



Books are on full display Nov. 18 inside the Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School library. A five-year library plan was approved by the Wittenberg-Birnamwood School Board and is awaiting final adoption from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

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1-1 tech initiative part of school district's library plan

Five-year document gets OK from school board

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood School Board signed off Nov. 18 on a new five-year plan for its school libraries that includes plans for a 1-1 technology plan for students.

"We have to, every five years, update our library plan," said Superintendent Garrett Rogowski, noting that Birnamwood Elementary-Middle School Principal Chris Kulas also serves as the district's library director. "We've all been working collaboratively on the plan and revised it for the next five years to receive Common School funds."

More and more schools are switching to utilizing technology in all aspects of learning, and the Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District is the latest to hop aboard. According to the library plan, the district will move to having instruction across all

grade levels through the use of Chromebooks and iPads. Regular evaluation of lessons incorporating technology resources and support for classroom teachers is part of the plan. The 1-1 plan will be put into place in the 2025-26 school year.

"Most of our curriculum is in a digital format now," Rogowski said. "That has become an integral part of our process every year, getting that ready for our students."

The district has a technology committee that will meet once a trimester to determine needs, resources and funding, in accordance with the plan.

The plan will also encourage the district to utilize technology when coming up with new after-school and summer programs for its students. Among some of the suggestions were coding, digital photos and editing, web tools, news programming and videography, plus language learning.

"This helps students to navigate the library," Rogowski said. "Most of us had the Dewey Decimal (System), and we went through that process. That's not how it is anymore."

The library plan includes more than just technology, though.

At Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School, the plan includes creating a library space geared toward independent learning and study, as well as setting up assigned work spaces for students utilizing online curriculum. There will also be more learning center spaces to support Rural Virtual Academy courses.

Birnamwood Elementary-Middle School has been reorganized under the plan to provide spaces for school library needs and community library needs.

At all three schools, there will be collaborative spaces for student learning that addresses STEAM programs, technology use, and library digital and print accessibility.

"On a daily, even an hourly, basis, here we've managed to utilize this space," Rogowski said during the meeting, which was held in Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School's library.

Another growth goal is to increase access to audiobooks, Spanish language

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Wittenberg sees highest voter turnout in election

Village to be audited to see if election machines match poll worker tallies

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

Wittenberg Village Clerk Traci Matsche gave the Wittenberg Village Board the good news Nov. 19 that the village had its highest turnout ever for an election.

The bad news is that the village has to go through an election audit.

Matsche reported that 461 people voted in the presidential election held Nov. 5. She noted that it took a lot of effort to get everything balanced with that many people casting ballots.

"I had to get help from Erica (Davel) at the county," Matsche said. "I have never had to do that before. It was a pain in the butt to get it balanced. After the election is over, it's not for the clerks until they get everything balanced out."

Sixty-four people registered to vote on Election Day, which further complicated things, according to Matsche.

"We had a problem with a machine jamming, so we don't know if that's why we were off one," she said.

Board member Marlene Wepner agreed there were things off with numbers.

"I was voter 301, but when I put my ballot in, I was 300," Wepner said. "I saw there was a guy still filling his out, so I thought, maybe he'll be 301."

Matsche has no explanation for the discrepancy, noting the numbers matched for most of the morning, and then they were off by one.

Matsche noted that all municipalities get audited at some point, but Wittenberg's is occurring after its biggest election in a four-year cycle.

"Right in the middle of tax season and Thanksgiving," Matsche said.

She pointed out that the results are not being audited, because that's already done by Shawano County. Instead, the audit is on Wittenberg's election machines and that the results match what poll workers tallied.

"We're going to be doing them by hand, me and another person," Matsche

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Council approves 2025 budget for Shawano

Tax rate increases by 31 cents; wheel tax starts Jan. 1

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

The Shawano Common Council signed off Nov. 20 on what City Administrator Eddie Sheppard described as a challenging puzzle — the 2025 budget.

The budget includes a 31-cent increase in the tax rate, which means property owners will pay \$9.10 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. The owner of a \$200,000 piece of property will be paying \$1,820 in city taxes for the coming year.

“Some puzzles are more fun than others,” Sheppard said as he began the budget presentation. “The process has been a little bit challenging, but at the same time, some of those are the ones where you’ve really got to think about some of the things you do, seeking out some of efficiencies.”



City Administrator Eddie Sheppard explains Shawano's 2025 budget Nov. 20 to the Shawano Common Council, laying out how much comes from the property tax levy and how much comes from other sources.

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The city was also able to include a 2% cost-of-living increase to employee pay for the next year, something officials weren't sure until recently they'd be able to do because of the change in insurance companies and the costs associated with it. Insurance costs have soared for the city in recent years having its own plan, so now Shawano has gone

into a state insurance pool so that future increases would be at a minimum. “Now we're part of a much larger pool, and so we would expect to see smaller increases, year over year,” Sheppard said. “I think this provides stability that we're looking for in the years coming forward, which will definitely help with the budget (in future years).”

The city is also eliminating one position and freezing another position mid-year to balance the budget. The court clerk position is going away, with duties going to others in Shawano City Hall. That employee will be going to work for the Shawano Police Department, where two of its office employees are leaving. The second office position is

the one that will be frozen during the year.

Sheppard said the city is increasing its debt service payments by \$150,000 to \$3.34 million, about 20% of the total budget. He said the city hopes to have a leveled debt-service payment by 2027.

There is also a \$72,000 increase in expenses for the city for the airport, which had been a joint operation between the city and Shawano County before the county opted out this year.

State-shared revenues are up a little to handle city operations.

“We're demonstrating that we're putting a lot of money back into the infrastructure of the community,” Sheppard said, noting that there's \$16 million in revenue coming from property taxes, state aid and other funding sources.

There's also an additional \$400,000 more in non-tax levy funds for 2025. Sheppard noted that over \$300,000 is from the city's new wheel tax, which takes effect Jan. 1.

The city is also getting \$700,000 in grant

funding to help speed up the repaving of Shawano's roads, according to Sheppard.

“Not only are we leveraging our money as much as we possibly can, but whenever we bring in outside money, we can do more streets, which means we can get streets done faster,” he said.

One challenge the city has is getting vehicles, especially equipment. It's not a matter of cost as it is the lead time from when the city requests a vehicle to when it is received. Some of those vehicles requested now are not expected to be received until the end of 2025 because of the backlog companies have to fill.

“Everyone's facing budgetary challenges, but I think from a levy standpoint, that's a manageable increase,” Sheppard said.

The city constitutes 45% of the total tax levy in Shawano, with Shawano School District comprising 32% and the county 20%. The technical school system takes up the remaining portion.

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College of Menominee Nation to buy tribal office building

The College of Menominee Nation (CMN) intends to purchase the Menominee Tribal Office Building at N3522 Cottage Ave., Neopit.

The building, a 10,500-square-foot wood log construction, has been historically owned and occupied by Menominee Tribal Enterprises for administrative purposes. CMN will provide opportunities for community members in Neopit, as well as the surrounding communities,

including Zoar and Middle Village.

“The purchase of the administrative office building in Neopit serves as a grounding point for our collaborative workforce development efforts with Menominee Tribal Enterprises,” CMN President Christopher Caldwell said in a press release. “This grounding also allows CMN to extend training and other opportunities to pursue our mission directly in the Neopit community.”

Lake Region ag labor rates decline from 2023

There were 62,000 workers hired directly by farms in the Lake Region (Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin) during the reference week of July 7-13, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service Farm Labor report.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage rate of \$18.40 per hour, \$1.24 below July 2023. The number of hours worked averaged 41.2 for hired workers during the reference week, compared with 42.8 hours in July 2023.

During the reference week of Oct. 6-12, there were 65,000 workers hired directly by farms in the Lake Region. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage rate of \$19.46 per hour during the October reference week, 92 cents below October 2023. The number of hours worked averaged 41.7 for hired workers during the reference week, compared with 42.8 hours in October 2023.

There were 797,000 workers hired directly by

farm operators on the nation's farms and ranches during the week of Oct. 6-12, up 3% from the October 2023 reference week. Workers hired directly by farm operators numbered 808,000 during the week of July 7-13, up 3% from the July 2023 reference week.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average gross wage of \$19.11 per hour during the October 2024 reference week, up 2% from the October 2023 reference week.

Field workers received an average of \$18.57 per hour, up 2%. Livestock workers earned \$17.51 per hour, up 2%. The field and livestock worker combined gross wage rate, at \$18.27 per hour, was up 2% from the 2023 reference week. Hired laborers worked an average of 41.4 hours during the October reference week, down 1% from the hours worked during the October 2023 reference week.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average gross wage of \$18.95 per hour during the July 2024 reference week, up 2% from

the July 2023 reference week. Field workers received an average of \$18.36 per hour, up 2%, while livestock workers earned \$17.36 per hour, up 2% from a year earlier.

The field and livestock worker combined gross wage rate, at \$18.08 per hour, was up 2% from the July 2023 reference week. Hired laborers worked an average of 40.6 hours during the July 2024 reference week, down 1% from the hours worked during the July 2023 reference week.

The 2024 all hired worker annual average gross wage rate was \$19.10 per hour, up 3% from the 2023 annual average gross wage rate. The 2024 field worker annual average gross wage rate was \$18.42 per hour, up 3% from the 2023 annual average. The 2024 livestock worker annual average gross wage rate was \$17.45 per hour.

The 2024 annual average combined gross wage for field and livestock workers was \$18.12, up 3% from the 2023 annual average of \$17.55 per hour.

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Who's in charge of the coop? Sex offender released into community

Towns, county at odds over chicken permits, enforcement

BY KEVIN PASSON
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Employees at the Shawano County Planning and Development Department are looking for help in dealing with chicken complaints.

Town officials aren't eager to take on the problems themselves.

"We know the county has limited funds, and the towns have less," Supervisor James Przybylski said at the Nov. 20 county board meeting. "The county planning and zoning enforces the rules, which helps the towns that follow the county zone. There is discussion of passing off to the towns the chickens in the hamlets issue."

Przybylski also serves as chairman in the Town of Angelica.

He said past practice has been when someone complained about others having chickens in residential areas, the county department would send out a letter informing the chicken owner that the birds weren't allowed and that would most often end the matter.



Shawano County officials are investigating whether complaints about chickens in residential areas should revert back to town rules and enforcement rather than the county. Currently, chickens are not allowed in any hamlets or other residential areas that are governed by the county's zoning laws.

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A county ordinance makes it illegal to have chickens in hamlets (unincorporated communities) or other residential areas in the county.

"More people are moving to smaller areas, and they a lot of times don't know the rules," Przybylski said. "A letter from the county takes care of the issue."

County staff claim they don't have the time or staff to continually deal with the complaints.

"I've been contacted

by the PDZ director with regards to looking into whether or not this is something we want to do as a county with regards to allowing towns to oversee permits for chickens in residential areas," said Larenda Maulson, corporation counsel for the county.

Supervisor Kathy Lubke, who serves as chair of the PDZ committee, said that with the oversight that is required, the county does not have the resources to check up on each complaint.

"We have to start look-

ing at what we an actually do," she said.

Przybylski disagreed. "It's not an issue of manpower," he said. "We worked together before. The county should make more of an effort."

He said he raised the issue so other supervisors become aware of what the county is and is not doing.

"What's next on the 178-page zoning book that's supposed to help the towns?" Przybylski said.

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A convicted sex offender is being released into the Town of Wescott, according to the Shawano County Sheriff's Department.

Brayden I. Praegitzer, 22, will be taking up residence at N6213 Lake Drive. Praegitzer also goes by the alias Hannah Praegitzer.

In November 2021, Praegitzer was convicted of repeated sexual assault of the same child, incest with a child and child enticement, all in Shawano County.

Dismissed but read into the record were charges of child enticement, child abuse and repeated sexual assault of the same child.

In September 2022, Praegitzer was sentenced to five



BRAYDEN PRAEGITZER

years initial confinement and five years extended supervision on all counts.

Praegitzer is required to register with the Wisconsin Sex Offender Registry for life and is required to comply with GPS tracking.

Concerns or questions regarding Praegitzer should be directed to the registry's main line at 608-240-5830.

The Wisconsin Sex Offender Registry can be accessed at <https://doc.wi.gov> and www.wistaysafe.gov.

Local groups receive funds from Packers Foundation

A handful of local organizations are the recipients of grants from the Green Bay Packers Foundation. The foundation announced it has distributed \$1.5 million in annual grants to 398 civic and charitable groups throughout Wisconsin.

Of the foundation's contributions, 54 grants — aggregating \$210,550 — were awarded to Brown County organizations. Additional grants, totaling \$1,289,450,

were made to 344 other groups around the state.

This year's grant cycle focused on organizations that will direct the funds toward the need areas of arts and culture, athletics and education.

Local recipients included the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Green Bay, Lannoye Elementary Parent Teacher Organization, Menominee Pageant Players Guild and Machickanee Players Inc.

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Mavis E. Bushman, 94, of Galloway, died peacefully on Monday, Nov. 18, 2024, at her home, surrounded by her loving family.

Mavis was born on Feb. 4, 1930, in Elderon, the daughter of John and Frances (Wilde) Zwirchitz. She was a cheerleader and prom queen during her high school years at Wittenberg.

On May 21, 1949, Mavis was united in marriage to her one and only love, Ernest “Ernie” Bushman at St. Joseph’s in Galloway. The couple was so proud to be able to celebrate their 75th wedding anniversary.

Ernie preceded her in death on Sept. 17, 2024. There is no doubt that Ernie and Mavis are dancing to their favorite song, “In the Mood.”

Family was very important to Mavis and



Ernie, and they cherished the time spent together. They were very proud of their six children and their families. The couple loved to travel and found themselves in many locations throughout the world. They spent many years in Arizona and Alabama to escape the cooler weather. They enjoyed an old-fashioned every night and always said, “When the mountains are pink, it’s

time for a drink.” Mavis found solace in her faith. She said the rosary daily and instilled a sound foundation of faith in her children and grandchildren. Mavis was a member of St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, Galloway, the Rosary Society, PCCW and choir.

Mavis was also a member of the WPGA (Wisconsin Potato Growers Auxiliary) and sold baked potatoes at the Wisconsin State Fair. She worked on the potato farm until her upper 80s. Mavis believed that staying active kept her young, whether it was picking weeds and planting flowers or doing yard work. She loved feeding and watching her birds at the feeders and being outside.

She enjoyed golfing, bowling and dancing. It was always special to see Ernie and Mavis danc-

ing. From the jitterbug to square dancing, they were always so graceful and moved as one.

Mavis loved her family. She had a way with always singing one liner songs such as “Grandma, poor old Grandma, why did they have to shoot poor old Grandma.” She also had her favorite treats such as ginger snap cookies, toffee bars, Chinese chews, lazy daisy cake and mini ice cream Drumsticks.

Mavis was beautiful, kind and patient. She had the most beautiful blue eyes and would tell you exactly what she was thinking without saying a word. This was especially true after her stroke and words were hard to come by. She will be truly missed by her family.

Mavis is survived by her children, Shelly (Kevin) Korger, Joe (Wendy) Bushman, Brian (Trisha

Grezenski) Bushman, Laurie (Bruce) Spranger and Angie (Kevin) Worzalla; daughter-in-law, Connie Bushman; grandchildren, Amanda (Ian Street) Bushman, Luke Bushman, Leah “Julian” (Nicole Mayef-ske) Korger, Joe (Crystal) Bushman, Bethany (Kevin) Kersten, Jordan Bushman, Mallory (John) Schwabach, Briana Hirsch, Ryan (Sammie Thomas) Bushman, Trevor (Lauren) Spranger, Haley (Kevin Borris) Spranger, Riley (Derek) Hoffman and Austin Worzalla; and great-grandchildren, Frankie, Aiden, Brennen, Jaxton, Drayden, Kiya, Mason, Micah, Mila, Malayna, Monte, Natalie, Nolan, Brady, Jacob, Madeline, Emma and Addilyn; as well as many other relatives and friends.

Mavis was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two sons, John Michael in infancy

and Gregory; siblings and in-laws, LaVern (Joan) Zwirchitz, Violet (Raymond) Jones, Dorothy (Robert) Haupt, Gladys (Eldon) Fremming and Maynard (Elaine) Zwirchitz.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Friday, Nov. 22, 2024, at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, Galloway. Burial was in the parish cemetery. The family would like to thank Mavis’ caregivers, Jenny from Inner Peace (who became her friend), and Dustin, from Interim Hospice, for his daily visits with his “Mabel,” and the entire staff at Interim Hospice for their exceptional care. We would also like to thank Father Gus for his prayers and visits with Mom.

Mom, as you’ve always said, “I love you little, I love you big, I love you like a little fat pig.”

PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Nov. 23

Deputies responded to 33 incidents, including intoxication at Shipwreck'd, 110 S. Warrington Ave., Cecil; drugs at the Shawano County Jail, 405 N. Main St., Shawano; assisting the fire department on Maple Road in the Town of Bartelme; property theft on County Road T in the Town of Waukechon; weapon offense on Maple Road in the Town of Hutchins; fraud on Wolf River Road in the Town of Richmond; DNR violation on River Pine Drive in the Town of Pella; three 911 calls; two reckless driving incidents; one welfare check; two crashes, one involving deer.

Nov. 22

Deputies responded to 38 incidents, including two burglary calls on Woods

Road in the Town of Wescott; property damage on state Highway 29 in the Town of Morris; trespassing on U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Aniwa; property damage on Church Drive in the Town of Angelica; found property at Ho-Chunk Casino, N7198 U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Wittenberg; harassment on Frailing Road in the Town of Wescott; attempted burglary on Spruce Road in the Town of Belle Plaine; three 911 calls; five reckless driving incidents; three traffic hazards; two welfare checks; three crashes, one involving deer.

Nov. 21

Deputies responded to 25 incidents, including a warrant on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; five 911 calls; one reckless driving incident; nine crashes.

Nov. 20

Deputies responded to 26 incidents, including an

eviction on South Sawyer Street in Shawano; assisting the fire department on Deer Drive in the Town of Angelica; three 911 calls; three reckless driving incidents; three traffic hazards; two welfare checks; one crash involving deer.

Nov. 19

Deputies responded to 34 incidents, including found property at the Shawano County Jail, 405 N. Main St., Shawano; internet sex crime on East Randall Street in Shawano; criminal damage on U.S. Highway 45 in Tigerton; harassment on South Cecil Street in Bonduel; sick animal on state Highway 32 in the Town of Angelica; drugs on County Road T in the Town of Waukechon; warrant on Belle Plaine Avenue in the Town of Belle Plaine; drugs on South Lincoln Street in Shawano; two reckless driving incidents; six traffic hazards; two welfare checks; two crashes, one

involving deer.

Nov. 18

Deputies responded to 33 incidents, including found property at North Star Casino, W12180 County Road A in the Town of Bartelme; criminal damage on Old Keshena Road in the Town of Wescott; property theft at Banner Bank, 416 Main St., Birnamwood; found property on U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Birnamwood; burglary on Bluebird Road in the Town of Birnamwood; fraud on Parkwood Drive in the Town of Wescott; one 911 call; two traffic hazards; three welfare checks; three crashes, one involving deer.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Nov. 23

Officers responded to 18 incidents, including bail jumping on East Randall Street; death investigation at an undisclosed location; fleeing and pursuit on Lakeland Road; trespassing on East Maurer Street; one 911 call; one traffic hazard; six welfare checks.

Nov. 22

Officers responded to 17 incidents, including truancy at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; found property on East Green

Bay Street; property theft at Aldi, 1253 E. Green Bay St.; custodial interference at an undisclosed location; drugs at an undisclosed location; three welfare checks; one crash.

Nov. 21

Officers responded to 23 incidents, including drugs at an undisclosed location; tobacco at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; truancy at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; found property at Martin’s Cleaner’s, 1025 E. Green Bay St.; juvenile problem at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; juvenile problem at Olga Brenner Intermediate School, 1300 S. Union St.; one reckless driving incident; threatening on North Lafayette Street; one welfare check; one crash.

Nov. 20

Officers responded to 17 incidents, including a tobacco problem at Shawano Community Middle School, 1050 S. Union St.; juvenile problem at an undisclosed location; found property at Kwik Trip, 1241 E. Green Bay St.; drugs at Martin’s Cleaners, 1025 E. Green Bay St.; drugs on South Main Street; two 911 calls; one welfare check; one reckless

driving incident.

Nov. 19

Officers responded to 24 incidents, including operating without a license on Eberlein Park Drive; repossession at Amerivu Inn Suites, 211 Waukechon St.; three juvenile problem calls at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; repossession on East Center Street; juvenile problem at an undisclosed location; property theft on South Washington Street; truancy at Hillcrest Primary School, 1410 Waukechon Street; scam on Alpine Drive; harassment on West Fifth Street; one 911 call; one welfare check.

Nov. 18

Officers responded to 24 incidents, including noise on East Richmond Street; shoplifting at Qualheim’s True Value, 1345 E. Green Bay St.; animal problem on Woodlawn Drive; truancy at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; two juvenile problem calls at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; operating without a license on West Third Street; drugs at an undisclosed location; intoxication on East Green Bay Street; one 911 call; two welfare checks; two crashes.

COURT NEWS

• Amanda J. Reiter, 40, Hatley, pleaded no contest July 23 to six counts of misdemeanor bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of operating a motor vehicle while her license was revoked. Two of the bail jumping counts were amended from felonies in a plea agreement. Judge Katherine Sloma on Nov. 8 levied fines and sentenced her to 45 days in county jail.

• Charles K. Slaten, 52, Menominee Falls, pleaded no contest Nov. 19 to operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (sixth offense). Sloma sentenced him to 30 months in prison, followed by four years of extended supervision with conditions.

• Hunter R. Dresden, 25, Tigerton, was charged Nov. 18 with strangulation and suffocation and misdemeanor or counts of battery, disorderly conduct, possession of THC and possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a

\$5,000 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for Jan. 13.

• Derrick R. Johnsen, 26, Shawano, was charged Nov. 18 with two counts of felony bail jumping and two counts of misdemeanor bail jumping. Sloma set a \$250 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Dec. 5.

• Antonio L. Perez, 20, Shawano, was charged Nov. 18 with third-degree sexual assault, two counts of misdemeanor bail jumping, and misdemeanor counts of battery and disorderly conduct. Sloma set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for Feb. 10.

• Xavior Saldana, 22, Oneida, was charged Nov. 20 with possession of narcotic drugs, possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), and misdemeanor counts of operating while revoked, violating an ignition interlock device order, pos-

session of drug paraphernalia, and bail jumping. Sloma set a \$250 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for Jan. 7.

• Susan A. Mahl, 33, Keshena, was charged Nov. 21 with possession of narcotic drugs and felony bail jumping. Judge William Kussel Jr. set a \$2,500 signature bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Dec. 11.

• Sean C. Locke, 23, Aniwa, was charged Nov. 21 with first-degree recklessly endangering safety, strangulation and suffocation, and misdemeanor counts of fourth-degree sexual assault and disorderly conduct. Kussel set a \$1,000 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for Jan. 6.

• Brian L. Pamonicutt, 56, Cecil, was charged Nov. 22 with felony bail jumping and misdemeanor bail jumping. Kussel set a \$1,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Dec. 2.



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Most schools make grade with 2024 report cards

Officials dismiss results, citing other factors of education success

BY LEE PULASKI
City Editor

Most area schools made the grade in 2024, even with the target moving, on the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction report cards, released Nov. 19.

All of the school districts in Shawano and Oconto counties were at least three stars, which indicates that they're meeting the standards DPI has laid out. Pulaski Community School District stood out with four stars, which signifies that district is exceeding expectations. Meanwhile, Menominee Indian School District fell short of expectations with two stars.

Most individual schools made the grade, but 10 did not make the grade in the area. Lena High School, Lena Middle School, Keshena Primary School, Menominee Indian Middle School, Oconto High School, Shawano Community Middle School, Suring Elementary School and Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School only received two stars, while Gillett High School and Menominee Nation High School only received one star for a report card, which indicates they failed to meet DPI's expectations.

Report cards were based on four areas: achievement, growth, target group outcomes and

being on-track to graduation, with achievement data for the past three years assessed to determine a school's overall score.

The report cards are supposed to provide transparency and accountability in Wisconsin's public schools, according to Shawano School District Superintendent Kurt Krizan, but with changes DPI made to the cut scores, it makes it difficult to see what growth schools have made this year compared to previous year.

"The adjusted cut scores significantly impact how performance is measured, meaning year-to-year comparisons or evaluations of progress may not reflect true changes in educational outcomes," Krizan said. "Comparing districts — or even individual schools within the same district — is problematic when the benchmarks have shifted, as these changes can distort how student achievement and growth are perceived."

Krizan noted that the report card does not provide the full picture on what schools achieve when it comes to education.

"While the report card provides a snapshot of certain metrics, it's essential to recognize its limitations," Krizan said. "A comprehensive understanding of a school's or district's performance requires examining multiple factors, including local context, resources and initiatives, rather than relying solely on the report card's data."

Bowler School District

BY THE NUMBERS

School report card results

EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS: Bonduel Elementary School (82.4), Bonduel Middle School (72.7), Gillett Middle School (73.1), Lena Elementary School (74.2), Abrams Elementary School (77.1), Washington Middle School (70.6), Fairview Elementary School (71.5), Glenbrook Elementary School (72.3), Hillcrest Elementary School-Pulaski (80.4), Lannoye Elementary School (79.6), Pulaski Community Middle School (71.4), Pulaski High School (73.4), Suring High School (73)

MEETS EXPECTATIONS: Bonduel High School (60), Bowler Elementary School (61.1), Bowler High School (66.4), Gillett Elementary School (67.2), Gresham Elementary School (59.1), Gresham High School (69.9), Marion Elementary School (62.9), Marion High School (69.4), Oconto Falls Elementary School (68.4), Oconto Falls High School (61.9), Oconto Elementary School (61.5), Oconto Middle School (63), Sunnyside Elementary School (60.9), Olga Brenner Intermediate School (65.6), Shawano Community High School (68.1), Tigerton Elementary School (59.2), Tigerton High School (66.4), Wittenberg Elementary School (66.6), Birnamwood Elementary School (66.5)

MEETS FEW EXPECTATIONS: Lena High School (57.9), Lena Middle School (54.3), Keshena Primary School (50.4), Menominee Indian Middle School (50.3), Oconto High School (49.7), Shawano Community Middle School (57.7), Suring Elementary School (57.5), Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School (51.7)

FAILS TO MEET EXPECTATIONS: Gillett High School (40), Menominee Nation High School (29.4)

Superintendent Glenda Butterfield-Boldig felt the report cards don't accurately affect schools' performance, especially when DPI changes scoring thresholds and more. Doing so makes the report cards hard to decipher, she said.

"The updated report cards reflect new methodologies and cut scores from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, and as such, they should not be used to directly compare our district's performance with past years or with other districts," Butterfield-Boldig said. "That said, we are still committed to providing a high-quality education to every student in the Bowler School District. Academic achievement scores are one data point that cannot truly capture the whole story of each of

our students."

The data will be useful in charting the future path of Bowler's schools, Butterfield-Boldig said, but it will not be the only metric used to map out education.

"We believe that true success is reflected not only in numbers, but in the strength of the partnerships we have with our students, families, teachers and community," Butterfield-Boldig said. "We're grateful for the continued support and collaboration of families in helping our students achieve their best. Moving forward, we will continue to work with all our stakeholders to ensure our students have the resources and opportunities

they need to succeed, using the new data to guide our decisions."

Gillett School District Superintendent Nathan Hanson believes the school and district report cards are the opposite of transparent, believing the DPI setup has "muddied the waters."

"What do we believe are the best measures of a school? Success in college? Success in the workforce? Becoming a happy and productive citizen?" Hanson asked. "School and district report cards do not measure these things, and what they do measure, is presented in a score that is a combination of factors that change based on the district the score is meant to measure. A score of a 70 in one school is not the same as a score of 70 in another school, even schools within the same district."

With the state system broken, in Hanson's view, the solution to showing people that their children are learning is for school districts provide a window for them to see the progress.

"It is important that school districts be transparent with their citizens," Hanson said. "We do this by presenting what we are teaching, by bringing people into our schools, by showcasing the great programs we have. Unfortunately, none of these things are measured in the report card system. The system is broken, and we hope in

the near future the legislature and the DPI will reach out to schools to get our input on a better way."

The report cards are just a snapshot in time, according to Lena School District Superintendent Ben Pytleski and Marion School District Superintendent Troy Edwards, and that snapshot is not as crisp due to DPI's changes.

"Regardless, we are looking at this year's report card as a new jumping off point for future academic growth," Edwards said. "When evaluating the quality of the education we provide, we view the report cards as a snapshot in time, and place greater emphasis on the daily learning, student relationships, family partnerships and experiences with career and technical skills that occur in our classrooms, with our staff and throughout our community."

"It is also impossible to compare districts, as every district is weighted differently based on that school's poverty levels," Pytleski said. "Schools with high levels of poverty are scored and weighted on the growth of their students from one year to the next, where schools with low poverty levels are scored and weighted on overall test results and achievement. Every district is in a different position when it comes to how it is weighted."

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materials, culturally responsive print materials and digital resources.

"Robust infrastructure, I just think we're in a really good place with respect to that districtwide," Rogowski said. "That's in large part attributed to our tech team, which has put us in that space."

The plan also addresses

updating the libraries' collections on a regular basis. Rogowski said the district deals with various subjects and genres on a rotating basis each year.

"Nonfiction was updated recently," Rogowski said. "We're updating our U.S. history and our junior fiction, as well. In 2025, we're specifically updating

our animal and sports sections. In 2026, our biographies. Overall, we feel this is reflective of our goals for our libraries."

The plan still has to be approved by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, according to Rogowski.

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said. "From Birnamwood, I found out, because they've already been through it, it takes about four hours. They're about equal to us as far as the responses."

The village will receive payment for the audit, which compensates Matsche and anyone else

auditing the results for their work. She said it's a \$50 flat fee plus 35 cents per ballot counted. That will come out to about \$80 per person.

"Sometimes little glitches happen, and then you've got to figure out what they are," Matsche said.

Matsche, who plans to retire in 2027, noted that her replacement will have to handle the next presidential election in 2028.

"I'm glad I don't ever have another presidential election to do in my life," Matsche said.

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Knights collect Coats for Kids



The Knights of Columbus Bishop Fox Council 2836 made its annual donation to Shawano Area Matthew 25 in Shawano with the annual Coats For Kids donation drive. Knights, from left, are Lee Bosdeck, Paul Mastalir, Gary Aschenbrenner, John Hoffman, Troy Sadler, Ronald Hoffman, David Wilson, Robert Sweeney, Charles Kation, John Whitehouse, Michael Richter and Charles Ketchum.

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CoVantage, SAM25 team up for Giving Tuesday

The CoVantage Cares Foundation annual two-week fundraising campaign will run from Dec. 3-17 in all areas served by the credit union.

Every dollar donated will be matched up to \$175,000 by the CoVantage Cares Foundation, effectively doubling the impact

of each contribution. This matching gift will support local nonprofit organizations that provide essential services, such as food, shelter, education and health care.

The Shawano CoVantage branch is partnering with Shawano Area Matthew 25, whose mission is

focused on helping those struggling with poverty and homelessness.

“CoVantage Credit Union has a long history of giving back to the communities we serve,” said Charlie Zanayed, CoVantage chief executive officer. “This year’s fundraising campaign is a testament to our commitment to making a positive impact on the lives of those in need. We encourage everyone to join us in spreading kindness and hope during this season of giving.”

Individuals and businesses can donate to the campaign in a variety of ways:

- Donate in person. Visit any CoVantage branch and let the staff assist you.
- Give on the go. Download the CoVantage mobile app and contribute with a few taps.
- Donate from the comfort of your home. Visit covantagecu.org/givingtuesday and make a secure online donation.

For information, go to www.covantagecu.org/givingtuesday.

ThedaCare encourages literacy with Reach Out and Read

Reading to children at an early age enhances childhood brain and social development, and is a long-term contributor to a child’s success in school.

For that reason, since 2018, all ThedaCare pediatricians and primary care providers have been engaged with the national Reach Out and Read program, the only national pediatric literacy program endorsed by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

The program begins with parents receiving a book at their baby’s first post-birth checkup and continues through age 5. At each well-child visit, the child receives a book that is age, language and culturally appropriate to take home, with the intention that the parents or guardians will regularly read that book with their child. The providers then talk with the parents or guardians about the importance of reading aloud to children as part of the developmental progress.

“According to research, we know that 90% of a toddler’s brain development occurs between birth and age 5, so it’s a critical stage of development,” said Tracey Ratzburg, ThedaCare community health coordinator. “The initial purpose of the Reach Out and Read program is to get parents reading to their children, and it’s far more than a reading program. It also helps build a social connection and trusting relationship between parents and the child, so it’s relational and literacy growth combined.”

The providers also talk about the connection between cuddling and reading that helps children feel safe and how reading

at home helps children learn that books provide positive experiences.

In 2023, 25 ThedaCare clinics handed out 23,088 books, with 184 ThedaCare providers participating in the program.

Reach Out and Read Wisconsin notes that families are two and a half times more likely to read to their children when provided books by a pediatrician or primary care provider. Studies show that reading to children from infancy on accelerates language development by three to six months, increases receptive and expressive language ability and contributes to academic success.

“The first three years of a child’s life are the most crucial in a child’s cognitive, emotional and social development,” said Kristin Lundine at ThedaCare Physicians Pediatrics-Appleton. “When parents read to their children, they can enhance their child’s overall development. It goes beyond the reading; the experience of the child feeling safe, connected and supported does a great deal for their social and emotional development as well.”

The program also gives providers and care teams an opportunity to connect during visits.

“I’ll often squat down to the child’s level and offer him or her their new book,” said Lundine. “Usually the child is still on the other side of the room, which allows me the opportunity to observe their interest level in the book and whether they are comfortable engaging with me. How they walk toward me or reach out and react to the book helps me assess

their gross and fine motor skills.”

Lundine also noted the interactions allow her to learn more about the family dynamics at home as well. She has seen great examples of the benefits from the program.

“I recently had the experience of working with a family whose baby didn’t especially like tummy time,” she said. “When I flipped her over onto her stomach on the exam table, I placed the book she was receiving in front of her and she began looking at it and offered less resistance to being on her tummy. It was amazing to see the parents make the connection that maybe she doesn’t really dislike tummy time; rather she just needs something to look at.”

Lundine noted that the earliest books provided are very high contrast in black and white to accommodate an infant’s limited vision.

“Parents may not realize that it is never too soon to read together,” she said. “This baby’s experience proved that. Beyond that, the physical connection between baby and parent while being read to is equally important. And, the importance of the baby hearing their parents’ voices shouldn’t be understated either. It’s all part of the communication learning process.”

Recently, Reach Out and Read Wisconsin held a statewide conference in Appleton to promote the program to more health systems, highlighting the success of ThedaCare’s program. Nearly 140,000 books have been shared with families since ThedaCare first joined the Reach Out and Read program in 2013.

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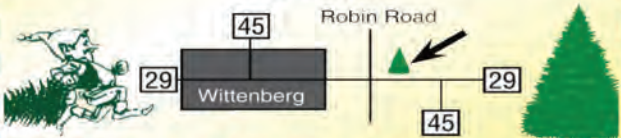
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WBHS'S DEER TRADITION



Wittenberg-Biramwood FFA members Dalton Arrowood and Lillian Fischer tend to a batch of pancakes Nov. 22 in one of the agriculture classrooms at Wittenberg-Biramwood High School. More than 30 pounds of pancake mix went into preparing the deer hunters breakfast to kick off the Thanksgiving break.

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FFA members prepare annual breakfast prior to hunting season

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

For deer hunters, there’s nothing better to battle against the cold weather than a hot breakfast.

Just ask the students who are part of the Wittenberg-Biramwood FFA.

Seven years running, the chapter’s deer hunters breakfast has been an ideal way for high school students and families to kick off the gun deer hunting season, as well as the annual Thanksgiving break. Nov. 22 was no exception.

Inside the standalone agriculture building at Wittenberg-Biramwood High School, some FFA members were standing watch over the pancakes on the griddle, but mostly they were jamming to music. Just outside the building, other members were battling the chill by cooking up the rest of the breakfast staples — eggs, bacon, sausage and hash browns.

It takes a lot of work to make the deer hunters breakfast a success, with many of the helpers working since 5 a.m. to get breakfast ready, according to Vivian Resch, FFA chapter president. It was served about 2½ hours later when students arrived at school, she said.

“It definitely brings all of us together,” Resch said. “It’s kind of like a Thanksgiving dinner. We’re off for Thanksgiving, obviously, but it’s like a Thanksgiving dinner for all of our students and brings us together to show our appreciation for what we’re doing here in Wisconsin.”

Even though Resch described it as a Thanksgiving dinner, there hasn’t been any turkey served, but she didn’t discount the possibility in future years, considering the wide range of animals raised by FFA chapters across the country.

“We don’t have any turkeys yet,” Resch said. “Maybe we can get some.”

Deer hunters breakfasts tend to be more popular in northern Wisconsin,



Members of the Wittenberg-Biramwood FFA brave the cold Nov. 22 to cook up bacon and more for its seventh annual deer hunters breakfast.

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because there is so much agriculture in the area, according to Resch, and with that the knowledge of hunting animals to protect their overall viability.

“There’s a lot of people at our school that go hunting,” she said. “Of course, this isn’t open to just hunters; it’s open to anybody. Obviously, food is what we all need, so it’s something that brings many different varieties of people here.”

As for the food, the FFA went through 30 pounds of pancake batter, 10 pounds of bacon, 10 pounds of hash browns, 19 dozen eggs and 360 sausage links — plenty to satisfy the appetites of WBHS students and staff. There was also 24 pints of maple syrup donated by Sippl’s Sugar Bush in Aniwa, according to Matt Christian, WBHS agriculture teacher.

When Christian came to the school, he

was interested in doing something that combined his passion for deer hunting with his chosen career teaching agriculture to the next generation.

“I love deer hunting and the tradition that comes with the Wisconsin deer season, so I wanted to do something that brought that tradition that everyone experiences all week into the school — the camaraderie, the music, everybody just coming together enjoying food and sharing stories,” Christian said. “We’re bringing just a little taste of that to the school.”

Christian enjoys seeing how eagerly his students embrace not only the tradition, but the work that comes with preparing the breakfast each year.

“It’s the students’ favorite part,” Chris-

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Abrams show delivers look into world of Dr. Seuss

Abrams Spotlight Productions Inc. will be drawing audiences into the world of Dr. Seuss with “Seussical the Musical,” which will be presented Dec. 5-8 and Dec. 12-15 at the Nancy Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple St., Abrams.

“Seussical” weaves a story of friendship, loyalty and love. The Cat in the Hat guides audiences into The Jungle of Nool to meet Horton, the kind-hearted elephant who discovers a speck of dust containing Whoville. He meets JoJo, a Who child sent to military school for thinking too many “thinks.”

Director Debra Jolly said the show is entertaining for all ages. The show revisits beloved characters including The Cat in the Hat, Horton the Elephant, Gertrude McFuzz, Mayzie LaBird and JoJo.

“‘Seussical’ is a joyful, scary, sad, funny and exuberant show, much like the books of Dr. Seuss upon which it is based. It is a show that tells many stories with wonderful music, wild dancing, colorful costumes and amazing sets,” she said.

The musical consists almost entirely of songs, with only a few spoken lines.

“The music is varied but surprisingly difficult,” Jolly said. “The dancing requires many styles, from typical musical theater to lyrical to swing to tap.”

Dr. Seuss created so many memorable characters, and many are in this show. The Cat in the Hat, portrayed by Preston Pelegrin, is in almost every scene.

“He’s causing mischief and keeping the story moving,” Jolly said. “Preston is a wonderful actor, singer and dancer.”

Bobby Buffington portrays the gentle, daydreaming Horton the elephant. He brings a childlike sense of innocence, kindness and compassion to the stage. Another key character is JoJo, a Who child, portrayed by Bella Haglund.

“She has such energy, and her character is always thinking and marveling at the Seussical world,” Jolly said. “There is also a trio of Bird Girls (played by Julie Johannes-Frohliger, Hailey Marquardt and Xandriana Rhode) who dance beautifully and sing with tight harmonies.”

The Seussical world is full of color, evident in the sets, costumes and lighting. The show also is full of special effects.

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Bobby Buffington, as Horton, and Bella Haglund, as JoJo, rehearse a scene from “Seussical the Musical.” The high-energy show for all ages will be presented Dec. 5-8 and Dec. 12-15 at the Nancy Byng Community Theater in Abrams.

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Finches paying visit to Wisconsin feeders

With fall well underway, we are seeing both house finches and purple finches at our feeders. They seem like old friends, some coming from the far north to spend some time with us as the world again slips into winter's grip.

The two species of finches look much alike, and we have to remind ourselves each year of the markings that distinguish them from each other. The males have the brightest coloring, with the male purple finch sporting a raspberry red head and breast and the red mixing with brown on the back. The belly is off-white. The male house finch is also marked with red, but less so, having a patch of brown on top of the head and brown streaking along its sides and belly.

The females are much less showy. Both species are streaked with browns and whites and lack any red coloring. You can distinguish the female purple finch from the house finch by its white strip above the eye and another down the side of its throat. A pair of binoculars helps pick out these facial markings.

You are what you eat — or, more apropos for birds, coloring reflects what you eat. It's interesting to learn from David Allen Sibley in his book, "What's it Like to be a Bird," that the red



Male and female house finches take a drink of water from a birdbath. The male, seen on the right, can be identified by his red coloring and a brown spot on the top of his head.

CATHY CARNES



Cathy Carnes
Columnist

coloring in songbirds such as the finches, comes from eating carotenoid pigments found in red fruits and vegetables; these also contribute to a healthy immune system. Alan Haney, in his book, "Jewels of Nature," notes that females of both species prefer males that are brighter red, perhaps

because they are healthier or better at finding fruit, important attributes when raising young.

Heavy, short conical bills distinguish these birds as seed eaters. According to The Cornell Lab All About Birds (AAB) website, both species also eat soft buds, the nectar of flowers, and fruits including cherries, apricots and crab apples. While house finches do not eat insects, purple finches eat some; they are a small part of their diet and include aphids, caterpillars, grasshoppers and beetles.

The reproductive output of these finches varies significantly, according to Haney. While the purple finch raises one clutch of two to seven eggs per year, the house finch is busy raising three or more broods a year, each with three to five young. Haney notes that expanding house finch populations may have a positive outcome — their ability to outcompete house sparrows (a non-native species) for nesting cavities. House sparrows are aggressive when competing for nesting cavities and can limit nesting of other native songbirds, including bluebirds and chickadees.

The house finch has proved to be a survivor and wanderer. According to Haney, the house finch is only native to the western U.S. and Mexico. The story explaining its now-expanded range goes that it was marketed and sold as "a Hollywood finch" in the New York City area, but when this activity was made illegal by the Migra-

tory Bird Treaty Act of 1918, many vendors and owners released their birds.

From the release of this small population of house finches, this well-adapted bird has winged its way throughout the U.S. and southern Canada. Official recognition of the house finch occurred in Wisconsin in 1983, and it now occurs year-round throughout its expanded range.

In contrast, the purple finch only occurs year-round throughout the region extending from the Great Lakes to the northeastern U.S. and southern Canada and along the West Coast. They breed mostly in the boreal forests of Canada and migrate south in the winter where they can be seen in the Midwest and southern states.

A finch conservation group called the Finch Research Network annually predicts the migratory pattern of the purple finch. The prediction is based on the condition of food sources used by purple finches in

the boreal forests where they breed. These foods include the seeds of white spruce, tamarack, balsam fir and birch, as well as pit and deciduous fruit crops. These food sources can be affected by insect infestations (spruce budworm, tent caterpillar, etc.), drought and forest fires. When foods are more plentiful, fewer birds migrate south.

This year's forecasts from the Finch Research Network predicts that the majority of purple finches that breed in Canada will migrate south to the Great Plains and southern U.S., with small numbers remaining in southern Ontario east to the Maritime provinces of eastern Canada. This means we will likely see more migrating purple finches this year.

According to the AAB website, both the house and purple finch are considered species of low conservation concern. However, some populations of purple finches may be suffering declines in areas now populated with the more recent arrivals of house finches.

We are lucky here in northeastern Wisconsin, snug up to Lake Michigan, that we are able to see both the house and purple finch year-round. We are likely to see more purple finches in the fall and early winter as they migrate south from the boreal forests of Canada. Providing them with their favorite food at our feeders, black oil sunflower seeds, helps them on their journeys and brings delightful color and song to our world.

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



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tian said. "Most of the kids, 20 of them, were here at 5 this morning. We have a lot of kids who just come in and enjoy, but the kids who come in and cook enjoy it the most."

For Resch, the breakfast also serves as a thank you to the school.

"It's a fun morning, even though it's early," Resch said. "We all are waking, but we get excited by jamming out to music while we're cooking. It's nice that us students get to make something and give back to our school to show our appreciation for them being here and supporting the agriculture community."

Having an event like this, in Resch's view, provides an opportunity to show students who are not in the agriculture program what the FFA is all about.

"There's a lot more to ag than just animals," Resch said. "Any trees, if you do maple syrup, anything in that realm of natural resources. If you do things with water, aquatics, fish, all that stuff. It brings people into the ag building that maybe haven't been, and it shows them what we actually are here."

Resch is a senior, so this will be her last year participating in the deer

hunters breakfast, but she's hoping it won't be her last year enjoying it.

Being an FFA member, she said, definitely brought her a lot of happiness and gave her a lot of memories. "I'm definitely going to miss it," Resch said. "Obviously, going on to college, I'm hoping to come back on this day and come and visit, but I may not have the opportunity. I hope that the kids that are coming in here realize how important it is and how much it brings our school together, and I hope they continue it."

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"Watch at the end for a couple of surprise special effects," Jolly said.

"Seussical" is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance

materials are also supplied by MTI. The music by Stephen Flaherty, lyrics by Lynn Ahrens, and book by Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty, all based on the works of Dr. Seuss. To order tickets, visit

abramstheater.com or call the box office at 920-826-5852. Tickets are \$19 for adults and \$17 for senior citizens, youths and veterans. Anyone interested in helping behind the scenes can contact ASPI to volunteer.

Warmer than usual fall provides some surprises

A long and warmer than normal fall, thus far, has led to many surprises for gardeners here in our area. With temperatures in the 70s, even 80s in just the past few weeks, the gardening season is hanging on and, for many of us, full of fun surprises.

This fall has been noteworthy for a lack of killing frost in many areas, at least up until now, as well as the continued bloom of many garden favorites. Chances are, if you have left your garden plants standing, some of them are still in bloom or, in some cases, producing fruits.

In some gardens, tomatoes are still flowering and producing fruit, even into November, and these plants show no sign of ending their long growing season. Of course, this could change at the drop of a hat should temperatures fall consistently into the 20s for several days.

Lilacs have also been



Rob Zimmer
Columnist

showing off this autumn, with many in our area producing a second flush of blooms in October. While it's normal every year for a few lilacs to produce a second flush in fall, the number of lilacs reblooming this year has been significant.

This is true of classic English and French lilacs, as well as many of the newer dwarf reblooming lilacs such as Bloomerang and those in the Miss Kim family.

Reblooming tall bearded iris have also been surprising gardeners with flowering scapes and luscious blooms continuing even into this past week. There are many varieties of tall bearded iris, such as Immortality, in pure white,



Warm temperatures have helped many garden annuals, such as this nasturtium, continue to bloom into November.
ROB ZIMMER

and others that traditionally rebloom in the fall season.

Even a few forsythia in our area have surprised local gardeners with sparse

golden blooms.

Classic perennials such as black-eyed Susans and purple coneflowers, along with yarrow, sedums,

reblooming daylilies such as Stella D'Oro and others are also still blooming in some area gardens.

Classic summer bloom-

ing shrubs, such as hydrangeas and roses, continue to show off beautiful blooms, even weeks into the autumn season.

The colorful blooms of many annual bedding plants, along with hanging baskets and containers continue to flush new blossoms. Calendula, marigold, salvias, Mexican sunflower, fan flower, begonias, petunias, superbells and others are still blooming in many local gardens even as of the time of this writing.

Temperatures are sure to fall over the next few weeks, and with a few killing frosts, the final blossoms will fade as colder weather moves in. Until then, gardens throughout our area continue to shine and to surprise gardeners seeking that rare November color.

Rob Zimmer is a nature and garden author, public speaker and radio show host on WHBY. Readers can find him on Facebook at www.facebook.com/RobZimmerOutdoors.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, NOV. 29

OCONTO: Winter Wonderland Kickoff, 5 p.m., Holtwood Campground, 400 Holtwood Way.

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

SATURDAY, NOV. 30

CAROLINE: Breakfast and Photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Blue 52, W12850 County Road M. Benefit for Down with Milestones. \$20 adults, \$5 children, price includes breakfast, professional photo and kids' craft.

BIRNAMWOOD: Holiday Fair and Berry Merry Holiday Kick-off, 9 a.m. to 11 p.m., Chet and Emil's Hall and Matsche Center, 388 Main St. Vendors and raffles 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Santa and crew, kids' crafts, gingerbread house judging, hot cocoa bar 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.; chili and soup supper 4:30 p.m.; parade 6 p.m. followed by tree lighting; live music with Lovin Country 7-11 p.m.

SHAWANO: Holiday Stroll and Tree Lighting, 3-5 p.m., Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St. Features 100 decorated

Christmas trees, Santa and his reindeer, horse and wagon rides, Christmas caroling, kids activities. Community Tree lighting at 5 p.m.

OCONTO FALLS: Avenue of Lights Kickoff, 6 p.m., East Side Beach. Oconto Falls High School choir caroling 6 p.m., Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive with tree lighting 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, DEC. 1

PULASKI: Holiday Craft and Gift Market, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Pulaski Community Middle School, 911 S. St. Augustine St. Over 90 vendor booths. \$2 suggested donation. Lunch available for purchase.

MONDAY, DEC. 2

SHAWANO: Pictures with Santa, 4-7 p.m., Newcap, 504 Lakeland Road. Photo op with Santa, hot chocolate bar, sweet treats, games and crafts. One hour 3-4 p.m. reserved for those who need a quieter environment for sensory purposes.

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, DEC. 3

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, DEC. 4

SHAWANO: Chamber Coffee Connection, 8-9 a.m., The Daily Drip, 15 N. Main St., Unit B.

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, DEC. 5

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.

OCONTO FALLS: Main Street Event, 3-7 p.m. downtown. "Whoville" at Caldwell Square, Main Street and Caldwell Avenue, with tree lighting 6 p.m., wagon rides to Avenue of Lights from Antique Bar, 126 N. Main St., activities

at participating businesses.

NAVARINO: Wreath Workshop, 5:30-8 p.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. \$35, limited space, register at 715-758-6999.

ABRAMS: "Suessical The Musical," 7 p.m., Nancy Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple St. Presented by Abrams Spotlight Productions Inc. Tickets \$19 for adults and \$17 for senior citizens, youth and veterans at abramstheater.com or 920-826-5852.

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

FRIDAY, DEC. 6

KESHENA: Menominee Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting, 5:30 p.m., from Menominee Nation Middle/High School parking lot, N522 State Highway 47-55, to Veterans Park pavilion, followed by tree lighting at park.

SHAWANO: Downtown Santa Parade, 6 p.m., Main Street from Elizabeth Street to Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St. Theme: An Old-Fashioned Christmas. After the parade,

visit Santa in The Naberhood at the Santa House until 8 p.m.

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SATURDAY, DEC. 7

SHAWANO: Cookie Walk, 9-11 a.m., Peace United Church of Christ, 208 E. Maurer St. Cookies and candies \$7.50 per pound.

BONDUEL: Craft and Vendor Sale, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Doc's Harley Davidson, W2907 State Highway 29. Pictures with Santa, bake sale.

GREEN VALLEY: Christmas Cookie and Candy Walk, Bethel Lutheran Church, N6955 County Road BB. \$8 a pound for cookies, \$10 for candy.

GILLET: Santa's Workshop, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., St. John's Lutheran Church, 101 W. Main St. Crafts and vendors' goods,

bucket raffles.

GILLET: Christmas in the Park, 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Zippel Park, 150 McKenzie St. Santa visits with children in Expo Hall 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., kids activities, face painting, balloon animals, reindeer games. Caroling 4:45 p.m., lighting of displays and fireworks 5 p.m.

SHAWANO: Merry Mielke Trivia Challenge, 1-4 p.m., Mielke Arts Center, N5649 N. Airport Road. Hosted by Box in the Wood Theatre Guild.

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SUNDAY, DEC. 8

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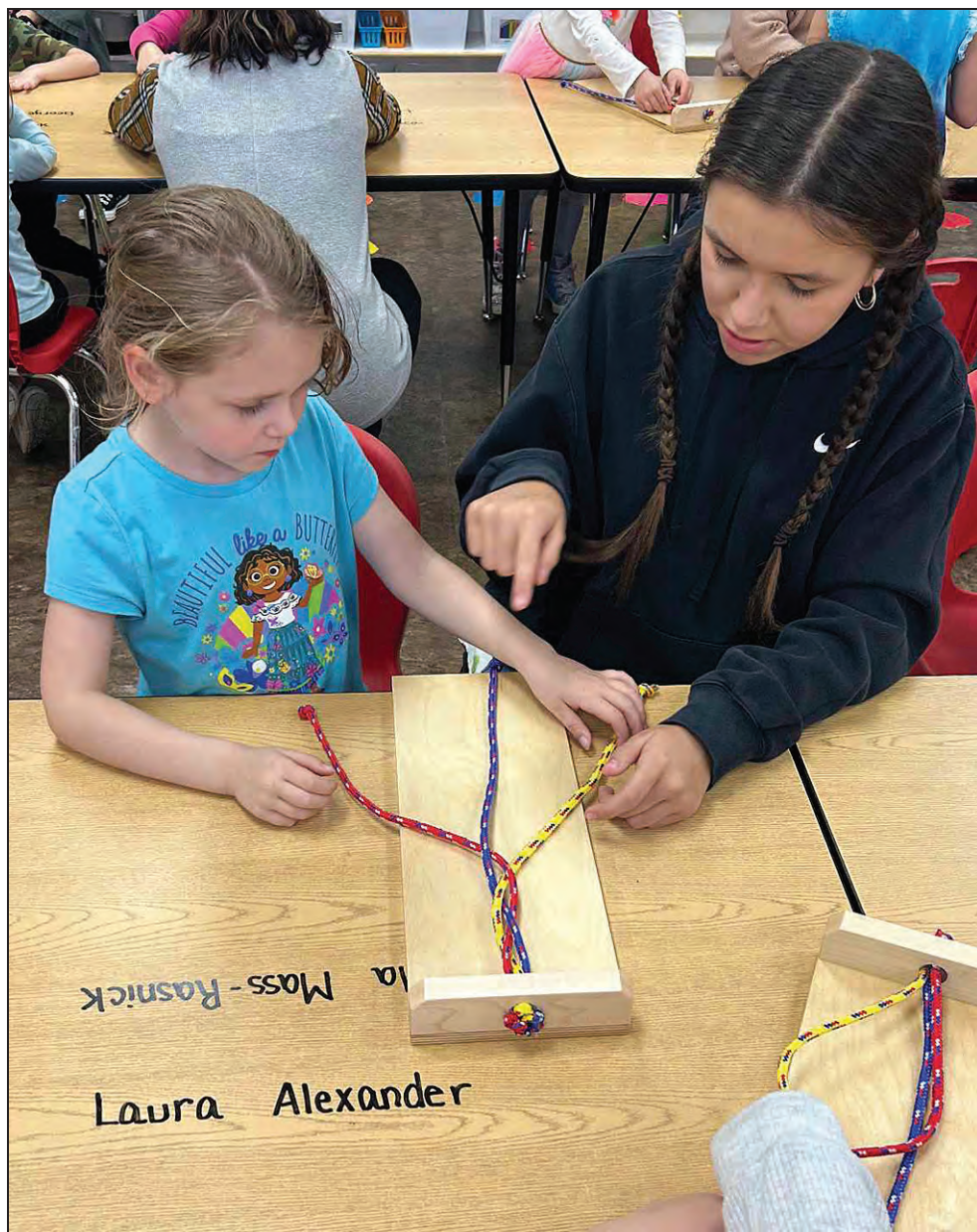
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Working on braid boards



Isla Maas-Rasnick, left, and Addyson Fowler-Doxtator work together on a braid board Nov. 19. The eighth grade class at Sacred Heart Catholic School taught the 4-year-old kindergarten students how to braid using the new braid boards in celebration of Native American Heritage Month and the school's Braids are Beautiful Day. The boards were made and donated by Crossroads Custom Cabinetry. The older students worked with and taught the younger children, and this was also a great opportunity for the 4K students to work on their fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination and sense of order.

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Options available for Medicare Advantage plans

With Medicare's Annual Election Period (AEP) now open, Aspirus Health Plan wants to help Medicare beneficiaries navigate the decision-making process of selecting a Medicare Advantage (MA) plan by sharing key considerations that everyone should review when choosing their plan.

“Medicare’s Annual Election Period for 2025 ends on Dec. 7, 2024, so it is important that you evaluate your options and select coverage that will best meet your needs before the deadline,” said David Bittner, interim president of Aspirus Health Plan. “We encourage everyone to compare plans carefully and reach out to trusted resources if they need further assistance.”

Medicare Advantage plans, like those offered by Aspirus Health Plan, offer an alternative to original Medicare and can provide additional benefits. Here are five of the most important factors to consider when evaluating a Medicare Advantage plan.

Provider network

Medicare Advantage plans typically have a

defined network, such as an HMO or PPO. It's essential to confirm that your preferred doctors, hospitals and specialists are in-network and accessible under the plan you're considering. Staying within the network usually results in the lowest out-of-pocket costs.

Cost structure

Medicare Advantage plans can vary in terms of monthly premiums, copays, deductibles and annual out-of-pocket maximums. Keep in mind that while some MA plans have low or even no premiums, the cost structure for services may differ between plans.

Prescription drug coverage

Many Medicare Advantage plans include Part D prescription drug coverage. It's important to review the list of covered drugs to ensure your medications are included and to compare associated copays or coinsurance costs.

Plan type and flexibility

Consider the type of plan, such as Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) or Preferred Provider Organization

(PPO), and if it fits your lifestyle. HMOs typically require referrals for specialist visits and may only cover services from in-network providers. PPOs offer more flexibility to see providers outside the network, although at a higher cost.

Additional benefits

Unlike original Medicare, MA plans often offer additional benefits like dental, vision, hearing and wellness programs. These extra services may add significant value, especially for those who need specific services not covered under original Medicare.

"We know that choosing a Medicare Advantage plan is a highly personal decision," said David Bittner. "By considering your network preferences, cost structure and any additional benefits that might be valuable to you, you can find a plan that aligns with your personal healthcare goals."

Find more information about Medicare Advantage options and how to find the right plan by visiting www.healthcare.gov or the Aspirus Health Plan website.



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Wildcats down larger foes to open season

Nov. 22
Lena 75, Merrill 31
The Lena Wildcats, runners-up in the WIAA Division 5 girls basketball tournament last March, started the 2024-25 season with impressive victories over a pair of Division 2 opponents on their home court last week.

In a battle of last year's conference champions, Lena of the M&O Conference outlasted Marinette of the North Eastern Conference 60-54 on Nov. 19.

The Wildcats went on to rout Merrill of the Wisconsin Valley Conference 75-31 on Nov. 22.

Lena scored the first seven points of the game and never looked back. The Bluejays managed to pull within five points at 14-9 early in the first half, but the Wildcats slowly pulled away and led 34-19 at the half.

Extending the lead to 42-24 with 14:17 to play, the Wildcats ended the game on a 33-7 run.

M&O Player of the Year Eva Brooks nearly matched Merrill's entire team with 30 points. Brooks connected on 13 2-point baskets, one 3-point play and a free throw.

Junior Madilyn Thomson (22) and senior Kali Fischer (12) also finished in double figures.

Brooks pulled down 11 rebounds, with Hannah Thomson grabbing eight and Madilyn Thomson getting seven.

Hannah Thomson led with eight assists, and Brooks had five. Brooks tallied five steals, while Madilyn Thomson and Fischer each had four.

Marion/Tigerton 50, Port Edwards 30

Marion/Tigerton had little trouble dispensing of Port Edwards 50-30.

The visitors led 22-9 at the break and outscored their hosts 28-21 in the second half.

Oneida Nation 85, Bowler 39

Oneida Nation scored almost as many points in the first half as Bowler did all game in an 85-39 win.

The home team led 38-16 at the break and out-



Eva Brooks (10) extends for the layup during Lena's 75-31 nonconference victory over Merrill on Nov. 22. Brooks finished with 30 points.

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scored Bowler 47-23 in the second half.

Shawano 53, Pulaski 45

Gillett 52, Green Bay NEW Lutheran/Providence Academy 33

Nov. 21
Oconto Falls 62, Menominee Nation 54

The Oconto Falls girls basketball team trailed by seven points at halftime but poured in the baskets

in the second half to claim victory at home.

The Panthers were down 34-27 at the break but outscored their guests 35-20 in the second half as they won 62-54.

St. Mary Catholic 50, Bonduel 37

Suring 45, Gresham 27

Nov. 19
Wittenberg-Birnamwood 63, Peshtigo 23

The Wittenberg-

Birnamwood girls basketball team started the season with plenty of adrenaline as they took on Peshtigo, defeating the Bulldogs 63-23.

"Defensively we played very well, especially the second half," coach Nick Mechelke said. "We just didn't shoot very well from the floor. We got a lot of open looks but couldn't get anything to fall in the first



Kali Fischer, left, and Haley Van Ark of Lena apply pressure to Merrill's Gracelee Gentile-Hull during the Wildcats' 75-31 nonconference victory over the Bluejays on Nov. 22 at Lena.

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half."

The Chargers led 27-13 after the first half and made some adjustments in the second half to help blow open the scoring difference.

"We played a much better half, outscoring the Bulldogs 36-10," Mechelke said. "I was really happy that all 12 contributed in some way tonight."

Rory Salvesen led Wittenberg-Birnamwood with 25 points. Melaina Granquist added 14, and Harper Rogowski contributed 11. Salvesen and Granquist each had four free throws.

Brie Ladika had the Chargers' only two assists. Rogowski had eight assists, and Granquist had seven.

Ladika, Rogowski, Salvesen and Granquist each recorded five steals.

Lena 60, Marinette 54

Eva Brooks posted 27 points, and Madilyn Thomson added 20 as Lena opened the season with a 60-54 win over

Marinette.

Marinette led 26-22 at the break, but then Lena turned up the tempo and outscored their guests 38-28 to earn the six-point win.

Brooks collected 22 of her points in the second half. During the stretch of the entire game, she connected on a trio of 3-point plays and made 8-of-15 free throws.

Thomson made 8-of-11 free throws.

Also scoring were Kali Fischer with nine points, and Haley Van Ark and Maddy Kushner with two each.

Bonduel 53, Algoma 32

Gresham 54, Rosholt 45

Marion 62, Stockbridge 35

Oconto 79, Menominee Nation 48

West De Pere 71, Pulaski 45

Shawano 65, Medford 48

CWC all-conference football teams announced

Officials with the Central Wisconsin Conference have announced the names of athletes named to the all-conference football teams.

Six Wittenberg-Birnamwood players were honored on offense, and eight were honored on defense.

Named to the first team offense was junior Eddie Nowinsky as offensive lineman.

Second team offense included junior Henry Egging as offensive lineman, junior Bryson Schmid as quarterback, senior Boone Schairer as running back and se-

nior Jett Rogowski as wide receiver.

Junior George Seegmiller was named to the honorable mention list as offensive lineman.

Schairer was named co-defensive player of the year.

First team defense included Rogowski as defensive back, Nowinsky as defensive lineman and Schairer as linebacker.

On the second team were Schmid as defensive back, sophomore Slade Wierzbza as defensive lineman and junior Kaden Yaeger as linebacker.

Honorable mention status was earned

by junior Carson Meverden as defensive lineman and senior Michael Gunter as linebacker.

The CWC 8-man all-conference teams also included several local athletes.

Named to the second team offense were Marion/Tigerton junior Nolan Wisnfske as offensive lineman, senior Joey Zimdars as quarterback and sophomore Braylon Mielke as running back.

Marion/Tigerton senior Gavin Laatsch was named to the honorable mention team as offensive lineman. Menominee Nation senior Rayshawan Madoah

was honored as offensive lineman, and senior Mike Selgado was recognized as quarterback.

All-conference players on the defensive side were Marion/Tigerton senior Logan Zietlow as defensive back, Marion/Tigerton junior Sam Anheuser as linebacker and Menominee Nation senior as defensive lineman.

With honorable mention honors were Marion/Tigerton junior Nick Hannig as defensive lineman, Zimdars as linebacker and Menominee Nation senior Mitchell Waukau as defensive lineman.



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Shawano athletes named all-conference

BY NEW MEDIA STAFF

Several Shawano Community High School athletes have been named to various Bay Conference all-conference teams for their efforts fall sports.

Boys cross country
Sophomore Josiah Kuehl, who competed in the state tournament, was named to the second team. Senior Trevor Schwartz was honorable mention.

Girls cross country
The entire girls team advanced to the state tournament. First team honors were awarded to junior

Bailey Hendricks, senior Adalyn Barkley and junior Maci Beyer.

Named to the second team were freshman Mikelah Powers and junior Anabelle Schroeder.

Tennis
Rachael Carroll earned second team honors for her singles play.

Football
On the offensive side of the ball, sophomore wide receiver Austin Heling and senior running back Jerzy Bocker were named to the second team.

Senior tight end Alex Zierden earned honorable

mention status.

On defense, Bocker was a unanimous selection for first team as a defensive back and as punter.

Junior Chase Katchenago was named as a second team defensive lineman, and senior Parker Beyer was honorable mention as a defensive back.

Soccer
Four Hawks were named to the first team. They were senior keeper Ryan Buerman, senior forward Warner Beyer, senior midfielder Ruben De Gaspari and junior defender Cooper Boucher.

Sophomore forward Grayson Swedberg and junior midfielder Anderson Schmidt earned second team honors.

Volleyball
The volleyball team advanced to the state tournament for the first time since 1988. Juniors Natalie Bystol and Leah Nordin earned first team honors.

Honorable mention status was earned by senior libero Teagen Thompson, senior setter Amelia Klement and senior Gracie Buss.

Golf
Sophia Eggert was

named Bay Conference Golfer of the Year. She was named to the first team along with Lily Glysch. Maddie Moesch and Del Kunze were named to the second team.

Bonduel's Morgan Staszak earned honorable mention status.

Swimming
Wittenberg-Birnamwood swimmers collected several honors.

Sophomore Kelsie Davis was named Bay Conference Swimmer of the Year.

Freshman Brooklyn Beran, junior Reese Dickman,

Davis and senior Faith Resch earned first team honors for the 200-yard medley relay and for the 400-yard freestyle relay.

Resch was named to the first team in the 50-yard freestyle and the 100-yard freestyle, as was Davis is the 100-yard butterfly and the 100-yard backstroke.

Dickman was named to the second team for the 100-yard breaststroke.

Beran earned honorable mention status in the 200-yard freestyle and the 100-yard backstroke, while Dickman was recognized for the 50-yard freestyle.

Higgins to lead Pulaski girls softball program

Emily Higgins is the new girls softball coach at Pulaski High School. She replaces Billie Vertz, who retired last summer after 20 seasons at the helm and 24 years with the program.

Higgins, a Pulaski Community Middle School eighth grade teacher, is no stranger to the softball program. She is a 2018 PHS graduate who competed in softball, basketball and cross country during high school. She later played basketball for two years at UW-Oshkosh, where she earned a bachelor's degree in secondary education.

She was Fox River Clas-

sic Conference first team all-conference member all four years of high school in softball. She was honorable mention on the Wisconsin Fastpitch Softball Coaches Association all-state team in her freshman year and first team her sophomore, junior and senior years.

Growing up, she played travel softball for a team called PowerHouse Fastpitch, which traveled all over the country to play in tournaments.

"It was an amazing experience playing against girls from all over," she said.

Her younger years, she



EMILY HIGGINS

played short-stop. She played first base her freshman year and second base the remainder of her high school career. In 2016, the Red Raiders advanced to the state tournament.

Pulaski is a well-rounded community with people in it who are very supportive of the sports programs,

Higgins said.

"It's a school that has competitive sports teams, softball being one of them," she said. "I am super honored to come back and be a part of the softball organization again."

Higgins' goal is to keep building the program to be the best it can be and for her players to compete at a high level.

"It is awesome to see Emily Higgins back on the softball field, this time at the helm of the Red Raider program," said Janel Batten, PHS athletic and activities director. "I am beyond excited for her future and the

future of this softball program. She will do a great job, with the assistants around her, of carrying out the tradition of excellence that Coach Vertz had built."

At present, Batten is working on finalizing the rest of the coaching staff.

Higgins said some of her biggest memories from high school were going to softball practices, being with her teammates, the bus rides and the games.

"Those are some times that I will never forget. So to come back and coach the next generation is an honor," she said.

Higgins recognized she



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Bear season results show successful rebound

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) preliminary results for the 2024 bear season indicate hunters harvested 4,285 bears during the five-week season, a rebound from the below-average harvest of 2,922 bears taken last fall.

“Several factors likely led to this season’s increase in harvest,” said Randy Johnson, DNR large carnivore specialist. “In 2023, we saw an incredible amount of acorns and other natural food production. This reduced the effectiveness of baits and translated to a historically low harvest. This year, anecdotes from bear hunters and harvest data suggest less natural food availability than last year.

“Additionally, last year’s low harvest, coupled with bears entering dens in excellent body condition last fall, likely contributed to an increase in the number of bears on the landscape this fall.”

The 2024 bear season ran from Sept. 4 to Oct. 8. A total of 11,501 bear hunting licenses were awarded to hunters through the license lottery system.

Although the number of licenses was reduced



Wisconsin bear hunters experienced above-average success in 2024, harvesting 4,285 bears during the black bear season. WISCONSIN DNR

slightly this year, hunter success rates were generally higher than expected, leading to meeting or exceeding harvest targets in most management zones. Statewide, hunter success was about 37%, up from the five-year average of 31%. Hunter success rates in individual zones varied from a high of 71% in Zone A to less than 10% in Zones E and F.

“On average, we expect to see about half of the total bear harvest within the first five days of the season,” Johnson said. “This year, nearly 57% of the total harvest occurred in those first five days, with over 1,000 bears taken on opening day alone. Although the harvest rate

returned closer to average during the rest of the season, this strong first week set the stage to meet or exceed harvest targets by season’s end.”

Wisconsin has a thriving bear population, estimated at around 23,000 bears, with a range covering more than half the state.

While bears have cultural and ecological value, they can also conflict with human interests, such as damaging agricultural crops or raiding residential trash and bird feeders.

Visit <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/hunt/bear> to learn more about black bear hunting, ecology and management in Wisconsin.

Peters named top defensive player of 2024

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy senior Calvin Peters was named defensive player of the year, Across the Bay Conference officials announced. He was one of several team members to earn all-conference honors.

Named to the first team offense were Peters and senior Tyler Shallow as running backs, junior Colt Miller as offensive end and senior Tug Paidl as offensive lineman.

For the defense, first team honors were earned by Shallow as defensive back, Peters as linebacker, Miller as defensive lineman.

Gillett senior La-Vonnzell was named to the first team defense as a linebacker, and Suring senior Michael Bailey was honored as a defensive lineman on the first team.

Bailey was also named the punter on the first team.

Second team offense honors were won by Suring sophomore Kroix Kempka as running back, Lena/STAA junior Max Peterson as running back, Bailey as offensive end, Gillett senior Andrew Urch as offensive end, Lena/STAA junior Blake Behnke as offensive lineman, Suring senior Donny Otradovec as offensive lineman and Bailey as placekicker.

Named to the second team on defense were Suring sophomore Taylor Booth-Stoffregen as defensive back, Gillett junior Jedric Herzog as defensive back, Suring senior Kaleb Kempka as linebacker, Kroix Kempka as linebacker, Peterson as linebacker, Gillett senior Ryan Pensis as defensive lineman, Lena/STAA junior Zander Thompson as defensive lineman.

Earning honorable mention status were Gillett senior Jesse DeBauch as quarterback, Smith as running back, Suring sophomore Grant Thompson as running back, Pensis as offensive end and Gillett senior Cole School as offensive lineman.

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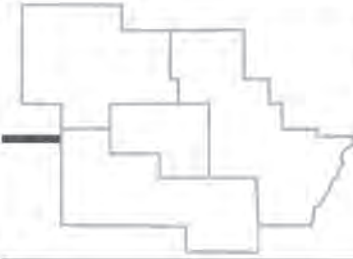
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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY

SECURA SUPREME INSURANCE COMPANY AS SUBROGEE OF ESVIN GOMEZ AND KELSEY KETTER Plaintiff, vs. LAWRENCE T CAMBEROS III JAMIE R SCHOENHOFEN Defendants.

Case No. 24SC025884

PUBLICATION SUMMONS

TO: JAMIE R SCHOENHOFEN 701 S EVERGREEN ST SHAWANO WI 54166 You are being sued by: SECURA SUPREME INSURANCE COMPANY AS SUBROGEE OF ESVIN GOMEZ AND KELSEY KETTER in the Small Claims Court of MILWAUKEE COUNTY, located at 901 N 9TH ST MILWAUKEE WI 53233. A hearing will be held at 8:30 a.m. on January 7, 2025. If you do not appear, a judgment may be given to the party suing you. A copy of this amended summons along with the summons and complaint is being mailed to you. Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin this November 20, 2024. KOHN LAW FIRM S.C.

ELECTRONICALLY SIGNED BY: /S/MERRICK RAMOS MERRICK RAMOS Plaintiff's Attorney

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT, OF SHAWANO COUNTY

NOTICE AND ORDER

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE

Hailey Fae Kalz By Savannah Rachelle Peotter

NOTICE and ORDER for Name Chance Hearing case No.24cv213A

NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:

From: Hailey Fae Kalz To: Hailey Fae Poetter

Birth Certificate: Hailey Fae Kalz

IT IS ORDERED:

This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Shawano County State of Wisconsin. Judge's name: Judge William Kussel 311 N Main St Shawano WI Date: 01/13/2025 Time: 11:45 a.m.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Mary J. Murawski D.O.D. 08/22/2024

Order Setting Time to Hear Petition for Administration and Deadline for Filing Claims (Formal Administration) Case No. 24 PR 69

A Petition for Formal Administration was filed.

THE COURT FINDS:

The decedent, with date of birth 12/14/1946 and date of death 08/22/24 was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin with a mailing address of W5449 Lakewood Court Shawano, WI 54166

THE COURT ORDERS:

1.The Petition be heard at the Shawano County Courthouse 311 Main ST Shawano, WI Branch 1, before Circuit Court Judge Katherine Sloma on 01/27/2025 at 9:00 am.

You do not appear unless you object. The petition may be granted if there is no objection.

2.The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is February13, 2025.

3. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse 311 Main ST Shawano, WI, Wisconsin Room 202 Register in Probate Office.

4. Heirship will be determined at the hearing on petitions for final judgment.

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Bidding is on the complete contents of the unit.

Owner- Ofelia Ghent Contents: boxes, bags, lamp, chair, totes, furniture, misc.

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Owner- Amanda Schanandore Contents: dresser, appliance, bedframe, tire, boxes, clothing, bags, misc.

Owner- David Hernandez Contents: mattresses, boxes, chair, totes, boxes, lamp, Christmas decor, misc.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT SHAWANO COUNTY

Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF

Taylesia Raye Lynn Blackowl By (Petitioner) Josephine Louise Pamonicut By (Co-Petitioner) Brad Lucas Blackowl

NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:

From: Taylesia Raye Lynn Blackowl To: Taylesia Raye Lynn Pamonicut

Birth Certificate: IT IS ORDERED:

This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Shawano County, State of Wisconsin: Judge's Name: Judge Sloma Place: Shawano County Courthouse, Br.1, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano, WI 54166 December 20, 2024 8:45 a.m. If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-526-9347 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT SHAWANO COUNTY

Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF Rose Marie Benotch By (Petitioner) Rose Marie Benotch By (Co-Petitioner)

NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: Rose Marie Benotch To: Alex Lappen Benotch Birth Certificate: Rose Marie Benotch

IT IS ORDERED:

This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Shawano County, State of Wisconsin: Judge's Name: Judge Sloma Place: Shawano County Courthouse, Br.1, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano, WI 54166 January 7, 2024 8:15 a.m. If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-526-9347 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF TYLER T. CHANCE SCHREIBER

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration) Case No. 24 PR 73

TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.

2. The decedent, with date of birth 08/07/1984 and date of death 10/04/2024 , was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin , with a mailing address of N6394 Lake Drive Shawano WI 54166 .

3. All interested persons waived notice.

4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is February 19, 2025 .

5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street Shawano, WI 54166 , Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate Office .

Form completed by: Attorney Michael A. Maas Heritage Law Firm, LLC 2050 Riverside Drive Green Bay, WI 54301

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT SHAWANO COUNTY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Informal Administration) Case Number - 24pr71

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF William K. Teetzen

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

1. An application for informal administration was filed.

2. The decedent, with date of birth 01/26/1941 and date of death 07/01/2020, was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of N6103 West Hazel Drive Shawano, WI 54166, USA.

3. All interested persons waived notice. You do not need to appear unless you object. The application may be granted if there is no objection.

4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate 02/19/2025. 5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N Main St, Shawano, WI Wisconsin Room 202 Probate Office.

Form completed by: James E. Aschenbrenner P.O. Box146, Shawano, WI 54166, USA Phone: 715 524 6258 Bar Number: 1008896

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF William E Wilson, Jr.

Name DOD 10-6-2024

Amended Notice Setting Time to Hear Application and Deadline for Filing Claims (Informal Administration) Case No. 24 PR 68

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.

2. The decedent, with date of birth 8-15-1957 and date of death 10-6-2024 was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin , with a mailing address of 1005 S. Washington Street, Shawano, WI 54166.

3. The application will be heard at the Shawano County Courthouse, Shawano , Wisconsin, Room Probate 202 , before Gwen Hoffman ,Probate Registrar, on December 12, 2024 at 1:00. You do not need to appear unless you object. The application may be granted if there is no objection.

4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is February 4, 2025 .

5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, Shawano , Wisconsin, Room 202 Probate .

6. This publication is notice to any persons whose names or address are unknown.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT SHAWANO COUNTY

AMENDED NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Informal Administration) Case Number - 24pr70

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Jeffrey Lundmark

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

1. An application for informal administration was filed.

2. The decedent, with date of birth 07/29/1951 and date of death 07/25/2024, was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 725 S. Evergreen ST Shawano, WI 54166, USA.

3. All interested persons waived notice. You do not need to appear unless you object. The application may be granted if there is no objection.

4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate 02/19/2025.

5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N Main St, Shawano, WI Wisconsin Room 202 Probate Office.

Form completed by: James E. Aschenbrenner P.O. Box146, Shawano, WI 54166, USA Phone: 715 524 6258 Bar Number: 1008896

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT, OF SHAWANO COUNTY

NOTICE AND ORDER

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF: Jayda Mae Kalz By Savannah Rachelle Peotter

NOTICE and ORDER for Name Chance Hearing case No.24cv213B

Submitted by: Scott D. Nabke Bar No.: 1037979 Diaz Anselmo & Associates, P.A. P.O. BOX 19519 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33318 Telephone: (954) 564-0071 Facsimile: (954) 564-9252 Service E-mail: answersms@dallegal.com Dated this ____ day of _____, 20__ Shawano County Sheriff or Designee

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY

Plaintiff: WRHC3 LLC, W5322 Debbie CT Shawano Wi 54166 vs. Defendant: Charon Carpenter 802 Sweed ST Shawano, WI 54166

Publication Summons and Notice (Small Claims) Case No 24 SC 00544

Publication Summons and Notice of Filing TO THE PERSON NAMED ABOVE AS DEFENDANT You are being sued by the person(s) named above as Plaintiff(s). A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above. The lawsuit will be heard in the following small claims court: Shawano County Courthouse 715-526-9347 County Board Room, 311 N Main St Shawano, WI 54166 12/10/2024 1:00p.m.

If you do not attend the hearing, the court may enter a judgment against you in favor of the person(s) suing you. A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate (property) you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

You may have the option to Answer without appearing in court on the court date by filing a written Answer with the clerk of court before the court date. You must send a copy of your Answer to the Plaintiff(s) named above at their address. You may contact the clerk of court at the telephone number above to determine if there are other methods to answer a Small Claims complaint in that county Ashley Engle 715 853 8371 11/12/24 W5322 Debbie CT Shawano WI 54166

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT SHAWANO COUNTY

CASE No. 2024CV000070 FORECLOSURE CASE CODE: 30404

FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION Plaintiff, vs. JASON GAMBSKY; COREEN WETTSTEIN A/K/A COREEN GAMBSKY; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JASON GAMBSKY, IF ANY; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF COREEN WETTSTEIN A/K/A COREEN GAMBSKY, IF ANY; CAPITAL CREDIT UNION; et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SHERIFFS SALE PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered on September 5, 2024, in the amount of \$128,479.25, the Sheriff, or Designee, will sell the described premises at public auction as follows: December 11, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

TERMS: 1. 10% of the successful bid must be paid to the sheriff at the sale in cash, cashier's check, or certified funds, payable to the clerk of courts (personal checks cannot and will not be accepted). The balance of the successful bid must be paid to the clerk of courts in cash, cashier's check, or certified funds no later than ten days after the court's confirmation of the sale or else the 10% down payment will be forfeited to the Plaintiff.

2. Sold "as is" and subject to all legal liens and encumbrances.

3. Buyer to pay applicable Wisconsin Real Estate Transfer Tax in addition to the purchase price.

PLACE: Main level of the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 North Main Street, Shawano, WI 54166

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Submitted by: Scott D. Nabke Bar No.: 1037979 Diaz Anselmo & Associates, P.A. P.O. BOX 19519 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33318 Telephone: (954) 564-0071 Facsimile: (954) 564-9252 Service E-mail: answersms@dallegal.com Dated this ____ day of _____, 20__ Shawano County Sheriff or Designee

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT BROWN COUNTY

CIVIL DIVISION

BCG Equities, LLC 225 S. Executive Dr. Brookfield WI 53005

Plaintiff, vs. Case No.: 2024CV001484 Classification Code: 30301 The amount claimed is over \$10,000.

JANESSA EDWARDS W2673 CHIEF JOSETTE ST KESHENA WI 54135 Defendant.

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THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, To the person named above as a defendant: You are hereby notified that the plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The complaint, which is attached, states the nature and basis of the legal action.

Within 40 (forty) days after 11/22/2024, you must respond with a written answer, as that term is used in Chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the complaint. The court may reject or disregard an answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The answer must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is 100 S JEFFERSON STREET COURT GREEN BAY, WI 54305 and to Dobberstein Law Firm, LLC, the plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 225 S. Executive Drive, Brookfield, Wisconsin 53005. You may have an attorney help or represent you.

If you do not provide a proper answer within 40 (forty) days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

Dated this 11/7/2024 day of 11/7/2024 .

DOBBERSTEIN LAW FIRM, LLC Attorneys for the plaintiff

Electronically signed by Jillian E Caggiano Jillian E Caggiano State Bar No. 1101032

MAILING ADDRESS: 225 S. Executive Dr. Brookfield, WI 53005 (262) 641-3715

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT

LANGLADE COUNTY

AMENDED SUMMONS Case No. 24-CV-106

In the matter of: CAROL LEE DETTMAN-SMITH 285 Ridgeview Drive Johnson City, TN 37615 Plaintiff, -vs- KENNETH JOHN DETTMAN N7549 Pine Street Eland, WI 54427 Defendant.

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, to the above-named Kenneth John Dettman: You are hereby notified that the plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you.

Within forty (40) days after November 15, 2024, you must respond with a written demand for a copy of the complaint. The demand must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is 800 Clermont Street, Antigo, Wisconsin 54409 and to Michael B. Winter, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 835 Fifth Avenue, Antigo, Wisconsin 54409. You may have an attorney help you or represent you.

If you do not demand a copy of the complaint within forty (40) days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that s or may be incorrect in the complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

DATED this 4th day of November, 2024.

WINTER LAW OFFICE Attorneys for Plaintiff BY: Michael B. Winter This document drafted by: Michael B. Winter State Bar #1025676 Winter Law Office 835 Fifth Avenue Antigo, WI 54409 (715) 623-2905

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT SHAWANO COUNTY

NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing 55 Beattie Place, Suite 110 Greenville, SC 29601 Plaintiff, vs. Lee J. Nicholas 501 S Washington St Shawano, WI 54166-2860 Jane Doe Nicholas 501 S Washington St Shawano, WI 54166-2860 Cottonwood Financial WI LLC DBA The Cash Store c/o CT Corporation System, Registered Agent 301 S Bedford St Ste 1 Madison, WI 53703 The United States of America c/o US Attorney 517 East Wisconsin Avenue Milwaukee, WI 53202 & c/o US Attorney General 950 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Rm B-103 Washington, DC 20530-0001 State of Wisconsin c/o Attorney General 114 East State Capitol Madison, WI 53703 Defendants.

PUBLICATION SUMMONS Case No. 24-CV-000195

The Honorable Katherine Sloma Case Code 30404 (Foreclosure of Mortgage) The amount claimed exceeds \$10,000.00

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN To each person named above as a defendant: You are hereby notified that the plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. Within 40 days after November 22, 2024 you must respond with a written demand for a copy of the complaint. The demand must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is 311 N. Main Street, Shawano, WI 54166-2145 and to Gray & Associates, L.L.P., plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 16345 West Glendale Drive, New Berlin, WI 53151-2841. You may have an attorney help or represent you.

If you do not demand a copy of the complaint within 40 days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property. Dated this 13th day of November, 2024. Gray & Associates, L.L.P. Attorneys for Plaintiff Ian J. Thomson State Bar No. 1076280 Case No. 24-CV-000195 16345 West Glendale Drive New Berlin, WI 53151-2841 (414) 224-1987

Gray & Associates, L.L.P. is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If you have previously received a discharge in a chapter 7 bankruptcy case, this communication should not be construed as an attempt to hold you personally liable for the debt.

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History made with pow wow at SCHS



Female pow wow participants come together to do a swan dance Nov. 23 at Shawano Community High School for its Title VI program's first pow wow.



Emmett Frechette, 3, sticks out his tongue at his family before joining some of the other dancers at the Title VI pow wow held Nov. 23 at Shawano Community High School.



ABOVE LEFT: Danica Wilke, head female dancer for the Title VI pow wow, waves to people in the bleachers Nov. 23 as she enters the arena at Shawano Community High School to lead the pow wow.
ABOVE: Luis Kakkak, head male dancer, prepares to lead the first-ever pow wow hosted by the Shawano School District on Nov. 23 at Shawano Community High School.
ABOVE RIGHT: J.J. Corn is a bright flash of yellow as he dances around the arena Nov. 23 at Shawano Community High School for the Title VI pow wow. Corn lead the veterans procession at the start of the pow wow, holding the eagle staff for the event.
LEFT: There were plenty of smiles on dancers' faces as they hit the dance arena Nov. 23 at Shawano Community High School for the Title VI pow wow. About 100 dancers participated in the event.
RIGHT: Tracy Lobermier stands out in her red jingle dress Nov. 23 during the Shawano Community High School Title VI pow wow. Pow wows are known for colorful, elaborate regalia, much of which is put together by the dancers and their families.

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Complicated moves make ‘Bluff’ a winner

When I finished reading “Bluff” by Jane Stanton Hitchcock, I wondered how I could ever share it here. The plot was beyond complicated but very intriguing. I will try to give you a summary and hope it inspires you to read one of Hitchcock’s other books.



The story centers around Maud Warner. As part of

New York’s wealthy elite, she and her brother grew up with every privilege. They had no idea how their lives would change when they agreed to hire Burt Sklar to manage their finances. Burt was a born hustler. He was charming, attentive and quick to worm his way

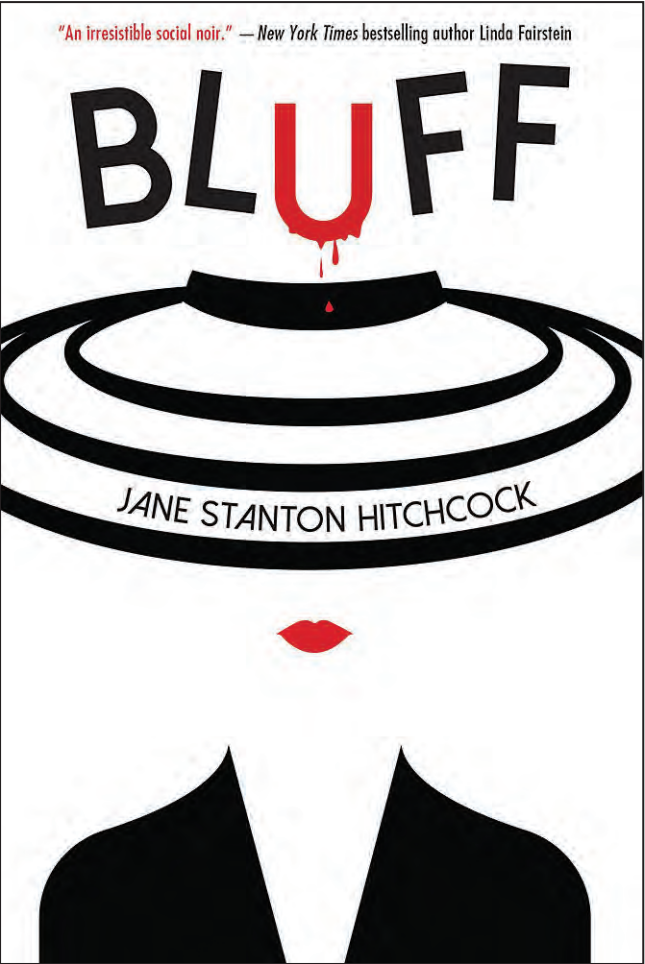
into the lives of his clients. After Maud’s stepfather died, Burt handled his estate.

When Maud questioned some of his reports, Burt brushed her off. He’d convinced her mother not to trust Maud, insisting that his investments had made millions. Maud was no vapid debutante. She suspected that Burt had been stealing from them for a long time but couldn’t prove it.

Using his considerable skills, Burt had convinced wealthy businessman Sun Sunderland to become an investment partner. The two men were almost inseparable, but something about their relationship made Maud suspicious. As her family’s money continues to disappear and her brother spirals into drug addiction, Maud tries to find proof of Burt’s fraud, but he thwarts her every move.

After her mother dies unexpectedly, the family discovers that all their assets now belong to Burt Sklar. Now living in relative poverty, Maud tries internet poker. Before long, she discovers that she’s not only hooked, but very good at the game. Soon she’s playing for substantial stakes at illegal games.

Most players underestimate the 58-year-old woman. Her greatest skill is the bluff, and bluffing is key to Maud’s plans to exact



revenge on Burt Sklar and Sun Sunderland. I was well into the book when Maud’s plan was revealed, and it was a dandy.

Maud learns that Sun had committed bigamy by marrying a young woman named Danya. Sun treated his wife Jean with respect, but was very abusive with Danya. Burt Sklar had facilitated the whole thing.

Sklar was in love with Danya, but she loathed him. She tells them that Sun confessed to helping Sklar smother Maud’s elderly mother. The three women forge an alliance, and Maud masterminds their plan for vengeance.

The book won the 2019 Dashiell Hammett Prize for Literary Excellence in Crime Writing.



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Election Details

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Office	Incumbent
School Board Member (Area 1)	Christopher Pietz
School Board Member (Area 5)	Chuck Wendler
School Board Member (Area 6)	Dan Stewart

For more information, contact Jill Resch at 715-253-2213 or jeresch@wittbirn.k12.wi.us

A description of school district boundaries can be obtained from the district office, or found on the district’s website: www.wittbirn.k12.wi.us

Office Terms

The term of office for school board member is three years beginning on Monday, April 28, 2025. A description of the school district boundaries can be obtained from the school district office.

For Candidates

A Campaign Registration Statement and a Declaration of Candidacy, must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, in the office of the school district clerk.

Primary Election

If a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

Additional Information

Acceptable Photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.

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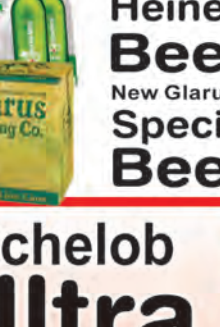
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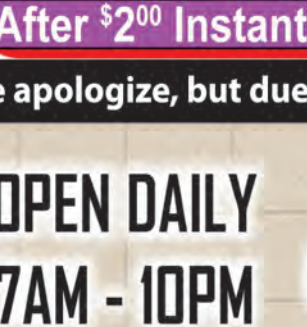
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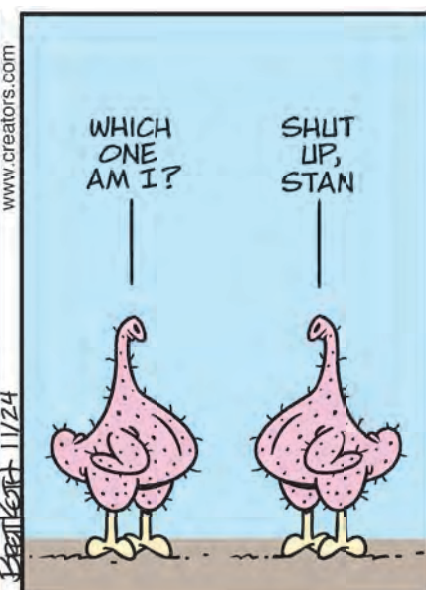
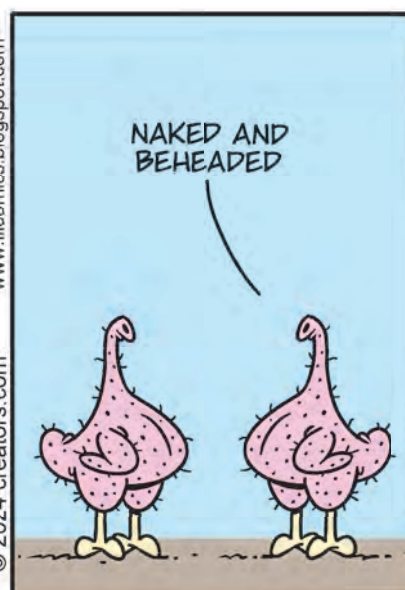
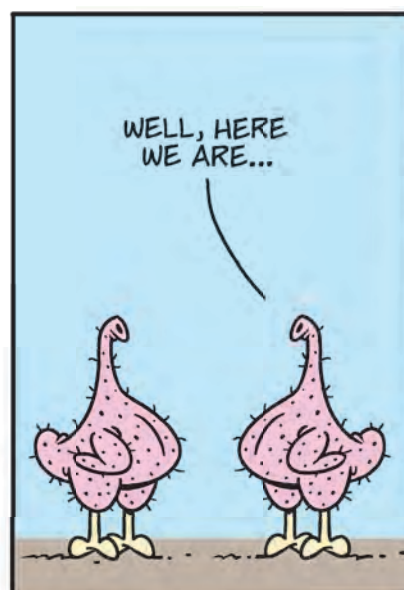
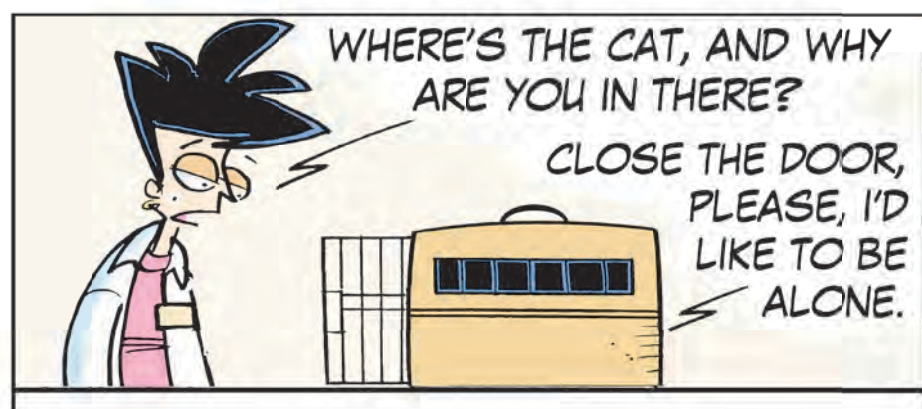
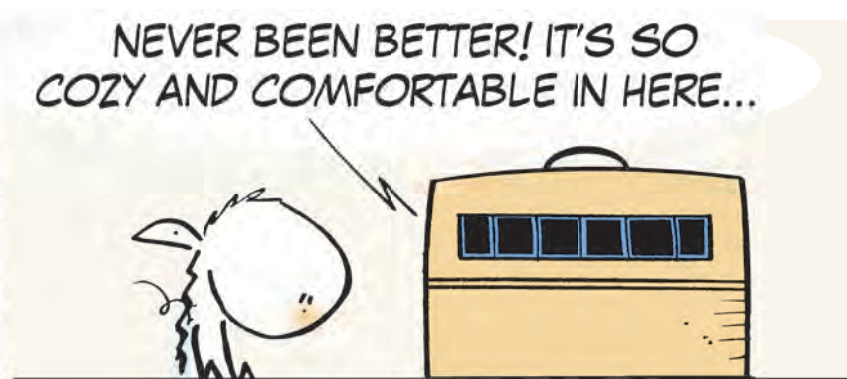
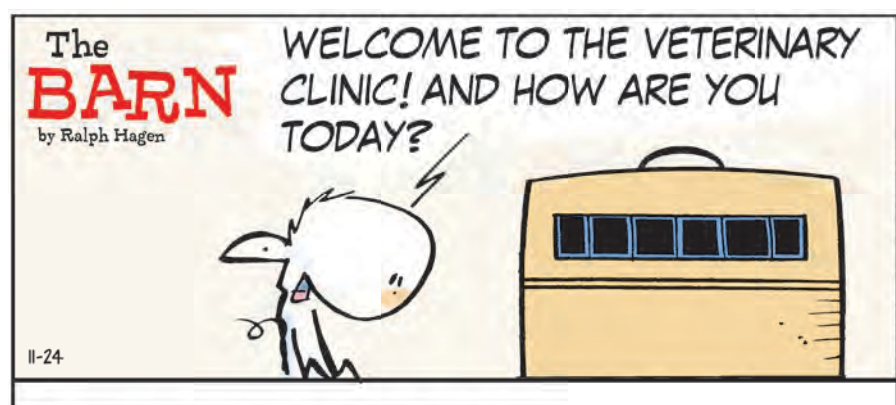


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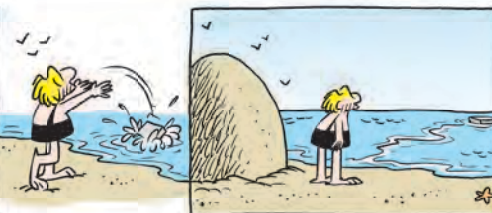
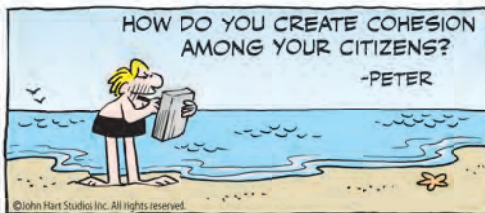
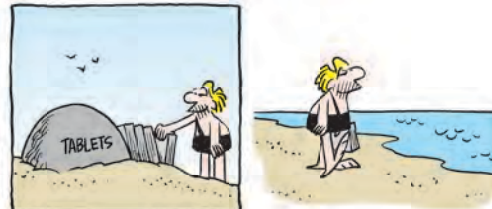


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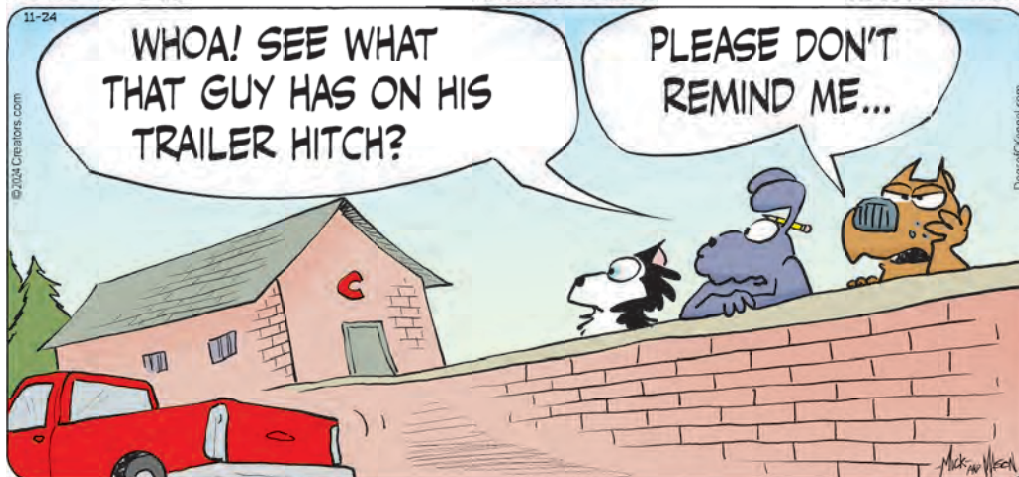
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It is so easy to overlook gratitude. We are busy. We are distracted, overwhelmed, we have lives to lead, and what should be a routine — taking a moment to appreciate — is easily forgotten.

We set aside a day for thanksgiving, and although it is deeply rooted in our common historical tradition, it has come to mean so

much more. We are grateful to our ancestors, and we are grateful to those whose lives have shaped ours, but Thanksgiving Day has become a day to reflect on many aspects of our lives.

For several years, NEW Media has asked community leaders to write a short essay on “Why I Give Thanks.” These essays are about the Thanksgiving holiday, what the writer is grateful for or just the concept of gratitude.

These are personal reflections, but they also speak to issues and beliefs

that many of us share. They are as interesting for how they are the same as for how they are different. Some of the authors find them easy to write, others struggle with the pressure of a blank screen, a blank piece of paper and a looming deadline.

Knowing this, it is especially important for the editorial and advertising team at NEW Media to say “Thank you” to these writers.

Thank you for sharing what is important to you. Thank you for being will-

ing to make your feelings public. Thank you for making time to have a portrait taken. Thank you for facing that blank screen or blank piece of paper and writing the first word.

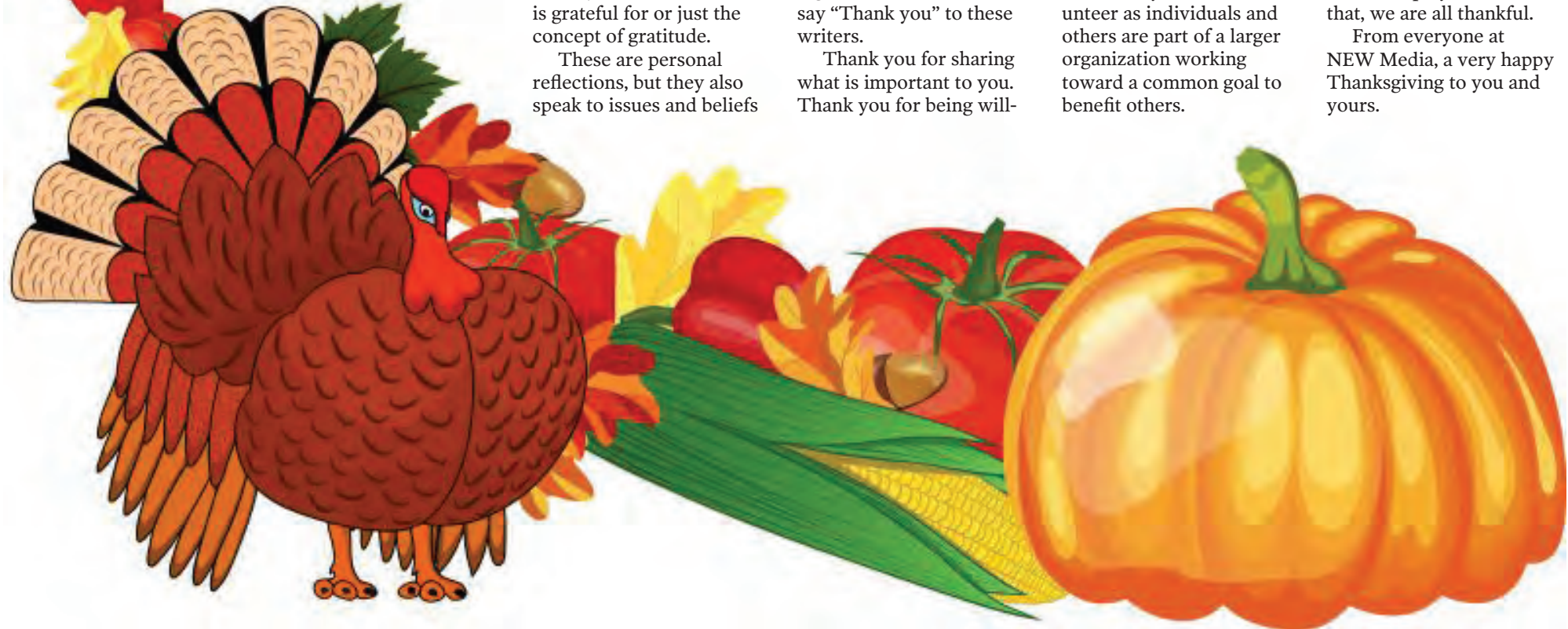
Thank you for showing us, again, how gratitude connects us all.

That gratitude is often expressed in volunteering in our community for our community. Some volunteer as individuals and others are part of a larger organization working toward a common goal to benefit others.

In addition to the essays of thanks, we have also chosen to highlight a selection of activities that focus on community. These activities are put together by volunteers for the wider community. The reward is simply knowing they made it an enjoyable experience for others.

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Thanksgiving complicated for Native Americans

By SHANNON HOLSEY
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We are in the season of gratitude. Thanksgiving is more complicated for the people at the center of the Thanksgiving story, Native Americans. There are 576 Native American tribal nations in the U.S. today, each with its own distinct traditions and culture.

As an Indigenous woman at this time of year, I am especially mindful of where our journey began, the lessons learned from what we have endured and what we have kept sacred despite all we have lost. For nearly 400 years, they have tried to erase us from the land without realizing how impossible that is. We are the land, the land is us, and we are still here.

Giving thanks is a long-standing, central tradition among Indigenous peoples that is still practiced today. Native traditions are distinct, complex and specific to each nation.

Thomas King said, “Most of us think history is the past. It’s not. History is the stories we tell about the past. That’s all it is. Stories. Such a definition might make the enterprise of history seem neutral. Benign. Which of course it isn’t.”

We can begin to write a new narrative. Today is a day to honor the first inhabitants and an opportunity to be grateful for Indigenous nations and their rich contributions to this country. By learning the real history of the land we occupy; becoming a friend, ally and advocate for tribal nations and their causes; and restoring our relationship with the natural world.

We can give thanks to the creator, for the bounty that we’ve been given. We can give thanks to our families, for their health and their good well-being. We should also look for ways to continually show gratitude for one another and the land that sustains us. Look among our friends slightly to the



As president of the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians, Shannon Holsey said Thanksgiving is more complicated for the people at the center of the Thanksgiving story, Native Americans. As an Indigenous woman at this time of year, she is especially mindful of where their journey began, the lessons learned from what Native Americans have endured and what they have kept sacred despite all that was lost.

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west, the Haudenosaunee, the Iroquois nations. They say that the Thanksgiving address is a very formal enumeration of all the gifts of life from the earth to the plants, the animals, the winds, the waters, the sun, the moon, the stars and the creator.

One original purpose and agreement was to be in sync with Mother Earth. We are meant to appreciate and respect all life, knowing our part is within the circle, not above creation. This practice can be implemented every day, especially during the season of gratitude. The dominant culture of the United States encourages

people to practice gratitude only at special times, neglecting it as a daily ritual.

I cannot emphasize how grateful I am for our youth. I watch as each new generation breaks paradigms and overturns old ways of doing things as a matter of course. This isn’t gratuitous — it’s how we move forward as a society. Each generation of young people will remake the world, and we’ll gain all kinds of new discoveries today and every day.

Also central to what I am grateful for are the sacrifices made by our patriots or veterans who helped forge a path of our

survival but fought for our U.S. citizenship and rights. Native Americans have historically served at the highest rates of military service per capita among all ethnic groups in the United States. Tribal veterans hold a wealth of knowledge, experiences and memories that deserve to be honored, remembered and safeguarded for future generations. The sacrifices of tribal veterans and all who have served are never forgotten. Every day, we benefit from your contributions to our nation.

What has always made America great, and what will always make

us exceptional, are the patriots who, generation after generation, dedicate themselves to building a stronger nation — a little freer, a little more perfect every day. I am grateful for you.

I am grateful for the work and dedication of the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians, our tribal citizens and staff for their important contributions. I hope their communal spirit will spread.

I am grateful to my parents and grandparents for the beautiful teachings and examples they provided me growing up. As I walk the path of self-discovery, weaving

the threads of my identity with the wisdom of my ancestors. I honor the strength and resilience of those who came before me and the love and guidance by fully embracing and celebrating the person I am becoming.

May all of you have continued good health and blessings, Na’kaawthe xaangaap onamanitheyaaak (I hope that you all be well/healthy). My heart is full of gratitude for the many reasons I have to be hopeful and grateful for. Anushiik (Thank you).

Shannon Holsey is president of the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians.



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Community, family and the past — all are important things to be thankful for, according to Jesse Borlen, president if the Shawano County Historical Society.

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Being thankful isn't limited to single thing

BY JESSE BORLEN
Special to NEW Media

When I was first asked to write about what I am thankful for, I will admit that it was difficult to choose one specific thing. Many people who know me will acknowledge the fact that I tend to be a sentimentalist. I, however, believe that it is my love and passion for history and the arts that has affected this. With that said, this season I am most thankful for the people and community in my life that have and continue to make a difference in my life.

Firstly, I am thankful for my loving and supportive family of the present, as well as my family members of the past for their acts of bravery and tenacity. I have always been interested in my heritage and feel that we can learn a lot from our ancestors, which

in a way shapes our lives.

Doing genealogy research is one of my favorite things to do and my fellow volunteers at the Shawano County Historical Society can attest to that fact. There is something about someone's life story that I find fascinating. One thing many of us share is the fact that many of our ancestors were immigrants. I often wonder if I would have the courage and perseverance it required to leave my home and travel to a new country. Would I be able to abandon the place where my family had perhaps lived for hundreds of years, with nothing more than a trunk or suitcase filled with my possessions?

My great-great-grandmother, Amelia Simatic, usually comes to mind when I think of this situation. Imagine being 36 years old with eight kids

in tow, unable to speak or read English, navigating your journey via train and boat before reaching the shores of the United States.

All I can say is that the sight of the Statue of Liberty must have been an awe-inspiring experience for them and all immigrants who traveled through Ellis Island. Although they had left their homelands behind, many were quick to embrace the ideals and freedoms of their new homeland. Many of these freedoms, which were absent or had been taken away in their native country. One of the biggest reasons many immigrated.

Secondly, I am thankful for my friends, including my second "family" at the Shawano County Historical Society. Whether it is a night out at the wine bar or a quick walk across the street to the Daily Drip, we

are always there for each other. We know that we can always count on each other to boost our mood after a rough day at work or stop each from making a poor fashion choice, or in some cases enable bad shopping/spending habits. Just kidding. Although I'm not a big conversationalist, one thing my friends will tell you is that I am a great listener.

My fellow volunteers at the historical society without doubt deserve so much thanks. I believe that preserving and learning about our history is so important to our society. Although we are a small group, my fellow volunteers and I are constantly maintaining and sharing the history of Shawano County with the community. We all share a passion for history and the past. It is truly wonderful to have such a great group of people to connect with.

Lastly, I am thankful for the community around me. Although I don't live in Shawano, I consider it my home, as I spend the majority of my time here. Shawano has always been a burgeoning community, steadily growing within the last few years. There are many wonderful and generous people in the community that I have met over the years volunteering at the historical society and working at the Register of Deeds.

As a member of the LGBTQ+ community, I have always felt a part of the Shawano community. It's always amazing how a welcoming connection with a stranger can influence your day. I love listening to people, especially people from the older generations, tell stories about growing up here or about Shawano of the past.

As hectic as life can

sometimes get, the Thanksgiving holiday is a great time to take a pause from our busy lives and contemplate on what we are thankful for and who/what may have shaped our lives. I also strongly encourage you to sit down with your family this holiday season and have conversations about your heritage. You may learn something you never knew before and perhaps it may make you think how it has impacted who you are today.

I would like to wish everyone a wonderful, happy, and loving holiday and hope that you get to spend it with your family and friends, whoever they may be.

Jesse Borlen is the president of the Shawano County Historical Society and works at the Shawano County Register of Deeds. He also sits on the board for the Clintonville Historical Society.

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Grandmother, teachers motivated minister's appreciation

By **REV. BETH MACHA**
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About a year and a half ago I went to take care of my best friend from college, Cathy, for the first few days after she had a knee replacement. I had a knee replacement the year before, so I knew what those first few days were like, and I knew how to nudge her along in her recovery.

I kept cheering her on and telling her how much better it would get as long as she kept doing her exercises and pushing herself. At one point after she was struggling and I gave her my best pep talk, she looked at me, rolled her eyes, and said, "You always have to be positive, don't you? You were like that even when we were in college."

Those comments caught me off guard. I know that I choose to be positive these days, but I hadn't realized that I had been like that so many years ago. I believe that the reason I give thanks is because I examine the world with a positive outlook.

I think my positive outlook started during childhood because I spent so much time with Grandma Braun and because of so many of my teachers in school. I remember my grandmother telling me stories and showing me everything in which she was interested. She often told me to appreciate nature, books, gardening, sewing, and animals.

My teachers in school helped me to see and to appreciate all of those things and more, and they gave me the opportunity to go deeper. I learned how things worked, how to examine things under a microscope, how to do research, and how to put pieces together. Throughout my school years, my



A positive outlook and an appreciation for the seasons of life are among the things that drive Pastor Beth Macha, who serves Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church.

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teachers shared their appreciation for and their excitement about whatever they taught.

I still have a great appreciation for learning and for nature. My husband and I love to travel, which allows us to visit places that we've read about and to learn more about history. We have been to Europe and have only one more state to visit. Our current travel plans are to visit as many of our national parks as we can so that we can see for our-

selves the glorious beauty of this great nation.

I have a great appreciation for the seasons of life. The lessons we learn in our youth are built upon as we mature. Each season of life has its joys and its challenges. Each season teaches us new lessons about life. I have tried to be intentionally aware during each season of my life so that I don't miss what they have to teach me.

Sometimes those lessons can be difficult lessons to learn. When I

have been through difficult times, I have been especially appreciative of soft landings. When there are people around to shore me up, when new opportunities come available after doors have closed, and when healing has replaced illness, I have been deeply grateful for those soft landings.

Why do I give thanks? I give thanks because I live a good life. It's not perfect. It's not always easy, but I still notice the blessings all around me. I

respect when life gives me challenges and difficulties. I try to learn lessons from all of it. Above all, I know that through everything, through all of life's ups and downs, God has been and continues to be with me.

In Psalm 31:8 (NIV), we read, "I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With God at my right hand, I will not be shaken." I really do try to keep my eyes on God at all times. I believe that my positive attitude helps me to see what God is up to, even

when I'm not exactly sure where I am going.

During this month of Thanksgiving, we all have the opportunity to take stock in our lives, to realize our blessings, and to give thanks to God. May we all take that opportunity to reflect and to truly give thanks.

The Rev. Beth Macha has been pastor of Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church outside Suring for about two years. She served for 17 years previously as an interim pastor for several congregations throughout the state and region.

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Couple uses blessings to help others

BY LEE AND LINDA
KREKLOW
Special to NEW Media

As we approach Thanksgiving, it is a great time to reflect on all that we are thankful for. We are thankful every day for a multitude of reasons; however, the month of November finds us reflecting on all the blessings bestowed on us throughout life.

We are so thankful for our health. As a family, we have overcome several health-related challenges with the help and support of family, friends and medical professionals.

One of these challenges was Lee's kidney transplant. We are forever thankful for all who supported us before, during and after this; especially John for giving Lee the gift of a second chance at life through the donation of one of his kidneys. We are also thankful to John's family for their love and support, and we are thankful for all the medical professionals who used their knowledge, skills and talents for a successful outcome.

We received so much support from family, friends and even people we didn't know during this process, as well as during the other challenges we have faced. We are extremely thankful for all of these people.

We thank God every day for providing for our needs during these times and also every day.

We are thankful for our family. We have been blessed with two daughters that we were able to raise and who now are beginning their adult lives. We are also thankful that Lee was able to be a stay-at-home dad while our daughters were young. We are very proud of our daughters and all they have accomplished so far and are excited to see what the future holds for them. There are so many blessings that come with being parents, and we are thankful for them.

Living and working in a



small community (Tigerton) is another thing we are thankful for. Being in a small community is like having an extra family. Everyone looks out for everyone else, and there is an overall sense of safety and security. People seem to truly care about others and are willing to help others whenever they are in need.

We are also thankful for the opportunity to learn. We have had many teachers, professors and role models that have had positive impacts on our lives, and we are thankful for them and the knowledge and experiences that they have shared with us.

All throughout our lives, we have been supported and encouraged by our extended families and

friends. Whether it was giving us advice, sharing knowledge and skills, cheering us on or just being there for us, we are the people we are today due to the tremendous support of our families and friends, and we are so thankful for them.

Having time to appreciate all that we have been blessed with is another thing we are thankful for. We are fortunate to have time to spend with family and friends. We also have time to volunteer and help others as well as time to just enjoy what we enjoy!

We are also thankful for the opportunity to do things we enjoy, such as going for walks or bike rides, working in the garden or just sitting outside

and enjoying the weather.

There are countless things we are thankful for including the many blessings bestowed on us. We hope that we have used these blessings to help others as well. Whether it was through volunteering in our community, church and schools, or through our interactions with the people we worked with over the years, we hope we have had a positive impact on others.

As we reflect on our lives, we have so much to be thankful for! We truly are blessed!

Lee and Linda Kreklow are longtime Tigerton residents. Lee runs his own business, and Linda is a retired teacher from the Tigerton School District. Both volunteer in the community.

Lee and Linda Kreklow have been supported and encouraged by their extended families and friends throughout their lives. Whether it was giving them advice, sharing knowledge and skills, cheering there on or just being there for them, the Kreklovs are who are today due to the tremendous support of their families and friends.

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Uriah Williams took over as executive director for Shawano Area United Way in August, leaving as pastor of Peace United Church of Christ. In his new position, he is able to help many of Shawano County's nonprofit organizations with their work in the communities.

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Diaper bank, other places make for a giving community

By REV. URIAH
WILLIAMS

Special to NEW Media

Hello, everyone. My name is Rev. Uriah Williams, and I am the new executive director for the Shawano Area United Way, Inc. which serves Shawano County and the Menominee Reservation. This year, I have a great many things to be grateful for in my life, including a good roof over my head, adding a member to our family, and getting to work with some of the most amazing people I have ever met.

It's this last item that I want to focus on because words cannot truly express succinctly how thankful I am for each

and every volunteer, staff member and community member throughout our service area that works to make the Shawano area a better place for all their neighbors.

On Nov. 5, for example, I was volunteering at the Snuggled with a Hug Diaper Bank with its director and several other volunteers. This program has served just under 200 families since it began in 2021. In November alone, we added seven new families and served a total of 30 families, many with multiple children enrolled.

If you don't know what the Snuggled with a Hug Diaper Bank is, on the first Tuesday of every month from 4-6 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in

Shawano, eligible families can come receive free diapers for their children that are up to 4 years old. All a family needs to be eligible is to provide a state issued ID with a current address in Shawano County and either a WIC card or proof of Badger Healthcare. This truly is a phenomenal program for Shawano County.

More than that, some amazing things were apparent to me while working that night. We were giving out diapers that the Shawano branch of Associated Bank and its customers had just donated the week before and other diapers that had been funded by community donations. Several family members, friends and a staff member from Family Services

were picking diapers up for the parents who were working. I was witness to people taking care of their neighbors and loved ones, something I am always grateful for.

On top of that, the diaper bank has a partnership with the Shawano Area Food Pantry and Resource Center (SAFPARC). Diaper bank clients can go straight from picking up their diapers to the food pantry to receive free food just by showing their diaper bank registration card. So, not only was the Diaper Bank providing resources and volunteers to help families in need, but so was SAFPARC, which is another nonprofit organization that is supported by the Shawano community

with some amazing staff and volunteers keeping it going year after year.

In one night, I had the opportunity to watch as a whole community came together to take care of its fellow citizens. Businesses, personal donors, volunteers, nonprofit organizations and people who care gave of their time, talents and treasure and those 30 families were able to benefit from this abundant generosity of the Shawano area. That is always something to be grateful for.

It's moments like that in which I am most proud to live in Shawano. Moments when we prove that this is a community that takes care of one another. That is the kind of community that I want to raise my

daughter in. That is the kind of community that others want to be a part of. That is the kind of community that we work to help support at United Way. So, this month, I am grateful for those who make this kind of community possible.

If you're interested in learning more about what the Shawano Area United Way does, check us out on Facebook or visit our website at www.shawanocountyunitedway.org. I hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving and see all the blessings around you that you have to be thankful for.

The Rev. Uriah Williams is the executive director for Shawano Area United Way, Inc.

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Reflecting on health, freedom, gratitude

BY CLINT BRAUN
Special to NEW Media

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, I find myself reflecting on the essence of gratitude, and the first thought that surfaces is a quote that has always lingered in my mind: “When you have your health, you have 1,000 dreams. When you don’t, you have one.”

This simple yet profound statement encapsulates the core of why we should give thanks, especially for our health. In today’s fast-paced world, we often get engulfed by the daily grind, losing sight of our blessings.

As Jordan Peterson wisely advises, “Treat yourself like someone you are responsible for helping.” This philosophy extends beyond self-care into recognizing how fundamental health is to our existence.

The basics — exercise, diet, hydration, sleep, and even exposure to sunlight — are often overshadowed by modern medical solutions. Yet, these natural remedies hold immense power in maintaining our well-being, which in turn, allows us to appreciate the broader aspects of life: family, friends, career, and spiritual beliefs.

We live in an era where convenience is at its peak — climate control, lighting, food, education, and communication are accessible with minimal effort. This ease, however, can sometimes breed a sense of entitlement or dissatisfaction. We forget that many of these things were once the results of struggle and sacrifice. Our military, police, firefighters and health care workers ensure our safety and well-being, often at great personal risk.

The paradox of modern society is our inclination towards depression over unmet instant desires, a stark contrast to historical struggles for survival. It’s estimated that 90% of our worries and anxieties never materialize, suggesting that much of our mental turmoil is self-induced rather than



Life’s milestones often drive us forward, but it’s crucial not to overlook the journey itself, says new Oconto Falls Mayor Clint Braun.

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a reflection of our actual circumstances.

Shifting our mindset to focus on progress rather than perfection, and valuing experiences over material possessions, can significantly enhance our life’s quality.

Life’s milestones often drive us forward — educa-

tion, career, family, retirement — but it’s crucial not to overlook the journey itself. Each step, with its challenges, molds us, teaching resilience and appreciation. Instead of being caught in the consumerist cycle where the joy from new purchases quickly fades, investing in experi-

ences and relationships yields lasting happiness.

As we approach Thanksgiving, it’s a moment to reflect not only on what we have but also on how we can better appreciate and utilize these gifts. It’s time to slow down, to really see the people around us, to engage with life rather than

just pass through it.

This Thanksgiving, let’s choose to be thankful not just for the tangible but for the intangible — for health, for freedom, for the love we give and receive. Let’s remember that while modern life offers us comfort, it’s our responsibility to use these comforts to

enrich our lives and those around us.

Happy Thanksgiving to all. May you find time to give thanks and cherish the journey as much as the destination.

Clint Braun was elected mayor of Oconto Falls in April. He is co-owner of the PROCAR automotive repair shop in Oconto Falls.

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Oconto County Times Herald news editor Warren Bluhm said he's a little surprised to still be at work. It will be eight years and change on May 19, 2025, when I plan to put in my last day on the job. I'd been trying to find a time to retire for awhile, and when I passed my 49th anniversary last May, I figured, "What the heck? Let's make it an even 50 years and call it a career."

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Thankful for 50 years in community journalism

By **WARREN BLUHM**
News Editor

I sat down with Morgan Marti, the station manager, and told him I was looking for my first job in the "real world" and thought I might be able to help WDUX.

"That depends," Marti said with an enigmatic smile. "What can you do?"

I talked about my experience as program director for the student radio station at Ripon and my love for music and —

"Nope, we don't need another disc jockey," he said. "What else you got?"

His interest perked up when I said I had also spent a little time as editor of the student newspaper at the other end of the second floor of the student union. It seems WDUX needed a news director.

And so, the following

Monday, May 19, 1975, I started my career as a community journalist instead of driving back to New Jersey with my parents to face an uncertain future.

After my four years at Ripon, I already knew that I'd rather make Wisconsin my home, and so among the multitude of reasons I have to give thanks, that chance visit to the Wau-paca radio station is at the top of the list.

I'm grateful that for the most part, I've been able to stay employed telling stories and keeping my communities informed about what was happening around the town and county. I even got to be a disc jockey after all at times during my 22 years in radio.

I give thanks that after stumbling around for almost a quarter century, I

found a life partner who spent more than 25 years sharing love and stability until she passed away last June. I miss her every day, but I'm so grateful for the time Red and I had.

I'm grateful for having grown up in a family with parents who loved each other and two brothers as lifetime friends. I'm tickled to see a new version of that family in Son of Red, the beautiful woman he married and their three young sons.

I had just met Red when I transitioned to newspapers in 1997, and she was with me when I first saw the building that housed the Door County Advocate in Sturgeon Bay in 2002. I'd been offered the editor-in-chief position but wasn't sure I really wanted to leave the Green Bay News-Chronicle.

A bronze replica of the Advocate's first front page hung outside the front door, and as I admired Vol. 1, No. 1, I noticed that it was published March 22, 1862. The paper and I shared the same birthday, a few years apart.

"Maybe that's your sign to take the job," Red said, and the decision was made. I give thanks for the opportunity to be part of that legendary newspaper's history for more than a decade.

I had expected to retire from the Advocate when I turned 70, but the corporation had other plans and decided a twice-weekly newspaper didn't need a full-time editor, a few months shy of my 64th birthday. I am grateful that the Oconto County Times Herald and NEW Media called a short time later.

I'm a little surprised to still be at work more than seven years later. It will be eight years and change on May 19, 2025, when I plan to put in my last day on the job. I'd been trying to find a time to retire for awhile, and when I passed my 49th anniversary last May, I figured, "What the heck? Let's make it an even 50 years and call it a career."

Lord willing, I'll be able to spend more time with my beloved golden retrievers, Dejah and Summer, bring the gardens closer to the beauty that Red created here, and finish those Great American Novels I've been tinkering with in my spare time.

Hopefully my successor will give Oconto County the thing I regret not being able to give — a community newspaper editor who lives in the com-

munity. Red and I built a home in Door County near the shores of Green Bay in 2012, and I have been loathe to leave it.

But in a perfect world, the person who reports on the doings of a community should be a part of that population. I look forward to seeing what the next editor can accomplish commuting from a home somewhere in Oconto County.

It's been a challenge finding that person. Maybe it will be someone who walks into the office next May, four days before they graduate, and offers to help.

"That depends," I imagine myself saying. "What can you do?"

Warren Bluhm is news editor for NEW Media and author of the novella "Dejah & Summer in the Time of Magic," which is scheduled for release Dec. 3.

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Volunteers give it their all to make events fun for community

New, old traditions help provide connections with others

By **LUKE REIMER**
Correspondent

Football season is in full swing, and the evening air is crisp and cool. But, before you completely embrace the cold Wisconsin winter, take a moment to appreciate the efforts of volunteers who gave selflessly of their time and talent to make our communities a wonderful place to live, work and play.

Significant events like Thursdays at Franklin, the Shawano Ski Sharks performances and the Shawano Municipal Airport Fly-In and Car Show have once again produced countless memories that are shared by many.

“(Having these events in Shawano) gives an opportunity for people who live here to have something to do during the summer,” Shawano Mayor Bruce Milavitz said. “It also gives people who don’t live here the opportunity to want to come to our community and to be able to participate in all of the wonderful things that we have going on here.”

The Ski Sharks is the oldest of these summer traditions, with the Thursday concerts and airport activities more recent additions to the summer lineup of free and fun events.

Thursdays @ Franklin

Shawano hosts Thursdays at Franklin, which features various music talent at Franklin Park, near the city’s historic downtown.

The former Shawano High School and Franklin Middle School gave way to bulldozers in 1998, leaving several blocks of wide open space. In 2014, voters approved a referendum to support additional park projects, and Franklin Park took off from there.

“We went through some park planning pro-



Thursdays@Franklin has become a joyful gathering place for all ages. The former middle school was razed in 1998 and currently is the home to both the Saturday Farmers Market and the Thursdays @ Franklin. The “BYOB” format extends to bringing your own chair, tables and food.

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cesses, and people in the community really wanted an outdoor event space,” said Shawano Parks and Recreation director Matt Hendricks. “You will notice that there are no playgrounds, there is not a basketball court in there.”

Hendricks said that in about 2016, Thursdays at Franklin was introduced. The event started off much smaller than what it has

evolved into today.

“It was a couple of smaller local bands. It was maybe two or three of these bigger bands,” said Hendricks. “It was two or three movie nights and maybe a family night. We did that for a year, maybe two, and the feedback was that people really loved the live music. On Thursday nights, people just want to come out, hang

out, be with their families and so that’s where the idea of just going with the music series went.”

Hendricks said what visitors are used to seeing the past few years has pretty much stayed the same.

“We are pretty dialed in. I don’t foresee a lot of changes,” he said.

Thursdays at Franklin kicks off on the first

Thursday in June and lasts through the end of August. Every Thursday, visitors to Franklin Park are treated to high quality local bands, various food trucks and an area to gather and socialize.

Hendricks said attendance has gradually increased as the word has spread and as the event has become more and more popular.

“If we were to just use this year and the first year as years of comparison, the first year, even what we considered to be one of the bigger bands that we have seen, brought 300-400 people,” said Hendricks. “Now, the bigger bands, while difficult to estimate, are in the 2,000-3,000 people range. Our top evenings, I think we are close to that 3,000 mark, and our typical audience, we are probably close to 1,000 people.”

A typical Thursday behind the scenes sees a number of volunteers and workers helping to put on the event. Hendricks estimates that the parks and recreation department has three people to plan and organize the event. As for the day of the event, he estimates that 30 people are there every week to work, including nonprofit organizations, food truck vendors, police, bands and the crew for the bands.

Included in those are two nonprofit organizations, Shawano Pathways and the Shawano Optimist Club. Those two organizations have been with the event since its inception. At the concerts, the organizations sell beverages and run 50/50 raffles as a fundraiser.

“That is really cool, because Pathways and the Optimist Club have done a lot of great things locally with that money that might not have been able to do otherwise,” said Hendricks.

As the event has continued to grow, Hendricks said more nonprofit organizations have reached out about getting involved with their own fundraisers.

“The humane society really stepped up this year, which was really cool,” he said. “They reached out and brought out adoptable animals – cats and dogs. They had people out there talking with the humane society and they brought these animals, and from what I understand, every dog that was brought there was adopted out. Fridays were some of their busiest days. I thought that was a pretty cool story of how an event like this can help that.”

As a whole, Hendricks said Thursdays at Franklin provides an area and an event for residents and visitors to get together and socialize while enjoying good music.

“Thursdays at Franklin has a lot of attributes, the biggest one being that social connection,” said Hendricks. “Even though we have social media and cell phones in our pockets and are more connected, sometimes I hesitate to say that is true. I think events like this, where you are able to sit together with your friend, neighbor, co-worker or someone you haven’t seen in years, don’t happen. So that is super cool.”

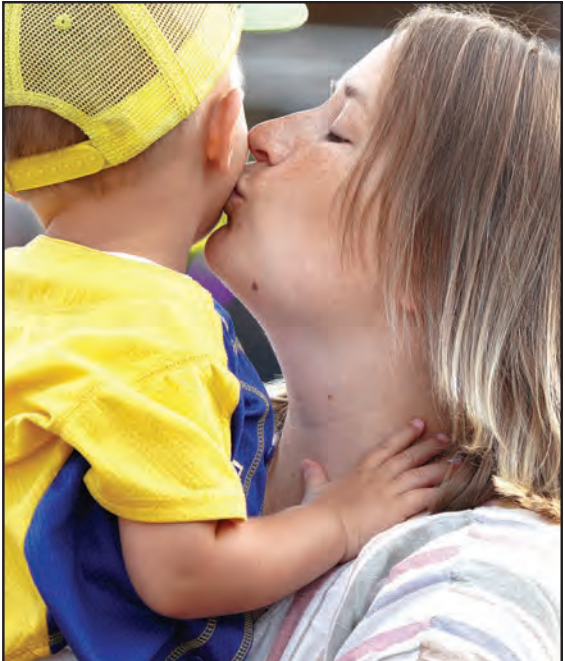
Hendricks said the concerts are also a draw for tourists to the area.

“It is very supportive for people who are maybe out on the lake or came to town for a primary purpose and stumbled upon this,” he said. “It has a significant tourism aspect, we believe, and then for us, it validates parks and why we have these open spaces and why people pay taxes to support them.”

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With an army of weekly volunteers the event also aids two community organizations, the Shawano Pathways and the Shawano Optimist Club. The groups alternate weeks selling raffle tickets with the proceeds benefiting each organization.



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Shawano Ski Sharks

The Shawano Ski Sharks got their start in 1976 and approaching 50 years of entertaining residents and tourists alike. On Wednesday nights, spectators are treated to a ski show, with a theme, at Smalley Park on the banks of the Wolf River. Performances feature many stunts and tricks, including pyramids. Starting with help from the Crandon Ski Serpents, the Ski Sharks have evolved into a record-setting, nationally recognized waterski team. Today, the Ski Sharks see about 120 members, with about 40 skiers on the team and 80 volunteers. Outside of the roster, the Ski Sharks Board consists of six members. “Year-round, the work is the board,” said Dave Passehl, president of the

Ski Sharks. “Then June comes and away we go.” On any given Wednesday during the summer, the audience consists of about 400-500 spectators. “Our biggest shows are 1,500-2,000 (spectators) our smallest shows are 200-300 (spectators),” Passehl said. Passehl said those numbers continue to grow year-by-year along with the team in general. Over the past decade, excitement surrounding the team continues to grow. Along with the excitement and success comes the impact within the waterskiing community, as well as the Shawano community. “The interest is high,” said Passehl. “There is pretty good buzz around the team, so we just keep seeing more and more each year. We have added infrastructure to handle that

– more bleacher seating to accommodate. I mean, we are recognizing that we have a lot of people to hold every week.” Looking at the success of the team is one way to see how popularity continues to grow surrounding the Ski Sharks. Since 2010, the Ski Sharks have achieved three Wisconsin State Championships (two in Division 2 and one in Division 3), a second place finish at the National Division 2 Show Ski Tournament. The Ski Sharks have hosted numerous tournaments, including Division 2 National Show Ski Tournaments and have set world records, including a record of 40 barefooters behind one boat. “The quality of our show has continued to improve each year – the dedication and commit-



It's truly become a regional destination, especially for those who enjoy music, conversation and laughs at no charge.

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ment to excellence,” said Passehl. “I talk about it all of the time – our best foot forward each week starting day one. People should show up knowing that it is a family-friendly

environment.” As the Ski Sharks have continued to grow and become a big part of Shawano, Passehl said that he, as well as the team, are happy for the recognition and are

proud to be able to share this success with residents and visitors in Shawano. Passehl said the Ski Sharks have helped to extensively develop Smalley Park to continue to bring residents and visitors to Shawano. Partnering with the city and the parks and recreation department, Passehl said that Ski Sharks have invested more than \$240,000 into the park. “We feel grateful that people are recognizing our efforts and are excited about it for our town,” said Passehl. “Most of these events – it brings hundreds, if not, thousands of people to town that would not normally be here, so we are very proud of that, but again, that was our objective – keep Shawano on the map.”

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Whether it be the thriving downtown, Shawano Lake, the Up North feel, Shawano has staked its reputation on being a major tourist hub, especially in the summer. Passehl said the Ski Sharks are just another feature that goes into that tourist designation for the city.

“There are so many things going on in our town, and we happen to be one of those,” said Passehl. “Again, we just feel proud to be a part of the conversation of why people want to come to Shawano.”

Shawano Municipal Airport Fly-In and Car Show

On top of those weekly events, Shawano has recently introduced a once-a-summer event that involves a very prominent part of the city – the airport.

The fly-in started when the city developed a “refresh” of the air, Milavitz said. There were a number of upgrades, including a new building, a new runway, a revamped surface and fresh painting.

He said there used to be fly-out event at the airport a number of years ago. Visitors went to the airport to see planes land and then had the chance to talk to the pilots and see the planes up close.

“That was successful in years past, so we decided to do something that was going to be much



Shawano Ski Sharks, Shawano's veteran weekly free summer event, is a fan favorite. Visitors fill the stands at Smalley Park each Wednesday (and select special shows) to watch the show. A combination of thrills, including many community members, make each summer Wednesday special.

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more family friendly, and also, we wanted to make sure that the community understood that this fence (around the airport) is not a barrier,” said Milavitz. “We want people

to participate in our local community airport.”

Milavitz said a multi-faceted event was created in 2022 to help show off what was new at the airport. This event in-

cluded airplanes flying in, a Young Eagles program (free airplane and helicopter rides for children and teenagers), support from the police and fire departments and an accompany-



ing car show.

“We just have something for everybody that would attract people out there, because we want to dedicate and show what was going on at the airport,” said Milavitz.

According to Milavitz, in 2022, the first year the event was held, about 2,000-3,000 people attended.

In 2023, the arrival of a Black Hawk helicopter was added.

“We probably gained another 1,000 people at that point,” said Milavitz.

The 2024 was even bigger, with Milavitz estimating a crowd of 4,000-5,000. Also, 215 children took part in the Young Eagles program this year.

“Again, all of these things continue to grow,

and the community has really gotten behind this event,” said Milavitz.

In reviewing what the event has done for the Shawano community as a whole, Milavitz said the airport has gained much more exposure for pilots and aviation enthusiasts, as well as brought more visitors to the city in the weeks and days before and after the show.

“I know people that fly in and come to Thursdayz at Franklin, I know other people have come in and visited the Ski Sharks, so it really is a community event,” said Milavitz. “It is definitely helping with tourism, attracting new faces to the community.”

More than just tourism,

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Milavitz said this event has also opened eyes of those who may use the airport at a business level.

“Instead of maybe flying into Green Bay or Appleton and driving to our community, they are starting to think about landing here at our airport and supporting local businesses that way,” said Milavitz.

Milavitz estimated that 50 volunteers take time out of their days to help the fly-in and car show be the success it is.

“That comes from the car show, that comes from aviation, that comes from pilots, that comes from air patrol – it takes a lot of people to put on an event like this,” said Milavitz. “We have a great local sponsorship. That sponsorship is not only financial in nature, but it is also donations in terms of different types of equipment and things like that. That is what really makes it successful.

“The community that has gotten behind this.”

As for next year, Milavitz said preparations have already begun.

“We are hoping it grows, and it is going to be the biggest ever,” said Milavitz. “We are really looking at on the grounds how we can utilize the space that we have available. We are also looking at different types of events that we can add. Last year, we added skydivers. We have flight schools.



In its third year, the Shawano Airport Fly-In has quickly become an August weekend favorite for both air and car enthusiasts. Shawano Mayor Bruce Milavitz and Shawano Airport Commission members lead the charge and had the forethought to open the airport to all of those in the community.

Next year, we are going to add more airplane rides to the community itself, more than just children, but the entire population.”

Whether it’s on water, land

or air, Shawano’s summers are full of opportunities to connect with friends, neighbors and visitors. Organizers have already started on plans for 2025. You should, too.





Thank You

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The board of the Shawano Airport expresses its heartfelt appriation for all the volunteers who contributed in any way to help make the 2024 Shawno Airport Fly-In a great success.



JACOBS' 106 YARDS AND 3 TOUCHDOWNS PROPEL PACKERS TO A 38-10 WIN OVER 49ERS



Josh Jacobs is the first Packers player with 100-plus rushing yards and three rushing touchdowns in a game since running back Ryan Grant in the 2007 NFC Divisional Round vs. the Seattle Seahawks.
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TURNOVERS & TDS GIVE PACKERS THE WIN

BY LUKE REIMER
Green & Gold Express

It was sweet revenge at Lambeau Field this week, as the Green Bay Packers dominated the San Francisco 49ers, who eliminated Green Bay from the playoffs last season, 38-10. “It feels good. I mean any time you can get a win, it feels amazing,” said Packers quarterback Jordan Love, on if the win over the 49ers meant anything extra to the team. “Obviously, coming off of the playoff last year, we wanted to see these guys. It feels good – any win feels good.”

With San Francisco dealing with a flurry of injuries to key players, the Packers were able to exploit the 49ers’ defense. Packers running back Josh Jacobs was the major thorn in the 49ers’ side, as the Alabama alum rushed for 106 yards and three touchdowns. In total, Green Bay finished the game with 169 rushing yards on the day, with Emanuel Wilson picking up 41 yards and Chris Brooks picking up 11 on the ground.

“The offensive line was blocking great,” said

Jacobs, on his big day. “I came in here with a mindset to want to make a play and want to set the tone and things like that, and it just happened to play out that way.”

In a game where the running game was so efficient, Love and the passing attack was not asked to do too much. In total, Love completed 13-of-23 passes for 163 yards and two touchdowns. Romeo Doubs led the Green Bay receivers with 54 yards on three receptions. Tight end Tucker Kraft registered 26 yards and a touchdown on two receptions, while Malik Heath registered 15 yards and a touchdown on two receptions.

The 49ers were without quarterback Brock Purdy, defensive end Nick Bosa, offensive tackle Trent Williams and defensive back Charvarius Ward due to injuries. With wide receiver Brandon Aiyuk already out for the season, San Francisco struggled to find production anywhere in this game.

Although Green Bay continues to win games, so do the Detroit Lions and the Minnesota Vikings.



Above, Lukas Van Ness and Kenny Clark teamed up to make life miserable for San Francisco quarterback Brandon Allen on this fourth-quarter play, as Van Ness collected a sack forced a fumble that Clark recovered, setting up the score that put the Packers up 31-10 and effectively sewed up the W.

At left, Packers players celebrate another score and another win over the 49ers on Sunday. The victory was head coach Matt LaFleur’s 64th career regular-season win..

KEYS TO THE GAME

Green Bay needs to halt Dolphins' speed

By JACOB WESTENDORF
Green & Gold Express

Two games down, one to go. The Green Bay Packers are in the midst of their stretch of three games in 11 days. This week, they'll have a Thanksgiving night showdown against Tua Tagovailoa and the high-powered Miami Dolphins' offense. In a scheduling oddity, this is the second meeting between Matt LaFleur and his friend Mike McDaniell, the first of which came on Christmas Day in 2022, when the Packers won

26-20 to keep their playoff hopes alive. This time, the two teams are in different places. Both entered the season as contenders, but the Dolphins lost their quarterback to another concussion, which kept him out for over a month. The Dolphins struggled during that stretch, falling to 2-6 on the year. They did, however, score a big win against the Los Angeles Rams earlier this month. The Dolphins, when they are healthy, are as talented as anyone on offense in the NFL. These are the keys for

the Packers keeping that offense under wraps. **Tyreek Hill** For whatever reason, when the discussion of who the best receiver in football is comes up, Tyreek Hill's name is rarely mentioned. It's unclear as to why. One thing that is clear, is Hill is still the fastest man in the NFL and can break a game open at any moment. Hill's numbers suffered without Tagovailoa this season. He scored a touchdown in the first game of the year, but he did not score again until the team's Veterans Day showdown with the Rams. Jeff Hafley has liked to play a lot of cover-1 since taking over as the team's defensive coordinator, which can leave a cornerback singled up with Hill. That's a dangerous way to live, because Hill can run by anyone. Whether it is

Jaire Alexander or any of Green Bay's other cornerbacks, Hill can break the game open at a moment's notice. This game could feature more of a shell defense, trying to force the Dolphins to run the ball more and, more importantly, keep their fast receivers in front of them. **Devon Achane** Miami is fast, and they're fast everywhere. Devon Achane is the guy who stirs the drink in their backfield. If the Packers are going to trip and keep a lid on their defense with Hill and Jaylen Waddle standing on the other side, it'll be up to their front to slow down Miami's run game with fewer men in the box. Achane can make any run defense look silly, and Green Bay has been up-and-down for most of the season.

The physical element of football can be more prevalent with a short turnaround as well. The Packers are coming off a physical battle against a San Francisco team that gets off the bus trying to establish their run game. Miami is coming off a divisional game against a physical Patriots team. Whoever handles this physical confrontation could go a long way toward winning the game. Once you get past the physicality, you could blink and miss Achane running by you. He's a big play waiting to happen. The Packers need to do a good job of keeping explosive plays to a minimum. That starts with the two guys who are highlighted first. **Packers' Pressure vs. Tagovailoa** Pressure is the ultimate

equalizer in the NFL, and Tagovailoa is no different when it comes to quarterback play. When Tagovailoa has time, he can dice up any defense in front of him. When he's pressured, he's more prone to mistakes. Miami's offensive line has struggled recently. Rams' rookie Jared Verse had his way with Miami's offensive tackles in their 33-15 win over the Rams. Miami's offense can be potent, but the easiest path to slowing them down is putting their quarterback under pressure. Tagovailoa struggles pushing the ball to the boundaries of the defense, and some of his passes have a tendency to float. If the ball floats, there could be a big opportunity for a defensive backfield that is hungry for more takeaways.

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2024 RECORDS: Packers 8-3, Dolphins 5-6.
HISTORY: The Packers and Dolphins have met 16 times with the Dolphins holding a 10-6 edge in the series. The Packers do, however, have a three-game winning streak in the series. The Packers won the most recent matchup between the two teams, coming on Christmas Day in 2022. Three second half turnovers from Tua Tagovailoa helped power Green Bay to a 26-20 victory, keeping their slim playoff hopes alive.

The last time these two teams met at Lambeau Field, Mike McCarthy was the head coach in Green Bay. Mike McDaniell was still in San Francisco. The Packers won 31-12 in what might have been the best game in an otherwise forgettable 2018 season. Of course, there was also the unforgettable game in Miami in October 2014, where Aaron Rodgers faked a spike in the house of Dan Marino. He'd finish off the drive with a touchdown pass to Andrew Quarless to give the Packers a 27-24 victory.
COACHES: Packers — Matt LaFleur, fifth season, 64-30. Dolphins, Mike McDaniell, third season. 25-20.

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 W 20-19
Sunday, Nov. 24 vs. San Francisco W 38-10
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. 28
Chicago at Detroit, 11:30 a.m.
NY Giants at Dallas, 3:30 p.m.
Miami at Green Bay, 7:20 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 29
Las Vegas at Kansas City, 2 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 1
Houston at Jacksonville, Noon
Indianapolis at New England, Noon
LA Chargers at Atlanta, Noon
Seattle at NY Jets, Noon
Tennessee at Washington, Noon
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, Noon
Arizona at Minnesota, Noon
LA Rams at New Orleans, 3:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Carolina, 3:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at Baltimore, 3:25 p.m.
San Francisco at Buffalo, 7:20 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 2
Cleveland at Denver, 7:15 p.m.

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WEEK 12/DEFENSE

THE MOMENT

PACKERS 38 VS 49ERS 10



Safety Xavier McKinney collected his seventh interception of the year when he picked off a pass from San Francisco quarterback Brandon Allen and returned the ball 48 yards to the San Francisco 26. The Packers would go on to score a touchdown. In total, the Packers scored 21 points off the three turnovers in the game. The seven picks by McKinney are the most by a Packer since cornerback Charles Woodson (seven in 2011). McKinney's seven games with an interception this season is the most by a Packer since Woodson did the same in 2009.

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21 POINTS OFF 3 TURNOVERS

GREEN BAY DOMINATES OLD NEMESIS IN LOPSIDED VICTORY

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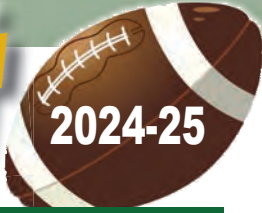
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Seattle @ NY Jets
Arizona @ Minnesota

Tie Breaker Game:
Miami @ Green Bay - Thurs., Nov. 28

Weekly Standings	Weekly Record	Overall Record
Tim Murphy, NEW Media	3-1	43-16
Mike Worachek, Card & Coin	1-3	41-18
Matt/Rory, Buss Automotive	3-1	41-18
Jacob Westendorf, NEW Media	3-1	40-19
Tanya Hintz, Shawano Health Services	2-2	38-21
Luke Reimer, NEW Media	3-1	37-22
Kevin Passon, NEW Media	3-1	36-23
Staff, Walsh Dental Group	2-2	35-24
Muriel Wilke, The Cottages on Golden Pond	3-1	35-24
Gerri Hansen, The Cottages at Meadowlands	3-1	35-24
Staff, Iverson's Piggly Wiggly	3-1	29-30



This Week's Picks:
NY Giants
Detroit
Seattle
Minnesota

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Miami 14 @ Green Bay 28

Due to time constraints the Monday night game and the weekly winner will be included in next week's issue of Green and Gold Express.



This Week's Picks:
Dallas
Detroit
Seattle
Arizona

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



This Week's Picks:
Dallas
Detroit
Seattle
Minnesota

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Miami 21 @ Green Bay 28



This Week's Picks:
NY Giants
Detroit
NY Jets
Minnesota

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Miami 7 @ Green Bay 23



This Week's Picks:
NY Giants
Detroit
Seattle
Minnesota

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



This Week's Picks:
Dallas
Detroit
NY Jets
Arizona

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



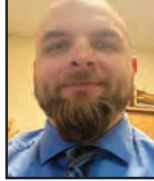
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NY Giants
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Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Miami 18 @ Green Bay 20



This Week's Picks:
NY Giants
Detroit
Seattle
Arizona

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score : Miami 21 @ Green Bay 31



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Dallas
Detroit
Seattle
Minnesota

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Miami 20 @ Green Bay 27



This Week's Picks:
NY Giants
Detroit
Seattle
Arizona

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Miami 24 @ Green Bay 31

WEEK 12/OFFENSE

THE MOMENT

PACKERS 38 VS 49ERS 10



With an 11-yard catch from Jordan Love that gave the Packers an early 7-0 lead, tight end Tucker Kraft registered his sixth touchdown reception, with all six coming in the last eight games. He caught two balls for 26 yards against the 49ers. Also collecting receiving yards were Romeo Doubs with 54, Jayden Reed with 26, Dontayvian Wicks with 25, Malik Heath and Chris Brooks with 15 each, and John FitzPatrick with 2.

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



MIAMI DOLPHINS

1	Tua Tagovailoa.....QB	25	Jaylen Wright.....RB	65	Robert Jones.....OL
3	Odell Beckham Jr.....WR	26	Marcus Maye.....S	66	Lester Cotton.....OL
4	Kader Kohou.....CB	27	Ethan Bonner.....CB	70	Kendall Lamm.....T
5	Jalen Ramsey.....CB	28	De'Von Achane.....RB	72	Terron Armstead.....T
6	Anthony Walker Jr.....LB	29	Kendall Fuller.....CB	74	Liam Eichenberg.....OL
7	Jason Sanders.....K	30	Alec Ingold.....FB	80	Jack Stoll.....TE
8	Jevon Holland.....S	31	Raheem Mostert.....RB	81	Durham Smythe.....TE
9	Jonnu Smith.....TE	33	Siran Neal.....CB	82	Dee Eskridge.....WR
10	Tyreek Hill.....WR	36	Storm Duck.....CB	83	Malik Washington.....WR
11	Tyrel Dodson.....LB	41	Channing Tindall.....LB	85	River Cracraft.....WR
16	Jake Bailey.....P	44	Chop Robinson.....LB	89	Julian Hill.....TE
17	Jaylen Waddle.....WR	45	Duke Riley.....LB	90	Da'Shawn Hand.....DT
19	Syklar Thompson.....QB	50	Mohamed Kamara.....LB	91	Emmanuel Ogbah.....LB
20	Jordyn Brooks.....LB	51	Tyus Bowser.....LB	92	Zach Sieler.....DT
21	Jordan Parker.....S	52	Patrick Paul.....T	93	Calais Campbell.....DT
22	Elijah Campbell.....DB	55	Aaron Brewer.....OL	95	Benito Jones.....DT
23	Jeff Wilson Jr.....RB	56	Quinton Bell.....LB	97	Neil Farrell.....DT
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THE MOMENT

PACKERS 38 VS 49ERS 10



Malik Heath's 3-yard touchdown catch in the waning moments Sunday proved to be the final shovel of dirt over the visiting San Francisco 49ers, who fell to 5-6 in the NFC West with the 38-10 defeat. His two catches were among the 13 completed by quarterback Jordan Love, who finished the day with 163 yards and two touchdowns.

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PACKERS 38 VS 49ERS 10



Josh Jacobs didn't quite get home on this effort, but he would score on the next play, one of three touchdowns he notched in the Packers' 38-10 drubbing of San Francisco. Jacobs' game-high 106 yards rushing underscored the one-sided nature of the ground battle won by the Packers, who totaled 169 yards rushing to San Francisco's 44. Jacobs' 944 rushing yards this season ranks him third in the NFL behind Saquon Barkley and Derrick Henry.

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