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Menominee celebrate sturgeon

Members of the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin dance during the opening ceremonies for the 33rd annual Sturgeon Feast and Celebration Powwow on April 12 at Menominee Nation High School. The event also honored David Overstreet, an archaeologist who worked with the tribe for many years. He died in early 2025.
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Shawano rec center closing May 17

Remodel expected to take 10-12 months

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

It's full steam ahead for the Shawano Recreation Center's renovation plans.

Matt Hendricks, the city's parks, recreation and special project director, said the center will officially close to the public May 17. At that time, they'll prepare to turn the site over to 8Pine Inc., the construction company that will transform the building and site into a more modern facility.

"Saturday, May 17, is our last day open to the public," Hendricks said. "After that, city staff will have about two weeks to come in and remove office equipment and other fixtures to use at other sites. We'll be repurposing as much as possible — including toilets, sinks, lighting."

Rec center staff will conduct an auction for all of the exercise equipment.

"We have a lot of equipment, some old and some new," Hendricks said. "We considered sending it all to the (state) surplus auction site, but we chose to sell it to local residents to keep fit and active."

The auction will be done in house in early May. People will be able to stop by the front desk and place bids. Those with the winning bids will have to pick their items up the week after the center closes.

Auction details will be announced later.

8Pine will be given the keys June 2 and, after that, the building and site are in their hands.

It's expected the rec center will be closed 10-12 months.

"All memberships will be suspended during that time and will then start up again after we reopen," Hendricks said.

Just counting the pool and exercise area, the rec center saw 28,000 non-unique visitors in 2024. Unique membership is about 600, a number that has grown significantly the past couple years.

"One reason for that is the insurance reimbursement program that (aquatics coordinator) Tara Kelliher put a lot of time into developing," Hendricks said. "Most people know about Silver Sneakers, but there are others. Membership is covered by insurance, and we handle all of that for members. They don't have to turn in any paperwork for reimbursement. We do all of that."

Hendricks said the second main reason for increased membership is the high-quality staff.

"They do a super amazing job of customer service," he said. "They really interact well with members."

This first phase of the renovation project will now include a new racquetball court.

Initially, the existing courts were going to be removed but not replaced until a second construction phase that could be five years down the road.

"With input from members and the city council, we added the racquetball court as an alternative in the bidding for the project, and then decided to go ahead with it

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Mielke Park proposal nearly dead in the water

County expects to renew lease with arts council

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

A proposal to privatize operations at Mielke Park and eventually turn the arts center and park land over to a private company won't happen.

In addition to some members of the Mielke family opposing the plan, officials have discovered a line in state law that most likely prohibits them from selling or giving away the donated land.

Shawano County Board Chairman Tom Kautza said a phone conversation with some members of the family indicated they were in favor of someone using the theater and park more.

"But, they're 100% deadset against it ever becoming used for a private, profitable venture," he told members of the executive committee April 9.

He said he would have corporation counsel review state law that indicates the land cannot be turned over to a private company.

"If I'm reading it right, it says any property that was donated for a specific use, we're stuck with it," Kautza said. "We can't sell it, give it away; it's there permanently. That would put an end to the whole discussion right there."

In March, Kelli Penfold and Lori Mathwich established Mission 1st Event Management LLC with plans to reform the Mielke Arts Center into a private venue for local groups and individuals.

Mission 1st Event Management proposed a two-year lease of the site, during which time it would assume all responsibilities and upkeep costs of the arts center and park.

All profits earned during those two years would be reinvested back into the property and used for maintenance and improvements.

Upon successful completion of these two years, Mission 1st Event Management would obtain complete control over the property.

Kautza said Penfold reached out to him to see if there is any chance something could still be worked out with the site,

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Fruit is the star for the latest recipes from Francesca Ullmer.
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A new four-way stop

A vehicle is driven through the intersection of West Division and South Washington streets the evening of April 9. That night, the Shawano Common Council voted to make the intersection a four-way stop, adding stop signs to West Division Street. South Washington Street already has stop signs. KEVIN PASSON | NEW MEDIA

Mandated programs lead to DHS budget shortfall

State allocations don't keep pace with rising costs of care

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

Costs of required services provided by the Shawano County Department of Human Services continue to rise as state allocations fail to keep pace. Whatever the state doesn't pay for falls to the county taxpayers.

Members of the county executive committee agreed April 9 to transfer another $750,000 from its unassigned general fund to cover cost overages from 2024.

"There was budgeted fund balance to be used in 2024, so that was all used," said Carrie Buntjer, finance director. "And then there's an additional deficit. DHS right now has a negative fund balance of $636,219."

She suggested the committee fund that to balance the account but actually transfer $750,000 in case an upcoming audit uncovers more expenses, as well as restore a financial cushion for the future.

Programs that came in over budget were: inpatient, $583,661.20; home-delivered meals, $92,893.34; foster homes, $77,342.85; community residential facilities, $44,800; group homes, $17,105.58; and Birth to 3, $16,939.67.

"We just do not get enough tax levy to fund these programs," said Rick Kane, DHS director. "Mental health placement, they used to be substantially cheaper. Now when you get committed, they're $1,800 a day (at Winnebago Mental Health Institute). The private sector doesn't want them; they won't take them. They go to Winnebago, and they're there for three days."

He said of the 790 or so outpatients treated by DHS, 19% get hospitalized.

"People are needing more hospitalization than ever before," he said.

Food costs for the senior nutrition program also continue to rise.

"You know what it costs to eat, what a dozen eggs cost," he said. "We serve about 56,000 meals every year in all of our congregate sites."

Kane said DHS merged its home-delivered meal program with the Aging and Disability Resource Center to build back that fund.

"Still, $93,000 in the hole," Kane said. "Food prices have gone through the roof."

By law, meals are provided for a suggested minimum donation ($4.50 in Shawano County), but no one is denied a meal due to an inability to pay.

"There's more that do have the ability to pay and just don't," Kane said. "You can't cut them off. You can't send them a bill. You can't do any of that; it's against the law."

Desserts were eliminated a long time ago.

"There's got to be a way to free up some money," Kane said of state dollars. "The state is sitting on billions of surplus dollars, and every county is hurting."

Local officials have tried to convince the seniors who can afford to pay for the meals to actually pay. Some believe poorer people are taking advantage of the program, so they will, too. Others believe they've paid taxes for many decades, so they've earned free meals.

Lois Krizan, business division manager, said a wait list has been started.

"We never had one before, but with the high cost of food, we now have created a wait list," she said.

Kane said three main state agencies — Department of Children and Families, Department of Health Services and Department of Corrections — provide funds for the local DHS.

"They haven't given us an increase in years," Kane said.

He told the story of a woman who recently turned 18. She is mentally ill and has autism. Her issues have been going on for years.

"That's the piece that's almost impossible to treat," Kane said of the autism. "We've had her committed numerous times."

He said her family is exhausted and doesn't want her back.

"This last weekend, she was at the hospital because she ate three or four titanium batteries," Kane said. "We were going to put her in Winnebago again. Before they would take her, she had to be stabilized. There was a deputy ... that had to babysit her for 16 hours, because they wanted to be sure she didn't eat anything more at the hospital."

The woman is now going to a group treatment home, this time not at the county's expense.

"If they kick her out, then it comes back to us," Kane said. "And they're smart enough to know how to do that. They'll just say, 'We can't treat her.'"

He said in too many cases, treatment is not the main concern; rather, it's who can get stuck paying for it and dealing with the individual.

The woman in the story has had several altercations with police, including wrestling guns away from officers, Kane said. She spent time at Lincoln Hills, which cost the county more than $500,000 for her care there, Krizan said.

"There's nothing we can do," Supervisor Kathy Luebke said about the budget shortfall. "Our hands are tied. We have to pay it."

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County committees OK master planning firm

New use of Huber Center proposed

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

Venture Architects has been chosen by a pair of Shawano County Board committees to complete a facilities master plan and schematic designs for county properties.

The contract will not exceed $110,000. It was approved by the executive committee and the public property committee, with the county board set to debate the issue April 15. (Visit www.newmedia-wi.com for details of the vote.)

"We can't do everything, but we have to start somewhere," said Jim Davel, county administrative coordinator in early April, prior to the committee meetings.

He reiterated again that the county has spent more than $1.1 million on plans and studies of county buildings the past several decades. The only significant changes generated from those studies was a remodeled sheriff's department and construction of the Huber Work Release Center.

There were two proposals, the other from Somerville Architects. However, the Somerville proposal included the use of a Minnesota company that would only handle proposed changes to the sheriff's department, jail and justice center, while Somerville would concentrate on the courthouse, library and other sites.

"This Venture group has more people in house that will do the whole thing," said Tom Kautza, county board chairman.

The executive committee agreed to use money from the general fund's unassigned account to pay Venture Architects.

The main facilities to be studied are the courthouse, jail and sheriff's department. The library is also part of the mix.

Kautza, at the April 9 executive committee, threw another idea out for consideration.

"I want to look at eliminating the Huber Center altogether and move them people back over here. Or if we build something new over here, we put a small Huber over here," he said. He added that the current Huber center could become the county's own inpatient center for the Department of Human Services. "We take care of (the patients) right here in the county. There'd be no hauling them around trying to find someplace in the state to take them."

Inpatient services with the county DHS continue to climb while state reimbursements have remained steady for several years, compelling the county to make up the cost difference.

The inpatient care costs were nearly $600,000 over budget in 2024, forcing the county to dip into its general fund to pay the shortfall.

"That worked out well for Green Lake and Waushara counties when they did theirs," Supervisor Randy Mallmann said about running an inpatient care center.

He was referring to the two sites visited by an ad hoc committee that recommended the creation of a building plan for Shawano County.

Kautza also said there may be a state program to help with the remodeling costs of the Huber Center if the county agrees to accept a set number of clients at a reduced rate.

"It's not going to go over too good, I know that, with the sheriff's department and DHS," he said. "The county's bleeding money. Why keep spending it, and you're shipping it off elsewhere?"

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School board OKs personnel moves

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

The Shawano School Board gathered in a special virtual meeting April 7 to approve several personnel moves.

Karly Heimke was appointed as a sixth grade language arts teacher at Shawano Community Middle School, effective with the 2025-26 school year. Jodi Guenther was named special education coordinator, effective July 1.

Eighth grade teacher Angela Williamson Emmert resigned, effective April 8. Resigning at the end of the 2024-25 school year are Michelle Mahkimetas-Kurkiewicz, a fifth grade teacher at Olga Brener Intermediate School; and Sydney Marohnic, a special education teacher at Hillcrest Primary School.

Paraprofessional Marilyn "Mitzi" Ward is retiring at the end of the current school year. Retirement of support staff does not need board approval; members were simply notified of the retirement.

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Oat plantings underway in Wisconsin

Wisconsin had 1.6 days suitable for fieldwork statewide for the week ending April 6, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Much of the state received rain, ice or snow during the week. While conditions were generally not favorable for fieldwork, some manure was applied where conditions allowed. Farmers were also preparing and maintaining tillage and planting equipment for the upcoming fieldwork. Sprinkler systems or flooding were being used to protect some cranberry beds from frost.

Topsoil moisture condition rated 10%, 62% adequate and 28% surplus. Subsoil moisture condition rated 4% very short, 18% short, 57% adequate and 21% surplus.

Oat planting was 1% complete, while spring tillage was 2% complete.

Pasture and range condition was 16% very poor, 17% poor, 41% fair, 24% good and 2% excellent.

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in this first phase," Hendricks said.

The renovation project is funded by a $4.25 million Flexible Facilities Program grant and another $1 million from the city. That $1 million comes from reallocating $275,000 of savings already achieved this year in capital projects, reallocating $525,000 from its 2026 capital project budget to the recreation center and borrowing an additional $200,000 beyond its planned borrowing of $4.5 million for this year.

"What you have before you today is a relatively minimally intrusive way to cobble together the remainder of this funding," City Administrator Eddie Sheppard told members of the common council April 9.

He said the grant was awarded in the fall when the city was well into its budget process for 2025.

"The way we approached it with staff was, 'You're not going to get another opportunity like this,'" he said. "Yes, it's over budget. We believe, based on the bids, this is the true cost."

The city was planning to borrow $4.5 million for capital projects in 2025 and $4.7 million in 2026. Sheppard said the city will simply flip the borrowing amounts for the two years, borrowing the larger amount in 2025 to help cover the rec center costs. The city's total borrowing won't be affected.

Council members approved the project and associated costs.

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possibly with a lease of some form or manner.

Two days later, at the public property committee meeting, supervisors were reminded that the current lease of the art center with the Shawano County Arts Council expires Aug. 31. If the county intends not to renew the lease, notice must be given by May 30.

"We will put this on hold for another month," committee Chairman Rick Giese said. "We probably should talk to the arts council ... see if they want any changes to the lease."

"See what they think, if they've got any interest in this at all," Kautza added about sharing operations with Mission 1st Event Management.

The current lease, a five-year agreement, states that for $1, the arts council leases the Mielke Arts Center, the adjacent storage facility, walkways and the non-exclusive use of the parking lot. It does not include the greater Mielke Park area, which must remain open for free use by the public at all times.

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Visiting with the Easter Bunny

Shawano Recreation Center lifeguard Jai Bisterfeldt hugs the Easter Bunny on April 12 as part of the center's pool egg hunt and activities. The fun continues with another egg hunt at 10 a.m. April 19 at Kuckuk Park, 700 Oak Par Drive. KEVIN PASSON | NEW MEDIA

Spencer and Sophia Shepherd visit with the Easter Bunny on April 12 at the Shawano Recreation Center. The annual event featured several games and activities, as well as an egg hunt in the pool. KEVIN PASSON | NEW MEDIA

Easter Eggstravaganza

Nevada Galland had a butterfly painted on her face during the Easter Eggstravaganza at St. James Lutheran Church and School on April 12. In addition to Easter egg hunts for three age groups, the event also included face painting, crafts, music, snacks and a basket for each child. KEVIN PASSON | NEW MEDIA

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• Shaila R. Waupoose, 37, Shawano, pleaded no contest April 7 to possession of methamphetamine, maintaining a drug trafficking place, chronic neglect of a child, possession of narcotic drugs, misappropriating ID information to obtain money, three counts of felony bail jumping and misdemeanor counts of resisting or obstructing an officer, possession of THC and possession of drug paraphernalia. Judge Katherine Sloma imposed and stayed prison sentences and placed her on two years of probation with conditions.

• Allysha A. Hansen, 35, Manitowoc, pleaded no contest April 7 to possession of narcotic drugs and misdemeanor counts of possession of an illegally obtained prescription and possession of drug paraphernalia. Judge Leon Stenz withheld sentencing and placed her on two years of probation with conditions.

• Dylan L. Corn, 22, Keshena, was charged April 7 with felony bail jumping. Judge William Kussel Jr. set a $700 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for April 16.

• Jeramy Gschwind, 54, Shawano, was charged April 7 with three counts of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of theft by false representation. Kussel set a $1,750 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for May 5.

• Angela D. Owen, 51, Shawano, was charged April 7 with four counts of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (third offense). Kussel set a $2,000 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for April 23.

• Leurel A. Sifuentes, 23, Kenosha, was charged April 7 with possession of narcotic drugs and a misdemeanor count of possession of THC. Kussel set a $750 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for June 9.

• Louis J. Wolf, 21, Neopit, was charged April 7 with possession of THC (second or subsequent offense) and a misdemeanor count of bail jumping. Kussel set a $250 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for July 10.

• Terrel V. Thunder, 23, Shawano, was charged April 7 with two counts of strangulation and suffocation, false imprisonment and misdemeanor counts of battery and two counts of disorderly conduct. Kussel set a $1,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for April 16.

• Raeannon D. Hill, 27, Shawano, was charged April 8 with felony bail jumping and misdemeanor bail jumping. Kussel set a $500 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for June 11.

• Joel T. Kinney, 34, Neopit, was charged April 8 with possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), battery or threat to a law officer and a misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. Kussel set a $2,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for April 16.

• Cody D. Cook, 38, Keshena, was charged April 9 with possession of narcotic drugs, four counts of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Kussel set a $25,000 signature bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for April 17.

• Shanna Rae S.B. Harrison, 42, Black River Falls, was charged April 9 with taking and driving a vehicle without consent, three counts of felony bail jumping, and misdemeanor counts of operating while revoked and bail jumping. Kussel set a $3,000 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for May 20.

• Leonard J. Pecore, 32, Gresham, was charged April 9 with felony bail jumping. Kussel set a $1,000 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for July 16.

• Jayden L. Escalante, 17, Shawano, was charged April 11 with burglary to a building or dwelling. Kussel set a $2,500 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for April 15.

• Holly E. Spink, 23, Green Bay, was charged April 11 with two counts of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of operating while revoked. Kussel set a $300 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for June 19.

• Logan S. Wawrzyniec, 36, Green Bay, was charged April 11 with possession of methamphetamine and possession of THC (second or subsequent offense). Kussel set a $2,500 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for July 29.

• James C. Radford, 39, Milwaukee, was charged April 11 with first-degree reckless homicide. Kussel authorized an arrest warrant.

PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

April 13

Deputies responded to 19 incidents, including a warrant on North Avenue in Mattoon; fleeing and pursuit on state Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; drugs on County Road Z in the Town of Hutchins; assault at Shawano County Jail, 405 N. Main St., Shawano; two 911 calls; one reckless driving incident; one traffic hazard; one welfare check; four crashes, one involving deer.

April 12

Deputies responded to 29 incidents, including noise on South Webb Street in Wittenberg; operating without a license on state Highway 29 in the Town of Richmond; warrant on state Highway 32 in the Town of Angelica; assisting the fire department on West Grand Avenue in Wittenberg; one 911 call; three reckless driving incidents; two traffic hazards; two welfare checks; three crashes, one involving an ATV.

April 11

Deputies responded to 41 incidents, including drugs on state Highway 29 in the Town of Richmond; sick animal on state Highway 29 in the Town of Waukechon; noise on Hiawatha Court in the Town of Wescott; trespassing on Oak Avenue in the Town of Richmond; assisting the fire department on County Road M in the Town of Richmond; warrant on U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Birnamwood; three 911 calls; four reckless driving incidents; three traffic hazards; four welfare checks.

April 10

Deputies responded to 21 incidents, including operating while intoxicated on County Road D in the Town of Almon; assisting the fire department on Ash Road in the Town of Richmond; animal problem on state Highway 47 in the Town of Lessor; assisting the fire department on South Prouty Street in Wittenberg; two 911 calls; one 911 call; one welfare check.

April 9

Deputies responded to 20 incidents, including bail jumping on East Green Bay Street in Shawano; trespassing on County Road G in the Town of Germania; warrant at Menominee Tribal Jail, W3292 Wolf River Road, Keshena; animal problem on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; property damage on East Westgor Avenue in Wittenberg; animal bite on East Green Bay Street in Bonduel; two 911 calls; one reckless driving incident.

April 8

Deputies responded to 42 incidents, including scam on School House Road in the Town of Almon; weight restriction violation on Woods Road in the Town of Wescott; harassment on South First Street in Bonduel; assisting the fire department on Carlson Lane in the Town of Green Valley; property damage on state Highway 29 in the Town of Morris; operating without a license on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; four 911 calls; one reckless driving incident; two traffic hazards; four welfare checks; one crash.

April 7

Deputies responded to 23 incidents, including harassment on South Ellms Street in Wittenberg; trespassing on Oak Avenue in the Town of Richmond; two 911 calls; two reckless driving incidents; two welfare checks; two crashes.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

April 13

Deputies responded to 19 incidents, including a vicious animal on South Maiden Lane; shoplifting at Walgreens, 401 E. Green Bay St.; animal problem on East Timber Trail; bail jumping on East Randall Street; repossession on South Weed Street; noise on East Elizabeth Street; animal noise on West Swan Street; one 911 call; one reckless driving incident; one traffic hazard; three welfare checks.

April 12

Deputies responded to 19 incidents, including operating while intoxicated on South Smalley Street; warrant attempt on East Fifth Street; two DNR violation calls at Sturgeon Park, 811 S. Water St.; one 911 call; two welfare checks; two crashes.

April 11

Deputies responded to 21 incidents, including noise on Acorn Street; animal problem on South Weed Street; threatening at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; warrant on South Main Street; drugs at Shawano Police Department, 125 S. Sawyer St.; two juvenile problem calls at Olga Brener Intermediate School, 1300 S. Union St.; warrant on East Richmond Street; special response team request at an undisclosed location; two 911 calls; one traffic hazard; two welfare checks; one reckless driving incident.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Please take notice that Public Hearings will be held before the Plan Commission of the City of Shawano on Wednesday, April 30, 2025, at 5:00 PM at Shawano City Hall, 127 S. Sawyer St., Shawano, WI to consider the following:

PUBLIC HEARING A: Zoning Map amendment pursuant to City Code Section 10-170 to rezone the following from Rural Holding-35 (RH-35) to Multi Family-20 (MR-20) zoning district: Current Parcel #281-331300010 City of Shawano SW ¼ NE ¼ & NW ¼ NE ¼ Known as Lot 1 Cert Survey Rec. V8 P149 Map #2241 Sec. 33 T27N R16E Ex Cert Survey Rec V15 P254.

PUBLIC HEARING B: Conditional Use Permit to allow 1380 Hwy B LLC (Specialized Veterinary Care of Shawano) to install solar panels at 1380 County Rd B, Shawano, WI per City of Shawano Municipal Code Section 10-38(5)(b) Small solar system, as a conditional use. The property is located in the Business Park (BP) zoning district. *(Legal description: City of Shawano Raasch Industrial Park Acres Sec 5 T26N R16E Lot 17 and Tax parcel #281-721000160).*

PUBLIC HEARING C: Conditional Use Permit to allow Herbert E. McLaughlin Post No 2723 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars to construct a new 3,918 sq. ft. facility at 810 Olson Street, Shawano, WI per City of Shawano Municipal Code Section 10-39(3)(c) Indoor institutional, as a conditional use. The property is located in the Light Industrial (LI) zoning district. *(Legal description: City of Shawano Assessors Map Lot 1 Blk 16 was Lot 1 V3 CSM P36 Map #698 was Lot 2 CSM Map #4956 KNA Lot 3 CSM Map #4989 and Tax parcel #281-404001043).*

At the above time and place all interested persons will be given the opportunity to be heard.

Lesley Nemetz, City Clerk
City of Shawano

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04/18/2025

ORDINANCE NO.: 2041
SPONSORED BY: Alderperson Barkow
INTRODUCED BY: Hoeffs
SECONDED BY: Hauer

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHAWANO, WISCONSIN, DO ORDAIN that **Chapter 12, BUILDING CODE, Section 12.10 Fire Inspections, Corrective Actions, (1) Inspection is hereby amended as follows:**

(1) Inspection. The Chief of the Fire Department or his designee shall be responsible for having all public buildings and places of employment within the territory of the Fire Department inspected for the purpose of ascertaining and causing to be corrected any conditions liable to cause fire or any violations of law or ordinance relating to fire hazards or to the prevention of fires. The inspections shall be conducted at least once per calendar year, provided that the interval between those inspections does not exceed 15 months. The City of Shawano shall adhere to the guidelines for fire code and inspection as outlined within the most recent, State of Wisconsin adopted, version of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA-1).

This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as provided by law.

Adopted: April 9, 2025

Published: April 18, 2025

By: /s/: Bruce Milavitz
Bruce Milavitz, Mayor

By: /s/: Lesley Nemetz
Lesley Nemetz, City Clerk

WNAXLP

04/18/2025

ORDINANCE NO.: 2040
SPONSORED BY: Plan Commission
INTRODUCED BY: Steinke
SECONDED BY: Barkow

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHAWANO, WISCONSIN, DO ORDAIN that **Chapter 9, PUBLIC NUISANCES, Section 9.06 Trees and Shrubs (8) Dead or Diseased tree removal on private property** is hereby amended as follows:

(8) Dead, diseased, hazardous, or height-restricted tree removal on private property.

(a) The City shall have the right to cause the removal of any dead, diseased, hazardous, or height-restricted trees on private property within the City when such trees constitute a hazard to life and/or property, including, but not limited to, utility lines or airport dimensional requirements (as stated in Section 10-94 of the City code), or harbor insects or disease which constitutes a potential threat to other trees within the City. The City Forester shall notify, in writing, the owners of such trees. The Forester shall also have the authority to issue citations as necessary as directed within the City of Shawano Bond Schedule. Removal shall be done by said owners at their own expense within 60 days after the date of service of notice. In the event of failure of owners to comply with such provisions, the City shall have the authority to remove such trees and charge the cost of removal on the owner's property tax notice. The Forester shall have the authority to enter upon private property at all reasonable times for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this section.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as provided by law.

Adopted: April 9, 2025

Published: April 18, 2025

By: /s/: Bruce Milavitz
Bruce Milavitz, Mayor

By: /s/: Lesley Nemetz
Lesley Nemetz, City Clerk

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REMINDER TO CITY OF SHAWANO TAXPAYERS REGARDING 2024 REAL ESTATE TAXES

The 2nd installment of your 2024 Real Estates taxes is due by Wednesday, April 30, 2025.

Mail payments to City of Shawano, 127 S. Sawyer St., Shawano WI 54166. We accept checks, money orders, or cashier's checks. Checks should be made payable to the City of Shawano.

We encourage taxpayers to make their payments by checks. If paying in cash, we do require that you have the exact amount, including the change.

As a reminder, if you mail your payment, a receipt will not be provided unless a self-addressed, stamped envelope is included with payment.

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ORDINANCE NO.: 2039
SPONSORED BY: Plan Commission
INTRODUCED BY: Steinke
SECONDED BY: Barkow

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHAWANO, WISCONSIN, DO ORDAIN that **Chapter 10, ZONING CODE, Article VI Overlay Zoning Districts, Section 10-94 (AP-O) Airport Overlay District** is hereby amended to amend (4) Dimensional requirements and to add (4)(a) Authority and Enforcement.

Dimensional requirements. Same as for the underlying district, except that no structure shall be constructed, altered or located, or permitted to remain after such construction, alteration or location, and that no trees shall be allowed to grow to a height in excess of the height limit indicated on the current Wisconsin Bureau of Aeronautics Official Height Limitation Zoning Map, Shawano Municipal Airport, Shawano, Wisconsin, which is adopted as part of this chapter.[1]
[1] *Editor's Note: Said map is on file in the City offices.*

(a) Authority and Enforcement. Authority and enforcement of this subsection shall be granted to the City Forester as stated within Chapter 9 Public Nuisances, Section 9.06 Trees and Shrubs (8) Dead, diseased, hazardous, or height restricted tree removal on private property.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Housing Authority of Shawano County, Wisconsin

- **Replacement of the Roof at the Oakridge Apartment Building, 504 Oak Drive, Shawano WI. 54155**

Bids / Proposals will be received at the Office of the Housing Authority of Shawano County, 1259 Engel Dr, Shawano WI 54929, until Thursday, April 17, 2025, ***at 2:00 p.m.*** **Bids for the Oakridge Roof Replacement Project will be officially opened and read aloud.**

Bids will be accepted for the Oakridge Roof Replacement Project on the Bid Form in the Project Manual.

Successful Bidder will be determined upon the Project Manual's requirements; Reference checks, experience working with Davis Bacon wage rates, warranty provisions, schedule to complete the work, relative response time when service calls are required, and all other items will be reviewed for the identification of the responsible, responsive bidder.

Copies of the bid requirements may be obtained at the office of Daniel J. Meissner AIA, LLC, 1230 E. Calumet St., Appleton, WI 54915. Email: daniel.meissnerarch@gmail.com., Contact Dan Meissner, Architect, 920-428-0982 or Jeff Theis, Executive Director, 715-526-6960, if you have questions or if you are interested in reviewing the projects and submitting a bid/proposal for the project.

The owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids / proposals and to waive any informalities thereof. No bidder may withdraw his bid/proposal within 30 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Oakridge Roof Replacement bids shall be submitted including a 5% bid bond to the Housing Authority of Shawano County as noted.

The Requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 apply to this project and that, to the greatest extent feasible contractors shall fulfill their obligation to use lower income residents as trainees and/or employees. * Reference Federal Register (33884-33887), June 30, 1994, Subpart 135.38.

Pursuant to the Build America, Buy America Act (BABA), enacted as part of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). Pub. L. 117-58, 41 U.S.C. § 8301 note, the Federal Financial Assistance used to fund this infrastructure project is required to apply a domestic content procurement preference (the "Buy America Preference" or "BAP") for all construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of infrastructure, including buildings and real property, unless application of the BAP has been waived by HUD. Additional details on fulfilling the BABA requirements can be found at:

https://www.hud.gov/program offices/general counsel/build america buy america.

Attention of bidders is particularly called to the "Notice of Requirement for Affirmative Action to ensure Equal Employment Opportunity (Executive Order 11246) and Supplemental Instructions to Bidders" contained in the bid documents, which sets forth, in part, goals, and timetables for the employment of women and minorities in the project area.

Contractors and subcontractors must pay not less than the Davis-Bacon prevailing wage rates established by the U.S. Department of Labor included in the project manual information.

Mr. Jeff Theis
Executive Director / CEO
The Housing Authority of Shawano County
1259 Engel Dr,
Shawano, WI 54929
715-526-6960
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Spring walk and trail cleanup set for April 26

Get ready to hit the trails and give back to nature this spring.

Shawano Pathways and Friends of the Mountain-Bay Trail are hosting a community walk and trail cleanup April 26. This event is open to all; individuals and groups are encouraged to participate.

Participants should meet between 10 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. at one of two locations: the parking lot of All Aboard Nutrition, 620 S. Main St., or the parking lot of the Four Seasons Resort, 201 N. Airport Road.

From there, teams will depart on different routes, either the in-town park-to-park loop or the scenic Mountain-Bay Trail, and will clean up along the way. The walk will offer participants the chance to enjoy the outdoors while making a positive impact in the community.

Bring gloves and trash grabbers (if possible), and wear bright colors to ensure your visibility along the routes. Free water and snacks will be provided.

For more details, visit www.shawanopathways.org or follow Shawano Pathways on Facebook.

Melanie Curti from Shawano Pathways talks with two new volunteers at a recent walk and trail cleanup day. Another cleanup day will be April 26, with volunteers starting around 10 a.m. CONTRIBUTED

Billionaires flood Supreme Court race with cash

Megadonors from both sides have each given at least $500K

By PETER CAMERON
The Badger Project

Wisconsin just finished another major election, and familiar billionaire megadonors are trying to outdo each other.

On Jan. 10, Wall Street legend and bogeyman to the political right George Soros gave the Democratic Party of Wisconsin $1 million, according to records filed with the state.

On Jan. 17, Diane Hendricks, chairwoman of ABC Building Supply, gave the Republican Party of Wisconsin $975,000, and another $100,000 a few weeks later.

On Jan. 28, Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker, whose family owns the Hyatt hotel chain, gave the Democratic Party of Wisconsin $500,000.

On Feb. 11, Richard Uihlein, an heir to the Schlitz beer fortune and co-founder of the packing supplies company ULINE, gave $650,000 to the Republican Party of Wisconsin.

On Feb. 13, the mother-daughter billionaire philanthropists Lynn and Stacy Schustermann, from Oklahoma City, each gave the Wisconsin Democratic Party $500,000.

Those billionaires have given huge sums to their preferred party in each of the last few elections in Wisconsin, translating mostly to more political advertising. The fact that they are donating to the political party instead of directly to their preferred candidate is no mistake.

Donations made directly to political candidates in Wisconsin are capped by state law at a certain amount depending on the office. For example, an individual can only give a maximum of $20,000 to a candidate for state Supreme Court, something Hendricks has already done this year.

A loophole in state law allows donors to give unlimited amounts of cash to political parties, and for those same parties to divert unlimited amounts to candidates.

So the billionaires' donations made early this year have almost certainly found their way to the two candidates for the state Supreme Court race. The state Democratic Party has already reported giving left-wing candidate and Dane County Circuit Court Judge Susan Crawford $2 million, while the state GOP has tried to keep pace, reporting giving right-wing candidate and Waukesha County Circuit Court Judge Brad Schimel nearly $1.7 million.

That party loophole was opened by court cases and inaction by the GOP majority in the Wisconsin Legislature. It could be closed, but so far, Republicans have ignored attempts by Democrats in the minority to do so. Should they ever retake the legislature, it remains to be seen if Democrats will want to close a loophole that is now working so well for them.

Elon Musk has also jumped into the race, but using his millions in a different way. He is spending independently of campaigns and parties, through a super PAC to buy millions in political advertising and fund door-knocking operations for Schimel.

The last race for Wisconsin Supreme Court, in 2023, set a court record of more than $50 million raised and spent to try and influence the race, according to the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign, an organization that tracks political spending in the state. Experts expect even more in this race.

"If nothing changes, every Supreme Court race we have until now until 2030, it's going to break a record," said Nick Ramos, executive director of the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign, of the massive political cash.

The court will have seats opening and thus elections in each of the next four years after this one. Liberals are at somewhat of an advantage, as they only have to defend two justices' seats in that time, while conservatives must defend three.

The Badger Project is a nonpartisan, citizen-supported journalism nonprofit in Wisconsin.

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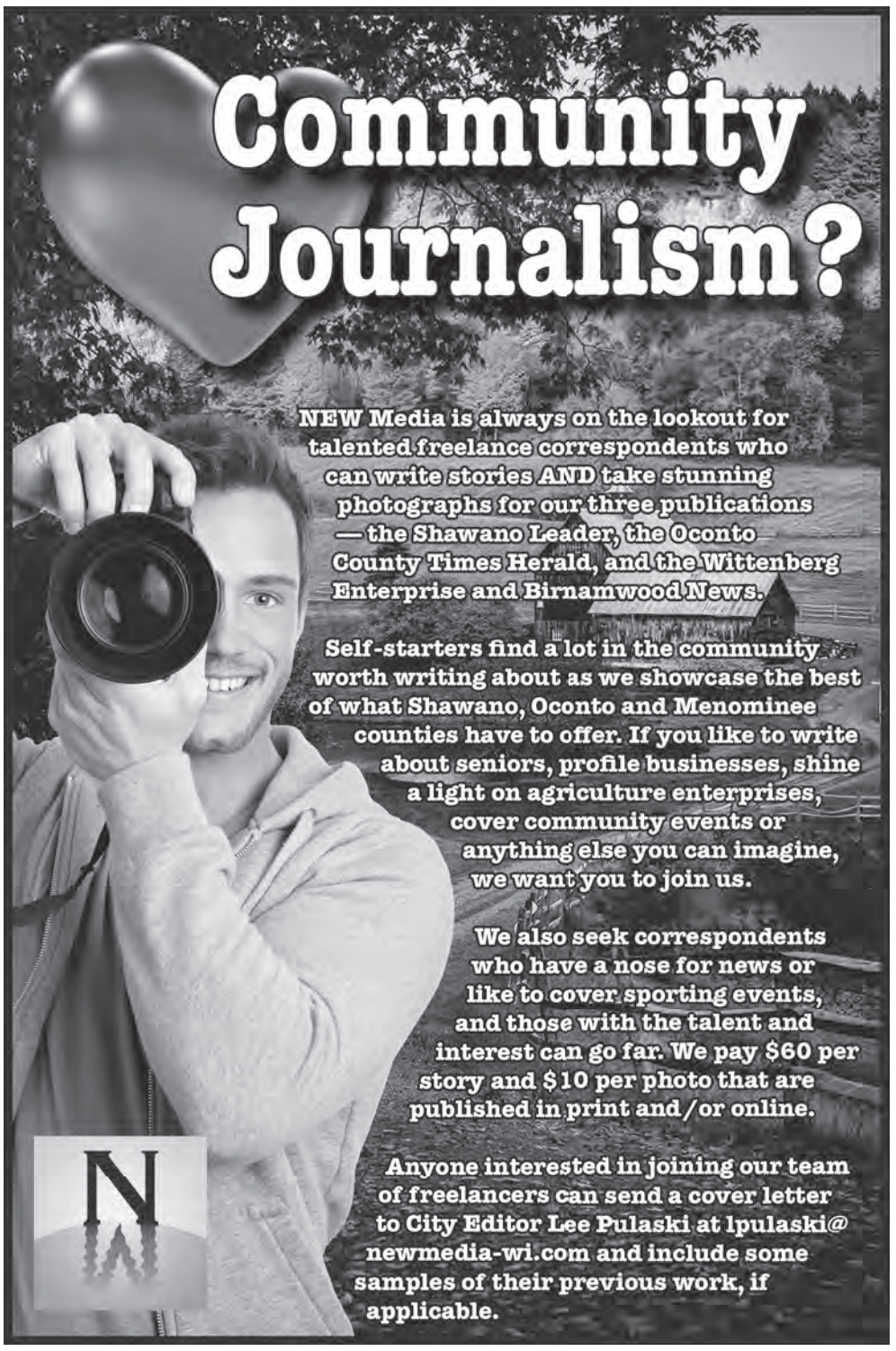
NICK RAMOS, executive director of the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign



Bank First welcomes new retail banking officer

Bank First has announced it is welcoming Jessica Kosnicki as a retail banking officer.

"We are thrilled to have Jessica join our team," said Hayley Marschke, retail market manager. "Her experience, local roots and commitment to helping customers find the right financial solutions make her a great fit for our Shawano office."

Kosnicki brings nearly a decade of experience in the financial industry, most recently serving as a mortgage loan originator. Throughout her career, she has also held positions as a teller and member service representative, gaining extensive experience in customer service and financial solutions.

In her new role at Bank First, Kosnicki will develop new and enhance existing retail banking relationships in the bank's Shawano market. She will work closely with customers to provide tailored financial solutions that meet their needs.

Kosnicki earned an associate's degree in paralegal studies from Northeast Wisconsin Technical College and is a graduate of the Leadership Shawano County program. She is actively involved in the community, serving on the Wolf River Builders Association board, where she previously held the role of president, and as treasurer for Sun Drop Dayz. Additionally, Kosnicki is a member of the Shawano Area Young Professionals.

Kosnicki lives in Shawano with her son and enjoys spending time outdoors, hunting, and traveling.

For more information about Bank First, visit www.bankfirst.com.

DOT seeks input on Highway 29 resurfacing project

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation is seeking public input on a proposed resurfacing project on state Highway 29 from South Highline Road east of Bonduel to the Shawano/Brown County line.

The public is encouraged to go to the project website, review the materials and submit comments by May 15 by email to Timothy.Hanley@dot.wi.gov or by mail to Attn.: Tim Hanley, Wisconsin Department of Transportation, 1681 2nd Ave. S., Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495.

The existing concrete pavement on Highway 29 is showing signs of deterioration. To address this and other issues, the DOT is proposing:

• Repairing or replacing the concrete pavement joints and cracks on Highway 29 and along the Highway 29 and state Highway 55 interchange ramps. Repairing versus replacing the joint or cracks will depend on the severity of joint deterioration.

• Resurfacing the asphalt shoulders on Highway 29 within the concrete joint repair sections.

• Replacing asphalt shoulders to full depth on the Highway 29 and Highway 55 interchange ramps.

• Replacing the concrete pavement to full depth along Highway 29 westbound from River Road to just east of Broadway Road and along Highway 29 eastbound from County Road F to Spruce Road.

• Repairing and cleaning five culvert pipes under Highway 29 along with cleaning and clearing brush from the ditches.

• Replacing guardrail systems along Highway 29 and Highway 55.

• Resurfacing Highway 55 from County Road S to just east of the Highway 29 westbound entrance ramp.

• Resurfacing the park and ride parking lot on Lot Lane west of Highway 29 and just south of County Road S.

During construction, Highway 29 will remain open to traffic using single-lane and shoulder closures, crossovers and bidirectional traffic. In addition:

• The Highway 29 and Highway 55 interchange ramps will be closed to traffic with a signed detour.

• Highway 55 will remain open to traffic utilizing lane closures and flaggers.

• The park and ride will be closed to traffic for a short time.

Construction currently is scheduled for 2028.

For more information, visit projects.511wi.gov/region/north-central.

Unsolicited packages that come with QR codes can be bad news

A package you didn't order could be a fun surprise, but be careful — especially if it comes with a QR code — as it might be the setup for a scam.

In a "brushing" scam, you receive a package you didn't order, often without a return address. This is often a setup by unscrupulous companies who found your address online. After the company ships the product to you, they can post a fake, positive review on your behalf to improve their store's ratings and get more sales.

Reports to BBB Scam Tracker over the last few months show a twist on brushing scams where the package contains a QR code. The code comes with instructions to scan it to find out who sent the package or how to start a return. Scanning the QR code can lead to a phishing website or download malware onto your device.

In one BBB Scam Tracker report, a consumer received a package of pasta via Amazon in her name. Thinking it was a gift from a friend, she scanned the QR code that came with the package. The QR code took her to a website that appeared to be Amazon. The consumer said she has received a higher-than-normal amount of scam emails since scanning the QR code.

In another BBB Scam Tracker report, a consumer received a ring in the mail that he did not order. The ring came with a QR code. The consumer checked BBB Scam Tracker before scanning the code, and after reading other reports about brushing scams, he decided not to scan it.

It might seem like there are no downsides to a free package, but it could be a sign that someone is using your personal information for their own gain. If this happens to you, BBB recommends checking the security of your accounts and notifying the retailer who sent you the package.

What to do if you receive a package you didn't order:

• Don't scan QR codes. They might take you to a phishing site that steals your personal information or downloads malware onto your device.

• Protect your identity. If you did scan the QR code and enter personal information, change your passwords for any accounts that may have been compromised, and enable two-factor authentication. Keep a close eye on your credit reports and credit card bills after you receive the package.

• Notify the retailer. If you can tell where the package is from, go directly to the retailer's website to get their contact information and report the package as a scam. Retailers like Amazon have policies banning brushing and fake reviews, and they will investigate your report.

• Check for fake reviews. If you can identify the company that sent you the packages, look for false reviews in your name and report them to the retailer.

• Pause deliveries. One package is no big deal, but some targets of brushing scams are overwhelmed with a flood of unordered packages, creating a serious problem. If this happens, you may want to consider temporarily refusing package delivery at your home address and directing your real orders to a package acceptance service.

• Keep the package. The one silver lining of brushing scams is that you get to keep the gift — the Federal Trade Commission says you have a legal right to keep unordered merchandise. Don't try to return it, especially if there are instructions to scan a QR code or enter information. It could needlessly compromise more of your personal information.

If you spot a delivery scam, report it. Visit www.bbb.org/scamtracker to report your experience and help others learn the signs of a scam.

Shawano County lifts weight limits on roads

Spring weight restrictions were removed on Shawano County trunk highways as of April 16, officials announced.

Seasonal weight limits were put in place March 10.

Seasonal weight restrictions are placed on specific highways during the spring thaw period. The restrictions are placed to prevent damage to the pavement structure and extend the life of the pavement.

PUBLIC AUCTION
SCHOOL'S SERVICE & REPAIR
FRI. APRIL 25, 2025 10:00 A.M.

LOCATED: 12941 LOGAN RD, SURING WI 54174

TRUCKS - TRACTORS - EQUIPMENT

2001 Ford E350 work truck w/14' cube box, 1996 Ford E350 truck w/16' box, 2000 Ford E350 extended van, 2001 Ford Ranger XLT – 4x4 w/shell, 1994 Ford F150, 2 wheel blue trailer, Farmall 560 tractor/ hyd loader, Farmall H tractor w/ narrow front. Allis Chalmers WD gas tractor w/wide front, 50' Little Giant h.d. hay & grain elevator, A. C. 2000 muro frame 4-18" plow, IH 720 five bottom plow, Allis Chalmers 4 btm plow, New Holland 7' haybine, J.D. ground drive manure spreader, J. D. wing drag, 2011 Chev Cruz auto, J.D. L120 & LX 178 lawn tractors w/ cutting decks, Cub Cadet LT 10-42 riding mower.

HVAC EQUIPMENT – TOOLS – REPAIR

Makita 18V cordless drill, Dewalt sawz-all, Milwaukee hammer drill, Keller folding ladder, oil shop vac, Milwaukee Sawzall, Bosch 18V drill, hammer drill, 1⁄2 -3/4 & 1" nipples - trays & pipe, 1⁄2 "black pipe, B vent pipes, 3' nut & bolt cabinet, elect wire, 5 ceramic heaters - Lasko & Eden Pure, Yellow Jacket recovery equipment service unit, Combination test kit, masonry bits, pipe fitting, refrig. Vacuum unit, A coils, ice machine, shed lights, oil furnace transform, duct work fittings, floor jack, used ventors, squirrel cages, used furnaces, water pump, blower fans, Craftsman table saw, bicycles, wood band saw, router table, wagon w/ 2" red oak live edge lumber, front door refrigerated bar cabinets, old camper trailer, scrap metal, many other parts etc.

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SOHR FARMS
FRI. MAY 2, 2025 11:00 A.M.

LOCATED: 5285 COUNTY BB, GILLETT, WI 54124

2 TRACTORS – EQUIPMENT

John Deere 7520 articulated diesel tractor, John Deere B gas tractor w/wide front, John Deere 225 12' offset disc, John Deere 16' cultipacker w/rear leveler, John Deere model 1600 12' chisel plow, 2 John Deere 4 bottom plows, John Deere 5 bottom plow, John Deere quick hitch, John Deere filters, Case 5' grain drill, 12-4-38 tractor tires.

ANTIQUES – MISC.

Horse drawn sleigh frame, bobsled, 3 buck saws, red glass Railroad lamp, horse hame's, Herb & Shorty Braun Dairy Supply clock, Red Radial Flyer metal wheel child's wagon, logging tongs, axes, milk can, cross cut saw, tractor seats, hay knife, hoof trimmer, Kendall hub box, blow torches, saw rig blades, Singer sewing machine, glass power line insulators, chain saw, battery charger, LP tank, folding chairs, sad irons, scrap metal & More.

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Pie takes center stage at 4-H Food Revue

Seventeen youths from across Shawano County participated in the 2025 Shawano County 4-H Foods Revue on April 5, following the county 4-H theme, "Red, White, and Blue: 4-H is for you." The featured item was pie.

The Shawano County 4-H Foods Revue gives youths a chance to learn about meal planning and food preparation, time management, table settings, cost analysis and serving food. Youths have the chance to show and discuss foods they have enjoyed preparing. The activity is a way to learn by doing that planning, preparation and service of food should look appealing as well as taste appealing.

During the event, judge Terri Dallas asked questions, sampled foods and gave youths critique on their entries and place settings. The pie category featured apple, cheesecake, mint, blueberry and raspberry entries.

Also shown during the day were pizza salad and chopped vegetable salad. In the cake decorating categories, several sets of decorated cookies, cupcakes and three decorated cakes were showcased. Cloverbuds (youths in grades K-2) brought several types of brownies and cupcakes.

Landstad 4-H Club member Hailey Altenhofen waits to be judged on her decorated cupcakes. CONTRIBUTED

The Shawano County 4-H Foods Committee provided hands-on education about how to make pie crusts from scratch and compared scratch crusts to store-bought refrigerated ones.

Local 4-H youth educator completes presidential term

Megan Suehring, Shawano County 4-H positive youth development educator, recently completed the 2024-25 term as president of the Wisconsin Association of Educators & 4-H Youth Development Professionals.

She received the president's plaque during the banquet of the Joint Council for Extension Professionals. During the WAE4HYDP business meeting, Suehring assumed the past president role for 2025-26.

The mission of WAE-4HYDP is to promote, strengthen and advocate the Extension 4-H youth development profession while providing a safe forum, camaraderie, support and recognition of its members. WAE4HYDP currently has a roster of 90 county, regional and statewide 4-H and youth development professionals.

Suehring has been in the 4-H educator position for Shawano County Division of Extension for seven years. Previous 4-H posts included serving in Price and Marathon counties. Shawano County 4-H boasts 19 community clubs, two after-school programs and many other opportunities for youths in kindergarten through the year after high school to engage in non-formal education.

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4-H youths can take part in clubs, camps, educational travel experiences, workshops and much more, as they explore their sparks. In all of these settings, youths have the chance to become leaders.

Shawano County 4-H is housed in the Shawano Extension Office, located in Room 109 of the Shawano County Courthouse. Find out about programs and possibilities by visiting https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/shawano4h.

Elm Creek Quilts author visits library

Chiaverini discusses her novels, shares stories of her youth

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

New York Times best-selling author Jennifer Chiaverini discusses her newest novel, "The World's Fair Quilt," during her book tour that included a stop at the Shawano County Public Library on April 7.
KEVIN PASSON | NEW MEDIA

New York Times best-selling author Jennifer Chiaverini captivated her audience with story after story during her book tour that included an April 7 visit to the Shawano County Public Library.

In a new novel from Chiaverini's Elm Creek Quilts series, "The World's Fair Quilt," when financial difficulties threaten Sylvia Bergstrom Compson's legacy, she draws courage and resilience from memories of an extraordinary quilt competition.

"When Sylvia's confronted with a problem, she very often takes inspiration or courage from lessons of the past," Chiaverini said. "So I thought that's what I should do. I should find something that I mentioned briefly before and show how that experience will help Sylvia confront the financial issues Elm Creek Manor is having today."

Chiaverini found nugget of an idea from "The Master Quilter," a book of hers that was published in 2005. And that became the basis for her newest novel.

The author of 34 novels, including acclaimed historical fiction and the Elm Creek Quilts series, Chiaverini's first novel, "The Quilter's Apprentice," was released in 1999. She has also written seven quilt pattern books inspired by her novels.

In addition to promoting her book and answering several questions from the audience, she also talked of her love for libraries.

National Library Week was April 6-12.

"You can tell the strength of a community on whether they have a thriving library," Chiaverini said. "When you have a library, you have a sense of community. Of course they bring us the books that we love, but they also bring us internet access and movies and community gathering spaces."

She also talked of her time at the library when she was growing up in Michigan and, later, California.

"I have loved libraries ever since I was very, very young," Chiaverini said. "I was an early reader, so there quite a gap between the books that I would find challenging and engaging to read and those that were suitable for my actual age."

Chiaverini said her Michigan library had a woman in charge known simply as The Librarian. Chiaverini never knew the woman's name, but she could always find the perfect book for the young girl.

"I didn't know it until I had it in my hands and read it,"Chiaverini said. One day, The Librarian presented Chiaverini with "Tuck Everlasting," a children's novel by Natalie Babbitt that explores the concept of immortality and the complexities of living forever, focusing on the Tuck family and young Winnie Foster's encounter with their secret.

"That was the book that I was just so captivated by," Chiaverini said. "That was really the book that made me want to become a writer."

In California, Chiaverini's first job as a high school student was as a page at her local library.

The Elm Creek Quilt series is at least in part inspired by Chiaverini's love of quilting.

A graduate of the University of Notre Dame and the University of Chicago, she lives with her husband and two sons in Madison.

Her visit to Shawano was due in part to the Friends of the Shawano Library.

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Kay Reminger's daughter, Jessica, and her fiancé, Carlo Leon, epitomize a boy from Columbia meeting and falling in love with a girl from Leopolis while in the state of Texas.
KAY REMINGER

FARM LIFE FROM A FARM WIFE

Love in air for Leopolis girl, Columbia boy

(Editor's note: This is the first part in a two-part series.)

Enjoying the experience, we've been on a sweet journey that holds much promise as the path unfolds.

A couple years ago, our daughter met a tender-hearted young man who purely and respectfully pursued her. Falling in love, they began planning their future together, and her dad and I have been privileged to be included.

Last June, she and her then-boyfriend flew home for a family wedding and planned on staying for a time. Our daughter wanted to expose her friend to her way of life, as it was polar opposite from his. He is Latino, born and raised in Columbia – about as different as A to Z from a farming community in northeastern Wisconsin.

As a side note, this meeting of soulmates could only be orchestrated by a God who is infinite and all-knowing. A boy from Columbia meeting and falling in love with a girl from Leopolis while in the state of Texas? How does that happen if not by God?

In January, our daughter and her boyfriend flew to Cartagena, Columbia, to meet his parents and spend time immersed in the beauty of his culture. It was eye-opening and mind-blowing as he was raised in a city with a population of 1 million. Unincorporated Leopolis may house 100 in a good year.

Undeterred by their dissimilar upbringings, this past January, this young man proposed to our daughter in the most incredibly sweet way. She said yes!

Wanting "the ask" to be a private affair, her fiancé secured a photographer to follow discreetly and after a special meal, captured the exact moment he bent the knee.

Unbeknownst to our daughter, he secretly arranged a surprise engagement party where he invited her longtime good friend from Oregon and another from Wisconsin as well as her dad and me.

Blindfolded, he led her into a house decorated with balloons and banners and 75 friends hollering "surprise," showering her with well-wishes and hugs. Then she saw her close friends. Squealing with delight, she hugged them simultaneously. Then she spotted us.

Needless to say, our stock in Kleenex rose

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IN THE KITCHEN WITH FRANCESCA

Fruit brings flavor to spring recipes

Spring can be the perfect time to make some lemon bars. FRANCESCA ULLMER

Spring is a time for trying new things. It is also a time when fruit seems particularly palatable, for some reason.

Lemon bars are something that I avoided for years, because I simply did not like them. Now, I find that I have developed a taste for them. Their pretty yellow color and lemony taste are especially suited to spring. Although I have tried several bar recipes, this time I tried one from one of the America's Test Kitchen cookbooks.

This lemon bar recipe is very good. The crust is buttery and firm; cooking it longer than other recipes helps prevent a soggy crust. Thickening the filling on the stovetop ensures a more even bake and also prevents an undermixed filling. Straining the filling is also a good idea, because this prevents any random egg lumps or lemon zest from ruining the smooth texture. Because the zest is cooked in the filling, the taste is still there.

These bars are very tangy. If tang is not desired, omit the zest or add a little more sugar. Also, as I did not have any lemons, I used bottled lemon juice. It still tastes fine, although fresh lemon juice would probably taste even better.

Both of these recipes called for salt. As I nearly always use salted butter, I reduced the amount of salt or omitted it entirely. I normally ignore the difference between salted and unsalted butter. It does not affect the look, texture or (most of the time) taste. However, in these two recipes, I felt that adding the amount of salt called for would be too much. If you are using unsalted butter, increase the amount of salt by 1/4 teaspoon in the lemon bar crust, add 1/4 teaspoon of salt to the lemon filling, and add 1/4 teaspoon of salt to the apple filling.

Apple danish can add some fruity flavor to the Easter holiday. FRANCESCA ULLMER

I found the recipe for apple danish while I was researching Easter recipes. Because my family has several apple trees, I have always had a fondness for apple pie. Lately, I have been finding so many new recipes that require apples. This recipe actually reminds me of my jam bread recipe — although the braiding technique is slightly different.

Kneading the bread dough for almost 10 minutes is essential. Recipes that have kneading as a requirement often say, "smooth and elastic." My dough got to that consistency in more like eight minutes versus 10. You will know when your dough is ready — it will feel almost wet on the surface but will not stick to your fingers or the table. It will feel almost like really fun play dough. Also, the dough may take more than one hour to rise.

Happy Easter.

Francesca Ullmer, the second child of a large homeschooled family, is from the Krakow area. She enjoys baking, reading, knitting, raising goats, and entering numerous items in the Oconto County Fair.

LEMON BARS

CRUST:

1 cup flour	**1/4 cup sugar**
1 stick butter, melted	**1/4 tsp. table salt**

FILLING:

1 cup sugar	**2 tbsp. flour**
2 tsp. cream of tartar	**3 large eggs**
3 egg yolks	**2 tsp. grated lemon zest**
4 tbsp. butter, cut into eight pieces	**2/3 cup lemon juice**

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Fold two long sheets of aluminum foil so that each is 8 inches wide. Lay and smooth the 2 sheets of foil in an 8-inch pan, perpendicular to each other — letting the extra foil hang over the sides of the pan. Whisk the flour, sugar and salt together. Add the melted butter and mix well. Press evenly into prepared pan. Bake for 19-24 minutes, rotating the pan halfway, until crust is dark golden brown. While crust bakes, whisk sugar, flour and cream of tartar in the same (unwashed) bowl as the crust. Whisk in the eggs and yolks. Beat well until no streaks of egg remain. Whisk in the zest and lemon juice. Transfer mixture to a saucepan and cook over medium-low heat, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens. Remove from heat and stir in the butter. Strain filling through a fine-mesh strainer set over a bowl. Pour filling on hot crust and tilt pan to spread evenly. Bake for 8-12 minutes, until filling is set and barely jiggles when pan is shaken. Let bars cool completely. Using foil overhang, lift bars out of the pan. Cut into squares, wiping knife clean between cuts if necessary. Dust with powdered sugar.

APPLE DANISH

DOUGH:

2 cups flour	**2 tbsp. packed brown sugar**
1 tsp. salt	**1 1/2 tsp. instant yeast**
2 tbsp. butter, at room temperature	**3/4 cup warm water**

FILLING:

2 1/2 cups apples, chopped	**3 tbsp. butter**
1/2 cup packed brown sugar	**1 1/2 tbsp. flour**
1/2 tsp. cinnamon	

GLAZE:

2 tbsp. butter	**2/3 cup powdered sugar**
1/2 tsp. vanilla	**4 tsp. milk**

Combine the brown sugar, salt, yeast and 1 cup of flour in a bowl. Add the water and butter and beat for 1 minute. Stir in the remaining cup of flour, and mix well. Turn the dough out onto a lightly floured surface and knead until smooth and elastic (about 10 minutes), adding a little more flour if needed. Transfer dough ball to an oiled bowl, lightly spray top of dough with cooking spray. Cover with plastic wrap and let rise until doubled, about 1 hour. Meanwhile, for the filling, place the apples and butter in a medium saucepan. Combine the brown sugar, flour and cinnamon; add to the saucepan. Bring to a boil over medium heat, then reduce heat and simmer for about 5 minutes, or until apples are tender. Remove from heat and cool. Transfer the danish dough to a floured surface and punch dough down. Let rest for 15 minutes, loosely covered with plastic wrap. Roll dough into a 13x8 rectangle. Transfer to a parchment-lined baking sheet. Turn the baking sheet so that you face the short side of the dough. Spread the apple filling down the center third of the dough. With a pizza cutter, cut the dough on the sides into 1-inch thick angled strips. (Right side — angle strips to 4 o'clock, left side — angle strips to 8 o'clock.) Starting at the top, fold the dough strips across the apple filling, alternating left and right. Pinch as needed to help seal in the filling. Cover, and let rise for 30-40 minutes. Bake in a 375-degree oven for 20 minutes, covering with a sheet of aluminum foil for the last 10 minutes. Cool. For the glaze, heat the butter over medium-low heat. Swirl occasionally and watch closely for about 5 minutes or until the milk solids turn brown and give off a nutty fragrance. Remove from heat and transfer to a bowl to cool slightly. Stir in the powdered sugar and vanilla. Add the milk, 1 teaspoon at a time, until the glaze is thin enough to drizzle. Decorate the danish braid with the glaze.

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exponentially.

One night during our stay, my husband was introduced to a supper of gumbo. Oh boy. He ate it, without complaint and a full glass of water. He also tried quiche. Listen when I say, this is my farmer guy who I've s-l-o-w-l-y introduced green vegetables, one at a time, throughout the years. He's come a long way.

Fast forward to February. Getting a phone call from my daughter she asked, "Mom. I want you with me when I pick out my dress. Could you fly down here by yourself do you think?"

It gave me pause. I am a follower. And especially through airports. I've followed my husband or my daughter or my very capable sister-in-law. I don't do well leading.

Swallowing hard I said, "Sure."

I started praying for angels to assist, and believing he means what he says, because all of his promises are yes and amen, I settled in to wait for the day to arrive.

My husband drove me to the airport at an hour we haven't seen since we sold the cows — leaving at 4 a.m. for a 6:30 a.m. departure out of Appleton. Seeing me off, I swallowed the lump in my throat and, putting on my big girl pants, bravely started off on my own.

Landing in Dallas, I immediately found a restroom before baggage claim as I cannot think when my bladder is taking center stage. Waiting in line, I looked at a woman bending down, fussing with a pretty hat. She stood up.

"Karen?" I exclaimed.

"Kay?" She echoed back.

She was from Marion, a fellow mom whom I'd sat with during our boys' sporting events back in the day, developing defined bleacher-butt together.

We "happened" to be in the same bathroom in Dallas, Texas, at the precise moment I needed help. She and her daughter quite literally took me by the hand and deposited me at Baggage Claim B40. God had sent not only an angel, but personal ones to boot.

Watching my daughter search for just the right wedding dress was an experience I'll remember always. Sipping on my first-ever mimosa, a box of Kleenex was supplied. After she said yes to the dress, I was hauled along to a French bakery for a light lunch and after shopping for my dress (and shoes) we met up with her fiancé and a dozen Latino friends for a meal at a Thai restaurant. I ordered Pad Thai. (Who am I?)

The next day, after an amazing worship service at Upperroom in Dallas, we stopped for a meal at a Japanese restaurant. I tasted flavors never touching my palate ever in my 68 years on this good earth.

Experiencing rainbows of sights and sounds as well as flavors from Thai to Japanese and interacting in delightful conversation with pleasant, God-honoring young men from Honduras and Columbia, I felt like I was pulled out of my black and white world into Dorothy's colorful Oz. I was definitely not in Leopolis anymore.

("For all of God's promises find their 'yes' of fulfillment in him. And as his 'yes' and our 'amen' ascend to God, we bring him glory." 2 Corinthians 1:20, The Passion Translation)

(To be continued)

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

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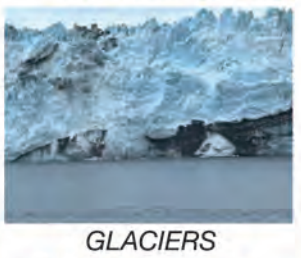
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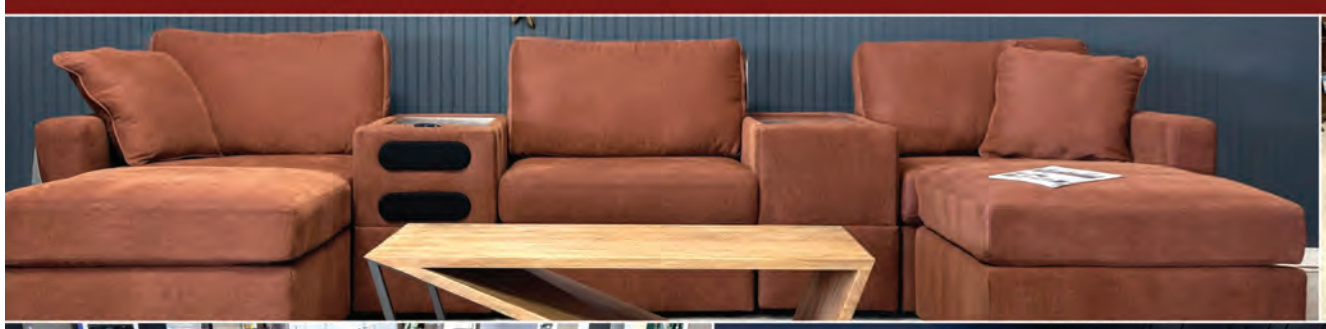

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Shawano's Trinity Popelka, left, drills the soccer ball in a battle against Stevens Point Area Senior High on April 12. At right, Adrienne Rekow maneuvers the ball down the field toward the goal. Unfortunately, the Hawks were shut out 7-0, their second consecutive shut out of the early season.

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Pulaski soccer tops Slinger, Shawano shut out

April 12
Pulaski 2, Slinger 0

Pulaski scored twice in the first half, and that was all that was needed as they defeated Slinger 2-0 to improve to 2-1 overall.

Stevens Point 7, Shawano 0

The Hawks were shut out 7-0 when they hosted Stevens Point. Shawano allowed three goals in the first half and four more after the break.

Senior goalkeeper Lily Glysch had 15 saves for the Hawks, including a penalty kick early in the 1st half.

April 10
Ashwaubenon 8, Shawano 0

The Jaguars blanked the Hawks 8-0 in Shawano.

April 8
Shawano 3, Fox Valley Lutheran 2

After tying Hortonville in the season opener April 1, Shawano earned its first win of the season, a 3-2 decision over Fox Valley Lutheran.

Winneconne 1, Pulaski 0

Pulaski lost its first game of the season, a 1-0 non-conference shutout at the hands of Winneconne.

Lena/STAAA girls track team wins home quad

BY NEW MEDIA STAFF

April 12
Lena Quad

The Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy girls won the Lena Quad with 81 points, and the boys placed third with 38.

Abigail Kostreva won the 400-meter dash in 1:08.60 and placed second in the 200-meter dash. She also won the long jump at 13-5.75.

Adrena Rabas won the 800-meter run in 3:03.01. She also won the 1,600-meter run in 6:46.32. Anica Suchan placed third in the 1,600-meter run.

In the 100-meter hurdles, it was Kali Fischer in first in 18.95, Kaitlyn Borkovec in second in 20.76 and Laila Collar in third in 22.24.

The Lena 4x200-meter relay team won in 2:04.61.

In the triple jump, it was Della Kostreva in first at 29-9.75, Fischer in second at 28-8 and Borkovec in third at 28-3.25.

Whitney Potter finished second in the discus, and Mackenzie Vorpahl placed third in the shot put.

Kate Peters placed third in the high jump.

April 11
Wausau West Boys Warrior Invitational

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood girls track team finished in took second place at the Wausau West girls indoor track meet.

TINA BACON

Bonduel's boys placed seventh out of 13 teams but first among their WIAA division at Wausau West.

On the podium for the Bears were the 4x400-meter relay team, first in 4:01.61; and Sam Roberts, second in the triple jump at 40-6.75; Gage Anderson, third in the 400-meter dash in 1:00.90; and Oliver Chitwood, third in the 3,200-meter run in 12:26.59.

Other top 10 finishes were Gage Scholl, fourth in the 200-meter hurdles in 31.17; Roberts, fourth in the long jump at 20-2; Griffin Uelmen, seventh in the high jump at 5-4; Corbin Vandenberg, eighth in the 3,200-meter run in 14:18.30; Garrett Anderson, ninth in the 1,600-meter run in 6:05.81; and Josh Dwoniczak, 10th in the 1,600-meter run in 6:11.15.

Shawano also had several podium and top 10 finishes.

On the podium for the Hawks were Teagan Harkey, second in the 1,600-meter run in 5:34.35; Aloysius Frechette, second in the 3,200-meter run in 12:21.62; Francesco Curto, second in the 200-meter hurdles in 30.83; and the 4x400-meter relay team, third in 4:05.77.

Top 10 finishes were recorded by Aiden Rasmussen, fourth in the 55-meter dash in 7.10; Joshua Lesperance, sixth in the 800-meter run in 2:32.25; Rasmussen, sixth in the long jump at 19-2; Chase Katchengo, seventh in the shot put at 42-5.5; Lesperance, eighth in the triple jump at 36-2; Ryan Schwitzer, eighth in the pole vault at 11-0; Joseph Doperalski, eighth in the shot put 40-5.25; Cambren Zeuske, ninth in the 200-meter dash in 27.97; James Lange, ninth in the 55-meter hurdles in 10.57; and Micah Welander, 10th in the high jump at 5-2.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood captured six podium finishes.

They were Jett Rogowski, second in the 200-meter dash in 25.91, and second in the long jump at 20-8.75; the 4x400-meter relay team, second in 4:01.85; Kaden Yeager, third in the 55-meter dash in 7.04, and third in the triple jump at 38-11.5; and Landen Schmidt, third in the shot put at 44-9.5.

Top 10 finishes included Bryson Schmid, sixth in the 55-meter dash in 7.19; Alex Sanderson, seventh in the 400-meter dash in 1:03.65; and Yeager, 10th in the long jump at 18-10.25.

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Wittenberg scores 31 runs in lopsided win over Manawa

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

April 12

Bonduel 10, Weyauwega-Fremont 4

Bonduel traveled to Ashwaubenon to play Weyauwega-Fremont in a conference tilt, winning 10-4.

The Bears trailed 4-3 after two innings but tied it on a Joe Felhofer base hit. Bonduel then broke it open in the fourth with back-to-back doubles by Race Anvelink and Beckett Hartlaben and an RBI from Kody Schroeder on a groundout.

The Bears scored three more in the fifth on singles by Carter Moesch, Mason Zuleger and Jack Zernicke.

The Bears ran wild on the bases, stealing 12 bases led by Moesch and Zuleger with three each. Moesch had three hits to lead the Bears, and Beckett Hartlaben had three RBIs. Mason Zuleger scored three runs.

Anvelink, after a shaky start by the defense, threw five solid innings and earned the win with relief help from Brooks Hartlaben.

Bonduel is now 2-0 overall and 1-0 in CWC East play.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood 31, Manawa 2

The Chargers sacred 21 runs in the first inning alone as they went on to crush Manawa 31-2 in Ashwaubenon.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood added another 10 runs in the third inning. Manawa had 11 errors in the game.

Pulaski 24, Sheboygan South 3

The Red Raiders improved to 6-1 with a 24-3 thumping of Sheboygan South.

Florence 11, Gillett/Suring 1

Gillett/Suring lost 11-1 to Florence at the Gillett Triangular.

Amherst 12, Menominee Nation 0

Amherst shut out Menominee Nation 12-0 in a game at Ashwaubenon.

April 11

Oconto Falls 11, Crandon 1

Carter Heroux, Jack Adler and Wyatt Laughrin combined for eight hits and six RBIs in Oconto Falls' 11-1 win over Crandon.

Heroux hit 3-for-3 with a double, there runs scored and two RBIs. Adler was also 3-for-3 with two runs scored and two RBIs. Laughrin hit 2-for-3 with a double, a walk, two runs scored and two RBIs.

Adler was also the winning pitcher. In three innings, he gave up one hit, walked three and struck out five.

Shawano 15, Xavier 10

The bats were alive in Appleton as Shawano defeated Xavier 15-10 in a Bay Conference game.

Tigerton 18, Green Bay NEW Lutheran/ Providence Academy 7

Tigerton is 3-0 this year with an 18-7 nonconference win over Green Bay NEW Lutheran/Providence Academy.

April 10

Gillett/Suring 10, Wausaukee 5

Gillett/Suring won its first game of the season, a 10-5 Marinette & Oconto Conference victory of Wausaukee.

Bonduel 8, Edgar 0

Bonduel started off its season on a winning note by taking advantage of eight walks and five errors in securing an 8-0 win over Edgar at Wisconsin Rapids.

Beckett Hartlaben, Mason Zuleger and Brooks Hartlaben combined for a solid performance on the mound in a shutout effort, with Hartlaben getting the win.

Kody Schroeder was the big stick in the Bears lineup with three hits and two RBIs. Carter Moesch added two RBIs.

Oconto Falls 7, Kingsford 4

Cole and Hunter Bozile teamed up at the plate to pace the Panthers in a 7-4 win.

Cole Bozile hit 2-for-3 with two runs scored and two RBIs. Hunter Bozile was 1-for-1 with two runs scored.

Trace Brehmer was the winning pitcher. He pitched three innings, gave up two hits and two runs (two earned), walked four and struck out two.

Tigerton 6, Gresham 5

The Tigers were successful with another one-run victory, defeating Gresham 6-5.

Lena 4, Niagara 1

The Wildcats picked up another win, this time a 4-1 decision over Niagara.

Bowler 5, Northland Lutheran 3

Bowler started its season on a positive note, defeating Northland Lutheran 5-3.

Marion 1, White Lake 0

Marion batters only scored one run against White Lake, but that was all that was needed for the 1-0 win. It was the first win for the 1-2 Mustangs.

Pulaski 10, Ashwaubenon 1

The Red Raiders improved to 4-1 with a 10-1 Fox River Classic Conference win over Ashwaubenon.

Shawano 11, Xavier 1

Shawano's bats came alive in an 11-1 thumping of Xavier.

Pacelli 2, Wittenberg-Birnamwood 1

A scoreless battle for six innings, the game came down to the seventh inning when all three runs were scored.

Unfortunately, Pacelli finished on top 2-1 over the Chargers, who suffered their first loss of the young season.

April 8

Oconto Falls 7, Denmark 2

Wyatt Laughrin and Trace Brehmer led the Oconto Falls baseball team at the plate in its 7-2 win over Denmark.

Laughrin hit 1-for-3 with a walk and three runs scored. Brehmer hit 1-for-2 with a pair of RBIs.

Carter Heroux was the winning pitcher. He went five innings, struck out five, walked three, and gave up four hits and two runs (one earned).

Tigerton 6, Menominee Nation 5

Tigerton opened its season with a victory, defeating host Menominee Nation 6-5. It was also the home and season opener for the Eagles.

Gresham 17, Elcho 0

Gresham improved to 2-0 early in the season after a 17-0 shutout of Elcho in non-conference action.

Lena 7, St. Thomas Aquinas Academy 2

Lena picked up its first win of the season in its 7-2 victory over Marinette & Oconto County Conference foe St. Thomas Aquinas Academy. The Wildcats are 1-1 overall.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood 5, Wautoma 4

The Chargers improved to 2-0 overall after beating Wautoma 5-4.

Bay Port 3, Pulaski 1

The Red Raiders lost their first game of the season, a 3-1 loss to Bay Port in their opening Fox River Classic Conference matchup. Pulaski is 3-1 overall.

Manawa 2, Marion 0

Marion dropped to 0-2 this season after a 2-0 shutout at the hands of Manawa.

West De Pere 9, Shawano 0

The Hawks were shut out 9-0 in their season opener against West De Pere. Shawano is 0-1 in the Bay Conference.

Crivitz 10, Gillett/ Suring 0

Gillett/Suring opened its season with a 10-0 loss to Crivitz.

Crivitz took a 1-0 lead in the third and added another in the fourth before exploring for eight runs in the fifth inning to seal the win.

Gillett/Suring had two hits.

Honoring a legend

Shawano football assistant coach Steve Zais, left, was recognized for 48 years of coaching at the recent Wisconsin Football Coaches Association clinic. Presenting him with his award was Wisconsin Badgers head coach Luke Fickell. CONTRIBUTED

Pulaski tennis team tops Shawano 6-1

April 11-12

Pulaski and Shawano faced off against each other on the second day of competition at Bay Port.

The Red Raiders won all four singles matches and two of three doubles contests.

At No. 1 singles, Nathan Maroszek defeated Tanner Thiel 6-1, 6-1, while Mikel Iglesias-Mino blanked Elias Popp 6-0, 6-0 at No. 2. At No. 3, Jonah Drevs beat Bakytzhan Tulenov 6-1, 6-3; and at No. 4, Donovan Holderness shut out Adam Prey, Shawano 6-0, 6-0.

Pulaski's doubles wins were at No. 1 and No. 3.

First, Justin Fraedrich and Ryan Symons defeated Abraham Kim and Evan Anderson 6-1, 7-6 (6). At No. 3, Conrad Kreutzberg and Jakob Malchowbeat Levi Anobong and Everett Grover 6-2, 6-2.

Shawano's win came at No. 2 singles when Kiernan Sheldon and Charlie Grieves defeated Oscar Delmarcelle and William Gosse 7-6 (1), 6-4.

Pulaski also beat Regis 4-3 on April 12.

Winning the four singles matches were Fraedrich at No.1, Maroszek at No. 2, Iglesias-Mino at No. 3 and Drevs at No. 4.

Pulaski lost all three doubles contests.

The second day of competition began with a 4-3 loss to Watertown.

The Red Raiders won three singles matches. Winners were Fraedrich at No. 1, Maroszek at No. 2 and Iglesias-Mino at No. 3.

On April 11, Pulaski beat D.C. Everest 5-2 and was shut out 7-0 by West De Pere.

Against D.C. Everest, Pulaski had a clean sweep in singles play, with wins by Fraedrich, Maroszek, Iglesias-Mino and Drevs.

At No. 2 doubles, Delmarcelle and Gosse defeated Donnie Xiong and Yasen Lee 6-4, 6-2.

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Denmark Cold Vike Invite

Pulaski's boys and girls teams each won among nine teams in Denmark. The boys scored 171.5 points, while the girls had 148.

Arden Gillen won the 3,200-meter run in 10:18.57, with Parker Marshall in second in 10:31.09.

Winning the 4x200-meter relay were Aiden McGlinn, Sawyer Goodness, Kam McKeefry and Spencer Hakes in 1:33.84.

The team of Daniel Augustine, Thomas Murphy, Jacob Betley and Mitchell Pilon won the 4x400-meter relay in 3:27.21.

Pulaski also won the 4x800-meter relay with Marshall, Dayne Groth, Gillen and Pilon finishing in 8:49.09.

Libero Angeli won the discus event with a throw of 130 feet 4 inches. Bennett Vanschyndel won the high jump at 6-4, and Isaac Lom was second at 6-0.

Ryan Opperman won the pole vault at 11-0.

Hakes finished second in the 100-meter dash, and Max Fredrickson was seventh.

Pilon also earned second in the 400-meter dash, with Betley placing fourth.

Augustine placed second in the 800-meter run, and Murphy was fifth. Eli Brancefield earned second place in the triple jump. Lawson Fabry was fifth.

In the 1,600-meter run, Groth placed third in 5:01.46, and Bryce Voelz was fourth in 5:11.69.

Nico VanDenPerren placed third in the 300-meter hurdles, and Andrew Novak was eighth.

Bohdan Schmidt placed third in the long jump, and Daeren Kehoe was ninth.

In the 200-meter dash, McKeefry placed fifth and Goodness was sixth.

VanDenPerren placed sixth and Novak was seventh in the 110-meter hurdles.

The 4x100-meter relay team of McGlinn, McKeefry, Fredrickson and Hakes was sixth.

For the girls, Olivia Stedl won the 800-meter run in 2:27.40. Lily Urben won the 300-meter hurdles in 49.72.

Winning the 4x200-meter relay in 1:48.43 were Addison Krueger, Urben, Talyn Pratt and Olivia Sprangers.

The 4x400-meter relay was won by Ellie Murphy, Stedl, Emerson Fabry and Urben in 4:21.84.

The 4x800-meter relay team of Cameran Reiss, Adelaide Bruckert, Mikaela Moore and Murphy placed second in 10:52,52,

Olivia Sprangers placed second in the 100-meter dash, with McKenna McKeefry placing sixth.

Olivia Sprangers was also second in the2 200-meter dash, with Pratt placing seventh.

Fabry finished second in the 400-meter dash, and Murphy placed sixth.

Megan Kraft was second in the long jump, with Haley Sprangers in fourth and Pratt in seventh.

Delaney Skiba was second in the 3,200-meter run, about seven seconds faster than teammate Reiss who was third.

Haley Sprangers placed third in the triple jump.

Lydia Friendschuh was third in the pole vault. In the 100-meter hurdles, Friendschuh was fourth. She was also fourth in the 300-meter hurdles.

The 4x100-meter relay team of Mya Christensen, Pratt, Kraft and McKeefry placed fourth.

Noelle Manning was fourth in the shot put and fifth in the discus.

Brooke Barry place ninth in the high jump.

April 10

Gresham/Bowler Cats Invite

Four local schools captured plenty of first-place award in Bowler.

For the hosts, the girls sprint medley relay team placed first in 5:44.25, and Alivia Perez placed first in the high jump at 4-4.

On the boys side, the 4x200-meter relay team was first in 1:52.57, and the distance medley relay team was tops in 11:26.01.

Marion's Bridget Much wont girls 100-meter hurdles in 24.09, and Klara Peters won the long jump at 14-3.5.

Presley Stewart-Rolfs wont discus at 92-3. Madeline Wudstrack took home the gold in the triple jump at 29-10.75.

The 4x100-meter relay team won in 1:02.79, while the 4x200-meter relay team captured the top spot in 2:33.74. The distance medley relay team also won in 12:48.79.

The Marion boys 4x100-meter relay team won in 51.40.

Tristan Herro was best in the high jump at 5-6, and Caleb Stern was tops in the triple jump at 37-6.

Menominee Nation'a Lena Waukau won the 100-meter dash in 14.11 and the 200-meter dash in 29.01. Urijah Reevis won the 400-meter dash in 1:05.52 and the 800-meter run in 2:54.222.

Barron Waupoose won the boys 100-meter dash in 11.87 and the 200-meter dash in 23.60. He also won the 400-meter dash in 52.81.

Johnathan Sechirst captured the top spot in the 110-meter hurdles in 20.44.

In the long jump, Michael Salgado won at 18-11.

Miklo Guzman placed first in the discus at 112-9, and Mitchell Waukau won the shot put at 36-0.

Wolf River Lutheran in Shawano captured one top spot for girls and one for boys.

Violet Buchholz won the girls 1,600-meter run in 6:30.11. Caleb Bohmbach won the boys 300-meter hurdles in 50.42.

Girls Warrior Invitational

Wittenberg-Birnamwood captured five firsts and four more podium finishes at Wausau West.

Winning the gold were Harper Rogowski in the 400-meter dash in 1:08.75, Nora Bushman in the 3,200-meter run in 13:02.08, the 4x400-meter relay team in 4:43.89, and Faith Resch in the long jump at 16-7.5 and the triple jump at 35-3.25.

Placing second were Kylee Beversdorf in the 200-meter dash in 29.22, and Resch in the 55-meter hurdles in 9.37 and in the 200-meter hurdles in 31.58.

Bushman captured third in the triple jump at 32-1.75.

Also placing in the top 10 were:

Fourth place: Beversdorf in the 55-meter dash in 8.11; Lily Metropulos in the 400-meter dash in 1:15.04.

Sixth place: Gabrielle Timm in the 1,600-meter run in 6:43.65; Harper Krull in the 55-meter hurdles in 10.73; Krull in the long jump at 14-10.5; and Brooke Huffman in the shot put at 29-4.5.

Seventh place: Charlie Eichman in the 1,600-meter run in 6:49.20.

Eighth place: Kelsie Davis in the shot put at 28-4.5.

Ninth place: Krull in the 200-meter hurdles in 36.07.

10th place: Eichman in the 800-meter run in 3:01.25; the sprint medley relay team in 3:15.94.

Mariah Wondra won the 1,600-meter run and Peyton Westrich was third in the 200-meter dash to capture Bonduel's two podium finishes.

Wondra had a time of 5:44.85. Teammate Teagan Engel was fifth in 6:22.67.

Westrich completed her race in 29.82.

In the 200-meter hurdles, Amelia Wilcox finished fourth in 33.59, while Cierra Schnell was fifth 34.18.

Audrey Jacobs earned a fourth-place finish in the triple jump at 31-7.25, and Westrich was sixth at 31-2.5.

Rachyl Hunter placed fourth in the shot put at 29-10.5.

The 4x400-meter relay team was fourth in 4:53.74.

Josie Pawlak placed fifth in the long jump at 15-2.5, and Schnell was eighth at 14-7.75.

Arika Doxtator placed sixth in the 55-meter dash in 8.18, and Pawlak was sixth in the 400-meter dash in 1:15.18.

Engel was ninth in the 800-meter run in 2:57.71.

Shawano's podium finishes included three second-place finishes and one third-place spot.

In addition to the 4x400-meter relay team's second-place finish in 4:45.07, Maci Beyer was second in the high jump at 5-0, and Adalyn Barkley was second in the triple jump at 33-11.

Macey Nelson placed fifth in the triple jump at 31-3.25.

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Chargers win at new stadium

April 12

Bonduel 14, Hancock, Michigan 0

Bonduel 13, Crivitz 3

Bonduel softball won two games, 14-0 over Hancock Michigan, and 13-3 over Crivitz in five innings at the Crivitz Triangular.

In the first game, Bonduel had 15 hits by 10 players. Jayla Reinke and Emery Thompson had three apiece.

Maddie Hert and Kallie Wilcox combined to hold Hancock scoreless, scattering five hits and two walks while striking out 14 batters.

In game 2, after surrendering two runs in the top of the first, Bonduel responded with eight in the bottom half.

Bonduel had 12 hits, with Tatum Sporisky leading the way with three, while Haley Conradt and Reinke had two each.

Wilcox, Sporisky, and Thompson combined for the win in the pitching circle.

On the day, all 15 girls on the team collected at least one hit.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood 16, Three Lakes/Phelps 8

Wittenberg-Birnamwood 14, Three Lakes/Phelps 4

Zoey Thorson hit her first high school home run as Wittenberg-Birnamwood collected a 14-4 win over Three Lakes/Phelps.

The Chargers also won the second game 16-8.

Wausau East 5, Shawano 4

April 11

Wittenberg-Birnamwood 7, Stratford 1

Wittenberg-Birnamwood started what would become a 3-0 weekend with a 7-1 win over Stratford at Wisconsin Rapids.

Green Bay NEW Lutheran/Providence Academy 7, Tigerton 0

April 10

Shawano 17, Green Bay West/East 1

Shawano shredded Green Bay West/East 17-1 in a Bay Conference matchup.

Gillett/Suring 12, Wausaukee 8

Gillett/Suring earned its first win of 2025 with a 12-8 victory over Wausaukee.

Bonduel 11, Weyauwega-Fremont 1

Bonduel defeated Weyauwega Fremont in 11-1 in five innings in the Central Wisconsin East Conference opener.

Emery Thompson threw a complete game no hitter, walking four and striking out nine. Thompson also led the Bears at the plate going 3-for-3 with a pair of doubles and three RBIs.

Jayla Reinke was also had three hits with an RBI, and Tatum Sporisky had two hits with a double and two RBIs to lead the Bears 13-hit attack.

Niagara 13, Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy 11

Northland Lutheran 19, Bowler/Gresham 4

De Pere 3, Pulaski 2

Manawa 7, Wittenberg-Birnamwood 3

The Chargers dipped to 2-3 with a 7-3 loss to Manawa. Wittenberg-Birnamwood also dropped to 0-1 in the CWC East.

Zoey Thorson hit her first high school home run April 12 as the Chargers beat Three Lakes 14-4 on the Chargers new softball diamond. TINA BACON

Freedom 13, Oconto Falls 3

Iola-Scandinavia 14, Marion 3

Amherst 19, Menominee Nation 1

April 8

Tigerton 23, Menominee Nation 8

Shawano 14, Xavier 2

Sevastopol 6, Bonduel 4

Freedom 4, Oconto Falls 1

Crivitz 14, Gillett/Suring 4

Pulaski golfers finish strong in Washington County

April 12

Washington County Invitational

Pulaski golfers placed 19th among 55 teams April 11-12 at the Hartford Golf Course and Washington County Golf Course.

The Red Raiders scored a 318 in the first round and 331 in the second round for a 649 total.

Junior Brady Hayward set the pace for Pulaski with a 147 (72 on the first day and 75 on the second day).

Next up was sophomore Bradin Schultz with a 165 (80 and 85). Senior Dixon Holewinski carded a 168 (85 and 83), and sophomore Casey Madlem had a 173 (81 and 92).

Senior Nathan Jossie scored a 185 (97 and 88).

April 10

Bay Conference Mini Meet #1

Shawano golfers tried to shake off the rust of the offseason as they carded a 197 at Crystal Spring Golf Course in Seymour.

The Hawks placed fifth out of the five teams that competed. Seymour won with a 167.

Blake Knope was the top golfer for Shawano, scoring a 45.

Also scoring for the Hawks were Tyson Lyons with a 50, and Duane Gristeau-Blanche and Jakob Stuhr with a 51 each.

Terrance Smith carded a 57.

April 9

Brown Country Metro Meet

Pulaski junior Brady Hayward earned medalist honors with a 73 to lead golfers from 11 teams at Wander Springs Golf Course in Greenleaf.

Dixon Holewinski finished in a three-way tie for sixth place with an 80.

Nathan Jossie carded a 97, and Christian Weinberger had a 99 to round out the Red Raiders score of 349, which placed them fourth.

De Pere won the meet with a 316.

Pulaski's Reed Gussert carded a 107.

April 8

North Eastern Conference Mega Mini Meet #1

Oconto Falls' Kadyn Riel opened the 2025 campaign winning the medalist spot at a conference mini meet at Mid-Valley Golf Course in De Pere.

Riel, a senior, carded a 74, one shot better than Brady Eastman of Marinette.

The Panthers placed eighth out of 10 teams, scoring a 368. Marinette won the meet with a 329.

Also scoring for Oconto Falls were Carson McDermid with a 96, Brock McDermid with a 97 and Nick Trepanier with a 101.

Will Allen also scored a 103.

Pulaski lacrosse teams searching for a win

April 12

La Crosse 16, Pulaski 6 (boys)

Pulaski's boys lost 16-6 to the La Crosse Lightning at the Notre Dame Triangular in Green Bay.

The Red Raiders are 0-5 overall and 0-1 in the Bay Valley Conference.

April 10

Oneida Nation 18, Pulaski 5 (boys)

Pulaski lost its Bay Valley Conference opener, an 18-5 decision to Oneida Nation at Green Bay Southwest.

The Red Raiders are 0-3 overall.

April 8

Appleton 20, Pulaski 0 (boys)

Pulaski's boys lacrosse team was shut out 20-0 at home against Appleton.

The Red Raiders dropped to 0-2 on the season.

Appleton 18, Pulaski 2 (girls)

Pulaski connected on two of its six shots on goal but lost 18-2 to Appleton in its season opener.

The Red Raiders scored goals in the first and third periods. However, they gave up five in the first, two in the second, six in the third and another five in the fourth.

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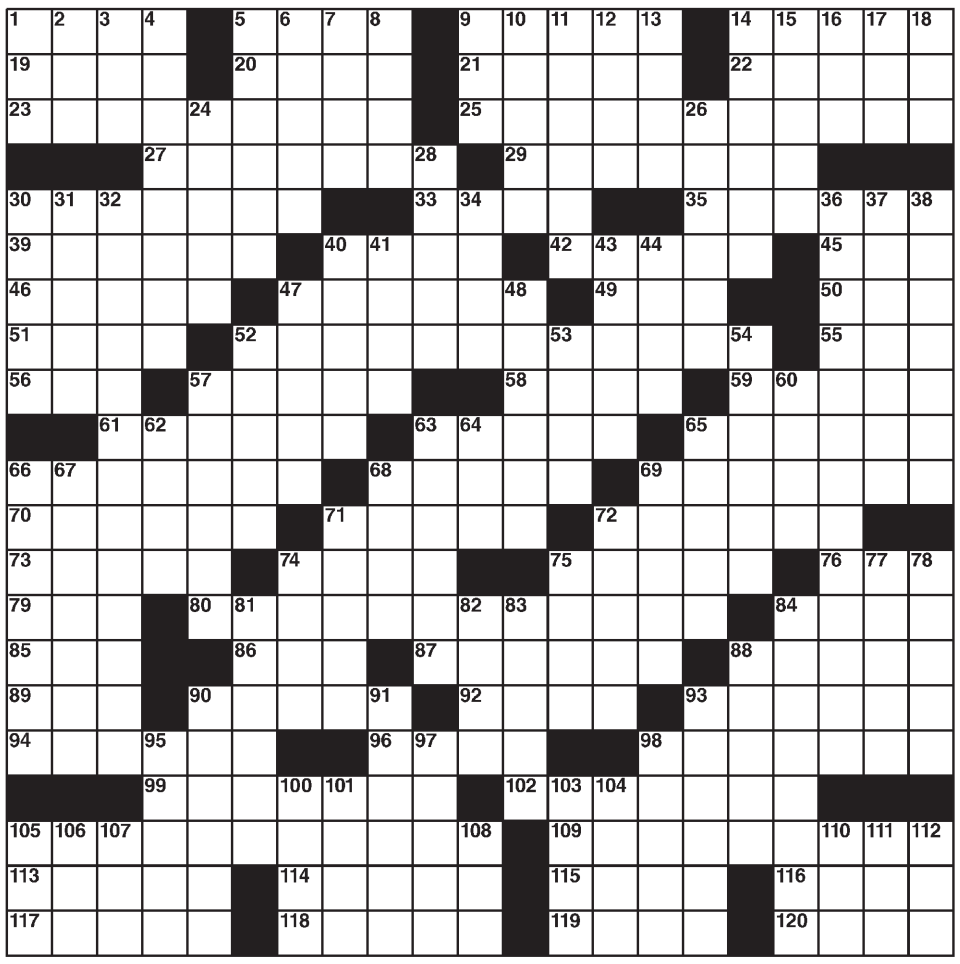
MAKING ENDS MEET: While saving space

by Gary M. Larson



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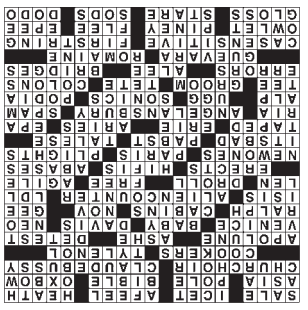

Maine super PAC cap could affect Wisconsin

Experts say donation limit may have monumental effects

By PETER CAMERON
The Badger Project

A new law in Maine aims to make a big change to the state's campaign finances, and by extension, political advertising.

If applied in swing states like Wisconsin, the law could restrict the substantial influence that super PACs, and their billionaire funders, flex on our politics.

First Maine's legislation must survive court challenges.

Super PACs — political action committees that must remain independent from and not coordinate with candidates and campaigns — cannot donate directly to a politician or political party, but they can solicit and spend unlimited amounts of money.

Maine's legislation, which voters approved in a November referendum with nearly 75% support, caps the amount a person can donate to a super PAC at $5,000. The law has yet to take effect, after a political action committee connected to a Republican lawmaker in the state filed a federal lawsuit in December challenging its constitutionality.

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Officials in Maine reportedly have agreed to wait until May 30 to enforce the law.

Unlike Maine, Wisconsin cannot create law by voter-approved ballot referendums.

Still, campaign reform advocates in Wisconsin are keeping an eye on the U.S. District Court case and contend that a Wisconsin measure similar to Maine's would have a major effect.

"It would very much help rein in individual donors who are buying politicians and buying election results that help their bottom line and make it easier for them to screw over everyone else," said state Sen. Chris Larson, D-Milwaukee, who has introduced several bills to strengthen campaign finance reporting in Wisconsin. "It would mean winners of elections are decided more on merit and not on their bank account or their comfort level with allowing billionaires and the ultrawealthy to do whatever they want."

Many federal and state laws cap donations made directly to political candidates. For example, the most anyone could give a candidate for federal office, like the presidency or Congress, in the 2024 campaign, was $6,600 per individual donor.

Super PACs' ability to accept unlimited sums allows wealthy donors like Richard and Elizabeth Uihlein, the billionaire founders of the shipping supplies company ULINE and part-time Wisconsin residents, to give tens of millions of dollars in every campaign to their favorite super PACs. The money often leads to a flood of negative ads on the airwaves of Wisconsin and other states.

Elon Musk spent an estimated $200 million in the 2024 election supporting Donald Trump and attacking Kamala Harris. Bill Gates gave $50 million to support Harris and attack Trump. They are far from the only billionaires dumping money into super PACs to try to influence elections.

How we got here

The explosion in campaign spending can be traced to a 1976 Supreme Court ruling in Buckley v. Valeo, when the court ruled that campaign spending is protected free speech. The case that went further, leading to substantial super PAC influence came in 2010, when the high court in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission ruled that groups independent of campaigns — many of which are super PACs — can raise and spend unlimited amounts of money in politics.

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In Wisconsin, Republicans loosened campaign finance laws in the state a decade ago. Democrats and their wealthy donors have taken advantage of the changes in recent elections to dominate fundraising that goes directly to candidates and political parties in the state.

However, many major right-wing donors like the Uihleins prefer to use super PACs to spend their millions, where they have more control over which candidates are supported and opposed, and on the specific messaging and strategy.

So while losing the direct fundraising game, Republicans in Wisconsin and beyond have mostly been winning the independent spending wars waged by super PACs in recent elections.

Democrats also use super PACs heavily, and enforcing caps on these powerful political organizations could have significant downstream effects across the political spectrum, said Nick Ramos, executive director of the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign, which tracks money in the state's politics.

"It would create an atmosphere where we can level the playing field for candidates, where super PACs get reined in quite a bit," Ramos said, "and there's more of an onus on small-dollar contributions and grassroots support instead of trying to do your dance for the super PAC of your choice to try and get their money.

"Candidates wouldn't be so hot to trot for the wealthiest donors, but would work harder to meet with the people and secure small-dollar grassroots donations."

To the Supreme Court

Like many liberals, Larson takes issue with the very premise of cases like Buckley and Citizens United.

"We do a great disservice to people's common sense by pretending that the Supreme Court makes sense in their logic on Citizens United," Larson said. "Money is not speech."

To reverse those decisions, the political left would likely need to take control of the U.S. Supreme Court, which currently has a 6-3 conservative majority. With justices serving life terms, that could take a generation.

So campaign finance reformers have focused on making fixes in the current judicial framework. The Supreme Court is likely to rule on the Maine law at some point, which should clarify whether caps on super PACs are constitutional, experts like Harvard legal scholar and political activist Lawrence Lessig say. The law was crafted to survive a legal challenge by following the guidance of the Citizens United ruling, supporters have said.

The Badger Project is a nonpartisan, citizen-supported journalism nonprofit in Wisconsin.

Event provides students with hands-on experience in career fields

Fox Valley Technical College and the Clintonville School District, in collaboration with the Clintonville Area Chamber of Commerce and the Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce, will host an eighth grade career exploration event from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 29 at Clintonville Middle School.

This career fair will host more than 1,300 students from Outagamie, Shawano, Waupaca and Oconto counties.

The career fair will feature 51 exhibitors from local businesses and organizations, each representing one of 16 career clusters from agriculture, food and natural resources to transportation, distribution and logistics, plus much more. Students will have the opportunity to learn about different careers, meet with professionals in those fields and participate in hands-on activities.

"As our world of work evolves, we are seeing a need for employees with specific and even advanced skills," said Suzanne Wittman, executive director at the Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce. "This event opens a universe of opportunities to students and helps them explore their interests while introducing them to different career options right in their own communities."

The coordinating organizations have worked together for 20-plus years to provide this opportunity for students and to actively engage businesses with their future workforce.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, APRIL 18

GILLETT: Cross Walk, noon, Gillett Secondary School, 208 W. Main St., to St. John Lutheran Church, 101 W. Main St. Hosted by Gillett-Suring Clergy Association. Brief scripture readings and prayer at each of four stops.

BONDUEL: Good Friday service, noon, Zion United Methodist Church, 134 E. Green Bay St.

SHAWANO: American Red Cross blood drive, 1-6 p.m., Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 910 E. Zingler Ave. Appointments at RedCrossBlood.org or 800-733-2767.

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 19

GILLETT: Easter Egg-stravaganza, 10 a.m., Hillside Assembly, Hillside Assembly, 5890 state Highway 22. Carnival style games, presentation followed by Easter egg hunt.

PULASKI: Easter egg hunt, 10 a.m., Saputo Stadium at Pulaski High School, 1040 S. St. Augustine St. Open for kids 11 and younger.

SHAWANO: Easter egg hunt, 10 a.m., Kuckuk Park, 700 Oak Park Drive. Areas for age groups from kindergarten to sixth grade.

WITTENBERG: Artists' Free Play XII, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., WOWSPACE, 114 Vinal St. A collection of artwork by a variety of area artists.

SUNDAY, APRIL 20

GILLETT: Easter breakfast, 9 a.m., Hillside Assembly, Hillside Assembly, 5890 state Highway 22. Easter service 10 a.m.

BONDUEL: Easter worship service with Communion, 10 a.m., Zion United Methodist Church, 134 E. Green Bay St.

WITTENBERG: Artists' Free Play XII, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., WOWSPACE, 114 Vinal St. A collection of artwork by a variety of area artists.

MONDAY, APRIL 21

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, APRIL 22

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 24

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 25

BOWLER: American Red Cross blood drive, 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Bowler High School, 500 S. Almon. Appointments at RedCrossBlood.org or 1-800-733-2767.

SHAWANO: Mason Crosby Meet and Greet, 4-6 p.m., Sun Drop Museum, 920 S. Franklin St. $10 charge with all proceeds going to Safe Haven of Shawano County.

SHAWANO: Duel It for the Kids, 5:30-10:30 p.m., Shawano County Park Pavilion, W5785 Lake Drive. Felix and Fingers Dueling Pianos entertainment with proceeds to Dollars for Scholars. Social 5:30 p.m., entertainment 7 p.m. Complimentary appetizers, cash bar, casual dress code. $60 admission.

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

SHAWANO: "Café Mocha Murders" by Deanna Strasse, 7 p.m., Mielke Arts Center and Mielke Park, N5649 N. Airport Road. Box in the Wood Theatre Guild production. Tickets at shawanoarts.org.

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

SHAWANO: American Legion Post 117 Bowling Tournament, all day, Lakeshore Lanes, 210 Airport Road. $20 per team. Basket and paddle raffles, 50/50 drawings all day. 715-851-7552.

PULASKI: Pulaski Maker Marketplace, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Pulaski Community Park, 429 E. Pulaski St. Curated event showcases artists and creatives from the Pulaski area.

ABRAMS: Machikanee Ski Club Spring Cleanup, 9 a.m. to noon, meet at 6625 Timberline Road. Bring gloves, grabbers, and bright colored clothing.

NAVARINO: Annual Trail Fun Run/Walk, 9 a.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. 5k and 10k run, up to 5k walk, $25-$40. Registration 7-8:30 a.m. or in advance at navarino.org.

SHAWANO: Spring Walk and Trail Cleanup, 10 a.m., parking lot at All Aboard Nutrition, 620 S. Main St., or Four Seasons Resort, 201 N. Airport Road. Walk an in-town Park-to-Park loop or the Mountain-Bay Trail. Clean up along the way.

SHAWANO: Water Trails Spring Cleanup, 10 a.m., Lighthouse Boat Landing, W6440 Gumaer Road. Hosted by Shawano Paddlers. Bring your own boat; gloves, trash bags, snacks and water provided.

WITTENBERG: Artists' Free Play XII, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., WOWSPACE, 114 Vinal St. A collection of artwork by a variety of area artists.

PULASKI: Wine, Cheesehead and Coin Event, 1-3 p.m., Pulaski Historical Museum, 129 W. Pulaski St. Wine tasting, cheese sampling and coin evaluation. Free admission to all museum exhibits, Packer Exhibit featured.

SHAWANO: Shawano Speedway opening night, 6 p.m., 990 E. Green Bay St. Gates open 4 p.m. Adults $12, Ages 12-16 $6, and under 11 free.

SHAWANO: "Café Mocha Murders" by Deanna Strasse, 7 p.m., Mielke Arts Center and Mielke Park, N5649 N. Airport Road. Box in the Wood Theatre Guild production. Tickets at shawanoarts.org.

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

SHAWANO: Zurko's Midwest Promotions Flea Market, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Shawano County Fairgrounds, 990 E. Green Bay St. $2 admission, 12 and under free with adult.

WITTENBERG: Artists' Free Play XII, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., WOWSPACE, 114 Vinal St. A collection of artwork by a variety of area artists.

SHAWANO: "Café Mocha Murders" by Deanna Strasse, 2 p.m., Mielke Arts Center and Mielke Park, N5649 N. Airport Road. Box in the Wood Theatre Guild production. Tickets at shawanoarts.org.

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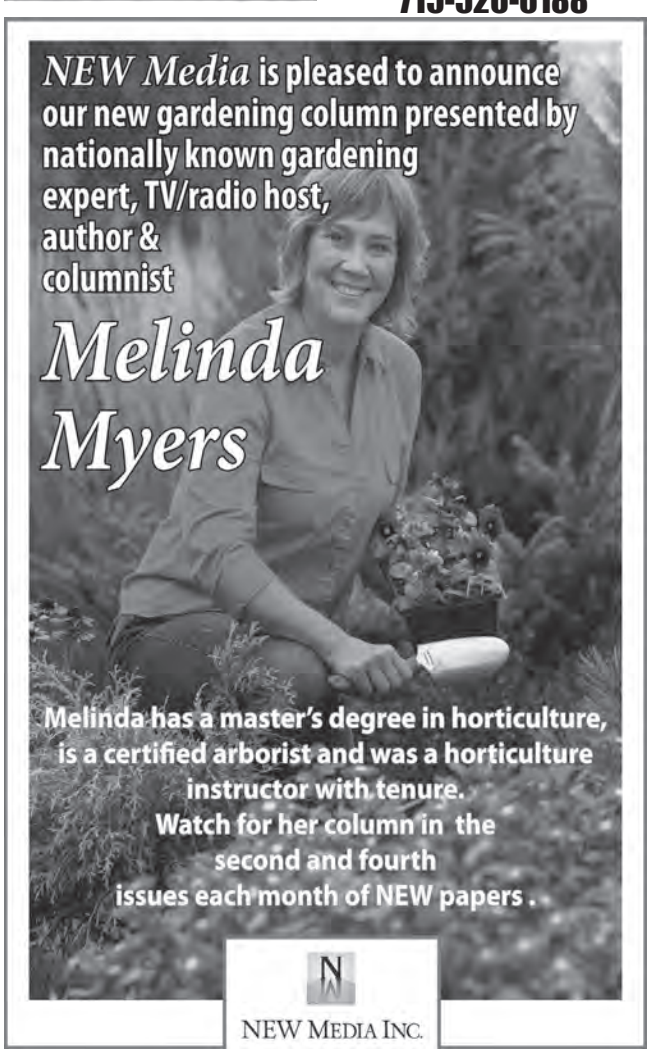

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04/11/25, 04/18/25, 04/25/25
COURT, OF SHAWANO COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE
Ronald John Miniter
By Ronald John Miniter

NOTICE and ORDER for Name Change Hearing
case No.25cv57
NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: Ronald John Miniter
To: Jack Watson
Birth Certificate: Ronald John Miniter
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 May 14 2025 08:15 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. WNA
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04/04/25, 04/11/25, 04/18/25
STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT SHAWANO COUNTY

Mortgage Solutions of Colorado, LLC, D.B.A. Mortgage
Solutions Financial
Plaintiff,
vs.
Amanda Gross, Joseph M. Gross, The United States of America
acting by and through the
Secretary of Veterans Affairs and Green Bay Anesthesia
Associates, S.C.
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
Case No. 24-CV-000144

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered on January 16, 2025 in the amount of $208,228.18 the Sheriff will sell the described premises at public auction as follows:
TIME: May 14, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.
TERMS: Pursuant to said judgment, 10% of the successful bid must be paid to the sheriff at the sale in cash, cashier's check or certified funds, payable to the 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 is forfeited to the plaintiff. The property is sold as is; and subject to all liens and encumbrances.
PLACE: In the front lobby of the Shawano County Courthouse, City and County of Shawano
DESCRIPTION: THAT PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW 1/4 OF SW 1/4),
SECTION ELEVEN (11), TOWNSHIP TWENTY-SEVEN (27) NORTH, RANGE SIXTEEN (16) EAST, IN
THE TOWN OF WESCOTT, SHAWANO COUNTY, WISCONSIN, BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS
FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE WEST 1/4 CORNER OF THE SAID SECTION 11; THENCE
SOUTH 01 DEG. 15 MIN. 37 SEC. EAST ALONG THE SECTION LINE 1326.21 FEET TO A FOUND
SNM AT THE ONE-SIXTEENTH CORNER; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEG. 09 MIN. 42 SEC. EAST ALONG
THE ONE-SIXTEENTH LINE 891.74 FEET TO A FOUND 2" IRON PIPE AND THE PLACE OF
BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEG. 09 MIN. 42 SEC. EAST CONTINUING ALONG THE SAME
LINE 153.90 FEET TO A SET 1" IRON PIPE; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEG. 48 MIN. 56 SEC. EAST 499.15
FEET TO A SET 1" IRON PIPE; THENCE SOUTH 44 DEG. 54 MIN. 04 SEC. WEST 245.19 FEET TO A
SET 1" IRON PIPE AT THE INTERSECTION WITH THE NORTH LINE OF CTH; THENCE NORTH
47 DEG. 46 MIN. 26 SEC. WEST ALONG THE SAID NORTH LINE 325.77 FEET TO A FOUND 1" IRON
PIPE; THENCE NORTH 43 DEG. 23 MIN. 28 SEC. EAST 373.54 FEET; THENCE NORTH 01 DEG. 01
MIN. 21 SEC. WEST 184.67 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.TOGETHER WITH THE RECIPROCAL EASEMENT RECORDED AS DOC NO. 751815.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: W5634 Lake Dr
Shawano, WI 54166-1472
DATED: February 17, 2025
Gray & Associates, L.L.P.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
16345 West Glendale Drive
New Berlin, WI 53151-2841
(414) 224-8404

George Lenzner
Shawano County Sheriff

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11/15/24, 11/22/24, 11/29/24, 04/18/25, 04/25/25, 05/30/25
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.

James E. Aschenbrener
P.O. Box 146, Shawano, WI 54166
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03/21/25, 03/28/25, 04/04/25, 04/11/25, 04/18/25
STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT, OF SHAWANO COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE Legend James Caldwell
By Katalina Gabrilelle Rivera

NOTICE and ORDER for Name Change Hearing
case No.25cv26

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: Legend James Caldwell
To: Legend James Rivera
Birth Certificate: Legend James Caldwell
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 March 18, 2025 08:15 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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04/04/25, 04/11/25, 04/18/25
STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT SHAWANO COUNTY
MidFirst Bank
Plaintiff,
vs.
Cassidy A. Welch, Newcap Community Development
Fund, LLC and Hoganson, LLC
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
Case No. 24-CV-000209

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered on February 3, 2025 in the amount of $137,402.97 the Sheriff will sell the described premises at public auction as follows:
TIME: May 14, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.
TERMS: Pursuant to said judgment, 10% of the successful bid must be paid to the sheriff at the sale in cash, cashier's check or certified funds, payable to the 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 is forfeited to the plaintiff. The property is "sold as is" and subject to all liens and encumbrances.
PLACE: In the front lobby of the Shawano County Courthouse, City and County of Shawano
DESCRIPTION: Lot 2 of Certified Survey Map No. 2307 recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Shawano County, Wisconsin, in Volume 8 of Certified Survey Maps on Page 274, as Document No. 544072; being a part of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 7, Township 29 North, Range 11 East, in the Town of Aniwa, Shawano County, Wisconsin.
PROPERTY ADDRESS: W18977 1st St
Aniwa, WI 54408-9775
DATED: March 4, 2025
Gray & Associates, L.L.P.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
16345 West Glendale Drive
New Berlin, WI 53151-2841
(414) 224-8404

George Lenzner
Shawano County Sheriff

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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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04/18/25, 04/25/25, 05/02/25

STATE OF WISCONSIN — CIRCUIT COURT — SHAWANO COUNTY
US Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee of the Igloo Series V Trust,
Plaintiff,
v.
Susan B. Golding, et al.,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE
that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered on 02/19/2024, in the amount of $94,637.43, the Sheriff will sell the described premises at public auction as follows:
TIME: May 14, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.
TERMS: Pursuant to said judgment, 10% of the successful bid must be paid to the sheriff at the sale in cash, cashier's check or certified funds, payable to the Shawano County Clerk of Courts. (personal checks cannot and will not be accepted). The balance of the successful bid must be paid to the clerk of courts in cash, cashier's check or certified funds no later than ten days after the court's confirmation of the sale or else the 10% down payment is forfeited to the plaintiff. The property is sold "as is" and subject to all liens and encumbrances.
PLACE: Shawano County Courthouse 311 N. Main St. Shawano, WI 54166
DESCRIPTION: LOTS 1 AND 2 IN BLOCK 7 OF ARLINGTON ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SHAWANO, SHAWANO COUNTY, WISCONSIN, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF. Tax Key No. 281403000890 PROPERTY ADDRESS: 308 Fairview Way, Shawano, WI 5416
DATED: 03/13/25
Attorney Bryan Ward LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 5555 N. Port Washington Rd., Suite 305 Milwaukee, WI 53217 414-271-4849 Attorney Bryan Ward LLC is attempting to collect a debt and any information will be used for that purpose.

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04/11/25, 04/18/25, 04/25/25
STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT, OF SHAWANO COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE
Legend James Caldwell By Katalina Gabrilelle Rivera
Amended
NOTICE and ORDER for Name Change Hearing
case No.25cv26
NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: Legend James Caldwell
To: Legend James Rivera
Birth Certificate: Legend James Caldwell
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 May 02, 2025 08:15 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. WNA
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04/18/25, 04/25/25, 05/02/25
STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
RONALD E. RAASCH
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 25 PR 19

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 04/13/1943 and date of death 12/10/2024 , was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin , with a mailing address of 830 E. Randall St. Shawano, WI 54166 .
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is July 9, 2025 .
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano , Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate office .
Form completed by:
Attorney Michael A. Maas
Heritage Law Firm, LLC
2050 Riverside Drive
Green Bay, WI 54301
920-785-8570

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04/11/25, 04/18/25, 04/25/25
STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUT COURT, OF SHAWANO COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE
Lucas Allen Grignon
By Lucas Allen Grignon
NOTICE and ORDER for Name Change Hearing
case No.25cv59
NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: Lucas Allen Grignon
To: Tracy Elliott Veil
Birth Certificate: Lucas Allen Grignon
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 May 13 2025 08:15 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. WNA
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04/11/25, 04/18/25, 04/25/25
STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT SHAWANO COUNTY
COVANTAGE CREDIT UNION
PO BOX 107
ANTIGO, WI 54409 PUBLICATION SUMMONS
Plaintiff,
v.
OSCAR LOPEZ
703 S. HARRISON AVENUE Wis.Stat. §810 Replevin
WITTENBERG, WI 54499
Defendant.

PUBLICATION SUMMONS
CASE NO. 25-CV-34
HON. WILLIAM F. KUSSEL JR.
Money Judgment: 30301 The amount claimed exceeds $10,000.00
Other Contracts 30303:
Wis.Stat. §810 Replevin

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. The Complaint, which is attached, states the nature and basis of the legal action. Within 40 days after the date of first publication, 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 Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano, WI 54166, and to Galanis, Pollack, Jacobs & Johnson, S.C., plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 413 North 2 nd Street, Suite 150, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53203. You may have an attorney help or represent you.

If you do not provide a proper answer 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 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on March 27, 2025 .

GALANIS, POLLACK, JACOBS & JOHNSON, SC
Attorneys for Plaintiff
413 N. 2 nd Street, Suite 150
/S/ Electronically signed
Milwaukee, WI 53203 Joshua J. Brady
Telephone: (414) 271-5400 WI State Bar No. 1041428
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04/18/25, 04/25/25
Notice of Public Hearing
Planning, Development and Zoning Committee Meeting
Wednesday, May 7, 2025 @ 9:00 AM
Shawano County Courthouse, Rooms A & B
Members: Ken Capelle, Jeremy Gretzinger, Lowel Hammett, Kathy Luebke, Theresa Serrano
Z-4-25: Steven P Coel and Susan Stevens request zone change from FP, Farmland and Forest Preservation Zoning District to OAR, Open Lands, Agriculture and Residential Zoning District pursuant to the Shawano County Zoning Ordinance No. 7-14, Section X.2.01(1) to X.2.01(3) and Table X.2.02 for the purpose of constructing a single family dwelling. Property is located and described as part of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4, Section 14, T27N R17E, now known as Lot 3 of Certified Survey Map #5026. Tax parcel #044-14410-0010. Town of Washington. Property address: W2990 White Clay Lake Drive.
Z-5-25: Freeman S and Amanda Kauffman request zone change of approximately 10 acres of land (from parent parcel #044-38340-0000) from FH, Farmland and Forest Holding Zoning District to A-R, Agricultural Residential Zoning District to be combined with parcel #044-38430-0020 which is zoned A-R, pursuant to the Shawano County Zoning Ordinance No. 7-14, Section X.2.01(2), Table X.2.02 to X.3.01(2), Table X.3.02 for the purpose of constructing a single family dwelling. Property is described as being part of the Southeast ¼ of the Southwest ¼ of Section 25, Township 27 North, Range 16 East, Town of Washington, Shawano County, Wisconsin, bounded and described as follows: commencing at the South ¼ corner of Section 25; thence N00°53'29"W, 40.01 feet along the East line of the Southwest ¼ of said Section 25 to the North line of C.T.H. "E" and the point of beginning; thence N89°31'18"W, 247.21 feet along said North line; thence N83°48'40"W, 100.50 feet along said North line; thence N89°31'18"W, 72.65 feet along said North line; thence N00°53'29"W, 1007.92feet to the North line of lands described in Document No. 596810; thence N84°06'40"E, 421.11 feet along said North line to the East line of the Southwest ¼ of said Section 25; thence S00°53'29"E, 1064.64 feet along said East line to the point of beginning. Said parcel contains 10.0000 acres of land. Subject to all easements and restrictions of record. Currently vacant land.
Proposed amendments to the Shawano County Zoning Ordinance 7-14: Amendments consist of removal of "Poultry" from Standards Associated with Keeping of Farm Animals (Section X.5.10 and Appendix D) and Animal Density Worksheet; Repealing Section X.5.04 Building and Site Design Standards.
Copy of Amendments available for Public Inspection can be found at the Shawano County Planning and Development Department and on the Shawano County Website: www.co.shawano.wi.us
NOTE: Any person may appear at the public hearing and be heard and/or submit comments to be read into the record for Committee consideration. Correspondence must bear a legible signature of the author as well as the primary address of the signer.
Accommodations due to disability can be made by calling: 715-526-6766
Meeting notice emailed/posted: Shawano County Courthouse, Department of Human Services, Shawano County Library, Shawano Leader, WTCH Radio, Shawano County Civic website @ coshawanowi.civicweb.net
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04/18/25, 04/25/25, 05/02/25
STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUT COURT SHAWANO COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE
Mildred Joan Prey

NOTICE and ORDER for Name Change Hearing
case No.25cv60
By Mildred Joan Prey
NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: Mildred Joan Prey
To: Mildred Joan Brehmer
Birth Certificate: Mildred Joan Opperman
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 BR1 May 14, 2025 08:15 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.
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04/18/25
STOCKBRIDGE-MUNSEE TRIBAL COURT
Mohican Nation Stockbridge-Munsee Community

Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Child Support Agency Case No. 2023-PA-0003
Petitioner, **NOTICE OF COURT DATE**

Leeanna Granquist, Christopher W. Blum,
Respondent.
Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Court has scheduled this case for hearing as follows:
06/12/2025
10:15 AM
Hearing

Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Court
N8476 Moh He Con Nuck Road
Bowler, WI 54416

ALL Proceedings: If a party (or legal counsel for a party) does not appear, a Default Judgment may be rendered against that party.
Trial: If this case is scheduled for trial, all parties for the case must be present with their behalf.
Date: April 8, 2025.

Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Court Clerk

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State farmers collect more for corn

The average price received by farmers for corn during February in Wisconsin was $4.51 per bushel, according to the latest USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service. This was 32 cents above the January price and 37 cents above February 2024.

The February average price received by farmers for soybeans, at $9.91 per bushel, was 1 cent below the January price and $2.19 below the February 2024 price.

The February average oat price per bushel, at $3.82, was 22 cents above January but 32 cents below February 2024.

The average price for milk was $23.70 per hundredweight (cwt), 20 cents below the January price but $4.70 above February 2024.

The U.S. all milk price for February was $23.60 per cwt, 10 cents lower than Wisconsin's price.

04/18, 04/25/2025
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Jefferson Street Mill and Overlay

Village of Bonduel
Shawano County, Wisconsin

Village of Bonduel will receive and accept bids ONLY through QuestCDN.com via the online electronic bid service (QuestvBid) until Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. local time. At that time, all bids will be downloaded and publicly read aloud during a virtual public bid opening that will be held at the day and time of the bid closing. All plan holders will receive information via Quest on how to join the virtual meeting prior to the bid opening. Project involves pulverizing and repaving approximately 1700 square yards of roadway. The Village anticipates 410 tons of asphalt paving.
The Project Manager for this Project is Kevin Wagner, P.E., who may be contacted at Ruekert & Mielke, Inc., 1400 Lombardi Avenue, Green Bay, WI 54304, (920) 876-6382 regarding the Project.

A portion of this Work is part of a Local Roads Improvement Program (LRIP) Project.

All Work is included in a single prime contract.
Bidding Documents, Specifications, and Project Area Street List may be examined at the offices of the Village of Bonduel, and the Consulting Engineer during regular business hours.
Digital copies of the BIDDING DOCUMENTS are available for download at www.ruekertmielke.com or www.QuestCDN.com for a non-refundable charge of $75. QuestCDN vBid system is located by selecting this project from the PROJECT BID link under the RESOURCES tab and inputting QuestCDN #9639693 on the website's Browse Project Search field. To access the electronic bid form, download the project documents and click on the online bid button at the top of the bid advertisement page. Please contact QuestCDN at 952-233-1632 or info@Questcdn.com for assistance in membership registration, downloading this digital project information and vBid Online Bidding. To submit a vBid online bid (which is required for this project) you must download the project bid document file from QuestCDN which will add you to the plan holders list and gain you access to vBid Online Bidding.
To demonstrate Bidder's qualifications to perform the Work, within five (5) days of Owner's request, Bidder shall submit written evidence establishing its qualifications.
Bids must be accompanied by Bid security made payable to Village of Bonduel in an amount of 5% of BIDDER's maximum Bid price and in the form of a certified check or an electronic Bid Bond issued by a surety meeting the requirements of Paragraph 6.01 of the General Conditions. Bidder is required to upload a copy of the Bid security to QuestCDN.com and deliver the original certified check or bid bond within 48 hours after close of bid to Ruekert & Mielke, Inc., Attn: Kevin Wagner, P.E., Ruekert & Mielke, Inc., 1400 Lombardi Avenue, Green Bay, WI 54304.
The Village of Bonduel reserves the right to accept the most advantageous Bid, or to reject any and all Bids. The Village also reserves the right to expand or reduce the scope of work to align with the Village's budget for this Work. Village will direct Contractor on the order that streets are to be completed. Award of Work described herein is subject to the provisions of the Wisconsin Statutes.
Village of Bonduel
Michelle Maroszek
Village Clerk-Treasurer
Ruekert & Mielke, Inc.
1400 Lombardi Avenue
Green Bay, WI 54304
Phone: 920-876-6382

Published: April 18, 2025
April 25, 2025
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04/18/2025

2024 Consumer Confidence Report Data
WITTENBERG WATERWORKS, PWS ID: 45904650

Este informe contiene información importante acerca de su agua potable. Haga que alguien lo traduzca para usted, o hable con alguien que lo entienda.

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Water System Information
If you would like to know more about the information contained in this report, please contact Joel Yaeger at (715) 253-2684.

Opportunity for input on decisions affecting your water quality
The Village Board meets the first and third Tuesday of every month at the Wittenberg Community Center at 6:00 pm.

Health Information
Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's safe drinking water hotline (800-426-4791).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune systems disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Environmental Protection Agency's safe drinking water hotline (800-426-4791).

Source(s) of Water

Source ID	Source	Depth (in feet)	Status
3	Groundwater	52	Active
4	Groundwater	50	Active
5	Groundwater	55	Active

To obtain a summary of the source water assessment please contact, Joel Yaeger at (715) 253-2684.

Educational Information
The sources of drinking water, both tap water and bottled water, include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally- occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
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In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which shall provide the same protection for public health.

Definitions

Term	Definition
AL	Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
HA and HAL	HA: Health Advisory. An estimate of acceptable drinking water levels for a chemical substance based on health effects information. HAL: Health Advisory Level is a concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, poses a health risk and may require a system to post
HI	HI: Hazard Index: A Hazard Index is used to assess the potential health impacts associated with mixtures of contaminants. Hazard Index guidance for a class of contaminants or mixture of contaminants may be determined by the US EPA or Wisconsin Department of Health Services. If a Health Index is exceeded a system may be required to post
Level 1 Assessment	A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine, if possible, why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.
Level 2 Assessment	A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine, if possible, why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred or why total
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
MCLG	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water
MFL	million fibers per liter
MRDL	Maximum residual disinfectant level: The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that
MRDLG	Maximum residual disinfectant level goal: The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
mrem/year	millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Units
pCi	picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)
ppm	parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/l)
ppb	parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (ug/l)
ppt	parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter
ppq	parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter
PHGS	PHGS: Public Health Groundwater Standards are found in NR 140 Groundwater Quality. The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, poses a health risk and may require a system to post
RPHGS	RPHGS: Recommended Public Health Groundwater Standards: Groundwater standards proposed by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, poses a health risk and may require a system to post
SMCL	Secondary drinking water standards or Secondary Maximum Contaminant Levels for contaminants that affect taste, odor, or appearance of the drinking water.
TCR	Total Coliform Rule
TT	Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of

Detected Contaminants
Your water was tested for many contaminants last year. We are allowed to monitor for some contaminants less frequently than once a year. The following tables list only those contaminants which were detected in your water. If a contaminant was detected last year, it will appear in the following tables without a sample date. If the contaminant was not monitored last year, but was detected within the last 5 years, it will appear in the tables below along with the sample date.

Disinfection Byproducts

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2024)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
HAA5 (ppb)	D-21	60	60	16	16		No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM (ppb)	D-21	80	0	45.4	45.4		No	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Inorganic Contaminants

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2024)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
BARIUM (ppm)		2	2	0.046	0.038 - 0.046	2/15/2023	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
FLUORIDE (ppm)		4	4	0.1	0.1 - 0.1	2/15/2023	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
NICKEL (ppb)		100		2.7000	2.0000 - 2.7000	2/15/2023	No	Nickel occurs naturally in soils, ground water and surface waters and is often used in electroplating, stainless steel and alloy products
NITRATE (N03-N) (ppm)		10	10	5.10	0.15 - 5.50		No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
SODIUM (ppm)		n/a	n/a	81.00	48.00 - 81.00	2/15/2023	No	n/a

Contaminant (units)	Action Level	MCLG	90th Percentile Level Found	Range	# of Results	Sample Date (if prior to 2024)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
COPPER (ppm)	AL=1.3	1.3	0.1400	0.0170 - 0.3600	0 of 10 results were above the action	7/18/2023	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood
Contaminant (units)	**Action Level**	**MCLG**	**90th Percentile Level Found**	**Range**	**# of Results**	**Sample Date (if prior to 2024)**	**Violation**	**Typical Source of Contaminant**
					level.			preservatives
LEAD (ppb)	AL=15	0	1.50	0.00 - 8.90	0 of 10 results were above the action level.	7/18/2023	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

PFAS Contaminants with a Recommended Health Advisory Level

Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a large group of human-made chemicals that have been used in industry and consumer products worldwide since the 1950. The following table list PFAS contaminants which were detected in your water and that have a Recommended Public Health Groundwater Standard (RPHGS) or Health Advisory Level (HAL). There are no violations for detections of contaminants that exceed the RPHGS or HAL. The RPHGS are levels at which concentrations of the contaminant present a health risk and are based on guidance provided by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

Note: The recommended health-based levels in the table below were in effect in 2024. These levels were revised by WDHS in 2025. They can be found here https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/water/gws.htm.

Typical Source of Contaminant		Drinking water is one way that people can be exposed to PFAS. In Wisconsin, two-thirds of people use groundwater as their drinking water source. PFAS can get in groundwater from places that make or use PFAS and release from consumer products in landfills.			
Contaminant (units)	**Site**	**RPHGS or HAL (PPT)**	**Level Found**	**Range**	**Sample Date (if prior to 2024)**
PFBS (ppt)		450000	9.60	9.60	
PFHXS (ppt)		40	2.20	2.20	
PFNA (ppt)		30	0.72	0.72	
PFOS (ppt)		20	2.60	2.60	
PFOA (ppt)		20	2.20	2.20	
PFHXA (ppt)		150000	1.20	1.20	
PFOA AND PFOS TOTAL (ppt)		20	4.80	4.80	

Radioactive Contaminants

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2024)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
GROSS ALPHA, EXCL. R & U (pCi/l)		15	0	3.4	3.4	2/15/2023	No	Erosion of natural deposits
RADIUM, (226 + 228) (pCi/l)		5	0	0.5	0.5	2/15/2023	No	Erosion of natural deposits
GROSS ALPHA, INCL. R & U (n/a)		n/a	n/a	6.0	6.0	2/15/2023	No	Erosion of natural deposits

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Blacksmith's daughter forms bond with dragon

Ava Richardson's "Dragon Tongue" is set in the mountain village of Barcroft, Tenegard. Viren Hart is the village blacksmith. His daughter Cora does her best to assist him.

Viren has an order for swords for the local garrison but lost two weeks of work recuperating from a severe lung problem. He asked garrison captain Daggett for an extension, but he was told he would be subject to penalties and fines for every day the delivery is late.

The slightest irritation can send Viren into a debilitating coughing fit, and Cora is worried that she'll lose him as she did her mother and grandmother.

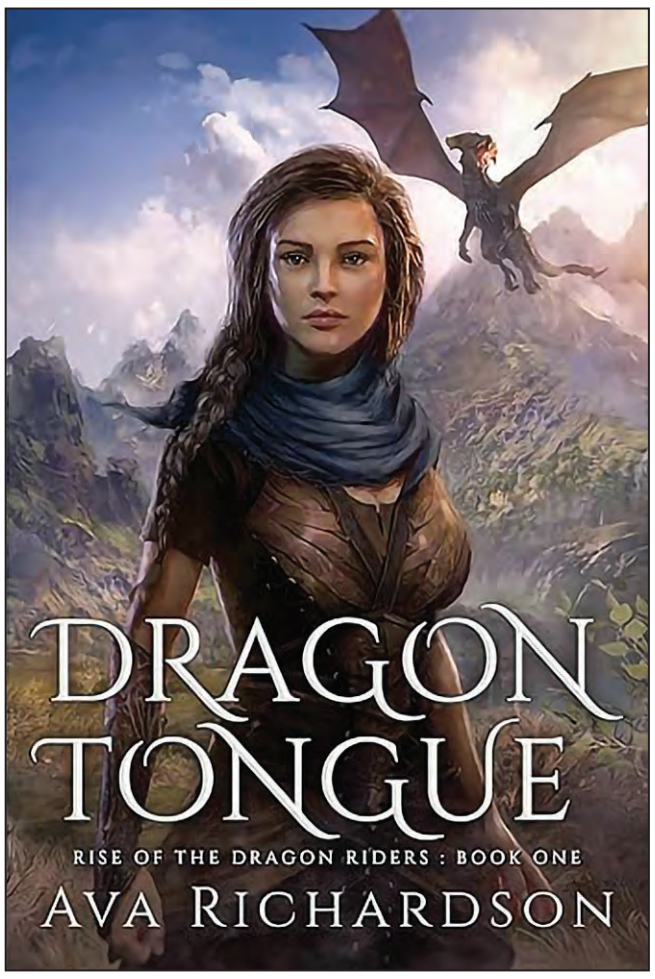
Whenever things get too stressful, Cora slips away to a large cave hidden high in the mountains. The ceiling of the cave glistens with crystals and walls are covered with pictographs depicting dragons and humans interacting.

Cora's Nana Livi had taken her there often and shared all she knew about the old days before King Onyx took over — days when dragons and humans could communicate and work together. She regaled Cora with tales of a special bond between dragons and human riders that allowed them to speak "dragon tongue." Sadly, it had all happened so many years ago that no one remembers it now.

Only Cora believes Nana Livi's tales. Several of Barcrotf's young people risk life and limb to collect and sell discarded dragon scales. Hoping to earn extra money and pay off Viren's debt, Cora volunteers to become one of the scale scavengers.

When the group tries to take scales from a dragon nesting ground, a large, blue dragon confronts Cora. Both are amazed that they communicate. The dragon's name is Alaric. He warns Cora to stay away from the nests, as the dragons need the scales for healthy eggs.

Cora can't tell anyone that she can talk with a dragon but must find a way to protect the nests. With Alaric's help she leads the scavengers to a large and valuable cache of scales.



As the bond between Alaric and Cora grows, so does their ability to communicate. One visit to the cave reveals a hidden tomb housing a dragon rider and his equipment. Without thinking, Cora takes the rider's sword and hides it in the forge.

While delivering an order to the local tavern Cora overhears Captain Daggett planning an assault on the dragon nesting grounds. Then she is accosted by a strange woman who warns her to forget about the old days and to stay away from the dragons. Despite the warning, Cora is bonded with Alaric and knows she must do whatever it takes to protect him and his herd.

When the king's emissary General Secare arrives, Cora instinctively knows that Secare means trouble for the dragons. Soon he finds the rider's sword hidden in the forge. When the scavengers plan a hunt, Cora tries to lure them away from the nests but is confronted by General Secare. He bluntly tells her that he knows all about her friendship with Alaric and more. He is determined to capture Alaric and take him back to the king.

Using their special bond and Alaric's dragon fire, Cora and Alaric destroy Secore. But they soon learn that while they were battling Secore, Daggett and his men had used an enchanted muzzle to capture Alaric's mother. Now Cora must be completely honest with her father and fellow scavengers and explain all she has learned about the destruction of the dragon riders and King Onyx's evil plans.

With renewed hope for Tenegard's future, Cora and Alaric fly off to find and free his mother. Somehow, they must plan and lead a campaign to defeat the deadly King Onyx. What happens next is in "Dragon Scales."

AT A GLANCE

BOOK: Dragon's Tongue (Rise of the Dragon Riders, Book 1)
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Eating healthy not as expensive as folks might think

Many people believe eating healthy is costly or bland, but Lisa Miller, a registered dietitian with Aspirus Health, sets the record straight.

"One common misconception I hear is that eating healthy costs more," Miller said. "But when you compare the price of a bag of carrots, bananas or apples to a bag of chips, the chips are usually more expensive."

Another myth? That nutritious food lacks flavor.

"If you only eat things plain or raw, you might think healthy food is boring," Miller said. "But with a little creativity, healthy meals can be both delicious and satisfying."

Miller highlighted three key elements of a well-balanced diet:

• Balance — Getting enough food is essential, especially for those facing food insecurity.

• Variety — A diverse range of proteins, fruits, vegetables, and whole grains boosts nutrition.

"There are over 20 types of grains, not just wheat and corn," Miller said. "Mixing it up can bring new flavors and nutrients into your diet."

• Moderation — Setting realistic, sustainable goals leads to long-term success. Small changes, such as swapping processed foods for whole foods, adding healthy fats such as avocado and nuts, and practicing portion control, can make a big difference.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
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Case No. 25-PR-17
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth April 24, 1950 and date of death January 11, 2025 , was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin , with a mailing address of N7502 Hummingbird Road, Eland, WI 54427 .
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is 06/30/2025

5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse,311 N. Main Street, Shawano, WI, Room 202 .
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INVITE TO BID

The Town of Almon, Shawano County is seeking Road Work bids for the following specifications:
Cold Mix Wedging – Cost per mile and road maintenance.
The Town of Almon Board has the right to accept or reject any or all bids. **Sealed bids will be accepted no later than April 22, 2025 by 5:00pm.** Bids are to be delivered to the Town of Almon, Attention: Almon Town Chairman, W16163 Hennig Lake Ln, Wittenberg WI 54499. Questions can be directed to Steve Onesti, Chairman, at 715-881-0279.
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Radioactive Contaminants

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2024)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
COMBINED URANIUM (ug/l)		30	0	3.9	3.9	2/15/2023	No	Erosion of natural deposits

Synthetic Organic Contaminants including Pesticides and Herbicides

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2024)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
ATRAZINE (ppb)		3	3	0.0	0.0 - 0.0	2/15/2023	No	Runoff from herbicide used on row crops

Contaminants with a Public Health Groundwater Standard, Health Advisory Level, or a Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level

The following table lists contaminants which were detected in your water and that have either a Public Health Groundwater Standard (PHGS), Health Advisory Level (HAL), or a Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level (SMCL), or both. There are no violations for detections of contaminants that exceed Health Advisory Levels, Public Health Groundwater Standards or Secondary Maximum Contaminant Levels. Secondary Maximum Contaminant Levels are levels that do not present health concerns but may pose aesthetic problems such as objectionable taste, odor, or color. Public Health Groundwater Standards and Health Advisory Levels are levels at which concentrations of the contaminant present a health risk.

Contaminant (units)	Site	SMCL (ppm)	PHGS or HAL (ppm)	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2024)	Typical Source of Contaminant
MANGANESE (ppm)		0.05	0.3	0.03	0.03	11/11/2020	Leaching from natural deposits

Unregulated Contaminants

Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. The purpose of unregulated contaminant monitoring is to assist EPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water and whether future regulation is warranted. EPA required us to participate in this monitoring.

Contaminant (units)	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2024)
METOLACHLOR (DUAL) (ppb)	0.02	0.02	2/15/2023

Additional Health Information

Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 ppm is a health risk for infants of less than 6 months of age. High nitrate levels in drinking water can cause blue baby syndrome. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant you should ask advice from your health care provider. Females who are or may become pregnant should not consume water with nitrate concentrations that exceed 10 ppm. There is some evidence of an association between exposure to high nitrate levels in drinking water during the first weeks of pregnancy and certain birth defects. The Wisconsin Department of Health Services recommends people of all ages avoid long-term consumption of water that has nitrate level greater than 10 milligrams per liter (mg/L).

Lead can cause serious health effects in people of all ages, especially pregnant people, infants (both formula-fed and breastfed), and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and parts used in service lines and in home plumbing. Wittenberg Waterworks is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes but cannot control the variety of materials used in the plumbing in your home. Because lead levels may vary over time, lead exposure is possible even when your tap sampling results do not detect lead at one point in time. You can help protect yourself and your family by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Using a filter, certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead, is effective in reducing lead exposures. Follow the instructions provided with the filter to ensure the filter is used properly. Use only cold water for drinking, cooking, and making baby formula. Boiling water does not remove lead from water. Before using tap water for drinking, cooking, or making baby formula, flush your pipes for several minutes. You can do this by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. If you have a lead service line or galvanized requiring replacement service line, you may need to flush your pipes for a longer period. If you are concerned about lead in your water and wish to have your water tested, contact Wittenberg Waterworks (Joel Yaeger at (715) 253-2684). Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at https://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

Additional Information on Service Line Materials

We are required to develop an initial inventory of service lines connected to our distribution system by October 16, 2024 and to make the inventory publicly accessible. You can access the service line inventory here/by: Consumers can contact Joel Yaeger at (715) 253-2684, for service line material inventory information.

The Wittenberg Waterworks 2024 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) will not be mailed but is available upon request at the Clerk's office in the Wittenberg Community Center.

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All Flavors Chi-Chi's Cocktails $9.99 1.75 ltr.

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R & R Canadian Whiskey $8.99 1.75 ltr.

Apple, Vanilla or Peach Crown Royal Canadian Whiskey $42.99 1.75 ltr.

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Coconut, Cherry or Spiced Admiral Nelson Rum $12.69 1.75 ltr.

Distilled Platinum 7x Vodka $11.99 1.75 ltr.

Canadian Mist Whiskey $13.99 1.75 ltr.

Canadian Club Whiskey $16.99 1.75 ltr.

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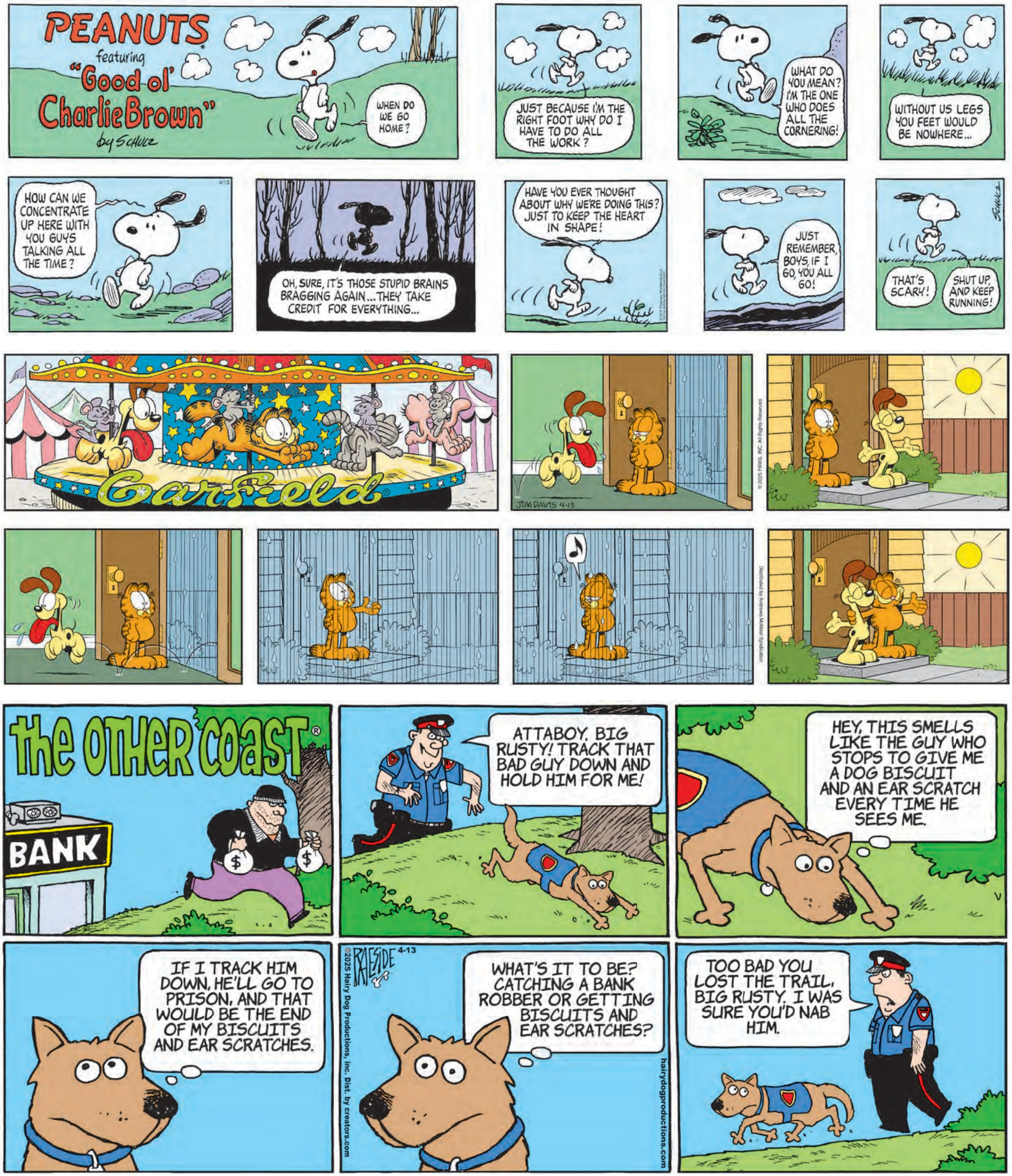
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WHAT DO YOU MEAN? I'M THE ONE WHO DOES ALL THE CORNERING!
WITHOUT US LEGS YOU FEET WOULD BE NOWHERE...
HOW CAN WE CONCENTRATE UP HERE WITH YOU GUYS TALKING ALL THE TIME?
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OH, SURE, IT'S THOSE STUPID BRAINS BRAGGING AGAIN...THEY TAKE CREDIT FOR EVERYTHING...
HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT WHY WE'RE DOING THIS? JUST TO KEEP THE HEART IN SHAPE!
JUST REMEMBER, BOYS, IF I GO, YOU ALL GO!
THAT'S SCARY!
SHUT UP, AND KEEP RUNNING!
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HEY, THIS SMELLS LIKE THE GUY WHO STOPS TO GIVE ME A DOG BISCUIT AND AN EAR SCRATCH EVERY TIME HE SEES ME.
IF I TRACK HIM DOWN, HE'LL GO TO PRISON, AND THAT WOULD BE THE END OF MY BISCUITS AND EAR SCRATCHES.
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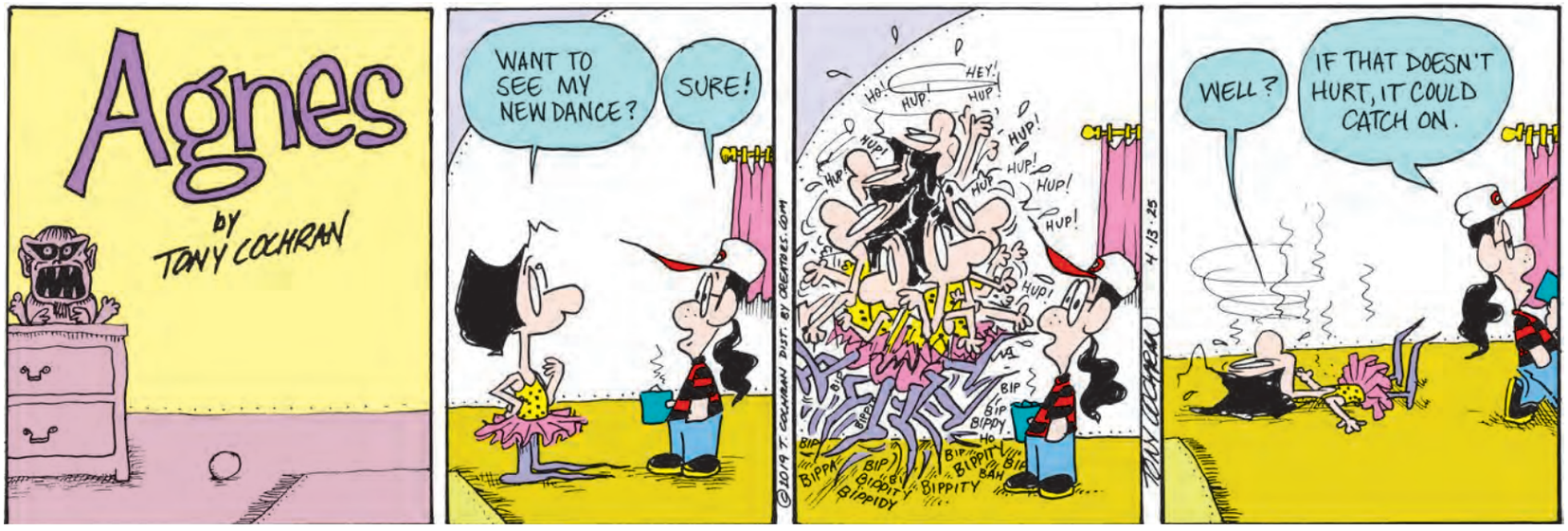
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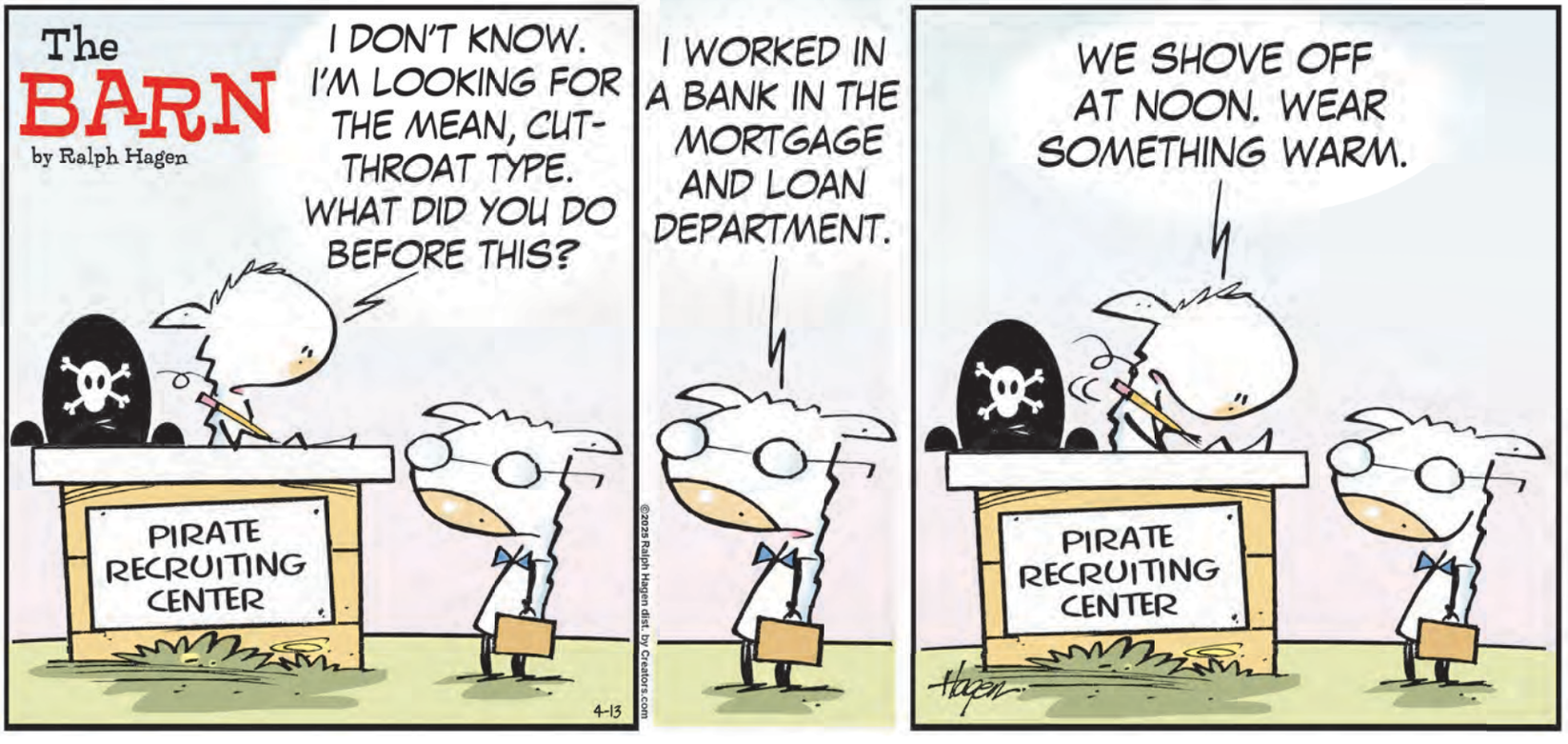
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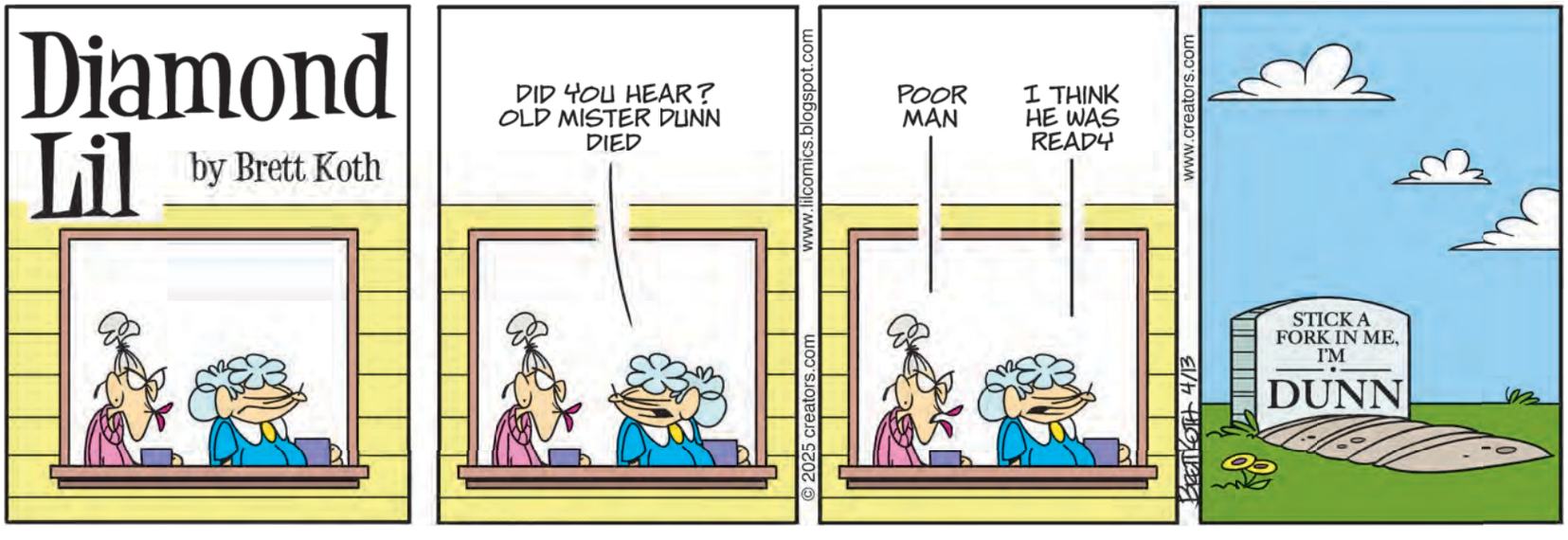
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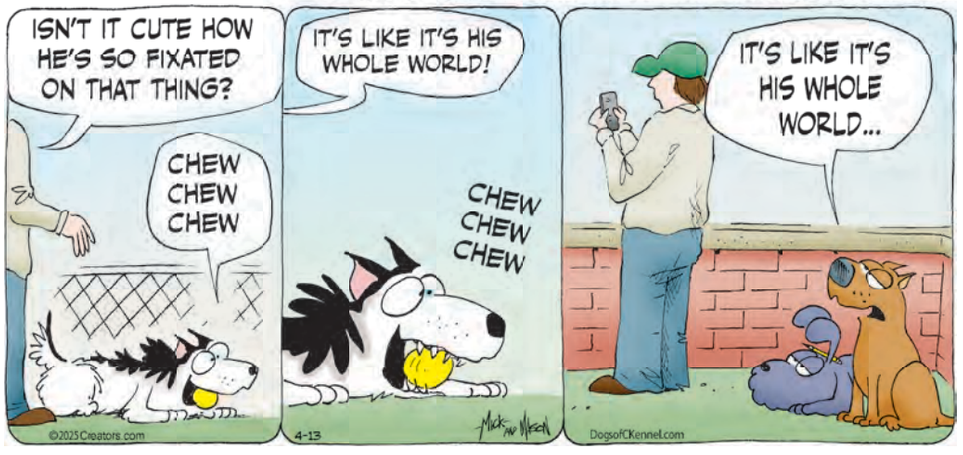

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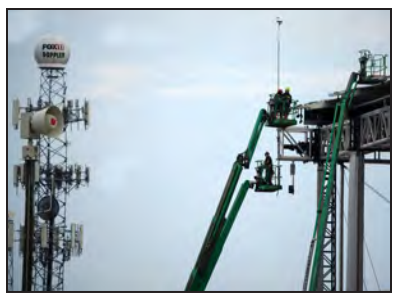

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The April 24-26 NFL draft in Green Bay has a slew of activities scheduled to keep everyone busy between picks.

For the first time, Lambeau Field and Titletown will host this free event, bringing the next generation of NFL stars to the heart of one of football's most iconic cities, while celebrating local culture, food and entertainment.

On April 23, the NFL will host its annual Prospect Clinic on the Play Football Field within NFL Draft Experience, focusing primarily on connecting local youth football players and Special Olympics athletes with NFL draft prospects. During the clinic, USA Football coaches and draft prospects will coach participants through a series of basic football skills and drills activities.

Thursday, April 24

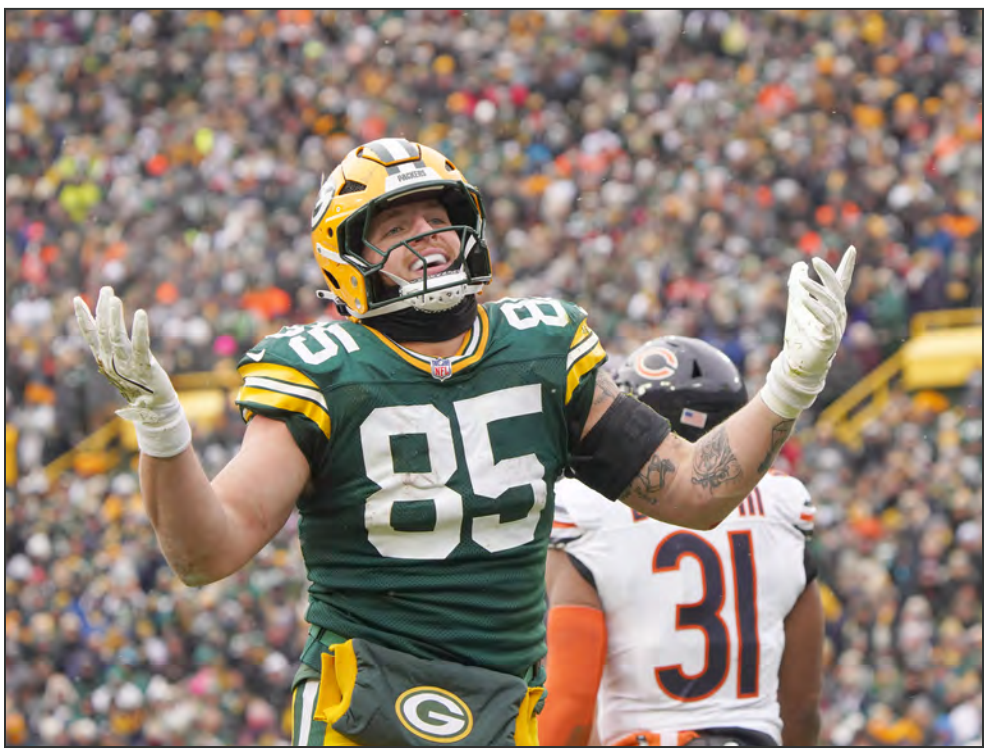
To kick off the celebrations, the prospects attending will walk the NFL draft red carpet on the iconic Lambeau Field, as fans watch from the stadium stands. The red carpet walk will begin at about 4 p.m.

Live from the Draft stage, a Wisconsin based youth choir will perform the hymn "Lift Every Voice and Sing" directed by Grammy award recipient Jeffrey Redding. Singer-songwriter Stephen Wilson Jr., from Indiana, will follow with a rendition of the national anthem. Then, the Wisconsin Army National Guard will conduct the flyover with four Black Hawk helicopters over Lambeau Field and the Draft Theater.

Packers legends and current players will join Commissioner Roger Goodell on stage to help kick off the night's festivities and welcome fans to Green Bay.

Friday, April 25

Throughout the night, 32 NFL legends and players from the 2000 draft class will announce selections to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the class. The evening will also spotlight legends and players with ties to Wisconsin, celebrating the state's deep football roots and local pride.



Tight end Tucker Kraft is ready for whatever comes next, including the NFL draft April 24-26 at Lambeau Field.
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Notable participants include Hall of Famer Lynn Swann, Packers legend Jordy Nelson, Wisconsin greats Joe Thomas and Jonathan Taylor, and fan favorite Dante Hall.

The action will culminate in a drone show lighting up the Green Bay sky at the end of the third round of selections.

Throughout all three days of the draft, fans will enjoy a variety of in-venue fan engagement moments designed to keep the excitement high. These interactive experiences will include team roll calls, T-shirt tosses, live fan cams and trivia. Fans will also have the chance to win autographed footballs and helmets, participate in on-stage contests, and even enter to win Super Bowl LX tickets. Special guest appearances and player interviews will add to the excitement.

Saturday, April 26

Day 3 of the draft will be a celebration of Wisconsin's rich culture and community, offering a fun-filled day perfect for families.

Highlights will include:

• Bike Parade – Young fans can participate in the Green Bay tradition by riding their bikes around the NFL Draft Experience before gates open.

• NFL Farmers Market – A celebration of local vendors, where fans can enjoy a taste of Wisconsin's finest offerings.

• Wisconsin Humane Society On-Stage Puppy Adoptions – A heartwarming moment as fans meet adorable pups looking for their forever homes.

• Military Enlistment Ceremony – A tribute to those who serve.

• Oneida Smoke Dancers – Performances that reflect the heartbeat of their heritage and inspire pride, connection and cultural appreciation.

• University of Wisconsin Marching Band – High-energy music and spirit from members of one of the state's most iconic ensembles.

• Polka Band and Dance Group – Lively rhythms of a classic Wisconsin polka performance.

• Cheese Carving Demonstration – Showcase featuring artisans who transform cheese into intricate works of art, celebrating one of Wisconsin's most famous exports.

• Packers Legends – Up close with Packers legends as they share stories and memories of their time in Green Bay.

• Surprise Celebrity Guests – Special appearances by local personalities and celebrities.

As a finale, the NFL will host a free concert in the Draft Theater following the seventh round of the draft. Admission is first-come, first-served.

Taking place from April 24-26, the NFL Draft Experience will transform the area near the legendary Lambeau Field and Titletown into a free, three-day festival for fans of all ages.

The NFL Draft Experience offers an immersive festival featuring interactive activations such as high jump challenges, the 40-yard dash and more, alongside NFL Hall of Fame exhibits. Fans can meet NFL stars and legends, including Packers players, and capture unforgettable moments with the Vince Lombardi Trophy and all 58 Super Bowl rings. The Play 60 Zone and Titletown will host NFL FLAG drills, skills challenges and football clinics for younger fans.

NFL Draft Experience hours of operation are noon to 10 p.m. April 24, noon to 10 p.m. April 25 and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 26.

Packers still in search of No. 1 receiver

Several holes need to be filled to be a Super Bowl contender

BY JACOB WESTENDORF
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The Green Bay Packers entered the offseason with some big perceived positions of need.

As free agency progressed, some big names were thought to be available either as free agents or on the trade market.

As it turns out, no trade was swung for DK Metcalf. They did not land Josh Sweat.

They did not land DJ Reed.

They were able to add an offensive lineman and a cornerback.

Aaron Banks was given $77 million over four seasons to take over as their starting left guard.

Nate Hobbs was given $48 million to be the team's starter at cornerback in base but with a skillset versatile enough to move all over the field.

Despite their shopping in the offseason, there are more needs to be filled in April's draft. There could also be a trade swung during the draft to add a proven veteran.

Brian Gutekunst has never given up a premium pick for a veteran player, but this could be the year something changes with a Super Bowl drought that has now reached 15 years in Green Bay.

Here's a look at what Green Bay's biggest needs are going into draft day.

Defensive End

Gutekunst made his feelings clear as day following the season.

Matt LaFleur echoed the same sentiments.

The Packers want to be able to rush the passer with four guys.

They're likely envious of the Philadelphia Eagles' ability to do just that against Patrick Mahomes and the Kansas City Chiefs in Super Bowl LIX.

The Eagles pummeled Mahomes en route to a 40-22 victory.

The Packers likely came out of training camp thinking they had similar possibilities on the defensive line. Their front wrecked two different offensive lines during joint practice sessions and consistently won the day against Green Bay's offensive line during training camp as well.

That did not translate to the regular season. Green Bay's pass rush ran hot and cold for most of the year.

Lukas Van Ness did not take the jump that most of the team was hoping he would.

Preston Smith looked like an old player, and he was traded at the deadline for a seventh-round pick.

Rashan Gary was the team's best pass rusher but only had 7.5 sacks on the year. He's a good player but not a great one at this stage of his career. The Packers are paying him to be great.

This could be a spot where the Packers look for their first-round pick. Texas A&M's Shemar Stewart, Tennessee's James Pearce Jr. and Georgia's Mykel Williams have all been in Green Bay on pre-draft visits.

Green Bay Packers general manager Brian Gutekunst talks with members of the national media at a game during the 2024 season. While Gutekunkst has enjoyed decent success in past drafts, the majority of his tops picks have been questionable. GREG MELLIS | GREEN & GOLD EXPRESS

Romeo Doubs and other Packers receivers need to step up and compete for the No. 1 position. GREG MELLIS | GREEN & GOLD EXPRESS

If they do not draft a defensive end early, the likelihood is the Packers will be banking heavily on internal development from the guys that were considered disappointing and inconsistent a season ago.

Wide Receiver

A yearly tradition unlike any other – a debate about the Green Bay Packers' wide receiver corps.

Coming into last season, the Packers thought they had four options they could feasibly rely on at any given moment.

That did not include the uptick they expected in production from tight ends Luke Musgrave and Tucker Kraft, along with some help from Josh Jacobs in the passing game as well.

As the season went along, the passing game regressed. By the end of the season, it looked like an utter disaster.

Jordan Love was picked off three times in the team's 22-10 Wild Card loss in Philadelphia, and they found little success attacking the Eagles' defense through the air.

This could have been passed off as being shut down by a really good defense, if it were just a one-game issue.

It was not.

Green Bay's offense struggled with an identity crisis through the end of the season, and none of their top four receivers got appreciably better from 2023 to 2024.

Romeo Doubs and Christian Watson are both in contract years, and both suffered injuries a season ago, making their futures uncertain.

Dontayvion Wicks and Jayden Reed both struggled with drops.

The Packers did not make any notable outside additions in free agency. Davante Adams and Metcalf never appeared to be serious considerations.

Green Bay has made its hay with receivers in the second round in the past. They may have to do that again with the issues with injuries and inconsistency surrounding their current crop.

Defensive Tackle

Kenny Clark was thought to be a long-term fixture when he signed a rare third contract in Green Bay just before training camp began a season ago.

Clark responded by having his least productive season since he was a rookie.

Was it the new scheme? Was he starting to age? That question will be answered in 2025.

The primary starter next to Clark last season was T.J. Slaton, who left this offseason for Cincinnati.

Devonte Wyatt has struggled with inconsistency, but Brian Gutekunst called him the team's best interior rusher in his end-of-season press conference.

Wyatt is entering a contract year, and with the conversations surrounding Clark, the Packers could use some help in the middle of their defensive line.

The good news, most experts agree., is that the interior defensive line is where the draft is at its best.

There are multiple players who fit what the Packers typically like from their defensive tackles, and this could be a spot where the Packers use their first-round selection.

Offensive Line Depth

Depth on the offensive line is a rarity around the NFL. There just aren't a lot of quality offensive linemen in the NFL, let alone enough to support entire teams.

The Packers have typically been spoiled in that regard.

Last year, that was not the case.

Their depth on the interior of the offensive line was perilously thin. That was exasperated when Jordan Morgan, the team's primary backup at both guard spots, went on

injured reserve with a shoulder injury.

The lack of depth on the interior did not show up for Green Bay until the biggest moment of the season.

Elgton Jenkins left the team's playoff loss to the Eagles, and the offensive line crumbled.

Travis Glover and KaDeem Telfort both struggled against Philadelphia's ferocious front.

As of now, the Packers likely feel good about their top six guys on the offensive line.

Behind that? It's the same lack of depth they had a season ago.

None of their young offensive linemen took a step to where the Packers would have to feel good if they had to play in a game tomorrow.

There will be competition added for the back end of the offensive line room. Gutekunst has taken three offensive linemen three separate times in the draft. He probably does not have enough picks to do that, but it's a safe bet he will take at least one.

Cornerback

Perhaps the biggest need on the roster is the last one listed here.

The Packers have lost three cornerbacks this offseason.

Corey Ballentine, Robert Rochell and Eric Stokes are all officially out the door. Jaire Alexander's future is tenuous to say the very least.

The only addition they've made thus far is Nate Hobbs, who is going to be one of their starters.

Who else plays with him remains to be seen.

Keisean Nixon said he wanted to be the team's top cornerback in 2025. He's the likely favorite to start across from Hobbs if the season were to start tomorrow.

Carrington Valentine had some nice moments but has been up and down during his brief NFL career.

The Packers could be in the market to take another defensive back in the first round. If Alexander is not going to be in the picture, there are some question marks about how good this group can truly be.

At the same time, the Packers' secondary is not why they lost to the Eagles in the playoffs.

Perhaps the Packers feel they can get by at that position without a premium investment?

Even if that is true, they need to add numbers to the position.

Kenny Clark Jr. was selected by the Packers in the first round of the 2016 NFL draft, with the 27th overall pick. Today, he is in his third contract with Green Gay.
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Packers special team coordinator Rich Bisaccia talks with cornerback and return specialist Keisean Nixon. In 2025, the Packers will be on the hunt for a new returner as Nixon has said he prefers to concentrate on his cornerback duties.
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Packers will host Super Bowl champs in 2025

The Packers know their home and road opponents for 2025, with a complete schedule yet to be announced.

For next season, the NFC North is matched with the NFC East and AFC North, so all teams in the NFC North will play all teams in those two divisions.

In addition, the Packers finished third in the NFC North, so they will face the third-place teams in the NFC South, NFC West and AFC West.

Here's how it breaks down, with the full schedule of dates and times to be announced in the spring.

Home: Minnesota, Detroit, Chicago, Philadelphia, Washington, Baltimore, Cincinnati and Carolina.

Road: Minnesota, Detroit, Chicago, Dallas, New York Giants, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Denver and Arizona.

The NFL has announced it plans to play eight international games in 2025, with contests slated for Madrid (Spain), Berlin (Germany) and Dublin (Ireland), as well as Mexico City, Brazil and the United Kingdom.

With AFC teams having nine home games in 2025, most international games will have AFC teams moving their home games.

The star of the 2024 draft class was Edgerrin Cooper, left. When Cooper is able to hunt the ball, his ability is special. He has a closing speed the Packers have not seen at the linebacker position since Nick Barnett was at his peak. Jordan Morgan, above, was a controversial pick at the time simply because the Packers insisted Morgan was going to play tackle for them, despite the consensus thought being he was better suited at guard. As it turns out, at least for his rookie season, Green Bay agreed. Morgan hardly repped at tackle during training camp. He never played there during the season.
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How did the class of 2024 perform?

Players were a mixed bag of good, bad and incomplete

BY JACOB WESTENDORF
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The Green Bay Packers entered the 2024 NFL draft looking to take the next step.

They were coming off a season where they finished 9-8, but optimism was flying high after winning a road playoff game in Dallas and pushing the San Francisco 49ers to the brink of elimination.

The Packers augmented their roster by signing Xavier McKinney and Josh Jacobs in free agency before turning their attention to the draft.

They got instant impact from some of their choices; others gave them hope for the future, and some are still unknown at this point.

Knowing what we know now, however, it looks like all of the top picks from the 2024 draft are slated to play big roles in 2025. While it's truly hard to evaluate a draft class after just one season, instant impact is the name of the game in today's NFL.

Here is who they took, and how things shook out.

Round 1: Jordan Morgan

Morgan was a controversial pick at the time simply because the Packers insisted Morgan was going to play tackle for them, despite the consensus thought being he was better suited at guard.

As it turns out, at least for his rookie season, Green Bay agreed. Morgan hardly repped at tackle during training camp. He never played there during the season, mostly competing with Sean Rhyan to play right guard.

Morgan never fully usurped Rhyan for the job. He never took more snaps in a game than Rhyan did.

Eventually, Morgan missed time due to a shoulder injury. He did return but only to reaggravate the shoulder, which ended his rookie season on injured reserve.

Matt LaFleur and Brian Gutekunst have both said this offseason that the plan is for Morgan to compete with Rasheed Walker at left tackle when training camp opens.

If Morgan were to win that job, it would make the Packers' decisions along the offensive line easier for the future.

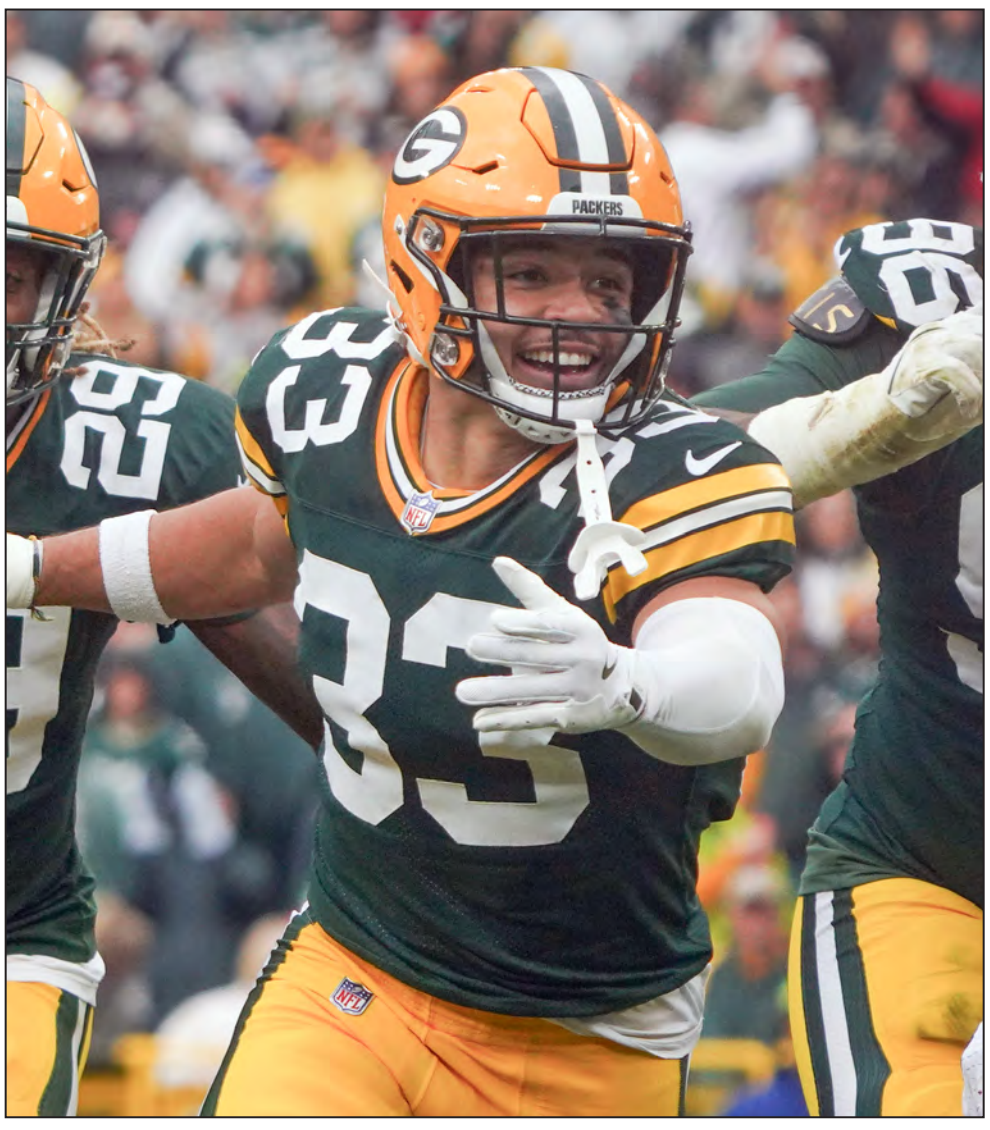
Zach Tom, Rhyan and Walker all have contracts expiring at the end of 2025. The best bet is that if Morgan does not win the left tackle job, he'll be penciled in as the starter at right guard in 2026.

Either way, it was tough for Green Bay's fanbase to watch Morgan end his season on injured reserve, while the player they wanted to pick — former Iowa defensive back Cooper DeJean — returned an interception for a touchdown on Super Bowl Sunday.

Grade: Incomplete

Round 2: Edgerrin Cooper

The star of the show was Edgerrin Cooper. The only complaint about him was his availability. He suffered an injury in training camp that kept him on the sideline, which limited his ability to make an impact early in the season.



During training camp, it felt like Evan Williams was catching more passes than some of the team's wide receivers. Williams is a smart, heady player with ball skills.
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Once he was on the field, however, he was immediately a standout.

When Cooper is able to hunt the ball, his ability is special. He has a closing speed the Packers have not seen at the linebacker position since Nick Barnett was at his peak.

Cooper finished the season with 13 tackles for loss in 14 games. That gave him the high mark for the entire defense during the season.

He added an interception, forced fumble and fumble recovery.

As he gets more experienced in Jeff Hafley's defense, he should have an opportunity to become a star in the future.

Grade: A

Round 2: Javon Bullard

Bullard looked to be the rookie most likely to make an instant impact when the rookies got to training camp.

He was inserted as the starter at safety next to Xavier McKinney.

He stayed there until the regular season.

He had to move between safety and slot corner due to injuries in the secondary during the season.

The moving around the defense is part of his draw, but it clearly affected him as he appeared to be swimming upstream as a rookie.

He did make a nice play, forcing a fumble in Green Bay's 24-22 loss to the Chicago Bears in the team's final regular season game.

With the addition of Nate Hobbs, Bullard appears to be in competition to find his way onto the field.

There is not a clear path at the moment for him, so he'll need to earn his reps.

Grade: C

Round 3: Marshawn Lloyd

After hip and hamstring injuries sidelined Lloyd for most of the summer, he injured his ankle just six carries into Green Bay's home opener against Indianapolis.

After being placed on injured reserve, Lloyd appeared to be on the cusp of returning to the active roster in mid-November when he was sidelined with appendicitis and forced out for the rest of the season.

Grade: Incomplete

Round 3: Ty'Ron Hopper

Hopper was probably the pick that caused the most raising of eyebrows in this draft class.

The Packers hosted Hopper on a predraft visit, but many thought he'd be a choice much later in the draft.

Instead, the Packers chose Hopper at pick 91. He was the second of two linebackers taken in the top 100, and third they've used a high pick on since 2022.

Once he was on the team, however, he was injured with a sprained ankle. He missed some of training camp but really struggled when he found his way onto the field at the end of preseason.

He did not play much as a rookie. With Isaiah McDuffie returning to the team, there's questions as to how much he'll be in the plans on defense, e if at all.

Grade: D

Round 4: Evan Williams

During training camp, it felt like Williams was catching more passes than some of the team's wide receivers.

Despite making a play per day, Williams did not play a single snap in the team's season-opening loss to the Philadelphia Eagles.

Eventually, he did usurp Bullard as the team's preferred option at safety next to McKinney.

Williams is a smart, heady player with ball skills.

Perhaps the defining play of his career thus far was a short yardage situation where Williams was assigned to the quarterback on a zone-read.

After the fake from the quarterback, he was one-on-one with Williams.

The quarterback was Arizona Cardinals star Kyler Murray.

Williams stoned Murray behind the line of scrimmage, giving the Packers the ball back.

It was a small play in the moment, but it gave a glimpse into how smart Williams is. He stuck to his assignment instead of chasing the ball and took down one of the more elusive quarterbacks in all of football.

Williams finished the season with just one interception, a game-sealing pick on Anthony Richardson's Hail Mary attempt in the team's 16-10 win in their home opener against the Indianapolis Colts.

When Williams was available, he looked to be the better player than his draft classmate, Bullard.

As of now, he should be the odds on favorite to start next to McKinney in 2025.

Grade: A

Round 5: Jacob Monk

Monk looked like he was trending toward becoming the Packers' next diamond in the rough of offensive linemen the Packers have found on Day 3 when training camp progressed.

Monk was rotating in with the starting lineup. He had a great line given to him by offensive line coach Luke Butkus, who claimed he was ready to rip someone's lips off before his preseason debut in Cleveland.

Monk was active until midway through the season, where he became a healthy scratch.

Perhaps the most telling part about how Monk's season progressed was the team moving Rhyan to center, a position that Monk is suited to play, instead of putting Monk in the lineup during the team's 22-10 loss to the Philadelphia Eagles.

Monk will likely be fighting for a spot on the back of the roster with the Packers likely to add more depth on the offensive line through this year's draft

Grade: D

Round 5: Kitan Oladapo

Oladapo was a healthy scratch until being put into the starting lineup for the team's final game of the regular season.

He's got an opportunity to compete for a spot on special teams this year in training camp but did not make any headway there as a rookie either.

Grade: D

Round 6: Travis Glover

Glover made his NFL debut in surprising fashion.

His first extended action came when Elgton Jenkins left during the team's loss to the Eagles in the playoffs with a neck injury.

Instead of KaDeem Telfort, who had been ahead of Glover most of the season, it was Glover.

His time on the field was short lived.

He was flagged twice in 12 snaps and beaten badly for a pressure on Jordan Love.

Glover was a project when he was drafted; he'll get more chances to become the team's swing tackle.

Grade: D

Round 7: Michael Pratt

Pratt was drafted to compete with Sean Clifford to be the team's backup quarterback.

Both Pratt and Clifford struggled mightily in training camp and the preseason.

Pratt became one of the rare draft choices that was released by Gutekunst after training camp.

He was not brought back to the practice squad, and the team did not make any effort to bring him back.

Grade: F

Round 7: Kalen King

King had some nice moments during the preseason but did not make the final roster.

He was elevated once during the regular season but did not play any snaps of significance.

He'll need to compete again to be on the 53-man roster but also for a spot on the practice squad

Grade D

In summary, Cooper looks like a bona fide star in limited action. He could be the next great Packers linebacker.

Williams, another player who was an immediate contributor, has a leg up in the competition to be the team's starting safety next to McKinney in 2025.

Morgan and Lloyd can essentially be looked at as outside additions to the team after they hardly played as rookies due to injuries.

Morgan will compete to be the team's left tackle. Lloyd should be the team's primary running back behind Josh Jacobs.

The depth on the offensive line is relying on their Day 3 selections taking a step forward in 2025. If the season were to start tomorrow, neither of the offensive linemen selected on Day 3 looks like they would be ready to play meaningful snaps in a game.

Overall Grade: B

Javon Bullard (20) earned himself a "C" grade for his performance with the Packers in his rookie season. The moving around the defense is part of his draw, but it clearly affected him as he appeared to be swimming upstream as a rookie.
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Josh Jacobs was one of the better free agent signings in recent years. The six-year veteran signed with Green Bay in 2024 and went on to rush for 1,329 yards.
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Winning the offseason?

Selective free agency signings follow the Packers script prior to draft

BY LUKE REIMER
Green & Gold Express

When the new NFL year started March 12, the Green Bay Packers again followed the trend of filling holes but staying somewhat quiet.

This offseason, general manager Brian Gutekunst and the Packers front office did not make any splash signings or trades, but instead they opted to upgrade some of the team's deficiencies from last season.

The first player Green Bay signed was offensive lineman Aaron Banks, who played his first five seasons in the NFL in San Francisco. Banks spent a majority of his time with the 49ers playing the guard position. He is expected to once again play guard in Green Bay.

With the departure of Josh Myers, who played the center position last season, signing Banks allows the Packers some flexibility on the offensive line. Elgton Jenkins, who primarily played the left guard position in his career, is now expected to shift to center and Banks will fill in at guard.

Overall, signing Banks gives the Packers an option to retool the offensive line. At a four-year, $77 million deal, on the surface it may look like Green Bay slightly overpaid for him. But as Green Bay looks to compete while still rolling with Jordan Love, Josh Jacobs and the receiving corps, getting a proven starter at a very important position is not a bad option.

"We have talked a lot about how versatility plays into our offensive line," said Gutekunst. "(Banks) is a really large man that can do all of the things that Matt (LaFleur) asks those guys to do in our scheme, as far as his ability to get off of the ball quickly and get out into space and really run. His ability to play physical in the run game and anchor down in pass protection is – he has played at a really high level for years now and to get a guy like that in the prime of his career is something that I thought would really benefit us."

After Banks, Green Bay addressed its defense, looking to add some depth to the secondary. It is no secret that after the injury to Jaire Alexander last season, the Packers needed help in the defensive back room. Among a few defensive backs leaving in free agency, Gutekunst dipped into the Las Vegas Raiders free agents and signed Nate Hobbs to a four-year, $48 million deal.

"I think Green Bay is a special place," said Hobbs, on what attracted him to the Packers. "I think Green Bay is a place that a lot of players have transformed, you know. They go from a good player to a great player to a hall of fame player to better men. Everybody that I have spoken to has said that it is a special place, so I want to be a part of a special place."

Assuming Alexander is not with the team next season, it seems likely that Keisean Nixon moves to the outside, leaving a hole to fill in the slot. Similar to Banks on the offensive line, bringing Hobbs in gives the Packers flexibility to move defensive backs all around the secondary. During his time in Las Vegas, Hobbs lined up primarily on the inside. That flexibility is a major reason why he was signed to Green Bay, according to Gutekunst.

"We just really thought he is a really versatile, all-around corner that can do everything," said Gutekunst. "We really like his ability to play on the outside, which he has not done a ton of, but then the ability to move him inside to match different receivers. And then his play style – I think that is one of the things that really stood out to us, and we are really excited to see what he is going to do for us this year."

The last major free agent signing for Green Bay that came from outside of the organization was wide receiver Mecole Hardman. In his six-year career, Hardman has played with the Kansas City Chiefs and New York Jets, winning three Super Bowls.

It is no secret that Green Bay is in desperate need of playmakers to add to Love's arsenal, and in that need is a player who can use his speed to stretch opposing defenses. With the future of Christian Watson up in the air, due to injuries and inconsistent play, that field-stretching role seems to be voided heading into the 2025-26 season. Hardman, who has been known for his speed during his time in the NFL, figures to fill that hole, giving Love and the offense another weapon.

Aaron Banks

Nate Hobbs

Mecole Hardman

With Nixon seemingly taking on a larger role on the defensive side of the ball, another hole that Hardman has the opportunity to fill is in the return game. During his time in the NFL, Hardman has shown a penchant for returning balls, recording 1,892 career return yards and two touchdowns.

"He is a little more experienced in the punt return game than the kick return game, but he can do both," said Gutekunst. "He obviously adds an element of speed to our football team. He has been in big games and has played well in big games. He has been hampered by some injuries along the way, but I think when he is healthy, he is certainly an impactful player."

Green Bay signed Hardman to a one-year, $1.5 million contract.

Oconto County markets to draft visitors

BY GREG SEUBERT
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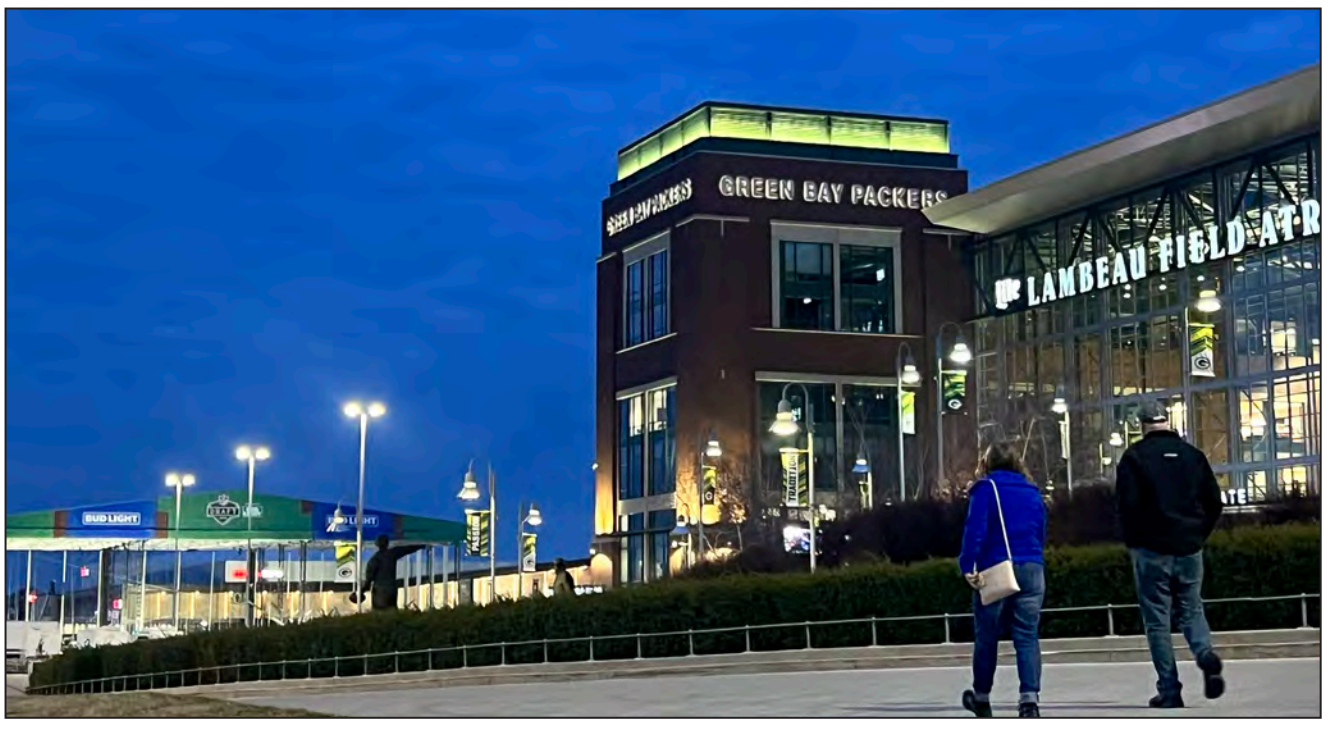

Oconto County, like others in the area, knows an opportunity when it sees one. With several hundred thousand football enthusiasts expected to converge on the Green Bay market, the county is hoping to cash in on fans' spending. GREG MELLIS | GREEN & GOLD EXPRESS

Visitors to the NFL draft in Green Bay later this month have an option when it comes to finding a place to stay, eat or just chill out.

They can head north to Oconto County.

The county's border with Brown County is less than 30 minutes from Lambeau Field, where most of the draft activities will be held April 24-26.

Jayme Sellen is the executive director the Tourism and Economic Corporation for the Oconto Region (TEDCOR), an Oconto-based nonprofit group that helps promote tourism in Oconto County.

Draft organizers estimate about 240,000 will attend this year's draft. Detroit hosted last year's NFL Draft, which ended up drawing more than 700,000 visitors.

Unlike Detroit, however, Green Bay is the NFL's smallest market.

Whether Green Bay draws a crowd that big remains to be seen, but Sellen said TEDCOR is doing what it can to promote Oconto County.

"We did a series of reels and videos for social media, the One Mile, One Minute campaign," Sellen said. "Each community and some of the businesses in that community did a campaign that said, 'Hey, we're Oconto, Wisconsin, we're 35 miles away from Lambeau Field and it's a 35-minute drive.'

"It was kicked off by me or my colleague Kelly (Schwartz) kicking a football," she said. "That person caught the football and they threw it to the next person and it promoted our communities and a lot of businesses in the area, too. It got a lot of views."

TEDCOR's website – tedcor.org – has information about the draft, including links to the Packers official draft information site. Details on where to park near Lambeau Field and road closures can also be found.

Also on TEDCOR's site is a link to RiverWood Saloon & Campground, located on state Highway 22 between Oconto and Oconto Falls on the Little River. The campground and saloon will be open during the draft and offer transportation to and from Lambeau Field.

Sellen can't say for sure if TEDCOR's campaign will draw people to Oconto County and said she probably won't know until the three-day event is underway.

"One thing I don't know about is the hotels," she said. "I know there's availability."

Sellen expects draft visitors to be looking for lodging in adjacent counties, including Oconto, Shawano, Outagamie, Calumet, Kewaunee and Manitowoc.

"With the numbers we were told from the Packers, there's no way all those people can fit into the Green Bay area," she said. "They would have to overflow to the surrounding areas. Some of them will probably go down to Appleton, but we're hoping a good portion of them will know about us. The commute north is going to be a lot easier than (Interstate) 41 down to Appleton."

Sellen said Oconto County is also an option for Green Bay area residents thinking about heading out of town for a few days.

"There might be some folks that live there that might want to escape some of the traffic and congestion that's going to happen," she said. "It's a byproduct of a really good thing."

Oconto County is part of New North, an 18-county regional economic development organization.

"It goes up to Florence (County) and down to Sheboygan," Sellen said. "They are bringing in site selectors at that time. We are going to meet with them and tell them all about the opportunities here for businesses to come here. We're looking at it from the tourism side, but we'd be foolish not to take advantage of it from an economic development side of things."

Sellen views the Packers hosting their first NFL draft as a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for football fans and Oconto County as well.

"We're trying to take advantage of it, but we don't know to what extent," she said. "I think (area counties) are all in a similar spot. We don't know what to expect. We thought the numbers would be a lot higher than they are, but I also think that there might be some last-minute 'Oh my gosh, this is coming up, we can still get a good deal.'"

Christian Watson dropped what should have easily been a completed pass against the San Francisco 49ers. Like the other receivers, he took a step backwards in 2024, and the Packers are in need of someone to grab hold of the No. 1 position.

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Packers looking at another defensive first-round pick?

Gutekunst's latest choices leave something to be desired

BY JACOB WESTENDORF
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The NFL draft is finally here. Soon, the days of mock drafts will be gone. We will no longer be talking about who teams could possibly draft. Instead, we will know who each team did draft and be able to look ahead to the 2025 regular season.

The primary focus for the Green Bay Packers is to help augment a strong roster that gets them out of the playoff hunt and into the status of Super Bowl contenders.

Brian Gutekunst said in his season-ending press conference that he felt it was time that his team started competing for championships.

They started this offseason by adding a player to the offensive line and their secondary, both of which should be improved from the group that finished the season in Philadelphia.

A Wild Card weekend loss to the Eagles puts the Packers picking 23rd in the first round of the draft.

They have eight picks, which include a seventh-round pick they acquired by trading Preston Smith to the Pittsburgh Steelers at the trade deadline.

That also includes a compensatory pick. The NFL gave the Packers a seventh-rounder essentially for the departure of offensive tackle Yosh Nijman in free agency last year, after the additions of running back Josh Jacobs and safety Xavier McKinney were offset by the losses of guard Jon Runyan and safety Darnell Savage.

Green Bay's original seventh-round pick might have been the best trade of the season. Gutekunst used that pick to acquire backup quarterback Malik Willis.

Willis played extended snaps in four games, including two starts. The Packers were 3-1 in those games with the one loss coming in a largely meaningless regular season finale against the Chicago Bears.

The Packers have some work to do with their roster. The NFC North has gotten better around them, and they can ill afford to rely on the incompetence of the rest of their division to get themselves into the playoffs.

They need to beat the teams in the North after going 1-5 against divisional opponents a season ago. The one, of course, was tenuous at best. A blocked field goal by Karl Brooks saved the Packers from suffering defeat at Soldier Field and taking the collar in the division.

That starts with the ever important first-round pick.

For as well as Gutekunst has done in the draft, especially in the later rounds, his early picks have left something to be desired.

Lukas Van Ness, Jordan Morgan, Quay Walker and Devonte Wyatt represent the last three years of first-round choices.

Walker is the closest thing to an impact player, and that is far from a sure thing.

If you go back further, the last time Gutekunst took an impact player in the first round, it was quarterback Jordan Love.

Gutekunst needs to acquire some blue chip talent to take this Packers team to the next level.

Here are Green Bay's choices, and what they could do.

Round 1, No. 23

This choice is arguably the most important of Gutekunst's career to date. The Packers are a good team. They're not a great one.

Great teams typically have their stars lead the way. They can be rookies as well.

One season ago, the Philadelphia Eagles drafted Quinyon Mitchell and Cooper DeJean with their first two picks.

Both players became key contributors to the Eagles' Super Bowl run. Mitchell became their best cornerback. DeJean returned an interception for a touchdown in the Super Bowl and is one of the league's best slot defenders.

The Packers' first-round pick was Jordan Morgan. He could be a key contributor for them in 2025 if he wins the job at left tackle. Unfortunately, he'll always be compared to DeJean, a popular pick for the Packers a season ago.

When it comes to this year's pick, there are a few options at key positions of need.

The most likely scenario, based on the shape of this draft, is that the Packers will use their pick on a player in the front seven of their defense.

Defensive end and defensive tackle appear to be the most likely candidates here.

Tennessee's James Pearce Jr., Texas A&M's Shemar Stewart and Georgia's Mykel Williams have all taken predraft visits to Green Bay.

Stewart is the most athletic player in the class. Williams fits the mold of what the Packers have typically preferred in their edge players.

Pearce Jr. would be a bit of a departure from their preferences because of his size; he's less than 250 pounds, and he's more of a speed rusher than a power guy.

If they're looking for a different type of rusher, Pearce is immensely talented. He could be the guy.

On the defensive line, there are two main candidates who could be available when Green Bay is on the clock: Michigan's Kenneth Grant and Oregon's Derek Harmon.

Harmon is more of the mold the Packers have on their defensive line. He's an interior disrupter, who is best suited going up the field to make plays in the backfield. He has some technical issues to work through but could wind up being one of the most disruptive players in this draft class.

Grant is a bigger man, tipping the scales at more than 330 pounds, but he is a good athlete.

Grant's potential is sky high because of his athleticism in addition to his size. He could be a ready made replacement for T.J. Slaton as he refines his craft as a pass rusher.

If they don't look to the defensive front, it's likely the Packers will target someone at the skill position, whether on offense or defense.

At cornerback, Jahdae Barron from Texas is a popular choice with the fanbase. It just depends if the Packers feel like he can play on the boundary. They have a plethora of slot defenders, but the team might need someone to play on the outside.

If they want a boundary corner, Michigan's Will Johnson, Ole Miss' Trey Amos or East Carolina's Shavon Revel are all potential candidates in this spot.

If they were to buck a trend that has existed since 2002 and take a wide receiver, there are some players who fit the bill.

Gutekunst was the only general manager at Arizona receiver Tet McMillan's private workout. That is likely a sign of interest in the player and not just due diligence.

Apart from him, Ohio State's Emeka Egbuka and Iowa State's Jayden Higgins are guys the Packers could target either at 23 or if they wanted to slide back a couple of spots.

One other possibility at receiver in the middle rounds is Texas' Isaiah Bond, a speedster who took a predraft visit with the Packers in March.

Of course, always account for variable change. If a player the Packers love that they weren't expecting to be available, is available, the Packers will not hesitate to pick a player based solely on the position he plays.

Some examples include Texas' offensive tackle Kelvin Banks, Ohio State's offensive tackle Josh Simmons or Alabama linebacker Jihaad Campbell.

The rest of the picks are as follows:

Round 2, No. 54
Round 3, No. 87
Round 4, No. 124
Round 5, No. 159
Round 6, No. 198
Round 7, No. 237 (from Pittsburgh)
Round 7, No. 250 (compensatory)

They'll likely look to add some depth to their offensive line at this point of the draft and find some value for their special teams.

Something else to keep in mind – the Packers have stated they want to get back in the practice of drafting a quarterback on a yearly basis. That could be something they look to target as the draft gets into its later stages.

A.J. Dillon, a member of the Packers 2020 draft class, spent all of 2024 on injured reserve. On March 13, he signed a one-year deal with the Philadelphia Eagles.

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Green Bay says farewell to seven free agents

BY LUKE REIMER
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As the new NFL season kicked off last month, the Green Bay Packers were once again somewhat active with regard to shaping its roster for the coming year.

While it is always more fun to look at the new players who are brought in, Green Bay's free agency really revolved around who was heading out. In total, Green Bay said farewell to seven players who regularly saw time as rotation pieces.

The first of those departures was running back AJ Dillon. After failing to meet expectations in Green Bay due to injuries and inconsistent play, Dillon signed a one-year, $1.3 million contract with the Philadelphia Eagles to help spell Saquon Barkley as the Eagles look to make it back to the Super Bowl.

Given the improved play of both Emanuel Wilson and Chris Brooks, as well as the workhorse ability of Josh Jacobs, losing Dillon does not seem like it will be a major hit to the Packers' offense.

After Dillon's departure was Eric Stokes, who signed a one-year, $3.5 million deal with the Las Vegas Raiders. Stokes, much like Dillon, suffered the fate of not living up to expectations during his time in Green Bay. Drafted as the team's first-round pick in 2021, Stokes only started 32 games for the Packers, shifting to a rotational role in 2024.

Drafted by the Packers in 2021, Eric Stokes had his fifth-year option declined by Green Bay, making him a free agent after the 2024 season. On March 13, he signed a one-year deal with the Las Vegas Raiders.

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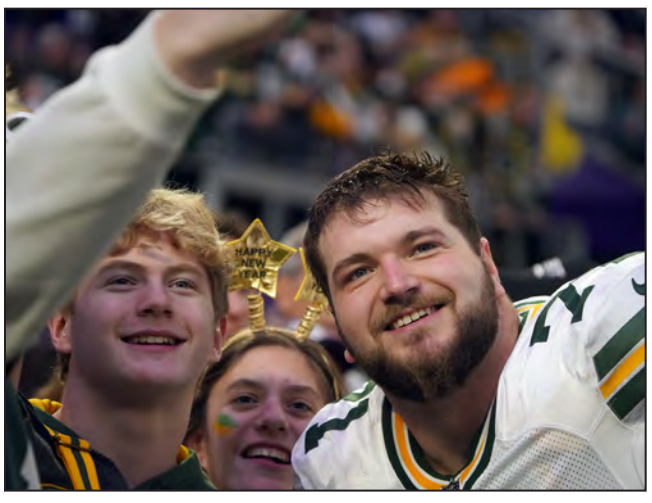

Another 2021 draft pick, Josh Myers missed just one game playing at the center spot. The Packers have already started to rectify Myers' departure as it signed Aaron Banks to the offensive line from the San Francisco 49ers.

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Filling the running back position in Dillon's place is probably not a major priority for the Packers, as Wilson and Brooks have both shown ability to fill in Jacobs' shoes when he is taken out. Even though the Packers have a solid trio in the backfield, spending a later draft pick on a running back may be in the cards, to build some competition.

As for the cornerback position in replacing Stokes, that must be a point Green Bay addresses quickly, as the NFC North features three of the better passing offenses in the NFL.

With Keisean Nixon taking on a larger role on the defensive side of the ball, as well as the signing of Nate Hobbs, it seems that the Packers have started a plan, but looking at a defensive back early in the NFL draft seems likely. Either way, replacing the cornerback position really seems like it comes down to whether Jaire Alexander is on the team next year or not.

"There could be a possibility, absolutely," said general manager Brian Gutekunst, on if Alexander will play for the Packers next season. "We are kind of in the middle of that right now."

What does not help support the depth at the defensive back position right now is two more Packers corners signing elsewhere in free agency. Robert Rochell, who primarily spent his time on special teams, recently signed with the Kansas City Chiefs, and Corey Ballentine, who saw extended time on defense last season due to injuries, signed a deal with the Indianapolis Colts.

Continuing on the defensive side of the ball, Green Bay also lost on defensive tackle T.J. Slaton in free agency. Slaton, who showed his prowess as a solid rotational piece, playing in every game since he was drafted in 2021, signed a contract with the Cincinnati Bengals.

This loss probably hurts more than a lot of people think, just due to Slaton's availability, as well as his production – 133 total tackles, six tackles for loss, two sacks and seven quarterback hits and four batted passes.

While defensive tackle is another position that is probably not at the highest priority, making up for 133 total tackles over four seasons is not an easy thing to do. This is probably another position that Green Bay can use a mid- to late draft pick on, similar to what it did with Slaton in 2021.

Either way, Kenny Clark is only getting older, and Devonte Wyatt has some injury concerns. If these two are healthy though, Green Bay has enough personnel to kick-the-can down the road at defensive tackle for a year or two yet.

Other than Dillon and Stokes, the most notable departure for the Packers in free agency this season was Josh Myers.

Since he was drafted in 2021, Myers missed just one game playing at the center spot. The Packers have already started to rectify Myers' departure as it signed Aaron Banks to the offensive line from the San Francisco 49ers. Signing Banks allows Elgton Jenkins to slide into the center spot, where Jenkins had most of his success in college.

"We have had plenty of conversations with Elgton leading up to it, and obviously he played center in college, and we feel he has a chance to be an all-pro center," said Gutekunst. "We have talked a lot about how versatility plays into our offensive line and having guys that can move to different spots. Elgton is one of those guys that can play all five spots. He is a luxury, but I am excited to see what he can do at center."

Finally, the last Packers player who will be wearing a new uniform next season is Eric Wilson.

Wilson, who started 12 games at the linebacker position, due to injuries to Quay Walker last season, signed a one-year, $1.2 million contract with the Minnesota Vikings in the offseason. While playing for Green Bay, Wilson totaled 87 total tackles, three sacks and one interception.

Losing Wilson takes more than a hit to the defense though, as he became one of Green Bay's better special teams players. Over the past three seasons, he recorded 33 tackles, leading the team. He now returns to Vikings where he played his first four seasons in the NFL.

Replacing a leading tackler on special teams is not going to be an easy thing, but given Green Bay's roster, it has to be addressed sooner than later. Signing a veteran to a cheap deal may be in the cards, but again looking to the draft might be the Packers' best option for long-term success at both special teams and on defense.

Wisconsin supper clubs take front and center

Friday fish fry, other fare just as popular as football with residents

Prepare to experience the culinary magic of Wisconsin's legendary supper clubs while helping to tackle student food insecurity.

The first-ever Taste of the Draft will showcase a blend of iconic menu classics and nostalgic ambiance in a one-of-a-kind gathering of Wisconsin supper clubs. Presented by Schreiber Foods, Taste of the Draft is a new community impact initiative in collaboration with the Green Bay Packers to benefit GENYOUth's commitment to end student hunger in Wisconsin.

It will be held on the evening before the NFL Draft – April 23 from 4-7 p.m. at Schreiber Foods headquarters, 400 N. Washington St., Green Bay.

A Friday night fish fry is among the most popular meals at Wisconsin supper clubs, and Classics in Shawano is no different. The traditional Wisconsin fare is just as popular as the Green Bay Packers.

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Taste of the Draft will be hosted by Andrew Zimmern, Emmy- and four-time James Beard Award-winning TV personality, chef, Taste of the NFL culinary host and Goodwill Ambassador for the UN World Food Programme; Mark Bucher, co-founder of Medium Rare Restaurant Group, World Burger Champion and Taste of the NFL chef; and Paul Bartolotta, owner and co-founder of The Bartolotta Restaurants and a two-time James Beard Award-winning chef.

Twenty Wisconsin supper clubs will serve up signature dishes:

- Bootleggers Lodge in Tomahawk.
- Cattails Supper Club in Larsen.
- Dalles House Supper Club in St. Croix Falls.
- Eddie's Restaurant in Superior.
- Gabe's Wisconsin Kitchen and Tavern in Oshkosh.
- Green Acres Supper Club in Sauk City.
- House of Embers in Wisconsin Dells.
- Hotel Seymour Supper Club in Seymour.
- Krabbe's Supper Club in Seymour.
- Lox Supper Club in Combined Locks.
- Mark's East Side in Appleton.
- Moonlight Tavern & Supper Club in Port Washington.
- Nightingale Supper Club in Sturgeon Bay.
- Rupp's Supper Club in Cleveland (Wisconsin).
- Palms Supper Club in Schofield.
- 3 Mile House Supper Club in Hazel Green.
- Timmer's Resort Union Hotel & Restaurant in West Bend.
- Van Abel's of Hollandtown in Kaukauna.
- Wildflower Supper Club in Kewaunee.

From relish trays, popovers and America's Dairyland delights, to meat and seafood specialties, and Fork Farms salad bar favorites, Taste of the Draft will feature flavorful supper club cuisine from across the state.

And no Wisconsin supper club is complete without a showcase of local cheeses and other dairy favorites, as well as curated spirits and after-dinner dairy-delicious ice cream drinks — including grasshoppers and pink squirrels.

In addition to tasting the favorite dishes of celebrity and locally loved chefs, guests will be able to mix and mingle with Green Bay Packers greats including LeRoy Butler, Jerry Kramer, James Lofton, Dave Robinson and Ahman Green, as well as experience other surprise-and-delight moments including musical entertainment, a sleight-of-hand magician, a silent auction, an appearance by Miss America and Taste of the Draft's very own beer garden.

Taste of the Draft will raise critical funds for GENYOUth's commitment to tackling student food insecurity in Wisconsin. Nutrition grants will be awarded to up to 90 schools, in celebration of the 90th NFL Draft, including Grab and Go school meal carts and milk coolers to increase access to and participation in healthy school meals.

"With one in six Wisconsin children living in food insecurity and nearly half of the state's students qualifying for free and reduced-price school meals based on household income, GENYOUth's mission to help all kids thrive through nutrition and physical activity is more urgent than ever," said Ann Marie Krautheim, CEO of GENYOUth.

Tickets to Taste of the Draft are available at tasteofthenfl.com/taste-of-the-draft-2025/.

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