one question passes, the drop would increase to 42 cents, and if neither pass, the rate drops 63 cents.

That won’t equate to taxes themselves dropping, according to Dawidziak, as property values have increased by more than 10% annually in the last two years. The superintendent has made visits to village and town board meetings, as well as informed voters through the regular senior

breakfast program to inform people of how the taxes.

“Anytime you’re having these types of meetings, you’re trying to read their reactions,” Dawidziak said. “It appears to be good, but when we have those discussions, we’re talking to people who already support it.”

Some confusion over the two questions that Dawidziak has seen includes people who thought the technology question was a capital referendum involving building or expanding at the schools, which he pointed out is not. He also noted that part-time staff members will not be receiving benefits via the support staff question.

Dawidziak said the bigger priority of the two questions is the technology question. For 18 years, the district has expended over \$150,000 annually for the one-to-one technology for students to use in and out of the classroom, and now the district has updated its facilities via a capital

referendum to allow for better securing the schools and providing better ways to communicate.

If the questions both fail, Dawidziak anticipates the support staff question will not be asked again, but the district would look at the technology question and see what tweaks could be made and sent back to voters again that would satisfy them.

“We’d look at why it didn’t pass,” Dawidziak said. “Did we not do a good enough job on the PR side of things ahead of time? Did people think it was too expensive? Was the impact too much? Those types of things.”

Bonduel is a Microsoft-based technology school district, Dawidziak said, compared with other school districts that utilize Google programs. That has made a difference in the way students learn, and it’s for the better.

“When our kids leave here and go into the field, they are way further ahead than most other students

because of that,” “The laptops that we give out are not Chromebooks. They’re not the cheapest thing in the world, but it is definitely preparing them for when they leave here, regardless of what that is, whether it’s a four-year school or two-year tech school or straight into the workforce.”

Beyond the student technology, there is also technology that runs the school. Dawidziak noted that making adjustments to heating, ventilation and air conditioning required someone physically being in the basement to do so, but with current technology, adjustments can be made by cellphones and other devices. That means those maintenance costs have been moved into the technology department because of the technology involved.

Cybersecurity is also front-of-mind for the school district as there was an attack earlier this summer. Dawidziak said that no data was compromised from the attack, but

other schools did not fare as well.

“It was certainly alarming,” Dawidziak said. “As you look forward in time, a lot of these things start to expire, and we have to figure that out.”

The second question has been brought forward due to the challenges faced by the district finding and holding onto support staff. Dawidziak said it’s a near impossible task to fill those vacancies because of the lower pay and lack of benefits for full-timers.

“They can go literally down the road and get more money with benefits and not do some of the things that are so challenging that they’re expected to do here with kids,” Dawidziak said. “We’re talking about the group of people dealing with the students with the greatest need.”

He added the question’s approval would not allow support staff to get family insurance benefits, only individual.

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Black ash baskets were an economic driver for the Ho-Chunk Nation, especially in places like the Wisconsin Dells during the mid-20th century. MUSEUM OF WISCONSIN ART

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Jones said that for many years, selling baskets was an economic engine for the tribe — and their baskets made their way into homes around the state.

“So many people have bought and collected these baskets throughout the years,” Jones said. “It’s like almost every family in Wisconsin has a Ho-Chunk basket.”

Over the years, Jones has photographed more than 2,000 Ho-Chunk baskets from around the state. Using these photos as a guide, he and Museum of Wisconsin Art curator Jane Aspinwall selected 200 baskets from 40 makers to display at an exhibit called “Weaving a Legacy: Ho-Chunk Black Ash Basketry.”

The museum in West Bend says it’s the first exhibit showcasing the Ho-Chunk basketmaking tradition.

“These baskets have never been documented in a comprehensive way before,” Aspinwall said. “This exhibition is really unique.”

In recent years, the Ho-Chunk basketmaking tradition has come under threat from the emerald ash borer, an invasive green beetle that arrived in Wisconsin in 2008 and has been steadily destroying the ash population throughout the state.

“There’s probably only about 15 active makers now,” Jones said. “Because of the emerald ash borer, it’s been getting harder and harder to find the logs or the trees, so they’ve been having to move further and further north.”

April Stone, who lives on the Bad River reservation in northern Wisconsin, is one of those basket makers.

“I’d love to say that (learning to make baskets) had to do with a great-grandmother, but that is not the case for myself,” she said with a laugh.

Stone got involved in basketry after she and her then husband took different folk art classes at the North House Folk School in Grand Marais, Minnesota. She learned how to felt wool slippers, and he made a lunch basket out of black ash that he used for about a year before the stitching around the rim broke.

“It just kind of startled me and woke me up to something,” Stone said. “All of a sudden, I wanted him to show me how to make a basket. So in the spring of 1999, I made my first basket, and it’s still with me.”

After making that first basket, Stone was hooked.

“For that next year, I did nothing but raise babies and make baskets and learn as much as I could about this fantastic, beautiful local material that grew all around me,” she said.

At first, Stone was trying to make something useful. But after a while, basketmaking felt like part of a healing process.

“What I realized through making the baskets was that it was not just opening up myself, but it was also opening up the people who were with me when they were making their baskets,” Stone said. “People would call me, sometimes a year later, and share with me a story about an experience that they’d had. And they felt something in their life shifted from when they made that basket with me.”

Now, 25 years after making her first black ash basket, Stone has a studio dedicated to basketmaking. She teaches classes and has taken on apprentices with support from the Wisconsin Arts Board to help other Indigenous makers bring the craft back to their own tribal communities.

“I am always open to sharing with people who have an interest, who are willing to do the work of harvest and log processing, because it is very labor-intensive,” Stone said. “And I just continue to do that work.”

While Stone said she has yet to see an emerald ash borer in any tree she has harvested in the northern woods of Wisconsin, the Ho-Chunk tribe in the southern part of the state is preparing for the future by gathering seeds to regrow the ash trees.

Jones hopes this is a sign that the art and craft of Ho-Chunk basketmaking will endure. For him, the Museum of Wisconsin Art exhibit, along with a forthcoming book that is set to accompany it, is about cataloging the unique history of the art and preserving it for future generations.

“It’s just nice to be able to come to a museum and see ... the beautiful artistry of what my tribe has done,” he said.

“Weaving a Legacy: Ho-Chunk Black Ash Basketry” is on display at the Museum of Wisconsin Art in West Bend through Nov. 10. The museum is holding a Ho-Chunk Makers Faire on Nov. 1-3, where visitors can purchase black ash baskets and other handcrafted goods.

Fight sepsis with early detection, action

Every year, sepsis silently strikes down at least 1.7 million adults in the United States, a number that continues to rise.

As the population ages, antibiotic resistance grows and more individuals manage chronic diseases, the threat of sepsis looms larger than ever.

“Sepsis results from an infection that the body struggles to combat,” said Dr. Chad Radke, Aspirus emergency physician. “The immune response can become overwhelming, causing injury to the

body itself.”

Sepsis can develop from infections like urinary tract infections, pneumonia or skin infections such as cellulitis. Common symptoms include fever, chills, weakness and fatigue. In older adults, especially those older than 65, sepsis may present as unusual weakness or confusion, indicating that an infection is becoming more severe.

Radke emphasizes the importance of recognizing these early signs.

While many infections

can be managed with oral antibiotics at home, untreated infections can escalate to sepsis, potentially leading to low blood pressure, liver and kidney damage, confusion or even severe complications affecting brain function.

“Aspirus Health has been aggressive for a decade in standardizing care across all our facilities,” Radke said. “We aim to be a national leader in the early recognition and management of sepsis and septic shock.”

Rise of the dead



Skeletons are a common sight around houses in Wittenberg, like this one on Oneida Street, as Halloween decorations are reaching the final stretch with Oct. 31 only about a week away. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

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financial scams, 232 were harvesting for credentials and 77 were for social engineering.

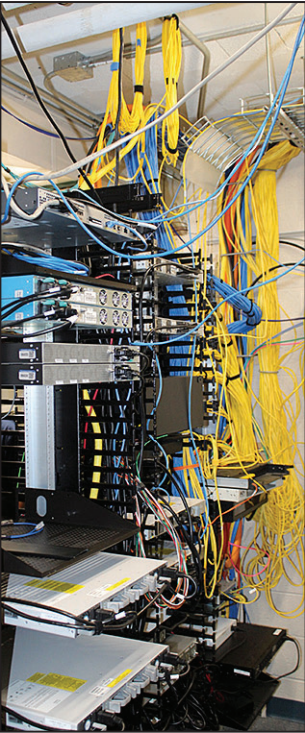
Financial support from the executive committee for the past five years or so has helped beef up the county’s cybersecurity measures.

“Counties that have lacked that resource have a lot more risk,” he said. “Everybody has risks.”

Software companies continually have updates and patches to install when problems are discovered, but like residents find out with their home computers, the fixes aren’t always perfect.

“There’s always software updates. We’re always fighting the battle of what needs to be patched and how soon,” Hietpas said. “The other issue with Windows patches and software updates is they can come out right now for a quick fix, but they can break something else as soon as you implement them. So, the first ones that implement them might have hours spent on troubleshooting, because now it broke something else.”

Jim Davel, administrative coordinator, praised



When the Shawano County Courthouse was built nearly 70 years ago, there was obviously no dedicated space for routers, servers and other technological devices. Because of the significant changes required in the past couple of decades, staff have used innovative spaces to accommodate the technology. With the positives of the technology also comes the negatives, as employees and software companies strive daily to keep the records safe from hackers. KEVIN PASSON | NEW MEDIA

Hietpas and his team for the work they do.

“This is every day. This is not like one day there’s a cyber attack,” he said. “It’s every single day that our network — everybody’s network — is getting probed.”

Including Hietpas, the technology services department team has nine people, with two of them dedicated to GIS (geographic information system) updates. GIS consists of integrated computer hardware and software that store, manage, analyze, edit, output and visualize geographic data.

The property listing office is also housed with technology services and consists of two full-time positions. They do not assist with any technology work but work extensively with the GIS team.

The others support all county operations, including technical guidance and direction; strategic planning; systems design, implementation and computer programming; computer networking; training; and safeguarding of the county’s technological assets.

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TOM JONES, Ho-Chunk photographer and artist

BIRTHS

Brandon and Brittany Wudstrack, of the Town of Wittenberg, announce the birth of a son, Braxton Riley, born Oct. 11, 2024, as Aspirus Wausau. He weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces and was 18½ inches long.

Verizon Communications purchases Frontier

Troubled internet company has over 130K state customers

BY PETER CAMERON
The Badger Project

Farewell, Frontier internet and phone service.

Last month, Verizon Communications announced plans to buy the, to put it mildly, widely-disliked company and its thousands of miles of copper and fiber optic telecommunication lines last month for \$20 billion.

Frontier Communications has more than 130,000 customers in Wisconsin, many of them rural, and millions nationwide.

The question now is how they will be affected.

Frontier, which emerged from bankruptcy in the last few years, had a poor record of maintaining its infrastructure and providing internet and phone service, experts and customers say. Many of those customers live in rural areas with few telecommunications options.

The company finished near the bottom of a ratings survey of telecommunications companies by Consumer Reports, and the Better Business Bureau had given the company a grade of F.

In 2021, Wisconsin, five other states and the Federal Trade Commission sued Frontier on the basis that the company hadn't delivered the internet speeds it advertised.

In 2022, the company agreed to make \$15 million in improvements to its internet service in Wisconsin after an investigation by the state's Department of Justice.

Will Verizon do a better job managing the infrastructure and providing the service than Frontier did?

"I'm not entirely sure whether this merger will be good, bad, or have no impact," said Christopher Mitchell, director of the Community Broadband Networks Initiative, a Minnesota-based think tank supporting communities' telecommunications efforts.

"Frontier was an awful company that made a show of pulling itself together, at least temporarily, likely in hopes of being acquired like this. Verizon doesn't have a history of investments in rural areas. So I just don't know what to expect."

Verizon did not respond to multiple requests for comment.

One can look at history for clues as to what it might do.

"Prices usually stay the same for a while after a merger, but eventually are brought into sync," said Doug Dawson, a telecommunications consultant in his popular newsletter on the industry.

That could mean higher prices for some inter-

net speed packages and lower prices for others, he suggested.

Dawson noted he was "amused" by the fact that Frontier grew to its current size by buying cast-off copper wire networks, used for phone and snail-like internet, from Verizon. Now the company has purchased all that old technology back.

The main reason Verizon wanted Frontier is because of the company's fiber optic network, Dawson said, which can deliver fast internet speeds, and higher prices.

Frontier declared bankruptcy in 2020. Since 2015, it has received more than \$2 billion in federal funds to upgrade its internet service across the country, according to the FCC. More than \$215 million of that was intended for internet projects in Wisconsin.

The federal government's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, supported by all the congressional Democrats from Wisconsin, and none of the Republicans, has provided billions of dollars to bring faster internet to unserved and underserved areas. So big money is available for companies, communities and co-ops to make upgrades, but that comes through a "very long and convoluted pipeline," said Barry Orton, a telecommunications professor emeritus with UW-Madison and fierce critic of Frontier.

He and others have pushed to classify high-speed internet as a utility, and thus subject to more regulation including pricing controls from the government.

"Whether broadband remains on the path toward public utility status on the federal level depends on the results in November," he said.

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Frontier's storefront, which has been closed since 2021, still exists on East Division Street in Shawano. Verizon Communications has bought out the beleaguered telecommunications company.

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Milk production down in August

Milk production in Wisconsin during August totaled 2.67 billion pounds, down 2% from the previous August, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service Milk Production report.

The average number of milk cows during August, at 1.27 million head, was 2,000 below the previous month and down 3,000 from August 2023. Monthly production per cow averaged 2,110 pounds, down 45 pounds from last August.

Milk production in the 24 major states during August totaled 18.1 billion pounds,

up 0.1% from August 2023.

July revised production, at 18.2 billion pounds, was down 0.3% from July 2023. The July revision represented a decrease of 1 million pounds or less than 0.1% from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 24 major states averaged 2,036 pounds for August, eight pounds above August 2023.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 24 major states was 8.88 million head, 28,000 head less than August 2023, but unchanged from July 2024.

Milk production in the United States during August totaled 18.8 billion pounds, down 0.1% from August 2023.

Production per cow in the United States averaged 2,018 pounds for August, eight pounds above August 2023.

The number of milk cows on farms in the United States was 9.33 million head, 40,000 head less than August 2023, but unchanged from July 2024.

The complete report can be found on the USDA NASS website at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications.



This Sauk County buck died in 2012 from EHD, a virus spread by biting midges. The disease has shown up in three Wisconsin counties this fall and seems to be spreading northward as the state experiences milder winters. A deer found dead near water in Shawano County recently tested negative for the disease.

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Latest deer disease not potential threat of CWD

A deer virus already found in three Wisconsin counties this year may be spreading north because of milder winters, according to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

A deer found dead in Shawano County was recently tested for epizootic hemorrhagic disease (EHD), a virus spread by biting midges in the Culicoides genus, better known as no-see-ums, said Nancy Businga, a DNR wildlife diseases specialist in Madison. The test was negative.

EHD, first detected in Iowa County in 2002, was discovered in dead deer found last month in Jackson, Waukesha and Chippewa counties. Landowners found otherwise healthy-looking deer dead in or near water and reported the carcasses to the DNR.

Businga noted as many as 20 to 25 dead deer in Jackson County may have had the disease, but once the disease is confirmed in a county, no further testing is typically done.

EHD is not spread from deer to deer like chronic wasting disease and can't be spread to humans or contaminate meat, she noted.

"There's no need for panic," she said. "There's really not much we can do. It has no effect on people. We just want people to report a dead deer."

Deer with EHD will suffer a high fever and typically head to water to cool down.

Symptoms include foaming at the mouth, excessive salivation and a weak appearance or lack



of fear near humans, according to the DNR.

The last major outbreak of EHD occurred in 2012, when deer in eight southern counties tested positive. A small pocket of the disease was found in southwestern Wisconsin in 2019. The next year, small outbreaks of fewer than 50 deer each were found in Oconto and Buffalo counties. The last cases prior to this year were found in 2021 in La Crosse and Juneau counties.

Jeff Pritzl, the DNR's deer biologist, said the disease is common in the southern and western states, as well as Iowa, Indiana and Nebraska, but is relatively new to Wisconsin. Michigan recently reported an EHD outbreak in at least 13 counties. It typically hits in early fall when the midges are most common. Several frosts will kill off the midges, just as they do for mosquitoes.

In general, hunters and other wildlife lovers won't notice a significant change in the deer herd, although one of the outbreaks that included Columbia County about a decade ago hit hard, he noted.

"We could tell the deer herd took a hit," he said.

Pritzl noted that deer can develop immunity to EHD over time. Southern states typically see less mortality from it than the emerging states to the

north. Businga said warmer winters can extend the active season for midges and therefore the right conditions for EHD.

Because the disease is relatively new here, Businga and other biologists are consulting with experts to the south, including the University of Georgia, for advice.

Samples of suspected deer with EHD must be taken within a day or two of death for a valid test.

If you find a fresh deer carcass, especially near water, call the DNR wildlife switchboard at 608-267-0866 or email DNRwildlifeswitchboard@wisconsin.com.

Meanwhile, CWD continues to flourish in the state, with Pierce and St. Croix counties now added to the list of counties with feeding and baiting bans after a sick doe tested positive in Pierce County near Spring Lake earlier this year. It was the first confirmed case in the county.

Currently, 61 counties have feeding and baiting bans because of CWD. The only counties that will allow feeding and baiting this hunting season are Burnett, Douglas, Bayfield, Ashland, Iron, Price, Clark, Brown, Door, Kewaunee and Manitowoc.

Although the DNR and other experts believe CWD can't be spread to humans via contaminated meat, the DNR will replace a deer hunting authorization (tag) if a harvested deer tests positive for CWD.

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Remember a life by getting a tombstone

On the date this column officially runs, I will be celebrating a birthday. It's not a milestone or anything, but I always view birthdays as a good time to take stock. Mentioning to Jon that I am mindful of approaching my expiration date, he remarked that I'm older than I've ever been before but also younger than I'll ever be again. Gee thanks,, honey. It does take me twice as long to look half as good, but saying I look great at 78 would have been a more welcome sentiment.

Yes, I can't do some things I used to take for granted, but thankfully I can still drive, which is good because my son lives in the Valley, and my daughter is in the Madison area. I wish they were closer so I could spend more time with them, especially with my granddaughter, who is growing up way too fast. When I do go to visit, I take frozen casseroles and soups and brownies. Even though I don't eat a bite of this food, I feel full and satisfied providing it.

That said, there is one major task I have completed that will also save my children time — and grief. Some people think it's morbid, but I'm preparing for the day when we say goodbye forever. I'm not doing this because I think



When Jon and Kathleen Marsh leave this world, there will be a tombstone to recall their contributions to northeast Wisconsin.



they can't; I'm doing it so that they won't have to.

Thanks to now-retired Oconto attorney Bill Legee, Jon and I each drafted and signed a durable power of attorney, health care directive, last will and testament. Of course, you can never

anticipate every single thing that might cause problems, which you will be too dead to solve, but with Bill's expert advice, we feel confident that we have covered the legal biggies.

Good start, but there was much more to do. When our church sponsored a session conducted by a local funeral home director, Jon and I went to update ourselves on what are called "final arrangements." The session was very interesting and

informative; there were so many answers to questions I never knew I had. At breakfast afterward, Jon and I resolved to do what we could ahead of time to spare our children the agony of trying to figure out "what Mom and Dad would want."

First decision: what should happen to our bodies when we die. Neither of us wants to take up space six feet under, so cremation was the obvious choice. Though we aren't going to

be buried, we nevertheless want to be permanently memorialized in a cemetery. You may disagree, but my view is that if your name isn't on a monument somewhere, it's as if you never lived. Okay, it's not that I think that after you die you are there. No, a tombstone is living proof that you were here.

Next question, where to put our memorial marker. Jon's from Elderon, and there's an empty lot next to his folks who are buried in the pastoral Elderon Cemetery. Jon's roots are definitely there, but mine aren't. Besides, he's been gone for so long that most people who would go there have no idea who he is — or was. My folks are buried in Sherwood, but Jon has no ties there and the same lack of current connections applies to me.

The logical choice was Forest Home Cemetery in Townsend. We bought property on the flowage in 1993 and have lived here full-time since 2002. We were lucky to find a lovely plot under a tree near the edge of the access road. Excellent. Now all we needed was the stone. We made an appointment with Schneider Monument in Shawano.

As we walked among the samples in front of the

office, I was a tad concerned we might not agree on this, but in less than an hour, we found the perfect one. All that was left to do was personalize it. Not surprisingly, Jon chose a majestic whitetail buck standing among pines. I came up empty until the owner, who also had a place on the flowage, suggested something about my Townsend books. Perfect. Our inscription was the finishing touch: "He found Townsend • She wrote its history." All the kids have to do is add our entrance and exit dates.

Jon views our headstone weekly because it's on the road to the dump (recycling center). Last year, when as a Legion volunteer he was putting out Memorial Day flags, he almost put one there. We still get a chuckle out of that. Death isn't funny, but it is comforting to know our kids won't have to do these tasks, and we have "saved our lives." Our cemetery monument is a testament that we lived, we loved, we mattered. It's all there in Townsend Forest Home Cemetery, etched in stone.

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, OCT. 25

BIRNAMWOOD: Schairer's Autumn Acres, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., 194 Western Ave. Corn mazes, sunflower fields, hay rides, wine tastings, apple products and more. Pumpkin Stroll 6-9 p.m.

BONDUEL: Farmtoberfest, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Porter's Patch, W4314 State Highway 156. Games for the kids, wagon rides, petting zoo, pumpkin painting, pumpkin bowling, pumpkin patch, mums, gourds,

squash, NFL Draft corn maze. \$11.37 plus tax for admission. Weather permitting.

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

WITTENBERG: "Doublewide Texas," 7 p.m., WOWSPACE, 114 Vinal St. Tickets \$12 at Wittenberg Sentry or call 715-253-3525. Doors open 6:30 p.m.

SHAWANO: School play "This Murder Was Staged," 7 p.m., Shawano Community

High School, 220 County Road B. Tickets adults \$5, students \$3.

SATURDAY, OCT. 26

BONDUEL: Youth Craft Sale and Silent Auction, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. Paul Lutheran School gymnasium, 240 E. Green Bay St. Bake sale, chili dinner. 715-758-8532.

OCONTO FALLS: Trick or Treat Trail, 10 a.m. to noon, West Side Beach. Wooded trail walk, treats, vendors.

BIRNAMWOOD: Schairer's

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SHAWANO: School play "This Murder Was Staged," 2 p.m., Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B. Tickets adults \$5, students \$3.

OCONTO: Knights of Columbus Booyah Sale, 3-6 p.m., Holy Trinity Church, 716 Madison St. \$10 per quart.

PULASKI: Pumpkin Palooza, 3-5 p.m. Free family event sponsored by Pulaski Public Works. Pumpkin picking, hayrides, trunk or treating.

ABRAMS: 24-Hour Theater Performances, 7 p.m., Nancy Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple St. \$5 admission.

WITTENBERG: "Doublewide Texas," 7 p.m., WOWSPACE, 114 Vinal St. Tickets \$12 at Wittenberg Sentry or call 715-253-3525. Doors open 6:30 p.m.

BIRNAMWOOD: Creepy Hollow Haunted Trail, 7-11 p.m., N11818 Cedar Road. \$15 regular pass, \$30 fast pass. All funds raised will be donated to local charities. Not recommended for children 10 and under.

BOWLER: Halloween Costume Party, 8 p.m. to midnight, North Star Mohican Casino,

W12180 County Road A. Customers in costume to receive \$10 in free play after earning five points. Must be 21.

SUNDAY, OCT. 27

BIRNAMWOOD: Schairer's Autumn Acres, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., 194 Western Ave. Corn mazes, sunflower fields, hay rides, wine tastings, apple products and more.

BONDUEL: Farmtoberfest, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Porter's Patch, W4314 State Highway 156. Games for the kids, wagon rides, petting zoo, pumpkin painting, pumpkin bowling, pumpkin patch, mums, gourds, squash, NFL Draft Corn Maze. \$11.37 plus tax for admission. Weather permitting.

CECIL: Republican Party of Shawano County Fall Dinner, 4 p.m., Golden Sands Golf Course, 300 Nabor Road. Dinner served 5 p.m. \$30 members, \$40 non-members.

NAVARINO: Night Sky at Navarino, 6 p.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindstrom Road. View Saturn through telescopes, learn about night sky constellations. \$5 members, \$10 non-member.

MONDAY, OCT. 28

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

TUESDAY, OCT. 29

SHAWANO: American Red Cross blood drive, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B. Appointments at RedCross-

Blood.org or 800-733-2767.

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

OCONTO: Tryouts for "84 Charing Cross Road," 6 p.m., Park Avenue Playhouse, 408 Park Ave. Five actresses and three actors needed for Machikanee Players production scheduled for Feb. 7-9 and Feb. 14-16.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 30

SHAWANO: Halloween Spirit Parade, 12:45 p.m., Sacred Heart Catholic School, 124 E. Center St.

NEOPIT: Recovery talking circle, 6-8 p.m. The Circle House, W6715 Shawpoka-sic St. Information: Mindy Thunder at 715-799-3835 or mthunder@mitw.org.

OCONTO: Auditions for "84 Charing Cross Road," 6 p.m., Park Avenue Playhouse, 408 Park Ave. Five actresses and three actors needed for Machikanee Players production scheduled for Feb. 7-9 and Feb. 14-16.

POUND: Line Dancing with the North Country Kickers, 6:30-9 p.m., Equity Hall, W7403 State Highway 64. Lessons 7 p.m. Admission \$5. For information, call 920-606-4370 or 920-829-6316.

THURSDAY, OCT. 31

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



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Swifties turn their attention to birds

When I tell people I'm a swiftie, they ask what is my favorite song. While I like many of Taylor Swift's songs and I admire all she has accomplished, I'm not talking about her. I'm talking about the unique and spectacular bird, the chimney swift.

I had never witnessed the magical display of chimney swifts gathering at sunset to circle and slowly descend into a chimney to roost for the night. So, when I heard the Wisconsin Natural Resources Foundation offered a field trip called A Night Out With the Chimney Swifts, I was quick to sign up. Before that night arrived, I decided to learn all I could about this remarkable bird.

Chimney swifts are grayish-brown with thick cylindrical bodies, a very short neck, round head, no discernible tail, and short, stubby bills, earning them the nickname "flying cigars."

According to All About Birds, in flight, their wings are shaped like a boomerang. Their long wingtips allow them to fly rapidly, with stiff wing beats, often twisting from side to side and banking erratically as they give a loud chittering call.

I was amazed to learn that chimney swifts con-



tinuously fly all day long never stopping except to nest and roost overnight. They do everything in flight. They eat flying insects, bathe, collect nest material and even mate in flight.

According to the National Audubon Society, they eat as many as 12,000 insects in a single day, a third of their body weight. To build a nest, chimney swifts use their feet to snap off twigs in mid-flight. Then they use their saliva to glue them together to form a half-cup nest inside the chimney. Nests can consist of over 250 twigs.

Chimney swifts are not able to perch like other birds. Instead, their toes and nails have a unique structure allowing them to cling to vertical surfaces. The tail feathers have 10 stiff spines that also help to support them.

Interestingly, unmated swifts share a chimney, but mated pairs each nest in their own chimney. After the young fledge, parents and young join staging flocks in bigger

chimneys nearby, hundreds, sometimes thousands, in a single chimney. According to All About Birds, during migration as many as 10,000 swifts roost together on their journey to South America.

When the time came for the field trip, I felt excited and prepared to experience the ceremony of the swifts coming in to roost for the night. We met at a library whose chimney had recently been an active roosting site.

However, upon arrival, our tour leader Spence Stehno, president of the Benjamin F. Goss Bird Club, announced that the swifts had changed locations to a chimney down the road. He explained that it is hard to predict when they will move on and how far away each move will be from the previous location. It is equally hard to tell if the swifts are the same ones from the night before or new ones.

Just before sunset, one by one, two by two, then 10 by 10 they appeared, dark silhouettes circling high above the chimney. Erratically, they slowly lowered as the circle got smaller and smaller, tighter and tighter. I could hear the chittering growing louder as my heart



Chimney swifts prepare to roost for the night recently.

LISA JANSEN

pounded to the beat. I could feel my cheeks lifting as my lips stretched into a wide grin. This is it. They are doing this and I am here to witness this amazing display of nature at its best.

There weren't enough swifts to make a tornado-like funnel, but counting observers estimated 180 birds circling and descending into the chimney, first the scouts, then the rest, some feet first, some head first. It was a night I will never forget.

I hope others can experience this, too, but the chimney swift population is in steep decline.

Chimneys are being torn down or capped and not being replaced. According to American Bird Conservancy's "State of the Birds" report, between 1970 and 2019, Chimney Swift population has dropped 50%.

People can help by preserving existing chimneys or creating new structures specifically for swift nesting. Designs can be downloaded from the North American Chimney Swift Nest Site Research Project.

Another way to help is to go see these birds for yourself and then spread the word. The best time in

Wisconsin is September to mid-October. Look for uncapped chimneys on older buildings like churches, schools, factories, or historical structures. According to eBird, there were many swift sightings in this readership area this year. It is free and the whole family can join in to behold this phenomenon and share in the marvel of the chimney swift.

I'm a swiftie. I hope you become a swiftie, too.

Lisa Jansen is a Wisconsin master naturalist, nature writer, and award-winning photographer. She specializes in raising awareness of birds and butterflies of the Midwest.



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GUEST COLUMN

Focus on hate, war could drown America

As a veteran who served during the Vietnam War, I returned home from Honor Flight 70 to Washington, D.C., a few weeks ago already, but I am still assimilating the many sights and sounds of a very long day in the nation's capitol.

Though we were not rushed, visiting so many war memorials in such rapid succession is overwhelming and impossible to fully digest in real time. Fortunately, I had a very good guardian and guide who had been there multiple times, so all I had to do was put one foot ahead of the other, and stay hydrated and grounded the best I could.

I can't help but mention a few memorials — the profound Lincoln Memorial that included two of his most powerful speeches etched in stone, the haunting Korean War Memorial perfectly depicting a war that has never truly ended almost 75 years later, and the massive Arlington National Cemetery with its 400,000 grave sites spread over a square mile.

While we were at Arlington Cemetery, we watched the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. I was simultaneously struck by how much continuous attention is paid to this un-

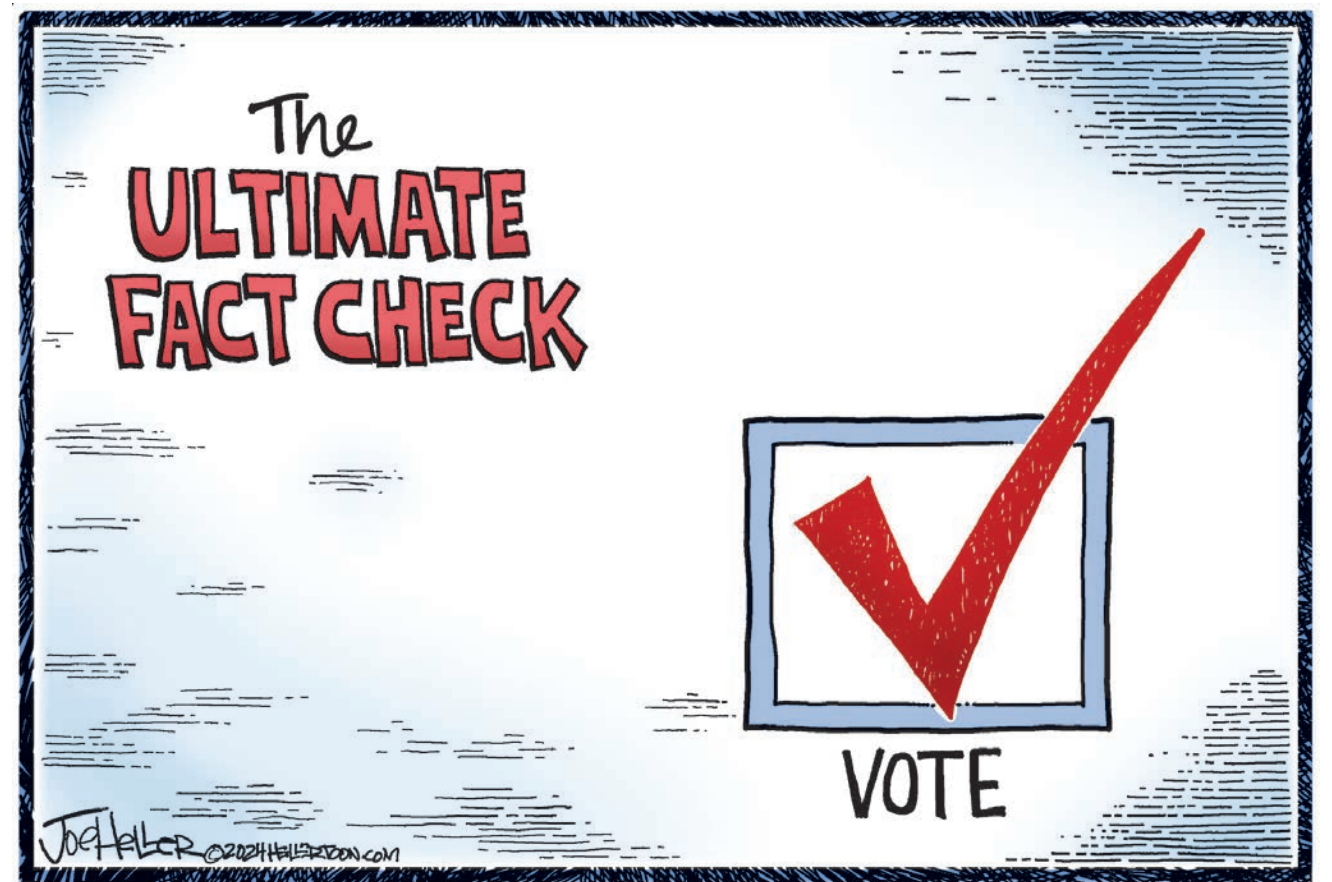


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known soldier — there are actually three buried there and 4,000 more unknowns located throughout the cemetery — every hour of every day of every year by such young soldiers precisely doing their duty, and the fact that the mothers of 400,000 soldiers lost their child because their political leaders couldn't talk things out and do the right things for humanity and life itself.

As might be expected of someone who grew up in the 1950s and 1960s, I have lived a very experiential life and significant parts of it were distressing to me. It is these experiences and their impact on my life that have caused me to work hard in various capacities in retirement to make this world a better place so that Arlington Cemetery and its siblings do not reach capacity.

I don't like the contact sport called politics, otherwise defined as the exercise of power. If I wish my values to be represented and practiced by our political leaders who allegedly serve me, I need to be significant-



ly, constructively and daily involved in that arena as every citizen ought to be.

In this eternal election season, the billions into trillions of dollars spent on war annually need to be questioned. Given the karma and debt associated with our national, continuous war posture and the price being paid by active duty and veterans alike on behalf of the rest of us,

we are seriously hurting as shown by the increasing numbers of homeless, addicted, and suicidal veterans.

I have no representation in Congress right now and haven't since April. Hatred, resentment, misinformation and violence seem to be everywhere. I don't know what the future holds and it's scary with nasty rhetoric normalizing violence of

all kinds. I'm hoping against hope that we may finally elect candidates who understand what loving your neighbor and sustainability itself truly means, and who will be a life-supporting breath of fresh air representing the poorer among us in a Congress whose median net worth is over a million dollars.

Thank you for listening to the reflections of a

former flight medic who deeply hopes that we can rescue ourselves from ourselves one day soon, so our national debt based on destructive tendencies doesn't completely drown us, and our mothers don't have to bury their children anymore.

Mark Smith is an Oconto Falls resident who served as a flight medic in the United States Air Force from 1971-75.

YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW

Nursing home sale shows why transparency matters

On Sept. 17, the Sauk County Board voted to spend \$40,500 to buy a sheriff's department vehicle to replace one totaled in a July incident. The resolution printed on the agenda included details of the incident, the car dealer and a fiscal note explaining that the money would come from insurance accounts.

This display of transparency happened one week to the day after the same county board approved contracts to sell the county-owned nursing home to a private entity. That agenda stated the board would meet in closed session to discuss the sale. It did not name the buyer or include the sale price. While the buyer was disclosed in the 45-minute public discus-



Jeff Seering
Guest columnist

sion following the closed session, the sale price was not. The \$5.1 million price was revealed the following day in an attachment to a press release. There was no fiscal note on the agenda.

A note might have explained why the county accepted an offer \$3.4 million less than the \$8.5 million sought when it first marketed the nursing home, which has 48 residents. Nor did the county explain why the price was so much less than the \$19 million

value for which the county insures the nursing home. All these numbers are from records I obtained.

The December 2023 resolution that started the process included as a condition: "The potential buyer shall demonstrate a history of 5-star care ratings in the senior health care industry." That was the county nursing home's rating at the time.

Medicare's star system for rating nursing homes is based on regular inspections and citation history. Five-star is much above average, 4-star is above average, 3-star is average, 2-star is below average and 1-star is much below average. The buyer, Aria, operates three nursing homes in the north Milwaukee suburbs

that currently have one- and two-star ratings.

The five-star condition was interpreted by most as meaning that the county would seek a private buyer with a history of high-quality care similar to that provided by the county nursing home, which had a 5-star rating in December 2023. That was the county's official public position concerning the sale, up until Sept. 10, when the board voted to approve the sale to Aria. In the Sept. 10 motion that passed, all of the conditions in the December resolution were superseded by the sale contract.

Between December and September, the board held two closed-session meetings. The only information that came out of

those meetings was that the county had chosen to negotiate with a single interested buyer, whose name was kept secret, though it leaked out in late July. A petition drive collected 1,300 signatures opposing the nursing home sale that were presented to the county.

After numerous citizens expressed dismay about Aria's care rating in public comment on Sept. 10, the board met in closed session with an Aria representative, which was said to be reassuring. After the board came back into open session, one board supporter of the sale turned to the audience and said, "I really wish you could have all been here for the meeting."

Yes. The audience

— made of citizens and taxpayers and people with loved ones in the home — would also have liked to hear the presentation. That this was not allowed was typical of the entire process, in which the public was given less information about the sale of the home for 48 Sauk County residents than it was about replacing a damaged squad car.

Why is the state's tradition of open government important? Just ask the citizens of Sauk County, who have been treated as though it isn't.

Jeff Seering, a retired journalist, is a Sauk County resident. Your Right to Know is a monthly column distributed by the Wisconsin Freedom of Information Council (wisfoic.org), a group dedicated to open government.

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Members of the Shawano Hawks football team prepare for the High School Quarterback Challenge at Lambeau Field during halftime of the Green Bay Packers vs. Houston Texans game Oct. 20. The contest tests which team's quarterback can complete the longest pass. Shawano took on Oconto Falls in the competition.

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Bears perfect in Packerland

Oconto Falls football team crushes Manawa

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Oct. 18
Bonduel 48, Sturgeon Bay 20
Bonduel went undefeated in the Packerland Conference following their 48-20 win over Sturgeon Bay. The Bears ended the regular season at 7-0 in league play and 8-1 overall. With a 7-0 lead after the first quarter, Bonduel broke the game open with a 28-point second quarter to take a 35-7 lead at the half. Each team added 13 points to their total in the second half.

Almond-Bancroft 46, Tigerton/ Marion 12
Joey Zimdars threw for one touchdown and ran for another in the Thundercatz loss to Almond-Bancroft. Zimdars was 3-for-6 for 70 yards, including a 16-yard score to Thomas Grimm. Sam Anhueser caught two passes for 54 yards. Zimdars rushed 22 times for 87 yards and a score, but Tigerton/Marion's ground game was led by Braylon Mielke's 33 rushes for 136 yards.

Oconto Falls 56, Manawa 0
Wyatt Laughrin and Isaac Bramer each rushed for two touchdowns, Ethan Hill ran for another and Cole Bozile caught two more as the Panthers wrapped up their regular season with a 56-0 domination over Manawa. Emerich Skarban completed 6-of-7 passing attempts for 130 yards and a

pair of TDs. Laughrin was the leading rusher, carrying the ball six times for 83 yards. Oconto Falls started the game with three touchdowns in the first quarter and another four before halftime. The final TD was scored in the third quarter.

Bay Port 37, Pulaski 7
Pulaski took a 7-0 lead in the first quarter on a 50-yard touchdown pass from Bodhan Schmidt to Calan Bock. After that, Bay Port scored an unanswered 37 points to earn the Fox River Classic Conference North win. Bodhan Schmidt was 3-for-3 for 80 yards, and Ethan Schmidt was 8-for-14 for 75 yards. Sawyer Goodness led the running game with eight carries for 38 yards.

Fox Valley Lutheran 31, Shawano 14
The Hawks' season ended with a 31-14 loss to Fox Valley Lutheran, giving Shawano an 0-7 record in the Bay Conference and 1-8 overall. Shawano scored in the second and fourth quarters. Fox Valley Lutheran led 21-8 at the half, and they added another 10 points in the third quarter.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood 28, Amherst 19
Bryson Schmid ran for three touchdowns to lead Wittenberg-Birnamwood to a 28-19 win. He rushed 23 times for 126 yards. Boone Schaier had the other rushing TD, carrying the ball 10 times for

45 yards.

Florence 36, Menominee Nation 8
Oct. 17
Algoma 22, Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy 20
A fourth-quarter touchdown pass lifted Algoma over Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy. Lena rushers tallied 302 yards on the ground, including scoring all three team touchdowns. Calvin Peters rushed 24 times for 149 yards and one score. Tyler Shallow carried the ball 15 times for 94 yards, while Max Peterson had 13 carries for 59 yards and two TDs. Lena led 14-0 after the first quarter and stayed on top 14-6 at the half. They remained on top 20-14 going into the final stanza.

Oneida Nation/NEW Lutheran 53, Suring 24
Michael Pecanas and Taylor Booth-Stoffregen each threw for one touchdown and Grant Thomson ran for another in Suring's 53-24 loss to end the regular season. Thomson scored first on a 15-yard run in the second quarter. Pecanas connected with Michael Bailey for a 35-yard TD pass in the third quarter, which was then followed up with a 62-yard pass from Booth-Stoffregen to Jake Cornell. Suring ended the year at 2-4 in the Across The Bay Conference and 3-5 overall.

Sevastopol 44, Gillett 11

Shawano volleyball team goes 3-2 at Luxemburg

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Oct. 19
Luxemburg-Casco Spartan Invite
Shawano went 3-2 at the Luxemburg-Casco Spartan Invite, losing its first two matches but winning the final three. The Hawks lost 2-0 to Kimberly and 2-1 to Pewaukee. Wins for Shawano were 2-0 over Appleton East, 2-1 over Kaukauna and 2-0 over Pewaukee.

Marion 2, Elcho 0
Oct. 17
Coleman 3, Gillett 1
Crivitz 3, Gillett 0
Gillett lost to Coleman 23-25, 25-10, 25-15, 25-9 and then lost to Crivitz 25-23, 25-11, 25-11 at the Coleman Triangular. Audrey Pate collected three aces, 13 kills, six blocks and four digs. Reece Franti had three aces and 35 digs. Clara Schaal tallied aces, 21 assists, five kills and six digs.

Menominee Nation 3, Gresham 2
Menominee Nation and Gresham went to five sets, and the Eagles pulled out the win on scores of 22-25, 18-25, 25-7, 25-22, 15-10. For the Tigers, Janay Pecore-Kirkland had 11 kills, 10 digs and 14 service points. Lexi Baddmoccasin-Barnes tallied 10 kills and six assists. Kiara Cornelius had 10 assists, and Rylie Kakwitch had 12 digs and 10 service points.

Niagara 3, Lena 0
Lena lost 25-12, 25-20, 25-16 to Niagara t the Oneida National Triangular.

Oconto Falls 3, Clintonville 1
Oconto Falls finished its regular season by beating Clintonville 25-20, 25-18, 25-12. Izzy Otto had 24 assist and four aces, while Lucy Ripley had 18 kills and seven digs. Rylie Shallow tallied 12 digs and two aces, and Brylee Gorman added four kills and four aces. Oconto Falls ended the regular season 6-3 in conference and 28-12 overall.

Almond-Bancroft 3, Tigerton 0
Tigerton traveled to Almond-Bancroft for their last regular season match-up and suffered a 3-0 loss to the Eagles with set scores of 14-25, 19-25 and 8-25. Aaliyah Lederhaus and Presley Stewart-Rolfs each had four kills, and Jade Selle and Angel Welch each had two. Danika Tiller led the team with 10 assists. Welch collected 13 digs, Lederhaus had 12, Selle and Tiller had 11 each, and Sienna Breaker collected 10. Tiller served up eight service points, and Breaker had five. Tigerton's regular season record is 9-10, and the CWC North record is 5-5.

Antigo 3, Wittenberg-Birnamwood 0
The Chargers lost to the Red Robins 3-0 on set scores of 17-25, 21-25, 14-25. "Antigo is a good team, and at times we played really well against them, but we could never put a long streak of good play together to take a set," coach Becky Rew said. "Our best set was set number two. We led most of the set, but around point 19, they had two good runs of five points apiece to take the lead and finish the game.:"

Charlie Eichman had 14 serving attempts with two aces, and Kendyl Kessen had 11 serving attempts with two aces. Melaina Granquist collected 20 hitting attempts with seven kills, and four block kills. Laylah Horne had four block kills, and Lily Metropulos had 14 as-ists and 10 digs. Makayla Meronk also had 10 digs.

Bowler 3, Marion 0
Green Bay Southwest 3, Pulaski 0
Shawano 3, Amherst 0
Oct. 15
West De Pere 3, Shawano 2
The Shawano Hawks played against a tough West

Shawwano, Bonduel, Witt-Birn win cross country championships

BY NEW MEDIA STAFF

Oct. 19 Bay Conference Championship

Shawano's girls cross country runners earned first place on the UW-Green Bay course, with four top 10 finishes.

Bailey Hendricks finished in second place in 20:33.2. She was joined by Adalyn Barkley in fifth place in 21:10.7, Maci Beyer in eighth place in 21:49.3 and Mikelah Powers in 10th place in 21:58. Right behind this quartet was Anabelle Schroeder, who finished in 11th place in 22:04.7.

Teagan Powers finished in 27th place, and Evelyn Kuehl was 32nd.

Shawano's boys placed fifth out of seven teams.

Josiah Kuehl led the Hawks with a 12th-place finish in 18:09.6. He was followed by Trevor Schwartz in 16th place in 18:23.2, Teagan Harkey in 24th place in 19:19, Aloysius Frechette in 26th place in 19:37.3 and James Lange in 29th place in 19:41.8.

Quinten Harkey finished in 30th, and Aiden

Sischo was 45th.

Oct. 18 North Eastern Conference Championship

Oconto Falls' girls placed third and were led by Hailey Delzer's sixth-place finish in 20:24.9.

Emma Meissner finished 14th in 21:39.5, and Ava Hodkiewicz was 17th in 22:04.7.

The Panthers boys were also third.

Ben Adams ran to a third-place finish in 16:47.5. Evan Yuma was 11th in 18:11.9, and Isaiah Holtz was 13th in 18:21.9.

Oct. 17 CWC Conference

Bonduel's boys captured the conference crown at Weyauwega-Fremont High School, with Menominee Nation placing third and Wittenberg-Birnamwood in seventh.

This ends an 11-year dry spell for the Bonduel boys team. All five of the scoring runners were all-conference winners with Race Anvelink on first team all-conference, Cole Anderson, Griffin Uelmen and Oliver Chitwood on

CROSS COUNTRY, CONTINUED ON PAGE 16

Miller competes at state golf meet



Oconto Falls Taylor Miller finished in 10th place at the 2024 WIAA Division 2 state girls golf championships at University Ridge Golf Course in Verona. She hit a 92 on the first day (Oct. 14) and a 93 on the second day (Oct. 15) for a two-day total of 185. After the first day, she was in 12th place.

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De Pere squad in the final game of conference play but came up short 3-2.

The Hawks had been battling some illness since the weekend but still showed up to play extremely well. This is the first time the Hawks have played a five-set match all season.

Once Shawano's offense kicked in, they were tough to defend.

The Hawks were led by Leah Nordin with 28 kills and three aces. Natalie Bystol was right behind her with 19 kills and two aces. Teagen Thompson had 13 digs. Amelia Kl-

ement and Ella Stuber had a great night setting with 25 and 18 assists, respectively. The Hawks placed third in the Bay Conference with a 5-2 record in conference play. The team is 21-6 overall.

Bonduel 3, Weyauwega-Fremont 1

Bonduel won its home match against Weyauwega-Fremont 3-1 with set scores of 25-11, 25-19, 23-25 and 25-14.

Bonduel was led by Audrey Weier and Josie Anvelink. Weier compiled 15 kills and 21 digs, and Anvelink had 14 kills and 23 digs.

Juliana Jacobs added 10 kills to round out the team's attacking. Jayla Reinke contributed 36 assists and three aces. Tatum Sporisky had 17 digs.

Bonduel finishes the regular season 25-4 overall and 6-1 in conference (finishing second behind Amherst).

Bonduel earned the first seed in their half-sectional and will be in action next Oct. 24 when they will play the winner of the Menominee Nation and Clintonville game.

Gresham 3, Bowler 2

Gresham clinched a tie for the CWC North

Conference championship with the victory.

Gresham won its home in five sets on scores of 27-29, 23-25, 25-15, 25-11, 15-9

Lexi Baddmoccasin-Barnes led Gresham with 19 kills, 18 assists and 10 digs. Janay Pecore-Kirkland had 14 kills 15 digs and 17 service points.

Rylie Kakwitsch added 13 kills and 19 digs, and Kiara Cornelius scored 31 service points. Mataya Hill contributed 14 digs, and Addison Fischer had 12.

Gresham is 12-8 overall and 8-2 in league play. The Wildcats will host Hilbert

on Oct. 24 in regional play.

Tigerton 3, White Lake 0

Tigerton defeated White Lake at home in the last CWC North match of the season. Set scores were 25-12, 25-14 and 25-23.

Leading in digs were Jade Selle with 19, Sienna Breaker 13, Angel Welch 11, Danika Tiller 10 and Lillian Welch nine.

Tiller had 19 assists. As for kills, Aaliyah Lederhaus and Selle had seven each, Presley Stewart-Rolfs had six, and Lillian Welch added three. Breaker led with

20 service points, followed by Selle with nine, Stewart-Rolfs and Angel Welch with five each, and Lederhaus with four.

Tigerton finalizes their CWC North record at 5-5. Their overall record is 9-9.

Coleman 3, Gillett 0

Gillett lost in three straight sets on scores of 25-5, 25-14, 25-16.

Suring 3, Lena 0 Northland Lutheran 3, Marion 0

Wittenberg-Birnamwood 3, Menominee Nation 0

Ashwaubenon 3, Pulaski 2

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Bonduel's boys won this year's conference title. From left, are Joah Dworniczak, Cole Anderson, Oliver Chitwood, Ben Reisner, Race Anvelink, Griffin Uelmen and Garrett Anderson.

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Gillett athletes won the boys and girls races at the Marinette & Oconto Conference Championship. Sophomore Hope Soper and junior Bradyn Wendorff are both repeat winners. They also earned first team all-conference and runners of the year awards.

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second team all-conference and Joah Dworniczak on honorable mention all-conference. Garrett Anderson and Ben Reisner completed the boys varsity team.

Menominee Nation's Bryant Waupoose III placed fifth overall in 17:10.1, followed by Anvelink in sixth in 17:28.9. The Eagles' Ryan Corn was ninth in 17:39, followed by Bonduel's Anderson in 10th in 18:01.3.

Uelmen was 12th, and Chitwood was 13th.

Dworniczak placed 18th, followed by Menominee Nation's Jason Chapman in 19th. The latter's teammates Barron Waupoose and Michael Peters III were 22nd and 23rd, respectively.

Garrett Anderson was

26th, and Menominee Nation's Francis Delabrau was 35th.

For Wittenberg-Birnamwood, it was Milo Salvesen in 33rd in 19:51, Landon Meronk in 34th in 19:53, Jonas Bushman in 38th in 19:58, Marty Nowinsky in 39th in 19:58 and Hayden Miller in 42nd in 20:10.

Marion's Tristan Herro placed 49th.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood won the girls' title, with Bonduel in second.

For the Chargers, it was Rory Salvesen in second place in 20:15, Nora Bushman in fifth place in 20:40 and Harper Krull in sixth place in 20:54.

They were joined by Gabrielle Timm in 11th place in 22:14 and Jayden Zeinert in 33rd place in

24:38.

Bonduel's Mariah Wondra won the conference meet in 19:58 and earned first team all-conference honors.

Teagan Engel (eighth place, 21:15) and Hailey Berg (12th place, 22:29) were on second team all-conference.

Cierra Schnell, Seidy Blandon, Kember Frome and Taylor Rank completed the girls varsity team.

Menominee Nation's Urijah Reeves placed 10th in 22:04.

Marion's Bella Conover finished in 43rd place, directly in front of teammate Bridget Much.

M&O Conference Championship

The Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy girls placed second and Gillett

was third in the conference championship, but it was Gillett's Hope Soper who won the individual gold medal with a first-place finish in 21:50.4.

Joining Soper were Sophia Limberg in sixth, Lily Hansen in 12th, Maggie Kaczmarek in 16th and Cilena Guns in 30th.

Leading Lena/STAA were Aspynn Anderson in third place in 22:28.7, followed by Adrena Rabas in fourth place in 22:46.8.

They were joined by Madilyn Thomson in 11th place, Della Kostreva in 13th, Alexis Maloney in 18th, Miriam Alberts in 21st, Kali Fischer in 24th, Haley VanArk in 25th and Hannah Thomson in 28th.

Ginger Gerndt led Suring with a seventh-place finish in 23:12.8. Also

competing for Suring were Natalie Seibert in 22nd, Ada Jantz in 26th and Alyson Seibert in 31st.

On the boys side, it was Gillett in third, Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy in fourth and Suring in fifth.

Gillett's Bradyn Wendorff won the gold in 16:52.7. Scott Heroux was eighth, Nash Stage was 11th, Ben Peterson was 16th and Jeremiah Froelich placed 22nd.

Lena/STAA was led by Mason Belongia in fifth place in 19:00.3. Erik Kosch placed 10th, Dash Comins was 17th, Dane Comins was 18th, Cooper Malloy was 29th and Sawyer Maloney was 34th.

Suring was led by Riley Thomson, who finished 24th in 22:17.7. Blake

DeGrave was 25th, Garrett School was 26th, Liam Matelski placed 31st and Skylar Bristol finished 32nd.

Fox River Classic Conference Championship

Pulaski's boys placed fifth out of 10 teams at Shorewood Cross Country Course.

Parker Marshall led the Red Raiders with an eighth-place finish in 16:39.

Joining him were Grayden Gossen, 20th, 17:07; Arden Gillen, 24th, 17:15.2; Daniel Augustine, 33rd, 17:32.3; and Dayne Groth, 37th, 17:43.7.

Also competing for Pulaski were Mitchell Pilon, who finished 45th, Peyton Law, who placed 46th, and Thomas Murphy, who finished 56th.



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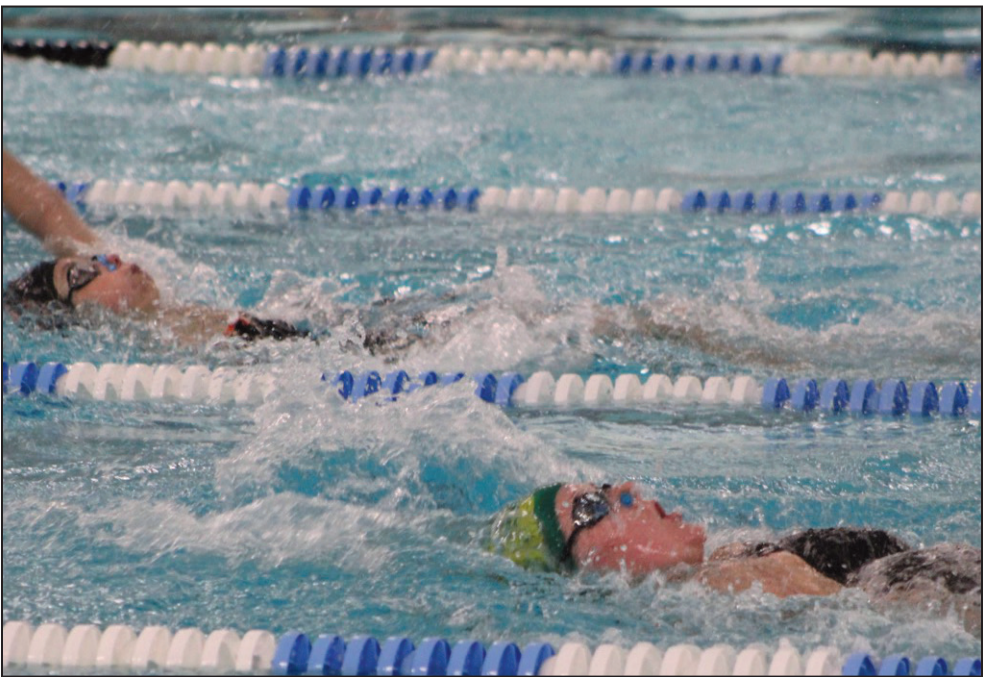
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Chargers beat Truckers in the pool



Above, diving in for the 200-yard individual medley are, from top to bottom, Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Andrea Powell, Clintonville's Addie Lundt and Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Kelsie Davis. Placing first was Davis in 2:21.34, with Powell in third in 3:00.44 and Elizabeth Behnke in fourth in 3:12.46. At left, Wittenberg-Birnamwood seniors Andrea Powell, top, and Claire Timm compete in the 100-yard breaststroke in a dual meet against Clintonville on Oct. 17. The Chargers won 118-45.

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Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Ava Filtz swims the backstroke in the 200-yard medley relay. She was joined by Claire Timm, Andrea Powell and Elizabeth Behnke in placing third in 2:37.16. Teammates Olivia Besette, Faith Resch, Rylee Crick and Reese Dickman won the event in 2:12.75.

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Pulaski soccer team shuts out De Pere

Pulaski 4, De Pere 0
Pulaski ended its regular season with a 4-0 shutout of De Pere to conclude with a 4-4-1 mark in the Fox River Classic Conference.
Hudson Schultz connected on two of the goals for the Red Raiders, while Tate Gerth and Maddox McKeefry each had one.
Assists were credited to Colin Tackmeier, Gerth, Deegan Lambert and Parker Sanders.
Josh Roth played 60 minutes in the goal and had five saves. Jonah Drews played the other 20 minutes, but De Pere had no shots on goal during his time in the net.
Columbus Catholic 8, Gresham/Bowler 0
Marinette 2, Shawano 1

Shawano's boys soccer team is ranked No. 8 in Division 3 in Wisconsin, according to the Wisconsin Soccer Coaches Association.
The Hawks posted an 11-5-2 record to earn the distinction.
Oct. 15
Green Bay Preble 5, Pulaski 1
The Red Raiders fell to the Hornets in Fox River Classic Conference play 5-1.
The game featured three goals in the first 11 minutes.
Talan Lecaptaine got Preble on the board with a goal in the fifth minute. Pulaski was able to equalize in the seventh minute when Donovan Holderness converted a penalty kick. Four minutes later,

the Hornets took the lead back as Lecaptaine scored his second goal of the match.
The Red Raiders would be shut out the rest of the way as the Hornets scored three more unanswered goals en route to the win. Jonah Drews made six saves in goal for Pulaski (12-4-3, 3-4-1). Landin Gauthier made four saves in goal for Preble (11-3-3, 5-1-1).
Green Bay East 4, Shawano 0
Oct. 14
Newman Catholic 7, Gresham/Bowler 0
Gresham/Bowler was shut out, giving up six goals in the first half and a seventh in the second half.
The team is 0-11 in the Central Wisconsin Conference and 1-14-1 overall.

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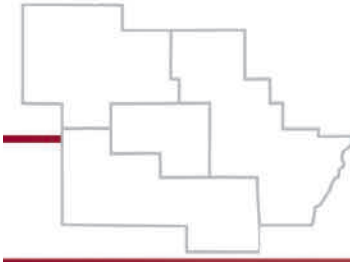


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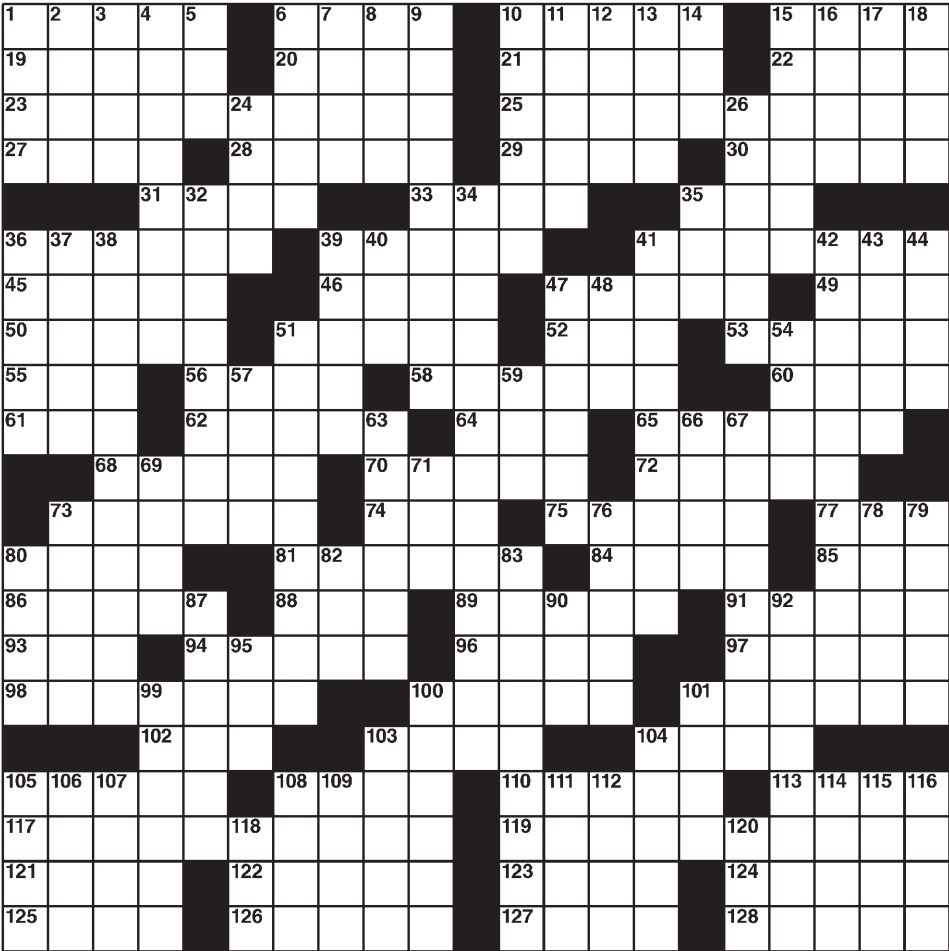
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Defendants.

Plaintiff, Case No. 24-CV-72

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered on June 5, 2024 in the amount of \$34,452.76 the Sheriff will sell the described premises at public auction as follows:

November 13, 2024 at 9:00 am

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

PLACE: Shawano County Courthouse, main lobby
311 N. Main Street in Shawano, WI 54166 in Shawano County

DESCRIPTION: A parcel of land located in the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 12, Township 27 North, Range 13 East, bounded and described as follows: Commencing at the SE corner of said quarter-quarter, thence North 88 Def. 53 min. West 259.2 feet to center line of town road; thence North 05 Deg. 44 min. East along center line 426.3 feet to beginning; thence continue on same line 271.65 feet; thence North 86 Deg. 10 min. West 259.5 feet; thence South 05 Deg. 59 min. West 286.5 feet; thence South 89 Deg. 26 min. East 261.7 feet to beginning, excepting that part for road purposes. ~This is not a purchase money mortgage. ~This is the homestead of the mortgagor.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: N6747 Campground Road Gresham, WI 54128
DATED: 9/17/2024
Galanis, Pollack, Jacobs & Johnson, S.C.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
413 N. 2 nd Street, Suite 150
Milwaukee, WI 53203
414-271-5400
Galanis, Pollack, Jacobs & Johnson, S.C. is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If you have previously received a discharge in a Chapter 7 bankruptcy case, this communication should not be construed as an attempt to hold you personally liable for the debt.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOSEPH D. REINERT
DOD: July 24, 2024
Amended
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 24 PR 62

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth March 1, 1957 and date of death July 24, 2024 , was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin , with a mailing address of 124 E. Randall Street, Shawano 54166 .
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is [Date] January 14, 2025.
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano , Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate Office .

Form completed by:
Attorney Emily E. Ames
Hager, Dewick & Zuengler S.C.
200 S. Washington St. Ste. 200
Green Bay, WI 54301
(920) 430-1900

Bar Number (If any)
1106131

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Evelyn E. Homan
DOD 6-6-2024

Amended
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 24 PR 57

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 10-10-1928 and date of death 6-6-2024 , was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin , with a mailing address of N5934 White Clay Lake Drive, Cecil, WI 54111 .
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is December 27, 2024 .
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano , Wisconsin, Room 202 Probate Office .

Form completed by:
James E. Aschenbrener
P.O. Box 146, Shawano, WI 54166
715-524-6258

Bar Number
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BY THE COURT:

DATE SIGNED: October 9, 2024
Electronically signed by Gwen Hoffman
Probate Registrar
STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ARLENE ROHLOFF
Amended Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 24 PR 65

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth June 19,1936 and date of death October 1, 2024 , was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of W2284 State Highway 29, Pulaski, WI 54162.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is January 17, 2025.
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate Office .

Attorney Rebekah J. Cheslock
P.O. Box 67, Seymour, WI 54165
920-833-2356
Bar Number 1095202

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT SHAWANO COUNTY

Mortgage Solutions of Colorado, LLC,
D.B.A. Mortgage Solutions Financial
c/o MSF SERVICING
7450 CAMPUS DRIVE
Colorado Springs, CO 80920
Plaintiff,
vs.
Amanda Gross
W5634 Lake Dr
Shawano, WI 54166-1472
Joseph M. Gross
W5634 Lake Dr
Shawano, WI 54166-1472

The United States of America
c/o US Attorney
517 East Wisconsin Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53202

c/o US Attorney General
950 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Rm B-103
Washington, DC 20530-0001
Green Bay Anesthesia Associates, S.C.
c/o Fusion Anesthesia Solutions
225 S Executive Dr
Brookfield, WI 53005-4257

PUBLICATION SUMMONS
Case No. 24-CV-000144
The Honorable
William F. Kussel Jr.
Case Code 30404
(Foreclosure of Mortgage)
The amount claimed exceeds \$10,000.00

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF William Arnold Schultz
N5798 Oriole Road
Wittenberg, WI 54499
Amended
Order Setting Time to Hear Petition for Administration and Deadline for Filing Claims (Formal Administration)
Case No. 24 PR 66

A Petition for Formal Administration was filed.

THE COURT FINDS:

The decedent, with date of birth 08/28/60 and date of death 05/22/24 was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin with a mailing address of N5798 Oriole Road Wittenberg, WI 54499.

THE COURT ORDERS:

- 1.The Petition be heard at the Shawano County Courthouse 311 Main ST Shawano, WI Branch 1, before Circuit Court Judge Katherine Sloma on Dec.30 at 9:00 am.

You do not appear unless you object. The petition may be granted if there is on objection.

- 2.The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is Jan 27, 2025.
3. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse 311 Main ST Shawano, WI, Wisconsin Room 202 Register in Probate Office.
4. Heirship will be determined at the hearing on petitions for final judgment.
- 5.Publication of this notice is notice to any persons whose names and addresses are unknown.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT SHAWANO COUNTY

Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 24 PR 39

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
Cecilia A. Kugel 02-09-2024

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 09-16-1932 and date of death 02-09-2024, was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of W5906 Porter RD Shawano, WI 54166.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is January 28, 2025.
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202 Probate Office. James E. Aschenbrener P.O. Box 146 Shawano, WI 54166 715-524-6258 Bar No. 1008896 W

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Notice of Public Hearing

Planning, Development and Zoning Committee Meeting
Wednesday, November 6, 2024 @ 9:00
AM Shawano County Courthouse, Rooms A & B
Members: Ken Capelle, Jeremy Gretzinger, Lowell Hammett, Kathy Luebke, Theresa Serrano

CU-21-24: Daniel Hanauer and Julie Brown Hanauer request conditional use permit for placement of 500-600 cubic yards of fill on 3 parcels of land, one greater than 2 acres in size and two less than 2 acres in size in the R-S, Residential Sewered Zoning District pursuant to the Shawano County Zoning Ordinance No. 7-14, Table X.2.02 and Section X.9.03(120). Properties are located and described as 1) Parcel #044-80350-0170, Lot 3 of Certified Survey Map #4910, 2.0800 acres; 2) Parcel #044-80350-0171, Lot 2 of Certified Survey Map #4910, 0.4400 acres; 3) Parcel #044-80350-0172, Lot 1 of Certified Survey Map #4910, 0.4500 acres. All located in Section 19, T27N R17E, Town of Washington. Property address: W4696 Swan Acre Lane.

CU-22-24: Nicholas Ambrosius and Elizabeth Delano request conditional use permit for a Home Occupation, Major (land use) in the OAR, Open Lands, Agriculture and Residential Zoning District pursuant to the Shawano County Zoning Ordinance No. 7-14, Table X.2.02 and Section X.9.03(147) for the purpose of operating a motocross bike modification shop. Property is located and described as Lot 1 of Certified Survey Map #4546, located in the NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 15, T26N R18E. Tax parcel #004-15320-0020. Town of Angelica. Property address: N3850 Willow Road.

CU-23-24: William and Linda Borntreger request conditional use permit for the establishment of Light Manufacturing (land use) in the OAR Zoning District pursuant to the Shawano County Zoning Ordinance No. 7-14, Table X.2.02 and Section X.9.03 (174) for the purpose of opening a solar installation business. Property is located and described as Lot 1, Volume 6, Certified Survey Map #1676 Page 139, located in the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 13, T26N R16E. Tax parcel #046-13210-0010. Town of Waukechon. Property address: N4029 Hill Road.

NOTE: Any person may appear at the public hearing and be heard and/or submit comments to be read into the record for Committee consideration. Correspondence must bear a legible signature of the author as well as the primary address of the signer.

Accommodations due to disability can be made by calling: 715-526-6766

Meeting notice emailed/posted:
Shawano County Courthouse,
Department of Human Services,
Shawano County Library, Shawano
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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Leroy W. Bocik a/k/a Lee W. Bocik

Amended

Notice Setting Time to Hear Application and Deadline for Filing Claims
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 24 PR 61

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 10/07/1939 and date of death 01/24/2019 was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin , with a mailing address of 130 Channel Trace, 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 November 5, 2024 at 10:00.

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 January 23, 2025
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N Main Street, Shawano , Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate office .
6. This publication is notice to any persons whose names or address are unknown.

Michael A. Faust
Consigny Law Firm, S.C.
303 East Court Street, Janesville, WI 53545
(608) 755-5050
Bar Number 1024665

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10/25/24, 11/01/24

STATE OF WISCONSIN : CIRCUIT COURT : SHAWANO COUNTY

FAMILY COURT
IN RE THE CUSTODY AND SUPPORT OF: B.T.F. AND H.M.H.
EMILY A. HOCK,

Petitioner, Case No.: 24 FA 82 and
TANNER A. FRIEBEL,
Respondent.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND MOTIONS TO ESTABLISH/MODIFY PATERNITY, LEGAL CUSTODY, PHYSICAL PLACEMENT AND CHILD SUPPORT
To: Tanner Friebe
12141 E. Canoe Ln
Suring, WI 54174

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE,

1. The petitioner, Emily Hock, in relation to B.T.F., moves the circuit court for an order establishing paternity, child custody, child placement, and child support pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§767.80,767.41, and 767.511.
2. The petitioner, Emily Hock, in relation to H.M.H., moves the circuit court for an order modifying legal custody, physical placement, and child support pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 767.451 and 767.511.
3. The motions will be heard as follows:
BEFORE: Family Court Commissioner
PLACE: Shawano County Courthouse

311 N Main St
Shawano, WI 54166
DATE: November 5, 2024
TIME: 10:00 a.m.

Dated: October 14, 2024, Schuchart Law Offices, LLC
/Scott L. Stebbins/
Attorney for Petitioner, #1097832

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OBITUARIES

Jean J. Bartholomew

Jean Johanna (Zemke) Bartholomew, 100 years of age, passed away peacefully on Oct. 10, 2024.

She was born Oct. 8, 1924, in North Fond du Lac, the second child of the late Otto Zemke and Maureen Minahan. Jean's mother, Maureen, died when Jean was only 3 years old, leaving behind her husband Otto, Jean, sister Betty and brother Robert. She and her siblings lived in an orphanage in Oshkosh until their father Otto married Celia Muehrer in 1928.

Jean grew up in Gillett. Otto was a shoemaker, and Celia was a loving mother and wife.

Following high school, Jean attended The Milwaukee School of Business. While living in Milwaukee, she met and married John Bartholomew (Lodi) in 1945. Jean and John moved to Durand in 1947. During their 28 years together, they raised four children, Jane, Jack, Jody and Jim.

In the early 1960s, Jean and John were part of the founding group that organized and created Faith Lutheran Church in Durand. Jean faithfully served as church organist and choir accompanist there for several years. Her Hammond organ was the center piece of her living room.

In 1976, Jean moved to Shawano where she made her home for the next 30 years. During those years, she worked at the Shawano County Courthouse and was the office manager for First Presbyterian Church in Shawano. Jean



was an active member of Zion Lutheran Church and served as an organist and member of their handbell choir.

Her hobbies included bridge, knitting and quilting.

Over the years, Jean made beautiful batik quilts, wall hangings, T-shirt quilts for her grandchildren and baby quilts for her great-grandchildren.

In 2007, at the age of 83, Jean moved to Iowa to be closer to her daughter Jody. Over the last several years, she continued to bring great joy with her wit and humor to not only her family but residents and staff wherever she resided. At the age of 96, she could still be found "tickling the ivories" with her rendition of the age old songs "Five Foot Two, Eyes of Blue" and "Around the World (in 80 Days)."

Over the course of Jean's 100 years, she witnessed and experienced many extraordinary things: The Great Depression, the attack on Pearl Harbor and World War II with her brother, Bob, in combat in Europe, the

big band era of the 1940s, advancements in technology and engineering with television, microwaves and men landing on the moon, the evolution of typewriters to computers and the internet just to name a few.

Jean's parents, siblings and a granddaughter preceded her in death.

She is survived by her four children, Jane Bartholomew, John S. "Jack" Bartholomew (Trish), Jo Ellen "Jody" McNaughton (Michael) and James R. Bartholomew (Amy); former daughter-in-law, Patricia Bartholomew; eight grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and step-great-grandchildren.

Well done Jean, good and faithful servant. Praise be to God for the life of Jean Johanna Bartholomew.

The family extends heartfelt gratitude to the former Polk City Nursing Home staff, Granger Nursing and Rehab staff, and Hospice of the Midwest for their kind and loving care.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Hospice of the Midwest, Johnston, Iowa.

A celebration of life service will be held Monday, Oct. 28, at 11 a.m. at Lutheran Church of Hope Chapel, 925 Jordan Creek Parkway, West Des Moines, Iowa. Visitation and a luncheon will follow the service. Jean will be laid to rest at Peace Lutheran Cemetery in Oshkosh.

The service will be live streamed at <https://wdm.lutheranchurchofhope.org/specialevents>.

Funeral Home and Crematory, Marion.

David Evan Blythin, 61, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2024, at his home in Shawano.

David was born on Jan. 24, 1963, in Cleveland, Ohio, to the late William and Norma (Gorski) Blythin. He graduated from Shawano High School in 1981, then received his bachelor's degree in natural resources from Carthage College in 1985. While in Kenosha, David was employed by the DNR, where he thoroughly enjoyed his work.

After returning to Shawano to raise his family, he was employed for a short time at Reinhart Foodservice before going on to become purchasing manager at Arrowcast for several years.

Part of David's community involvement included serving as a deacon to the First Presbyterian Church of Shawano and coaching for the Shawano Hoops Organization and Little League. He was also a former Shawano Municipal Utilities board member, where he was part of the

David Evan Blythin



planning and design of the new Shawano water tower.

After moving and spending eight memorable and heartfelt years in Minneapolis, David once again returned to Shawano where he was currently employed at Northwoods. The previous owner describes him as a "consummate professional, always caring deeply for his customers and co-workers' well-being. Compassion and empathy were hallmarks of his personality."

David loved spending time outdoors whether it was hunting on family

property, fishing trips to the Brule River or golfing with his son. In his younger years, he enjoyed playing in a Wednesday night basketball league with his good friends. He always had a good sense of humor joking around with friends and enjoying his son's dog, Woodford aka "Knucklehead." The most important part of David's life was spending time with his children and grandchildren. He was a proud dad and grandpa and loved to share memories any chance he could.

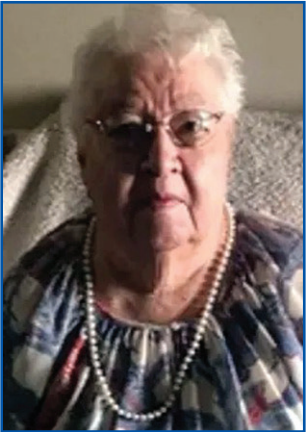
David is survived by his children, Emily (Jordan) Dale, Kurt (Sara) Blythin and Tricia (Nick) Mau; and beautiful granddaughters, Cecile and Alice Dale and Maya and Millie Mau. He was very loved and will be deeply missed by family and friends.

David is preceded in death by his sister, Bonnie Brotz; and parents, William and Norma.

Private family services will be held.

www.swedbergfuneral-home.com

Marjorie Mae Zillmer



Marjorie Mae Zillmer passed away peacefully at the age of 93 with her family by her side on Oct. 9, 2024.

Marjorie Reminger Zillmer was born in Leopold on Feb. 16, 1931. On June 11, 1949, she married Edwin "Bud" Zillmer in Belle Plaine.

They moved to Waupun where she was an amazing mother raising five children and working numerous jobs until she retired.

Until she passed, she lived in Colorado Springs, Colorado, where she loved family visits and going for rides in the mountains, playing slot machines and playing cards with friends and family. She was a true

Packers and NASCAR fan.

She is survived by her children, Carol Jansen, Beverly (Dennis) Heft, Michael (Rita) Zillmer and Donald Zillmer; 11 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and two

great-great-grandchildren; brother, Joe Reminger; and sister Judy Kazda.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Edwin "Bud" Zillmer; her daughter, Marsha Christian; her parents, Joseph and Lena Reminger; two sisters, Janet Erdman and Della Schaefer; and a brother, John Reminger.

The funeral will be held at First English Lutheran Church, 1013 Minnesota St., Oshkosh, on Nov. 16, 2024, at 11 a.m. with lunch to follow. The inurnment will follow at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested a memorial be set up in her name.

PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Oct. 20

Deputies responded to 19 incidents, including a vehicle fire on County Road D in the Town of Almon; property theft at Kwik Trip, 102 W. Express Way, Bonduel; threatening on state Highway 29 in the Town of Belle Plaine; one 911 call; one reckless driving incident; one welfare check; five crashes, one involving deer.

Oct. 19

Deputies responded to 26 incidents, including a DNR violation on Paizer Lane in the Town of Seneca; a DNR violation on Cloverleaf Lake Road in the Town of Belle Plaine; threatening on Nauman Road in the Town of Green Valley; trespassing at Driftwood Inn, 714 Fourth St., Mattoon; trespassing on Town Hall Drive in the Town of Angelica; trespassing on Moh He Con Nuck Road in the Town of Bartelme; one 911 call; three reckless driving incidents; two welfare checks; one traffic hazard; three

crashes, two involving deer.

Oct. 18

Deputies responded to 27 incidents, including found property on North Madison Street in Bonduel; property damage on County Road M in the Town of Wittenberg; vehicle fire on U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Wittenberg; recovering stolen property on Stone Avenue in Mattoon; operating without a license on Lake Drive in the Town of Washington; one 911 call; six reckless driving incidents; two traffic hazards; two welfare checks; four crashes involving deer.

Oct. 17

Deputies responded to 22 incidents, including repossession at the Ho-Chunk Casino, N7198 U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Wittenberg; harassment on Lake Crest Lane in the Town of Wescott; special response team on South Lafayette Street in Shawano; one reckless driving incident; one traffic hazard; one welfare check; four crashes, two involving deer.

Oct. 16

Deputies responded to 38

incidents, including drugs at the Shawano County Jail, 405 N. Main St., Shawano; assisting with a fire on Oakcrest Drive in the Town of Hartland; property theft on West Railroad Street in Bowler; threatening on Balsam Row Road in the Town of Wescott; gas drive-off at R Store, 112 S. U.S. Highway 45, Tigerton; warrant on state Highway 29 in the Town of Wittenberg; warrant on Fourth Street in Mattoon; property theft on U.S. Highway 45 in Birnamwood; sick animal on Fourth Street in Mattoon; sexual assault on Winke Road in the Town of Herman; six 911 calls; one traffic hazard; two crashes.

Oct. 15

Deputies responded to 34 incidents, including repossession on Main Street in the Town of Angelica; one 911 call; one reckless driving incident; six traffic hazards; three welfare checks; nine crashes, three involving deer.

Oct. 14

Deputies responded to 22 incidents, including threaten-

ing on Old Keshena Road in the Town of Wescott; burglary on state Highway 160 in the Town of Maple Grove; one 911 call; one reckless driving incident; one traffic hazard; one welfare check; four crashes, one involving deer.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Oct. 20

Officers responded to 16 incidents, including a weapon offense on South Union Street; traffic hazard on East Green Bay Street; reckless driving at Charlie's County Market, 521 S. Main St.; welfare check on Country Lane in Cecil.

Oct. 19

Officers responded to 22 incidents, including welfare check on West Fifth Street; custodial interference at an undisclosed location; reckless driving on South Main Street; trespassing on East Richmond Street; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Waukechon; property theft on Estates Lane; intoxicated person at the VFW Clubhouse, 202 W. Lieg Ave.

Oct. 18

Officers responded to 26 incidents, including reckless driving on North Main Street; custodial interference on South Smalley Street; welfare check on South Union Street; pornography at an undisclosed location; juvenile problem at Olga Brener Intermediate School, 1300 S. Union St.; found property at Charlie's County Market, 521 S. Main St.; four truancy calls at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; assisting the fire department at Martin Jewelers, 148 S. Main St.; drugs at Four Seasons, 201 N. Airport Drive; bail jumping at Four Seasons, 201 N. Airport Drive; welfare check on West Richmond Street; drugs at Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St.; property theft on East Richmond Street.

Oct. 17

Officers responded to 37 incidents, including a welfare check at Shawano Place, 1088 Engel Drive; death investigation at an undisclosed location; welfare check at St. James Lutheran Church, 324 S. Andrews

St.; special response team on South Lafayette Street; welfare check on County Road B; juvenile problem at an undisclosed location; two truancy calls at Hillcrest Primary School, 1410 Waukechon St.; two threatening calls at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; found property at the Shawano Police Department, 125 S. Sawyer St.; three truancy calls at Shawano Community Middle School, 1050 S. Union St.

Oct. 16

Officers responded to 30 incidents, including drugs at an undisclosed location; vehicle crash at SAM's House, 105 E. Richmond St.; threatening on South River Street; scam on South Prospect Street; juvenile problem at an undisclosed location; vehicle crash at Charlie's County Market, 521 S. Main St.; found property on South Sawyer Street; property damage at McDonald's, 1202 E. Green Bay St.; curfew violation on West Richmond Street; welfare check on North Main Street; sex offense at an undisclosed location.

Sam Mason and his K-9 face tangled mystery in ‘Seeking Justice’

I finally took the time to read one of L.A. Dobbs’ Sam Mason K-9 mysteries. “Seeking Justice” is the seventh book in the popular series.

It took a few chapters, but I discovered that Police Sgt. Jo Harris moved to White Rock, North Carolina, to follow a lead in the long-ago disappearance of her 4-year-old sister, Tammy. After years of drug abuse and living on the streets, Jo’s sister, Bridget, is finally clean and has moved in with Jo. The sisters have included Police Chief Sam Mason in their quest to find Tammy.

A few months ago, Deputy Kevin Deckard was closing a nasty drug trafficking case and took a bullet meant for police dog Lucy. After months in a coma, Keven is finally returning



Jan Jones
Columnist

to duty. His memory is still spotty but he is well enough to do desk work.

As this story opens, Sam, Lucy and Jo are at the local owl sanctuary where the body of environmental activist April Summer has been found. It appears that she was struck on the head with a piece of wood but died after landing on a rock. Pretty straightforward, but why was an owl shot with the small handgun they found nearby?

April had plenty of enemies due to her involvement in creating the owl sanctuary and a recent fight

against a logging company. The investigation rapidly becomes a tangle of relationships and family connections.

As they look into her past, they discover that she had divorced Hank Madden and changed her name before becoming a radical activist. Another potential lead involves the secretive Webster/Madden family. Sam had dealt with some of the unsavory family members, but his gut said that grandson Ricky was a decent kid in a tough situation.

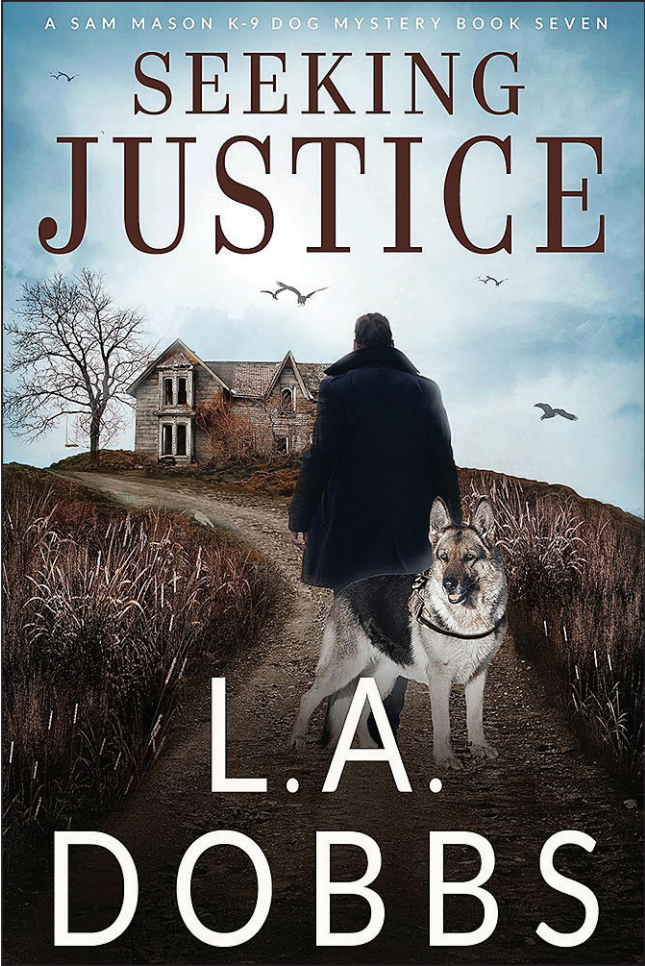
As they interview people April had upset, they see a pattern. With a little help from Sam’s friend Mick, they learn that April wasn’t a dedicated environmentalist at all. Instead, she was a devious extortionist who targeted developers

with deadlines to meet.

While the rest of the department is working leads, Kevin has a breakthrough. When his brother delivered his belongings, he found a thumb drive. He doesn’t know what is on it and can’t recall the password but has a feeling it is connected to a previous case. Going against his training, Kevin digs out the evidence box and takes photos of notebook entries.

He plans to give the drive to Sam, but a break in Summer’s case sends Sam to the logging camp to confront Travis and Danika. At the same time, Jo’s conversation with local artist, Lily Madden offers terrifying possibilities. Without telling anyone where she’s going, Jo rashly follows up on a lead, leading to the dramatic reveal and conclusion.

The cases are solved, but Dobbs has set several other potential situations in motion, assuring readers that the series will have many more cases to solve.



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2025 PROPOSED BUDGET
VILLAGE OF WITTENBERG

On Monday, November 4, 2024 the Village Board of Wittenberg will meet at the Wittenberg Community Center at 6:00 pm for the purpose of hearing any citizen or taxpayer on the proposed budget for the Village of Wittenberg for the year 2025.

A detailed proposed budget is open for inspection at the Community Center during regular office hours of the clerk.

SUBJECT:	"2024 Budget"	"2025 Proposed"	Reason for Change	
REVENUE				
General Property Taxes	\$259,315.00	\$250,930.00		
Taxes	8,215.00	7,100.00		
Intergovernmental	431,188.00	1,045,709.00	DOT Grant \$595,000	
Licenses & Permits	5,300.00	4,900.00		
Fines/Penalties	300.00	500.00		
Public Charges for Services	17,412.00	17,412.00		
Misc. Revenues	32,136.00	47,484.00		
Use of Fund Balance	150,000.00	40,000.00		
	\$903,866.00	\$1,414,035.00		
EXPENSES				
General Government	\$326,468.00	\$282,537.00		
Public Safety	25,875.00	27,183.00		
Public Works	187,600.00	199,400.00		
Health/Human Services	600.00	600.00		
Conservation & Development	-	-		
Culture/Recreation	15,998.00	20,998.00		
Capital Outlay	347,325.00	843,317.00	DOT Sidewalk Project	
Tranfer to Other Funds	-	40,000.00		
	\$903,866.00	\$1,414,035.00		
	WATER	SEWER		
Expenses	\$230,660.00	\$899,927.00		
Revenues	\$230,660.00	\$658,200.00		
	IND. PARK/TID #1	TID #2T	ID #3	TID #4
Expenses	\$15,641.00	\$101,680.00	\$29,400.00	\$40,000.00
Revenues	\$133,143.00	\$46,376.00	\$112,598.00	\$40,000.00
REVOLVING LOAN				
Expenses	\$-			
Revenues	\$17,325.00			
WNAXLP				

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Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District Board of Education Meeting October 28, 2024

October 28, 2024
5:40 P.M. - Budget Committee Meeting
6:00 P.M. - Regular Board Meeting Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School

AGENDA

I. Meeting Called to Order, Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.84(1).
II. Roll Call of the Board - Pledge of Allegiance
III. Motion to Approve the Minutes of the September 23, 2024 Regular Meeting as Circulated.
IV. Communications and Delegations
V. Public Comments
VI. Board Concerns or Reports
VII. Student Representative
VIII. Financial Report
IX. Approve the Agenda
X. I. The Board will adjourn to Closed Session at the close of the meeting pursuant to WI.STATS.19.85(1)© for Personnel Matters, and 19.85 (1)(g) for Legal Matters and 19.85(1)(e) for Negotiations.
II. The Board will reconvene to Open Session to ratify any decisions made in Closed Session.
XI. Administrative Reports
-Birnamwood Elementary and Middle School
-Wittenberg Elementary and Middle School
-Witt-Birn High School
-Pupil Services
-Technology
-Aquatic Center
XII. Old Business
None
XIII. New Business
A. Staff Resignation for Approval
B. Out of State Field Trip for Approval
C.Approval of Agreement with RVA
D.Approval of 2024-2025 District Budget
E.Approval of 2024-2025 District Tax Levy
F. Transportation Policy Revision for Discussion
G. 3rd Friday Count For Information
XIII. Adjournment

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The image shows the logo for Hanson Sanitation & Excavating, Inc. The word "HANSON" is in large, bold, yellow letters with a black outline. Below it, "SANITATION & EXCAVATING" is in smaller, black, outlined letters, with "INC" in a smaller font to the right. A yellow banner across the middle contains the text "CALL TO SCHEDULE YOUR 3 YEAR SEPTIC PUMPING" in black. Below the banner, the text "Residential/Commercial Plumbing & Excavating" is in a stylized, italicized font. Underneath, a list of services is provided: "Site Prep · Road Building · Basements · Backfill", "Septic System Install & Repair · Tank pumping", and "Sewer Jetting · Soil Test · Septic Evaluations". A line of text reads "Aggregate – Pick up or Delivery", followed by "Fill · Gravel · Screened Top Dirt" and "Screened Sand · Washed Stone". At the bottom, the phone number "715-253-2020" is prominently displayed in large, bold, black digits. The address "P.O. BOX 349 Wittenberg, WI" is in the top right corner, and the license numbers "MPRS# 227138" and "MPRS# 262025" are in the bottom left and right corners respectively.



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PARKING RESTRICTIONS.**

**(1) WINTER OVERNIGHT
PARKING.**

No person shall park or leave standing any motor vehicle between the hours of 2:00 A.M. and 7:00 A.M. from the first day of November to the first day of May.

By Order of the
Village of Wittenberg

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10/18 & 10/25/2024
Job Posting
Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District

PAYROLL & BENEFITS SPECIALIST

Job Summary
The Payroll and Benefits Specialist will process payroll in accordance with the District's payroll schedule as well as all related duties. The individual will be responsible for administering employee benefits, provide information to the employees and coordinate daily operations of the employee benefit program

Qualifications

- At least 3 years of experience in payroll processing and benefits administration is required, with prior experience in a school district being a valuable asset.
- A minimum of an associates degree in a related field is preferred.
- Strong knowledge of computer software applications, including Skyward and Frontline.
- High level of interpersonal skills to handle sensitive and confidential situations.
- Ability to multitask and handle multiple projects simultaneously.
- Advanced knowledge of MS Word and Excel and/or Google Docs and Sheets.

Competitive Benefits

- Starting salary between \$50,000 and \$55,000 annually depending on experience.
- Health, dental and vision package available.
- Paid time off.
- Enrollment within Wisconsin Retirement System.

For a complete description of job duties and responsibilities, please reach out to Jill Resch
jeresch@wittbirn.k12.wi.us or 715-253-2213

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, November 1

TO APPLY: Please send resume, cover letter, 3 letters of recommendation and any transcripts or certifications that apply to this position to Jill Resch, Wittenberg-Birnamwood District Office, 400 West Grand Ave., Wittenberg, WI 54499, jeresch@wittbirn.k12.wi.us or apply on WECAN, Indeed, or ZipRecruiter.

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Selected Varieties

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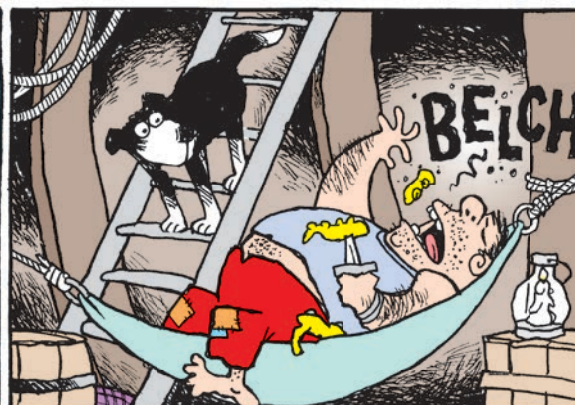
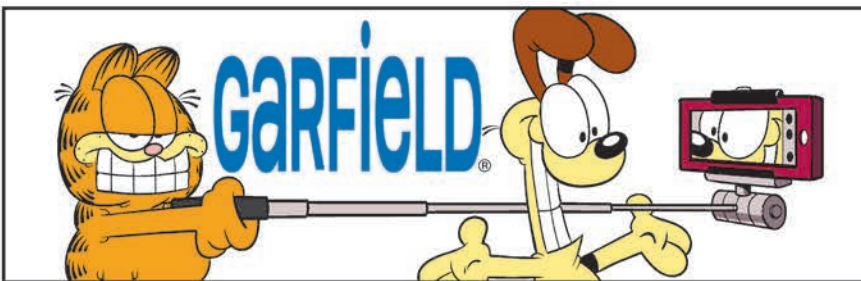
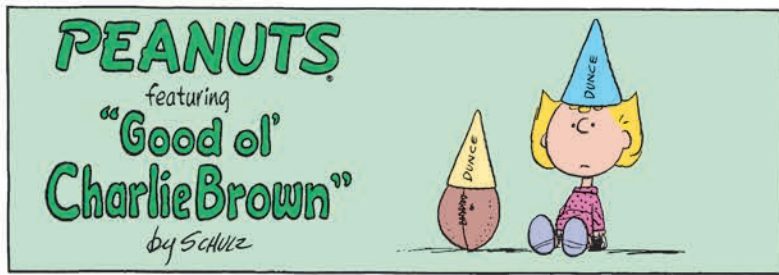
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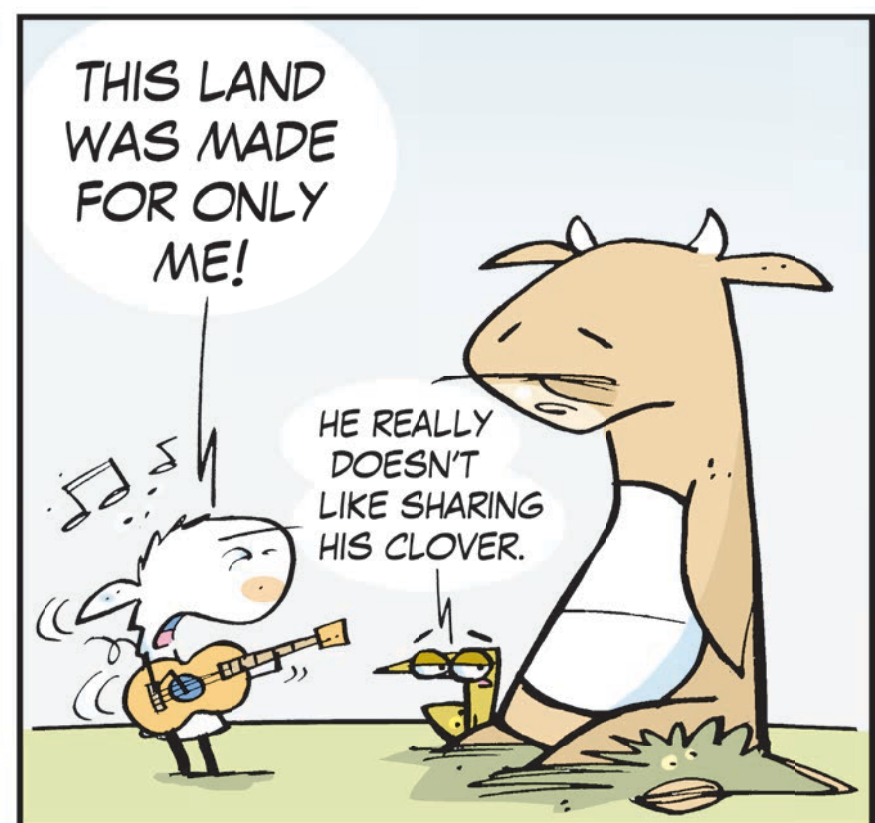
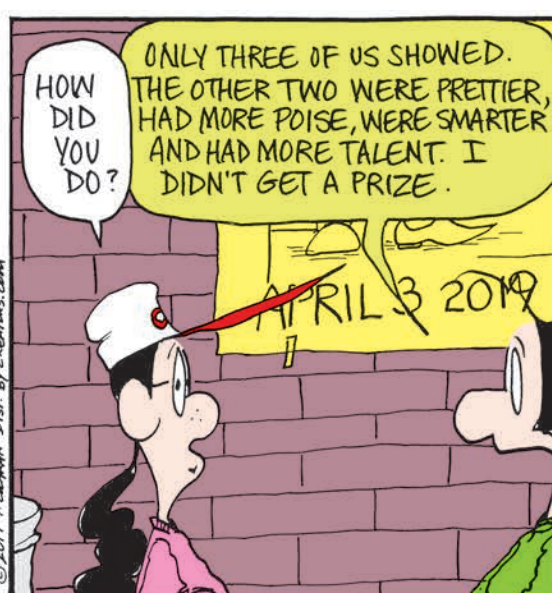
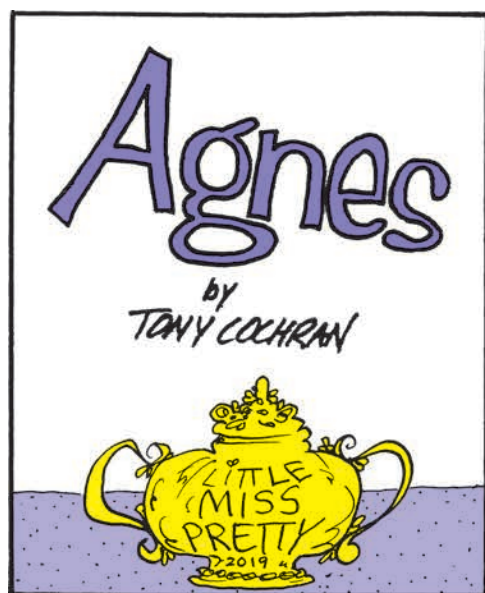
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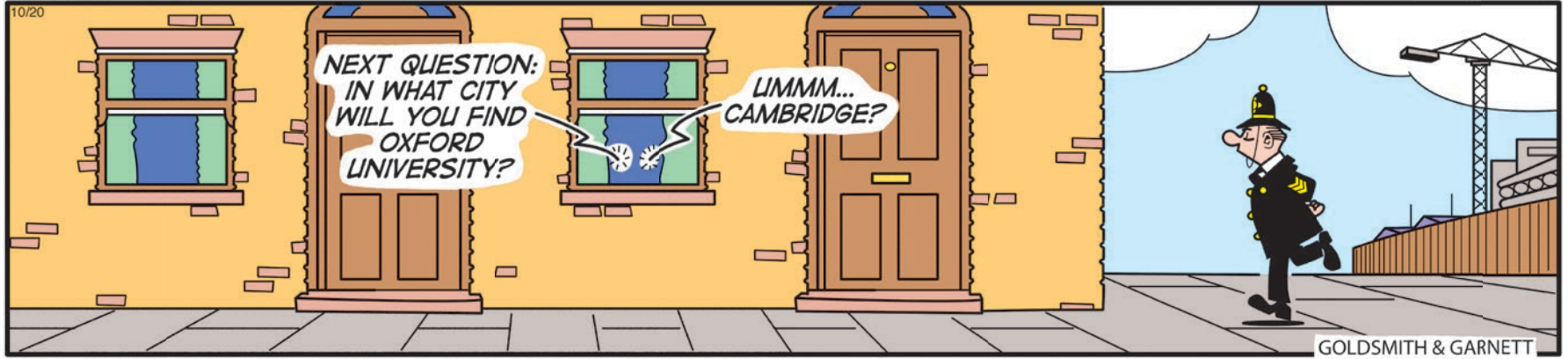
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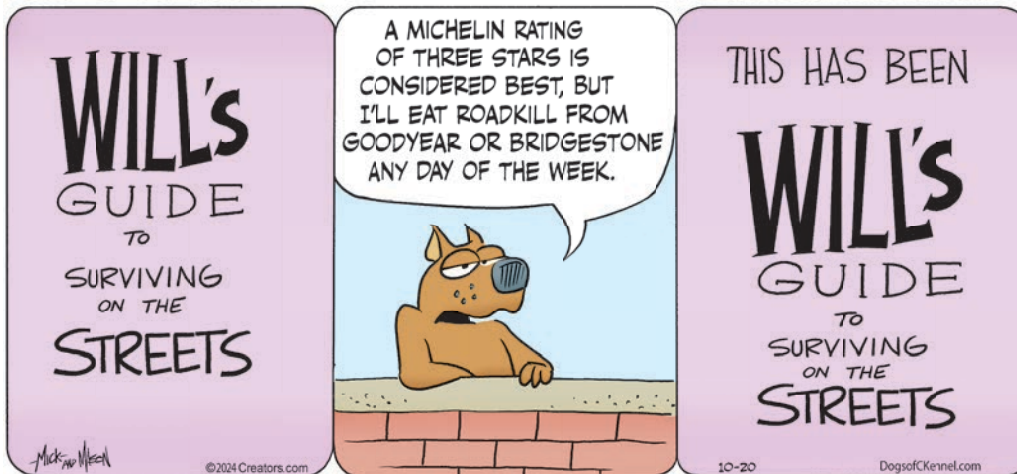
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Daniel Whelan punted five times against Houston for 284 yards, a 56.8-yard gross average that is the second-best single-game average in team history behind only Roy McKay's 61.6-yard average on five punts vs. the Chicago Cardinals in 1945.

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TEXANS BOOTED OUT

McManus' last-second field goal takes Packers into Week 8 on a three-game win streak

BY LUKE REIMER
Green & Gold Express

With time expiring, new Packers kicker Brandon McManus converted a 45-yard field goal to give the Packers a 24-22 victory over the Houston Texans on Oct. 20.

McManus, who was signed to the team on Oct. 16, converted three extra points and the game-winning field goal attempt after rookie kicker Brayden Narveson was waived.

"I am super excited to be here," said McManus. "You know, what a way to help this team win in my first game here at Lambeau Field."

The Packers looked to McManus for the game-winning kick after the Houston Texans had taken a 22-21 lead by the way of its kicker, Ka'imi Fairbairn, with 1:44 left in the fourth quarter.

After Fairbairn's kick sailed through the uprights, Packers quarterback Jordan Love was set to lead the game-winning drive. Starting on the Packers' 30-yard line, Love dropped back and fired a pass that was intended for Romeo Doubs. The pass was tipped twice by two Houston defenders before



harmlessly landing on the ground. From there, Love completed five of seven passes on the drive, hitting Doubs, tight end Tucker Kraft and wide receiver Dontayvion Wicks to set up McManus' game winner.

"The mindset right there is always to go win the game," said Love, on the final drive of the game. "It is a two-minute drive. We need a field goal, and we know what we need to do. So the mindset is, 'Go win the game.'"

On the day, Love completed 24-of-33 passes for 220 yards and three

touchdowns. He also had two interceptions, including one on the fourth play of the game.

Doubs was the main benefactor of Love's day, as the Nevada alum recorded 94 yards on eight receptions. The aforementioned Wicks and Kraft caught two of Love's touchdowns, while running back Josh Jacobs hauled in the third.

Jacobs' receiving touchdown marked the first of its kind in his career and helped to break a major streak. Jacobs held the record for most receptions (211) in NFL history without a receiving touchdown

before his 8-yard catch and run in the third quarter.

"It was long overdue, but for me, I feel like other people put a lot more on to it than I do, but it felt good to finally get in the end zone in Lambeau and be able to do the Lambeau Leap," said Jacobs.

On the ground, Jacobs totaled 76 rushing yards on 12 carries. Emanuel Wilson added 11 yards on five carries, as well.

As for the Texans, the Packers' defense did its part in helping to limit quarterback CJ Stroud and Houston's dynamic passing offense. Stroud finished the



At left, Brandon McManus is crushed by teammates after connecting on a 45-yard game-winning field goal against Houston on Oct. 20. Above, Texans' Stefon Diggs got into a pregame scuffle with Jaire Alexander and Keisean Nixon. "I'm never the bigger person," Diggs said about responding to "chirping" by Packers players.

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game completing 10-of-21 passes for just 86 yards and no touchdowns.

With star wide receiver Nico Collins out of the game due to injury, only wide receiver Stefon Diggs had more than two catches. Diggs finished the game with 23 yards on five receptions, which was five yards behind tight end Dalton Schultz, who led the Texans with 28 receiving yards.

While Houston had a tough time passing the ball, its run game is what helped propel the offense to moving the ball downfield. Running back Joe Mixon recorded 115 rushing yards on 25 carries and scored two touchdowns.

All in all, the Packers' defense held a 5-1 Texans team to just 197 yards of total offense.

"Going into this, we did not want to allow CJ (Stroud) to get comfortable; I think (Stroud) is a real guy in this league, and he is going to be for a very long time," said Packers head coach Matt LaFleur. "So just to apply the pressure on him and overcome some very bad circumstances throughout the course of the game, in terms of sudden change opportunities where our defense was backed up, (Jeff) Hafley does an outstanding job and so does the rest of our staff."

Alluding to LaFleur's comments of Stroud being under pressure in this game, the Green Bay defense came away with four sacks, including three on third downs. In total, the Texans converted just four-of-13 third downs.

Can secondary get big plays against Lawrence?

Jacksonville's defense won't be as stingy as Houston's was for Love and company

By JACOB WESTENDORF
Green & Gold Express

The 5-2 Green Bay Packers will travel to the 2-5 Jacksonville Jaguars for a game at noon Oct. 27.

Packers Offense vs. Jaguars Defense
After the previous week's strong start against Arizona, the Packers found things to be much tougher against Houston's stingy defense.

Jordan Love threw an interception on the first possession of the game. That was his seventh, which ties him for the league lead with famously turnover-happy Will Levis. He threw another interception in the first half to take an outright lead.

Love needs to take better care of the football. He's missed two starts and is at the top of the league in turnovers. That's not going to be a sustainable way to play if the Packers are going to get where they want to go.

The high points for Green Bay's offense were certainly there. Love threw touchdown passes to Tucker Kraft, Dontayvion Wicks and Josh Jacobs in the Oct. 20 game.

He saved his best for late in the game. With the Packers trailing 22-21 with less than two minutes to play, Love was faced with a simple proposition – lead a scoring drive and win, or lose the game.

Love found Romeo Doubs twice, Kraft twice and Wicks once.

The result was setting up Brandon McManus for a 45-yard field goal to win the game.

McManus drilled the kick, and the Packers were celebrating a win instead of a disappointing loss.

Jacksonville's defense is not going to be the same type of challenge that the Texans were for Green Bay. Yes, Houston was missing some key pieces, but their star-studded defense had plenty of players to get the job done and make life difficult for Love and company.

Jacksonville's defense is a little out of sorts. They recently traded Roy Robetson-Harris, who was one of their starters on



Houston's defense kept them in the game, holding the Green Bay rushing attack to fewer than 100 yards, sacking Jordan Love three times and picking up three turnovers. Jacksonville's defense isn't as stout, but the Packers can't take the Jaguars for granted.

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their defensive line.

Former top pick Travon Walker is having a bit of a breakout season with five sacks.

The Jaguars had 14 sacks going into last week's game and added two more against Drake Maye and the Patriots.

Green Bay has done a good job of keeping Love clean and will face another stiff test this week with Jacksonville's front.

Once the back end has to make plays on the ball, however, they do not come away with many takeaways.

The Jaguars have one interception on the season, which is a pace similar to the one set by the 2023 Packers, who did not take the ball away hardly at all.

Love and company should be able to exploit some weaknesses in the secondary — so long as they don't break the trend of the Jaguars' defense and take care of the football.

Packers Defense vs. Jaguars Offense

Green Bay's defense thrives on chaos. They're coming off facing one of their biggest challenges of the season. Yes, Nico Collins was unavailable for the Houston Texans, but CJ Stroud is one of the top young quarterbacks in all of football.

Green Bay's defense took that challenge and thrived.

Stroud was held to fewer than 100 yards passing.

The pass rush, which has been MIA for most of the season, sacked him four times and had him under duress for the majority of the game.

Rashan Gary got a sack and is starting to become more productive as the season wears on.

The secondary is the most impressive part of Green Bay's defense at this point of the year.

Jaire Alexander, Eric Stokes and Keisean Nixon all played well in the win over the Texans. Eric Wilson had a huge day.

Everyone on the team made key plays at key moments.

Green Bay's defense should have a smaller challenge waiting for them this week as they face off against Jacksonville.

Jacksonville's offense has been out of sorts for most of the season.

They've been up and down but do have some high-end talent.

Trevor Lawrence received a massive contract extension this offseason shortly before Love did, but he has not lived up to the billing thus far.

The group around him is far from stable, but at some point, Lawrence is paid to be a franchise quarterback and mask some of these flaws.

He has not done that.

He's completing just over 60% of his passes on the season but is coming off an efficient performance against the Patriots, completing 15-of-20 passes and throwing a touchdown while essentially being

asked to manage the game.

Lawrence has a talented backfield including Tank Bigsby and Travis Etienne Jr.

Etienne did not play in London against the Patriots, but Bigsby ran for 118 yards and two touchdowns in his place.

At receiver, they're led by Brian Thomas Jr. the first-round pick out of LSU. Thomas and Christian Kirk make for a talented receiving corps, with Thomas averaging 17 yards per reception.

If there's a spot where the Packers can get after Lawrence, it's on the offensive line. Coming into the Oct. 20 game against New England, Lawrence had been sacked 15 times. They kept him clean against the Patriots, but that is likely more of a blip than a trend.

Special Teams

The Packers may begin to see a benefit of the kick-off rules, but with unseasonably warm weather at Lambeau Field on Oct. 20 and heading to Florida this

week, it's unlikely there will be any significant changes in that regard.

Maybe as the weather continues to turn, the ball won't be able to boom through the back of the end zone, but that could be mid-November at this rate.

It's possible the Packers could give Nixon an opportunity as a punt returner if kickoffs continue to be a fruitless process.

Nixon took a couple of punt return opportunities against the Cardinals two weeks ago and had a 39-yard return that helped set up one of Green Bay's touchdowns. That appears to be a touch-and-go type of situation.

He was back deep to return a punt in Sunday's game but made a massive blunder. He did not signal for a fair catch, nor tell his team to get out of the way, which led to a fumble and easy points for the Houston offense on the ensuing possession.

Green Bay's kicking situation took a massive turn last week. Brayden Narveson was released after struggling against the Cardinals, and the Packers signed veteran kicker Brandon McManus.

What did McManus do for his debut?

Nothing other than make all of his kicks including a game-winning 45-yard field goal as time expired.

Would the Packers have won that game a week ago? Who knows?

With McManus, we now know they have a veteran kicker who can make the kicks he's supposed to.

Daniel Whelan continued what has been a strong season for him with another solid day against the Texans. That included a huge day as a holder as he saved a bad snap from Matt Orzech on McManus' game-winning kick.

The Jacksonville Jaguars' special teams finished ninth in last season's special teams rankings for Rick Gosselin.

Their return game, led by Bigsby and Devin Duvernay, is particularly strong.

Kicker Cam Little is kicking at over 90% this season.

GREEN BAY PACKERS AT JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

TIME AND DATE: Noon, Sunday, Oct. 27
LOCATION: Everbank Stadium
TV: FOX
RADIO: Flagship WRNW-FM Milwaukee — 97.3; Packers Radio Network includes WIXX-FM Green Bay — 101.1, WRLO-FM Antigo — 105.3, WLST-FM Marinette — 95.1, and WSAU Wausau — 55.0 AM and 95.1 FM
2024 RECORDS: Packers, 5-2, Jaguars 2-5.
HISTORY: The Texans and Packers have met just seven times with the

Jaguars being established as an expansion franchise 30 years ago. Their most recent meeting was in 2020, where Aaron Rodgers led a late comeback drive, including a touchdown pass to Davante Adams, before the Packers' defense slammed the door late. That game was at Lambeau Field. Their most recent meeting in Jacksonville came in 2016. The Packers' season opener was that year; it was Jordy Nelson's return to the starting lineup after a torn ACL ruined his 2015 season.

The Packers won 27-23, and the defense got a big stop late of Blake Bortles and Jacksonville's offense.
COACHES: Packers — Matt LaFleur (fifth season, 61-29). Jaguars — Doug Pederson (third season, 19-16)

PACKERS SCHEDULE
Friday, Sept. 6 at Philadelphia, L 29-34
Sunday, Sept. 15 vs. Indianapolis, W 16-10
Sunday, Sept. 22 at Tennessee, W 30-14
Sunday, Sept. 29 vs. Minnesota, L 29-31

Sunday, Oct. 6 at LA Rams, W 24-19
Sunday, Oct. 13 vs. Arizona, W 34-13
Sunday, Oct. 20 vs. Houston, W 24-22
Sunday, Oct. 27 at Jacksonville Noon FOX
Sunday, Nov. 3 vs. Detroit 3:25 p.m. FOX
Week 10 BYE
Sunday, Nov. 17 at Chicago Noon FOX
Sunday, Nov. 24 vs. San Francisco 3:25 p.m. FOX
Thursday, Nov. 28 vs. Miami 7:20 p.m. NBC
Thursday, Dec. 5 at Detroit 7:15 p.m.

Amazon Prime
Sunday, Dec. 15 at Seattle 7:20 p.m. NBC
Monday, Dec. 23 vs. New Orleans 7:15 p.m. ESPN
Sunday, Dec. 29, at Minnesota Noon FOX
Week 18 vs. Chicago TBD
NFL SCHEDULE
Thursday, Oct. 24
Minnesota at LA Rams, 7:15 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 27
Green Bay at Jacksonville, Noon
Arizona at Miami, Noon

NY Jets at New England, Noon
Baltimore at Cleveland, Noon
Philadelphia at Cincinnati, Noon
Indianapolis at Houston, Noon
Tennessee at Detroit, Noon
Atlanta at Tampa Bay, Noon
New Orleans at LA Chargers, 3:05 p.m.
Buffalo at Seattle, 3:05 p.m.
Chicago at Washington, 3:25 p.m.
Kansas City at Las Vegas, 3:25 p.m.
Carolina at Denver, 3:25 p.m.
Dallas at San Francisco, 7:29 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 28
NY Giants at Pittsburgh, 7:15 p.m.

McManus glad to have another chance

Sexual assault accusation
resolved with courts, NFL

BY JACOB
WESTENDORF
Green & Gold Express

Kicker Brandon McManus signed with the Packers and, just days later, kicked a winning field goal for his new team.

It's a very different sensation from a year ago for the kicker.

Two women sued McManus and his then-team the Jacksonville Jaguars for actions that allegedly occurred during the team's trip to London on Sept. 28, 2023. McManus signed a one-year contract with the Commanders in March but was released by the team following the allegations.

The report claimed the kicker attempted to kiss one of the flight attendants and grinded on her while she was serving food to the team. The second flight attendant accused McManus of the same behavior when she served the team's second meal, according to the report.

Earlier this fall, the lawsuit was dismissed.

Have you thought since Commanders let you go that you deserve another chance?

It's been a difficult time these last couple of months. I'm happy that it's in the past now. I was hoping and working hard for another opportunity. I'm extremely grateful for the Green Bay Packers for giving me that next chance to come back out here and play the game I love. I'm fortunate to play it for 11 years, this being my 12th year. I'm extremely happy to be here and excited to

be around the locker room again.

Were you confident you'd get that opportunity once the NFL made its ruling, or were you worried somebody still might not take a chance on you?

The kicker position, as we all know, it's a black-and-white position. I was hoping my previous track record and my performances on the field would be able to give me another opportunity. Like I said, extremely happy and excited when the Packers reached out, talking with Brian Gutekunst and (special teams coordinator Rich) Bisaccia just giving me that opportunity again.

What's your message to the league and to the Packers?

I guess I can't speak on the investigation, but I've been very honest about it, to them, the league and the Packers. I think they did the research. The NFL resolved it and so did the courts. The matter's been resolved. Like I said, I was always up front and honest about it. That's how I was able to kind of get through this all.

Were Packers the first team to call?

I've spoken with other teams, but like I said, I was excited to be here. What a great young team. Seeing what they did last year, and seeing what they're doing again this year, just an opportunity to come back here.

What did you learn about yourself through this process?

I'm just happy the mat-



The focal point of the Packers special teams unit that scored the winning field goal against the Texans are, from left, long snapper Matt Orzech, kicker Brandon McManus and punter Daniel Whelan. Orzech was cut Monday for procedural reasons but was expected to be resigned.

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ter's been resolved. Like I said, it's been difficult. I just continued to try to keep my head down, work hard, hopefully that opportunity (would come) again. Like I said, extremely thankful there was someone out there willing to give me another chance. Like I said, super excited to be here and help this team hopefully get to the next level.

When you say the matter has been resolved, do you mean just with the NFL's ruling or all over?

Yes, the league and the civil lawsuit. The matter's been resolved.

So the lawsuit isn't pending anymore? It's all done?

Correct.

Do you feel you need to prove yourself?

I think every single day you need to prove yourself. I spoke earlier, the kicker is such a black-and-white position. When I joined this league, I joined the Broncos, I was cut by the Colts, and the Giants traded me to Denver, and I played for like 13 weeks. Similar situation, the Broncos thought they had a Super Bowl champion team. They cut me for Connor Barth and brought me back to kick off actually the rest of the season.

And then I worked hard, earned my starting job back and had one of the best seasons in NFL history that year to help them win the Super Bowl.

You always have to prove yourself in the kicking position. For Brayden (Narveson), like I said, I've been in that position before with him losing an opportunity but then work my butt off to get it back again. I was able to kind of succeed after that.

I think in the kicking position, you're always trying to obviously help the team put points on the board, but it's such a black-and-white position that you've got to stay focused every single time and go out. Every single kick has the utmost importance.

Comfort with the operation?

These guys are consummate pros, and we've got one of the best coordina-

tors in the league who's very detail oriented and he's done a great job. Just how they operate and everything, the practice, it was a seamless flow today with everything. Extremely excited to be working with them as a unit.

Regimen to stay sharp?

I have 5-year-old twin boys and a 4-year-old boy, so definitely chasing them around, and then there's three different places I kicked at. One of them I was just kicking at a light post, just accuracy wise, and the other two I was going to football fields and kicking on the uprights there, been working my butt off to get another opportunity to get back in.



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KEYS TO THE GAME

Green Bay can't look beyond Jacksonville

Packers risk losing in an upset to Jaguars if they take them for granted

By JACOB WESTENDORF
Green & Gold Express

The Green Bay Packers were able to survive a poor performance against the Houston Texans on Sunday.

"They kicked our (butt)," head coach Matt LaFleur said, about Demeco Ryans' defense effort toward his offense Oct. 20. "I never got settled as a play caller."

This week, the Texans are not the team the Packers are going to face, but

they will play a team from their division. The Jacksonville Jaguars are coming off a 32-16 win over the New England Patriots.

Jacksonville's win helped them improve to 2-5. This weekend's game is not going to be easy; no game in the NFL is. However, the Jaguars are one of the bottom feeders of the NFL.

Green Bay is the better team and should win.

What are the keys to doing that?

Here's what we came up

with. **Packers vs. Trap Game/Letdown**

The Oct. 20 game was clearly emotional. Tempers flared prior to the game when Stefon Diggs got into a shouting match with Keisean Nixon.

The defense clearly had some extra juice knowing the type of team they were playing.

The offense was fired up. They just made a lot of mistakes and struggled to consistently move the ball.

This week is a potential letdown in two ways, the first of which is that the Packers are coming off an emotional victory over a good team and now are facing a team that is less talented.

Secondly, this is the game before they play the Detroit Lions at home in two weeks – a divisional showdown that could be for first place in the division.

Jacksonville has not had a good season but has enough talent to beat teams that do not play their best football. If the Packers are caught looking ahead, they could get stung by a motivated Jaguars team returning to U.S. soil for the first time in two weeks.

Turnovers

The Packers, remarkably, were able to win the Oct. 20 game despite being minus-3 in the turnover battle. The Packers talk about taking the ball away every week. LaFleur talks about valuing the football.

Jordan Love threw two interceptions and Nixon made an inexplicable mistake on special teams to give the Texans seven



Running back Josh Jacobs (8) celebrates the 8-yard touchdown pass from Jordan Love that gave the Packers a third quarter lead during their 24-22 win over the Houston Texans on Oct. 20 at Lambeau Field. It was the first touchdown reception in the career of the six-year veteran, who was joined in the end zone revelry by teammates Jayden Reed (11), Christian Watson (9), Romeo Doubs (87) and Bo Melton (80). Prior to coming onboard in Green Bay this year, Jacobs had scored 46 TDs on the ground in five seasons with the Las Vegas/Oakland Raiders.

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points.

The Packers' defense, so adept at taking the ball away early in the year, did not have a takeaway in the 24-22 win over the Texans.

They did, however, play what was perhaps their most complete game in the passing game.

CJ Stroud struggled all game long. The pass rush, which has struggled most of the season, was able to keep Stroud under duress.

This weekend's game should give the Packers more opportunities to take the ball way. Trevor Lawrence and Jacksonville's offense put the ball in harm's way much more often than Houston does.

In addition, Jacksonville's defense does not take the ball away. The turnover battle is something Green Bay has been so good at winning this year.

One way to lose the game against an inferior opponent is to lose that battle.

Offensive Tackles vs. Pass Rush

Rasheed Walker and Zach Tom held up well enough against Will Anderson and Danielle Hunter.

Both players did get a sack on Love but did not wreck the game like they're capable of.

This week, they face a

different type of challenge.

Josh Allen is a good player for the Jaguars as a former first-round pick.

Travon Walker was once picked first overall in the draft. He's enjoying a breakout season with five sacks on the year.

Through seven games, the Jaguars have 14 sacks. They are able to get after opposing quarterbacks.

Green Bay has done a good enough job at taking care of Love in the pocket but will need to do that this week. If Love has time, he should be able to find some receivers roaming in the secondary that has struggled this season for the Jaguars.

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WEEK 7 / DEFENSE

THE MOMENT

PACKERS 24 VS TEXANS 22



Green Bay defensive tackle Rashaan Gary (52) rushes Houston quarterback CJ Stroud in the Packers' 24-22 win Oct. 20. Gary had a sack, five tackles, two quarterback hits and several pressures. The Packers defense entered Week 7 as the NFL's leader in takeaways, and they still played well despite registering their first game of 2024 without one. They only surrendered four third downs on 13 tries and limited Stroud to a career-low 86 passing yards.

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Win over Texans proves Packers can hang with NFL elite

Green Bay continues to see substantial play from entire roster

BY LUKE REIMER
Green & Gold Express

Other than adding another notch in the win column, the victory over the Houston Texans does not have many major implications for the Green Bay Packers when it comes to postseason play.

What this win over the Texans does prove for the Packers, though, is that it can play with — and beat — the elite teams in the NFL. Fans saw a spark of this last season, as Green Bay was able to take down the Detroit Lions, Kansas City Chiefs and Dallas Cowboys.

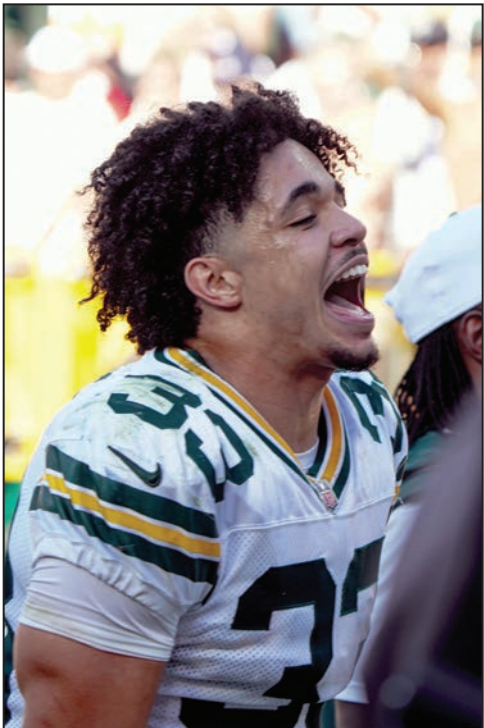
Through six weeks this season, the Packers have been able to grind out four wins, but looking at who it beat, there isn't really a signature team. The

Tennessee Titans and the Indianapolis Colts have struggled this year, the Los Angeles Rams were without two superstar wide receivers and the Arizona Cardinals are very inconsistent.

Even though Houston was down some players due to injury, with quarterback CJ Stroud, running back Joe Mixon, wide receivers Stefon Diggs and Tank Dell and an above average offensive line, the Texans are still one of the better teams in the NFL.

Now it is still somewhat early in the season, but given what the Packers' defense has shown in weeks past, especially against the Texans, it really looks like this Green Bay team is a contender in the NFC.

While Houston did not play its best game of the



Safety Evan Williams, left, and linebacker Eric Wilson are among the players stepping when called upon as the Packers continue to get a strong effort from every member of the team.



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season by any means, the same can be said about the Packers. In the game against the Texans, Green Bay turned the ball over

three times, including a bad Jordan Love interception and a miscue on a punt return. Even with the inconsistency, the Packers

were once again able to limit a really good Texans team and come away with the victory.

"I also think that it is

big, because we didn't play to our standard. So to be able to go out against a good team like that and not play your best and still win is definitely huge," said Packers running back Josh Jacobs.

What seems to be working for the Packers is having relatively unknown players step up and do their part in getting wins.

Defensive backs Xavier McKinney and Jaire Alexander are having excellent seasons, but rookie Evan Williams is playing just as well. Williams proved his ability in the win over the Texans, as on a two-point conversion attempt, Williams was squared up in a one-on-one situation with Mixon. Williams was able to stop Mixon short of the end zone; as it turned out, the Packers came away with a two-point victory.

Adding to players who are seemingly playing

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Week 8 Games: Sunday, Oct. 27

Minnesota @ LA Rams
NY Jets @ New England
Chicago @ Washington
Tennessee @ Detroit

Tie Breaker Game:
Green Bay @ Jacksonville

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This Week's Picks:
Minnesota
NY Jets
Washington
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Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Green Bay 33 @ Jacksonville 17

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This Week's Picks:
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Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Green Bay 35 @ Jacksonville 21



This Week's Picks:
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NY Jets
Washington
Detroit

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Green Bay 34 @ Jacksonville 21



This Week's Picks:
LA Rams
New England
Chicago
Tennessee

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Green Bay 27 @ Jacksonville 10



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Washington
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Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Green Bay 26 @ Jacksonville 19



This Week's Picks:
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Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Green Bay 24 @ Jacksonville 10



This Week's Picks:
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Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Green Bay 24 @ Jacksonville 17



This Week's Picks:
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Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Green Bay 34 @ Jacksonville 10



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Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Green Bay 31 @ Jacksonville 10



This Week's Picks:
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Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Green Bay 27 @ Jacksonville 24



This Week's Picks:
Minnesota
NY Jets
Washington
Detroit

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Green Bay 27 @ Jacksonville 17

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above their pay grade is punter Daniel Whelan. Whelan has been quietly putting together one of the best punting seasons in the NFL. Whelan is averaging 48 yards per punt and has recorded eight punts downed inside of the 20-yard line. Using Whelan as a weapon has benefited the Packers incredibly and has allowed the defense to play as well as it has this season.

"He has been really consistent," said Packers head coach Matt LaFleur, on Whelan. "We see it in practice. He is definitely the best (punter) that I have ever been around. Obviously he kicks it a long way, but the hang time, too. Some guys are going to kick it far, but they are going to out-kick their coverage."

After linebacker Quay Walker went down with an injury early, Eric Wilson was asked to step in and take on Walker's role. Walker finished the game against the Texans with six total tackles, all of them solo tackles, two sacks and four tackles for losses. While Wilson will likely see most of his snaps on special teams when Walker is healthy, seeing that kind of production and ability out of a backup linebacker who barely made the team in training camp, adds to how well-rounded this Packers team is and how good everyone



Jordan Love throws to Jayden Reed, who had a quiet day against the Texans, catching only two passes for 10 yards.

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on the roster is playing
right now.

While Green Bay will more than likely always get positive production out of its star players, like Love, Alexander and Kenny Clark, it really has been the lesser known players who have stepped up and helped this team to a 5-2 record.

“You have to be ready to go out there whenever,” said Wilson. “You don’t really know when that is, so I am glad that everything came together and our team really came together.”

Whether it is Love completing a pass to Jayden

Reed, Whelan booting 50-yard punts or Carrington Valentine making a tackle in open field on a punt return, this Packers team is not going to be carried by one or two players.

While the win over the Texans proves that Green Bay is a force in the NFL, the team will continue to be tested for the rest of the season. Four of Green Bay's next six games are against the Detroit Lions twice, the Chicago Bears and the San Francisco 49ers. The Packers are going to be tested and will need to continue to rely on their entire roster to win those games.

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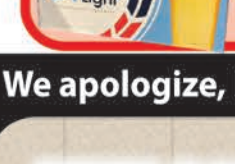
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