



Amanda Bowman, left, confers with her attorney, Elisabeth Stockbridge, prior to an arraignment Nov. 4 at the Shawano County Courthouse. Bowman pleaded not guilty to all charges related to an arson incident.

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Bowman pleads not guilty in arson, attempted homicide case

Pre-trial hearing scheduled for January to prep for trial

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Bowler resident Amanda Bowman pleaded not guilty Nov. 4 to charges of arson, attempted first-degree intentional homicide and six counts of felony bail jumping.

A pre-trial hearing has been scheduled for 9 a.m. Jan. 7 in Branch I of the Shawano County Courthouse. That hearing will also address her other criminal case, which involves charges from 2023 of possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia.

According to the criminal complaint, crews were called to the home on the morning of Aug. 17 and found it fully engulfed in flames. Shawano County Sheriff's Department Detective Craig Rekoske interviewed Bowman, who said the house belong to her 67-year-old cousin, identified in the complaint as KID, and she lived there on and off.

Bowman said she had been up all night driving and was running out of gas, so she stopped at her cousin's where a young friend had been repairing her ATV, the complaint said. She went into the house with the gas can when the dog started barking — "I just wanted him to know it was me," she told the detective, adding that she "didn't know why (she) brought it into the house," the complaint said.

Standing in the hallway at the door to KID's room, the gas can "just poofed in my face," and she dropped the can because of the sudden flames, she told Rekoske.

Bowman said she and her cousin ran out of the house together, jumping over the flames, the complaint said.

"I don't know if I had a cigarette; he asked me that, too, and I do not remember," the complaint quotes her as saying.

Rekoske reported that Bowman was showing "outward signs of drug usage, including the failure to maintain a stationary physical position, speaking in phrases and going from one topic to the next, and excessive hand and arm movement."

When he confronted her about her drug usage, she eventually admitted she had used meth before the fire but offered conflicting

timelines about how long before the fire it happened, at first saying it had been a week earlier, the complaint said.

Her cousin offered a different sequence of events, saying he was in bed and did hear Bowman say, "It's me. I'm filling up my car," but when he opened his eyes, he saw flames coming up from the carpet, "a red gas can melted and a trail of flames going down the hallway, and she's down past the hallway running out the door or leaving," according to the complaint.

He denied that he ran out of the house with Bowman and said she was already out of the house when he realized it was on fire.

"I don't know, I was wondering if she was trying to kill me or something," the cousin said, although he couldn't think of a reason Bowman would want to do that, according to the complaint. "It's just weird that the fire was right at my bedroom door."

She had been acting strange for about three days prior to the fire, the cousin said, and he noticed she had parked her car farther away from the house than she usually did.

Bowman is currently being held in the Shawano County Jail on a \$150,000 cash bond.

Village to upgrade website in 2025

Board signs off on contract with Town Web

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

The Wittenberg Village Board signed off Nov. 4 on a three-year contract with Town Web that includes upgrading its website.

The village has been with Town Web for 12 years already, but this is the first time the company has asked for a signed contract, according to Village Clerk Traci Matsche. Under the contract, the village will pay \$2,120 for the first year, which includes \$1,200 for the website upgrade. For the remaining two years, the village will only have to pay \$920 annually — \$600 for hosting and maintenance, \$300 for unlimited tech support and training, and the remaining \$20 for the domain management.

According to Town Web's proposal, the tech support includes any support for glitches at no additional cost, even posting and editing on their behalf. The website would also be able to facilitate payments online and to submit licensing forms and enable online renting.

"In the last 12 years, we've only upgraded once," Matsche said.

One thing the board took out of the contract, at Matsche's suggestion, was what was described as a white-glove service for an additional \$300 per year, which would have been an additional customer support plan. Matsche questioned why that was part of the deal when the village is already getting around-the-clock support.

"I've already had this, so why would I need this white-glove service?" Matsche said. "They said it was needed for that Hey311 app, and I don't want that anyway."

The Hey311 app, according to www.heygov.com, would allow residents to receive updates, notifications and feedback via their phones.

Matsche added that she spoke with Maria Donat, clerk for the Town of Wittenberg, and learned the town had also declined the white-glove service. The

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Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School recognizes veterans.

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Shawano, Menominee cast opposing ballots

Republicans come out ahead in all Shawano County votes

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

Voters in Menominee and Shawano counties cast their ballots opposite each other in the majority of races in the Nov. 5 election.

In most cases, the majority of Menominee County voted for Democrats, while Shawano County voters sided with Republicans.

Menominee County voted in favor of Vice President Kamala Harris over former President Donald Trump 1,266 to 296, while Shawano County voted 15,773 to 7,311 in favor of Trump.

Trump carried the state of Wisconsin and the nation.

In the race for U.S. Senate, incumbent Tammy Baldwin was favored over Republican challenger Eric Hovde 1,196 to 288 in Menominee County. In Shawano County, Hovde won 14,957 to 7,529. Baldwin won statewide and will serve a third term.

In Menominee County, Democrat Kristin Lyerly was favored over Tony Wied in the race for U.S. House of Representatives 1,160 to 302. It was again the opposite in Shawano County, as Wied collected 15,168 votes to Lyerly's 7,575. Wied won in the 8th Congressional District and will succeed Mike Gallagher, who resigned

earlier this year. Menominee County voters cast 949 votes for Democrat Kelly Peterson in her state District 2 Senate race, with Eric Wimberger collecting 300. Wimberger gathered 12,188 Shawano County votes, and Peterson had 5,872. Wimberger won the district with about 64.5% of the vote.

In the 6th Assembly District, Democrat Shirley Hinze collected 1,132 Menominee County votes compared to Republican Elijah Behnke's 321. Hinze, a Shawano resident, picked up 5,713 Shawano County votes, compared to Behnke's 11,918. Behnke won the district with 67% of the votes.

Assembly District 35 Republican incumbent Calvin Callahan beat Democratic challenger Elizabeth McCrank 639-208 in Shawano County. Callahan won the race with 67.9% of the votes.

In Assembly District 87, Republican Brent Jacobson topped Democrat William Switalla 2,694 to 1,149 in Shawano County. Jacobson won the race with 66.1 of the total votes.

State Senate District 12 Republican incumbent Mary Felzkowski defeated Democratic challenger Andi Rich 653-202 in Shawano County. Felzkowski won another term with



Republican Tony Wied waves to the crowd at the Resch Center in Green Bay on Oct. 30. Wied defeated Kristin Lyerly for the 8th Congressional District seat and will succeed Mike Gallagher, who resigned earlier this year. Wied was favored by voters in Shawano and Oconto counties, but Menominee County voters favored Lyerly.

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67.6% of all votes.

In the uncontested Menominee County race for county clerk, Misty Wayka earned 1,241 votes. Treasurer Lona Tourtillott received 1,262 in that uncontested race.

Renata Maulson picked up 77 write-in votes for register of deeds to win that Menominee County post.

Shawano County Clerk Kara Skarlupka ran uncontested and picked up 19,642 votes. County Treasurer Debra Wallace had 19,625 votes, and Register of Deeds Amy

Dillenburg had 19,193.

Greg Parker, who serves as district attorney in Shawano and Menominee counties and was running uncontested, picked up 623 votes in Menominee County. He had 18,956 votes in Shawano County.

The state referendum question of whether to modify the state constitution to provide that "only" a U.S. citizen 18 or older who lives in the election district can "vote in a national, state or local office or at a statewide or local referendum" was approved 980-414 in Menominee County. Shawano County voters also approved the proposal, 18,571 to 3,611.

The amendment was approved statewide with about 70.5% of the vote.

Town of Washington voters approved two local referendum questions.

First, they voted 603-536 in favor of having the town board appoint the town clerk. Second, they voted 590-535 in favor of having the town treasurer be appointed by the board. Previously, both were elected positions.

A Unified School District of Antigo referendum question was defeated in Shawano County 423-228, although it was passed by the majority of district voters. The proposal was to spend up to \$54 million for a building plan that included building repairs and constructing a new elementary

school.

Bonduel voters approved two school district referendum questions. First, they agreed 1,911 to 1,626 to exceed revenue limits by \$450,000 for each of the next six years with the funds to be used for technology, safety and security upgrades. Second, they agreed 1,904 to 1,618 to exceed the revenue limits by \$300,000 for each of the next six years with the funds to be used for operational expenses for support staff benefits and salaries.

In the Marion School District, Shawano County voters agreed 523-346 to borrow up to \$7.38 million for a school and facility improvement project and 445-417 to to borrow up to \$7.6 million for a school and facility improvement project. Both projects had many similarities, with the second plan including the creation of a combined elementary and middle school at the elementary school campus. Both questions were approved by district voters.

The Shawano School District's \$51.23 million building referendum was approved 5,538 to 3,739.

Shawano County's voter turnout was 90.12%, with 22,906 ballots cast from 25,416 registered voters. There were 2,553 Election Day registrations.

In the Town of Aniwa,

turnout was 100% with all 331 registered voters casting ballots. There were 33 Election Day registrations.

In the Town of Seneca, there were 317 registered voters and 317 ballots cast. Twenty-nine people registered on Election Day.

In Marion Ward 4, there were 14 registered voters, 14 ballots cast and two Election Day registrations.

In the Town of Hutchins, turnout exceeded 100% of registered voters. Ballots cast totaled 341 with 330 registered voters. There were 40 Election Day registrations.

The same happened in the Town of Maple Grove. There were 584 registered voters, 587 ballots cast and 56 Election Day registrations.

In the Town of Morris, there were 258 registered voters, 258 ballots cast and 27 Election Day registrations.

In the village of Aniwa, there were 121 registered voters, 124 ballots cast and 18 Election Day registrations.

The same thing happened in the Pulaski Wards 4 and 7. There were 99 registered voters, 101 ballots cast and 22 Election Day registrations.

All numbers represent unofficial returns.

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Donald Trump addresses supporters at the Resch Center in Green Bay the week before the election. Trump prevailed in the Nov. 5 voting, defeating Vice President Kamala Harris to win a second nonconsecutive term and become the nation's 47th president. The only other president to serve nonconsecutive terms was Grover Cleveland, who served from 1885-89 and 1893-97. In between, the nation as led by Benjamin Harrison, who defeated Cleveland in the 1888 race but lost to him in 1892.

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Ho-Chunk Nation gets Emmy with 'Discover Wisconsin'

"Discover Wisconsin," the nation's longest-running travel and tourism TV series, and long-standing partner Ho-Chunk Nation have won an Emmy Award at the 66th Chicago/Midwest Emmy Awards for the second consecutive year, under the category for Outstanding Achievement for Public Affairs Program Short Form. The partners were awarded for their digital short, "The Impact of the Indian Child Welfare Act."

In this powerful video, "Discover Wisconsin" shines a light on the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) with the storytelling of a tribal member, who shares her personal experience of being separated from her family. Her story, pivotal to this video, highlights the role of advocating for ICWA, adding both emotional depth and complexity.

Outside of the interviewee, the video shows select B-roll footage that conveys the story's gravity. The ICWA, enacted to protect Native children and families, still faces challenges today. "Discover Wisconsin" aimed to provide a balanced view, including interviews with an attorney and a social worker, who handle current ICWA cases.

Now in their fifth year of partnership, Ho-Chunk Nation and "Discover

Wisconsin" have been working together to share cherished stories and reach viewers through TV advertising, blogs and short and long-form videos. This profound collaboration continues to produce success.

"I am sincerely grateful to all those who participated in making this video a reality. To say DW was out of their comfort zone is an understatement," said Robert Reider, Ho-Chunk chief operations officer. "They pulled together an uncomfortable topic and presented it in a way that will spark conversation for those who watch it. I am looking forward to continuing our relationship and am excited for many more great vignettes to come."

The collaboration began when members of the Ho-Chunk sought to share the rich stories of their people and protect their cultural heritage. For five years, "Discover Wisconsin" has been committed to telling these important narratives, showcasing the history and traditions of the Ho-Chunk Nation and making a significant impact across the state of Wisconsin.

The short can be viewed at www.discover-wisconsin.com, Roku, Apple TV, SmartTV, Google Chromecast, Amazon Fire and YouTube.

Appreciation for those who serve



ABOVE: Alejandra Martinez, senior, hands out gifts of appreciation to members of the Wittenberg American Legion and Auxiliary during a Veterans Day ceremony Nov. 11 at Wittenberg-Biramwood High School. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

LEFT: The Wittenberg-Biramwood High School choir sings "Star-Spangled Banner" during the school's Veterans Day ceremony Nov. 11. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA



Aspirus hospitals receive quality award

Ten Aspirus Health hospitals have been recognized as top performers in the Wisconsin Hospital Association's (WHA) CheckPoint program.

Aspirus hospitals recognized as top performers include Aspirus Langlade Hospital in Antigo.

These hospitals earned recognition for their efforts in patient safety, quality improvement and delivering high standards of care. This honor underscores Aspirus' ongoing commitment to enhancing patient outcomes

and improving health care services across the region.

The WHA CheckPoint program, established in 2004, is the first state-wide, voluntary hospital quality reporting initiative in the United States.

The hospitals demonstrated excellence across key categories, including mortality-conditions and procedures, patient safety for all patients and patients with surgery, patient experience, re-admissions and infection control.

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town upgraded its website a year ago, according to Matsche.

Matsche noted the timing for the proposal was good, because Town Web pointed out that in another year, its clients would all have to upgrade to the new system.

"We might as well do

it," Matsche said, noting that the company is getting bigger, which indicates it needs to make things more official with Wittenberg and other clients it serves.

The upgrade will take place in early 2025, according to Matsche.

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Zion Lutheran launches singles fellowship group

Zion Lutheran Church announces the launch of its new Zion Singles Fellowship, a group dedicated to providing a welcoming, supportive space for single adults.

The group's first gathering will take place Nov. 18 with a special kickoff event at Zion Lutheran Church, 1254 S. Union St., Shawano.

The kickoff event will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a dessert potluck, followed by a devotional and fellowship and an introduction to the group's mission and future activities. All singles are invited to bring a dessert to share and enjoy an evening of fellowship and inspiration.

For information, to RSVP or to learn about future gatherings, contact WhiteHorse at youth@shawanozion.org.

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Wittenberg-Biramwood School District
Board of Education Meeting November 18, 2024

November 18, 2024
5:40 P.M. - Budget Committee Meeting
6:00 P.M. - Regular Board Meeting Wittenberg-Biramwood 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 October 28, 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
-Biramwood 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
Coach Resignation for Approval
Support Staff Hire for Approval
Approve Hockey Co-op Extension with Antigo School District
School Forest Timber Bids for Approval
Approval of The WBSD Library Plan
2023-2024 Fiscal Audit Report for Information
First Reading of Policy Revision Volume 33 - No. 2

XIII.

Adjournment

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Menominee tribe plans holiday parade

The first ever Menominee Holiday Parade will be held at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 6. The parade will begin at the middle/high school parking lot and end at the pavilion in Veterans Park in downtown Keshena. The tree will be lit at the pavilion following the parade. The pavilion will be available for anyone to set

up a stand; registration is required. Registration for participants can be done by emailing events@wolfriverdev.com or calling 715-802-4449.

OBITUARIES

Allen ‘Albert’ P. Osterbrink

Allen “Albert” P. Osterbrink, 70, of Eland, passed away on Monday, Nov. 4, 2024, at home, under the care of his family and St. Croix Hospice, after a long battle with cancer.

Allen was born on Aug. 25, 1954, in Wausau, the son of Philip and Adalyne (Houf) Osterbrink.

On Sept. 22, 1984, Allen was united in marriage to Marnie A. Wallner at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, Rothschild.

Allen worked at Kolbe and Kolbe as a moulder operator until his retirement. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and throwing horseshoes. Allen had a strong faith and was very involved at Zion Lutheran Church in Eland, serving as an usher and participating in Bible study. He always had a dad joke or pun locked and loaded, and he loved making people laugh.

Allen was a fan of the Green Bay Packers, Milwaukee Bucks and the Milwaukee Brewers, and he attended several games with his son, Henry. He and Henry had an an-



of Danbury, Glen Osterbrink of Stevens Point, and Katie Osterbrink (Alan Leonhardt) of Stevens Point; many nieces and nephews; mother-in-law, Karen Steger; sister-in-law, Kelly Koplit; brother-in-law, Rick Koplit, as well as cousins, other relatives and friends.

Allen was preceded in death by his parents and special family member, Terry Dombrowski.

A funeral service was held Saturday, Nov. 9, 2024, at Zion Lutheran Church, Eland. Burial was in Eland Cemetery. The family would like to thank Laurie B. and Lori W. of St. Croix Hospice, and especially hospice nurse Laura, who showed an incredible amount of compassion during such a difficult time.

Schmidt and Schulta Funeral Home, Wittenberg, is assisting the family with arrangements. Memories and messages of support may be shared at schmidtschul-ta.com.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial is being established in Allen’s memory.

nual tradition of spending opening day of the Brewers season together, which included “Holly Burgers” and back scratches. Most importantly, he always cherished time spent with his kids and grandkids and looked forward to family gatherings.

Allen is survived by his wife, Marnie; children, Henry (Holly) Osterbrink of Stevens Point and Sara (Emily) Savage of Fort Wayne, Indiana; three grandchildren, Simon Flees (Aleeyah), Nora and Rupert Osterbrink; siblings, Shirley Bremer of Wausau, Lois (Michael) Wichlacz

PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Nov. 10 Deputies responded to 23 incidents, including a disturbance at the Shawano County Jail, 405 N. Main St., Shawano; two 911 calls; four reckless driving incidents; two welfare checks; four crashes involving deer.

Nov. 9 Deputies responded to 35 incidents, including trespassing on Norton Road in the Town of Wescott; bail jumping on Country Lane in the Town of Washington; assisting with a fire on Oak Drive in the Town of Wescott; fight in progress at the North Star Casino, W12180 County Road A in the Town of Bartelme; four 911 calls; five reckless driving incidents; two traffic hazards; three welfare checks; four crashes, one involving deer.

Nov. 8 Deputies responded to 45 incidents, including noise at All-Store Self Storage, N5857 State Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; operating without a license on state Highway 29 in the Town of Herman; animal bite on County Road M in the Town of Germania; property theft on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; restraining order violation on Ho-Chunk Road in the Town of Wittenberg; assisting with a fire on Old Lake Road in the Town of Wescott; vehicle fire on state Highway 29 in the Town of Richmond; warrant on East Fifth Street in Shawano; sick animal on U.S. Highway 45 in Eland; two 911 calls; two reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazard; five welfare checks; four crashes, one involving deer and one involving a bear.

Nov. 7 Deputies responded to 27 incidents, including operating while intoxicated on County Road D in the Town of Almon; bail jumping on Country Lane in the Town of Washington; three 911 calls; two traffic hazards; five crashes, two involving deer.

Nov. 6 Deputies responded to 17 incidents, including property theft at County Road P in the Town of Germania; operating without a license on Upper Red Lake Road in the Town of Red Springs; noise on state Highway 156 in the Town of Navarino; two traffic hazards; two crashes

involving deer.

Nov. 5 Deputies responded to 33 incidents, including a sick animal on Laney Road in the Town of Maple Grove; harassment at Bonduel High School, 400 W. Green Bay St., Bonduel; found property on Capitol Drive in the Town of Belle Plaine; fraud on Church Road in the Town of Green Valley; criminal damage on Forest Haven Road in the Town of Richmond; harassment on County Road MM in the Town of Richmond; operating without a license on County Road Z in the Town of Aniwa; one 911 call; two reckless driving incidents; four traffic hazards; one welfare check; three crashes.

Nov. 4 Deputies responded to 31 incidents, including operating without a license on County Road Q in the Town of Almon; lost property at Bonduel High School, 400 W. Green Bay St., Bonduel; trespassing on River Road in the Town of Hartland; operating without a license on South Airport Drive in Shawano; operating without a license on Town Hall Road in the Town of Red Springs; noise on South Warrington Avenue in Cecil; two 911 calls; two reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazard; five welfare checks; four crashes.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Nov. 10 Officers responded to 13 incidents, including one reckless driving incident; three welfare checks; one crash.

Nov. 9 Officers responded to 18 incidents, including rape at an undisclosed location; curfew violation on North Hamlin Street; sexual assault at an undisclosed location; warrant arrest on Madison Way; warrant arrest on North Sawyer Street; death investigation at an undisclosed location; two welfare checks; one crash.

Nov. 8 Officers responded to 25 incidents, including a warrant arrest on East Richmond Street; warrant arrest at ThedaCare Medical Center, 100 County Road B; truancy at Hillcrest Primary School, 1410 Waukechon St.; juvenile problem at the Shawano Police Department, 125 S. Sawyer St.; two truancy calls at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; found property on South Main Street; drugs at the Sha-

wano Police Department, 125 S. Sawyer St.; one reckless driving incident; one welfare check; one crash.

Nov. 7 Officers responded to 25 incidents, including trespassing at Culver's, 1220 E. Green Bay St.; threatening on South Smalley Street; harassment on Madison Way; counterfeit at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; drugs at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; one 911 call; one reckless driving incident; two welfare checks; one crash.

Nov. 6 Officers responded to 27 incidents, including two juvenile problem calls at Olga Brenner Intermediate School, 1300 S. Union St.; juvenile problem at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; found property at Four Seasons, 201 N. Airport Drive; found property on Center Street; threatening at an undisclosed location; overdose at an undisclosed location; juvenile problem on South Union Street; property damage on South Franklin Street; shoplifting at Shoe Sensation, 180 Woodlawn Drive; two welfare checks; two crashes, one involving deer.

Nov. 5 Officers responded to 29 incidents, including juvenile problem on Estates Lane; two truancy calls at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; truancy at Shawano Community Middle School, 1050 S. Union St.; tobacco problem at Shawano Community Middle School, 1050 S. Union St.; attempted burglary on West Division Street; vandalism on West Danks Street; one reckless driving incident; one welfare check; one crash.

Nov. 4 Officers responded to 30 incidents, including a warrant arrest on East Center Street; attempted theft at Bridge the Gap, 1415 E. Green Bay St.; soliciting on Acorn Street; custodial interference at an undisclosed location; found property on South Water Street; property damage at Staff of Life, 212 E. Green Bay St.; harassment at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; warrant attempt at Sober Living House, 822 W. Picnic St.; truancy at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; two 911 calls; one reckless driving incident; four welfare checks.

COURT NEWS

• Shane J. DeMoss, 44, Shawano, pleaded no contest Jan. 30 to possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor possession of THC. On Nov. 5, Judge William Kusel Jr. withheld sentencing and placed him on probation for two years with conditions.

• Joseph Tengbeh, 32, previously of Phoenix, Arizona, pleaded no contest Nov. 6 to misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct and resisting or obstructing an officer. A related felony count was dismissed but read into the record in a plea agreement. Kussel levied fines and court costs and sentenced him to 60 days in jail with Huber work-release privileges.

• Lance M. Hinkfuss, 43, Shawano, was charged Nov.

4 with two counts of felony bail jumping and one misdemeanor count each of retail theft and bail jumping. Judge Katherine Sloma set a \$700 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for Jan. 27.

• Lee A. Holton, 61, Shawano, was charged Nov. 4 with felony bail jumping. Sloma set a \$750 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Nov. 11.

• Charles H. West Jr., 33, Gresham, was charged Nov. 4 with two counts of felony bail jumping. Sloma set a \$1,000 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for Dec. 12.

• Paul R. Zeise, 39, Wausau, was charged Nov. 4 with possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), possession with intent

to deliver THC, and misdemeanor counts of possession of an illegal obtained prescription and possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Nov. 22.

• Shawnalee Dixon, 32, Keshena, was charged Nov. 6 with two counts of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. Sloma set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for Jan. 28.

• In separate filings, Vincent T. Newton, 33, Shawano, was charged Nov. 8 with two felony counts each of retail theft and bail jumping. Sloma set cash bonds of \$500 and \$750 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Nov. 11.

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Wedding goes badly in Stander novel

This week's selection was "Destination Wedding" by Aaron Stander. It is number 11 in his Ray Elkins mystery series.

It is May and Cedar County, Michigan, and Sheriff Ray Elkins is slowly recovering from a near-fatal gunshot wound. He and detective sergeant Sue Lawrence are enjoying the quiet time before tourist season.

The secluded peninsula of Gull Point has been in the Ingersolle family since the civil war. When Alice Ingersolle inherited the property, she had a heated legal battle with her stepfather, landscape painter Gerhard Talmadge. When the courts awarded him life lease to the original house, Alice had a massive house built to ruin his view of Lake Michigan.

She has decided to hold her daughter's wedding at Gull Point on Memorial Day weekend. The wealthy art gallery owner has cajoled Linda Wetherbee, owner of Simply Romantic, into assisting by assuring Linda that she and assistant



Jan Jones
Columnist

Jennifer Bidwell would only need to work with property manager Scott Nelson and supervise on-site details.

Ray and Sue are summoned to Gull Point when a tennis shoe with the foot still in it is found.

The event begins with a "kid's party" on Friday. Things go well until a sudden microburst storm hits. Trees are uprooted, the power is out and many of the mansion's windows are broken.

Ray and Sue respond but the only way to the site is by boat. They assist with evacuations and search for missing guests. Soon, the body of Gerhard Talmadge is found beneath a downed tree. It appears that he was crushed, but Ray notes an odd wound on his head.

Ingersolle's private security, Sal Abato and Helio Lopez, summon them to

the mansion. The place had been off limits to the party guests, but someone broke into Alice Ingersolle's gallery and made off with several valuable paintings. Abato and Lopez insist that they'd secured the place as soon as the storm ended, but something about the robbery is off.

Every guest and employee is questioned. Only Nelson, Abato, Lopez, and Jennifer Bidwell set off Ray's alarm bells. Only Piper Ingersolle appears to be honest and straightforward about her step-grandfather and her mother.

With help from Officer Barbara Sinclair, they get comprehensive background information on all the major players. Now they have to dig deep to solve this case.

When the case is finally closed, Ray realizes they still need to close two mysteries that sprang up along the way. When Sue suggests they try being a couple, Ray reluctantly agrees. I'm sure book 12 will include that relationship and more.



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Freddy Cintrón works the counter as the new owner of the Main Street Café, with most of the restaurant untouched under his new ownership. However, he plans to remodel the facility with a classic car theme, and he just bought the neighboring building, where he hopes to open an old-fashioned candy store.

KAY REMINGER

Cintróns take ownership of Main Street Café in Marion

Owners plan to introduce cuisine from Puerto Rico, Jamaica

BY KAY REMINGER
Correspondent

Longtime owners Steve and Mary Beilfuss recently handed the reins of their Main Street Café over to Freddy and Wendy Cintrón, with an assurance from the new owners they would carry on the tradition of a family-friendly environment with affordable prices.

The Cintróns noted that the previous owners, who closed Sept. 23, have been extremely helpful during the transition — with the family, at times, helping out with cooking and serving.

“We wanted to be respectful of the fact that the previous owners put in 40 years and, before that, their parents, Pat and Jerry,” Freddy Cintrón said. “They invested their blood, sweat and tears, and they wanted to be very protective of that reputation.”

Born and raised on the island of Puerto Rico, Cintrón was just entering middle school when his father announced they were going outside of the island to “come for the American dream.” He moved his wife and their 12 children at the time, settling in Camden, New Jersey, in a small, two-story, three-bedroom house. The 13th child was born in America, Cintrón said.

“We slept like pancakes, my brothers and I,” he recalled.

Cintrón’s passion is to learn. At 8 years old, his third grade teacher told him: “In



Freddy Cintrón, who recently took ownership of the Main Street Café in Marion, stands next to the whiteboard showcasing his daily specials. Cintrón plans to revise the menu to include cuisine from Puerto Rico and the Caribbean.

KAY REMINGER

order for you to develop your talent, you have to follow your education.” Those words struck a chord with the small boy, and his desire for life-long learning was established.

Cintrón also heard: “Education is freedom.” Because they were poor, those encouraging words were balm and ignited in him a goal to reach the highest level of education that he could attain.

Painstakingly learning English, he went

on to earn double masters degrees, along the way becoming proficient at several languages — including Swahili, French, Spanish and Biblical Greek. He was the first in his family to graduate high school.

Before his masters’ degrees, Cintrón earned a degree as a bilingual elementary teacher. His childhood trials learning English helped him teach others with

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Nothing says Christmas like a murder mystery

Immersive show coming to Ho-Chunk Wittenberg

BY LEE PULASKI
City Editor

“The Most Wonderful Crime of the Year,” a show put on by the Murder Mystery Company, is sure to be dead as all get out.

That’s when the fun begins, however. An interactive murder mystery is coming Nov. 23 to Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg for two nights only with the promise of getting everyone in the Christmas spirit mixed in with solving a deadly puzzle. This particular show is put on by a group of actors from Minnesota who travel to zoos, opera houses, theaters and other venues.

The show opens with a man putting on a Christmas party at his office, according to Cayla Wolpers, director and one of the actors in the troupe.

“He hires some entertainment. He hires a stand-up comedian who isn’t really that great at being a stand-up comedian — he has some really horrible jokes to say in front of everybody,” Wolpers said. “Unfortunately, that stand-up comedian is the one who dies. Then the rest of the show is everybody trying to figure out who committed the crime.”

Wolpers noted it was easy for the traveling troupe to mix in holiday cheer and homicide.

“I’m really excited to do a show for the casino and everything,” Wolpers said. “It sounds like a really fun time. December is pretty much our busiest time of the year, and so we said, ‘OK, we’ve got to do a Christmas-themed murder mystery.’ It’s a lot of fun to do.”

Those who come to the show are encouraged to wear their most hideous ugly sweaters to blend in with the show. Wolpers said some people in the audience will also be selected to be suspects and part of the fun.

“We are an immersive theater company,” she said. “We make the audience a part of the show. We make audience

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AT A GLANCE

WHAT: “The Most Wonderful Crime of the Year,” performed by the Murder Mystery Company
WHEN: 6 p.m. Nov. 22-23
WHERE: Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg, N7198 U.S. Highway 45, Wittenberg
TICKETS: \$95 per person for dinner and performance. Tickets are available in the gift shop.
FYI: It is recommended to arrive one hour before the show to give time for the company to select suspects.



While many are decking the halls and decorating for Christmas, Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg will be the site for a Christmas party gone wrong as the Murder Mystery Company performs “The Most Wonderful Crime of the Year.”

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855-2962. Those making reservations should ask for a specific time slot: 3:30-4:15 p.m., 4:15-5 p.m. or 5-5:45 p.m. Reservations can also be made at www.hillsideassembly.com. The church is located at 5890 State Highway 22 in Gillett.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, NOV. 15

BOWLER: Fifth Annual First Responders Ball of the Badges, 5 p.m. to midnight, North Star Mohican Resort, W12180 County Road A. Fundraiser for Safe Haven Domestic Abuse Shelter. \$100 per ticket.

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

OCONTO FALLS: Spaghetti dinner and one-act play "12 Angry Villains," 5 p.m., Falls Area Performing Arts Center, 210 N. Farm Road. Oconto Falls High School Drama Team public performance of entry in State Theater Festival. \$10 for dinner and show, \$6 for just the show, which begins at 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOV. 16

WITTENBERG: Giving Craft/Vendor Show, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Village Community Center, 208 W. Vinal St. Raffles, bake sale, lunch available. Benefits Wittenberg Dog Park.

OCONTO: Pot Pie Dinner, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Zion Lutheran Church, 1700 Superior Ave. Homemade chicken pot pie, warm bread, salad, desserts and a beverage for \$12. Children 6-12 \$6, 5 and under free; carryout \$1 extra. Bake sale and silent auction.

SHAWANO: Holiday Marketplace Craft Show, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Zion Lutheran Church, 1254 S. Union St.

MOUNTAIN: American Legion Post 44 Gunless Poultry Shoot, 1 p.m., School House Bar, 14007 State Highway 32. Raffle off packages of meat, poultry, sausages, bacon, beverages and items donated by local businesses. 50/50 and basket raffles.

SHAWANO: Meat and Booze Raffle, 2-4 p.m., Red

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SHAWANO: 15th Annual Auction, 3-7 p.m., Wolf River High School, W7467 River Bend Road. Doors open 3 p.m., silent auction 3 p.m., meal 5 p.m., live auction 6 p.m.

BOWLER: Elle King in concert, 8 p.m., North Star Mohican Casino Resort, W12180 County Road A. Tickets \$60, \$70, \$80, information at www.northstarcasinoresort.com.

MONDAY, NOV. 18

RIVERVIEW: Aging Mastery program, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Town Hall, 15471 State Highway 32. Build a personal playbook for aging well. \$10 includes speakers, workbook and snacks over the five sessions. Hosted by University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension Oconto County, weekly through Dec. 16.

SHAWANO: Adult Singles Ministry Kick-off Desserts Potluck, 5:30 p.m., Zion Lutheran Church, 1254 S. Union St. For information or to RSVP, youth@shawanozion.org or 715-526-2017.

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

TUESDAY, NOV. 19

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

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 20

BOWLER: Celebrate Mo-

hican Heritage, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., SMC Family Center, N8476 Mohheconnuck Road. Informational booths, drawings and prizes, food and drinks, local vendors.

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

THURSDAY, NOV. 21

KESHENA: Tribal Elder Food Box Distribution, 1 p.m., N737 Headstart Road. All elderly age 55 and enrolled in a federally organized tribe are eligible.

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

FRIDAY, NOV. 22

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

WITTENBERG: "The Most Wonderful Crime of the Year," 6 p.m., Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg, N7198 U.S. Highway 45. Dinner theater performed by the Murder Mystery Company. Tickets: \$95 available in the gift shop.

SATURDAY, NOV. 23

KESHENA: Holiday Bazaar, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. Michael's Church, N816 State Highway 47-55. Christmas Shop, cookies by the pound, basket raffle and food. Thrift and Gift open.

WITTENBERG: "The Most Wonderful Crime of the Year," 6 p.m., Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg, N7198 U.S. Highway 45. Dinner theater performed by the Murder Mystery Company. Tickets: \$95 available in the gift shop.

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compassion. While he enjoyed teaching, his heart's desire was to be a doctor as he saw the doctor of Puerto Rico ministering to the poor on the island. Cintrón's father had been a chef for 20 years and that fueled Cintrón's passion for cooking. He'd fix food at home for a corner bar with Puerto Rican-style cuisine. His father ended up buying the business. Cintrón grew up in a home where the males and females were expected to do everything — cooking, cleaning, ironing and washing.

Moving to Wisconsin from New Jersey in 1991 with their children, then 8, 6 and 4, Cintrón and his wife have made this state their home ever since. The Cintróns had been looking for a restaurant to purchase for the last three years.

"As I was anticipating retirement, I wanted to do something different, not so much with my brain, but hands on," Freddy Cintrón said.

His home life prepared him to flourish in the business of serving. "Every morning, there's a group of four to eight men — a retired judge, undertaker, butcher, farmer, one retired from the agricultural business. They have coffee and breakfast and they sit at the same table, and I would be a fool to move the table," Cintrón said. "You have to be a historian before you can make any changes. There's a first-order change and a second-order change. Some changes are subtle, gradual."

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members into suspects. We give them binders with all of their clues and a name tag, and we say, 'Hey, congratulations. You get to be an actor today.' It's really, really fun to be able to inspire them in that way and help them and everything. A lot of times, there are people who come up to us afterwards, and they're like, 'Gosh, I didn't know I could do this, but you gave me a shot, and I really appreciate it.'"

The Murder Mystery Company came into being in 2002 from a living room in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Since then, it has grown to 20 troupes performing

AT A GLANCE

WHAT: Main Street Café
WHERE: 216 N. Main St., Marion
WHEN: 5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, 6 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays and 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sundays
FYI: The Cintróns are in the process of developing their own Facebook page, but in the meantime, the previous owners are being generous in letting them use their Steve and Mary's Main Street Café Facebook page, which includes menus. For information, call 715-754-2760.

Cintrón saw from an early age his island's doctors, the nurses, the social workers come to the United States, and he witnessed all of those people nurture, instruct, direct and help others. This value system, he said, is something "that oozes out of my very pores."

"When all is said and done, I am a servant at heart to the community," Cintrón said. "In all my jobs, there is the same. I am here because not what I want you to give me, but I want to give you gifts to offer back. I desire to be a lifelong learner and to be in service wherever I may be. The thread consistently running through is a passion to serve, because I never want to forget where I came from. An ounce of encouragement gave me an ocean of hope. I spend a lot of time in the dining room listening to people and building a relationship with them."

In January 2025, they plan on new menu covers and, in time, will introduce

Caribbean cooking and Puerto Rican cuisine. The Cintróns' dream is to establish multiple restaurants in Northeastern Wisconsin under the banner of "A Taste of Puerto Rico," which will include Dominican, Cuban and Jamaican cuisine.

Remodeling plans comprise adding a classic car theme in the future and painting walls light grey with a rose tint in the main area.

"We purchased the building next door, closing next month," Cintrón said. "Our plan is to put in a one-car garage door that will connect one space to the next. We're planning on an old-fashioned candy store and ice cream shop, specializing in mini sundaes and banana splits, and including an upscale coffee shop with a drive-through coffee service."

When asked about services the restaurant offers, Cintrón said they take catering orders as well as banquets and are booking out as far as July 2025. They have groups that come on a monthly basis. They also service the Clintonville and Marion senior meal programs. The Beilfusses had this in place, but they needed to bid on it to maintain the connection.

An Amish family they work with makes homemade pies for the restaurant that "fly off the shelf," Cintrón said. Five different kinds of pie — which include apple, cherry, pumpkin, lemon and raspberry — are offered.

of fun to be able to travel around and do shows in places that people wouldn't expect theater to be done."

While it's debatable by some whether a Christmas show should be performed before Thanksgiving, Wolpers shrugs it off and points out some performances of "The Most Wonderful Crime of the Year" were done before Halloween.

"We made sure the client wanted the Christmas show, even though it was Halloween time and everything like that," Wolpers said.

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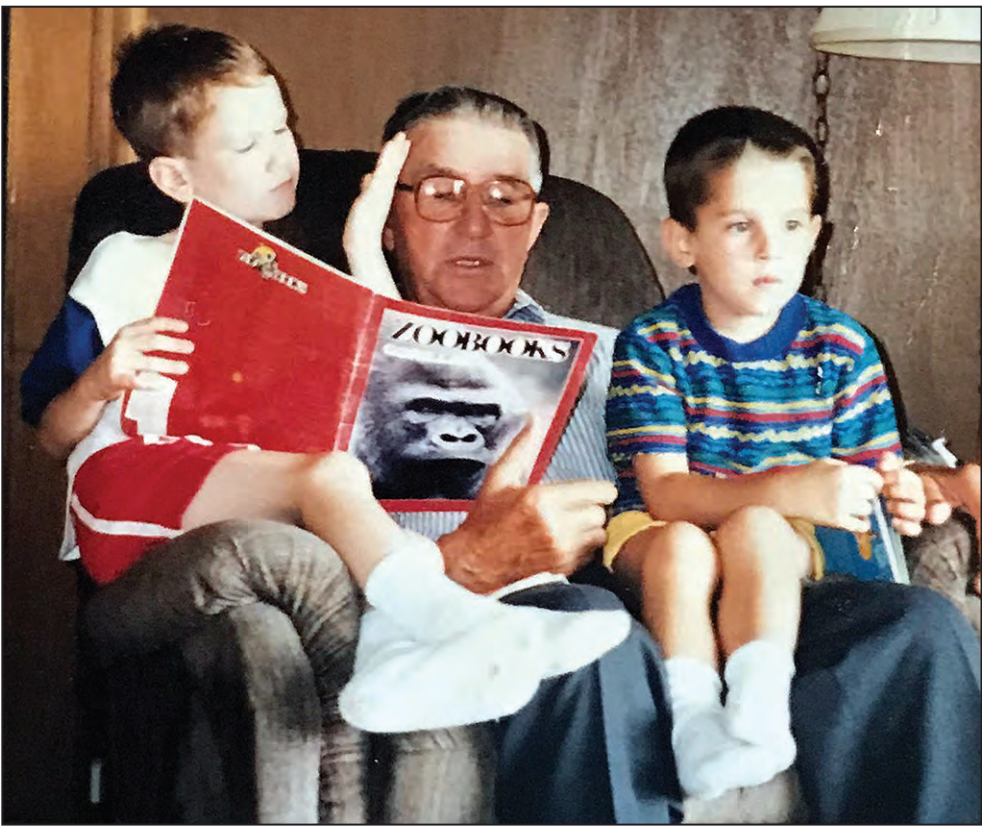
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For years, my husband and I battled infertility and saw a number of experts who suggested numerous methods including one laparoscopy to solve a perceived endometriosis issue. A small incision scar to this day reminds me of the procedure.

To induce ovulation, I was given doses of medication, and we saw doctor after doctor. In the meantime, my friends were having babies — literally one right after the other. Seven tumultuous years went by before we got good and sick of it, and the thought popped in our minds perhaps we should consider adoption.

When we had talked about marriage, we both had agreed we wanted a family. I was raised with three siblings — two sisters and a brother — and my husband had the benefit of having been raised with five sisters, so both of us definitely desired a family. We had a big farmhouse; all we needed was children to fill it. The fact that we seemingly could not conceive made us consider options.

Checking out Catholic Social Services and Lutheran Social Services, we opted to use the latter. It just seemed to suit us better. Finding out there was a meeting for prospective adoptive par-



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ents, we drove to Wausau to check it out.

Stepping into the gathering space, I was overcome with emotion. There were 40 couples there. Infertility is such a raw, tender issue to deal with — very isolating and personal.

Being raised on a farm, I was aware there was a term for a heifer that could not conceive, a terrible, yucky word that to this day makes me shud-

der — freemartin. They had to be culled and sold; it was a part of life.

Every month for seven years, I felt I had miscarried a baby. I was nothing more than a freemartin, which made me feel barren and hollow and the only one going through this. Lies straight from the father of lies, but it is what I perceived myself to be at that stage of my life.

So listening in along with 40 other couples who were struggling, too, was sweet balm for my soul. We commiserated together and were given hope that even though we were not able to conceive, it didn't mean we

could not be parents. My heartfelt desire was to be a mom. It would eradicate the barren hollowness I had felt all those years.

After walking us through procedures involved in the adoption process, the leader explained mandatory classes are required to be screened and certified as foster parents.

"OK, couples, we are going to pick seven names out of a hat. These seven couples will attend classes every Wednesday night for six weeks," the leader said. "This is the first step in finalizing an adoption."

My heart sunk. I never win anything, not even so

much as a six-pack of Sun Drop. How on earth will we be one of seven in a roomful of 40?

The first name picked: "The Remingers."

My jaw dropped. My eyes filled. It turned to my husband, speechless. Immediately, we connected with the other six couples, squealing quietly with delight. Going those Wednesdays, we learned the basics of parenthood — how to interact with one another, how to talk to our families about our new addition, how to care for a newborn. Also included were instructions on how to write up a bio for our potential birthmother.

We assembled a file of who we were — a nondescript explanation of where we lived (this was a closed adoption), how we'd raise the baby, we talked about our faith, if we had pets, etc. After all was accomplished, complete with pictures, we submitted our form and waited.

Our social worker was compassionate and kind yet forthright, telling us, "Expect the best, but prepare for the worst."

On our ninth wedding anniversary, we received a call that a birthmother had chosen our file. For her to have come this far meant she chose life. She chose to give birth to the baby that had been conceived, yet for reasons beyond her control she could not raise. She chose life and then chose us. Her selfless act blessed us beyond measure.

After a time, we decided our then 2-year old deserved a sibling. We updated our bio and waited. Nine months later, another birthmother who chose life chose us. We were a family of four, complete.

You cannot outgive our God. He had heard my cries during my 20s and had been telling me, "Wait, my child, I have much more in store for you." After 16 years of marriage, I told my husband, "I think I'm pregnant." After a pregnancy where I had treasured every nuance, I gave birth to a baby girl.

In all this, we give God the glory. Had he answered our prayer for a biological child in my 20s, we'd never have pursued adoption and never had known our boys. If their birthmothers had decided to end the pregnancy, our sons tragically never would have been born.

Our family is a living testimony to God's goodness. Our life's mission is to give a voice to the voiceless, helpless baby within a mother's womb that just wants to live. Choose life.

("Before I was born the Lord called me; from my mother's womb He has spoken my name." Isaiah 49:1)

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

Now best time to divide your garden perennials

This is the best time of the year to divide perennials in the garden. Perennials are those that come back year after year, often growing larger and larger with each growing season. As they become overcrowded, often they flower less and less. To keep perennials vigorous and in full flower, it is often necessary to divide them.

Dividing perennials simply means digging them up and separating clumps into smaller divisions that can be transplanted back into the garden or given away to friends and family.

Large, overgrown clumps of peonies can be easily divided and separated this time of year. To do this, you can divide them either in the ground, or lift the clump and divide by hand or with a tool after washing off the roots and rhizomes.

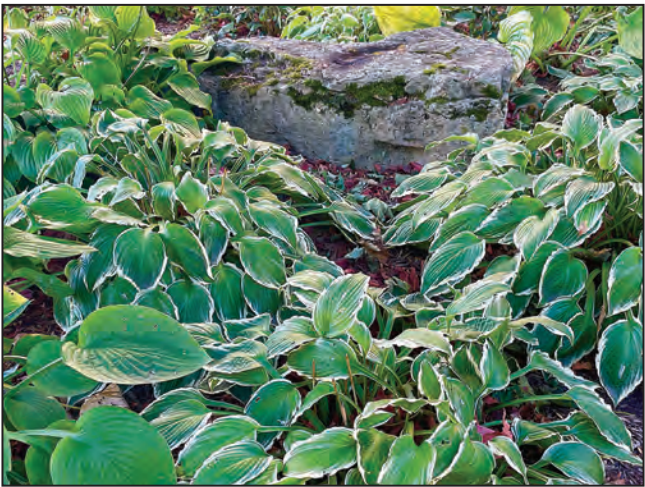
New divisions or trans-



plants should be sections of rhizomes that contain at least one or two growth nodes or points. These can easily be seen on the large, fleshy root. They can be separated by hand, or cut with a sharp knife or pruning tool. Be sure to sanitize your tool in between cuttings with a bleach solution.

Fall is the best, and easiest, time to divide hostas in the garden, as we can simply snip away the fading foliage, which makes them much easier to work with.

There are a couple of different ways to easily divide garden hostas. The first is to simply use a spade and dig directly into the clump. Use a spade to



Fall is the best and easiest time of the year to divide overgrown perennials, such as hostas and other clump-forming plants. ROB ZIMMER

create cuts, much like a pizza, creating triangular shaped divisions that can be popped out and easily transplanted elsewhere in the garden.

Another way to divide hostas is to simply lift up the entire clump, wash off as much of the soil as possible with a hose, then either cut divisions with a sharp knife or tease

apart with your hands and fingers.

Each division should include a healthy root system, along with at least one or two sets of leaves and nodes.

Overgrown clumps of bearded iris that have shown reduced flowering are the perfect candidates for dividing now.

To begin, snip or cut

back the foliage to about 6-8 inches so the plant can be more easily manipulated and worked with.

Iris rhizomes often protrude out of the soil, making it easy to see where to dig and separate these divisions. Use a sharp spade to separate sections of the plant into a fleshy rhizome and at least one fan of foliage.

To keep them blooming their best, daylilies also require frequent division to keep flowering scapes and fans vigorous and energetic.

Thankfully, daylilies are one of the easiest of all perennials to divide — and now is the time to do it.

To divide daylilies, first, trim back all of the foliage by shearing it to about 4-6 inches in height. This allows you to get a better view of each individual plant within the clump and where to divide.

Massive clumps can be divided by simply using a spade to create sections, much like a pizza. New divisions should contain at least one fan of leaves and a good set of roots.

Another way to divide daylilies is to dig up the entire clump and tease apart each fan or section with your fingers.

Many other clump-forming perennials can be divided in the same way during the fall gardening season. Sedums, ornamental grasses, tall garden phlox, Asiatic lilies and more are all prime candidates for fall division.

Now is the prime time to take on this garden chore as soils are cooling and the plants have plenty of time to settle in before the ground freezes in several weeks.

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Shawano, Bonduel lose in volleyball semifinals

Catholic Memorial 3, Shawano 0

Shawano's volleyball team moved closer to victory with each game against Catholic Memorial in the WIAA Division 2 semifinals at the Resch Center in Green Bay, but in the end, the Hawks lost in three straight sets.

Set scores were 25-15, 25-18, 25-20.

Gracie Buss and Leah Nordin led Shawano with seven kills each. Natalie Bystol had 12 digs.

Catholic Memorial went on to beat Luxemburg-Casco to win the D2 title.

Aquinas 3, Bonduel 0

In Division 3 action, Aquinas ended Bonduel's first trip to the state tournament with a 3-0 score in the semifinals.

Set scores were 25-18, 25-17, 25-16.

"This postseason has been a really exciting one for our girls," coach Abby

Kroll said. "There is a limited number of athletes that get the opportunity to play at the state tournament, so it was exciting to have our girls down there. The community support behind the team all week was fantastic and just made for an amazing experience all around."

Audrey Weier had seven kills and 14 digs.

Josie Anvelink, Juliana Jacobs and Audrey Jacobs recorded six kills each. Jayla Reinke had 18 assists. Tatum Sporisky chipped in 13 digs.

In the third game, Bonduel scored first but then Aquinas rattled off 11 unanswered points. The Bears battled back and pulled within three, trailing 15-12, and then within two at 17-15. However, Aquinas scored eight of the next nine points to secure the win.

Aquinas later lost to Barron for the D3 title.



Josie Anvelink holds back tears after Bonduel's first ever trip to the state volleyball tournament ends with three straight losses to Aquinas on Nov. 8. GREG MELLIS | NEW MEDIA



Above, Bonduel players and coaches cheered on the players on the court in a game against Aquinas on Nov. 8. Bonduel lost the match but ended the season at 29-5. Below, Bonduel's girls volleyball players are clearly excited after scoring against Aquinas in the Division 3 semifinal game at the Resch Center in Green Bay. Aquinas beat Bonduel, then lost to Barron in the championship game. GREG MELLIS | NEW MEDIA



Paige Niquette (8) and Juliana Jacobs (9) try to block the ball coming over the net from an Aquinas player. Bonduel's first trip to the state tournament with a 3-0 loss in the semifinals. GREG MELLIS | NEW MEDIA



Tatum Sporisky (13) makes a play on a ball during Bonduel's match against Aquinas on Nov. 8 at the Resch Center in Green Bay. GREG MELLIS | NEW MEDIA

Shawano soccer team falls in semifinals

Shawano’s soccer team had five shots on goal in the WIAA semifinals against Sheboygan Falls on Nov. 7 but only managed to score once in their 2-1 loss.

“The boys left it all on the field,” coach Andrew Brooks said. “We honestly feel that we played good enough to win the game once we settled it. With more shots on goal and several very dangerous opportunities, we ultimately couldn’t find the back of the net.” He added that the team was “literally inches away from going from a loss to a blowout in our favor, but sometimes that’s how the games goes.”

Playing in Milwaukee, the Hawks’ goal came at 44:44, just minutes after a corner kick from Ruben De Gaspari. Braxton Hetzer then scored only his second goal of the season with an assist by Wyatt Schroeder.

That goal tied the game at 1-1, as Sheboygan Falls’ Sawyer Schuren had scored on a header with an assist by Zachary Dulmes at 7:02 in the first period.

The winning goal was scored at 58:12 by Victor Aquirre.

Warner Beyer was electric all night but hit the posts a half a dozen times. He said the ding of the post seemed louder with every impact.



Braxton Hetzer (15, second from left) scored Shawano’s only goal and celebrate with teammates Cooper Boucher (12), Anderson Schmidt (9) and Bryce Lammers (11).

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“Anderson Schmidt was also great in the middle and almost hit an amazing shot

from deep that would have changed the game,” Brooks said.

The defense of Kody Popelka, Cooper Boucher, Wyatt Schroeder and

goalie Ryan Buerman was excellent as usual.

“With an unfortunate



Forward Grayson Swedberg maneuvers the ball around a Sheboygan Falls player in the semifinals of the WIAA soccer tournament Nov. 7 in Milwaukee. The Hawks’ season ended with a 2-1 loss.

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early corner falling and then a great play from their best player, we couldn’t find the equalizer,” Brooks said.

Shawano’s four other shots on goal included two by Beyer and one each by Schmidt and De Gaspari.

Sheboygan Falls had four shots on goal, with Buerman making two saves.

“The boys should be proud of the effort on the season and the night,” Brooks said. “They achieved so much showed that they deserved to be at the state tournament with that effort. The Shawano boys proved they are not only the best team in Shawano history, but truly deserved to be listed as one of the top Division 3 teams in the state.”



Above, Cooper Boucher (12) comforts Warner Beyer (2) after time expired and Shawano lost 2-1 to Sheboygan Falls in the state semifinal soccer game. At right, Shawano tried to score as time was winding down in the state semifinal game, but Sheboygan Falls managed to foil the attempts and go on to win 2-1. Near the goal for Shawano are Dylan Gartner (4), Bryce Lammers (11), Maverick Theis (18) and Braxton Hetzer (15).

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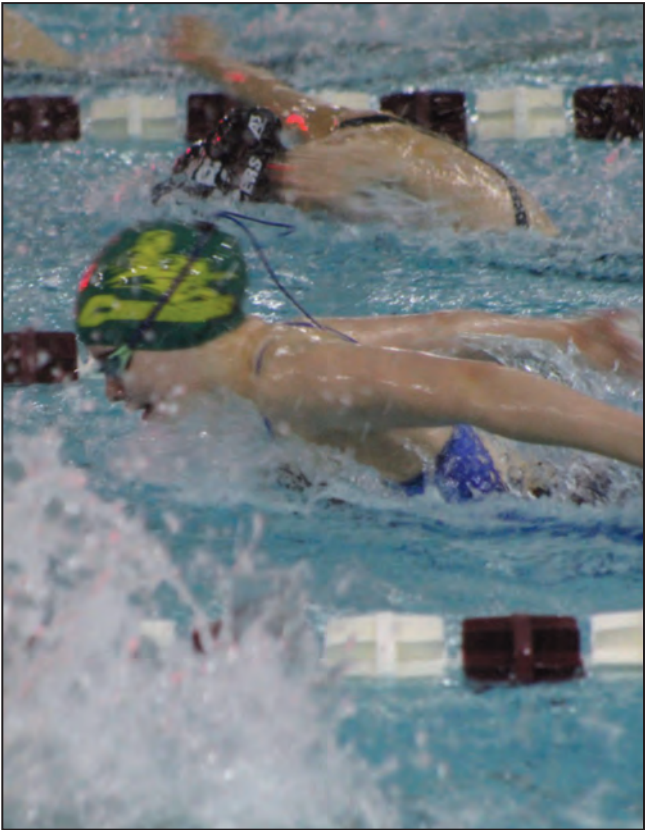
Shawano's Warner Beyer had a fan following at the WIAA state tournament in Milwaukee.

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The Wittenberg-Birnhamwood swim team was runner-up at sectionals Nov. 9, the first time in school history. The Division 2 state meet will be held Nov. 15 at Waukesha South High School. Front row, from left, are seniors Ava Hegewald, Claire Timm, Faith Resch, Andrea Powell and Olivia Bessette. Middle row, from left, are sophomore Kelsie Davis, junior Reese Dickman, freshman Brooklynn Beran and freshman Rylee Crick. In back is coach John “Rudy” Rudeen. CONTRIBUTED



Wittenberg-Birnhamwood freshman Rylee Crick swims the 100-yard butterfly in 1:12.86 at the Division 2 sectionals in Menomonie. As a team, the Chargers placed second. CONTRIBUTED

W-B swimmers take second at sectionals

WIAA sectionals Division 2, Menomonie

Wittenberg-Birnhamwood placed second among 14 team at their sectional meet. Kelsie Davis, Reese Dickman, Brooklyn Beran and Faith Resch broke the Wittenberg-Birnhamwood school records in the 200-yard freestyle and 200-yard medley relays. Davis broke her previous record in the 100-yard backstroke

and broke the record in the 100-yard butterfly previously held by McKenna Metropulos. Scoring for the Chargers began with the 200-yard medley relay team of Beran, Dickman, Davis and Resch taking second in 1:51.25. Davis won the 100-yard butterfly in 59.6 seconds, the only swimmer to break the 1-minute mark. Ava Hegewald was 23rd. Dickman earned a

second-place finish in the 50-yard freestyle in 24.77, and Resch was third in 25.09. Olivia Bessette placed 20th. Dickman was also second in the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:08.06. Freshman Rylee Crick placed seventh in 1:17.88. Hegewald placed 13th. The team of Resch, Davis, Beran and Dickman placed second in the 200-yard freestyle relay in 1:40.69.

The Shawano/Bonduel swim team placed 13th out of 14 teams with 28 points at the Division 2 sectionals in Ashwaubenon. Junior Tela Hopfensperger had the best finish, placing eighth in the 200-yard individual medley in 2:40.17. She was also part of the team with Breanna Anderson, Kenley Keliher and Brynn Hannes that placed 11th in the 200-yard freestyle relay. Hopfensperger also finished 12th in the 500-yard freestyle.

In the 100-yard individual medley in 2:18.54. Olivia Krueger was 18th. Sophomore Jillian Wentland placed eighth in the 100-yard freestyle in 56.73. Lacee Clauss was 20th, Brynn Kapla was 27th and Alli Glinski placed 32nd. In the 400-yard freestyle relay, it was the team of Clauss, Brynn Rybicki, Sauer and Wentland taking eighth in 3:56.33. Wentland was 11th in the 50-yard freestyle. Clauss was 28th, and Emalie Rozmiarek placed 41st.

onship Meet Wittenberg-Birnhamwood swimmers captured second place with 449 points, and Shawano/Bonduel was sixth with 147 points at the conference championship meet Oct. 31 in Sturgeon Bay. The host Door County United Girls team won the meet with 484 points. The Chargers won six out of the 11 events. First place finishers named to the first-tam all conference, second place finishers were named to the second team all-conference, and third place finishers earned honorable mention status.

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Resch was third in the 100-yard freestyle in 55.61. Claire Timm was 26th. Beran placed fourth in the 200-yard freestyle in 2:08.43. Timm was 19th, and Andrea Powell was 21st. Davis placed fourth in the 100-yard backstroke in 1:00.6. Beran finished in eighth place in 1:03.67. As for the 400-yard freestyle relay, the team of Crick, Hegewald, Timm and Bessette placed 10th in 4:20.68. In the 500-yard freestyle, Bessette finished 12th and Powell was 16th. The D2 state meet will be held Nov. 15 at Waukesha South High School. **Division 2, Ashwaubenon**

Hannes placed 17th in the 100-yard butterfly. Lydia Lynch finished in 20th place in the 200-yard freestyle and the 100-yard breaststroke. In the 100-yard breaststroke, Hannes was 21st and Keliher was 28th. Anderson placed 24th in the 50-yard freestyle, and Keliher was 27th. Anderson also placed 29th in the 100-yard freestyle. **Division 1, Neenah** Pulaski placed 10th out 14 teams with two girls and one relay team collecting top 10 finishes. Sophomore Eva Sauer placed fourth in the 100-yard backstroke in 1:02.91. Sauer also placed eighth

Krueger was 14th in the 100-yard breaststroke. Competing in the 500-yard freestyle, Rybicki finished 16th, Georgia Giannunizio was 18th and Rozmiarek placed 25th. In the 200-yard medley relay, Kapla, Krueger, Giannunizio and Clauss placed 13th. Sauer, Krueger, Rybicki and Wentland placed 11th in the 200-yard freestyle relay. In the 200-yard freestyle, Rybicki was 14th, Giannunizio was 20th and Evelyn Mihalski placed 26th. **Oct. 31 Conference Champi-**

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Lena to play for state championship

Bonduel playing Friday night in state semifinals

**Nov. 8
Bonduel 15, Coleman 13**

Bonduel scored just enough and its defense held when it needed to as the Bears defeated Coleman 15-13 in WIAA playoff action.

The Bears opened the scoring with a 2-yard touchdown pass from Cade Johnson to Colin Fischer, who also kicked the extra point.

Coleman tied the game in the second quarter, but Bonduel came right back with a 1-yard touchdown

run by Ryan Westrich. A successful 2-point conversion – a pass from Johnson to Carter Moesch — made it 15-7 at the half.

Coleman intercepted a third quarter pass and returned the ball 60 yards for a score. A missed 2-point conversion gave Bonduel a 2-point advantage, with no more scoring after that.

Johnson completed 10-of-16 passes for 109 yards, one touchdown and one interception.

Mason Ballwahn caught two balls for 44 yards, and Sam Roberts pulled down

three catches for 30 yards. On the ground, Westrich carried nine times for 37 yards, and Johnson had 10 carries for 36.

The Bears will play at 7 p.m. Nov. 15 against Grantsburg at Stanley-Boyd in the WIAA state semifinal game.

Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy 38, Northwood/Solon Springs 14

Playing in Rhinelander, it took Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy some time to score. But once they started, they didn't stop until there were just a few minutes left in the game, running up a final tally of 38-14.

Neither team scored in the first quarter, and Northwood/Solon Springs scored at 11:38 in the second quarter to take an 8-0 lead.

Lena/STAA responded with a 3-yard touchdown run by Max Peterson and a 42-yard pass from Colt Miller to Max Peterson for a 14-8 halftime lead.

The second TD started with a Sam Peterson interception on the 1-yard line. Lena/STAA went on a 12-play, 99-yard drive that ended with a score with only two seconds remaining before halftime.

Lena/STAA added two

more scores in the third quarter. Lucas Heimke returned the opening kickoff 85 yards. Then, toward the end of the quarter, Tyler Shallow scored on a 4-yard run to make it 26-8.

Shallow scored again in the fourth quarter, this time on a 21-yard run to make it 32-8. Just 24 seconds later, Miller intercepted the ball and returned it 35 yards for Lena's final score.

A late TD by Northwood/Solon Springs ended the scoring.

Calvin Peters and Miller each completed one pass for 22 and 42

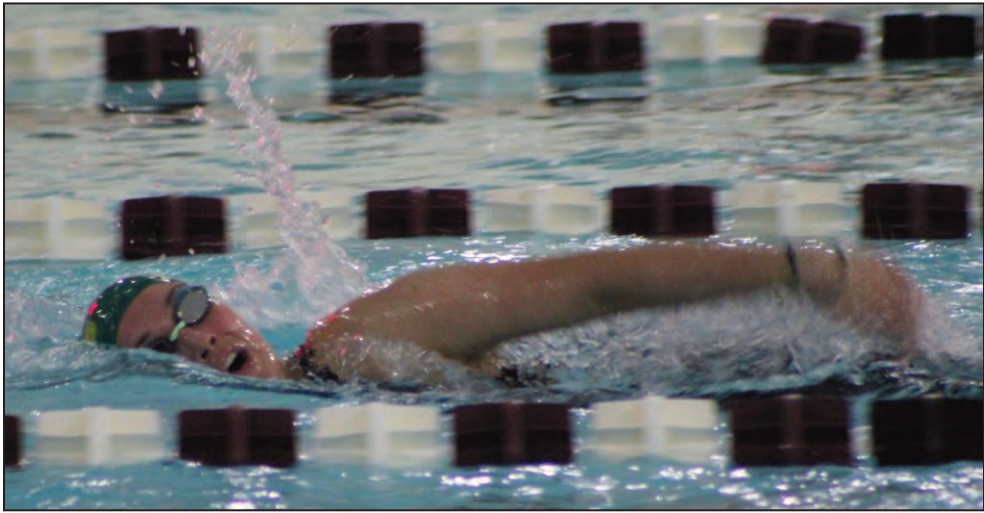
yards, respectively. Miller caught Peters' pass, and Max Peterson pulled down Miller's throw.

Peters led the rushing attack with 140 yards on 34 carries. Shallow gained 84 yards on 18 carries, and Max Peterson rushed nine times for 42 yards.

Mason Spice also had an interception for Lena/STAA.

Max Peterson and Heimke led the team with six tackles apiece.

Lena/STAA will play for the state title at 1 p.m. Nov. 16 against Owen-Withee at Wisconsin Rapids.



Olivia Bessette, a Wittenberg-Biramwood senior, swims the 500-yard freestyle in 6:21.29 at sectionals Nov. 9. Bessette finished 12th, and teammate Andrea Powell was 16th. CONTRIBUTED

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eighth, and teammates Kenley Keliher, Lila Melchoir, Jayden Brown and Breleigh Thornock were 11th.

Next up was the 200-yard freestyle, with Beran in third, Wittenberg-Biramwood's Claire Timm in eighth, Powell in 12th, Wittenberg-Biramwood's Elizabeth Behnke in 13th and Shawano's Bre Anderson in 17th.

Hopfensperger finished seventh in the 200-yard individual medley.

Resch won the 50-yard freestyle in 24.94. Also swimming in that event were Dickman, who placed third; Bessette, who placed sixth; Bisterfeldt, who was ninth; Thornock, 12th; Brown, 15th; Wittenberg-Biramwood's Ava Filtz,

who was 21st; and Shawano's Jade Rodefer, who finished 22nd.

Davis won the 100-yard butterfly in 1:01.2. She was joined by Crick in sixth, Hegewald in 10th, Hannes in 12th and Keliher in 14th.

Resch touched first in the 100-yard freestyle in 55.61. She was followed by Timm in ninth, Schmid in 12th, Bisterfeldt in 13th, Thornock in 15th, Shawano's Lilie Tonn in 17th and Anderson in 18th.

Hopfensperger placed fourth in the 500-yard freestyle. Bessette finished seventh, Powell placed ninth, Behnke was 10th, and Lynch was 11th.

In the 200-yard freestyle relay, the team of Crick, Timm, Powell and Bessette placed fourth. For

the Hawks, it was Bisterfeldt, Thornock, Hannes and Hopfensperger finishing in fifth, and Brown, Tonn, Rodefer and Keliher placing 10th.

Davis captured first place in the 100-yard backstroke in 1:01.08. Beran placed third, Hannes was 12th, Schmid was 13th, Brown was 15th, and Filtz placed 17th.

Dickman took second place in the 100-yard breaststroke, followed by Crick in fourth, Hegewald in seventh, Hanson in 11th and Lynch in 16th.

In the last event, the 400-yard freestyle relay, it was Resch, Davis, Beran and Dickman placing first in 3:47.42. Teammates Crick, Hegewald, Timm and Bessette placed sixth.

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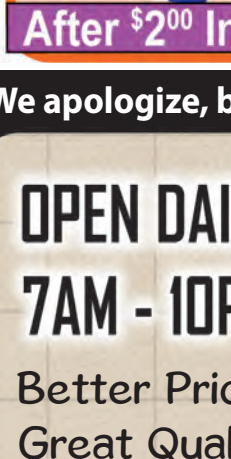
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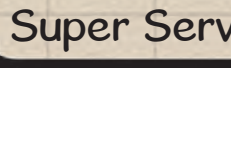
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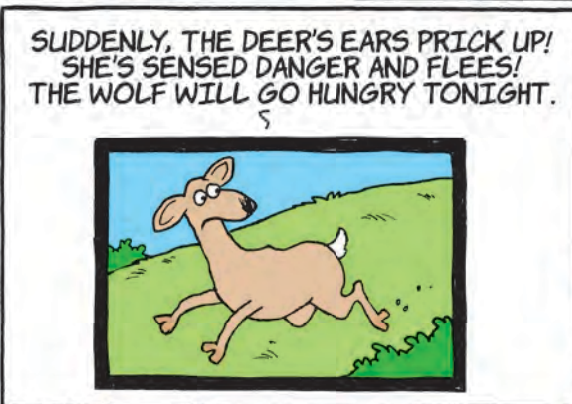
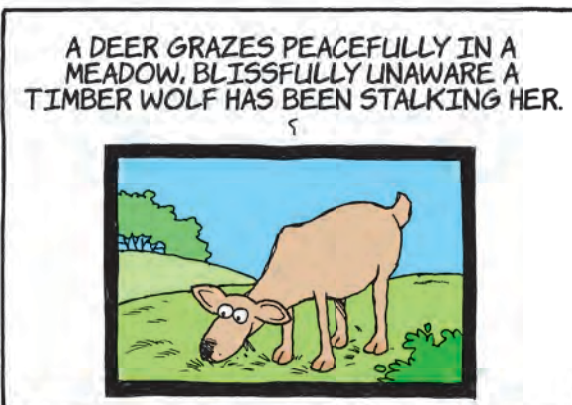
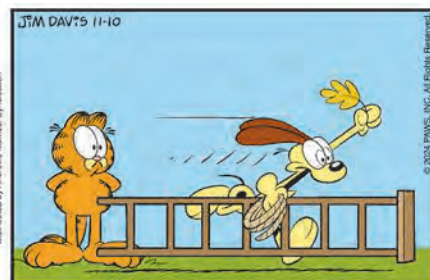
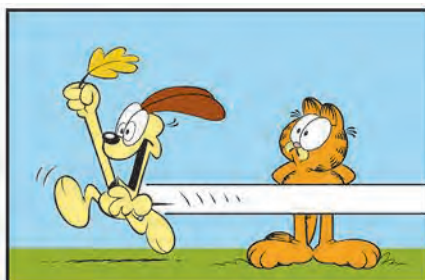
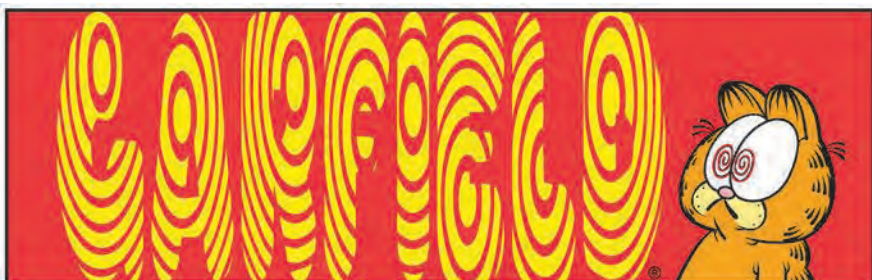
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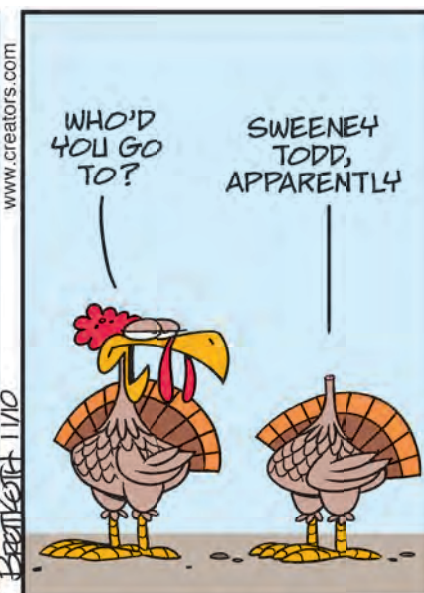
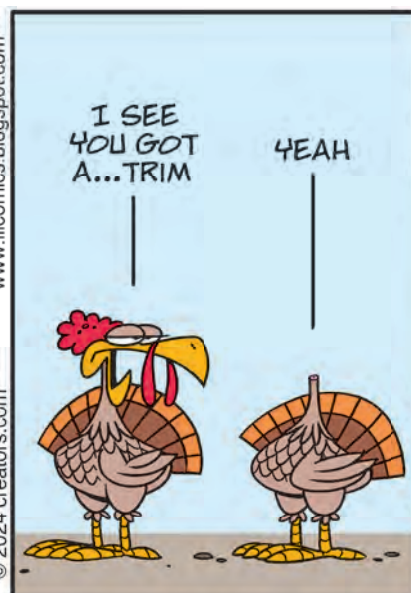
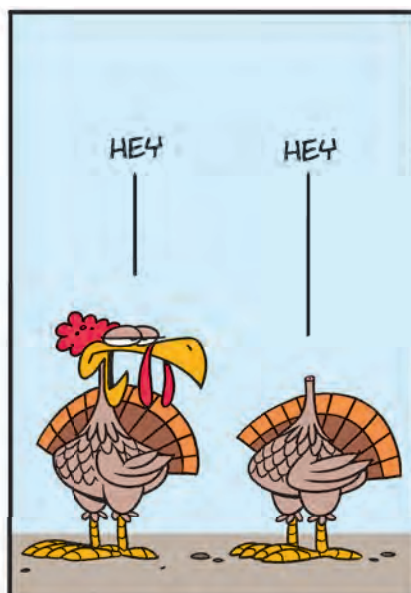
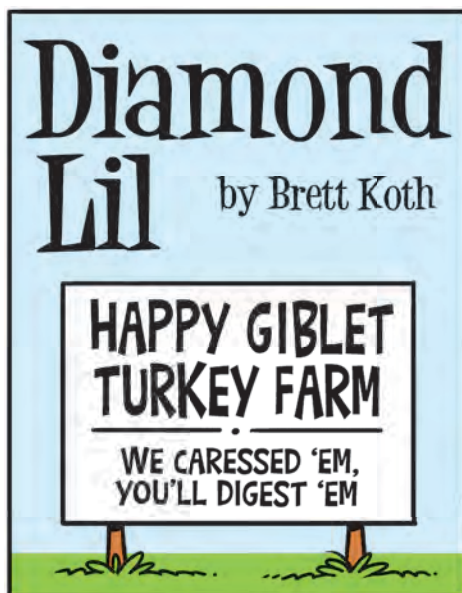
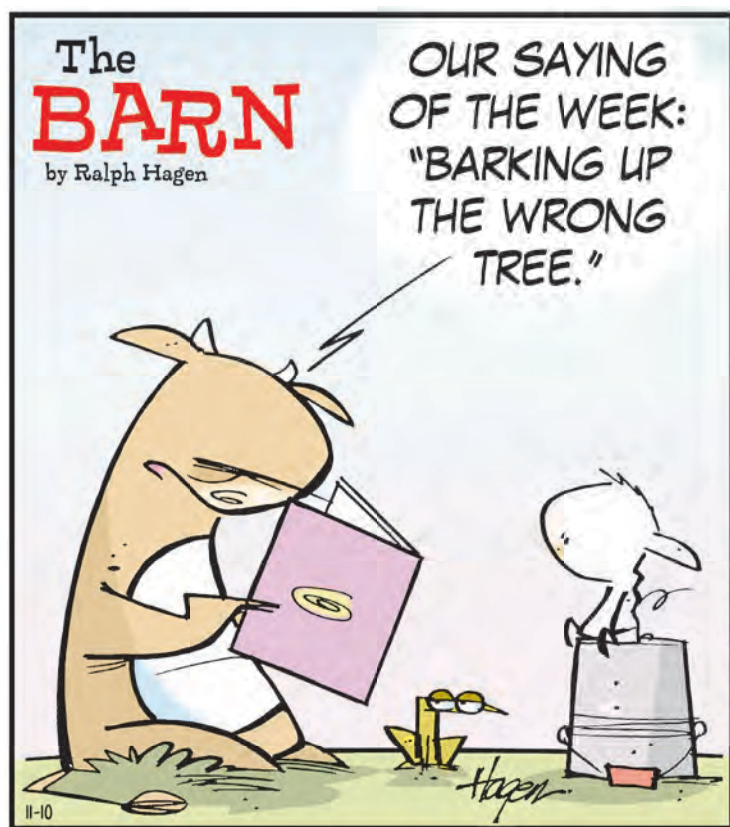
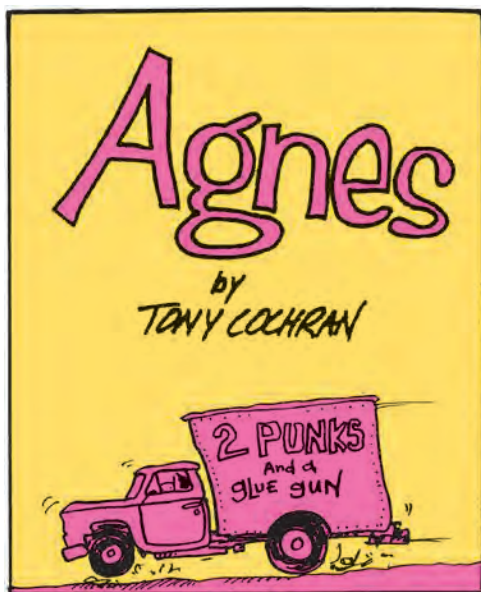
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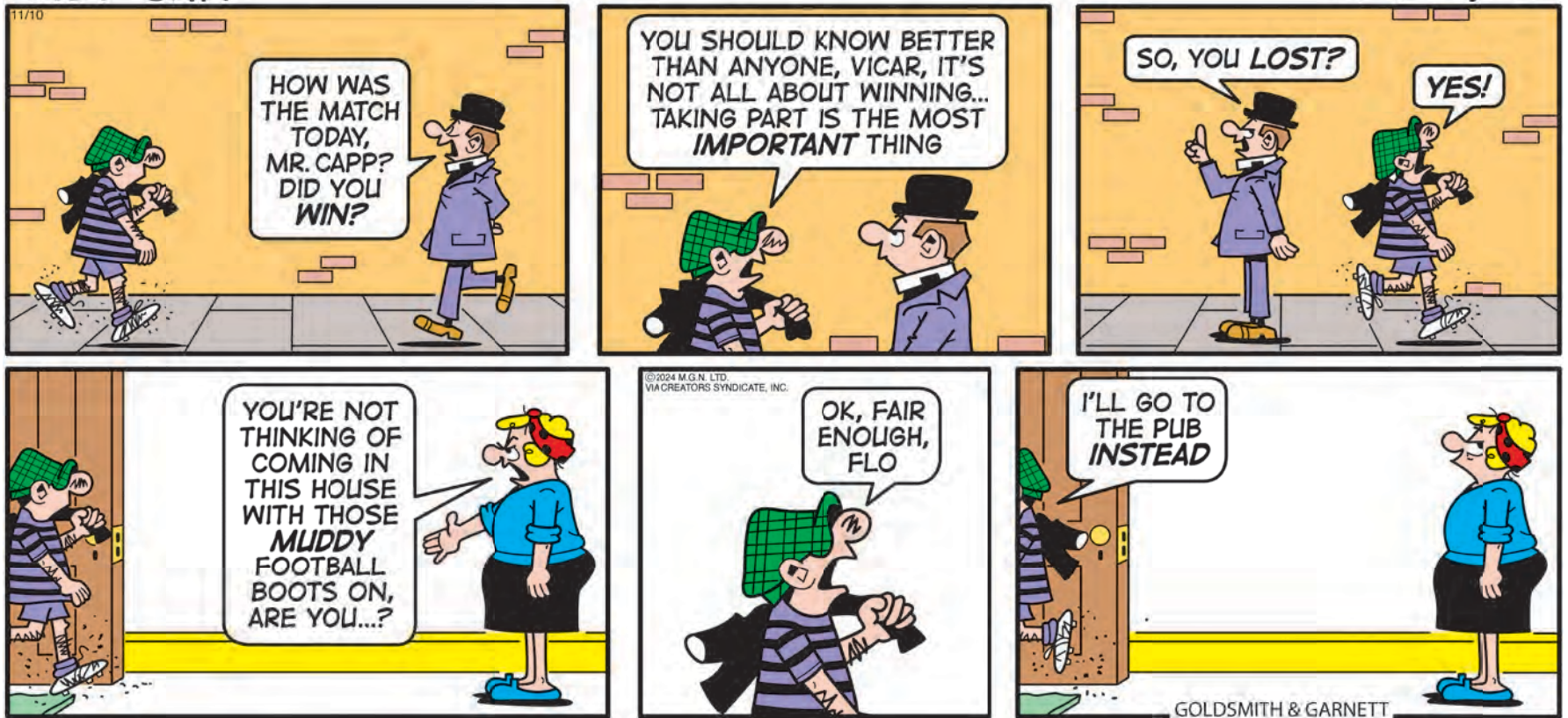
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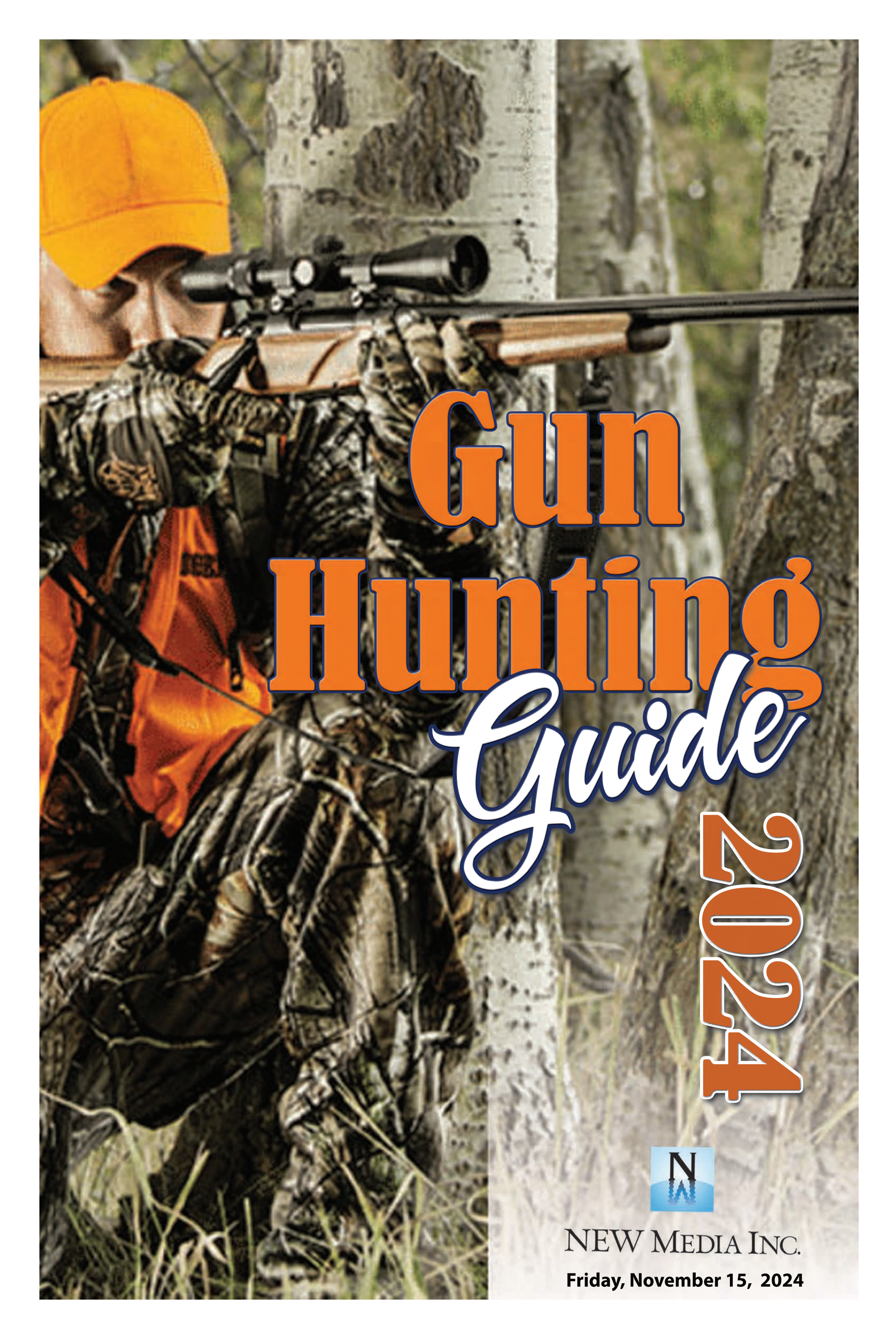
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Annual gun deer season opens Nov. 23

It's almost time for hunters across Wisconsin to head out for the 2024 nine-day gun deer season, opening Nov. 23 and running through Dec. 1.

This is the latest nine-day window within which the season may occur, as established by state law.

With this year's season starting further removed from the peak of breeding activity, fewer deer may be on the move relative to recent years with earlier openers. Still, there is reason for optimism, as other factors like colder temperatures and snow cover could still create excellent deer hunting conditions. Furthermore, last year's mild winter means fawn production and antler development will likely be better than in recent years.

As of midnight on Oct. 29, year-to-date sales for gun, bow, crossbow, sports and patron licenses

reached 444,743. Of that total, 123,861 are for gun privileges only.

All harvested deer must be registered electronically by 5 p.m. the day after the deer is recovered. Hunters will need the unique harvest authorization number associated with each permit.

The three options to register a deer are:

- Online with GameReg.
- By phone at 844-426-3734.
- Electronically at a participating in-person registration station.

Elk sometimes venture outside of the elk management zones, especially during the fall breeding season, so hunters are reminded to properly identify their target. Any elk taken without a tag may result in a fine and a revocation of a hunting license.

Hunters should be sure

of their target to avoid an accidental shooting of non-target animals.

Hunters must ensure at least 50% of outer clothing above the waist is blaze orange or fluorescent pink. Hats or head coverings, if worn, must also be at least 50% blaze orange or fluorescent pink. Faded or stained clothing is unsafe and should be replaced.

Additionally, anyone born on or after Jan. 1, 1973, must have a hunter education certification to purchase a hunting license unless hunting under the Mentored Hunting Law.

The DNR's Online Deer Camp (<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/GoHunting>) is a one-stop shop for everything a hunter needs to know before heading out this season. It contains helpful links and information regarding purchasing a license, regulations, shooting hours, public land maps and more.

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Save your heart: Use these tips to get deer out of the woods

By **ROSS BIELEMA**
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Every year, dozens of deer hunters nationwide die not from an errant bullet, but from a heart attack while dragging out their prized buck or tasty doe.

Hunters 35 and older, especially those who smoke, chew tobacco or are overweight, may have a ticking time bomb inside, according to the Heart and Vascular Institute of Wisconsin.

“Hunting can be a lot a more work than people give it credit for,” said cardiologist Dr. Tom Wilson. “You might be sitting still for long periods of time, but hiking out to your spot, climbing up the stand and dragging a deer back to your vehicle can all put a lot of strain on your heart. Even just seeing a deer can be enough to get your heart racing.”

“As you get older, your chances of having damaged or narrowed arteries increases, as well as your chances of having weakened or thickened heart muscle,” added cardiolo-

gist Dr. Ben Ciske. A simple \$25 CT scan can determine the amount of calcified plaque build-up in your heart and arteries, potentially saving you an ambulance ride — or worse.

Some hunters like to travel light and sometimes prefer to do things the hard way, the same as they did when younger and in better health. But thinking smarter about moving a deer, whether it’s an 80-pound doe or 200-pound buck, could make the hunt more enjoyable and potentially save your life.

Let’s take a look at some of your options, whether it’s a new four-wheel-drive pickup truck, an all-terrain vehicle or something a bit more affordable.

If you hunt on private property that has plenty of dirt roads and wide trails, the truck, a family SUV or van, or an ATV, are obvious choices. Drive up, get a hunting buddy or neighbor to grab two legs and toss it in the back.

Deer have a habit of dying in ravines, creek

bottoms, swamps and on top of steep hills. Many of us hunt on public land that may not allow motorized vehicles. The tried-and-true rope or tree stand back harness with strap are two easy-to-carry options that work, if you are fairly strong and in decent shape. There are much smarter and easier choices.

Enter the high tech e-bike, a battery-powered marvel that can move you and a deer through thick brush at speeds exceeding 20 mph, depending on motor size and gearing. Some of these mountain bike designs have fat tires as wide as 4 inches for traveling over timber and snow and may weigh more than 80 pounds.

QuietKat, Bakcou and several other brands cater to hunters, offering attachable wheeled carts that make it easy and fun to move a deer, tree stand, ground blind or other gear in style. The electric motors are much quieter than any gas machine, too.

These beefy, cargo

TIPS, CONTINUED ON PAGE 5



The electric bike is quieter and easier to transport than an ATV but more fun and less effort than a plastic sled when moving deer. This \$4,000 QuietKat HD e-bike features a 1000-watt motor with two-speed internal gearing and a 15 amp hours battery that can move up to 28 mph and go about 25 miles of riding on a charge, according to Taylor Bentz, bike and service shop leader at Scheels in Appleton. These beefy bikes also can be used with special wheeled trailers to move deer, tree stands and other hunting gear.

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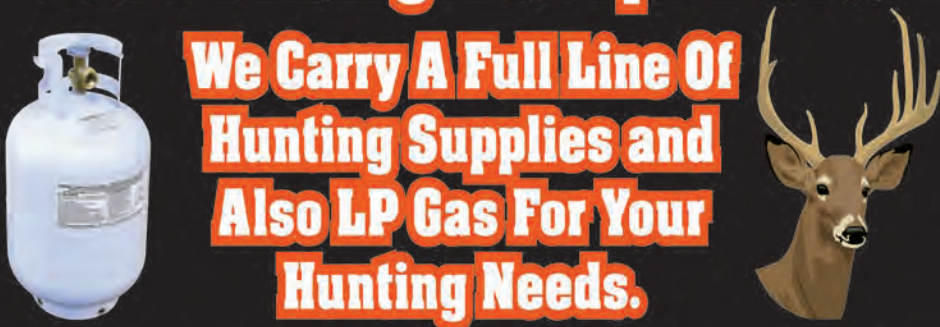


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haulers are very popular in Western states and have started to catch on here for big game hunting, according to Taylor Bentz, bike and service shop leader at Scheels in Appleton.

He demonstrated one model of QuietKat, the e-bike brand that has focused most of its attention on hunters, as well as Bakcou, a popular brand that may be phased out at his store.

Both brands use popular Bafang Chinese motors that have been extensively tested.

They also both feature variable power output (VPO) to allow riding on public trails and private land. Some bikes are rated class 1 (motor requires pedaling to assist, top speed of 20 mph and often allowed on most bike trails); class 2 (throttle can be used separately or in tandem with pedals, top speed of 20 mph and allowed on some trails); or class 3 (pedal assist only to 28 mph, generally allowed on roads but not bike trails).

The VPO feature is like having all three bikes in one for use in most situations (check your trail rules before riding).

The 1,000-watt standard motors use either a 15 amp hour standard battery or 30 amp hour upgrade battery for 25-30 miles on a charge (the more throttle used, the more the battery

drains). It takes about six hours to restore the battery to 80% power. Cold weather saps battery life, and the battery should be stored indoors during the winter, Bentz said.

The QuietKat HD model shown with this article has an internal two-speed hub drive to eliminate the derailleur that hangs down on many off-road e-bikes, which can catch on cornstalks and brush.

Tires are 4 1/2 by 26 inches, and hydraulic disc brakes provide quick stopping.

The Bakcou uses a mid-drive (which typically produces more torque than a hub drive) and offers models with external or internal gearing.

The QuietKat HD sells for about \$4,000, and the Bakcou is \$4,500.

QuietKat offers a game trailer and a cargo trailer that attach to the frame for hauling deer and gear.

I've had great luck moving deer with wheeled carts made especially for the job, and sold at Fleet Farm, Cabela's, Scheels and other sporting goods stores. The biggest buck I ever shot (on public land, mind you) occurred in the early 2000s, and I had just bought a deer cart. Once I managed to drag the 168-pounder onto the cart (the hardest part), I had a nice, easy downhill jog behind the cart toward my van — much like a mom

jogging behind her stroller. That folding steel cart was worth thousands that day but cost me under \$100.

Avoid cart tires that require air, because they will go flat at the worst possible time. Also opt for wheels with large, plastic spokes, as opposed to the bicycle-type wire spokes that can easily bend in thick brush.

If you are too cheap to buy a dedicated deer cart, consider some lightweight lawn carts, although they may buckle under Ol' Mossy Horns. The small wheels may prove trouble, but for smaller deer, it's better than dragging.

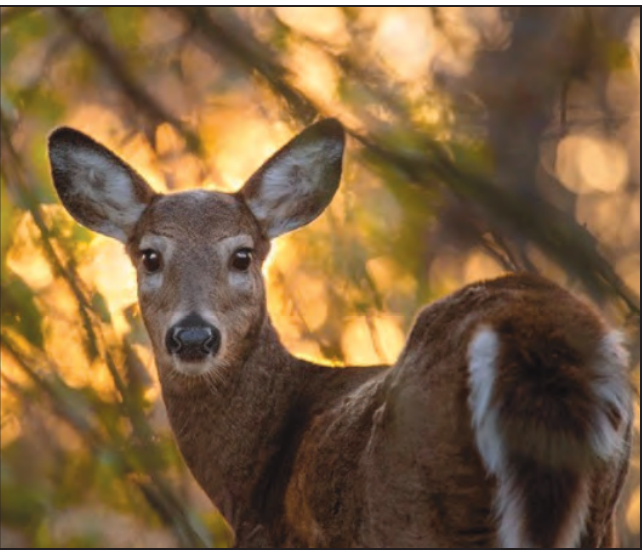
Ice fishermen have discovered the plastic sled for hauling buckets, rods, tackle boxes, augers, heaters and even occasionally fish. The heavy-duty sleds made by Otter, Shappell, Eagle Claw, Clam, Pelican and others work great on the ice, whether pulled by an ATV, snowmobile or human, but they also shine in the woods for deer carcasses and hunting gear.

You don't need a thick-bodied, overbuilt sled to move even a big deer, however. Those oversized plastic sleds made for snow hills work perfectly for venison evacuation. They slide over dry leaves and sticks with ease. Some frugal hunters even use those little roll-up plastic sleds, although I have not tried it. I keep a sled in

my van or at my favorite hunting spot for that rare occasion when I actually kill one.

A friend of mine shot three deer in one day during gun season. After I helped him gut and drag out the morning deer (he used a modified golf cart bag with wheels that kept tipping over), he shot two more in the afternoon. He paid \$40 to a father-and-son duo to field dress and drag out those last two. That was a bargain at the end of a very long but successful day.

How do you move your deer out of the woods? Maybe you have a new idea that you'd like to share with our readers.



Hunters 35 and older, especially those who smoke, chew tobacco or are overweight, may have a ticking time bomb inside, according to the Heart and Vascular Institute of Wisconsin Dr. Tom Wilson said hiking out to your spot, climbing up the stand and dragging a deer back to your vehicle can all put a lot of strain on your heart.

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The DNR reviews deer management unit boundaries every few years. This year's review is focused on the management units in the Northern Forest Zone, the Metropolitan subunits and the boundary lines between the Central Forest and Farmland Zones.

The Farmland Zone units are not being reviewed at this time. DNR staff members will be present to talk with the public about the DMU review process and the specific proposals being considered. Attend and learn more about the history of the DMUs in Wisconsin, the key metrics that go into the

decision-making process and the proposed boundary changes being considered. The open houses are as follows:
• 5-7 p.m. Nov. 14, Woodruff Town Hall, 1418 First Ave., Woodruff.
• 5-7 p.m. Nov. 18, virtual meeting. Register at [https://](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/join?mt=1)

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• 5-7 p.m. Nov. 19, Norvado Building, 43705 U.S. Highway 63, Cable.
• 5-7 p.m. Nov. 20, Adams County Community Center, 569 N. Cedar St., Adams.



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DNR warns against baiting, feeding deer

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reminds hunters and the public to help prevent the spread of chronic wasting disease (CWD) and other illnesses between deer by following all baiting and feeding bans and refraining from baiting and feeding in areas where no bans are in effect.

CWD is an always-fatal disease that affects the nervous system of deer, elk, moose and caribou caused by a misshapen prion protein. The disease can spread through contact with an infected animal's saliva, urine, feces or blood. It can also spread indirectly through exposure to a contaminated environment.

CWD prions are extremely resilient, and they can stay in the soil for a long time, making containment of an affected area a challenge.

Baiting is the intentional placement of any material — including food, scented materials, salts, minerals and grains — to attract wild animals for hunting purposes.

Feeding is the deliberate placement of material used to feed or attract wild animals for non-hunting purposes, including recreational and supplemental feeding, except as allowed for birds and small



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Baiting and feeding encourage deer to congregate unnaturally around a specific location, creating an environment where infected deer can quickly

spread diseases like CWD through direct contact with healthy deer or through indirect contact in the environment.

Infected deer can also leave infectious CWD

prions behind in their saliva, blood, feces and urine, creating a risk to any healthy deer that may visit the site in the future. CWD can spread rapidly when these prions remain in an

area where more deer are sure to congregate, such as a feed pile.

To mitigate these risks and slow the spread of CWD, state law directs the DNR to impose baiting and

feeding bans within any county with a confirmed CWD-positive wild or captive deer or any county within 10 miles of the location of the positive deer.

Counties fall under a three-year baiting and feeding ban when a wild or farm-raised deer tests positive for CWD in the county. If the CWD-positive deer is found within 10 miles of a county line, the adjoining county will fall under a two-year ban.

If additional CWD cases are found during the lifetime of a baiting and feeding ban, the ban will reset for an additional two to three years. Therefore, the date when a baiting and feeding ban would be lifted on a given county may change due to new farm-raised and wild CWD positive detections.

In counties where baiting and feeding bans are in effect, individuals may still feed birds and small mammals provided feeding devices are within 50 yards of a human dwelling and at a sufficient height or design to prevent access by deer.

Find information on baiting and feeding regulations and a map of counties with active bans on the DNR's Baiting and Feeding Regulations webpage at <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/hunt/bait>.

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hauling it out so the delicious meat isn't dragged through the leaves and brush, some of you will spend hours cutting up your own venison for the table and freezer.

The easier alternative is to head for a meat processor like Adams Meats or Pingel, who will not only do a professional job cutting it into steaks, roasts and other cuts, but in many cases, grind the burger into handy packages and even vacuum-seal your venison so it will stay fresher in your freezer.

It's always a good idea to call first to make sure they are open.

Don't forget to bring your registration confirmation number (provided by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources after you call in or register your harvest online) when dropping off your deer.

Some meat processors will make products from your deboned venison, while others will process your deer from the carcass after harvest.

Never overcook venison, as it can get dry quickly without added fat or bacon.

Although some hunters add beef or pork fat to their ground deer burger, I prefer it as is. When you fry pure venison burger, there is virtually no grease.



Deer hunting is big business for Adams Meats in Pella, which handles 850-900 deer annually during the archery and gun seasons, according to owner Bob Adams. Staffers, clockwise from front left, Nick Aschenbrenner, David Aschenbrenner, Zach Zimmerman and Sam Schubert, spent part of Halloween cutting up bow or crossbow-killed deer that will become venison steaks, roasts, burgers and finished products such as summer sausage and bratwurst.

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Facebook page: Pingels Processing

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Processing fee: \$125; includes skinning, cutting, vacuum sealing and tubed burger

Hide returned: \$10. Deer caping: \$50

Dani Pingel, co-owner with husband Dallas Pingel, said their venison hot dogs are their top seller. They offer at least 15 venison products, including brats, natural casing and skinless wieners, mettwurst, landjaeger, jerky and snack sticks. They offer additions to some products, such as cranberries, blueberries, maple syrup, pineapple, sauerkraut, cheese and jalapenos. Call before dropping off a deer or use their online appointment form to save time. Pingel processes around 1,000 deer per season. They also offer bear processing, as well as retail beef and pork products and processing.

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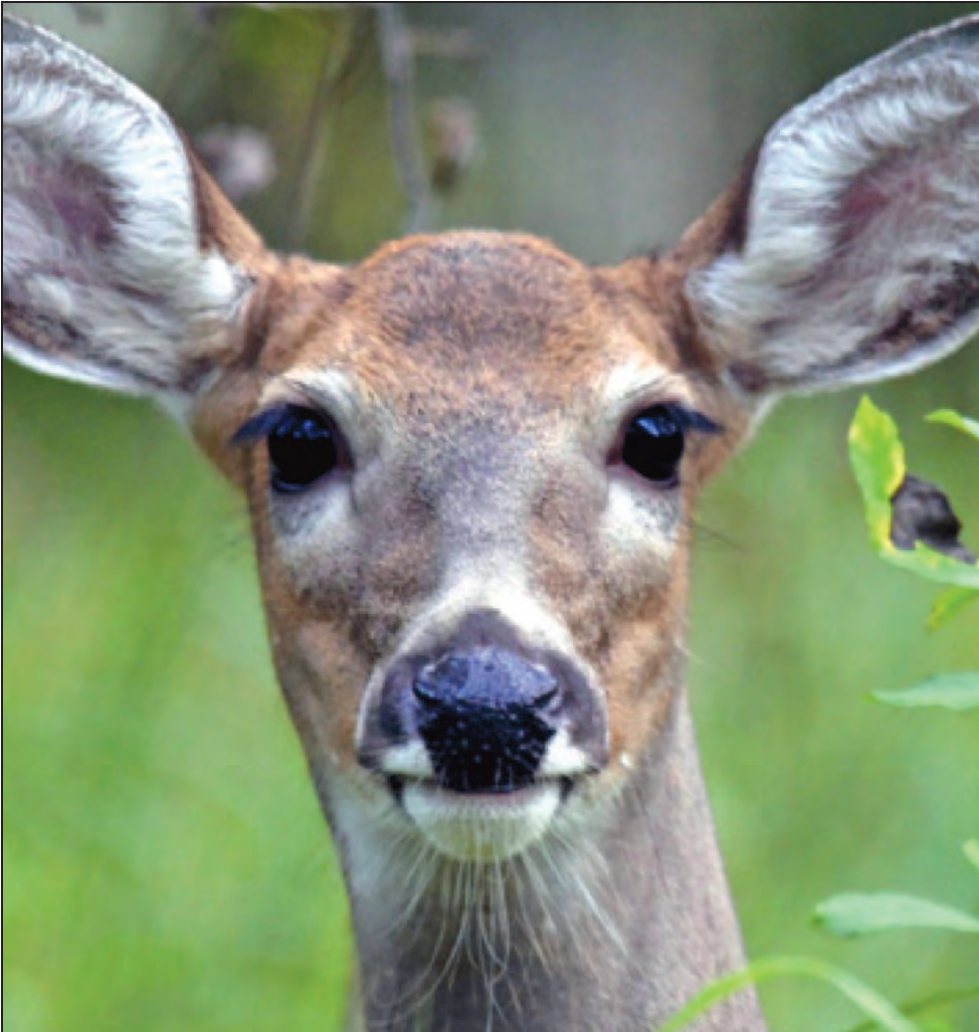
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According to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, 173,942 white-tailed deer were registered in 2023, which was an 18% decrease from the previous year. There were 85,390 bucks and 88,552 antlerless deer killed. Top counties for deer kills were Marathon, Vernon, Shawano, Waupaca and Polk.

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Gun season hours: Normal weekday hours plus 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday
Processing fee: \$100; includes skinning, cutting, grinding and vacuum sealing (no extra charge for grinding if carcass processed).
Hide returned: \$8. Deer caping: \$40

Owner Bob Adams offers a huge variety of venison products, including sausage, many flavors of bratwurst, Pella Plumpers (jumbo wieners), bologna, mettwurst, kielbasa, Polish sausage, thuringer, Italian sausage, snack sticks (six flavors), bacon and smoked ham. Many items are available smoked or fresh. They also offer retail beef and pork products and processing, as well as processing of bear and elk.

Niemuth's Steak and Chop Shop
715 Redfield St., Waupaca
715-258-2666
www.niemuthssteakand-chop.com (website currently down)
Hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday

Gun deer season hours: Normal hours plus 5-6 p.m. first Saturday and Sunday only; deer processing ends Dec. 31.

Processing fee: \$125; includes skinning, cutting, grinding and wrapping in freezer paper (vacuum pack \$3 per pound extra)

Niemuth's has been in business since 1957, offering a full range of venison products, including summer sausage, brats, snack sticks, wieners, jerky and more. They also offer retail beef and pork products and processing. Owner Holly Niemuth said their best-selling venison products include hot dogs, hot sticks, summer sausage, bacon and dried muscle jerky.

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Processing fee: \$150; includes skinning, cutting, grinding and vacuum packing (there is a \$1 a pound fee for grinding burger unless you use at least 30 pounds of meat for sausage making)
Hide returned: \$10. Deer caping: \$75

Northwoods Sausage specializes in wild game processing, as that is their only business. Co-owner Kay Trewin, who shares the business with husband Mike Trewin, said hot dogs are their most popular venison product. They offer several flavors of bratwurst, including mushroom and Swiss, as well as ringbologna, Polish sausage, Polska kielbasa, snack sticks, breakfast links and patties, bacon, jerky, summer sausage and smoked hind. They also offer package deals that vary from \$280 to \$550. They also process bear, elk, geese and other wild game.

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Bob Adams, owner of Adams Meats in Pella, left, accepts a 7-point buck Oct. 31 that was shot with a crossbow that afternoon by Caroline hunter James Westphal. Adams and his crew typically handle 850-900 deer per season, turning the venison into a wide variety of treats.

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Although Maplewood Meats, founded in 1983, offers year-around processing of deer, elk, moose, bear, turkeys and other wild game, they do not offer carcass processing.

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Brown County Rifle Range open for sighting

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The rifle range is open from 8

a.m. to 3:45 p.m. through Nov. 21.

A \$7 charge per person or per gun or bow includes targets and assistance.

The range provides hearing

protection and bore sighting. Lanes are available for archery and crossbow sighting.

With covered benches, the range is open rain or shine.

The Reforestation Camp Rifle Range is located 10 miles north of Green Bay off U.S. Highway 41-141 at exit 179, turn left on Brown Road, cross the railroad

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Green Bay's coaching staff and general manager deserve good grades for their work in the first half of the season. From left, are head coach Matt LaFleur, special teams coordinator Rich Bisaccia, defensive coordinator Jeff Hafley and general manager Brian Gutekunst. GREG MELLIS | GREEN & GOLD EXPRESS

GRADING THE GM, COACHING STAFF

Personnel moves earn high marks for Gutekunst, others

BY JACOB WESTENDORF
Green & Gold Express

The Green Bay Packers are 6-3.

If you had told anyone that followed the team a year ago that they'd be 6-3 at this point of the year, they likely would not have believed you.

Through nine games last year, the Packers were 3-6 and plagued by inconsistent play.

Of course, we know what happened next.

The Packers won six of their last eight games, and a Wild Card game in Dallas before bowing out to the San Francisco 49ers.

The end of the season led to optimism for the 2024 season. The Packers clearly saw their window as well.

They took on a big off-season, adding to the team from both a personnel and coaching staff standpoint.

No longer were they a team in transition, but one they felt was on the rise.

To a man, the Packers were willing to openly talk about the Super Bowl during the spring.

They're 6-3 at the bye and would qualify for the NFC playoffs if the season ended today.

If they are to get to the postseason and achieve their ultimate goal, they'll have a lot of people to thank.

General Manager

I'm not sure there are many superlatives that could appropriately describe the job that Brian Gutekunst has done over the last two offseasons.

Of course, that begins with moving on from Aaron Rodgers and starting his team over with Jordan Love.

The courage of his conviction that Love could be a franchise quarterback was something that needed to come to the forefront as the team's relationship with Rodgers deteriorated.

Going with Love and choosing to build around him was a gamble, but at

this point, it's hard to say it has not paid off.

No, the Packers do not have the look of an elite team at this point in the season.

They've been humbled by the Detroit Lions and Minnesota Vikings this season.

That being said, where would this team be if not for Gutekunst's willingness to rip the Band-Aid and subsequently build around his young quarterback?

After last year's strong finish to the season, Gutekunst went to work.

Seeing a weakness at safety, Gutekunst opted to grab the top one on the market.

Xavier McKinney signed a four-year contract in the offseason to leave the Giants to come to Green Bay.

What McKinney has done since then is nothing short of historic.

McKinney snagged an interception in each of his first five games with the team.

He's tied for the league lead with six interceptions on the year.

He's a prime candidate for Defensive Player of the Year.

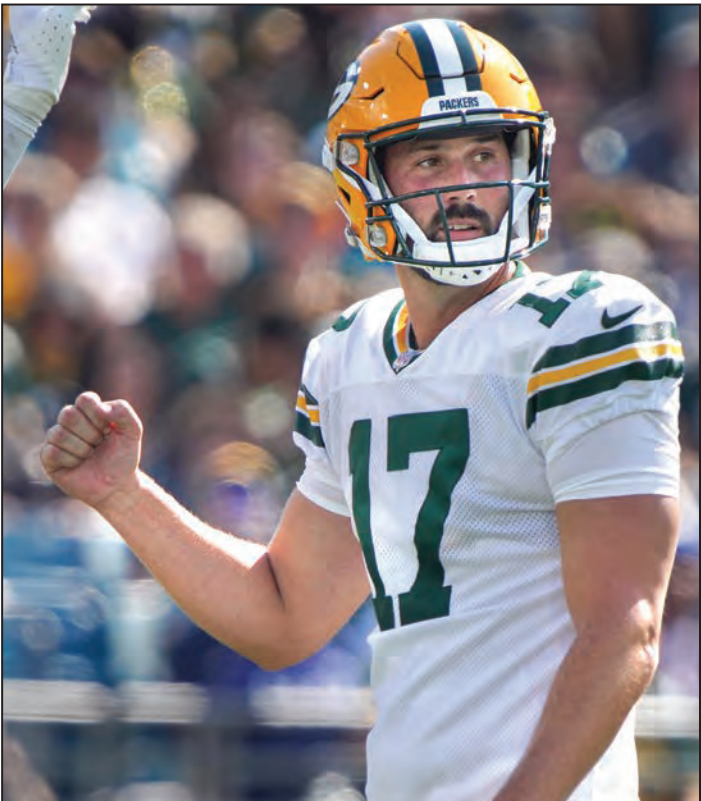
McKinney has helped Jeff Hafley change the culture in Green Bay's secondary, and he's only scratching the surface.

"He in my opinion is the best safety in the NFL," Hafley said after McKinney was awarded the NFL's Defensive Player of the Month award for October. "And it's starting to be seen by everybody. And I'm so proud of him and it doesn't surprise me. The growth that he's had, too, I mean, I can already see it. He's become one of the best leaders on our team, he's one of the best practice players on our team. He's got an unbelievable attitude, he's always studying."

McKinney has been everything the Packers could have hoped for and more.



Green Bay Packers general manager Brian Gutekunst has spearheaded some significant changes to the team in the past two years. Clearly looking to field a young team, he cut ties with future Hall of Fame Aaron Rodgers and elevated Jordan Love, above, to the starting job. Not satisfied with either the backup quarterback or the kicker at the start of year, he released the players presumed to be on the team and signed others - Malik Willis, lower left, for backup quarterback and eventually Brandon McManus, lower right, as kicker. GREG MELLIS | GREEN & GOLD EXPRESS



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McKinney was the second of two big additions that Gutekunst made on the first day of free agency. The first one sent shockwaves through Lambeau Field.

Josh Jacobs was signed to a four-year, \$48 million deal that at the time looked like he was going to be paired with Aaron Jones, who Gutekunst had just referred to as the heartbeat of his team.

Speculation for how Matt LaFleur could use Jones and Jacobs in the same backfield lasted all of 45 minutes.

Jones was released shortly after the Jacobs news broke and signed with Minnesota almost immediately.

Jacobs has helped fill the void of Jones both on the field and in the locker room.

Jacobs has emerged as one of the team's leaders and been a workhorse when asked to be.

During the Packers' 16-10 win over the Indianapolis Colts in the team's home opener, Jacobs carried the ball 32 times and was the catalyst of an offense that was missing its starting quarterback.

Jacobs has been explosive and methodical as the Packers came into their game against Detroit with a top-five rushing attack in all of football.

Jacobs entered that game as the fourth leading rusher in football.

He's unlikely to win the rushing title. He's not going to pile up fantasy points.

What he is going to do, however, is help the team win.

Jones is having a good season with the Vikings, but it's hard to argue that Gutekunst has not come out ahead in the Jones/Jacobs swap.

Gutekunst's best moves, may have been his last two.

When training camp ended, the Packers had two glaring issues facing them: backup quarterback and kicker.

Sean Clifford and Michael Pratt did not do anything to take hold of the duties behind Love.

Anders Carlson and Greg Joseph both wobbled during training camp.

Both were released, and the Packers kept Brayden Narveson with Gutekunst vowing to be more patient with specialists.

Gutekunst addressed both issues almost immediately.

A seventh-round pick was traded to the Tennessee Titans for Malik Willis, which was Gutekunst's answer to backup quarterback.

Willis was not the big name veteran that some were clamoring for. In fact,



The signing of Josh Jacobs to replace Aaron Jones appears to have been another good move by the Packers organization. GREG MELLIS | GREEN & GOLD EXPRESS

if Gutekunst does not make the call to the Titans, Willis may not be on an active roster, but rather be forced to latch on to someone's practice squad.

Willis has been asked to play extended snaps in three games this year.

He's taken care of the football and has not turned it over.

More importantly, the Packers have won all three of those games.

Where would they be without Willis? It's fair to wonder if their season would have been sunk had the games that went to Willis had gone to Clifford or Pratt.

The kicker situation was a little trickier.

Narveson was brought in to replace Joseph and

Carlson. Narveson, like his predecessors, wobbled.

He missed a kick in every game but one and was released before the team's 24-22 win over the Houston Texans.

His replacement was the veteran Brandon McManus. McManus was not given a chance to settle in to his new digs.

McManus was asked to make a game-winning field goal in each of his first two games.

He made both and has only missed one kick since coming to Green Bay, as 46-yard field goal in the loss to the Lions.

Gutekunst has rebuild this team almost on the fly, and with his moves this season should be a finalist for the NFL's Executive of

the Year award.

Grade: A

Coaching Staff

Following the 2023 season, the biggest change made was the one that almost every fan was clamoring for.

Joe Barry was fired after another disappointing season but replaced with a name that not many, if any, were expecting.

Former Boston College head coach Jeff Hafley was tabbed as Barry's replacement, and more importantly the defensive coordinator to help get this team over the hump and back into the Super Bowl.

The results have been evident immediately. The Packers already have more takeaways in 2024 than they did all of last year.

That is something that Hafley has emphasized, including a meeting they have every Thursday that they call the ball meeting.

Hafley's defense is much more aggressive than Barry's, and he's been willing to dial up pressure looks when his front four is not getting home.

There's little doubt that Green Bay's defense is better this year than they were a year ago.

They've done that despite disappointing production from their pass rush, which was supposed to be the strength of the defense.

For that reason alone, Hafley earns high marks, as does LaFleur.

Hiring a relative unknown put a bullseye squarely on LaFleur's back.

Coaches don't get unlimited hires at coordinator. LaFleur's decision to hire Barry was an abject failure. If Hafley's hire goes poorly, it could result in costing LaFleur his job.

LaFleur to his part, has been spectacular this season as well.

Navigating the early portion of the season has been a challenge.

His quarterback has been in and out of the lineup with two separate injuries. He had to get a new backup quarterback ready to start a game mere days after he arrived in Green Bay.

LaFleur has some warts, every coach does, but there are not many coaches better than him in the NFL.

Adam Stenavich is a big part of the run game, which has been the strength of the offense.

Rich Bisaccia's unit has been disappointing. Time could be running out on Green Bay's special team's coordinator.

Overall, the coaching staff has done much more good than bad in what has been a clunky start to the season.

Grade: B+

GREEN BAY PACKERS AT CHICAGO BEARS

TIME AND DATE: Noon Sunday, Nov. 17

LOCATION: Soldier Field

TV: Fox

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

2024 RECORDS: Packers, 6-3, Bears 5-4

HISTORY: The Packers and Bears have played 208 times, including two

postseason games. The Packers lead the series 107-95-6, having won the last 10 games.

The last game was Jan. 7 at Lambeau Field with the Packers winning 17-9.

While keeping the Bears to three field goals, the Packers had one of their own as well as a pair of touchdown passes from Jordan Love to Dontayvion Wicks.

The last game at Soldier Field also ended in a Packers victory, this time 38-20. Romeo Doubs caught a pair of TD passes, and Aaron Jones scored twice, once rushing and once receiving.

Quay Walker also returned a 37-yard interception for a score.

COACHES: Packers - Matt LaFleur (fifth season, 62-30). Bears - Matt Eberflus (third season, 14-29)

PACKERS SCHEDULE

Friday, Sept. 6 at Philadelphia, L 29-34

Sunday, Sept. 15 vs. Indianapolis Noon W 16-10

Sunday, Sept. 22 at Tennessee Noon W 30-14

Sunday, Sept. 29 vs. Minnesota Noon L 29-31

Sunday, Oct. 6 at LA Rams 3:25 p.m. W 24-19

Sunday, Oct. 13 vs. Arizona Noon W 34-13

Sunday, Oct. 20 vs. Houston W 24-22

Sunday, Oct. 27 at Jacksonville W 30-27

Sunday, Nov. 3 vs. Detroit 3:25 p.m. L 14-24

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, Nov. 14

Washington at Philadelphia, 7:15 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 17

Las Vegas at Miami, Noon

Cleveland at New Orleans, Noon

Indianapolis at NY Jets, Noon

Minnesota at Tennessee, Noon

Green Bay at Chicago, Noon

Jacksonville at Detroit, Noon

LA Rams at New England, Noon

Baltimore at Pittsburgh, Noon

Seattle at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m.

Atlanta at Denver, 3:05 p.m.

Kansas City at Buffalo, 3:25 p.m.

Cincinnati at LA Chargers, 7:20 p.m

Monday, Nov. 18

Houston at Dallas, 7:15 p.m.

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WEEK 10 / OFFENSE

STANDOUTS

BYE WEEK REPORTS



Tucker Kraft has reeled in 28 catches so far this season, including one for 67 yards and another for 66. He has five touchdowns and 376 yards to his credit. His best games included the six receptions against the Vikings, 88 yards against the Rams and two touchdowns, also against the Rams. He played college football at South Dakota State and was selected by the Packers in the third round of the 2023 NFL draft.

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Kraft's 28 catches net 376 yards, 5 touchdowns

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Bears might be exactly what the Packers need now

By JACOB WESTENDORF
Green & Gold Express

Green Bay returns from its bye week with a trip to Chicago to take on the Bears.

Packers Offense vs. Bears Defense

Green Bay's offense remains maddening. At times, they look like world beaters that could score every time they touch the ball. Other times, they cannot get out of their own way. In their big showdown against the Detroit Lions, they were penalized 10 times and threw a terrible interception that was returned for a touchdown. That sequence does not include three shotgun snaps that were botched with Elgton Jenkins filling in for Josh Myers, who missed the Lions game with a wrist injury.

The talent in Green Bay can look overwhelming. The consistency? It has not been there. Jordan Love is perhaps the poster child of that statement. Green Bay's offense can make a big play at a moment's notice. Ditto for its quarterback. The issue with the quarterback is that big play can be made for either team. Matt LaFleur might be annoyed by comparisons that are being drawn to Brett Favre for Love, but they're almost undeniable at this point. When the Packers entered the bye week, Love led the league in interceptions thrown with 10. He's thrown two pick-sixes this season, including one that essentially ended the game against the Lions. Love has to be more consistent in the second half of the season. More

importantly, he has to take better care of the football. To Love's credit, he did say he has put the ball in jeopardy too many times in the first half of the season. The second half of the year is when Green Bay's offense hit its stride. They'll need to do so again to make a postseason push. Josh Jacobs will be a big part of that consistency. Jacobs ran for 95 yards on just 12 carries before the game got away against the Lions. Green Bay's diverse receiving corps is still finding its way, but the most consistent of the group was Tucker Kraft, Romeo Doubs and Jayden Reed during the first half of the season. The passing game as a whole was a bit of a dud against the Lions and will be looking to rebound against the Bears. Chicago's defense has been good under Matt

Eberflus this season. At one point in the year, they led the NFL in opponent passer rating. Their pass defense is led by Montez Sweat, Jaylon Johnson and the outspoken Jaquan Brisker. Brisker has missed time with a concussion but should return in time for Sunday's game. After last January's loss in Green Bay, Brisker tweeted that that was "the last one for awhile." He'll be motivated. Chicago's defense did take a hit in recent weeks with Jaylon Jones and Andrew Billings being placed on injured reserve. Billings is one of their anchors in the run game but should cede more snaps to Gervon Dexter, the second-year man from Florida who is having a bit of a breakout season. Of all the issues in Chicago, their defense is not one of them. They entered

Week 10 tied for fourth in the NFL in takeaways. Eberflus may be facing questions about his ability as a head coach, but his defense is very good.

Packers Defense vs. Bears Offense

Green Bay's defense had some really good moments against Detroit, but there is some question as to how much was aided by the sloppy track. David Montgomery and Jahmyr Gibbs both had nice moments against their defense, including Gibbs' backbreaking touchdown that put the game away. Jared Goff was 18-for-22 and completed his first 11 passes of the game. The defense is good at getting takeaways, but there are questions as to what they're capable of when those do not come. They should be getting some reinforcements back this week. Jaire Alexander missed the game against

Detroit after looking like he was hobbled after the last play of the game against Jacksonville. Evan Williams also missed the game with a hamstring injury, and the defense struggled without him. The rest of the secondary all had rough moments against the Lions. Keisean Nixon in particular, struggled. He was beat for a touchdown on Detroit's first possession. On the first possession of the second half, a holding penalty extended a drive that the Lions eventually ended with a touchdown. One seismic change the Packers made was to their front seven. Preston Smith was traded at the deadline for a seventh-round pick to the Pittsburgh Steelers. That means more snaps

BEARS, CONTINUED ON PAGE 6

BEAT The Expert



Week 11 Games: Sun., Nov. 17

Jacksonville @ Detroit
Minnesota @ Tennessee
Indianapolis @ NY Jets
Houston @ Dallas - Mon., Nov. 18

Tie Breaker Game:
Green Bay @ Chicago

Weekly Standings	Weekly Record	Overall Record
Michael Worachek, Card & Coin.....	3-2	36-14
Tim Murphy, NEW Media.....	4-1	36-14
Matt/Rory, Buss Automotive.....	3-2	33-17
Jacob Westendorf, NEW Media.....	4-1	33-17
Tanya Hintz, Shawano Health Services.....	4-1	32-18
Luke Reimer, NEW Media.....	3-2	31-19
Staff, Walsh Dental Group.....	4-1	31-19
Betty Miller, The Cottages on Golden Pond.....	2-3	28-22
Kevin Passon, NEW Media.....	3-2	28-22
Janice Steffel, The Cottages at Meadowlands.....	1-4	27-23
Staff, Iverson's Piggly Wiggly.....	2-3	22-28



This Week's Picks:
Detroit
Minnesota
NY Jets
Houston

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Green Bay 24 @ Chicago 14

Week 10 Winner:
Tie
Tanya Hintz, Shawano Health Services
Jacob Westendorf, NEW Media



This Week's Picks:
Detroit
Minnesota
Indianapolis
Houston

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Green Bay 32 @ Chicago 17



This Week's Picks:
Detroit
Tennessee
Indianapolis
Houston

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Green Bay 24 @ Chicago 17



This Week's Picks:
Detroit
Minnesota
Indianapolis
Houston

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Green Bay 20 @ Chicago 10



This Week's Picks:
Jacksonville
Minnesota
Indianapolis
Houston

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Green Bay 24 @ Chicago 3



This Week's Picks:
Detroit
Minnesota
Indianapolis
Houston

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Green Bay 30 @ Chicago 17



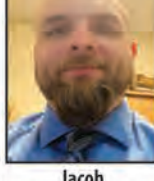
This Week's Picks:
Detroit
Minnesota
NY Jets
Houston

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



This Week's Picks:
Detroit
Minnesota
NY Jets
Dallas

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Green Bay 14 @ Chicago 21



This Week's Picks:
Detroit
Minnesota
NY Jets
Houston

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Green Bay 24 @ Chicago 20



This Week's Picks:
Detroit
Minnesota
NY Jets
Houston

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Green Bay 21 @ Chicago 20



This Week's Picks:
Detroit
Tennessee
NY Jets
Houston

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

WEEK 10 / DEFENSE

STANDOUTS

BYE WEEK REPORTS



Safety Xavier McKinney's six interceptions puts him in a tie for the most in the NFL this season. His picks included one in each of his first five games with the Packers. McKinney has also recorded one sack and 26 tackles in his nine games. In his career with the New York Giants and the Green Bay Packers, the five-year veteran has played in 58 games and amassed 15 interceptions, 206 tackles and two and a half sacks. He's also scored one touchdown.

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MAN OF STEAL

McKinney has six interceptions, tying him for the top spot in the NFL

BEARS, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4

for the younger players in the room across from Rashan Gary. The spotlight goes squarely on Lukas Van Ness. The 13th overall pick from the 2022 NFL Draft has had a disappointing season with one sack and two quarterback hits.

He needs to be better and could be the key that unlocks a pass rush that has been middling for most of the year.

This week's challenge is different for Green Bay than Detroit.

Detroit's offense might be the best one the Packers will face this season.

Chicago? They've been a work in progress.

Caleb Williams has had some highs on the year, and looked every bit the top pick that he was in last year's NFL Draft.



The second half of the year is when Green Bay's offense hit its stride. They'll need to do so again to make a postseason push.

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His ability to make plays out of structure, and arm talent have been on full display.

At other times, he's struggled to see the field and holds the ball for a long time.

That results in sacks and unnecessary hits that have piled up on the young quarterback.

The Bears' offensive line has been beat up. Both of their starting tackles have been nursing injuries, and even if they play, they are clearly limited.

This could be a prime opportunity for Green Bay's pass rush to get right and force some takeaways.

If Williams has time to throw, however, he does have some good pass catching options.

DJ Moore has been one of the most consistent players in football since he was drafted.

Rome Odunze has had some nice moments as a rookie, and the feeling is there's more meat on the bone for him as we get to the second half of the season.

Keenan Allen is a veteran, but looks to be slowing down as he ages.

Chicago's run game can be dynamic with D'Andre Swift leading the way.

Chicago's best games appear to be when Swift has been the one to carry the day.

Slowing him down should be a priority for Green Bay's defense that finished the first half of the season in the top 10 of

rushing yards allowed.

Special Teams

The special teams unit is coming off a poor performance in Detroit that started with a personal foul penalty on Nixon that negated a big return.

Brandon McManus also had his first hiccup as a Packer.

He had made a game-winner in each of his first two games as a Packer but missed a 45-yard field goal that led directly to a Lions' field goal before halftime.

The second half of the season could be a big one for Rich Bisaccia's unit that has not given a good return on the investment the Packers have made in their decorated special teams coordinator.

Chicago's special teams are seemingly always good, and this year is no different.

Deandre Carter has taken over full-time return duties with the trade of Khalil Herbert and Velus Jones getting released earlier this season.

Tory Taylor averages 49 yards per punt and a 42.2 net yardage.

Cairo Santos is Chicago's kicker, and he's a steady veteran for them. He's missed two field goals this season and one extra point.



CHICAGO BEARS

- 1 Jaylon Johnson.....DB
- 2 DJ Moore.....WR
- 4 D'Andre Swift.....RB
- 6 Kyle Gordon.....DB
- 8 Cairo Santos.....K
- 9 Jaquan Brisker.....DB
- 10 Tyler Scott.....WR
- 11 DeAndre Carter.....WR
- 13 Keenan Allen.....WR
- 14 Gerald Everett.....TE
- 15 Rome Odunze.....WR
- 17 Tyson Bagent.....QB
- 18 Caleb Williams.....QB
- 19 Tory Taylor.....P
- 20 Travis Horner.....RB
- 22 Elijah Hicks.....DB
- 23 Roschon Johnson.....RB
- 29 Tyrique Stevenson.....DB
- 30 Tarvarius Moore.....DB
- 31 Kevin Byard III.....DB
- 32 Terrell Smith.....DB
- 36 Jonathan Owens.....DB
- 38 Ameer Speed.....DB
- 39 Josh Blackwell.....DB
- 44 Noah Sewell.....LB
- 45 Amen Ogbongbemiga.....LB
- 46 Scott Daly.....LS
- 49 Tremaine Edmunds.....LB
- 52 Darrell Taylor.....DL
- 53 T.J. Edwards.....LB
- 55 Jacob Martin.....DL
- 57 Jack Sanborn.....LB
- 58 Darrell Wright.....OL
- 64 Nate Davis.....OL
- 65 Coleman Shelton.....OL
- 68 Doug Kramer Jr.....OL
- 70 Braxton Jones.....OL
- 71 Ryan Bates.....OL
- 72 Kiran Amegadjie.....OL
- 75 Larry Borom.....OL
- 76 Teven Jenkins.....OL
- 79 Matt Pryor.....OL
- 84 Mercedes Lewis.....TE
- 85 Cole Kmet.....TE
- 90 Dominique Robinson.....DL
- 91 Chris Williams.....DL
- 92 Daniel Hardy.....DL
- 93 Byron Cowart.....DL
- 94 Austin Booker.....DL
- 95 DeMarcus Walker.....DL
- 96 Zacch Pickens.....DL
- 98 Montez Sweat.....DL
- 99 Genvon Dexter Sr.....DL



GREEN BAY PACKERS

- 2 Malik Willis.....QB
- 7 Quay Walker.....LB
- 8 Josh Jacobs.....RB
- 9 Christian Watson.....WR
- 10 Jordan Love.....QB
- 11 Jayden Reed.....WR
- 13 Dontayvion Wicks.....WR
- 18 Malik Heath.....WR
- 19 Daniel Whelan.....P
- 20 Javon Bullard.....S
- 21 Eric Stokes.....CB
- 23 Jaire Alexander.....CB
- 24 Carrington Valentine.....CB
- 25 Keisean Nixon.....CB
- 26 Corey Ballentine.....CB
- 27 Kitan Oladapo.....S
- 29 Xavier McKinney.....S
- 30 Chris Brooks.....RB
- 31 Emanuel Wilson.....RB
- 33 Evan Williams.....S
- 39 Zayne Anderson.....S
- 42 Matt Orzech.....LS
- 44 Brayden Narveson.....K
- 45 Eric Wilson.....LB
- 50 Zach Tom.....OL
- 52 Rashan Gary.....DL
- 53 Arron Mosby.....DL
- 55 Kingsley Enagbare.....DL
- 56 Edgerrin Cooper.....LB
- 57 Brenton Cox Jr.....DL
- 58 Isaiah McDuffie.....LB
- 59 Ty'Ron Hopper.....LB
- 62 Jacob Monk.....C/G
- 63 Rasheed Walker.....T
- 71 Josh Myers.....C/G
- 73 Andre Dillard.....T
- 74 Elgton Jenkins.....G/T
- 75 Sean Rhyan.....G
- 76 Kadeem Telfort.....T
- 77 Jordan Morgan.....T/G
- 79 Travis Glover.....T
- 80 Bo Melton.....WR
- 85 Tucker Kraft.....TE
- 86 John FitzPatrick.....TE
- 87 Romeo Doubs.....WR
- 89 Ben Sims.....TE
- 90 Lukas Van Ness.....DL
- 91 Preston Smith.....DL
- 93 T.J. Slaton.....DL
- 94 Karl Brooks.....DL
- 95 Devonte Wyatt.....DL
- 96 Colby Wooden.....DL
- 97 Kenny Clark.....DL

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Green Bay Packer player is...

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KEYS TO THE GAME

Van Ness needs to take advantage of his time to shine

BY JACOB WESTENDORF
Green & Gold Express

The bye week is over and the Green Bay Packers will be back in action this weekend against their arch rival, the Chicago Bears.

The Packers are looking to continue a 10-game win streak against their hated rivals.

Josh Jacobs vs, Chicago's Run Defense

In a group that has been inconsistent, Josh Jacobs has been a shining star.

Jacobs has been the model of consistency through nine games this season, and when nothing else seems to work, the team can rely on him.

Jacobs will be facing a Chicago defense that for all of its strength has been vulnerable against the run this year.

They're ranked 20th in the NFL in rush yards allowed per game.

In addition, one of their best run defenders, Andrew Billings, will likely miss the game with a pec-toral injury that required surgery.

Green Bay's offense, for all of its glitz and glamour, appears to be at its best when it operates through

Jacobs.

Getting him and the rest of the run game going should help slow things down for Jordan Love, who will likely be eager to prove his turnover issues from the first half of the season, are behind him.

Turnovers

One of the biggest issues that plagued the Packers in the first half of the season was the propensity they had to give the ball away.

Love entered the bye week leading the league in interceptions and threw a particularly egregious one during the team's 24-14 loss to the Lions.

With the Packers trailing 10-3, Love uncorked his second pick-six of the season, and this one all but ended their chances of scoring a big win against a division rival.

The Bears' defense is nasty. They've been ranked as high as the top of the league in opponent's passer rating this season.

Jaylon Johnson, Jaquan Brisker and Kevin Byard have all had success taking the ball away in the past.

Matt Eberflus, for all of his faults, knows how to coach defense.

Love said it was going to be a point of emphasis for him to take better care of the ball.

That needs to start this week against a really good Chicago defense.

Lukas Van Ness

This key could spotlight the entire pass rush, but the reality is there was one name that had to have been circled on Brian Gutekunst's roster when he traded Preston Smith to the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Lukas Van Ness was supposed to be one of the breakout players for the team this season. The second year defensive end finished the season strong a year ago and has limitless potential.

That has not parlayed itself into a strong second season that many were hoping for.

Van Ness has one sack and two quarterback hits through nine games.

His one sack came against the Titans, who were one of the worst offensive lines in football.

With Smith out the door, there are going to be more opportunities for younger players.

Van Ness is one of them, and he simply has to play better.

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WEEK 10 / OFFENSE

STANDOUTS

BYE WEEK REPORTS



Halfway through the season, Green Bay Packers running back Josh Jacobs has rushed for 762 yards on 158 carries for a 4.8 yard-per-carry average. He also has three touchdowns and 19 receptions. His signing in the offseason to replace Aaron Jones was met with enthusiasm by some and skepticism by others. Jones was cut and then signed with the Minnesota Vikings, where he has amassed 653 yards on 142 carries for a 4.6 average. Besides an issue with pay, general manager Brian Gutekunst and coach Matt LaFleur no doubt liked Jacobs in part because at age 26, he's three years younger than Jones, so they could potentially have their starting running back spot solidified for the next three to four years.

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Hard running Josh Jacobs had 95 yards on the ground against the Lions

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