

Gillett schools try again for referendum

Board seeks \$5.7M over three years for operational expenses

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

The Gillett School District has learned lessons from a failed operational referendum in April and made some adjustments to ask for smaller bites when it asks voters to approve overriding state-mandated funding caps this November.

The previous referendum was for five years, with the district's ask starting at \$2 million in the first year but more than doubling by the 2030-31 school to \$4.3 million. The funding for the first two years was expected to bring teacher pay up from the bottom in the region and the bottom 15 of the state's 421 school districts.

This time around, the district is seeking a three-year override that asks for \$1.9 million each of the next three years, starting with the current one that started in July. The projections by the district indicate there will be a hike in the tax levy this year, followed by a decrease for the following two years.

A lot of the additional money would be used for increasing teacher pay. Superintendent Nathan Hanson said the money would not be enough to bring Gillett to the 50th percentile, but it should cut down on the number of good teachers leaving the district for higher pay.

"We had four different teachers leave this year for \$10,000 raises," Hanson said. "All of our other staff who have left have reported they went and got a bigger increase in wage."

Gillett School Board President Robin Banaszynski said the board looked at the feedback from the community, and one of the criticisms of the last referendum was that the amount of money changed from year to year, while another was the five-year term. Banaszynski said the board decided to simplify and limit the time of the override even though it means having to ask voters for another referendum in three years.

"It's hard, especially here," Banaszynski said. "It's hard to ask the voters for money."

Hanson noted the three-year term would allow the district to project more conservatively what expenses will be in that amount of time versus five years, as well as see what the state does with education funding in the future. However, he said a demerit is the smaller referendum will result in spending deficits for the second and third years, whereas the five-year referendum kept Gillett afloat for all five years.

Failure of the referendum would end up putting the district in a deficit of \$1.4



ABOVE: First grade students work on team building exercises Sept. 3 at Gillett Elementary School as a new school year starts. While class sizes are manageable now, not getting more funding for the schools could result in the district having to trim more teaching positions, which would cause class sizes to increase. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA
RIGHT: A brand new school year means children filling the hallways of Gillett Elementary School, along with the classrooms. The Gillett School Board seeks a \$5.7 million referendum to keep quality education in Gillett. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

million in 2026-27 and escalating to almost \$2.3 million in the 2028-29 school year. The district would have to look at other measures to balance the budget each year, including increased class sizes, struggles with staff retention, and elimination of programs and electives.

Cutting the electives would be a bad thing for students, because many of those electives help steer students toward a



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Seniors get needed meals from the Main Course in Oconto Falls.

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Pytaks serve communities one meal at a time

Oconto Falls restaurant provide meals to county's elderly

By **GREG SEUBERT**
Correspondent

An Oconto Falls business has created a successful partnership with a Marinette County elderly services agency to provide in-person and delivered meals to Oconto County residents.

Becky Pytak and her husband, David, own and operate The Main Course, which has been based at the Oconto Falls Community and Senior Center for the past year.

The Pytaks provide meals three days a week through the Meals on Wheels program while also running The Main Course three days a week out of the senior center after moving the business from Main Street in Oconto Falls.

"David is the main cook and I do a lot of the managing," Becky Pytak said. "He probably does 75% of the cooking, and I do 25%."

On a typical day, the Pytaks and their staff will cook food for delivered meals, meals served at the senior center and food for The Main Course.

About 25 people will go to the senior center for lunch starting at noon, and Pytak also prepares home-delivered meals for about 60 people.

Most people that come in for lunch live alone or are older, Pytak said.

"You have to be 60, that's the only requirement, for eating here," she said.

"There's a tiny bit more when it comes to delivery, but usually, if you've been in the hospital or are living alone and don't have regular transportation, you generally qualify for delivery. It's nice that they can have a homemade meal."

The Pytaks come up with a menu for each month. Baked haddock is a popular Meals on Wheels menu item, according to Pytak.

"As the months go by, you figure out what people really like," Pytak said. "Baked haddock is something we do twice a month because they love it and it brings in quite a few people."

About 75% of those that eat at the senior center come in all three days.

"They like it because they're older," Pytak said. "Some of them might have failing health. Some of them are just tired of cooking for two people."

There is a suggested donation of \$5 for each meal served at the senior center and \$6 for each delivered meal.

"They get the whole meal and then they get milk, fruit and three times a month, I make a dessert," Pytak said. "A lot of people appreciate the cost of the meal."

The Main Course is hired through Marinette County to provide catered food and manage the site. Marinette County handles arrangements for Marinette and Oconto counties.

"It's worked out for the



Becky Pytak stocks potato chips at The Main Course, the restaurant she and her husband, David, own and operate at the Oconto Falls Community and Senior Center on Caldwell Avenue in Oconto Falls.

GREG SEUBERT

senior center having someone here regularly," Pytak said. "It brings more people into the building. We do activities before (lunch). We do bingo, cards, crafts. Sometimes, there are people who come and talk. Bingo is the big thing."

Meals on Wheels meals are served starting at noon on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, while The Main Course is open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday.

People that show up at the senior center are asked

to make a reservation at least a day in advance so Pytak can plan how many meals to prepare. Reservations can be made by calling 920-373-7717.

Olivia Cherry is executive director of Marinette County Elderly Services, which oversees the Meals on Wheels program for Oconto and Marinette counties.

Last year, the senior nutrition program served 54,448 meals between the two counties, including 2,205 in-person meals and 15,659 home-delivered meals in Oconto County; and 13,130 in-person meals and 27,454 home-delivered meals in Marinette County.

"Oconto Falls is just one of our eight senior dining locations throughout Marinette and Oconto counties," Cherry said. "Now that Becky and David are here catering the meals for this site, I don't have to worry too much about Oconto Falls, because they do a great job."

Other locations in Oconto County are located at the Mountain Community Center, 13413 state highways 32 and 64, Mountain, where meals are served at noon Tuesdays and Thursdays; and River City Diner and Smokehouse, 805 Brazeau Ave., Oconto, where meals are served from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays.

Reservations for the Mountain site can be made by calling 715-850-3773. Reservations in Oconto can be made by calling 715-854-7453.

Marinette's locations are in Goodman, Niagara, Crivitz, Peshtigo and Marinette and serve meals from one to four days a week, depending on the location.

Anyone interested in receiving home-delivered meals in either county through the Meals on Wheels program can contact Marinette County Elderly Services and be screened to see if they qualify.

Cherry said she's noticed an increase in the number of home-delivered meal inquiries because of the current economy.

"Obviously, food and fuel costs haven't been great for anybody," she said. "That affects our program as well. About two-thirds of the state has a wait list for home-delivered meals and we do not. We've been trying really hard over the last few years to not have a wait list. Right now, we will reach anybody in Marinette or Oconto counties who needs them."

Cherry wants to spread the word about in-person dining at the meal sites in both counties.

"We can feed a lot of people at our locations," she said. "Anybody over the age of 60 can come to any of those locations and get a meal. It's not easy to cook for one or two people."

Government programs subsidize the cost of the meal to keep it affordable for seniors.

"Our full-meal cost is about \$14.50, but in order to keep the program

affordable and have people participate, we ask for a suggested donation of \$5 in-person and \$6 home-delivered," Cherry said.

Cherry and Pytak said it's important to offer programs such as Meals on Wheels.

"Every year, our drivers find an emergency," Cherry said. "They always follow the same procedure every delivery if there would be an emergency. We recently had a gentleman that had an emergency and the driver called 9-1-1, stayed with him until help arrived and then went on with his deliveries. That man ended up in intensive care and eventually was able to go back home a few days later. Without that driver being there that day, finding him and calling for help, it could have been a different scenario."

Pytak said the arrangement has worked well for her business, local Meals on Wheels coordinators and those who receive the meals, whether at the senior center or at their home.

"When we moved to the senior center so we could cook for Meals on Wheels, it was one of the greatest blessings God has given me aside from my family," she said. "We feel like we are doing more of a service for the community now. Seeing the people during the dine-in meal warms my heart. They are happy, smiling and always so appreciative and caring."

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Becky Pytak, left, and Olivia Cherry work together to provide thousands of in-person and home-delivered meals each year in Oconto County through the Meals on Wheels program. Pytak's restaurant, The Main Course, located at the Oconto Falls Community and Senior Center, provides meals three times a week throughout Oconto County. Cherry is the executive director of Marinette County Elderly Services, which manages the Meals on Wheels program for both counties.

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particular career path, in Banaszynski's view. Even though the state considers it optional to have agriculture and technical education classes, she feels eliminating them would result in Gillett students enrolling in other school districts that offer the opportunity.

"If we had to do those kind of things — that's what we talked about as a board — what kind of school would we have left?" Banaszynski said.

The same is true for athletic programs, she added. Many athletic programs bring in additional money that can be used for improving schools that would go away if programs were cut completely. Gillett Secondary School had to cancel its varsity football season due to lack of participation, and Banaszynski said she was uncertain how that would impact the school's homecoming this fall.

"There's a lot of very generous businesses and people," Banaszynski said. "Those are the types of things that the community goes all in on. We don't want to not have those things."

Before the Gillett School Board approved a new referendum, other actions have taken place to tighten the belt, which has yielded \$695,000 in savings. Among them have been to share a physical

therapist with the Bonduel School District, which was part of reducing support staff for physical and occupational therapy to the tune of \$100,000. Also, administrative contracts have been reduced, and the district has collaborated with Northeast Wisconsin Technical College for free and low-cost technology resources.

The district has restructured its staff, eliminating a 4-year-old kindergarten teaching position and eliminating two paraprofessional positions, saving the district \$170,000. A full-time custodian was reduced to part-time, saving \$50,000, and a dean of students was replaced with a behavioral interventionist that cut costs for the district by \$40,000.

The 3-year-old kindergarten program is becoming a parent-funded program instead of Gillett schools taking in the cost, which should cut \$100,000 out of the budget. Staff health insurance plans were adjusted to provide another \$90,000 in savings, while the district also stopped offering non-required college credit courses, which trimmed the budget by \$40,000.

Other budget efficiencies include reorganizing the budget to maximize the state special education reimbursement, which reduced the local tax impact by \$65,000, along with

securing a grant to purchase a district van to the tune of \$40,000, which is expected to cut daily bus-sing costs.

For board member Nicole Blaskowski, the school district is inextricably linked with the community, whether it's the city of Gillett or the outlying towns, so passing the referendum is a way to keep the rural section of Oconto County alive.

"Our community is so involved with the school and vice versa," Blaskowski said. "We want our kids to come back here and have jobs. We want their kids to come and go to school here. That's something that I dream of for my whole family."

It's because of that positive symbiosis that she hopes people will see their way to voting yes on the \$5.7 million referendum.

"Just because we live in a lower-income community doesn't mean that our kids don't deserve the world," Blaskowski said. "They don't deserve less than. Even though there are some people who don't have kids in the school, as a part of being in the community, it means being together. That togetherness comes with it. In order for our kids to feel good by the people in our area, we need to show that we're willing to make that investment."

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OBITUARIES

DUANE F. BATCHELOR

Duane F. Batchelor, 64, of Little Suamico, passed away Wednesday, Aug. 26, 2026, at a local hospital. The son of Louis and Margaret (Lawrence) Grell was born Feb. 10, 1962, in Dodgeville.

Duane grew up in Plano, Illinois, and graduated from Plano High School. Following high school, he graduated from Waubesa Community College with a degree in criminal justice. He worked for a short time as a police officer in Illinois before moving his family to northeastern Wisconsin to farm.

After farming, Duane became a manager at Carver Yacht in Pulaske where his career spanned over 16 years. Duane's career also included selling insurance and working for Aurora Hospital in the scheduling department.

Duane was an avid fan of the Chicago Bears, Cubs and Bulls. When his children were younger, they enjoyed taking



family camping and fishing trips. Duane also enjoyed deer and pheasant hunting with his son, Justin, and taking hunting trips out West with his good friend, Larry. Duane cherished the time spent outdoors with family and friends.

Survivors include his first wife, Ada Brazeau, and their children, Justin (Meggie) Batchelor, Denise (Mahmoud "Gabo") Gaballa and Amber Batchelor; his longtime partner, Carla Delzer, and their children, Megan Batchelor, Heidi

(Matt) Bukowiec and Tyler Christensen; grandchildren, Grace, Philip, Payton, Alexander, Nour, Noah, Lily, Isabella and Jordan; his father, Louis Grell; two brothers, Bruce (Dena) Batchelor and Mike (Lisa) Batchelor; sister, Theresa Jensen; aunt, Lucy Hill; uncle, Delbert Lawrence; and nieces and nephews, Heather, Amy, Bruce Jr., Patrick, Amanda, Kyle and Jeanifer.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Margaret Grell; nephew, Jeremy Batchelor; and great-grandmother, Marie Lawrence.

Friends are invited to gather with family at Marnocha Funeral Home, 186 E. Pulaski St., Pulaske, on Saturday, Sept. 12, from 10 a.m. until noon when a time for memory sharing will take place.

Online condolences may be offered to Duane's family at www.marnochafuneralhome.com or on the Marnocha Funeral Home Facebook page.

JOHN H. ARNDT SR.

John H. Arndt Sr., 76, of Rock, passed away Saturday, Aug. 29, 2026, at OSF St. Francis Hospital in Escanaba, Michigan.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth Arndt, and his parents, Henry and Anastasia Arndt. He left behind

his three children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Private services will be held at the convenience of the family.

The Skradski Family Funeral Homes of Delta County are assisting the Arndt family.

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At left, longtime auctioneer Leonard Yoap of Yoap & Yoap Auction & Real Estate presides over the junior livestock auction Sept. 4. The auction raised more than \$780,000. Below, 8-year-old William Secrest, of Keshena, enjoys rounds of bingo with his family. Also, Karen Bielfuss, at bottom right, made a day of it in the bingo parlor. There was plenty of dancing at President's Park and ribbons at the Huntington 4-H Youth Building.



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GREG MELLIS

Grayson Mielke is congratulated for auctioning his cake twice. After a successful first winning bid, the buyer donated it back for a second auction. At far right, he patiently waits his turn as 58 cakes were sold.



Chad Przybylski And His Polka Rhythms performed at President's Park on Sept. 4. He performs with the new generation of concertina players.



At left, 8 1/2-month-old calf Rambo, who belongs to Camsden Kern, of the Pella Eagles 4-H Club, sits with Nevaeh Lane-Smith. Above, fairgoers enjoy ice cream at the 4-H stand.

Class of 1968 reunites



Members of the Shawano High School class of 1968 recently held a reunion at the Shawano Lake County Park Pavilion.

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Donations sought for lumberjack breakfast events

Woodland
Heritage Day
celebrated Oct. 3

The Menominee Tribal Historic Preservation Office will hold its annual lumberjack breakfast and Woodland Heritage Day on Oct. 3 at the Menominee Logging Museum.

Organizers are also seeking donations of promotional items, gift certificates or a donation for basket drawings to help support this community event. All proceeds from the event directly benefit the Menominee Tribal Museum, ensuring the preservation of the Menominee Tribe's unique logging

history and cultural practices. Serving for the lumberjack breakfast begins at 8 a.m. and continues until all food is sold out. Cultural workshops also begin at 8 a.m. Community members can submit pies to compete for prizes in the pie contest and auction. A 50/50 raffle and

basket drawings will take place at noon. This is a drug- and alcohol-free community event, and everyone is welcome to attend. To contribute donation items or ask questions, contact the Menominee Tribal Historic Preservation Office at 715-799-5258, or reach Jean directly at 715-799-3757.

Changes coming to ambulance service agreement

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

The city of Shawano's agreement with Shawano Ambulance Service is changing its terms after 33 years of providing medical transport for local residents. The changes are coming at the request of Pat Trinko, the service's executive director. In a letter to City Clerk Lesley Nemetz, Trinko noted the agreement only has a few adjustments that need to be made at the recommendation of the ambulance service's attorney. One of the changes was requiring a 90-day notice of either side to issue a notice of nonrenewal. Previously, the time period was 60 days. Another change was to the amount of compensation the ambulance service receives. The

agreement had originally a set annual amount, which was \$36,840 in 1993, that needed to be paid in quarterly installments. Now, the city will need to pay a per capita rate using the Wisconsin Department of Administration Demographic Services Center's final population estimate, which is usually released no later than Oct. 10 of the year preceding the contract term. The new agreement also strikes out requirements for corporate seals and multiple witnesses, as such practice with contracts have become less prevalent. The agreement was presented Sept. 4 to the Shawano Finance Committee for discussion only, as the final agreement is expected to come later this year.

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'Wisconsin Foodie' host coming to library

"Wisconsin Foodie" host and James Beard Award nominee Luke Zahm will be at the Shawano County Library's main branch to talk about all things local food and his experiences as the host of the popular PBS show. He will be at the library, 128 S. Sawyer St., Shawano, at 6 p.m. Sept. 23.

Zahm is the co-owner of the Driftless Cafe in Viroqua, which is known for elevating produce of the Driftless Area. Originally from La Farge, Zahm has been awarded Edible Madison's "Local Hero" twice and was nominated for a James Beard award in 2017. He has been the host of Emmy Award winning "Wisconsin Foodie" since

2020. The evening with Zahm will offer insights into the local food movement. Zahm is passionate about quality organic food and will talk to attendees about simple ways to prepare what's in season. He will also regale the audience with stories of his travels around the state as host

of "Wisconsin Foodie." The Shawano County Library hosts free programs for all ages. "The library is not just books anymore," said Claire O'Brien, coordinator of Zahm's event. "We try to have all kinds of programs to benefit our community. It's just a great time for Luke to be here and celebrate with us."



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Bonduel, Oconto Falls win in Packerland

Suring puts up big numbers in third victory

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

If the Packerland Conference is going to be like the opener, fans of the Bonduel and Oconto Falls football teams can count on a successful season.

Bonduel handed Kewaunee a 28-22 loss Sept. 4 in the conference opener for both teams, while the Panthers opened Packerland play with a 26-7 home win over Oconto in the Battle of Highway 22 game.

Meanwhile, Suring and Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy picked up Marinette and Oconto-8 8-player wins Sept. 3 with victories over Goodman/Pembine and Wausaukee, respectively.

Bonduel 28, Kewaunee 22

All seven of the game's touchdowns came in the first half.

Carter Moesch scored the first of his four rushing touchdowns for the Bears on a 2-yard run before adding a 9-yard run with 3:32 left in the first quarter that gave Bonduel a 14-0 lead.

Kewaunee answered on its next drive with Diesel Bosdeck's 59-yard

quarterback keeper, but Moesch added touchdown runs of 54 and 56 yards that gave the Bears a 28-7 lead in the second quarter.

The Storm scored twice in the final three minutes of the first half to cut the lead to six points. Bosdeck connected with Mason Kovacs on a 17-yard pass that made it 28-15, and Dane Harrell returned a mishandled punt snap 45 yards on the final play of the first half that also turned out to be the final score of the game.

Kewaunee had a chance to tie or take the lead late in the game, as the Storm reached the Bonduel 15-yard line, but Bosdeck's pass on fourth down with 15 seconds to go fell incomplete.

Bonduel had a pair of 100-yard rushers, as Moesch led the way with 159 yards on 13 carries, and Malachi Gray added 125 on 11 rushes.

Bonduel's passing wasn't a factor in the game, as Quinn Wesenberg completed two of seven attempts for 16 yards.

Bosdeck completed 15 of 18 passes for 114 yards, including six completions to Kovacs for 72 yards. Blake Temme led Kewaunee rushers with 87 yards in 18 carries.

Bonduel improved to 3-0, and the Storm fell to 1-2.

Oconto Falls 26, Oconto 7

The Panthers improved to 2-1 overall with a win over the Blue Devils at ST



Garrett Lom and the 2-0 Pulaski Red Raiders headed to the Green Bay area Sept. 4 to face another 2-0 team, Bay Port, in the Fox River Classic Conference-North opener for both teams. Bay Port handed the Red Raiders a 46-0 loss while finishing the game with nearly 400 passing yards.

GREG SEUBERT

Paper Stadium.

It was the first Packerland Conference win for Oconto Falls, which moved from the Northwoods Conference this season.

Winneconne 34, Shawano 7

The defending WIAA Division 4 state champions handed the Hawks their second loss of the season.

Winneconne was inside the Shawano 1-yard line on the game's opening drive but had to settle for Andrew Dorn's 23-yard field goal.

The Wolves added a pair of touchdowns in the second quarter on Henry Chase's passes of 38 yards to Drew Lenz and 66 yards to Ryan Quigley with 17 seconds to go in the first half.

Camden Plotz made it 24-0 with a 2-yard

touchdown run with 4:05 remaining in the third quarter, Dorn added a 22-yard field goal early in the fourth quarter, and Lenz capped Winneconne's scoring with a 4-yard run with 7:39 to go in the game.

Shawano's touchdown came on Deacan Wizner's 8-yard run with 1:45 remaining.

Bay Port 46, Pulaski 0

The Pirates led 14-0 after one quarter, 26-0 at halftime and 32-0 after three quarters before scoring two more touchdowns in the fourth quarter as Bay Port handed Pulaski its first loss of the season.

Bohdan Schmidt finished with 77 of the Red Raiders' 123 rushing yards, while Anthony Ficarra added 44.

Bay Port also held Pulaski to 15 passing yards; finished with 518 yards

of offense, including 398 through the air, and had touchdown passes of 94 and 79 yards.

Suring 56, Goodman/Pembine 6

Suring headed to Goodman to face the Patriots and returned home with its third win over the season.

Taylor Booth-Stoffregen completed all three of his passes for 111 yards, including a 50-yard touchdown to Dayne Ermis.

Kroix Kempka added 96 rushing yards and three scores on the ground.

The Eagles have now outscored their three opponents 173-20.

Lena/STAA 58, Wausaukee 0

Lena/STAA shut out the Rangers in Wausaukee for the Titans' second straight win.

Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah 41, Marion/Tigerton 6

Tigerton 6

Marion/Tigerton's 8-player home game against Bowler/Gresham in Marion previously scheduled for Sept. 4 was cancelled.

Bowler/Gresham recently opted out of a varsity schedule for the 2026 season for the third year in row but will have a junior varsity team.

Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah was originally scheduled to play Gillett, which cancelled its varsity program for this season.

Sept. 11 schedule (all games start at 7 p.m.)

11-player: Green Bay Preble at Pulaski; Wittenberg-Birnamwood at Stratford; Shawano at New London; Bonduel at Marinette; Oconto Falls at Kewaunee. 8-player: Gibraltar at Lena/STA; Wausaukee at Suring; Marion/Tigerton has bye.

Chargers can't stop Warhawks

Wega-Fremont hands W-B its second defeat

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

In a league that also includes perennial playoff teams Stratford, Amherst, Colby and Wittenberg-Birnamwood, the Weyauwega-Fremont football team was looking to make some noise in its Central Wisconsin-Large Conference opener.

The Warhawks made plenty of noise at the expense of Wittenberg-Birnamwood on Sept. 4 by scoring on four of its first five possessions in a 35-6 win over the Chargers in Weyauwega.

Weyauwega-Fremont improved to 3-0 on the season with the win, while the Chargers fell to 1-2.

Not even a 40-minute

lightning delay late in the second quarter could keep the Warhawks from finding the end zone.

The first of five straight touchdown drives for the Warhawks ended with Carter Birdyshaw's 9-yard quarterback keeper midway through the first quarter.

A fumble on the Chargers' first play recovered by Jason Hansen gave the Warhawks the ball at the Wittenberg-Birnamwood 17-yard line, and DeWayne Borntreger capped the drive with a 2-yard touchdown run that gave the home team a 14-0 lead with 2:24 left in the first quarter.

Injuries early in the game ended up taking a toll on the Chargers, coach Jason Rieck said.

"I think we lost four starters to injuries in the first quarter," he said. "It's hard to rebound from that, but it's the next guy



Reid Huffman lines up as a defensive end for Wittenberg-Birnamwood against Weyauwega-Fremont's offense.

GREG SEUBERT

Pulaski’s Gerth leads area runners in De Pere

**Thursday, Sept. 3
James Boyd
Invitational**

Pulaski’s Maggie Gerth placed second in the girls large school competition, and Oconto Falls’ Lily Meissner placed fifth in the girls small school cross country meet hosted by De Pere at Shorewood Cross Country Course in Green Bay.

Top 10 finishes for boys competing in the small school category included Shawano’s Josiah Kuehl in eighth and Gillett’s Noah Soper in 10th.

Pulaski’s Mitchell Pilon was 10th among boys in the large schools.

Small school, girls: 5, Lily Meissner, Oconto Falls, 21:00.8; 20, Aspynn Anderson, Lena-St. Thomas Aquinas Academy, 22:08.8; 25, Emma Meissner, OF, 22:28; 30, Hope Soper, Gillett, 22:42.2; 31, Amanda Pate, G, 22:44.5; 39, Ellie Beschta, OF, 23:00.1; 40, Ava Savage, OF, 23:02.3; 45, Mikelah Powers, Shawano, 23:26.4; 48, Adrena Rabas, L/STAA, 23:38.5; 51, Sydney Braund, OF, 23:47.2; 53, Alisa Finger, L/STAA, 23:50.9; 54, Brooklyn Viestenz, L/STAA, 23:52.4; 67, Ava Holtz, OF, 24:37.6; 69, Alexandria Braund, OF, 21:41.1.; 72, Ava Macha, OF, 24:43.5; 78, Madilyn Powers, S, 25:01.5; 82, Lorelei Hancock, S, 25:13.5; 83, Molly Hanson, S, 25:14.7; 96, McKenna Miller, S, 26:02.5; 97, Halle Wendorff, G, 26:06.1.

Large school girls: 2, Maggie Gerth, Pulaski, 19:19.9; 30,

Addie Bruckert, P, 22:07.5; 40, Ellie Murphy, P, 22:35.5; 41, Cameran Reiss, P, 22:37.7; 56, Paige Micahlski, P, 24:17.1; 68, Estella Vieaux, P, 25:38.2; 75, Tenley Zimmerman, P, 26:22.9.

Small school boys: 8, Josiah Kuehl, S, 17:42.4; 10, Noah Soper, G, 17:49; 23, Teagan Harkey, S, 18:49.7; 24, Quinten Harkey, S, 18:50.5; 34, Sage Mendolla, OF, 19:10.9; 36, Aloysius Frechette, S, 19:12.1; 44, Isaiah Holtz, OF, 19:30.3; 46, Beckett Hendricks, S, 19:31.8; 54, Landon Timm, OF, 20:00.9; 59, Brayden Fish, S, 20:16.7; 62, Mason Lotto, OF, 20:43.7; 73, Dash Comins, L/STAA, 21:24.8; 74, Blake Otto, S, 21:26.1; 75, Braxton Valley, G, 21:26.7; 96, Henry Schaal, G, 23:42.6; 97, Nolan Van Donsal, G, 23:44.6; 99, Brandon Slatky, G, 24:22.3; 104, Cooper Malloy, L/STAA, 26:08.8.

Large school boys: 10, Mitchell Pilon, P, 17:27; 27, Grayden Gossen, P, 18:15; 46, Paxton Marshall, P, 19:17.7; 49, Carter Rykoski, P, 19:23.5; 54, Ben Augustine, P, 19:38.1; 68, Jack Klarkowski, P, 20:13.2; 70, Elliot Wagner, P, 20:20.4; 80, Porter Trudell, P, 20:54.5.

**Wednesday, Sept. 2
Iola-Scandinavia T-Bird Invitational**

Menominee Nation’s Bryant Waupoose III placed fourth for the boys and Bonduel’s Lillian Burrack was fifth for the girls to pace area cross country runners in Iola.

In team competition, Bonduel’s 70 points were enough to place third among six teams. Bonduel’s girls scored 153 points

and placed seventh among eight teams.

Other area runners competed as individuals.

Boys: 4, Bryant Waupoose III, Menominee Nation, 18:01.20; 5, Gage Anderson, Bonduel, 18:09.80; 13, Garrett Anderson, Bonduel, 19:17.30; 19, Griffin Richter, Bonduel, 19:58.00; 20, Joah Dworniczak, Bonduel, 20:08.90; 21, Cassius Reevis, Menominee Nation, 20:20.60; 26, Caleb Putnam, Gresham/Bowler, 20:42.10; 29, Oliver Chitwood, Bonduel, 21:14.10; 35, Kaiden Thornborrow, Bonduel, 21:34.80; 38, Breckin Gleason, Marion-Tigerton, 21:46.30; 42, Liam Rosenthanl, Bonduel, 22:17.80; 46, Carter Beilfuss, Bonduel, 22:21.80; 47, Dylan Keller, Bonduel, 22:28.00; 55, Thomas Nacotee, Menominee Nation, 23:40.00; 56, Josiah

Ford, Bonduel, 23:51.60; 58, Blaze Ejnik, Gresham/Bowler, 23:58.50; 63, Garrett Klosterman, Bonduel, 26:08.20; 67, Mason Pyatskowitz, Gresham/Bowler, 28:01.10; 68, Aiden Robarge, Bonduel, 28:01.40; 70, Mason Martin, Gresham/Bowler, 30:18.20; 72, Mark Buchholz, Wolf River Lutheran, 31:20.20.

Girls: 5, Lillian Burrack, Bonduel, 22:16.80; 18, Violet Buchholz, Wolf River Lutheran, 24:56.90; 19, Brooklyn Ahlers, Marion-Tigerton, 25:23.90; 22, Kember Frome, Bonduel, 26:32.10; 37, Kaylee Nacotee, Menominee Nation, 29:14.40; 43, Katie O’Brien, Bonduel, 30:04.90; 61, Dahlia Harris, Bonduel, 33:03.00; 63, Elaine Skenadore, Menominee Nation, 34:35.90; 66, Audrey Keller, Bonduel, 38:29.10; 68, Aubrey Miller, Gresham/Bowler, 46:24.30.

FOOTBALL, continued from page 10

They have to come ready to play, and we tip our hat to Weyauwega. They were a physical team.”

After forcing a punt, the Warhawks scored again on their next drive on Andy Rosenwinkel’s 4-yard run midway through the second quarter.

Another Wittenberg-Birnamwood fumble set the Warhawks up on their own 48-yard line, and Birdyshaw found the end zone again on a 19-yard run to make it 28-0.

Mistakes — including turnovers and missed assignments — also hurt the team, Rieck said.

“We talk about eliminating mistakes,” he said. “They score, we get the ball, we turn it over. It’s tough to rebound from that, especially when you have a lot of young guys in there due to injuries.”

The lightning delay began after Birdyshaw’s score with 4:41 remaining in the first half.

An interception ended the Chargers’ next drive, but Wittenberg-Birnamwood’s Max Kasprak picked off a Birdyshaw pass to end the first half.

Weyauwega-Fremont’s final score came on its first drive of the second half, as Birdyshaw found Tyson Quick for a 23-yard touchdown pass with 2½ minutes to go in the third quarter.

That touchdown started a running clock, and the Chargers avoided the shutout on Matthew Eastman’s 10-yard run with 5:14 to go in the game.

The Chargers will head to Stratford on Sept. 11 to face the Tigers, one of the favorites to win a CWC-Large championship.

Rieck said it doesn’t



Aydrean McGeshick follows his Wittenberg-Birnamwood blockers during the first half of the Chargers’ game against Weyauwega-Fremont. GREG SEUBERT

matter what team is next on the schedule.

“This conference is no joke, and you have to

prepare every week,” he said. “I think every week is a battle. Every win is a big win. There isn’t a

time to take it easy. Last time we had a loss, we bounced back and played really good football. The

best thing about athletics is another day. Learn from it, get better and hopefully, we’ll improve next week.”

Red Raiders golf team ties for last place in Valders

**Thursday, Sept. 3
FRCC Mini-Meet 3**

Pulaski golfers hit a 228 and tied Manitowoc Lincoln for last place at Autumn Ridge Golf Course in

Valders.

Ellie Mork led the Red Raiders with 49. Also scoring were Taylor Murphy 54, Kaylee Weinbrenner 59 and Talia Van Hout 66.

**Monday, Aug. 31
Luxemburg-Casco
Triangular**

Oconto Falls golfers placed third with a 228 at Northbrook Golf and Grill

in Luxemburg.

Riley Borkovec’s 47 was the second-best score of the day. Also scoring for the Panthers were Jadyn Saari 58, Chloe Anastasopoulos

61 and Emery Pagel 62.

FRCC Mini-Meet #2
Pulaski placed eighth among nine teams with a 197 at Hilly Haven Golf Course in De Pere.

Scoring for the Red Raiders were Ellie Mork 42, Taylor Murphy 43, and Kaylee Weinbrenner and Madison Schuh, each with a 56.



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Little Falls Loggers go back to back to back

Double play ends season for Gresham

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

Badger Amateur Baseball Association Grand Championships and the Little Falls Loggers seem to go hand-in-hand in recent years.

The Loggers handed Gresham an 8-6 defeat Sept. 6 in the BABA's 80th Grand Championship game at Veterans Memorial Ballpark in Gresham to win their third straight title.

In one of the most exciting BABA Grand Championship games in recent memory, the Gophers overcame a 4-0 deficit before scoring six unanswered runs to take a 6-4 lead. However, two home runs from Connor Kurki turned a 6-4 deficit for the Loggers into an 8-6 lead.

The game ended on a double play with outs at home plate and third base in the bottom of the ninth inning after the Gophers

had the tying run on base and the potential winning run at the plate.

Little Falls took a 3-0 lead in the top of the first inning without a hit. Kal Fischer, Kyle Finger and Parker Gullixon drew walks to load the bases with one out.

A fourth walk to Drew Radies resulted in the game's first run, Finger later scored on a wild pitch, and Cam Gruenwald drove in the third run on a fielder's choice.

The Loggers added another run in the second inning, as starting pitcher Carter Kurki doubled and courtesy runner Carter Melum scored on Connor Kurki's sacrifice fly.

Gresham's Trayvon Granquist cut the Loggers' lead in half with a two-run home run in the bottom of the third inning. Carter Weisnicht, who had led off the inning with a single, also scored and the Gophers headed to the fourth inning down 4-2.

The Gophers then used five hits to score four runs in the fifth inning to take a 6-4 lead.

Cody Reimer, Granquist and Nate Ejnik loaded the bases with singles.

Mequon Frechette made it 4-3 by driving in a run on a fielder's choice, Mike Pecore drove in two runs with a double, and Ray White added an RBI single that gave the Gophers a two-run lead.

The score stayed 6-4 until Connor Kurki's solo home run in the seventh inning. He later gave the Loggers the lead for good in his next at-bat with a three-run homer in the eighth inning that turned out to be the final runs of the game. Carter Kurki singled, and Fischer walked ahead of Kurki.

Frechette singled with one out in the bottom of the ninth inning for Gresham, and Crew Weisnicht was hit by a pitch to put runners at first and second. Pecore followed with a hit to left field, but Frechette and Weisnicht were tagged out at home plate and third base, respectively, for a game-ending double play.

Gresham outhit Little Chute 9-6. Chris Dunn ended up getting the win on the mound in relief of Carter Kurki, while Connor Kurki worked the ninth inning to pick up the save.



Nate Ejnik and the Gresham Gophers fell to the Little Falls Loggers on Sept. 6 in the 80th BABA Grand Championship game, played at Veterans Memorial Ballpark in Gresham.
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Troy Springborn wins tiebreaker for racing title

Shawano's Troy Springborn and Steve Kastning each ended up with 220 points in the dirt late models division, but Springborn was crowned champion in the standings after the Sept. 5 races at the Shawano Speedway. Shawano's Brett Swedberg was in third place with 218 points.

In the sport modifieds division, Oconto Fall's Cole Magnin was the champion with 542 points. He topped Tigerton's Forrest Kernen at 530 and Seymour's Tim Jorgenson at 514.

Jeffery Teske, of Shawano, won the modifieds title with 556 points, followed by Shawano's Jordan Bartz with 547 and Wausau's Kevin Feck with 531.

Wisconsin Rapids' Mark Eswein won the stock car division with 539 points. He beat out Oconto Falls' Kyle Frederick with 518 and Clintonville's Jeremie Hedrick with 504.

Finally, in the sport

compact division, Clintonville's Brad Wedde won with 527. He beat Clintonville's Tanner Westphal with 524 and Marion's Justin Haufe with 494.

Swedberg moved up seven spots to capture the checkered flag in the dirt late models feature race on Championship Night.

New London's Justin Ritchie finished second, followed by Marshfield's Chris Oertel in third.

Swedberg also won the first heat race, and Shawano's Joe Reuter won the second.

In the sport modifieds, Appleton's Joey Taycher moved up six spots to win the feature. He beat out Fox Lake's Elijah Koenig, who placed second, and Chilton's Carsin Cullen, who placed third.

Koenig won the first heat, Gresham's Taylor Hoffman won the second, and Shawano's AJ Springborn won the third.

Teske won the modifieds feature race, after

starting sixth. He topped Wausau's Marcus Yarie and Tigerton's Wyatt Block.

Heat winners were Feck and Bartz.

Marion's Dan Michon-ski won the stock car feature, moving up from a sixth-place start. Seymour's Jerry Wilinski was second, and Shiocton's Dylan Stadjee was third.

Wilinski won the first heat, Hedrick won the second, and Black Creek's Chad Guyette won the third.

In the sport compact division, Green Bay's TJ Everard won the feature. He also started on the pole. Seymour's Nick Everard finished second, and Westphal was third.

In a second feature, Bonduel's Clint Malueg won from a fourth-place start. Seymour's Bo White was second, and Wedde was third.

Heat winners were Shawano's Carl King, TJ Everard and Nick Everard.

Wozniak scores hat trick in Pulaski shutout

Thursday, Sept. 3
Pulaski 7, Marshfield 0

The Red Raiders hosted Marshfield and cruised

to a 7-0 victory over the Tigers.

Pulaski built a 6-0 first half lead with goals by Kevin Cruz Lagunes,

Micah Gesell, Miles Mondloch and a hat trick from Walker Wozniak.

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Shawano volleyball squeaks past Abbotsford

Saturday, Sept. 5
Shawano 2, Abbotsford 0
Shawano's volleyball team squeaked past Abbotsford with scores of 26-24 and 25-20.

Marshfield 2, Shawano 0
The Hawks lost to their hosts by scores of 25-16 and 25-10.

Thursday, Sept. 3
Tigerton 3, NEWCHAA 0
Tigerton hosted nonconference foe Northeast Wisconsin Christian Homeschoolers Athletic Association in a best of five match, defeating the Eagles 3-0. Scores were 25-9, 25-14 and 25-8.

"It was good to see the team using free balls to set up their offense and to also see them concentrate on their serving tonight," coach Holly Meverden said.

Stat leaders for Tigerton were:

Digs: Jaelyn Brady and Renata Nordwig with 11 each, Myah Dent with seven, Danika Tiller at five, Presley Stewart-Rolfs with four, Mya Smith and Eliana Michaelis with three each.

Kills: Stewart-Rolfs and Smith 11 each, and Nordwig with seven.

Assists: Tiller 13 and Michaelis with eight.

Block Kills: Stewart-Rolfs with three and Smith with two.

Service aces and points: Nordwig, five aces with 16 points; Tiller, four aces with 12 points; and Michaelis, with aces with 10 points.

The Tigers are 4-1 overall and 1-0 in the CWC North.

Coleman 3, Gillett 0
Gillett's volleyball team was shut out 3-0 by Coleman with scores of 25-18, 25-23, 25-16.

Marion 2, Stockbridge 0
Marion easily defeated Stockbridge by scores of 25-5 and 25-9.

Marion 2, Almond-Bancroft 0
Marion beat Almond-Bancroft 2-0 with game scores of

25-14 and 25-16.

Marion 2, CRCHS 0
Marion downed Coulee Region Christian High School with scores of 25-16 and 25-13.

Gresham 3, Menominee Nation 1
The Wildcats beat the Eagles 3-1 with scores of 21-25, 25-16, 25-15, 25-16.

Tuesday, Sept. 1
Tigerton 3, Bowler 0
Tigerton traveled to Bowler to compete in its first CWC North match of the season and returned home with a 3-0 win. Game scores were 25-10, 25-18, and 25-15.

Leading the Tigers were:

Kills: Presley Stewart-Rolfs 13, Renata Nordwig and Mya Smith with six each, and Eliana Michaelis with four.

Assists: Danika Tiller 18, Michaelis with eight.

Digs: Jaelyn Brady 15, Nordwig and Mya Dent with seven each, Stewart-Rolfs with five and Tiller with four.

Block Kills: Smith had three.

Service points and aces: Stewart-Rolfs, six aces with 11 points; Brady, four aces with 15 points; Tiller, three aces with 11 points; and Dent, two aces with seven points.

Tigerton is 1-0 in conference play and 3-1 overall.

Marion 3, Northland Lutheran 0
Marion shut out Northland Lutheran 3-0 in a conference match by scores of 25-21, 25-12, 25-18.

Gresham 3, White Lake 0
Gresham shut out White Lake 3-0 with scores of 25-13, 25-20, 25-22.

Wabeno/Laona 3, Bonduel 0
Bonduel lost all three games to Wabeno/Laona by scores of 25-22, 25-20, 25-22.

Monday, Aug. 31
Suring 3, Coleman 1
The Eagles won a nonconference match over Coleman by scores of 25-22, 17-25, 25-20, 25-22.

Former Hawk returns to girls basketball program

DePerry played D1, D2 in college, professional ball in Portugal

Shawano Community High School alum Tori DePerry will return to the school as the girls varsity assistant basketball coach.

A former Hawk student-athlete who went on to compete at the collegiate and professional levels, DePerry returns to Shawano with extensive playing experience, a strong understanding of the student-athlete experience and a desire to give back to the program that helped shape her.

"I'm most looking forward to giving back to a program that gave me so many great experiences and memories as a student-athlete," DePerry said. "It's exciting to come back to Shawano and work with athletes who are in the same position I was once in. I aspire to help them grow as athletes, teammates and people while bringing positive energy to the program."

DePerry continued her basketball career at Division 2 Saginaw Valley State University and Division 1 University of South Dakota before playing professionally in



The Shawano School District welcomes Tori DePerry back to the Hawks, and officials look forward to the experience, leadership and energy she will bring to the girls basketball program.

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Portugal. She will bring those experiences to the Hawks program with an emphasis on fundamentals, teamwork, communication and creating an environment where athletes feel confident and prepared to compete.

Head coach Mike Prey said DePerry's experience at the highest levels of the game will be an asset to the program.

"I am extremely excited to have Tori join me on the Shawano Hawks girls basketball

coaching staff," Prey said. "Her knowledge and feel for the game, developed throughout her collegiate and professional playing career, is what I am most excited about. She has experienced the game at a very high level, and I believe that perspective will be invaluable to our players."

Activities director Kayla Bren-demuehl said welcoming a former Hawk back to serve current student-athletes makes the appointment especially meaningful.

"We are thrilled to welcome Tori back to Shawano," Bren-demuehl said. "She brings tremendous basketball experience but equally important is her connection to our school and community."

"Tori understands what it means to be a Hawk, and our student-athletes will benefit from her knowledge, perspective and commitment to helping them grow both on and off the court."

For DePerry, returning home in a coaching role is an opportunity to help provide today's Hawks with the same positive experiences she remembers.

"Shawano has always been an important part of my life, and it means a lot to give back to a program that helped shape me," she said. "I'm excited to learn, contribute and help our athletes become the best versions of themselves."

Pulaski tennis team blanked by Bay Port

Thursday, Sept. 3
Bay Port 7, Pulaski 0
Pulaski was shut out 7-0 by Bay Port, with singles player Alana Stangler winning the most games (five) of any Red Raider.

Singles

No. 1 - Alexia Stephens, Bay Port, def. Anna Krause, Pulaski, 6-1, 6-0.

No. 2 - Sophi Stephens, Bay Port, def. Emory Groteluschen, Pulaski, 6-1, 6-0.

No. 3 - Paige Gillette, Bay Port, def. Alana Stangler, Pulaski, 6-3, 6-2.

No. 4 - Mira Erdmann, Bay Port, def. Riley Hartman, Pulaski, 6-0, 6-1.

Doubles

No. 1 - Rhea Gala - Mira Matuszewski Bay Port, def. Linde Lemerond - Aubrie

Schuessler, Pulaski, 6-0, 6-0.

No. 2 - Evelyn Story - Lilly Jensen, Bay Port, def. Cora Hansen - Vivienne Miskulin, Pulaski, 6-1, 6-1.

No. 3 - Clara Hunt - Allyson Cote, Bay Port, def. Justine Mielke - Lexi Baranczyk, Pulaski, 6-1, 6-2.

Tuesday, Sept. 1
Sheboygan North 7, Pulaski 0
Pulaski's tennis team was shut out 7-0 by Sheboygan North, with the top two doubles teams playing three sets before coming up short.

Singles

No. 1 - Izzy Brault, Sheboygan North, def. Anna Krause, Pulaski, 6-1 6-0.

No. 2 - Thea Bates, Sheboygan North, def. Emory Groteluschen, Pulaski, 6-0, 6-1.

No. 3 - Anna Ruiz, Sheboygan North, def. Alana Stangler, Pulaski, 6-4, 6-4.

No. 4 - Sophie Alfonsi, Sheboygan North, def. Riley Hartman, Pulaski, 6-4, 6-1.

Doubles

No. 1 - Lauren Van Deventer - Ava Brashaw, Sheboygan North, def. Linde Lemerond - Aubrie Schuessler, Pulaski, 6-3, 1-6, 14-12.

No. 2 - Madeline Schultz - Natalie Schaalma, Sheboygan North, def. Vivienne Miskulin - Cora Hansen, Pulaski, 6-2, 3-6, 10-2.

No. 3 - Macy Bowman - Sarah Bemis, Sheboygan North, def. Justine Mielke - Lexi Baranczyk, Pulaski, 6-0, 6-2.

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Mondloch tallied his second goal of the game for the lone score of the second half.

Jax Urben had two assists for the Red Raiders.

Beckett Hall made 17 saves in goal for Marshfield (1-2-1). Blake Bazter and Kyle Hansen each played a half in goal, earning the shutout for Pulaski (3-0-2).

Tuesday, Sept. 1
Pulaski 4, Green Bay East 1
The Red Raiders got a hat trick from Walker Wozniak and notched a 4-1 win over the visiting Red Devils from Green Bay East.

Pulaski got on the board early with a goal from Kevin Cruz Lagunes in the second minute of the game. Wozniak added goals in the 16th and 30th minute to help build a 3-0 halftime

lead for Pulaski.

The Red Devils pulled back within two on a goal from Jecsel Salas in the 63rd minute. Wozniak completed his hat trick with the final goal of the match in the 77th minute.

Daenen Kehoe had two assists for Pulaski. Blake Batzer made two saves in goal for Pulaski (2-0-2).

Waupaca 2, Shawano 1
Cloudy conditions helped bring some relief from the heat when Shawano traveled to Waupaca. Unfortunately, the Hawks returned home after suffering a 2-1 loss to the Comets.

A corner kick by Grayson Swedberg was turned into a goal by Brayden Meade for Shawano.

Saturday, Aug. 29
Shawano 3, Merrill 1

The Hawks came away with a win in the rain. Merrill's Ryan Bares scored first with under 12 minutes into the game. Grayson Swedberg

came back to tie the game just three minutes later. Charlie Grieves scored to finish off the half. Swedberg made another goal in the second half.

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Cannon Farm offers natural products

From meats to jams, farmer offers a lot in farm store

By KAY REMINGER
Correspondent

From meat to vegetables, everything sold on the Cannon Family Farm is all-natural and homegrown, farm to table.

Born and raised appreciating a farming background, owner Sheldon Cannon stresses the importance of knowing where food comes from. Raising steers, geese, ducks, roosters, chickens, pigs, rabbits and goats, he is kept busy offering healthy, clean food.

"Everything we grow here is free of hormones, chemicals or antibiotics, is locally grown and 100% all natural," said Cannon. "Eggs in the store selling for 99 cents a dozen might have been sitting in a warehouse for months on end until they get to the shelf for sale. Here, we have fresh-laid eggs," he said. "We bring a hog in to butcher, and processing takes days instead of weeks to get it back."

Also on the farm — offered in a self-serve capacity — are canned jellies and jams, farm-fresh chicken and duck eggs and homemade bird suet. Additionally, a variety of vegetables such as sweet corn, tomatoes, onions and peppers are for sale.

Presented as well are a variety of homemade beef-tallow lotions with new scents: watermelon, rum cedar, jasmine, lotus, chamomile, English lavender and unscented.

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At their store, they sell homegrown, individually packaged beef, pork, whole roasting chickens as well as chicken feet.

"Chicken feet are good for making homemade soup stock," said Cannon.



Owner Sheldon Cannon poses on his family farm. Offering a variety of homegrown meat and vegetables, Cannon stresses he produces clean food — everything is free of hormones, chemicals and antibiotics.

KAY REMINGER

AT A GLANCE

WHAT: Cannon Family Farm

WHERE: W3896 County Road BE, Bonduel

WHEN: Self-serve is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week.

CONTACT: Connect with the farm on Facebook at Cannon Family Farm. Questions and orders can be directed to Sheldon Cannon at 715-584-1843.

"We also sell our meat in halves or quarters, depending on what the customer wants."

Future endeavors include offering meat goats for sale, as well as rabbit meat. Both goats and rabbits are entered at the Shawano County Fair through Bonduel 4-H.

Joining the other animals, a horse is soon to arrive at the farm. Currently, a pasture is being prepared.

Sunflowers are grown on the farm and are sold whole, with the customers either picking themselves or Cannon cuts them. Upon request, sunflower bouquets are fashioned onsite.

Growing pumpkins for a little over four years on an approximately 2-acre pumpkin patch, that product is ready for harvest.

"This fall we'll be busy selling pumpkins. We've got a pretty good crop coming in this year," said Cannon. "We also sell pancake mix — pumpkin spice or plain. There's nothing like a fluffy pancake with maple syrup and a hot coffee or hot chocolate on a chilly fall morning."

Sheldon Cannon's sons, Trenton, 11, and Robert, 5, are learning the trade early.

"My boys take animals to the fair,

so they do the grunt work to get them ready," he said.

Along with physically helping on the farm, Cannon's friend handles the social media aspect, posting information on Facebook to help get the word out. Custom T-shirts and tumblers — using a special printer and heat press — are also available for sale upon order.

"I admit I'm old-school," said Cannon. "I grew up with a paper and pencil, and that's how it works. I'm a low-tech man in a high-tech world. As a kid, I didn't do video games; I worked hands-on in the soil."

Growing up with farming and working on farms and other occupations, Cannon graduated from the Bonduel School District and has been in this

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Hijacked jetliners piloted by terrorists struck the World Trade Center in New York on 9-11. Columnist Kathleen Marsh remembers when she first saw this and other horrific images on that fateful day and how she had to help the students in her class make sense of what they'd witnessed.

JAPAN TIMES

Horrific images of 9-11 still vivid 25 years later

To say 9-11 was a seminal moment in American history is a huge understatement. Most people of school age in 2001 can tell you exactly where they were that day. Though it's 25 years since it happened, the events are seared into my memory as they must be in yours.

Sept. 11, 2001, started like nearly every other day in my busy life. I got ready and picked up a colleague who rode with me to school. We were close friends who shared the happenings in our lives during the pleasant 15-minute drive from Appleton to Riverview Middle School in downtown Kaukauna.

Classes had been in session for only a week; we were still adjusting to the routine. She pointed out how blue the sky was as we got out of the car and bemoaned the fact that we had to be inside on such a beautiful mid-September Tuesday.



KATHLEEN MARSH
COLUMNIST

I carried my teaching satchel filled with compositions written by my seventh-grade language arts students. Some of the papers needed grading, and I was determined to get it done during my third hour preparation time. I preferred doing this task at school where I could close the door to Room 209 and give their assignments my full attention.

As it happened, 209 shared a side doorway to 207, where my colleague, Gene Hardesty, taught social studies. Gene was a wonderful guy — a gentleman, devoted teacher and hard-working team member. A Navy veteran officer, he certainly didn't fit my ill-informed stereotype of a sailor, all bluster, tattoos and profanity. (My apologies. Now I know better.)

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Close to finishing the task before my next class, I was at my desk when I heard unfamiliar sounds emanating from his classroom. I surmised that his students were watching a PBS special. Suddenly, his classroom erupted. The hubbub escalated, which was as unusual as his unexpected appearance at my desk.

Obviously upset, Gene had left his classroom via the common door, something he'd never done before.

"They're attacking us," he said with tears in his eyes. "I need help."

I knew full well not to ask what was wrong and hurriedly followed him. Was this a classroom mutiny? If so, what would I, or should I, do? I was relieved when we entered his classroom.

The kids were just sitting at their desks when a student in the back of the room pointed at the TV and yelled,

"Look, Mrs. Marsh. Look!" I did and was puzzled.

My first impression was that the kids were reacting to a harrowing air combat film. "What's the big deal?" I thought. Gene saw my confusion and explained that a jetliner had struck the North Tower of the World Trade Center in New York.

Mired in disbelief, I watched as the moment of impact was replayed. Then we were all in shock as new images of the South Tower being struck flashed across the screen.

When told that the Pentagon had also been hit, I knew Gene was right. This was no tragic accident. It was terrorism. That wasn't all. In an ensuing act of incredible heroism, all passengers aboard Flight 93 were killed when it crashed in a Pennsylvania field. Their courage prevented a fourth attack intended to take out our entire

government in Washington.

It requires a lot for seventh graders to walk quietly through hallways during change of classes and even more for them to calmly take their seats. I remember how silent and still they were, walking like robots into my classroom, obviously as shell-shocked as I was. My training and decades of experience had not prepared me for this.

Realizing the moment demanded something extraordinary, I dug deep. The class plan I'd written on the chalkboard was not going to cut it.

"I've made a decision," I said in a subdued and soothing voice. "I think we need to talk this through. I'm sure you have questions and concerns. I want to hear from all of you, one at a time. If you prefer to pass when I call on you, that's OK."

It was amazing. I felt privileged to be allowed into

their private space for those critical moments.

"Are they going to attack us too?" one asked.

Another said, "I'm thinking about kids who went to school today and won't have parents when they get home."

A usually self-assured girl admitted, "I feel so helpless. I hate it when that happens."

A big and brawny farm kid asked, "Do you think the Army will take me if I lie about my age?"

I answered each one from the heart, and many parents thanked me later for providing comfort for their children on that terrible day.

"It worked both ways," I replied. "Both ways."

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

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area his whole life.

"I bought this 4-acre piece with the buildings, because I just wanted to be my own boss," said Cannon. "I'd always worked for others."

At this time, Cannon Family Farm does not bring their products to farmers markets but may consider it in the future. For now, repeat customers are supportive and faithful, and they understand Cannon offers a good, wholesome product.

"I like promoting the natural foods versus stuff you get in the grocery stores. I was raised on eating clean, and I want to share that natural product with others," said Cannon.

At one point, Cannon was a volunteer firefighter for five years. Growing up with his whole family involved in firefighting and emergency medicine as well as farming, he has a propensity to help people.

"We're not getting rich by any means. We spend hours tending to all the animals and vegetable gardens, but I like helping people and standing by my product," said Cannon. "This is a lifestyle that I'm passionate about. We know where the food comes from. We consume and can what we grow and sell the rest."

THEME: MOVIE QUOTES ACROSS

- 1. Give benediction
- 6. World's oldest broadcasting company, acr.
- 9. Hoodwink
- 13. H, spelled out
- 14. Have a cold, e.g.
- 15. Dogma
- 16. Raja's wife
- 17. Shel Silverstein's constrictor
- 18. Extreme, prefix
- 19. * "____, my dear, I don't give a damn"
- 21. * "Why so ____?"
- 23. "High" beverage
- 24. Fairytale's second word
- 25. "Swan Lake" step, e.g.
- 28. Potassium hydroxide solution, pl.
- 30. Nincompoop
- 35. Month of Purim
- 37. At any time
- 39. Coastal town in southern England
- 40. Flick part
- 41. 4 x 4 race
- 43. Like most Brothers Grimm stories
- 44. "Peer Gynt" playwright
- 46. Actress Campbell
- 47. Please do not delay, acr.
- 48. Experienced sailor (2 words)
- 50. Dispatched
- 52. a.k.a. Tokyo
- 53. Window guards
- 55. Beer faucet
- 57. * "I'm mad as hell, and I'm not going to take it ____"

- 61. * "What we've got here is ____ to communicate"
- 65. Like United States Capitol
- 66. Food safety org.
- 68. Ritual basin
- 69. Tooth trouble
- 70. Husk of corn
- 71. Sharks' domain
- 72. Fence board
- 73. Pastrami partner
- 74. Paper quantities
- DOWN
- 1. Vomit
- 2. The one with pants on fire
- 3. Volcano in Sicily
- 4. * "I can smell the ____ of a woman... Honey oil, lavender, soap"
- 5. Israeli monetary unit
- 6. * "Hasta la vista, ____"
- 7. Life story, for short
- 8. Fastener
- 9. Hero shop
- 10. "Do ____ others..."
- 11. Paddington Bear's homeland
- 12. Airport postings, acr.
- 15. Rutabaga cousin
- 20. Extra sweatshirt, e.g.
- 22. Long period of time
- 24. No-good
- 25. * "We'll always have ____"
- 26. Hacienda brick
- 27. Mexican cuisine staple
- 29. * "She doesn't ____ go here"
- 31. Party garb?
- 32. Not better
- 33. Homer's famous poem, with The
- 34. * "Not quite my ____"

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- 36. Donna or Lou
- 38. Techno dance party
- 42. Busybody, in Yiddish
- 45. * "____ puts Baby in a corner"
- 49. Toothy fish
- 51. Alterations specialist
- 54. Mention something
- 56. * "There's no ____ like home"
- 57. Contributes
- 58. Season to be jolly
- 59. Village People hit
- 60. Source of protein
- 61. Cab payment
- 62. Eye layer
- 63. #74 Across, sing.
- 64. Sea eagles
- 67. * "Go ahead, make my ____"

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Prepare landscape for change of seasons

As summer comes to an end, it's time to prepare landscapes for fall and winter. Proper fall care helps increase plants' winter survival, supports pollinators and promotes the overall health, longevity and beauty of a landscape.

Continue watering as needed. This is especially important for new plantings, evergreens and moisture-loving plants; but don't overlook established trees. Drought stress makes plants, even established ones, more susceptible to life-threatening insects and disease.

Remove weeds in gardens and mixed borders. Cooler temperatures and a shorter to-do list make it easier to squeeze in more time for this task. Eliminating weeds now means fewer weeds to pull next year.

Don't pack away the mower just yet. Keep cutting the lawn as long as it keeps growing. Mow over fall leaves and leave them and grass clippings on the lawn. The short clippings and quarter-size leaf pieces add nutrients and organic matter to the soil. Just make a second pass with the mower, if needed, to cut the leaves down in size.

Put some of the fall leaves to work in gardens as a mulch. They insulate plant roots from temperature extremes, help suppress weeds, conserve moisture and improve the soil as they decompose. Leaves also provide insulation and winter protection for a variety of beneficial insects, toads and frogs.

Start a compost pile by mixing fall leaves with other landscape trimmings. Don't add invasive plants, aggressive weeds or those gone to seed. Leave insect- and disease-infested or chemically

treated plant debris out of the pile. Don't add fat, meat and other animal products that can attract rodents. Moisten and occasionally turn the pile to speed up the process. Soon it will be a wonderful soil conditioner to put back into the landscape.

Let healthy perennials stand for winter. Many provide motion, form and texture to the winter garden. This subtle winter beauty may not be as colorful as your summer garden, but it adds interest to what may be an otherwise drab winter landscape.

The standing perennials also support songbirds and beneficial insects. Seed heads of many perennials attract

seed-eating songbirds, adding color and motion throughout the winter. They also provide winter homes and shelter for beneficial insects that pollinate plants, help manage insect pests and more.

Remove diseased plant debris and those infested with plant-damaging insects. Removing these from the garden reduces the source of future infestations which means healthier plants with less pest management required. Local municipalities can provide guidance on disposing of pest-infested plant debris.

Wait for several hard frosts when cutting perennials back in the fall. This allows the plant to maximize energy produced and store it in the roots for healthy growth next spring. Make the cut 2 to 3 inches above the ground to avoid damaging the crown of the plant.

Protect plants and gardens susceptible to animal damage. A cylinder of hardware cloth at least 4 feet high sunk several inches into the ground can reduce the risk of rabbit, deer and vole damage.

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A fence 5 feet tall around small gardens, 8 feet by 13 feet or smaller, with a secure gate can reduce the risk of most critter damage.

If fencing isn't a practical option, consider using repellent. Applying repellent before animals begin feeding provides the greatest success. Look for rain- and snow-resistant repellent, allowing gardeners to reapply less often.

Once fall landscape chores are complete, take time to clean, repair, sharpen and store tools for the winter and winterize the lawn mower. Move granular landscape care products to a dry place and liquids to a frost-free location. Store them

in a secure location away from pets and children.

Take advantage of the often-cooler fall days to prepare gardens for winter. Time spent now can help reduce winter damage and save time as the next garden season begins.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the "Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition" and "Small Space Gardening." She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" streaming courses and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment radio program. Her website is www.melindamyers.com.

Door County monument educates about Menominee

Monuments help us remember. They educate visitors about the past, acknowledging that the society we're all a part of is built upon the foundation of those who preceded us.

On Sept. 13, the Greater Escarpment Organization of Door County will host "a soft opening and dedication of the first four educational interpretive panels at Escarpment Park in Northern Door County." Among the panels being honored is one titled "Omāeqnomenēw-ahkiheh: In the Land of the Menominee."

My late Mohican friend, Larry Madden, used to say that he spoke to local historical societies because "Scandinavians need to know that the story of Door County didn't begin when Odin set them down on the land. It begins with Menominee people."

Madden passed last November, but his legacy of honoring and perpetuating Native American culture endures. That includes his lifelong friendship with Nancy Goss.

Goss is now the president of GEODC, and she stated that her role is, "bringing the right people together for the right reasons after an idea is created and letting them shine."

Goss helped spearhead a campaign that drew funding from the Town of Liberty Grove, the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program and the Door County



The "Omāeqnomenēw-ahkiheh: In the Land of the Menominee" panel has been installed at Escarpment Park in Northern Door County.

GREATER ESCARPMENT ORGANIZATION OF DOOR COUNTY

Community Investment Fund.

"We also fundraise through 'escarpment related' tours and educational speakers, and we appear at local festivals and markets to keep our name and mission in the public," Goss said. "We have received a few significant monetary contributions from local angels."

According to Goss, the mission of GEODC is, "Education, education, and education. Our mission demands we use every educational tool available to raise awareness of the geological, historical, cultural,

environmental and economic significance of the Niagara Escarpment in Door County."

The idea for the Menominee panel came from Goss. Madden had made Goss aware that Menominee people held the land first, but she noticed that the public acknowledgements of Door County's original inhabitants excluded them.

"The historical society across the road from us has, for years, held programs exclusively on the Potawatomi as the first Native Americans on the Peninsula. I kind of took issue with that as somewhat misleading," Goss said.

Goss explained that she wanted the story to be told by the

actual living descendants instead of AI or a non-Native historian, but she was having trouble making inroads until she spoke to Madden.

"One afternoon, when I was near where he lived, I stopped in for a routine visit," she said. "That's where the real progress began. Larry opened doors for me that had been heretofore closed. We traveled to the Menominee community where he introduced me to President Chris Caldwell, Historic Preservation Officer Dave Grignon and you, Dr. Winn."

Through these introductions, GEODC found its advisers for educating Escarpment Park visitors.

My involvement led to Goss being connected with the Menominee Clans Committee, whose work is housed on the college's website. The finished panel features the words and images of the site's late creators, James Frechette Jr. and Mike Hoffman.

Hoffman's widow, Karen Ann Hoffman, is one of the website's caretakers, who both advised on the panel and gave permission for it to feature printed QR codes linking to the site.

"This signage, with its link to the Menominee Place Names Map on the Menominee Clans Story website, brings a fuller, richer understanding of the landscape on which all stand. It uniquely brings thousands of years of history and culture into the palm of our hands," Hoffman said.

Caldwell added his approval, stating, "Door County is part of the Menominee ancestral homelands, and as Menominee people, we are charged with caring for it. This sign will help visitors realize our continuing commitment to land stewardship and cultural preservation through the work being done at CMN."

The Escarpment Park installation will also celebrate the installation of panels titled "Ancient Forests," "Sculpted by Ice and Water" and "Underground Passages."

"To the rest of the stakeholders, the Menominee panel represents a totally factual and beautifully completed educational representation of a history and culture that, I believe, does not have enough representation," Goss said. "Many of our local museums focus on 'early settlers' – German, Scandinavian, Belgian, Icelandic. Yes, they settled here; however, the Native Americans were truly the first."

Monuments help us remember, and beginning Sept. 13, visitors to Escarpment Park will be informed that they are standing on a piece of the Menominee ancestral homelands. Acknowledging that fact is an important step on the journey to truly remembering the history which modern Wisconsinites too often forget.

Ryan Winn, Ph.D., teaches communications, English, history and theater at the College of Menominee Nation. Visit www.menominee.edu for more information about the school.



RYAN WINN
COLUMNIST

WMC seeks Coolest Thing Made in Wisconsin

Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce is again hosting a statewide competition to find the Coolest Thing Made in Wisconsin.

The 2026 contest marks the 11th year of the popular public voting competition and the first year of a new partnership with BMO, which joins as the contest’s presenting partner.

Since its launch in 2016, the Coolest Thing Made in Wisconsin contest has showcased the ingenuity, craftsmanship and economic impact of Wisconsin manufacturers, while engaging thousands of voters from across the state. The annual competition highlights the wide range of products made in Wisconsin, from iconic consumer goods and agricultural innovation to advanced technologies and industrial equipment.

“For more than a decade, this contest has helped spotlight the innovation and talent that make Wisconsin a manufacturing powerhouse,” WMC President/CEO Kurt R. Bauer said. “This year is particularly special as we welcome BMO as our presenting partner to kick off this outstanding competition.”

Wisconsin leads the country in manufacturing jobs per capita. Last year alone, the manufacturing industry contributed over \$73.8 billion to the state’s GDP, generating an estimated \$46.4 billion in earnings for manufacturing workers.

WMC was the first organization to launch a Coolest contest to highlight the manufacturing sector. Now, 26 state chambers and manufacturing organizations host similar programs for their state’s manufacturers.

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WHAT’S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, SEPT. 11

OCONTO: Storytime, 10:30 a.m., Farnsworth Public Library, 715 Main St. Story and crafts for preschool children. A caregiver must stay with the child.

SHAWANO: Gun Show, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Republican Party of Shawano County, 712 E. Green Bay St. Admission \$5.

SHAWANO: Salute to Service Night, 4-7 p.m., St. James Lutheran School, 324 S. Andrews St. Volleyball matches, opening invocation and ceremonies between first and second matches, approximately 5 p.m. Doors open 3:30 p.m.

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

SURING: Suring Car Show, 6-10 p.m., Main Street and Veterans Memorial Park, 414 E. Brook St. Car Cruise 6 p.m., live music 7-10 p.m., bonfire, camping.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 12

LENA: Dairyfest, 6:30 a.m. to close, St. Anne’s Parish grounds, 221 E. Main St. Registration 6:30-7:30 a.m. for Stampede 5k run/walk 8 a.m., parade 10:30 a.m., kids activities, live music.

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

SURING: Suring Car Show, 9 a.m. to 11 p.m., Main Street and Veterans Memorial Park, 414 E. Brook St. Kids activities, vendors, raffles, food and drinks, live music and DJ.

SURING: Burger/brat fry, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Suring Area Public Library parking lot, 604 Main St. Hosted by Suring Area Historical Society.

MARION: Historical Society Heritage Day, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Marion Historical Society, 620 E. Ramsdell St. Car show, crafts, buildings open to tour, basket raffles, silent auction, pie baking contest, food and refreshments served.

SHAWANO: Gun Show, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Republican Party of Shawano County, 712 E. Green Bay St. Admission \$5.

GILLETT: Public Mobile Petting Zoo, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Gillett Public Library, 200 E. Main St. Animals from Spring Creek Farm, farm-fresh beef and maple syrup available.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 13

SHAWANO: Zurko’s Flea Market, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., Shawano County Fairgrounds, 990 E. Green Bay St. Admission \$2.

SHAWANO: Customs and Classic Car Show, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Shawano County Park, W5785 Lake Drive.

CHASE: Chase Stone Barn Craft Show, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Chase Stone Barn, 8246 County Road S. Handmade items from local artisans and crafters, live music, food and drinks.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 15

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, SEPT. 16

STILES: St. Patrick’s Rummage Sale, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., 5760 County Road I.

BONDUEL: Farmers Market, 4-7 p.m., corner of Cecil and Green Bay streets.

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, SEPT. 17

BOWLER: Nature Bathing Along the Trail Walk, 10 a.m., Snowmobile Pavilion, 104 E. Railroad St. Outdoor enthusiast Nikole Koszarek leads a 1.5-mile walk designed to help participants slow down, engage their senses and experience the natural beauty of the the Mountain-Bay State Trail.

OCONTO: Thursday Play Group, 10:30 a.m. to noon, Farnsworth Public Library, 715 Main St. Meant for children to play and interact with other children at the library. A caregiver must stay with the child.

NAVARINO: Navarino at Noon, noon, Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. Topic: Prairie Plant/Garden Seed. Suggested donation \$5.

SHAWANO: YP’s After Hours, 6-8 p.m., The Patio, Luigi’s Pizza and Pasta, 607 S. Main St. Networking and conversation hosted by Shawano Area Young Professionals; saYPro members receive first drink free.



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LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MENOMINEE COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE FORECLOSURE
OF TAX LIENS PURSUANT TO SECTION
75.521 WISCONSIN STATUTES BY
MENOMINEE COUNTY

Notice of Commencement of Proceeding:

In Rem to Foreclose 2023 Tax Liens
by Menominee County

Case No. 2026-GF-04

TAKE NOTICE That all persons having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in or lien upon the real property described in the List of Tax Liens on file in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Menominee County dated August 7, 2026, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, are hereby notified that the filing of such List of Tax Liens in the office of the Clerk of Circuit Court of Menominee constitutes the commencement by said Menominee County of a special proceeding in the Circuit Court for Menominee County to foreclose the Tax Liens therein described by foreclosure proceeding in rem and that a notice of the pendency of such proceeding against each piece or parcel of land therein described was filed in the office of the Clerk of Circuit Court on August 7, 2026. Such proceeding is brought against the real property described only and is to foreclose the Tax Liens described in such list. No personal judgment will be entered herein for such taxes, assessments or other legal charges or any part thereof.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE That all persons having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in or lien upon the real property described in said List of Tax Liens are hereby notified that a certified copy of this Notice of Commencement of Proceeding with the attached List of Tax Liens will be posted in the office of the County Treasurer of Menominee County and will remain posted for public inspection up to and including October 30, 2026, which date is hereby fixed as the last day for redemption.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE That any person having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in or lien upon any such parcel may, on or before said 30th day of October, 2026, redeem such delinquent tax liens by pay to the County Treasurer of Menominee County, the amount of all such unpaid tax liens, computed to and including the date of redemption, plus the reasonable costs that the County incurred to initiate the proceedings plus the person's share of the reasonable costs of publication under Wis. Stats. 75.521(6).

Dated this 27 day of August, 2026.

MENOMINEE COUNTY

BY: 

Lona Tourtillott

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MENOMINEE COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE FORECLOSURE
OF TAX LIENS PURSUANT TO SECTION
75.521 WISCONSIN STATUTES BY
MENOMINEE COUNTY

List of Tax Liens of Menominee
County Being Foreclosed by Proceeding:
In Rem for 2023 Tax Liens and
Petition for In Rem Foreclosure

Case No. 2026 GF 4

LIST OF TAX LIENS FOR 2023 BEING FORECLOSED

Lona Tourtillott as the Menominee County Treasurer hereby submits the following as the List of Tax Liens of Menominee County Being Foreclosed by an In Rem Proceeding.

1. Parcel No. 01040017100
Tax Certificate No. 4751
Owners: Adrian Hernandez and Betsy Gutierrez, as Joint Tenants
Address of Property: N1169 Big Sky Road, Keshena, WI 54135
Legal Description: Lot Seventy (70) according to the recorded Plat of Big Sky Addition to Legend Lake, Menominee County, Wisconsin.
Mortgagee/Lienholder: None.

STATEMENT OF AMOUNT DUE					
Tax Year	Tax Bill	Taxes Paid	Taxes Due	Interest	Total Payoff
2025	313.29	0.00	313.29	21.94	335.23
2024	270.26	0.00	270.26	51.35	321.61
2023	163.89	0.00	163.89	50.81	214.70
2022	242.77	0.00	242.77	104.39	347.16
2021	215.58	204.33	11.25	6.19	17.44
TOTALS	1,205.79	204.33	1,001.46	234.68	1,236.14

2. Parcel No. 01130069060
Tax Certificate No. 4765
Owner: Kristie C. Lindner n/k/a Kristie C. Munoz
Address of Property: W1955 Great Bear Road, Keshena, WI 54135
Legal Description: Lot 56 in Great Bear Addition to Legend Lake, being a part of Government Lot 2, SW-NW, SE-NW, SW-NE, and the NW-SE, all in Section 20, Township 28 North, Range 16 East, Menominee County, Wisconsin.

Mortgagee/Lienholder: Judgment docketed in the office of the Clerk of Courts for Menominee County, Wisconsin, as Case No. 2024OL000023 in favor of Legend Lake Property Owners Association, plaintiff vs Kristie Lindner, defendant in the sum of \$542.72

Judgment docketed in the office of the Clerk of Courts for Menominee County, Wisconsin, as Case No. 2019 OL0000030 in favor of Legend Lake Property Owners Association, plaintiff vs Kristie Lindner, defendant in the sum of \$206.16

Judgment docketed in the office of the Clerk of Courts for Menominee County, Wisconsin, as Case No. 2019OL000029 in favor of Legend Lake Property Owners Association, plaintiff vs Kristie Lindner, defendant in the sum of \$206.16.

Judgment docketed in the office of the Clerk of Courts for Menominee County, Wisconsin, as Case No. 2010OL000059 in favor of Legend Lake Property Owners Association, plaintiff vs Kristie Lindner, defendant in the sum of \$229.82.

STATEMENT OF AMOUNT DUE

Tax Year	Tax Bill	Taxes Paid	Taxes Due	Interest	Total Payoff
2025	419.85	0.00	419.85	29.39	449.24
2024	378.93	0.00	378.93	71.99	450.92
2023	216.67	0.00	216.67	67.17	283.84
2022	297.14	0.00	297.14	127.77	424.91
2021	253.95	0.00	253.95	139.68	393.63
2020	268.41	0.00	268.41	179.84	448.25
2019	243.29	0.00	243.29	192.20	435.49
2018	209.16	0.00	209.16	190.33	399.49
2017	190.58	0.00	190.58	196.29	386.87
2016	244.40	0.00	244.40	281.06	525.46
2015	144.42	140.21	4.21	5.35	9.56
2014	151.19	89.47	61.72	85.79	147.51
TOTALS	3,017.99	229.68	2,788.31	1,566.86	4,355.17

3. Parcel No. 01220127080
Tax Certificate No. 4798.
Owner: Devin Jahnke
Address of Property: N1227 Morning Star Road, Keshena, WI 54135
Legal Description: Lot 28 of Morning Star Addition to Legend Lake, Menominee County, Wisconsin, according to the recorded plat thereof.
Mortgagee/Lienholder: None

STATEMENT OF AMOUNT DUE

Tax Year	Tax Bill	Taxes Paid	Taxes Due	Interest	Total Payoff
2025	415.06	0.00	415.06	29.06	444.12
2024	374.05	0.00	374.05	71.07	445.12
2023	214.04	0.00	214.04	66.36	280.40
2022	294.42	0.00	294.42	126.60	421.02
2021	252.02	0.00	252.02	138.62	390.64
TOTALS	1,549.59	0.00	1,549.59	431.71	1,981.30

4. Parcel No.: 01320189080
Tax Certificate No. 4833
Owner: Rudy A. Cegelski, a single man, Deceased; Estate of Rudy A. Cegelski; and All Unknown Heirs of Rudy A. Cegelski, a single man, Deceased.
Property Address: W1546 Spirit Ridge Trail, Keshena, WI 54135
Legal Description: Lot Twenty-Eight (28) according to the recorded Plat of Spirit Ridge Addition to Legend Lake, Menominee County, Wisconsin.
Mortgage/Lienholder: None

STATEMENT OF AMOUNT DUE

Tax Year	Tax Bill	Taxes Paid	Taxes Due	Interest	Total Payoff
2025	431.83	0.00	431.83	30.23	462.06
2024	391.15	0.00	391.15	74.31	465.46
2023	221.94	0.00	221.94	68.81	290.75
2022	302.58	0.00	302.58	130.11	432.69
2021	257.78	0.00	257.78	141.78	399.56
2020	272.16	0.00	272.16	182.35	454.51
2019	247.01	0.00	247.01	195.13	442.14
2018	212.67	0.00	212.67	193.53	406.20
2017	194.01	0.00	194.01	199.83	393.84
2016	247.82	0.00	247.82	284.99	532.81
2015	148.20	0.00	148.20	188.22	336.42
2014	154.94	0.00	154.94	215.37	370.31
2013	190.76	0.00	190.76	288.05	478.81
TOTALS	3,272.85	0.00	3,272.85	2,192.71	5,465.56

5. Parcel No.: 01360224030
Tax Certificate No. 4860
Owner: Shua Y Vang
Property Address: W575 Sunrise Way, Keshena, WI 54135
Legal Description: Lot 53 of Sun Rise Addition to Legend Lake, Menominee County, Wisconsin. Also an undivided fractional interest in Outlot 1 in Sun Rise Addition to Legend Lake. Which interest is conveyable only when title to Lot 53 in Sun Rise Addition is conveyed intending to make said fractional interest a permanent part of Lot 53 in Sun Rise Addition to Legend Lake.

Mortgagee/Lienholder: Small Claims Judgment docketed in the Office of the Clerk of Courts for Menominee County, Wisconsin on August 21, 2023, as Case No 2023OL000020 in favor of Legend Lake Property Owners Association, Keshena, WI 54135 plaintiff vs Shua Y Vang, Lot Fifty-Three of the Sunrise Addition, Keshena, WI 54135, defendant in the amount of \$220.50, plus interest.

Small Claims Judgment docketed in the Office of the Clerk of Courts for Menominee County, Wisconsin on August 2, 2024, as Case No 2024OL000084 in favor of Legend Lake Property Owners Association, Keshena, WI 54135 plaintiff vs Shua Y Vang, Lot Fifty-Three of the Sunrise Addition, Keshena, WI 54135, defendant in the amount of \$232.26, plus interest.

STATEMENT OF AMOUNT DUE

Tax Year	Tax Bill	Taxes Paid	Taxes Due	Interest	Total Payoff
2025	419.85	0.00	419.85	29.39	449.24
2024	378.93	0.00	378.93	71.99	450.92
2023	216.67	0.00	216.67	67.17	283.84
2022	297.14	0.00	297.14	127.77	424.91
2021	253.95	0.00	253.95	139.68	393.63
TOTALS	1,566.54	0.00	1,566.54	436.00	2,002.54

6. Parcel No.: 01360225040
Tax Certificate No. 4862
Owner: Joseph M. Olewniczak, Deceased; Estate of Joseph M. Olewniczak and All Unknown Heirs of Joseph M. Olewniczak, Deceased.
Property Address: W580 Sunrise Way, Keshena, WI 54135
Legal Description: Lot 64 in Sun Rise Addition to Legend Lake, according to the plat thereof recorded in Volume 1 of Plats on pages 114-116 as Document No. 6647.

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Mortgagee/Lienholder: Small Claims Judgment docketed in the Office of the Clerk of Courts for Menominee County on September 12, 2012, as Case No. 2012OL000048 in favor of Legend Lake Property Owners Association, Inc., N1024 Old South Branch Road, Keshena, WI 54135, plaintiff vs. Joseph Olewniczak, Lot 64, Sun Rise Addition to Legend Lake, defendant, in the amount of \$142.04, plus interest.

Small Claims Judgment docketed in the office of the Clerk of Courts for Menominee County on October 4, 2013, as Case No. 2013OL000086 in favor of Legend Lake Property Owners Association, Inc., N1024 Old South Branch Road, Keshena, WI 54135, plaintiff vs. Joseph Olewniczak, Lot 64, Sun Rise Addition to Legend Lake, defendant, in the amount of \$24.90, plus interest.

Small Claims Judgment docketed in the office of the Clerk of Courts for Menominee County on September 2, 2014, as Case No. 2014OL000072 in favor of Legend Lake Property Owners Association, Inc., N1024 Old South Branch Road, Keshena, WI 54135, plaintiff vs. Joseph Olewniczak, Lot 64, Sun Rise Addition to Legend Lake, defendant, in the amount of \$140.08, plus interest.

Small Claims Judgment docketed in the office of the Clerk of Courts for Menominee County on September 22, 2015, as Case No. 2015OL000065 in favor of Legend Lake Property Owners Association, Inc., N1024 Old South Branch Road, Keshena, WI 54135, plaintiff vs. Joseph Olewniczak, Lot 64, Sun Rise Addition to Legend Lake, defendant, in the amount of \$151.69, plus interest.

Small Claims Judgment docketed in the office of the Clerk of Courts for Menominee County on July 29, 2019, as Case No. 2019OL000100 in favor of Legend Lake Property Owners Association, Inc., N1024 Old South Branch Road, Keshena, WI 54135, plaintiff vs. Joseph Olewniczak, Lot 64, Sun Rise Addition to Legend Lake, defendant, in the amount of \$449.71, plus interest.

Small Claims Judgment docketed in the office of the Clerk of Courts for Menominee County on September 2, 2020, as Case No. 2020OL000072 in favor of Legend Lake Property Owners Association, Inc., N1024 Old South Branch Road, Keshena, WI 54135, plaintiff vs. Joseph Olewniczak, Lot 64, Sun Rise Addition to Legend Lake, defendant, in the amount of \$290.74, plus interest.

Small Claims Judgment docketed in the office of the Clerk of Courts for Menominee County on July 29, 20212014, as Case No. 2021OL000072 in favor of Legend Lake Property Owners Association, Inc., N1024 Old South Branch Road, Keshena, WI 54135, plaintiff vs. Joseph Olewniczak, Lot 64, Sun Rise Addition to Legend Lake, defendant, in the amount of \$323.60, plus interest.

Small Claims Judgment docketed in the office of the Clerk of Courts for Menominee County on August 21, 2023, as Case No. 2023OL000021 in favor of Legend Lake Property Owners Association, Inc., N1024 Old South Branch Road, Keshena, WI 54135, plaintiff vs. Joseph Olewniczak, Lot 64, Sun Rise Addition to Legend Lake, defendant, in the amount of \$381.48, plus interest.

Small Claims Judgment docketed in the office of the Clerk of Courts for Menominee County on August 2, 2024, as Case No. 2024OL000085 in favor of Legend Lake Property Owners Association, Inc., N1024 Old South Branch Road, Keshena, WI 54135, plaintiff vs. Joseph Olewniczak, Lot 64, Sun Rise Addition to Legend Lake, defendant, in the amount of \$412.55, plus interest.

Small Claims Judgment docketed in the office of the Clerk of Courts for Menominee County on July 28, 2025, as Case No. 2025OL000087 in favor of Legend Lake Property Owners Association, Inc., N1024 Old South Branch Road, Keshena, WI 54135, plaintiff vs. Joseph Olewniczak, Lot 64, Sun Rise Addition to Legend Lake, defendant, in the amount of \$656.31, plus interest.

STATEMENT OF AMOUNT DUE					
Tax Year	Tax Bill	Taxes Paid	Taxes Due	Interest	Total Payoff
2025	422.26	0.00	422.26	29.56	451.82
2024	381.37	0.00	381.37	72.46	453.83
2023	216.67	0.00	216.67	67.17	283.84
2022	297.14	0.00	297.14	127.77	424.91
2021	253.95	0.00	253.95	139.68	393.63
2020	268.41	0.00	268.41	179.84	448.25
2019	243.29	0.00	243.29	192.20	435.49
2018	209.16	0.00	209.16	190.33	399.49
2017	190.58	0.00	190.58	196.29	386.87
2016	244.40	0.00	244.40	281.06	525.46
2015	144.42	94.42	50.00	63.50	113.50
TOTALS	2,871.65	94.42	2,777.23	1,539.86	4,317.09

7. Parcel No.: 01480293060
Tax Certificate No. 4904
Owner: Reynold W. Katchenago, Jr.
Property Address: N862 State Highway 47, Keshena, WI 54135
Legal Description: Lot 6, Block 4, Assessor's Plat No. 1 of the unincorporated Village of Keshena, Wisconsin, according to the Survey thereof dated July 20, 1960 and filed with the Register of Deeds, Menominee County, Wisconsin, and recorded in Volume 1 of Plats.
Mortgagee/Lienholders: None.

STATEMENT OF AMOUNT DUE					
Tax Year	Tax Bill	Taxes Paid	Taxes Due	Interest	Total Payoff
2025	223.28	0.00	223.28	15.63	238.91
2024	208.67	0.00	208.67	39.65	248.32
2023	342.27	0.00	342.27	106.10	448.37
2022	337.70	169.94	167.76	72.14	239.90
TOTALS	1,111.92	169.94	941.98	233.52	1,175.50

8. Parcel No.: 01480294030
Tax Certificate No. 4906
Owner: Diane L. O'Brien
Property Address: W2926 Blacksmith Road, Keshena, WI 54135
Legal Description: Lot 12, Block 4, Assessors Plat No. 1 of the unincorporated Village of Keshena, Wisconsin, according to the survey thereof dated July 20, 1960, and filed with the Register of Deeds, Menominee County, Wisconsin, and recorded in Volume 1 of Plats.
Mortgagee/Lienholder: None.

STATEMENT OF AMOUNT DUE					
Tax Year	Tax Bill	Taxes Paid	Taxes Due	Interest	Total Payoff
2025	666.80	0.00	666.80	46.68	713.48
2024	679.59	0.00	679.59	129.12	808.71
2023	1,010.77	0.00	1,010.77	313.34	1,324.11
2022	1,030.65	208.95	821.70	353.33	1,175.03
TOTALS	3,387.81	208.95	3,178.86	842.47	4,021.33

9. Parcel No.: 01480294050
Tax Certificate No. 4907
Owner: Carol J. Skenandore, Deceased; Estate of Carol J. Skenandore; and all Unknown Heirs of Carol J. Skenandore, Deceased.
Property Address: N923 Old South Branch Road, Keshena, WI 54135
Legal Description: Lot 14, Block 4, Assessor's Plat No. 1 of the unincorporated Village of Keshena, Wisconsin, according to the survey thereof dated July 20, 1960, and filed with the Register of Deeds, Menominee County, Wisconsin, and recorded in Volume 1 of Plats.
Mortgagee/Lienholder: None.

STATEMENT OF AMOUNT DUE					
Tax Year	Tax Bill	Taxes Paid	Taxes Due	Interest	Total Payoff
2025	81.92	0.00	81.92	5.73	87.65
2024	82.83	0.00	82.83	15.74	98.57
2023	129.02	0.00	129.02	40.00	169.02
2022	121.26	0.00	121.26	52.14	173.40
2021	91.12	0.00	91.12	50.12	141.24
2020	86.93	80.49	6.44	4.31	10.75
TOTALS	593.08	80.49	512.59	168.04	680.63

10. Parcel No.: 01600365040
Tax Certificate No. 4964
Owner: August L. Corn and Clare T. Corn, his wife.
Property Address: N4985 County Road AA, Suring, WI 54174
Legal Description: Lot 1 of Certified Surveys recorded at Page 80, Volume 2 of Certified Surveys, being a part of the Southeast quarter of Section 34, Township 30 North, Range 16 East, Menominee County, Wisconsin.
Mortgagee/Lienholder: None.

STATEMENT OF AMOUNT DUE					
Tax Year	Tax Bill	Taxes Paid	Taxes Due	Interest	Total Payoff
2025	814.10	0.00	814.10	56.99	871.09
2024	811.47	0.00	811.47	154.18	965.65
2023	1,132.45	0.00	1,132.45	351.06	1,483.51
2022	1,152.64	0.00	1,152.64	495.64	1,648.28
2021	820.10	0.00	820.10	451.06	1,271.16
2020	858.92	0.00	858.92	575.48	1,434.40
2019	819.20	0.00	819.20	647.17	1,466.37
2018	775.88	42.99	732.89	666.93	1,399.82
2017	810.87	0.00	810.87	835.20	1,646.07
2016	803.02	0.00	803.02	923.47	1,726.49
2015	885.56	75.42	810.14	1,028.88	1,839.02
TOTALS	9,684.21	118.41	9,565.80	6,186.06	15,751.86

11. The interest on the unpaid property taxes officially begins to accrue on February 1 of the year each taxpayer failed to pay the property taxes in full. Interest accrues at the rate of one (1%) percent per month on all unpaid property taxes.

Dated this 16 day of August, 2026.

MENOMINEE COUNTY
By: 
Lona Tourtillott
Menominee County Treasurer



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COURT NEWS

• Jessica J. Baxter, 29, a Black Creek woman serving a sentence at Taycheedah Correctional Institution, pleaded no contest June 23 to possession of methamphetamine. Judge Jay Conley sentenced her Aug. 31 to three years in prison followed by two years of extended supervision with conditions.

• Melina Kathryn Isabel Herr, 25, Gillett, had her probation revoked May 19 from a January conviction for possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct, possession of THC and possession of drug paraphernalia. Conley sentenced her Sept. 2 to 18 months in prison followed by two years of extended supervision with conditions.

• Kyle Evan Bueschel, 28, Weyauwega, was charged Sept. 1 with possession of drug paraphernalia to produce or store methamphetamine and a misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Judge Hannah

Schuchart set a \$100 cash bond and adjourned his initial appearance until Oct. 15.

• Austin Nicholas Lucier, 19, Clintonville, was charged Sept. 1 with maintaining a drug trafficking place, possession of methamphetamine, felony bail jumping, five counts of misdemeanor bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer. Schuchart set a \$5,000 cash bond and adjourned his initial appearance until Sept. 23.

• Ashley Pearl Phalen, 25, Suring, was charged Sept. 1 with maintaining a drug trafficking place, possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia to produce or store methamphetamine, two counts of felony bail jumping and misdemeanor counts of resisting or obstructing an officer and possession of drug paraphernalia. Schuchart set a \$10,000 cash bond and adjourned her initial

appearance until Sept. 23.

• Dylan J. Wolff, 27, Pulcifer, was charged Sept. 1 with maintaining a drug trafficking place, possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia to produce or store methamphetamine, two counts of felony bail jumping, one count of misdemeanor bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer. Schuchart set a \$4,000 cash bond and adjourned his initial appearance until Sept. 23.

• Jacob M. Samsa, 36, Oconto, was charged Sept. 2 with strangulation and suffocation, battery and disorderly conduct as a domestic abuse repeater. Schuchart set a \$2,500 cash bond and adjourned his initial appearance until Oct. 15.

• Brady Lee Boucher, 32, Oconto, was charged Sept. 3 with fleeing an officer in his vehicle, maintaining a drug trafficking place, possession of THC (second or subsequent offense) and misdemeanor counts of resisting or obstructing an officer, possession of an illegally obtained prescription, and possession of drug paraphernalia. Schuchart set a \$10,000 cash bond and adjourned his initial appearance until Oct. 15.

• Michael Allen Couillard, 36, Little Suamico, was charged Sept. 4 with possession of cocaine (second or subsequent offense),

possession of THC (second or subsequent offense) and a misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Schuchart set a \$500 cash bond and adjourned his initial appearance until Oct. 15.

• Thomas O. Folts, 21, Oconto Falls, was charged Sept. 4 with burglary to a building or dwelling, three counts of felony theft, criminal damage to property in excess of \$2,500 and six counts of felony bail jumping. Schuchart set a \$25,000 cash bond and adjourned his initial appearance until Oct. 13.

• Brian J. Ermis Jr., 24, Suring, was charged Sept. 4 with burglary to a building or dwelling, taking and driving a vehicle without consent, and receiving stolen property. Schuchart set a \$4,000 cash bond and adjourned his initial appearance until Oct. 15.

• Trevor David Noe, 25, Pound was charged Sept. 4 with burglary to a building or dwelling, receiving stolen property, taking and driving a vehicle without consent and felony bail jumping. Schuchart set a cash bond and adjourned his initial appearance until Oct. 15.

• Earl C. Glover III, 38, Marinette, was charged Sept. 4 with felony bail jumping and misdemeanor counts of battery, disorderly conduct and criminal damage to property. Schuchart set a \$2,000 cash bond and adjourned his initial appearance until Oct. 15.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN

OCONTO COUNTY

ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSALS

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARK PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

VILLAGE OF SURING

OCONTO County, Wisconsin

The Village of Suring is seeking proposals for playground equipment and installation at Veteran's Memorial Park. Proposals will be accepted via electronic (PDF) to Kim Gruetzmacher kgruetzmacher@vi.suring.wi.gov until 1:00 p.m., Friday – September 18, 2026. All proposals will be reviewed by the Village staff and the design team.

The Request for Proposal and Site Plan for the project is available and should be requested via email from drammer@msa-ps.com .

Selection of the preferred Bidder will be made in September/October 2026. The playground is expected to be installed in spring/summer of 2027 with final completion anticipated by July 2, 2027.

The project has received a Federal Land and Water Conservation grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources: Build America, Buy America Provisions are expected to apply.

The Village reserves the right to reject one and/or all proposals if the above criteria is not met and falls below the proposed budgets.

Published by the authority of the Village of Suring.

ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:
MSA Professional Services, Inc.
Dan Rammer, PE
920-931-0095
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STATE OF WISCONSIN

OCONTO COUNTY

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

PROJECT:

Rosera Business Park

Road Extension

Village of Lena

September 2026

BID DEADLINE:

September 28, 2026

2:00 p.m., Local Time

NOTICE

Sealed bids for the above project will be received by the Village of Lena until the Bid Deadline. Bids shall be submitted in electronic format through Quest vBid. Immediately after the Bid Deadline, bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. The bid opening for this project will be conducted using Microsoft Teams. Bidders and other interested parties may call the teleconference number: (715) 318-5006, phone conference ID: 428 877 773# on the day of the bids to hear bid results announced. The teleconference line will be open 15 minutes before bids are due. Bids will be opened immediately after the bid deadline.

In general, the project consists of stripping and stockpiling topsoil, erosion control, grading for approximately 550-ft of roadway including base aggregate installation, manhole adjustments, and slope grading.

A formal pre-bid meeting to examine the site will not be held. The site may be viewed at contractor's convenience. A single prime bid will be received for the work.

BID SECURITY

Bids must be accompanied by bid security in the amount of 5% of the maximum bid amount. Bid and bid security may not be withdrawn for a period of 45 days after the Bid Deadline. Bid security will be retained if the Bidder is awarded the Work and fails to execute the Agreement and furnish 100% Performance and Payment Bonds.

QUALIFICATIONS

Bidders shall be experienced in this type of work and shall submit a Statement of Bidder's Qualifications with their bid.

RIGHTS RESERVED

Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities in any bid.

BIDDING DOCUMENTS

Bidding documents may be obtained in PDF electronic format by download from the Quest Construction Data Network website, accessible via www.AyresAssociates.com by clicking on the "Bidding" link, for a non-refundable fee of \$64.00. Published by authority of: Village of Lena

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STATE OF WISCONSIN

OCONTO COUNTY

Notice is hereby given, that The City of Oconto Falls Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on September 22, 2026 at 6:00 PM in the Municipal Building, 500 North Chestnut Avenue, Oconto Falls, Wisconsin. The purpose of this hearing is for the consideration of:

- Abandonment of an alley that is located at: 102 S. Washington Street, Former Washington Middle School Property.

All residents of the City of Oconto Falls are encouraged to attend. The meeting room is handicapped accessible. Persons needing additional accommodations should contact City Hall at (920) 846-4505.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN

OCONTO COUNTY

ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

OCONTO FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

DISTRICT OFFICE

200 N FARM ROAD, OCONTO FALLS

Monday, September 14, 2026, 6:30 p.m.

Agenda.: Call to order, Pledge of allegiance, call to meeting, Introductions, appointment of Parliamentarian, election of chairman, reading of minutes of Annual Meeting, September 15, 2025, and reading of Treasurer's report.

New Business: Hearing on budget, Resolutions: School board member salaries, reimbursement of school board members expenses, authorization of school board to borrow money on a short term basis to meet expenses of operation. Authorization of the school board to acquire, by purchase or condemnation, real estate deemed necessary for school district purposes. Free textbooks, hot lunch and breakfast program, legal proceedings, continued contribution to a sinking fund for the purpose of future outdoor facilities and maintenance, and tax levy resolution. Sale of unneeded school property and building site. Set the date of the 2027 annual meeting.

Adjournment.

Dated this 4th day of September, 2026.

Clint Gardbrecht, Clerk

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STATE OF WISCONSIN

OCONTO COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT

MEMONINEE COUNTY

Capital Credit Union

Plaintiff

Case No. 26CV10

Code No. 30301

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Edwin J. Olson

XYZ Unknown Defendant

Defendants.

PUBLICATION SUMMONS

STATE OF WISCONSIN

To each person named above as a Defendant:

'You are hereby notified that the plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you.

Within 40 days after September 4, 2026, you must respond with a written demand for a copy of the complaint. The demand must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is Clerk of Courts, Menominee County Courthouse, W3269 Courthouse Lane, PO Box 279, Keshena, WI 54135-0279, and to Justin J. Bates, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is PO Box 1473, Wausau, WI 54402. You may have an attorney help or represent you. If you do not demand a copy of the complaint within 40 days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

Dated: August 25, 2026

Bates Legal Group, LLC

Attorneys for Plaintiff

By: /s/ Justin J. Bates

Justin J. Bates

State Bar No. 1066128

P.O. Box 1473

Wausau, WI 54402-1473

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STATE OF WISCONSIN

OCONTO COUNTY

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE APPROVAL

Town of Stiles, Oconto County

Notice is hereby given, that on August 12, 2026 the Town Board of the Town of Stiles approved and adopted the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. O2026-02

ACCEPTING THE TERMS OF ANNEXATION ORDINANCE NO. 25-007 (as amended) OF THE CITY OF OCONTO FALLS AND CONSENTING TO THE DETACHMENT OF TOWN TERRITORY PURSUANT TO WISCONSIN STATUTES SECTION 66.0217

A copy of the complete ordinance text can be acquired by contacting the Town Clerk at (920) 516-7381 or on the Town website at www.townofstiles.org.

Dated this 27th day of August 2026.

By: Terrah Patton, Town Clerk of the Town of Stiles

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STATE OF WISCONSIN

OCONTO COUNTY

NOTICE OF ANNUAL JOINT REVIEW BOARD MEETING

FOR TAX INCREMENTAL DISTRICT(S)

IN THE CITY OF GILLETT, WISCONSIN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the City of Gillett will hold an Annual Joint Review Board (JRB) meeting on September 16, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. The meeting will be located at Gillett City Hall, 150 N. McKenzie Avenue, Gillett, WI. The purpose of this meeting is to fulfill the requirements of WI 2016 Act 257 in holding an annual JRB meeting and reviewing TID #3 & TID #4. The meeting is open to the public.

A copy of the agenda is available and will be provided upon request. For information on the meeting or to obtain an agenda please contact the City Clerk, 150 N. McKenzie Avenue, Gillett WI; Phone 920-855-2255.

Dated this 31 st day of August 2026.

Chelsea Anderson

City Clerk

Publication Dates: September 11, 2026

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OCONTO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Sept. 3

Deputies responded to 66 incidents, including four reports of property damage on Lee Lake Road in the Town of Brazeau; three reports of property damage on North Kelly Lake Road in the Town of Brazeau; two reports of property damage on River Road in the Town of Breed; and property damage on Marl Lake

Road in the Town of Bagley, on White Lake Road in the Town of Bagley, on Peshtigo Brook Road in the Town of Maple Valley, on Sleeter Road in the Town of Bagley, and at Zahn's Farm Main Office, 11568 County Road H, Town of Gillett; an animal bite on Lilly Road in the Town of Little Suamico; harassment on Deer Path Court in the Town of Pensaukee; a disturbance on Main Street in Abrams; criminal damage on Saint Bernadette Road in the Town of Spruce; three traffic

stops, three citizen assists, six miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; five crashes, three involving deer.

Sept. 2

Deputies responded to 45 incidents, including squad damage on Pecor Street in Oconto; a structure fire on Sunset Bay Lane in the Town of Townsend; a disturbance on County Road J in the Town of Little Suamico; a disturbance on Red Bank Road in the Town of Underhill; drugs at a redacted location; three traffic stops, two traffic hazards, one traffic offense, one citizen assist, two miscellaneous traffic incidents, two welfare checks; five ambulance calls; three crashes, two involving deer.

Sept. 1

Deputies responded to 75 incidents, including a disturbance on Pecor Street in Oconto; a death investigation at a redacted location; a fire control burn on Kingfisher Lane in the Town of Oconto Falls; a disturbance on County Road N in the Town of Oconto; fraud at the Law Enforcement Center, 220 Arbutus Ave., Oconto; a wanted person at a redacted location; suspicious activity on Kelly Road in the Town of Underhill; a disturbance on Goldhorn Road in the Town of Brazeau; three traffic stops, five traffic offenses, three citizen assists, three miscellaneous traffic incidents, two welfare checks; four ambulance calls; one crash.

Aug. 31

Deputies responded to 67 incidents, including fire control burns on County Road C in the Town of Morgan and on Business 41 in the Town of Oconto; three wanted persons at redacted locations; fraud on Schaal Road in the Town of Gillett; a disturbance at the Dawg Haus, 6495 Cream City Road, Town of Oconto; a disturbance at Gillett Secondary School, 208 W. Main St., Gillett; two traffic stops, one citizen assist, three miscellaneous traffic incidents, two welfare checks; nine ambulance calls; three crashes, one involving deer.

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BRIAN GUTEKUNST



ED POLICY

Green Bay Packers President Ed Policy completed his first season and committed contract extensions to general manager Brian Gutekunst and head coach Matt LaFleur, despite a disappointing end to the 2025 season.

Signed and sealed: Can they deliver?

Pressure on leadership after losing last 5 games

By JACOB WESTENDORF Green & Gold Express

The Green Bay Packers are running it back. After collapsing in the Wild Card round a season ago against the Chicago Bears, team President Ed Policy decided to extend the contracts of head coach Matt LaFleur and general manager Brian Gutekunst.

Now, the pressure is on to win and prove Policy right.

The Packers looked like a team poised to compete for a Super Bowl when they were 9-3-1, ahead by two scores against the eventual one-seed in the AFC, Denver Broncos.

The season changed dramatically from there. Zach Tom (now Zach Bako-Bewele) and Micah Parsons were both lost for the season with significant knee injuries. The Packers collapsed at Denver and did not win another game the rest of the year. Now, they need to figure out a way to win without Parsons for at least the first month of the season.

What's the biggest key to that? Winning within the division.

After a disastrous 1-5 record in 2024 in division



Green Bay Packers head coach Matt LaFleur is tasked with bringing the team back after losing five straight games to end the 2025 season, including a playoff loss to the Bears. The 2025 campaign changed dramatically after Zach Tom (now Zach Bako-Bewele) and Micah Parsons were both lost for the season with significant knee injuries. The Packers collapsed at Denver and did not win another game the rest of the year.

play, the Packers rebounded to a respectable 4-2 last year. They easily could have been 6-0 had it not been for kicking away a game in Chicago and not trying to win against Minnesota in the final week of the season.

How are they going to navigate the first month of the season without

Parsons with just one division game on the schedule? That could shape how the rest of their season goes.

The New York Jets and Atlanta Falcons could be two of the worst teams in football this year. Green Bay faces them after a Week 1 date in Minnesota.

Tampa Bay follows

before the toughest stretch of the year.

October includes home games against Chicago, Dallas and Carolina sandwiched around a road date with the Lions.

The good news is that Parsons should be back to full capacity by some point during the aforementioned stretch. The

Packers will desperately need him. They were one of the worst defenses in football without him in what was a five-game losing streak to end the 2025 season.

The biggest problem with getting on board with the Packers for the 2026 season is how 2025 ended.

When the 2025 season

ended, they had questions at offensive line, cornerback and head coach.

Now, they have questions at offensive line, cornerback and head coach.

At the top of the organizational food chain, it certainly felt like the LaFleur

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Daniel Whelan has been a standout punter. Rookie Trey Smack finished preseason with a perfect record on field goals and extra points.. Special teams has been a perennial challenge for the Packers. New special teams coach Cam Achord joined the Packers following the surprise resignation of Rich Bisaccia.

2026 opening day roster raises more questions than answers

By JACOB WESTENDORF Green & Gold Express

The NFL season is upon us, which leads us to look around NFL rosters and wonder who is new to the team and how they'll help their teams reach the next step.

In Green Bay, most of those new players for the 2026 season are rookies with an added twist.

When the Packers' season ended, they were

missing who were arguably three of their four best players.

Zach Bako-Bewele, Micah Parsons and Tucker Kraft all missed at least most of December and the team's 31-27 playoff loss to the Chicago Bears.

Those three will be back on the field at some point this season, with two of them potentially as soon as Week 1.

How are those players going to perform?

Brandon Cisse

Cisse was the team's second-round pick, and the highest investment the team has made in a cornerback since they drafted Eric Stokes in the first round of the 2021 draft.

Cisse was far and away Green Bay's best defensive back during training camp. The Packers are typically a team that slow plays their rookies but appear to be ready to feed their second-round pick to the wolves

as soon as Week 1.

Chris McClellan

Speaking of rookies likely to be slow played, third-round pick Chris McClellan could certainly apply here. McClellan had a good training camp, but he's caught at what is arguably the deepest position on the roster. The Packers kept seven

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era had run its course during a funereal press conference that he gave in the aftermath of the Wild Card loss to the Bears.

Usually, when a coach has reached the end of his tenure, it's obvious. The end of Mike McCarthy's tenure in Green Bay, for example, was obvious.

Perhaps LaFleur will prove his critics wrong and help the Packers rebound, and prove worthy of the mission to bring the Packers back to Super Bowl glory. With the way last season ended, color me skeptical.

There is an easy path to seeing LaFleur rebounding. He's been one of the winningest coaches since taking the job in Green Bay in 2019. The bigger question is whether he has enough to work with

in key spots.

The aforementioned problems on the offensive line and at cornerback are not going anywhere.

For all the handwringing during the offseason about Keisean Nixon, he's still starting. The alleged upgrade from him is a rookie who has flashed but is still a rookie.

Can a defense make stops without quality cornerback play? Relying on Parsons to cover up some of the major warts in the secondary is likely foolish in a season where he's returning from injury. As great as Parsons is, he cannot do it all alone, and was often asked to do so a season ago.

On the offensive line, the Packers have stability at two positions, and they're both players who

are playing new positions.

Jordan Morgan's natural position is left tackle, but he's starting there primarily for the first time in his pro career. Sean Rhyan moved to center last season and will be the pivot man for the offensive line this season.

The rest of the group has been a mess throughout training camp. Aaron Banks has struggled with knee tendinitis. Zach Bako-Bewele still has uncertainty surrounding his status.

The starter at right guard is Jacob Monk. Monk has one start in two seasons, and it came in last year's regular season finale against Minnesota.

The Packers have plenty of strengths. Jordan Love gives them a puncher's chance in every game.



Veteran special teams coach Cam Achord brings a new level of optimism to the Packers. Previously, he had coaching experience with the New England Patriots and New York Giants.

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defensive tackles following training camp. McClellan could be someone who plays at nose tackle or moves around the defensive line. That would be McClellan's best bet to finding his way onto the field early.

Dani Dennis-Sutton

Dennis-Sutton may have been the most exciting of all Green Bay's draft choices, because it still feels wrong that he was available at the end of the fourth round when Green Bay picked him.

Dennis-Sutton did not make his preseason debut until the final game of the preseason, but he did not waste any time making an impression, recording a sack on his seventh snap of the preseason. He created havoc in the backfield for most of the night and looked like a man among boys.

That is a positive development in a game like that one, because Dennis-Sutton is not going to be facing backup offensive linemen anymore. He'll be one of Green Bay's rotational edge rushers early in the season while they wait for Parsons to return. While Parsons is on the mend, however, Dennis-Sutton will have a chance to win a job as the first guy off the bench once Parsons is back in

the lineup.

Jager Burton

Much like Evan Dietrich-Smith or JC Tretter, Jager Burton has worked his way into the team's primary swingman on the interior of the offensive line. Burton is the primary backup at center, so he'll find his way into the lineup if Sean Rhyan were to miss time with an injury. Before that, however, he could find himself filling in as early as Week 1 at left guard.

Aaron Banks has been struggling with a knee injury throughout the offseason, and the Packers are unsure if he'll be able to play a full game. If he can't, Burton is the next man up.

Trey Smack

Smack was one of the biggest stories of the draft because of the move the Packers made to get him. He also became the biggest story of the offseason, because he was money in the bank during games.

Smack did not miss a kick in exhibition play. He made multiple kicks of more than 50 yards. The Packers were preaching patience with their rookie kicker as he struggled early in the spring, but Smack has proven them right over his first big audition. His next test will be



Micah Parsons, left, and Tucker Kraft are recovering from ACL injuries. Kraft returned to the field and is expected to play Week 1 against Minnesota. Parsons "optimistically" could return as soon as Week 5 against Chicago.



making a kick in a game that matters.

The Packers have given away far too many points in big games in recent years. They have either had a kick blocked or missed a kick in every playoff game since 2021. That's a big reason why Smack was brought to Green Bay.

Tucker Kraft

Kraft has checked every box this offseason and says he'll be active for a full workload against the Minnesota Vikings. The only thing that is worth monitoring with Kraft is his contract situation. Kraft still does not have a new contract in place, with his current deal set

to expire at the end of the 2026 season.

The Packers and Kraft have both insisted that getting a deal done is a top priority for them.

On the field? Kraft is their best offensive player and looked excellent during training camp. He should be someone that Love and LaFleur can both rely on when the offense hits a lull.

Micah Parsons

Parsons is one of the biggest variables of the season. He's currently on the PUP list, which knocks him out for the first four games of the season. His practice window, however, opens after the second game of the season. If

Parsons starts practicing after two games, he could be back in limited capacity as soon as Week 5 against the Chicago Bears. It's also possible that he continues to rehab beyond the month of October.

There's no real timetable that has been given at this point, but Parsons is eager to return and will be pushing to return to play as soon as he can.

Zach Bako-Bewele

Of the three injured returners, Bako-Bewele's return appears to be the one that is the most uncertain. He could play in Week 1. He could have to rotate out of the lineup with Anthony Belton.

Everything is unclear at

the moment, which gives the Packers even more instability with the rest of their offensive line.

In a perfect world, the Packers want to build around their two offensive tackles with Bako-Bewele on the right and Morgan on the left. Green Bay's offense is significantly better when Bako-Bewele is on the field, so they need him to play and play up to his previous standard.

Josh Jacobs

Most teams hope the offseason can end on a good note, but things ended on a sour note in Green Bay. Jacobs was placed on the commissioner's exempt list due to two charges that were filed against him.

Jacobs' availability is unknown at this point. The league is reviewing his case and will likely levy some discipline against him. The Packers, to this point, have given no indication they're going to release him.

Behind Jacobs, the run game is pretty inexperienced. Marshawn Lloyd is talented but has been unavailable. Chris Brooks and Kaleb Johnson have limited to no experience in Green Bay.

The lack of stability in the run game could cause Matt LaFleur to put more of a burden on Jordan Love's shoulders until the day that Jacobs returns.

GREEN BAY PACKERS AT MINNESOTA VIKINGS

Time and date: Sunday, Sept. 13
Location: U.S. Bank Stadium
TV: CBS
Radio: Flagship WRIT-FM, Milwaukee, 95.7. Packers Radio Network includes WRLO-FM Antigo, 105.3; WMJQ-FM, Clintonville, 92.3; WIXX-FM, Green Bay, 101.1; WLST-FM, Marinette, 95.1; and WSAU Wausau, 550 AM and 95.1 FM
2025 records: Packers 9-7-1, Vikings 9-8
History: The Vikings and Packers have a rivalry that dates all the way back to 1961. The Packers lead the all-time series 67-61-3.

The last time these two teams met in a game of significance, the Packers won 23-6 in a relatively non-descript game offensively. Emanuel Wilson had the first 100-yard rushing performance for the season. Micah Parsons and Devonte Wyatt were dominant up front as the Packers' defense tormented JJ McCarthy from the opening snap of the game.
The second game of the season between the two teams was a glorified preseason game. The Packers started Clayton Tune, who was released after the game. Any significant contributor was left on the bench in the

name of getting healthy for the playoffs.
Matt LaFleur has struggled a little more with the Vikings in his career.
Coaches: Packers, Matt LaFleur, eighth season, 75-39-1. Vikings, Kevin O'Connell, fifth season, 43-24.
Packers Schedule
Sunday, Sept. 13, at Minnesota, 3:25 p.m., CBS
Sunday, Sept. 20, at NY Jets, noon, FOX
Thursday, Sept. 24, vs. Atlanta, 7:15 p.m., Prime Video
Sunday, Oct. 4, at Tampa Bay, noon, FOX

Sunday, Oct. 11, vs. Chicago, 3:25 p.m., FOX
Sunday, Oct. 18, vs. Dallas, 7:20 p.m., NBC
Sunday, Oct. 25, at Detroit, 3:25 p.m., FOX
Thursday, Oct. 29, vs. Carolina, 7:15 p.m., Prime Video
Sunday, Nov. 8, at New England, 3:25 p.m., FOX
Sunday, Nov. 15, vs. Minnesota, noon, FOX
Week 11 BYE
Wednesday, Nov. 25, at LA Rams, 7 p.m., Netflix
Sunday, Dec. 6, at New Orleans, noon, FOX
Sunday, Dec. 13, vs. Buffalo, 7:20 p.m., NBC

Sunday, Dec. 20, vs. Miami, noon, FOX
Friday, Dec. 25, at Chicago, noon, Netflix
Monday, Jan. 4, vs. Houston, 7:15 p.m., ESPN
Week 18, vs. Detroit, TBD
NFL Schedule
Wednesday, Sept. 9
New England at Seattle, 7:20 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 10
San Francisco at LA Rams (Melbourne, Australia), 7:35 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 13
New Orleans at Detroit, noon
Tampa Bay at Cincinnati, noon
Baltimore at Indianapolis,

noon
Cleveland at Jacksonville, noon
NY Jets at Tennessee, noon
Buffalo at Houston, noon
Atlanta at Pittsburgh, noon
Chicago at Carolina, noon
Green Bay at Minnesota, 3:25 p.m.
Miami at Las Vegas, 3:25 p.m.
Arizona at LA Chargers, 3:25 p.m.
Washington at Philadelphia, 3:25 p.m.
Dallas at NY Giants, 7:20 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 14
Denver at Kansas City, 7:15 p.m.

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For more than two decades, at least one undrafted free agent has been on the Green Bay Packers rosters for Week 1. Wide receiver J. Michael Sturdivant, who finished his college career at Florida and also spent time at Cal and UCLA, made the Green Bay Packers initial 53-man roster this year, extending the streak to 22 years. The streak dates to 2005. Sturdivant cemented his place in Green Bay's final preseason game against Arizona on Aug. 28, pulling in six catches for 112 yards and a touchdown.

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FAMILY TIME FOR PARSONS



FAMILY NIGHT

Moments of on-field joy and celebration are what Parsons dreams about as he grinds away on his rehab, a nine-month process that will get him back on the field most likely in October sometime, after the 2026 season’s first handful of games. In the interim he’s had plenty of time to ponder what this difficult chapter will mean within the full story of his career. First and foremost, it’s the type of obstacle he’s never faced before. Parsons became the first NFL player since sacks became official in 1982 to post at least a dozen sacks in each of his first five seasons. He earned four All-Pro honors and five Pro Bowl selections along the way. Now, even the most mentally tough player many of his teammates have encountered, who trains beyond the point of exhaustion and will play every snap of a 15-play drive without thinking twice, admits there’s natural doubt as to whether he’ll be the same player again. But he doesn’t let it linger.

Youth & Bow Hunting



Friday, September 11, 2026

Learn safety with the use of airguns

Mentor hunting is ideal for pre-teen hunters

By ROSS BIELEMA
Correspondent

I grew up with guns, and from an early age, learned to handle BB and pellet guns before moving up to real firearms like .22 rifles and .410-gauge shotguns. There's an entry in my baby book that I shot a house sparrow at the tender age of 3 with my trusty Red Ryder BB gun (with assistance holding that now prized possession from my older brother, Brian).

My younger brother, Brent, also learned to shoot with airguns, and we thinned the starling population on the edge of Fulton, Illinois, our hometown, most nights at dusk with our beloved pellet guns.

One of my classmates, a brilliant kid with a straight-A average, was never allowed to have any pellet guns until he reached his 16th birthday. His parents didn't hunt or shoot, and it goes without saying that Jim was a maniac with his first gun, waiving the muzzle at us as we constantly scolded him. Brent and I learned safe gun handling from our father and Brian. Hunter education was just starting in Illinois in the early 1970s, and Brent and I were grandfathered in



Ian Pockat, of Kaukauna, steadies a Daisy BB gun for his son, Rowan Pockat, 7, during a youth BB gun contest at the fall 2025 Fox Valley Muzzle Loaders Club Capote Classic Rendezvous in rural New London. Both father and son are wearing eye protection. Airguns are ideal for training youngsters to shoot and hunt safely, especially when they are too small to carry a firearm. This year's FVML BB gun contest for youths 15 and younger will be held Oct. 4, and everyone is welcome. There is no entry fee and plenty of prizes.

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for hunting licenses.

You don't learn gun safety from osmosis or some instinct that suddenly tingles and kicks in on your 12th or 16th birthday. It's best learned hands-on from experienced hunters, whether family or

strangers.

That's why I've taught hunter safety for decades, including 13 years in Iowa and 20 in Wisconsin.

Kids lucky enough to be raised in hunting families get the itch to join the fun very early. Some kids have

to seek out an uncle, cousin, neighbor or other experienced hunter on their own for both training and a place to hunt. And airguns are excellent training tools that can help them learn safe gun handling and shooting skills.

As most of us fans of "A Christmas Story" know, a BB gun can "shoot your eye out" (I had a junior high history teacher who had a glass eye because of a BB gun mishap), but the relatively low power of said airgun offers a margin

of safety when a youngster has a misstep. A high-powered rifle that launches a bullet 3 to 5 miles or a shotgun that creates a 73-caliber hole in plywood is far less forgiving.

I should note that some of today's airguns are not your father's or grandfather's Daisys and Crosmans.

PCP (pre-charged pneumatics) in bores as large as .50 caliber can take down big game, including deer, bears and Cape buffalo. Break-barrel pellet guns up to .30 caliber can produce enough energy to take down small and medium-sized game up to coyotes. Air guns are now legal for deer in Wisconsin (if you hunt with one for deer, contact me because I'd love to do a story).

The National Rifle Association, the world's oldest firearms safety organization, offers six tips on teaching new shooters with airguns.

One big advantage in using a BB or pellet gun for youth training is the lack of recoil and noise common with hunting firearms. No ear protection is needed for airguns (eye protection is a must). Kids can develop flinching from the start with a firearm, so it's easier to teach shooting fundamentals (trigger squeeze, breathing control, shooting positions) without the shoulder-rocking explosions.

Learning to shoot with iron sights is always a good idea, especially because most young eyes are sharp and clear. But

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Several hunting seasons are opening in September all over Wisconsin. WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Get ready for fall hunting seasons

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources reminds hunters to prepare for the opening of several hunting seasons in September. New this fall, the DNR published an online version of the hunting regulations, including a drop-down filter that can help people navigate to the info they need faster. It can be viewed at <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Hunt/regulations/OnlineHuntingRegulations>.

There are six dates throughout September when seasons open. Hunters are encouraged to double-check season dates and that they have acquired all necessary licenses and stamps before going out for a hunt.

Opening on Sept. 1 were seasons for the common gallinule, early Canada goose, early teal, mourning dove, rail and snipe.

Opening on Sept. 9 was bear season in Zones A, B, C, D, E and F with aid of bait and all other legal methods not using dogs.

Opening on Sept. 12 will be seasons for cottontail rabbit (Northern Zone), deer (archery and crossbow), ruffed grouse (Zone A), squirrels (gray and fox) and turkey.

Coming up Sept. 16 is opening day for regular goose (Northern and Southern zones) and bear (Zones A, B, D with the aid of dogs, the aid of bait and all other legal methods).

Youth waterfowl and woodcock seasons open Sept. 19, and duck season (Northern Zone) opens Sept. 26.

The DNR also reminds hunters of mobile-friendly online resources, including hunting regulations, season dates, hunting hours and more, available

on the DNR's Hunting webpage. Hunters can find information on species population levels and hunting opportunities on the DNR's fall hunting forecasts.

A list of public lands open to hunting is available using the Public Access Lands webpage.

The Fields and Forest Lands Interactive Game Bird Hunting Tool provides hunters information on managed dove fields, stocked pheasant properties, as well as habitat for hunting ruffed grouse and woodcock.

This information and more can be found at <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov>.

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

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a low-cost scope can be mounted on many air rifles, getting kids ready for the same sighting advantage on their first deer rifles.

Look here for more tips: <https://www.nrafamily.org/content/6-hot-tips-for-teaching-new-shooters-with-air-guns/>.

Hunter safety instructor Bob Bohardt, of Shawano, says some parents want to start their kids in a class too soon. While the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources does not have a minimum age to take an in-person or online hunter education class, the reading level of materials is designed for someone 12 or older, he noted.

“How much time do you spend on one kid?” he said, explaining that kids age 8-10 may struggle to even hold a firearm and may be enrolled just because a parent wants them to take it. “How do you stop this?”

Bohardt, 74, will mark his 40th year as a DNR

certified instructor next year. He helped start in-person hunter ed classes in Shawano, Gresham, Bonduel, Bowler and Tigerton, but these days, he helps lead the one-day internet field classes (a hands-on class after students take an online course) with the help of his granddaughter, Stephanie Popelka, also of Shawano. Bohardt is also a longtime delegate for the Wisconsin Conservation Congress for Shawano County.

When he visited his grandma’s place as a boy, he sometimes shot pellet guns but for the most part learned firearms safety with a bolt-action .410 shotgun.

The state’s mentor hunting program is ideal for young hunters not ready to take a class. The law says any mentee must be within arm’s length of the mentor. Bohardt liked the old version of the law that required the mentor and child to share a firearm, but now each can

have their own gun. There is no maximum age to be a mentee, other than those born before Jan. 1, 1973. You must be at least 18 and a hunter ed graduate to be a mentor.

Here are more details on mentor hunting: <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/Education/OutdoorSkills/mentor>.

Another great way for youngsters to learn firearms safety is to shoot trap. Bohardt is involved in that, too, helping start a Youth Trap League at Shawano Gun Club that involves students in grades 6-12 from Shawano, Wolf River Lutheran, Bonduel, Marion and Tigerton schools. The league sees about 80 kids in spring and up to 60 in fall, all learning the responsible way to enjoy a shooting sport that will get them ready for the woods.

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Bob Bohardt, a 39-year veteran of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources hunter education instructors program, won this Friends of the Fair award in 2023. He continues to offer his shooting and hunting expertise in Shawano County as a delegate of the state Conservation Congress and as a coach and organizer for the Youth Trap League at Shawano Gun Club.

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Special seasons for youths offer chance to hunt

Special youth hunting weekends for wild turkey, white-tailed deer and waterfowl allow youngsters to hunt and gain experience without competing against adults. These youth hunting events are scheduled one weekend before the regular hunting season and are open to residents and non-residents 15 and younger.

All youth hunters must have successfully completed a hunter education program or participated in the mentored hunt program.

Hunters must hold the required valid licenses, stamps and permits for the species they intend to pursue. An adult 18 or older must accompany the youth hunter.

An adult cannot attend more than two youth hunters at one time. Only one youth hunter can follow the mentor hunting program if the adult is

attending to more than one youth hunter.

Youth hunters may hunt deer with a gun in all deer management units except state park and non-quota units. A gun deer hunting license is required if hunting with a firearm.

The bag limit is one buck per gun deer harvest authorization, plus additional antlerless deer per antlerless deer harvest authorization valid for the deer management unit that the youth hunter will be hunting.

Youth hunters with an archer or crossbow license may continue to hunt with a bow or crossbow during the archery and crossbow season, which runs concurrently with the youth gun deer hunt. All other hunting regulations apply.

This year’s youth deer hunt will be Oct. 10-11.

Youth hunters ages 15 and younger may hunt deer with a gun, bow or

crossbow in all deer management units, except Menominee County or in state parks.

Because the archery and crossbow seasons run concurrently with the youth gun deer hunt, youth hunters who possess an archer or crossbow license may also continue to hunt deer with a bow or crossbow.

Both resident and non-resident youth hunters are eligible to participate.

Again, youths must be accompanied by an adult 18 or older. The adult does not have to be a licensed hunter or a hunter education graduate to accompany one or two youths who are at least 12 and have completed a hunter education course.

Adults accompanying youth hunters may not hunt deer with a firearm during the youth hunt, but may possess a bow, crossbow or gun to hunt for a

game species that is open at that time, including deer with a bow or crossbow only.

An adult may not accompany more than two

youth hunters during the youth gun deer hunt at any given time.

For all youth hunters 11 and younger, or youth hunters 12-15 who do not

possess a hunter education certificate, and who possess a gun deer hunting license:

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Watch for power lines when preparing for hunt

By **BLAKE AND KATIE JAGIELLO**
Special to NEW Media

I could barely sleep last night. I kept thinking about the big buck Dad saw on the trail cam last week. My alarm went off way too early, but I didn't even care – I was already wide awake. I threw on my warmest gear, grabbed my backpack and tiptoed out the door like a ninja so I wouldn't wake my little sister.

It was a cool, crisp morning. My boots crunched with every step as we walked to the stand, and my breath made little clouds in the cold air. Dad gave me a thumbs-up before he walked to his stand nearby, and Grandpa and I climbed in his.

Now I'm sitting here, watching the woods wake up.

The sunrise is turning the sky orange and pink, and it's so quiet I can hear my own heartbeat. Then – crunch. I freeze. Something's moving. My hands grip the rifle tighter. Could it be him? The big one?

I hold my breath and wait. I nudged Grandpa to show him that the buck was coming. "Can I shoot?" Before Grandpa could even answer, I had my barrel out the deer blind window and waited for the perfect shot. Boom!

"Grandpa, I got him."

Now came the hard part, waiting. After 30 minutes, Grandpa said that we could finally walk over to the deer.

There it was, a nice 7 pointer.

As hunting season approaches, excitement builds for time outdoors. I'd like to share these safety tips with you before you head into the woods. My mom works at OEC and has shared them with me.

Power lines and utility



Blake Jagiello shows of the 7-point buck he shot while hunting with this dad and grandfather.

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equipment are often out of sight – and out of mind – especially in wooded or rural areas.

Ignoring them can lead to serious injuries or even death.

Keep these tips in mind to stay safe and avoid costly or dangerous incidents:

- Scout the area. Before hunting, take time to scout your area during daylight. Look for power lines, poles and electrical equipment. Note their locations to avoid them later.

- Power safely. If you're using a portable electrical generator on your hunting trip, don't use it

inside a cabin or RV, or in a confined area. Make sure it's used outside where there is plenty of ventilation.

- Avoid aiming toward power lines or equipment. Never fire near or toward poles, lines, substations or transformers. A stray bullet could knock down a line, interrupt power or create a deadly hazard.

- Keep your distance. Always stay at least 10 feet away from overhead lines, poles and other electrical infrastructure when setting up or taking down tree stands.

- Never climb a utility pole. Even if it looks like the perfect vantage point, don't do it. Poles carry high-voltage lines, and climbing them can be deadly.

- Don't use utility poles for support. Tree stands or blinds should never be attached to or supported by power poles or electrical equipment.

Know the danger of downed lines. If you come across a downed power line or damaged electrical equipment, stay at least 50 feet away, even if it doesn't appear to be live.

Power lines can still carry

electricity when on the ground, posing a risk of shock or electrocution.

Call 911 or your utility right away to help prevent a dangerous situation.

Whether you're a seasoned hunter or heading out for the first time, staying aware of your surroundings could save your life.

Blake Jagiello is the son of Katie Jagiello, Oconto Electric Cooperative's communications and marketing specialist. This article first appeared in the OEC November 2025 newsletter.



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- Hunters must be "mentored" by an adult who is within arm's reach at all times during the hunt.

- Qualified adult mentors must be at least 18 and have the youth's parents' or guardians' permission to mentor the youth hunter.

- Mentors must possess a valid Wisconsin hunting license for the current hunting season. The type

of hunting license does not matter unless the mentor will be hunting other game. When hunting on land the mentor owns or occupies, a mentor is exempt from the hunting license requirement if not hunting, or if only hunting rabbits, squirrel, raccoon, fox, coyote, beaver or unprotected species.

- Qualified adult mentors may only mentor one

youth hunter whose age is 11 and under, or who has not completed hunter education, at any given time.

- Adults accompanying youth hunters may not hunt deer with a firearm during the youth hunt, but may possess a bow, crossbow or gun to hunt for a game species that is open for them to hunt at that time, including deer with a bow or crossbow only.

Early goose season opened Sept. 1

Regular goose seasons open in different zones in September and October

There are still a few days left in the early goose season.

The season opened Sept. 1 and runs through Sept. 15.

The early goose season has an increased daily bag limit of five Canada geese and is uniformly regulated across Wisconsin.

The regular goose season will open in the Northern and Southern Goose Zones on Sept. 16. The Mississippi River Goose

Zone will open Oct. 3.

The 2026 population estimate for Wisconsin-breeding Canada geese is slightly lower than the 5-year population estimate.

While afield, goose hunters must carry either an electronic or physical copy of their small game license, early Canada goose permit, Harvest Information Program (HIP) registration, as well as proof of purchase of a state waterfowl stamp and federal

Duck Stamp at all times.

Acceptable methods of proof include a paper copy, a DNR-approved PDF displayed on a mobile device or a Go Wild Conservation Card, along with a Wisconsin driver's license.

More information on goose hunting in Wisconsin, including how to find places to hunt and regulations, can be found at <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/hunt/waterfowl>.



The 2026 early goose season opened statewide Sept. 1 and runs through Sept. 15.

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Young hunters need serious tools for the woods

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The saddest thing I can imagine is a kid without a pocketknife.

Next in line on my Sad List would be a young hunter in the woods without a decent hunting knife (or two or three).

Growing up in the non-PC world of the 1960s and 1970s, I carried a pocket-knife everywhere, including school. What self-respecting Cub Scout or Webelo would be caught without his multiblade Scout knife?

Sacrilege. Nobody cared, least of all teachers. Kids, don't try this now.

Once you are in the timber, it's time to check and re-check that glorious blade your parent, grandpa, uncle or other hunting companion bought you. Whether you opted for a solid single-blade locking folder or a stealthy, gleaming sheath knife (leather sheath, please), it doesn't matter. You will eventually own and carry both.

I love guns, but I have a passion for knives. Once you start carrying one, you'll wonder why you ever lived without them. Did you ever try slicing bread with a table knife? Cut a piece of twine with a dull scissors? Not too sharp, eh? Well, let's get with the program and evolve to the tool-using stage.

Parents will have to judge the maturity of their kids, as always, but in general, when you give kids a little responsibility, they seem to appreciate your confidence in them and take their newfound freedom seriously. Kids with toy guns learn what real guns can do at the shooting range, and the same holds true of knives.

A sharp knife can slice a finger but can also field dress and skin a rabbit, squirrel or deer. Start a kid with a small blade and when they grow in maturity, they can graduate to a hunting blade.

It's been said that a sharp knife is safer than a dull one, because it cuts what needs to be cut without slipping, but I am terrible at sharpening knives. Today we have replaceable-blade knives made by Havalon called the Piranta line, which offer scalpel-sharp blades you toss instead of sharpening. Genius.

These are an option for older kids, but not a great idea for the grade-schoolers because an early mistake could become a long-lasting one. The Havalon blog is packed with great hunting and knife information for all ages at <https://blog.havalon.com>.

I prefer an American-made blade, but most trusted brands like Gerber, Buck, Kershaw and SOG offer both U.S.-made and foreign options to hit certain price points. One of my new favorites is Bear and Son, with most of its reasonably-priced blades made in Alabama. On a recent trip to Myrtle Beach, we made the mandatory stop in Sevierville, Tennessee for a 90-minute waltz through three stories of blades at world's largest knife store, AKA Smokey Mountain Knife Works.

Many were Bear and Son blades. You can get a lot of knife from them for \$30-\$80.

Carbon-steel blades are easier to sharpen than stainless steel, but most hunters opt for the latter because they are rust-resistant (if you leave them in a leather sheath

too long, they will start to rust).

Keep your knives clean (blood will etch steel) and lightly oiled.

Plan to spend at least \$30 on a solid sheath knife and at least \$40 on a folder. The latter are easier to carry in a pack or pocket, but when it comes time to clean your knife, it's much harder to get the viscera out of the folding knife's nooks and crannies. That's why you need both.

Local sporting goods stores like Dunham's, Fleet Farm, Scheels and Cabela's/Bass Pro Shops are full of decent hunting knife choices. You can also go the online route (adults have to order knives) for a larger selection. Boker, Cold Steel, Morakniv and Helle (the last two mostly Finnish Puukko designs) are other favorites of mine. Some of these border on works of art, but for hunting, rugged utility is its own beauty.

Choose a blade shape that best fits the job. I prefer a strong tanto point for general carry, a 3- to 5-inch blade is handy for most cutting tasks.

This guide to a child's first knife from knifemaker A.G. Russell offers great advice at <https://agrussell.com/knife-articles/buying-your-childs-first-knife>.

Now that we have a blade or two for field-dressing, skinning and general cutting, let's look at a few other must-haves for young hunters:

- A comfy seat. Youth hunters get wiggly and cold. Comfort is key to their success (just like us grown-ups). A plastic bucket won't cut it. A nice folding stool with a backrest is good but a heavy-duty hunting seat with a silent swivel is even better.
- A soft pad. A



Young hunters need quality gear to perform well and stay comfortable in the fall woods. Good U.S.-made knives include, from left, a Bear and Son sheath knife, Helle puukko knife and a folding Cabela's-branded Gerber liner-lock. Other tested gear includes a Dunham's folding stool, ThermoSeat cushion, compact metal LED flashlight, headlamp, folding saw and pelvic bone saw.

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ThermoSeat or other cushion (even a boat cushion or old throw pillow) offers OK sitting on the ground or a bucket and adds an extra layer of cush for the tush on any chair.

A great flashlight. Most lights today are super-bright LED bulbs. Rechargeable ones are OK but seem to go dead when you need them most. A headlamp is even better

if you are carrying lots of gear (waterfowl or deer hunters, or me).

A small folding or pelvic bone saw. The folding saw is great for trimming bigger limbs for shooting lanes. An alternative to the pelvic bone saw is a small hatchet, but this adds more weight to your backpack.

A pruning shears. The greatest hunting tool next

to the knife, a decent pruning shears will cut through grass and small limbs silently, and also works great for cutting joints when cleaning squirrels or rabbits, as well as turkey legs.

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Take advantage of Navarino Wildlife Area for fall hunting

Navarino Wildlife Area is part of the Lower Wolf River Bottomlands Natural Resources Area and can be found in southern Shawano and northeast Waupaca counties. The property includes more than 15,000 acres of state-owned land and the largest parcel within the Lower Wolf River Bottomlands Natural Resources Area.

The wildlife area is comprised of sandy uplands and ridges with marshy depressions. Habitat types include open fields, swamp conifer, lowland scrub, bog, bottomland hardwoods, pine plantations, and an aspen and oak forest. The West Branch of the Shioc River and the Wolf River run through the property.

Navarino Wildlife Area is seven miles south of Shawano. Ample parking opportunities are located throughout the property on the following roads: McDonald, South Townline, Lessor-Navarino, Birch and state Highway 156, County Road K,

Two Creek, Wildlife and Swamp Road.

There are two improved boat launches on the property (River Road and Highway 156), three designated carry-in sites (Zeuske Road, Steucks Road and Highway 156) and several other undeveloped access points to the Wolf River, Shioc River, tributaries and flowages.

The nature center maintains hiking, snowshoe and groomed ski trails along with picnic areas, restrooms, a parking lot, a shelter and a cabin to accommodate program participants.

Navarino Wildlife Area is managed to provide opportunities for public hunting, trapping, fishing and other outdoor recreation while protecting the qualities of the unique native communities and associated species found on the property.

The large acreage contains significant occurrences of several natural communities, including floodplain forest, sedge



Navarino Nature Center's wildlife area is comprised of sandy uplands and ridges with marshy depressions. Habitat types include open fields, swamp conifer, lowland scrub, bog, bottomland hardwoods, pine plantations, and an aspen and oak forest, all suitable for hunting enthusiasts.

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meadow, emergent marsh and dry-mesic forest.

Management includes the maintenance of continuous, extensive floodplain communities and a hydrologic connection between the river and off-channel aquatic habitats. Flowage management, with periodic drawdowns, is used

to maintain and improve the emergent marsh and open-water wetland types.

Bottomland hardwoods are maintained by favoring silver maple and swamp white oak while retaining other native trees and understory species. The aspen cover type is maintained through coppice

cutting at rotation age to regenerate the type. Quality red oak sites are managed through shelterwood harvests that are timed to coincide with good acorn crops.

Grassland and shrub-carr wetlands are maintained and improved through mowing and

prescribed fire. Sedge meadow is maintained or restored where feasible.

Farming agreements are used to maintain a mosaic of agricultural land. Populations of invasive species are controlled or eliminated by cutting, pulling, burning, herbicide treatment and biocontrol.

Peshtigo Brook Wildlife Area offers rustic hunting, trapping opportunities

Peshtigo Brook Wildlife Area is a 2,373-acre property in Oconto County, with about two-thirds of the property making up the Peshtigo Brook Meadow and Woods State Natural Area.

This area has extensive, unique native sedge meadows interspersed with dry oak, pine and aspen forests. It provides excellent remote hunting, trapping and wildlife-viewing recreation.

The property is north of Suring and south of state Highway 64. Take Hawthorn Road from Pipeline Road to a parking area on the property's southwest corner. A single parking lot is provided. Remote country recreation skills are a must for the limited development of this property.

State ownership of the property began in 1953, with the original management directed toward waterfowls and sharp-tailed grouses. With changes in hydrology and the succession of land cover, management has shifted to an emphasis on wildlife and the unique sedge meadow community.

Timber sales in the area



The Peshtigo Brook Wildlife Area offers many recreational opportunities — birding, cross-country skiing (no designated trail), hiking (no designated trail), hunting, trapping, wild edibles and gathering and wildlife viewing.

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improve habitat for wildlife dependent on early successional forest types. Prescribed burns to control brush in the sedge meadows are conducted periodically. Oak wilt containment measures have been utilized here. Timber stand improvement plans, and treatments for invasive species treatments are planned for the future.

The road system is maintained for management activities but is not currently open to vehicular traffic. Plans include improving access and parking through agreements with the town and county.

This property is managed in collaboration with the Bureau of Natural Heritage Conservation.

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