

Shawano remembers 9/11



Students continue tradition of paper chain while firefighters walk along Main Street

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

“Never forget” has been the mantra in the United States since the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, that caused the deaths of nearly 3,000 people, and Shawano showed it was remembering that fateful day in two ways in 2026, the 25th anniversary.

At Olga Brener Intermediate School, students in the fifth grade gathered in the field next to the playground with a paper chain before the end of the school day. Each link in red, white and blue signified one of the people who died on 9/11.

The students brought the chain out in a circle so large that some students had to stand on the playground for a proper circle to be formed. Following a moment of silence, the students all came together and piled the chain links together as fifth-grade teacher Allison Braun spoke to the students about how 9/11 changed the country and how it was important for them to never forget the sacrifices, not only of the victims that day, but about all the first responders and other people who helped in the aftermath.

It is estimated that one-third of Americans today were not even alive when 9/11 happened. Braun lived through the experience, and she wants her students and others in the world to realize the significance of what happened to the country 25 years ago.

“Their relatives, their teachers — there are so many people that lived through this,” Braun said. “Even though we weren’t in New York, Pennsylvania, the Pentagon, we lived through it, and it was a very emotional time for all of us. We think it’s really important for our students to understand what happened during this time and the feelings and the facts behind it.”

The chain link ceremony is something that has been done for many years at Brener with the support of teacher Karen Preston. Preston is no longer at the school, so Braun helps to oversee it in her stead.

“I get teared up now thinking about



Above, firefighters stand solemnly and silently as they salute an American flag Sept. 11 outside the Shawano Fire Station after completing a lengthy walk in full gear from ThedaCare Medical Center-Shawano. At left, Stu Kohlin, commander of AmVets Post 10, salutes as the firefighters walk along Main Street in their 9/11 tribute. Below, fifth grade students are directed to spread out Sept. 11 across the field at Olga Brener Intermediate School with the chain that signifies all of the people who perished 25 years ago to the day in terrorist attacks carried out by al-Qaeda. While the students were not even born when the fateful day occurred, their parents and teachers were.

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Development deal approved for The Spot

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

The Shawano Common Council signed off on a development agreement Sept. 9 that will allow a new entertainment venue to take over the site where a long vacant building has been at 205 N. Main St.

The development agreement allows the Shawano Redevelopment Authority to deed the building and property to The Spot for \$1. It also provides a demolition allowance of up to \$40,000 to The Spot through the use of Tax Increment District 9 funds once the project is completed. If the project is not finished by June 30, 2027, the property reverts back to the city by quitclaim deed.

The Spot is owned by Justin Penfold, co-founder of Sakom in Shawano, and El Tequila and El Jefe owner Sergio Hernandez.

The Spot will demolish a majority of the existing structure, leaving only the facade. A



A revitalized shipping container is expected to be converted into an outdoor bar at The Spot to be used in the evenings. CONTRIBUTED

commercial storefront, two-story patio, exterior restrooms, game area, food trucks and bar will go on the site. In a presentation the

RDA, Penfold said the project is expected to be open in time for Memorial Day.

“We’ve been looking at

redevelopment of the space for quite some time,” said City Administrator Eddie Sheppard. “A lot of proposals have come and

gone in the past. Anyone who wanted to reuse the building has run into seeing what the costs would be to fix it up and learned it’s not viable.”

There are two buildings connected at the site, and Sheppard said there has been difficulty in the past figuring out something that would keep at least some of the historic building alive.

“It’s been important to us to find someone who’s willing to understand that can be an expensive endeavor to separate those two buildings,” Sheppard said.

The plan is being pushed through now because Penfold seeks to get the demolition work done before cold weather sets in, according to Sheppard. That is the only way the venue can be open by next summer, he said.

Mayor Bruce Milavitz heard Penfold’s proposal to the RDA and put his support behind it.

“I think it’s a fantastic project, and I’m looking forward to seeing it,” Milavitz said.

Input sought on location of veterans memorial

Officials hope for decision by end of 2026

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

A new Shawano County Courthouse is still a couple of years away from opening, but discussions are now taking place regarding the veterans memorial that currently rests on the front lawn of the courthouse.

Plans as they are drawn up now will turn the site of the current building and memorial into a parking lot.

County Board Chairman Tom Kautza had the issue placed on the agenda of the Sept. 3 public property committee meeting, but he

noted several times it was for discussion only and no decision has yet been made.

Current plans for new courthouse don’t show the memorial, because no one has decided where it will be located.

Kautza said the decision should be up to county veterans groups. Kautza said he should not decide, because he is not a veteran.

“We’re still at the formation stage of just asking the veteran service organizations,” said Zach Zuehlsdorf, county veterans service officer. “There’s 15 in the county, and I’ve reached out to maybe four so far.”

He said a unanimous decision will be very hard to get, so a majority

vote of the groups will be recommended.

“Hopefully, they could get that done sometime yet this year,” Kautza said.

The memorial was dedicated in October 1993.

Ground was broken in April 1993 with construction beginning three months later.

The marker is made of 43,000 pounds of granite that was quarried in Pennsylvania and shipped to Georgia for polishing. When it was shipped to Shawano, staff at Schneider Monument completed the etchings and inscriptions.

The marker features the emblems of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard and Merchant Marines, as well as etchings

of some of the life-threatening activities of those who served.

The Samuels Group and Venture Architects, which are working with the county on the new courthouse and jail plans, will devise a few drawings of what the memorial will look like in various locations to give veterans something to view when they hold discussions.

Kautza said there has been talk about moving it closer to the main entrance of the new courthouse. Because there will only be one place for the public to enter the new courthouse, everyone will see the memorial if it is placed there.

“In the 2½ weeks, three weeks I’ve been working with this, I think that’s the

best recommendation,” Zuehlsdorf said. “The courthouse is the symbol for veterans that were drafted. This was a reporting place, and to remove that outside of the courthouse ... you’re kind of taking away that spot where a lot of draftees (went).”

There was talk about four years ago of moving the memorial to the city of Shawano’s Franklin Park.

Veteran Dennis Bohm opposed the idea then and opposes it now. He said the memorial does not belong in a park or even a cemetery.

Bohm said he discussed the issue with community members Sept. 2 during the opening night of the Shawano County Fair. “Ninety percent of the people I

talked to at the fairgrounds said, ‘Do not move that memorial,’” he said. “It’s a Shawano County veterans memorial.”

Bohm said the memorial should be left where it is and sit at the edge of the new parking lot near North Main Street. If it is placed by the main doors, people driving by will not see it as they will have to look past the parking lot, he said.

Kautza reiterated it’s important to keep the discussion in front of veterans so a decision can be made soon.

“We’re not trying to do anything behind anybody’s back in any way, shape or form,” he said. “We want input from all of them.”

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City cuts ribbon for rec center

Officials laud what facility will mean for community in future

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

The long road to reopening the Shawano Recreation Center ended Sept. 12 when the city of Shawano cut the ribbon on its renovated \$5.25 million facility.

City Administrator Eddie Sheppard told dozen of spectators the city is really excited about the center's potential, noting that while signs outside say it is a recreation center, it has morphed into a community center, with places for local organizations to meet and families to hold birthday parties, as well as small businesses to utilize office spaces that can't be done from their home base.

MSA, based in Appleton, and 8Pine, based in Shawano, worked together with the city to make the new and improved recreation center a reality, Sheppard said. He noted his own staff made a difference when it came to improving on a building built in the 1950s.

"A lot of times, when you think of projects like this with a building, remodels are actually a lot harder," he said. "Throughout this project, we ran into a lot of things where, if we didn't have such a great team working together, they would have become problematic. We were on a tight timeline."

MSA has worked with the city on a few projects, said Jennifer Trader, community development



The city of Shawano formally opened the new and improved Shawano Recreation Center on Sept. 12 with a ribbon cutting that included a number of local children. The project came in around \$5.25 million, which included a \$4.25 million grant from the Flexible Facilities Program.

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specialist with the company. She noted the grant that funded the recreation center had a primary purpose of providing modern technology and high-speed internet to facilities, but the city saw the opportunity to upgrade the existing building with more than flashy gadgets.

"This was all in response to the COVID-19 pandemic," Trader said. "This project has definitely accomplished all of that and a lot more. By prioritizing the cutting-edge technology and

fostering education ... it's also supporting professional development and developing health-care monitoring."

Bert Pieper, founder for 8Pine, said watching the recreation center come full circle has been special for him. He said it was a privilege being trusted with the project.

"The most rewarding thing is knowing what comes next," Pieper said. "Kids learning, families spending time together, and neighbors gathering here

for years to come."

Parks and recreation director Matt Hendricks wrangled up a number of local children to help the city cut the ribbon, noting the recreation center is expected to serve the community well into the future.

"Although this is amazing for us, it's for the next generation as a 60- or 70-year building," Hendricks said. "These kids will be using it in their adulthood."

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Office, storage building approved for county park

By KEVIN PASSON
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Keith Marquardt, director of the Shawano County parks department, may soon have a new office.

For years, Marquardt has used a small house at the Shawano Lake County Park as his office. Now, with the county planning to build a new cold storage warehouse with office space in the front, Marquardt will soon vacate the house.

The highway and parks committee, as well as the public property committee, approved plans for the new building in early September. The county will now solicit bids for the project.

Dan Roarty, owner and architect for Dimension IV in Green Bay, designed the building. He will now prepare the bid packet for builders.

The county budgeted \$363,000 in its 2026 capital improvement budget for the building.

The parks department has expensive equipment that currently sits out in the elements. The warehouse area will also include a mezzanine, and the office area will include a breakroom.

Marquardt's current office space will be remodeled, and the house will be turned into a short-term rental unit.

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City continues talks with humane society about funding bidding begin

Full council gets update on request for funding stray animal treatment

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

The city of Shawano is continuing to talk with officials from the Shawano County Humane Society to see if there's an option beyond shelling out almost \$25,000 to help keep the humane society operational.

A notice from the humane society was sent out in July to Shawano County municipalities from Pam Nowak, the society's executive director, and Dusty Martzke, president for the board of directors. The notice is asking for municipalities to help the humane society in one of two ways.

The first option is for municipalities to pay \$2.50 for each resident within their borders, based on the most recent official numbers from the U.S. Census. The second option would seek \$500 for every stray dog or cat, or for every dog or cat with a litter, apprehended within municipal boundaries, which would be more challenging for local governments to budget.

For any municipalities

that don't choose from the two, the third option will be that the humane society will no longer accept stray dogs or cats from those that do not contribute, according to the notice. The humane society has set a deadline of Nov. 1 to return contracts, so it's likely that the city would make its final determination in October.

City Administrator Eddie Sheppard has said the first option would be the preferable one for the city, but he doesn't like the idea of being asked to do this immediately or risk losing support for stray animals within the city. Shawano's levy limit is only increasing by \$48,000 for 2027, and having to pay \$25,000 to the humane society would make it difficult for any other city priorities to make it in next year's budget.

Sheppard joined other municipal leaders at a meeting with the humane society Sept. 3, and he reported to the Shawano Common Council on Sept. 9 that talks are ongoing, with future plans for city staff to meet individually with humane

society leaders and look at options.

"There are a lot of folks that are concerned and seeking to understand why there's essentially going to be an assessment to the communities for utilizing the humane society and what that would mean moving forward if communities do or don't agree to it," Sheppard said.

The humane society operates at an average cost of about \$57,000 monthly. In 2025, the humane society took in 578 stray dogs and cats, but only 141 were reclaimed by owners during a five-day hold period. That left the remainder in the care of the humane society, which has to assume responsibility for rehabilitation and medical care.

The humane society spent \$349,600 to care for stray animals in 2025, coming to about \$800 per stray. Among the expenses were housing and daily care, spaying and neutering, rabies and other core vaccinations, microchipping, necessary medical treatment, emergency veterinary care, adoption

preparation and placement, as well as behavioral rehabilitation when needed.

"I think we got a good general understanding of where they were coming from and their financial challenges, but I don't think they fully understand how municipalities have financial challenges, as well, with levy limits," Sheppard said. "We can't just increase fees to fund things. Our hope is that we can help provide them the other side of the perspective. There may be other things the city can help them with or help with their overall mission."

Sheppard noted the sudden request has been a hot topic for municipal clerks around the area, and it's uncertain how things will look in the future.

"What they're asking for is a \$25,000 charge for city residents to use the humane society on a per capita basis," he said. "It's not little. It's impactful, especially impactful for our budget."

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Let the bidding begin

First round of courthouse plans now in hands of builders

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

Nearly 800 pages of written specifications and 100 pages of architectural drawings make up the first bid pack for a proposed new courthouse and jail housing unit for Shawano County.

The documents can be viewed on the county website <https://www.co.shawano.wi.us>, and builders have until 2 p.m. Sept. 30 to provide sealed bids for the work.

"We've actually received quite a bit of interest from contractors, which is good," said Kurt Berner, of The Samuels Group.

A pre-bid meeting was held Sept. 10. Potential bidders were encouraged but not required to attend.

"It allows the bidders to come on site," Berner said. "We'll explain to them the bid process."

Potential bidders also had a chance to tour the future construction site.

The \$121 million project includes constructing and equipping a new courthouse, a secure connection to the existing jail, a vehicle sally port, jail intake and support areas and a new inmate housing unit, as well as acquiring land and related furnishings, fixtures and

equipment.

This first bid pack is for broad categories such as building demolition, footings, foundations, flatwork, sitework, precast concrete, masonry, metals and steel, detention equipment, electric traction elevators, HVAC long lead equipment, electrical long lead equipment, earthwork, and utilities.

"After that pre-bid meeting, we allow them some time to send questions in," Berner said. "We will publish those questions (and answers) in a pre-bid addendum."

There will be a public bid opening at 2:10 p.m. Sept. 30 in the courthouse.

All names of contractors, the bid category and the bid amount will be read aloud.

The Samuels Group will then conduct a bid qualification to ensure the bidders meet all of the requirements and scope of the work.

Recommendations will be forwarded to the Oct. 15 public property committee meeting, which will then forward their decision to the Oct. 28 county board meeting for final approval.

A second round of projects will be let for bid in November, with decisions made after Jan. 1, 2027.

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JOANNE PETERSON

Joanne Peterson, 83, Green Bay, passed away Friday, Sept. 4, 2026.

Funeral services were held Sept. 11 at Blaney Funeral Home, 1521 Shawano Ave., Green Bay.

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Sacred Heart Catholic School students Colton Farley and Miriam Thacker collect thoughts from their fellow students during a presentation from Rachel's Challenge on Sept. 10 in the school gymnasium. CONTRIBUTED

Rachel's Challenge presents message of kindness to kids

Sacred Heart Catholic School welcomed Rachel's Challenge presenter Chad Wolfenbarger on Sept. 10 for a day of presentations and student leadership activities focused on kindness, compassion and creating positive connections within the school community.

Students in grades K-8 participated in age-appropriate sessions that encouraged them to recognize the value of inclusion, empathy and reaching out to others. Through stories, discussions and reflection, students explored how small acts of kindness can create a lasting impact.

Throughout the day, students were actively involved in

conversations and activities designed to strengthen relationships and build a supportive school culture. Younger students participated in interactive discussions with Wolfenbarger, while middle school students took part in leadership-focused workshops that challenged them to identify ways they can make a positive difference in their school and community.

As part of the experience, students collaborated on group discussions, shared ideas for future service projects, and signed a Rachel's Challenge banner as a public commitment to kindness, acceptance and compassion. These activities reinforced the program's central message that every individual has the

power to influence others through positive actions.

"Rachel's Challenge provided our students with an inspiring reminder that their words, actions and relationships matter," said Autumnne Gee, Sacred Heart's director of admissions and development. "The lessons shared throughout the day align closely with our mission as Cardinals for Christ and will continue to guide how we care for and support one another."

Founded in memory of Rachel Joy Scott, Rachel's Challenge has reached millions of students worldwide with a message centered on compassion, respect and creating a chain reaction of kindness.

Low-dose CT screening helps detect lung cancer earlier

Lung cancer remains the leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the United States, but advances in screening and treatment are helping physicians detect the disease earlier and improve outcomes for patients.

According to the National Cancer Institute (NCI), studies have shown that low-dose CT screening can reduce mortality by 20-24% among high-risk individuals by detecting the disease at earlier, more treatable stages.

One of the most common questions people ask is whether they qualify for lung cancer screening. Current screening guidelines recommend annual low-dose CT scans for adults 50-77 who have at least a 20-pack-year smoking history and currently smoke or have quit within the past 15 years. The screening is intended for individuals who do not have symptoms of lung cancer, such as coughing up blood,

unexplained weight loss, persistent coughing or shortness of breath, and are healthy enough to undergo treatment if cancer is detected.

"Through low-dose CT screening, we know we can reduce the risk of death by picking up the disease earlier," said Dr. Thomas Oliver, medical oncologist with Aspirus Health. "The earlier we find lung cancer, the more treatable it is and the more likely we are to cure it."

A low-dose CT scan is a quick, noninvasive screening exam that typically takes only a few minutes and does not require contrast dye, needles or special preparation. During the exam, detailed images of the lungs are captured and reviewed by a radiologist, who determines whether routine follow-up or additional evaluation is needed.



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"Typically, early-stage lung cancers do not have any symptoms, so screening becomes really important," Oliver said. "Just as mammography changed how we manage breast cancer, lung cancer screening is helping us detect more cancers before they become advanced."

Researchers are also studying changing lung cancer trends, including findings that lung cancer rates among women now exceed those among men in certain younger and middle-aged age groups. While researchers continue working to better understand the factors contributing to these trends, advances in screening and treatment are already helping improve outcomes for patients diagnosed with lung cancer.

"We now have multiple targeted treatments based on next-generation

sequencing, which helps us identify specific alterations in a tumor and match patients with therapies tailored to their cancer," Oliver said. "That's led to improved outcomes, and patients are living longer, and we're curing more people of their lung cancer."

While avoiding tobacco use remains the most effective way to reduce lung cancer risk, annual screening offers an important opportunity for eligible adults to take a proactive approach to their lung health. For current and former smokers, low-dose CT lung cancer screening can provide valuable information about their lung health and help determine whether additional evaluation is needed.

Adults who currently smoke or have a significant smoking history should talk with their primary care provider about whether low-dose CT lung cancer screening is appropriate for them.

Oversight of parks department could change committees

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

When Keith Marquardt, director of the Shawano County parks department, needs official approval for anything, he goes to the highway and parks committee. That could soon change.

Supervisor Al Kuhn, a member of the highway and parks committee, recently brought up the idea of moving oversight of the parks department to the public property committee. Kuhn is also a member of that committee.

The change in who the parks director reports to has been debated on and off the past several years.

Kuhn said that in his mind, the parks are public property, so it makes sense to have the public property committee oversee those operations.

"It seems like there's more decisions being made for the parks department that are coming through public property rather than highway

department," said Julie Hasser, director of human resources, at the Sept. 3 public property committee meeting.

County Administrator Stacey Cicero agreed. She noted that recent discussions about building a cold storage building and office at the Shawano Lake County Park and a museum building at Heritage Park both went through public property, and not highway and parks, for approval.

Supervisor Tom Kautza said Marquardt is considering retirement, which might be a good time to make the change.

Hasser said making the change now would give committee members a chance to learn about the parks before a new director comes aboard.

Public property committee members voted to make the change and forward their decision to the rules committee for consideration.

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Library footprint expansion plans updated by consultant

By KEVIN PASSON
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Plans to build a new Shawano County Public Library on its current site could see a slight expansion if officials can negotiate the purchase of a few adjoining properties.

Kurt Berner, of The Samuels Group, said he recently spoke with people connected with the Frontier and the Bertram Wireless buildings south of the library, 128 S. Sawyer St., Shawano.

There is no projected cost or date of construction for a new library, and officials have yet to even approve a conceptual plan.

As for the Frontier building at 215 E. Division St., Berner said he was told the building serves as a hub of connections for Shawano and the surrounding area.

"Taking down and replacing that building is kind of a monumental feat,

so it's hands-off for the building, but the garage that's on the north side of that building is something they may consider," he said.

Possibilities are better with the Bertram Wireless building at 221 E. Division St.

Berner said this building is mostly used for storage, with equipment in place on the tower. However, company officials will review their options, which means it's still on the table for the county.

In early September, the owner of the two apartment buildings at 203 and 205 E. Division St., put the properties on the market for \$975,000.

The two buildings include 12 units.

Berner said he reached out to the Realtor, who agreed to talk with the owner about the county possibly buying the property.

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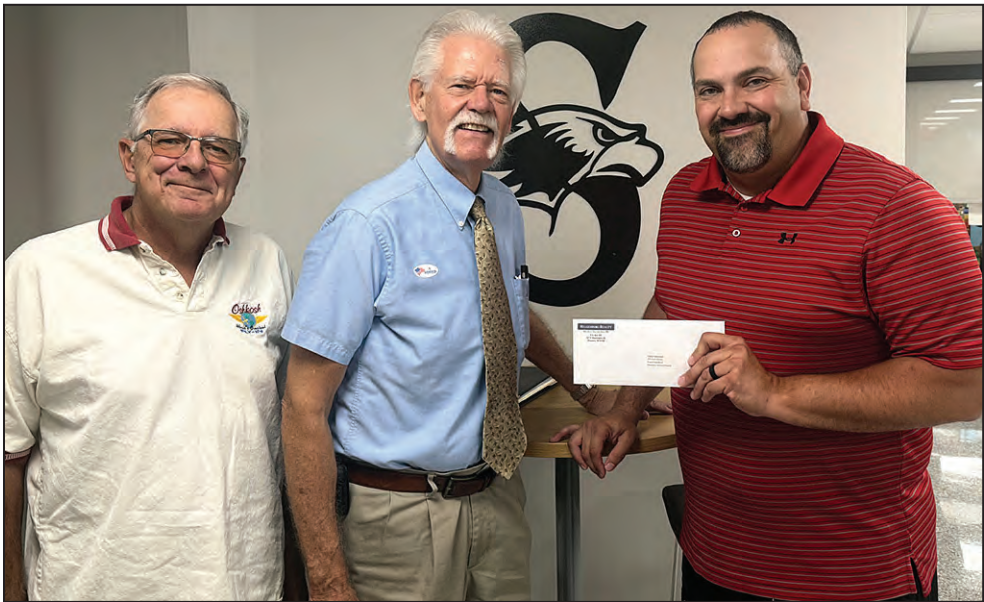
Summer hours end at courthouse

Summer hours at the Shawano County Courthouse will come to an end Sept. 18.

Regular hours, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, will resume Sept. 21.

Summer hours would normally end with Labor Day. This year, Labor Day was also a payroll Monday for the county, making it difficult to have the transition start at that time.

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The Shawano High School class of 1968 recently presented Kurt Krizan, superintendent of Shawano School District, right, with checks totaling more than \$5,000 that will be used to equip a media room in the recently upgraded media center at Shawano Community High School. Class representatives Doug Engel, left, and Terry Hilgenberg said the class believed it was important to show their support of the education program and system the Shawano community provided each of the classmates during their tenure at SCHS. All past classes and graduates are challenged to do the same.

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Substance use disorder often affects families

Substance use disorder doesn't typically happen in isolation.

The affected person's experience can also impact their loved ones. For family or friends of someone with substance use disorder, it can feel difficult to know how to proceed.

"You might sway between wanting to support, feeling helpless and struggling to cope with the fallout of the loved one's behavior and decisions," said Caitlin Reider, substance use disorder counselor with ThedaCare.

She recognizes the challenges and complexities of such situations and offers help.

"Substance use can affect the entire family with everyone experiencing the traumatic impact," Reider said. "Family members deserve education and support, too."

Reider understands the challenge of broaching the topic of a loved one's drug or alcohol use. She offers a few tips for such conversations.

"You might notice a loved one is using a substance in a way that concerns you. You can open the conversation by saying, 'I have concerns about your substance use and this is what I'm noticing,'" she said, "or, 'I'm worried about you. How can I support you?' Provide them with caring feedback and support and avoid accusing the individual."

ThedaCare provides a flexible, goal-orientated substance use disorder treatment approach based on individual patients' needs.

Substance use disorder services also are available in Shawano.

Because some people may not be in the position to have that conversation or will not respond positively to a request to seek help, Reider said it's essential for loved

ones of those with substance use disorders to also take care of themselves.

"Boundaries are something we set for ourselves. We can't force someone else to change their behaviors," she said. "For example, we can set the boundary that 'if you yell at me while you've been drinking, I am not going to talk to you.'"

"When setting boundaries, use I statements, such as, 'I won't ride in a car with you if you've been drinking,'" Reider said. "Once you set those expectations, make sure you adhere to them. Think about how to tend to yourself when something happens. Self-care is essential."

Nurturing activities could include smelling a scented candle, petting or holding a pet, going for a walk, attending a yoga class, meditating, attending a religious service and spending time with close friends.

Recovering from substance use disorder can take time. Reider encouraged loved ones to have a realistic picture of what recovery might look like and to remember that the process is rarely linear.

"It's important to try to have patience," she said.

Many people can benefit from attending a support group because they may connect with others going through similar experiences.

A counselor facilitates the group and helps guide the conversation. Sessions focus on a range of topics, from setting boundaries and self-care, to going through the healing process. People can attend as often as they want. Participants as young as 14 can attend the support group if accompanied by an adult.

"For many, substance use disorder is a heartbreaking disease," Reider said. "It can alter a person's morals and ethics, and the people they love the most are often the ones who are the most affected."

Well-child visit covers annual exam, sports physical

Parents deciding whether to schedule a sports physical or an annual exam can often accomplish both in a single well-child visit.

According to Dr. Sarah Dennison, pediatrician with Aspirus Health, annual well-child visits include the health evaluation needed for sports participation while also providing a broader assessment of a child's overall health.

A sports physical focuses primarily on athletic participation. A well-child visit goes beyond sports eligibility by evaluating a child's growth, development, mental health and overall well-being.

"Even if you don't think there's a problem, come in and check on your child's

growth and development. We can make sure they're progressing in the healthiest way possible," said Dennison.

That broader focus can help identify concerns before they affect a child's health, performance in school or participation in sports. Even when children appear healthy, annual visits give families an opportunity to discuss questions or changes that may otherwise go unnoticed.

"We talk about nutrition, how important it is to hydrate before athletic activity, and other habits that help keep children healthy throughout the year, not just during sports season. We can do all of that in the same visit," said Dennison.

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ThedaCare expert offers cyclospora prevention tips

There are steps people can take to help reduce the likelihood of illness from cyclospora infection, according to an infectious disease specialist at ThedaCare.

Cyclosporiasis is an intestinal illness caused by the cyclospora parasite. Cyclospora cases rise annually in the United States during spring and summer. This year is notable for an unusually high case count, reaching unprecedented levels across the nation.

“Any outbreak is concerning, but it doesn’t mean you are powerless,” said Dr. Anthony Zeimet. “Adopting food safety measures and knowing the signs of illness are important steps for people to follow.”

People may become infected by consuming food or water that is contaminated with the parasite. Typically, the infection is more common in countries that don’t have widespread water treatment facilities. Water used for irrigating or washing crops can then become tainted with human waste. The parasite spreads when people consume food or drink water that is contaminated with feces. Cyclosporiasis does not spread from person to person.

The current outbreak has led to hospitalizations. There have not been any reported deaths.

In mid-July, grower Taylor Farms recalled all iceberg lettuce sourced from central Mexico, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The recall included iceberg lettuce sold at retail stores and restaurants. It also included other recalled products distributed to food service customers. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) also recently identified a new cyclosporiasis outbreak.

According to the FDA,

past cyclosporiasis outbreaks in the United States have been linked to fresh produce such as raspberries, cabbage, basil, cilantro, parsley, broccoli, snow peas, sugar snap peas and leafy greens. Experts say eating packaged products such as bagged lettuce and salad mixes can increase the risk because they undergo more processing than whole heads of greens.

“An unfortunate side effect of the outbreak has been the worries it casts about eating fresh produce, which is essential to good health,” Zeimet said. “You can still eat fruits and veggies while taking steps to reduce your odds of contracting a foodborne illness.”

He encouraged people to follow safety guidelines from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and the CDC, including:

- Not eating raw produce or uncooked foods when traveling abroad.
- “If you can’t cook it, peel it or wash it in safe water, don’t eat it,” he said. “Drink only bottled water and avoid ice.”
- Washing hands with soap and water before preparing food.
- Washing fruits and vegetables thoroughly under running water before eating, cutting or cooking them.
- Scrubbing firm fruits and vegetables, such as melons and cucumbers, with a clean produce brush.

Symptoms of cyclosporiasis typically are felt about one week after consuming food or drinking water containing cyclospora. They may appear as soon as two days or as long as two weeks after exposure. Symptoms include diarrhea, loss of appetite, weight loss, cramping, bloating, increased gas, nausea and fatigue and generalized malaise.

“Fatigue and malaise can be prominent early in the infectious cycle, along with development of copious diarrhea that lasts for a few days,” Zeimet said. “You may start to feel better and then symptoms return with another round of severe diarrhea. This relapsing diarrhea is a common pattern with this illness.”

Anyone can contract cyclosporiasis. Certain groups are more vulnerable to developing serious illness or complications, including people with weakened immune systems, older adults and infants and children, Zeimet said.

He encouraged people who suspect they are sick from eating potentially contaminated foods to consult their health care provider, especially if they have diarrhea or other severe symptoms that last for more than a few days.

“Numerous viruses and other bacteria can also cause diarrhea. Most of these cases last a couple of days,” Zeimet said. “However, if you have a relapsing pattern of diarrhea and symptoms persist beyond seven to 10 days, I would consider being tested for cyclosporiasis.”

If a doctor or clinician diagnoses cyclosporiasis, antibiotics can be prescribed to shorten the course of the illness, he explained. Without treatment, symptoms can last for a month or longer.

“It’s important to stay well-hydrated if you have cyclosporiasis and any time you are experiencing diarrhea,” Zeimet said. “When outbreaks such as cyclosporiasis occur, it’s important not to panic. Focus on prevention, education and awareness and what you can do to protect yourself. The more you know, the better equipped you are to care for yourself and loved ones.”

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Hawks let victory slip away in New London

By **GREG SEUBERT**
Correspondent

On paper, a Bay Conference football matchup between teams with a combined 2-4 record doesn't sound like an exciting way to spend three hours on a Friday night.

However, fans attending New London's thrilling 42-41 win over Shawano in New London ended up getting their money's worth, as the teams combined for 12 touchdowns and 83 points.

Although Shawano scored on all three of its offensive possessions in the first half and held a 34-13 lead early in the third quarter, the Hawks gave the Bulldogs a short field twice in the second half with fumbles and New London scored each time.

Turnovers and penalties ended up making a difference down the stretch, coach Alan Tomow said.

"Offensively, we did a nice job," he said. "We ran the ball really, really well for the first 3 1/2 quarters. They couldn't stop us. Then, we started putting the ball on the ground, and I'm really disappointed by that. We talk about protecting the ball, and we go through that in practice. The penalties started to hurt, too. It's not the penalties, it's the inopportune times they happen. We're trying to salt the game away."

The Hawks took a 7-0 lead less than four minutes into the game after Micah Welander picked up the ball after a New London fumble and returned it 44 yards.

New London tied the game on its next possession, as Josh Batten capped an 81-yard drive with a 2-yard quarterback keeper.



Nolan Kleinschmidt picks up yardage for Shawano in the Hawks' 42-41 loss to New London.
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Austin Heling set up Shawano's second score on the team's next drive with a 44-yard run to set the Hawks up at the 2-yard line. Marcus Brezgel gave the Hawks the lead with a 6-yard run with just over a minute to go in the first quarter.

The game's next drive also ended in a touchdown, as Batten connected with Braxton Walzer for a 45-yard scoring pass. The Bulldogs failed on a two-point conversion and trailed 14-13 with 9:17 remaining in the first half.

Shawano added two more touchdowns before halftime. Elijah Senft's 32-yard run helped set up Brezgel's 25-yard touchdown run and after the

Bulldogs turned the ball over on downs, Tristan Lawe found Nolan Kleinschmidt for a 23-yard pass play with 5.7 seconds left that gave the Hawks a 27-13 lead.

A personal foul penalty on Shawano with no time on the clock gave the Bulldogs another opportunity with a first down at the Shawano 26-yard line, but Batten's pass to the end zone was intercepted out of bounds.

Shawano took its biggest lead - 34-13 - less than two minutes into the third quarter on Lawe's 39-yard quarterback keeper.

New London answered on its first drive of the second half on Batten's 1-yard run that cut the lead to

34-19.

Evan Feldcamp recovered Heling's fumble to set the Bulldogs up at the Shawano 23-yard line, and Batten found Austin Tetzke for a 23-yard touchdown pass that made it 34-27 after Batten added the 2-point conversion with a run.

Shawano's next drive ended with the first and only punt of the game but soon had the ball at its own 46-yard line after a New London fumble. Heling capped the drive with a 5-yard run and the Hawks had a 41-27 lead with 8:01 to go in the game.

Heling's extra point turned out to be the final point of the game for Shawano, as the Bulldogs



Shawano Community High School senior Micah Welander raises his helmet Sept. 11 before the Hawks' Bay Conference football game with New London. Players, coaches and fans observed the 25th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks with a moment of silence before the game and also recognized EMTs, first responders, firefighters and law enforcement from both communities. Welander went on to score the game's first touchdown on a fumble recovery.
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scored 15 unanswered points.

Batten's 22-yard touchdown pass to Chase Marquardt and Batten's 2-point conversion run trimmed Shawano's lead to 41-35 with 4:17 remaining on the clock.

Shawano started its next drive at its 32-yard line, and New London used all three of its timeouts.

Another fumble gave the Bulldogs the ball at the Shawano 32-yard line, Batten found the end zone on a 5-yard run with 1:28 remaining to tie the game at 41-41, and the Bulldogs took their first lead on Logan Grundy's extra point.

Shawano took over at its own 41-yard line with

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Ficarri, Schmidt lead Pulaski to third win

Four local teams to face off Sept. 18

By **GREG SEUBERT**
Correspondent

Pulaski's football team got back on the winning track Sept. 11 with a 46-27 Fox River Classic Conference-North win over Green Bay Preble.

Meanwhile, two other area teams improved to 4-0 on the season, as Bonduel handed Marinette a 35-0 loss and Wausaukee forfeited its 8-player game to Suring.

Pulaski 46, Green Bay Preble 27

Anthony Ficarri and Bohdan Schmidt combined for 311 of the Red Raiders' 350 rushing yards in a win over the Hornets at Saputo Stadium.

Ficarri led the way with 192 yards on 20 carries and four touchdowns,

while Schmidt added 119 yards on five carries to go along with 90 passing yards, including an 83-yard touchdown pass to Andre Burnett.

Schmidt opened the scoring in the first quarter with a 19-yard run on fourth down, but Preble took a 7-6 lead on a 17-yard run from Prince Gage and a successful extra point.

The lead didn't last long, however, as Ficarri found the end zone for the first time with a 3-yard run.

Schmidt and Ficarri added runs of 12 and 16 yards, respectively, in the second quarter to help Pulaski take a 25-14 halftime lead.

Kaden Morales also found the end zone for Preble in the second quarter with a 1-yard run.

Ficarri scored from a yard out in the third quarter before Schmidt's 83-yard pass to Burnett.

Ficarri's fourth touchdown from 3 yards out came in the fourth quarter before Preble cut into the

lead late in the game with Harrison Selk's scoring passes of 74 and 10 yards to Elliot Komp.

Pulaski improved to 3-1 overall and 1-1 in conference play.

Bonduel 35, Marinette 0

Malachi Gray led the Bears with three touchdowns in a win over the Marines in Marinette as Bonduel improved to 2-0 in the Packerland Conference and 4-0 overall.

Two of Gray's touchdowns came on the

ground and the other on a pass from Quinn Wesenberg, who completed nine of 12 passes for 121 yards and two scores.

Gray also added 93 rushing yards as the Bears outgained the Marines 333-154.

Wesenberg hooked up with Gray for a 13-yard pass for the only score of the first quarter.

Gray added a 43-yard touchdown run in the

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Oconto Falls volleyball player Rhiana Van De Yacht is ready for a serve from Waupaca.

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Panthers take care of business in North Eastern opener

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

To quote celebrity chef Emeril Lagasse, it was time for the Oconto Falls volleyball team to “kick it up a notch.”

That’s exactly what the Panthers did in their North Eastern Conference opener, as they headed to Waupaca on Sept. 10 and returned home following a three-set sweep over the Comets.

Oconto Falls opened the match with 25-11 and 25-13 wins and completed the sweep with a 25-18 victory.

The Panthers were one of two North Eastern teams ranked in the Wisconsin Volleyball Coaches Association’s Division 2 state poll for the week of Sept. 8. Oconto Falls was ranked 10th, while Luxemburg-Casco was ninth.

“Absolutely, 100%,” coach Rochell Otto said when asked if the team’s conference matches are a big deal for her team. “It felt really good. It’s been awhile since we played,



Calli Bursa concentrates before serving for Oconto Falls on Sept. 10 during the Panthers’ North Eastern Conference opener against Waupaca. Bursa and the Panthers swept the Comets 3-0.

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because we had a first-round bye. They came out and were ready to play. They practiced hard. Getting that first one underneath your belt is always huge.”

Despite the state ranking, the Panthers came into the match with the Comets with a 6-4 record.

“We had little struggles here and there,” Otto said.

“We’ve got some new people on the team trying out new positions, and they’re pushing through.”

Oconto Falls never trailed in the first game and only trailed briefly in the second set.

The Panthers had a two-point lead in the third game before Rhiana Van De Yacht served up seven straight points

— including a pair of aces — that turned a 5-3 lead into a 12-3 advantage.

The Comets closed the gap to five points twice down the stretch but never got any closer.

The Panthers finished one game behind Luxemburg-Casco in conference play last year. The Spartans won the North Eastern championship with a 7-1 mark, while the Panthers, Waupaca and Freedom tied for second at 6-2.

“Our conference is always tough, and it has been for years,” Otto said. “L-C is always good, and Freedom always fights.”

The Panthers’ upcoming conference schedule includes a trip to Clintonville on Sept. 22 and a home match against Denmark on Sept. 24.

“You can’t take anybody for granted,” Otto said. “We’re ready to just come and play, and that’s what makes us go and persevere through the postseason. We have big goals. Big goals mean you have to be ready every single match.”

Oconto Falls wins Shawano Invite again

Saturday, Sept. 12

Oconto Falls continued its strong start to the season, going 5-0 and winning the Shawano Invite for the second consecutive year. The Panthers did not drop a single set throughout the tournament.

Oconto Falls opened the morning pool play with wins over Brillion, 25-11, 25-10; Peshtigo, 25-18, 25-20; and Manitowoc Lutheran, 25-23, 26-24.

The Panthers continued their strong play in the semifinals, defeating Shawano 25-20, 25-15. Oconto Falls then capped off the tournament with a 25-15, 25-17 victory over Oconto in the championship match.

Izzy Otto led the Panthers’ offense with 80 assists while adding 25 digs, 9 kills and 5 aces.

Lucy Ripley had a standout tournament, recording 36 kills, 14 digs and 11 aces. Calli Bursa added 28 kills, 14 digs and 6 aces.

Brylee Gorman added 17 kills and 4 blocks, while Rhiana Van De Yacht contributed 14 kills and 17 digs. Ella Jahnke finished with 11 kills, and Karington added 23 digs.

The Panthers are now 12-4.

Clintonville 2, Shawano 1

The Truckers won 25-19, 23-25, 15-9.

Shawano 2, Oconto 1

The host Hawks pulled out the tiebreaker game for a 2-1 win over Oconto. Game scores were 25-23, 20-25, 16-14.

Oconto 2, Pulaski 0

Oconto shut down Pulaski with scores of 25-14 and 25-19.

Gresham 2, Bowler 0

Gresham won a home contest against Bowler with scores of 25-10 and 25-11. The Wildcats are 8-4, and the Panthers are 0-7.

Gresham 2, Port Edwards 0

The Wildcats beat the Blackhawks 25-21 and 26-24.

Gresham 2, Faith Christian Academy 0

Gresham had little trouble bearing Faith Christian

Academy 25-6 and 25-13.

Port Edwards 2, Bowler 0

Port Edwards won with game scores of 25-17 and 25-6.

Stratford 2, Suring 0

The host Eagles lost by scores of 25-15 and 25-18.

Suring 2, Assumption 0

Suring beat Assumption 25-20, 25-18.

Columbus Catholic 2, Suring 0

Columbus Catholic topped the Eagles 25-20 and 25-11.

Marion 2, Providence Academy 0

Marion easily beat Providence Academy 25-7 in the first game but had a tougher go of it in the 25-20 win in the second contest.

Thursday, Sept. 10

Gresham 3, Tigerton 0

Tigerton traveled to CWC North foe Gresham for a tough battle on the court, losing 3-0.

“The scores of the sets did not resemble how closely fought these sets were overall,” said coach Holly Meverden. “Gresham has many weapons this season, and my congratulations go out to them.”

Set scores were 25-20, 25-16 and 25-18.

Stat leaders for the Tigers were:

Digs: Jaelyn Brady 13, Myah Dent and Eliana Michaelis 7 each, Renata Nordwig 6.

Block kills: Presley Stewart-Rolfs 6.

Assists: Danika Tiller 8 and Michaelis 7.

Kills: Stewart-Rolfs 9, Mya Smith 4 and Nordwig 3.

Service points and aces: Nordwig 6 points with 3 aces and Stewart-Rolfs 4 points with 2 aces.

Tigerton dropped to 2-1 in conference play and 5-2 overall.

Bay Port 3, Pulaski 0

The Pirates beat the Red Raiders in three straight games — 25-17, 25-13, 25-13.

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1:22 remaining and all three of its timeouts.

A pair of 3-yard losses forced a third-and-16 play. Lawe's 11-yard pass to Senft made it fourth and 6 and after a delay of game penalty, his pass to Heling fell incomplete and the Hawks turned the ball over on downs with 30 seconds to go.

"At halftime, we talked about how coming out and going up three scores was going to do big things for us," Tomow said. "We got up three scores, but we can't give up three-score leads in the second half. We made a lot of mistakes tonight and let New London get back in the game.

"We turn the ball over and give them a short field and the same thing at the end of the game. It's super disappointing, and I wish we could blame one thing. It hurts the kids, and it hurts the coaches. It's about as close to a must-win game. We really had to have this one tonight. Every point, every first down, every stop matters. They made one more play than us."



New London's Cory Brooker holds Shawano's Elijah Senft to a short gain.

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second quarter, and Carter Moesch returned an interception 51 yards for another score as the Bears built a 21-0 halftime lead.

Wesenberg's 34-yard pass to Owen Burrack made it 28-0 in the third quarter and Gray capped the scoring with a 10-yard run in the fourth quarter.

Moesch added 65 rushing yards and also caught

three passes for 53 yards.

Suring 2, Wausaukee 0

Wausaukee forfeited its M&O-8 Conference game to the Eagles as Suring improved to 4-0 overall.

Lena/STAA 45, Gibraltar 8

The Titans led 24-0 at halftime and went on to hand the Vikings a loss in Lena in an 8-player matchup of M&O-8

Conference teams.

Luke Koslowsky recovered a fumble and scored to end Gibraltar's opening drive.

Lucas Farley added a pair of touchdown passes, including one to Jake Farley, and Jake Farley returned a punt for another touchdown in the first half.

Lucas Farley's touchdown pass to PJ Farley

in the third quarter and a successful two-point conversion made it 32-0 early in the third quarter.

Gibraltar avoided a shutout with Hobbs Emerson's 13-yard touchdown pass to Wyatt Bultman to make it 32-8, but the Titans answered with rushing touchdowns from Lucas Farley and Carson Joyce.

Lena/STAA improved to 3-1 on the season.

Stratford 43, Wittenberg-Birnamwood 6

The Chargers headed to Stratford to face one of the favorites to win a Central Wisconsin Conference-Large championship and fell to 0-2 in CWC-Large play and 1-3 overall.

Stratford built an 18-0 lead midway through the second quarter on runs of 1 and 75 yards from Aaron Knetter and Kolton Haupt's 41-yard pass to Matthew Schoenfuss.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood's score came on a fourth-down play in the final minute of the first half on Bo Davis' 20-yard touchdown pass to Logan Gibson.

However, the Tigers responded on the final drive of the half on Declan Fisher's 27-yard field goal with no time remaining,

and Stratford led 21-6 at the break.

Haupt's 11-yard touchdown run on the opening drive of the second half gave Stratford a 28-6 lead and the Tigers added fourth-quarter touchdowns on Haupt's 9-yard pass to Schoenfull and Adolpho Cano-Aguilera's 11-yard run.

Kewaunee 35, Oconto Falls 7

Kewaunee, coming off of a 28-22 loss to Bonduel in its Packerland opener, had no problems with the Panthers, holding them scoreless until the final two minutes in Kewaunee.

Blake Temme opened the scoring for the Storm in the first quarter with a 3-yard run and Kewaunee added three more touchdowns in the second quarter on Dane Harrell's 3-yard run and Diesel Bosdeck's 17-yard pass to Harrell and 2-yarder to Mason Kovacs.

Kewaunee's final touchdown came in the third quarter on a blocked punt, with Baylor Elliot returning the ball for the score.

Landon Thompson scored Oconto Falls' touchdown with 1:50 remaining in the game on a 2-yard run.

Both teams are now 2-2 overall and 1-1 in conference play.

Niagara 38, Marion/Tigerton 6

Niagara scored touchdowns in all four quarters in a nonconference win over the Thundercatz in Marion.

Marion/Tigerton scored its touchdown in the first quarter and trailed 8-6 heading into the second quarter, but the Badgers finished the game with 30 unanswered points.

Owen Dunks led the Badgers with 105 rushing yards, 78 receiving yards on three receptions and a pair of touchdowns.

The Thundercatz honored all current and former military members, first responders, EMS, firefighters and police officers from Marion, Tigerton and Niagara.

Sept. 17 schedule

11-player: Pulaski at Ashwaubenon, 7 p.m.

Sept. 18 schedule (all games start at 7 p.m.)

11-player: Bonduel at Oconto Falls; Spencer/Columbus Catholic at Wittenberg-Birnamwood; Denmark at Shawano. 8-player: Suring at Lena/STAA; Marion/Tigerton at Rosholt.



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All singles players win to help Pulaski defeat Preble

Thursday, Sept. 10

Pulaski 5, Green Bay Preble 2

Pulaski's girls tennis team won all four singles matches to lead the Red Raiders to a 5-2 win over Green Bay Preble.

Winning for Pulaski were Anna Krause, Emory Groteluschen, Alana Stangler and Riley Hartman.

On the doubles side,

the No. 1 team of Linde Lemerond and Aubrie Schuessler won 6-3, 6-0.

Singles

No. 1 - Anna Krause, Pulaski, def. Liv Callan, Green Bay Preble, 6-4, 6-0.

No. 2 - Emory Groteluschen, Pulaski, def. Bella Aregoni, Green Bay Preble, 6-2, 6-3.

No. 3 - Alana Stangler, Pulaski, def. Samantha Johnson, Green Bay Preble, 6-0, 6-0.

No. 4 - Riley Hartman,

Pulaski, def. Amanda Lemens, Green Bay Preble, 6-1, 6-3.

Doubles

No. 1 - Linde Lemerond - Aubrie Schuessler, Pulaski, def. Ayla Rozz - Isabella Garcia, Green Bay Preble, 6-3, 6-0.

No. 2 - Erin Krueger - Mena Zuidmulder, Green Bay Preble, def. Cora Hansen - Vivienne Miskulin, Pulaski, 7-5, 6-1.

No. 3 - Dakota Lee - Kiara Blake, Green Bay Preble, def. Justine Mielke - Lexi Baranczyk, Pulaski, 6-2, 6-2.

Bonduel boys win D3 race in Shawano

Saturday, Sept. 12
Shawano Steve Stomberg Invitational

Menominee Nation's Bryant Waupoose III placed fourth with a time of 17:10.2 among Division 2 boys running in Shawano. Teammate Cashius Reeves was 25th with a time of 20:16.6. Shawano's Josiah Kuehl was seventh in 17:58.4, and Teagan Harkey was 10th in 18:10.7. Quinten Harkey

placed 11th in 18:12.4, and Beckett Hendricks was 12th in 18:20.2. Aloysius Frechette finished in 15th place in 18:44.8. As a team, the Hawks were second with 50 points. For the girls, Shawano's Mikelah Powers led her team by finishing seventh in 22:48.2. She was joined by Madilyn Powers, 10th, 23:08.1; Lorelei Hancock, 12th, 23:27.1; McKenna

Miller, 21st, 24:28.1; and Molly Hanson, 22nd, 24:51.7. The team collected 70 points and placed third. Gillett's Noah Soper won the Division 3 boys race in 17:23.2. He was joined by Braxton, Valley, 23rd, 22:27.2; Henry Schaal, 28th, 23:26; Nolan Van Donsal, 30th, 23:30.3; and Brandon Slatky, 31st, 23:55.9. Bonduel's Gage

Anderson finished second in 17:48.3 and joined by Oliver Chitwood, fourth, 18:49.3; Garrett Anderson, fifth, 18:54.6; Joah Dworniczak, eighth, 10:48.5; and Griffin Richter, ninth, 19:57.1. Gresham-Bowler's Caleb Putnam placed seventh in 19:20.4. Bonduel won as a team with 26 points, and Gillett was fourth with 88. For the girls, Bonduel,

Suring and Gillett runners captured five of the top 10 spots. Bonduel: Lillian Burack, third, 21:06.9; Amelia Wilcox, ninth, 22:54.3; Payten Bierhals, 15th, 24:\$6.7; Kember Frome, 18th, 26:18.5; Katie O'Brien, 21st, 27:59.9. Suring: Natalie Seibert, fourth, 22:17.5. Gillett: Amanda Pate, fifth, 22:21.3; Hope Soper, eighth, 22:31.9; Halle

Wendorff, 14th, 24:29.7; Bayli Holub, 17th, 26:11.6; Maggie Kaczmarek, 26th, 29:55.6. **Roncalli Schmitt/Schneider Invite** Pulaski's Maggie Gerth won the girls race in Manitowoc, while the top five Pulaski boys and girls runners finished in the top 25 among 17 teams. Grayden Gossen placed second, and Mitchell Pilon was fourth for the boys.

Shawano, Pulaski soccer teams win shutouts

Saturday, Sept. 12
Pulaski 1, Appleton West 0

The Red Raiders grabbed a first-half goal and hung on to beat the Terrors 1-0 in a nonconference matchup. Pulaski got the goal in the 22nd minute when Daenen Kehoe finished a 1-on-1 breakaway tucking the shot into the corner past the goalie. Henry Gumina had the assist.

The Red Raiders defense once again proved to be stout, notching their sixth shutout of the season. Abraham Garcia made five saves in goal for Appleton West (0-6-1). Blake Bazter did not make a save in goal for Pulaski (6-0-2). **Thursday, Sept. 10**
Fox Valley Lutheran 4, Shawano 0
Goalie Kyler Shepherd

collected 24 saves in Shawano's 4-0 loss to Fox Valley Lutheran. **Pulaski 1, Oshkosh North 0** The Red Raiders shut out the Spartans 1-0 in a nonconference matchup. Pulaski got the goal in the 12th minute when Max Mondloch found his brother, Miles, open near the goal, and Miles slotted it low past the goalie. **Tuesday, Sept. 8**

Shawano 9, Green Bay West 0 Shawano celebrated senior night with a 9-0 shutout of the Wildcats. Seniors Teagon Gerrits, Brayden Mead, Grayson Swedberg, Dawson Aguilar, Cambren Zeuske, Santana Peralta, Wyatt Schroeder, Maverick Theis, Briley Brown and Izzy Martens were recognized. Swedberg scored at 3:44 in the game and then

scored three more times in the first 10 minutes. Matteo Hernandez headed the ball for a goal, and Josiah Golie also scored a goal in the first half. Swedberg made two more goals in the second half. Mead made a goal at 52:48, which brought the game to an end in one hour. **Pulaski 3, Providence Academy 0** In a battle of unbeaten

teams, the Red Raiders notched a 3-0 victory over the Paladins of Providence Academy. Max Mondloch broke the first-half deadlock with a Pulaski goal in the 35th minute. In the second half, the Red Raiders added to their lead with goals by Miles Mondloch in the 45th minute and Jack Van Haren in the 55th minute. Walker Wozniak assisted on Van Haren's goal.

Hawks golfers take second at home meet

Thursday, Sept. 10
Oconto Falls Triangular The Panthers scored a 238 and finished third at a North Eastern Conference gathering at River Island Golf Course. Denmark won with 189, and Marinette was second with 197. Scoring for Oconto Falls were Lilly Wagner 53, Riley Borkovec 56, Emilie

Sanders 62 and Jadyn Saa-ri 67. **FRCC Mini-Meet #4** Pulaski golfers tallied a 199 and placed eighth among nine teams at Led-gevieu Golf Course in De Pere. Scoring for the Red Raiders were Ellie Mork 41, Taylor Murphy 46, Teagan Dercks 51 and Madison Schuh 61.

Wednesday, Sept. 9
Bay Conference Full Mini-Meet #1 Shawano golfers scored 218 and placed third among 10 teams at Irish Waters Golf Course in Freedom. Bonduel finished eighth with a 233. Shawano's Lauren Seehafer's 49 put her in sixth place among individuals. Also scoring for the Hawks

were Alyssa Singer 50, Hailey Hawkinson 58 and Mya Coffey 61. Bonduel's team included Quinn Hartlaben 51, Paige Wolf 52, Morgan Graf 58 and Hailey Eggert 72. **Tuesday, Sept. 8**
Bay North Conference Mini-Meet #4 The Hawks scored 216 and placed second at Shawano Lake Golf Course

in Shawano. The Bears scored 223 and were third. Bonduel's Quinn Hartlaben scored a 48 to lead her team. Also scoring were Paige Wolf 50, Morgan Graf 53 and Hailey Eggert 72. Lauren Seehafer's 52 paced Shawano. Also scoring were Nya Huntington 54, and Alyssa Singer and Hailey Hawkinson, each

with 55. **Blackwolf Run Invitational** Pulaski golfers scored 480 and placed last among two dozen teams at Blackwolf Run Golf Course in Kohler. Scores for the Red Raiders were Ellie Mork 97, Taylor Murphy 124, Teagan Dercks 127 and Talia Van Hout 132.

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Marion 3, White Lake 0 Marion traveled to White Lake and returned with a 3-0 win with game scores of 25-22, 25-14, 25-23. **Northland Lutheran 3, Bowler 2** The Northland Lutheran Wildcats edged the host Bowler Panthers volleyball squad by a final score of

3-2 in conference action. The Wildcats won the first game 28-26, with the Panthers winning the next two games 25-19 and 25-14. Northland Lutheran tied the series at 2-2 with another squeaker, this time 27-25. The fifth and final game went to the Northland Lutheran, 15-6. **Tuesday, Sept. 8**
Tigerton 3, White

Lake 0 The Tigers played host in a CWC North match against White Lake and came out with a "riddled with errors" 3-0 win with set scores of 25-23, 25-19 and 25-18. "We didn't play our best ball tonight, and luckily neither did our opponent," coach Holly Mev-erden said. "We had many

unforced errors and didn't receive the served ball well, either. I am proud that the girls rallied and did what they had to do to come out with the win, though." Stat leaders for Tiger-ton were: Digs: Renata Nordwig 12, Myah Dent 10, Danika Tiller 8, Jaelyn Brady 7 and Eliana Michaelis 6.

Kills: Presley Stewart-Rolfs 12, Michaelis 6, Mya Smith 4, Nordwig and Tiller 3 each. Assists: Tiller 16 and Michaelis 6. Block kills: Stewart-Rolfs 2 and Nordwig 1. Service points and aces: Brady 17 points, Tiller 10 points with 1 ace, Nordwig 9 points with 1 ace, and Dent 4 points

with 2 aces. **Gresham 3, Northland Lutheran 0** The host Gresham Wildcats topped the visiting Northland Lutheran Wildcats in three games by scores of 25-14, 25-13, 25-8. **Marion 3, Bowler 0** The Mustangs were victorious over the Panthers 25-16, 25-14, 25-15.



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Shurs provide care and comfort to dozens of cats

Cat rescue in Town of Washington seeks to expand its reach, help

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

There's a place on Cheese Factory Road in the Town of Washington surrounded by corn fields and an auto repair shop where cats get a second chance at life and forever homes.

Shur Rescue is home to dozens of cats that were found roaming properties, abandoned in dark corners of Shawano County and beyond – some even left to die on the side of area roads. They could have been goners were it not for the steadfast efforts of Steve and Brenda Shur, who adopt the motto "Rescue the mistreated. Save the injured. Love the abandoned."

It all started with the stray cats that would come on the Shur property years ago, when the couple would take them in and care for them, from providing a safe and warm place to live to paying the veterinary bills for illness and injuries.

Steve Shur said rescuing cats began in earnest in 2022 when more and more people came to him and his wife about cats wandering in the area, having been abandoned. They would be taken in and cared for, with many of them adopted out to loving homes. Shur Rescue was formalized in February 2025, and now more than 60 cats occupy a number of indoor spaces in the Shurs' home and surrounding buildings.

"There were people that found cats that were injured and abandoned, and we started giving support to those cats and the people," Steve Shur said. "It started out small, just rescuing cats that were just in the area here, and then we had people from other areas as word spread out."

The Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce and its ambassadors went out Sept. 10 to cut a ribbon on the best-kept secret sanctuary in the Town of Washington and got to see much of the work that has been done.

Inside a garage, the newest residents of Shur Rescue learn how to be around people again, as well as other cats. A covered porch area that Steve Shur dubs a "catio" has plenty of things for the cats to do – from cat trees to other things where they can frolic.

Shur Rescue also has two barns constructed by the Amish that are climate controlled and house many more cats year-round. There are also televisions that broadcast nature images and sounds that help to keep the cats calm and remind them they are in a safe place, Steve Shur said.

"We just saw there was a huge need in the community, especially in this area, where there's a lot of cats that were needing some help and support, and we would

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AT A GLANCE

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Steve Shur plays with two of the more than 60 cats he and his wife currently provide sanctuary for at Shur Rescue in the Town of Washington. More than four years of helping cats in Shawano County and beyond has provided a lot of joy to the Shurs as they look at expanding in the near future.

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George the cat stops and takes a peek at the photographer during an open house Sept. 10 at Shur Rescue in the Town of Washington.

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Let fall hunting refresh, awaken you

Fall is a magical time for all hunters and a time to count our blessings that we live in a state with ample hunting land and abundant hunting opportunities.

Whether you like hunting waterfowl, deer, bears, small game or upland birds like pheasants or ruffed grouse, Wisconsin is truly paradise.

I was counting my blessings a bit louder than normal on Labor Day weekend. After celebrating my 67th birthday Sept. 3 with a seafood lunch at Millions Crab in Green Bay, sharing it with my wife, her father and our daughter, we bought a used Land Cruiser. It cost more than a house I sold in Davenport in 1998. Ouch.

The next day, I started sending strange texts to my wife. I couldn't remember what day it was. Later she questioned me, and I didn't know my daughter's birthday. She wisely decided to take me to St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Appleton. I spent parts of Friday through Sunday pestering nurses, getting an MRI, CT scan, brain scan, insulin shots, 3 a.m. blood pressure checks and gobbling some good and some low-sugar diabetic food. All in all, a pretty bad but memorable Labor Day weekend.

The blessing is that although a stroke was confirmed, I had no numbness, no tingling, no paralysis and no blockage that needed surgery. Although I had belly shots to prevent clotting and a few other meds to keep the blood platelets slippery, the only long-term medicine change was adding one full-size aspirin instead of my previous baby aspirin.

Once again, I cheated death. The almost-kick-the-bucket-list includes the aortic dissection, the dissection follow-up surgery in December 2013 (planned), a 1996 pituitary tumor treated with a drug (it almost pinched off both my carotid arteries), seven kidney stones and assorted childhood and adult close calls that involved a cherry bomb (14 stitches), pocket knife (nine stitches), gas can with burning nozzle in my hand (successfully extinguished) and assorted near-miss driving events (not my fault).

It's time to appreciate every second in the woods. Hug those around you and apologize for being stubborn and stupid, as we all are.

Archery and crossbow deer, bear, fall turkey, goose, duck, woodcock, mourning dove, fox, raccoon, cottontail rabbit, squirrel, pheasant, quail, partridge, ruffed grouse and bobcat (Period 1) are either open now or will open very soon. It's time to thank the Creator for letting us live another season as a part of nature, seeing and using this natural bounty as intended. Every hunt is a successful one if we feel refreshed and alive when we return. Fresh, wild meat is just a bonus.

Although the archery and crossbow season opened Sept. 12, I have a hard time getting excited about the season until closer to October. Pesky insects, itchy weeds and hot weather combine to make conditions tough. I'd rather hunt in cool or even cold weather any day. With conditions perfect



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COLUMNIST

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Columnist gets hooked on Shawano County Fair

During his childhood, my husband loved going to the Shawano County Fair. He and his family enjoyed this special time of year.

The fair was something they were attracted to. The cow barns, the farm exhibits – corn stalks and cobs, soybeans, and samples of alfalfa – resonated with their farm identity.

I, unlike my husband, had no prior fair familiarity. Even though we farmed, growing up we just never attended fairs. As kids, we couldn't miss what we didn't experience and never felt slighted. So after marrying my husband, attending the Shawano County Fair was not something I really looked forward to.

As our children grew, we introduced them to 4-H, and because of our involvement with the industrious Pella 4-H, the kids entered fair projects. I can't recall if they

brought home ribbons or not. I just know it was a challenge.

Presently, as they grew, all three of our kids had a propensity to get involved in sports, which simply took up too much time. We ended up dropping out of 4-H, replacing it with football, baseball, basketball, softball and volleyball. Our school years

were punctuated by what sport we were currently involved in.

Now that we have been living empty-nesters for a while, we attend the fair not to submit anything but just to enjoy the atmosphere.

Because I didn't grow up with this World's Fair syndrome, I'm never chomping at the bit to go. I know. It sounds rather un-American. My husband's enthusiasm is contagious, however, and off we go.

The fair boasts presentations of all manners

of garden produce such as beans, tomatoes, gourds, a variety of apples and huge sunflowers, to name just a few. Piquing my husband's interest, he pauses at the pumpkins. He's been growing his own patch of pumpkins for a couple of years now and always appreciates a good-looking pumpkin.

The first day we attended was the pig judging Thursday morning. I have such an admiration for these youngsters as I watched them handle their animals. They are so dedicated. Many have their parents in the before-ring area with them, helping wipe or spray or brush or tend. The diligence and time it takes to nurture these animals to this point is mind boggling.

We are friends with a young couple with three children who are deeply involved in the fair. They bring cattle, pigs and garden vegetables and as well, submit multiple fair projects, all time-consuming and always a learning process.

My husband especially was keeping up with

the progress of the older girls' pigs, as we raise a few ourselves.

Every few weeks or so, we'd check in.

"How's the weight?" he'd ask our friend.

"Only three more weeks to the World's Fair!" he'd texted her one day.

Getting there for the pig judging that Thursday morning, the excitement was palatable. We hoisted ourselves on the middle top seat of the bleachers – a bird's eye view. The judge pondered over every entry, pausing, eyebrows knit together, giving each participant his undivided attention.

"What's he looking for?" I'd whispered to my husband at one point. A pig is a pig as far as I'm concerned.

What I did appreciate is the fact that he respectfully took his time. After choosing each one for their proper placement, he gave every youngster a detailed explanation of his decision, finally proclaiming the one he thought placed best. It was a process.

Leaving that morning,

I'd learned more about the stature of a pig than I thought existed.

Our next fair outing was on Sunday. Getting there shortly before noon we headed to the 4-H stand to get a hamburger and a bottle of Sun Drop, with a cap. The bees were terrible and thoroughly enjoying a human smorgasbord. Add sweet soda, and the little zingers were drunk with delight.

Stopping numerous times to chat, we made our way around strolling through the barns, the buildings, along the midway with lights flashing and music blaring. The rides made me dizzy just looking at them. No thanks.

Stopping at the polka tent, we found a place in the shade and sat through a few songs. I couldn't help myself – my toe started tapping. When we'd had enough, we stopped off at the bingo tent, conversing with people sitting close. Basically, we paid to simply sit a while. Switching out a card didn't help.

Presently we made our way back to the car and

getting in, I was smiling. I'd focused more on the details this year – the well-tended animals, all the exhibits that were created with time and effort, visiting with friends and strangers. I considered all the volunteers and the people needed to be on hand to assure it was a safe, fun event for all the exhibitors and attendants. All this pondering made me value the fair a bit more this year.

Smiling, I squeezed his hand. "Thanks for taking me to the fair, dear."

"See? You like it."

Yes. I believe I could be hooked.

Just after the fair was over he'd texted our friend: "Only 365 days until the World's Fair!"

("A merry heart doeth good, like a medicine ..." Proverbs 17:22a, King James Version)

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

FARM LIFE FROM A FARM WIFE



KAY REMINGER
COLUMNIST

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take them in and get them medical help, whether they were stray or domesticated," he said. "We had some cats that had some broken legs, some that had vision issues. So we would take them in, get them the necessary care, try to domesticate them basically if they were feral, which we were successful with for about 80-90% of the cats."

There have been times where over 80 cats were in the Shurs' care, depending on the need. Sometimes the cats have ongoing medical needs, said Brenda Shur, and most times they remain with the Shurs unless a home can be found where the owners can absorb the cost of veterinary bills.

"We do hold onto the medical and special needs cats," Brenda Shur said.

One of the cats needing ongoing care is a younger kitten that was found and rescued a month ago by Charles Fritsch, constable for the Town of Washington. Steve Shur said it appears the cat was thrown out of a vehicle in Shawano, resulting in two broken legs that required putting pins in the cat – named Charlie, in honor of his rescuer – so that the bones could heal properly.

"This was a kitten that was right on Waukechon (Street) by the Super 8 (now Amerivu Inn and Suites)," Steve Shur said. "Charles actually grabbed



Ambassadors with the Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce got the chance Sept. 10 to get up close and personal with many of the cats cared for by Shur Rescue in the Town of Washington. The chamber cut the ribbon to welcome the business, which has officially been in operation for 19 months but started back in 2022.

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the kitten and brought him right over to us, and we got him to Specialized Veterinary Care to make sure he was going to be OK with quality of life. He didn't have any damage or trauma to the head or major organs."

A fundraiser has so far collected \$4,000 of the \$5,000 needed to pay just for Charlie's surgery, according to Steve Shur. He's recovering on the catio, and he's even managing to walk just a few weeks after the harrowing incident.

The cat rescue has been an ongoing dream for four or five years, Steve Shur said, but he and his wife want to

expand their operation. Their hope is to build a new building to house more cats but also to provide some on-site, low-cost veterinary care, which would not only be a benefit to the local rescue operation but also to other cat rescues in northeast Wisconsin.

"We can have more capacity and more flexibility to help with the need of the cats being rescued in the area," Steve Shur said. "In the next two or three years, I hope to start construction on that new building. We'll still use these facilities (barns) as satellite locations for the cats. The main building will be a

three-level building, like a humane society, and there will be a vet clinic in there."

Brenda Shur added the low-cost veterinary service is a big need in the area. Although area vets help out as needs arise, they're not able to provide discounts for their services.

"We want to get a clinic up where we can offer low-cost vet services for other rescues in our area, which would really help a lot," Brenda Shur said.

She added that Shur Rescue is currently able to get vaccinations and health checks for the cats that come in, but

they're not allowed to provide rabies shots or spay and neuter the animals without a certified veterinarian.

"We do everything we can with our vet tech here," Brenda Shur said. "At some point, you need a vet. If we need medication or antibiotics, we go to the vet."

Shur Rescue is a no-kill shelter, with euthanization taking place only when there's no hope the cats will recover, and medical care would only prolong the suffering.

With the new building, Steve Shur hopes to implement a trap-neuter-release program, noting that many of the stray cats out there come from cats being allowed to breed without supervision or control.

"I'd like to get a small group of people in a subsidiary of the rescue to do a TNR program to help with the cats out

there," he said. "There's definitely a large need for the TNR program in this area because the cat population is out of control, and it's a crisis."

The Shurs' love of cats is evident, from the artwork that hangs in the rescue barns to the photographs that hang on the walls in their homes. Steve Shur said that there's no better feeling than seeing a cat come in feral and ferocious and then become domesticated enough to get a second chance in a forever home.

"A lot of people think cats are different than dogs, but they are pretty smart animals," Steve Shur said. "They can hunt. The old saying that cats have nine lives, they're very resilient. They're very comforting for people."

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Stormy, left, and Felix are two of the cats that currently live in the garage at Shur Rescue, a place decked out with cat trees and other amenities to care for their needs.

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

SATURDAY, SEPT. 19

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

EMBARASS: Embarrass Volunteer Fire Department Craft Fair, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Embarrass Fireman's Park, 130 Depot St. Vendors, food and refreshments.

BONDUEL: Bonduel Founders Day, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., downtown: Green Bay, South First, North Second and Mill streets. Amish buggy rides, baked

goods, live music, handmade crafts and items, food trucks/food court, petting zoo, free parking.

OCONTO: Elks Fly-In, Bake Airport, 2983 Airport Road. Planes, cars and tractors on display, flyovers, plane rides available, remote control flight demonstrations, vendors, food, children's activities. Admission \$5, 12 and younger free.

LAKEWOOD: Festi-Fall, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., downtown. Vendors, handmade goods, antiques, live music, wine tastings, food.

SHAWANO: Empty Bowls, Carving Hearts, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B. A simple meal of soup, bread, drink and dessert; raffles and silent auction, music and community gathering to support four local organizations.

PULASKI: Booyah Bash, 3-11:30 p.m., Pulaski Polka Days Grounds, 429 E. Pulaski St. Hosted by Tri-County Optimist Club.

OCONTO FALLS: Parish Fall Festival, 3-7 p.m., St. Anthony Catholic Church, 251 N. Franklin St. Mass 4 p.m., music, food, raffles.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 20

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 Lake 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.

ABRAMS: Farmers Market, 10

a.m. to 1 p.m., Town Square, 5877 Main St.

PULASKI: Showin' Off For a Reason Car Show, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Pulaski Polka Days Grounds, 429 E. Pulaski St. Hosted by Tri-County Optimist Club.

MONDAY, SEPT. 21

SHAWANO: Blood drive, 1-5:30 p.m., Zion Lutheran Church, 1254 S. Union St.

OCONTO: "Homeschooling and Your Library," 2:30-3:30 p.m., Farnsworth Public Library, 715 Main St. Informal chat with Library Director Amy Peterson about resources, programs, services and other ways the library can be helpful to homeschooling families.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 22

KESHENA: Recovery talking circle, 6-8 p.m. Omaeqnome-newak Wetohkatikamek Center, 2700 Mianaceqtawak

Road. Information: Mindy Thunder at 715-799-3835 or mthunder@mitw.org.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 23

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. Omaeqnome-newak Wetohkatikamek Center, 2700 Mianaceqtawak Road. Information: Mindy Thunder at 715-799-3835 or mthunder@mitw.org.

SHAWANO: Park After Dark, 6:30 p.m., Arlington Park, 300 N. Humphrey Circle. Glow in the dark games, movie "Zootopia 2" at 7:45 p.m. Bring a lawn chair and blanket.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 24

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.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 25

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: 2026 Homecoming Parade, 6 p.m., Main Street. Theme "Out of This World."

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

SATURDAY, SEPT. 26

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

STILES: St. Patrick's Rummage

Sale, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., 5760 County Road I.

ABARAMS: Machickanee Harvest Hustle fun run/walk, 8 a.m. shotgun start, 6625 Timberline Road. 4-mile and one-mile routes; untimed but recognition for top three men's and women's finishers in the 4-mile course.

OCONTO: Harvest Fest, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Main Street. Vendors, music, car show, family activities.

SHAWANO: Mountain-Bay State Trail 30th Anniversary Celebration, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Trail Information Center, 620 S. Main St. Food, family activities, prizes.

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 Mountain-Bay State Trail.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 27

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

SHAWANO: Pedal for Pancakes and Pie Group Ride, 8:30 a.m., Huckleberry Harbor. Friends of Mountain-Bay State Trail meet for on-road ride through towns of Wescott and Richmond to St. Jakobi breakfast.

SHAWANO: Potato Pancake Breakfast, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., St. Jakobi Lutheran Church, W8089 County Road A. All-you-can-eat potato or wheat pancakes, sausage, maple syrup, cheese, apple-sauce, pie. \$10, children 6-12 \$5, 5 and younger free. Take-outs available. Silent auction.

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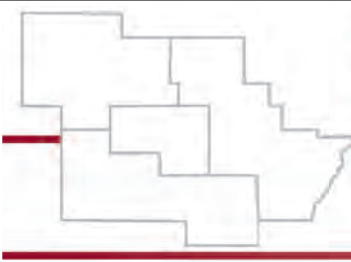
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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MENOMINEE COUNTY

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.
Mortgagee/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 Judgement 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
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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.

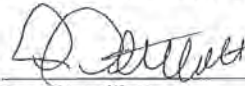
STATEMENT OF AMOUNT DUE					
Tax Year	Tax Bill	Taxes Paid	Taxes Due	Interest	Total Payoff
2025	814.10	0.00	814.10	56.99	871.09
2024	811.47	0.00	811.47	154.18	965.65
2023	1,132.45	0.00	1,132.45	351.06	1,483.51
2022	1,152.64	0.00	1,152.64	495.64	1,648.28
2021	820.10	0.00	820.10	451.06	1,271.16
2020	858.92	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

COURT NEWS

• Angelo Tyger Perez, 42, Keshena, had his probation revoked June 30 from a 2024 conviction for felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor charge of disorderly conduct. Judge William Kussel Jr. sentenced him Sept. 8 to one year in county jail.

• Anthony A. Moses, 28, Shawano, pleaded no contest Jan. 15 to repeated sexual assault of the same child, using a computer to facilitate a child sex crime, child sexual exploitation, possession of child pornography, two counts of battery by prisoners and misdemeanor charges of battery

and two counts of disorderly conduct. Kussel sentenced him Sept. 10 to eight years in prison followed by seven years of extended supervision with conditions.

• Carissa B. Peters, 39, Shawano, pleaded no contest Sept. 8 to a misdemeanor charge of carrying a concealed weapon. A related felony charge was dismissed in a plea agreement. Kussel levied fines and court costs totalling \$1,133.

• Winter W. Waupoose, 22, Neopit, pleaded no contest Sept. 11 to possession of narcotic drugs, two

counts of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. Kussel withheld sentencing and placed her on probation for three years with conditions.

• Kristine A. Olson, 61, Shawano, pleaded no contest Dec. 22 to possession of methamphetamine and felony bail jumping. Kussel imposed and stayed a prison sentence Sept. 8, then placed her on three years of probation with conditions.

• Coree T. Lauersdrof, 36, Shawano, pleaded no contest June 1 to operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fourth offense), felony bail jumping, three counts of misdemeanor bail jumping and misdemeanor charges of operating while revoked, violating an ignition interlock device order, and resisting or obstructing an officer. Judge Katherine Sloma imposed and stayed a prison sentence Sept. 10, then placed her on three years of probation with conditions.

• Wendi S. Lenzner, 51, Deerbrook, pleaded no contest Sept. 9 to possession of a firearm by a person convicted of a felony. Judge Gregory Jerabek levied fines and court costs and sentenced her to three days in county jail, time deemed served.

• Daniel S. Garrett, 39, Shawano, pleaded no contest Sept. 11 to possession of drug paraphernalia to produce or store methamphetamine, possession of cocaine

(second or subsequent offense), and a misdemeanor charge of resisting or obstructing an officer. Sloma sentenced him to 18 months in prison followed by three years of extended supervision with conditions.

• Melissa M. Werner, 35, Reedsville, pleaded no contest Sept. 9 to a misdemeanor charge of disorderly conduct. A related felony bail jumping charge was dismissed in a plea agreement. Kussel withheld sentencing and placed her on two years of probation with conditions.

• Lucas Luzzani, 36, Dav-enport, Iowa, pleaded no contest Sept. 2 to misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct and victim intimidation. A related felony charge was dismissed but read into the record in a plea agreement. Sloma imposed and stayed a county jail sentence, then placed him on two years of probation with conditions.

• Corey A. Tucker, 40, Shawano, pleaded no contest Sept. 11 to possession of methamphetamine, intimidation of a domestic abuse victim and a misdemeanor charge of battery. Kussel sentenced him to two years in prison followed by four years of extended supervision with conditions.

• Kaylee F. Sheldon, 17, Appleton, was charged Sept. 8 with child abuse intentionally causing harm and a misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. Sloma set a \$1,000 signature bond and scheduled

a status conference for Nov. 9.

• Sandra M. Koszarek, 47, Shawano, was charged Sept. 8 with child abuse intentionally causing harm and misdemeanor counts of resisting or obstructing an officer and disorderly conduct. Sloma set a \$3,000 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for Nov. 16.

• David A. Faust, 37, Antigo, was charged Sept. 8 with felony bail jumping. Sloma set a \$300 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for Oct. 21.

• Andrew B. Warrington, 49, Keshena, was charged Sept. 8 with felony bail jumping. Sloma set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for Oct. 13.

• Leon A. Nahwahquaw, 28, Shawano, was charged Sept. 8 with strangulation and suffocation, second-degree recklessly endangering safety, three counts of misdemeanor bail jumping and misdemeanor counts of battery and disorderly conduct. Sloma set a \$1,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Sept. 17.

• John J. Aguilar, 50, Keshena, was charged Sept. 8 with fleeing an officer in his vehicle, first-degree recklessly endangering safety, six counts of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of criminal damage to property. Sloma set a \$6,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Sept. 16.

• Norbert L. Nunway Sr.,

57, Keshena, was charged Sept. 8 with operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fourth offense). Sloma set a \$1,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Sept. 16.

• Dean C. Schneider, 28, Shawano, was charged Sept. 8 with 12 counts of felony bail jumping and misdemeanor counts of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (third offense), operating while revoked, violating an ignition interlock device order and bail jumping. Sloma set a \$5,000 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for Nov. 23.

• Brandon C. Duffy, 35, Green Bay, was charged Sept. 10 with possession of cocaine (second or subsequent offense) and misdemeanor counts of operating while revoked and possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a \$750 signature bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Sept. 28.

• Richard Ryan Welhouse, 48, Black Creek, was charged Sept. 10 with five counts of felony bail jumping. Sloma set a \$60,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Sept. 18.

• Wanda M. Summers, 34, Bonduel, was charged Sept. 10 with child abuse recklessly causing great harm, four counts of misdemeanor bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. Sloma set a \$1,000 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for Sept. 15.

9/11/26, 9/18/26, 9/25/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT
COVANTAGE CREDIT UNION
Plaintiff,
VS.
SHANE S. DANEY,
JOHN/JANE DOE DANEY
Unknown spouse of Shane S. Daney,
WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES STATE OF
WISCONSIN,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S
SALE OF REAL ESTATE
Case No. 25 CV 249

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a Judgment entered on February 19, 2026, in the amount of \$109,874.78 in the above-entitled action, the Sheriff will sell the following described premises at public auction as follows:
TIME: Wednesday, October 14, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.
TERMS: Pursuant to said Judgment, 10% of the successful bid must be paid to the Sheriff at the sale in cash, cashier's check or certified funds payable to the Clerk of Courts (personal checks cannot and will not be accepted). The balance of the successful bid must be paid to the Clerk of Courts in cash, cashier's check or certified funds no later than ten (10) days after the court's confirmation of the sale or else the 10% down payment is forfeited to the Plaintiff. If the Plaintiff is the successful bidder, the Plaintiff may give its receipt in lieu of a down payment. Property sold "as is" and subject to all legal liens and encumbrances including any property tax due. Buyer to pay applicable Wisconsin Real Estate Transfer Tax.
PLACE: 1st Floor of Shawano County Courthouse
311 N. Main St. Shawano, WI 54166
DESCRIPTION: That part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4 SE 1/4), Section One (1) and that part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4 NE 1/4), Section Twelve (12); all in Township Twenty-six (26) North, Range Fifteen (15) East, in the Town of Belle Plaine, Shawano County, Wisconsin, bounded and described as follows:
Commencing at the Southeast corner of the said Section 1; thence North 87° 45' 07" West along the Section line 814.70 feet to the intersection with the North line of Hillside Drive and the place of beginning; thence South 52° 49' 11" West along the said West line 256.26 feet to a set 1 inch iron pipe; thence following the arc of a 368.14 foot radius curve to the right a distance of 114.27 feet to a found 1 inch iron pipe, the chord of which bears South 61° 42' 43" West 113.81 feet, being the Southeast corner of Lot Two (2), Vol. 5 Certified Survey Maps, Page 311, Map No. 1477; thence North 05° 05' 16" West 195.48 feet to a found 1 inch iron pipe at the Northeast corner of the said Lot 2; thence North 86° 37' 19" West along the Northern line of the said Lot 2 a distance of 200.00 feet to a found 1 inch iron pipe at the Northwest corner of the said Lot 2; thence North 01° 03' 31" West along the Eastern line of Lot One (1), of said Certified Map No. 1477 a distance of 70.61 feet to a found 1 inch iron pipe at the intersection with the South line of County Trunk Highway "CC", being the Northeast corner of the said Lot 1; thence along the said South line following the arc of a 640.87 foot radius curve concave to the North a distance of 265.35 feet to a found 1/2 inch iron rod, the chord of which bears North 83° 35' 54" East 263.46 feet; thence North 68° 49' 11" East continuing along the said South line 413.90 feet to a found 1/2 inch iron rod; thence South 59° 47' 44" East continuing along the said South line 131.50 feet to a set 1 inch iron pipe at the intersection with the North line of Hillside Drive; thence South 52° 49' 11 sec. West along the said North line 299.57 feet to the place of beginning.
PROPERTY ADDRESS: W7310 Hillside Drive, Shawano, WI 54166
TAX KEY NO: 010-01440-0020
DUNHAM LAW, LLC
Attorneys for Plaintiff
1930 Algoma Blvd Ste. A
Oshkosh, WI 54901
Dated this 31st day of August 2026.
Gene L.
George Lenzner, Sheriff Shawano County, Wisconsin
Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (15 U.S.C. Section 1692), Dunham Law, LLC is required to state that it is attempting to collect a debt on its client's behalf and any information Dunham Law, LLC obtains will be used for that purpose. If you have previously received a discharge in a Chapter 7 bankruptcy case, this communication should not be construed as an attempt to hold you personally liable for the debt.

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SHA-332

9/18/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN AND INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No. WI-0066958-02-0
Permittee: Wagner Farms Inc, N6928 County Road BB, Oconto Falls, WI, 54154
Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Wagner Farms Inc, N6928 County Road BB Oconto Falls
Receiving Water And Location: Surface water and groundwater within the Pensaukee River Watershed
Brief Facility Description (please include annual avg discharge flow (unless not applicable, such as CAFOs) and for POTWs also include the design flow) : Wagner Farms Inc is a n existing Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) located at N6298 County Road BB, Oconto Falls, WI 54154. Wagner Farms Inc is owned and operated by the Wagner Family. It currently has 1,718 animal Units (910 Cows, 471 Heifers, 169 Calves) and is proposing to expand to 1,844 animal units (1,000 cows, 471 Heifers, 169 calves) by the end of the permit term. Wagner Farms Inc currently has a total of 1,546 acres available for land application of manure and process wastewater. Of this acreage, 509 acres are owned, and 1,037 acres are controlled through contracts, rental agreements or manure agreements. The Department has tentatively decided that the above specified WPDES permit should be reissued.
Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Brian Hanson, DNR, 647 Lakeland Rd, Shawano, WI, 54166-3843, (920) 366-3302, Brian.Hanson@wisconsin.gov
Persons wishing to comment on or object to the proposed permit action, the terms of the nutrient management plan, or the application, or to request a public informational hearing may write to the Department of Natural Resources at the permit drafter's address. All comments or suggestions received no later than 30 days after the publication date of this public notice will be considered along with other information on file in making a final decision regarding the permit. Anyone providing comments in response to this public notice will receive a notification of the Department's final decision when the permit is re-issued. Where designated as a reviewable surface water discharge permit, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is allowed up to 90 days to submit comments or objections regarding this permit determination. If no comments are received on the proposed permit from anyone, including U.S. EPA, the permit will be re-issued as proposed.
The Department may schedule a public informational hearing if within 30 days of the public date of this notice, a request for a hearing is filed by any person. The Department shall schedule a public informational hearing if a petition requesting a hearing is received from USEPA or from 5 or more persons or if the Department determines there is significant public interest. Requests for a public informational hearing shall state the following: the name and address of the person(s) requesting the hearing; the interest in the proposed permit of the person(s) requesting the hearing; the reasons for the request; and the issues proposed to be considered at the hearing.

Information on file for this permit action, including the draft permit and fact sheet (if required), the operation's nutrient management plan and application may be inspected and copied at the permit drafter's office, Monday through Friday (except holidays), between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Please call the permit drafter for directions to their office location, if necessary. Information on this permit action may also be obtained by calling the permit drafter at (920) 366-3302 or by writing to the Department. Reasonable costs (15 cents per page for copies and 7 cents per page for scanning) will be charged for information in the file other than the public notice and fact sheet. Permit information is also available on the internet at: http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/wastewater/PublicNotices.html . Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodation, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be made to qualified individuals upon request.

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9/18/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

INVITATION TO BID:
Shawano County Bid Pack 1
Shawano County is soliciting bids for the new Government Center project. This bid includes division of work 02, 03, 04, 05, 11, 14, 31, 32, 33. Bidding documents may be obtained by contacting: Brian Winter, The Samuels Group. bwinter@samuelsgroup.net 715-409-1416. Plans will also be available on ISOFT. There will be a Pre-Bid Meeting on Thursday, 09/10/26 at 1 PM at the Shawano County Government Center in Meeting Room A, located at 311 N Main St., Shawano, WI 54166. Attendance is not mandatory but strongly recommended for interested bidders.

All bids are due to Shawano County no later than September 30th, 2026, at 2:00 PM; bids will be opened at 2:10 PM.

Bids shall be placed in a sealed envelope, clearly labeled "Shawano County Government Center Bid, Bid Category # " and delivered or mailed to the Shawano County Clerk's Office, 311 N Main St., Shawano, WI 54166.
Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to select the bid that is most advantageous to the Owner.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING VACATION AND DISCONTINUANCE OF STREETS OR PORTIONS THEREOF

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Public Hearing will be held before the Plan Commission of the City of Shawano, Wisconsin on **Wednesday, September 30, 2026 at 5:00 PM** at Shawano City Hall located at 127 S. Sawyer Street, Shawano, WI 54166.

Legal descriptions of the portion of streets proposed to be vacated is as follows:

All that part of the southeast 1/4 and northeast 1/4 of the southeast 1/4 of Section 25, Township 27 North, Range 15 East, in the City of Shawano, Shawano County, Wisconsin, bounded and described as follows:
Commencing at a point on the east line of North Washington Street, being the southwest corner of Block 15 of Sawyer and Andrews Plat of the City of Shawano, being the point of beginning of lands to be described; thence S 88°57'25" W 60.24 feet to a point on the west line of said street, being the southeast corner of Block 14 of said plat; thence N 01°04'03" W along said west line 242.27 feet to a point on the south line of West 3rd Street, being the northeast corner of said block; thence S 88°56'53" W along said south line 333.48 feet to a point on the east line of North Franklin Street, being the northwest corner of said block; thence N 01°11'05" W 60.00 feet to a point on the north line of said 3rd Street, being the southwest corner of Block 9, thence N 88°56'53" E along said north line 333.71 feet to a point on the west line of said Washington Street, being the southeast corner of said block, thence N 00°58'25" W along said west line 241.21 feet to a point on the south line of West 2nd Street, being the northeast corner of said block; thence S 89°04'37" W along said south line 200.41 feet; thence N 00°55'23" W 60.00 feet to a point on the north line of said 2nd Street; thence N 89°04'37" E along said north line 260.36 feet to a point on the east line of said Washington, being the southwest corner of Block 7; thence S 00°58'25" E along said east line 301.35 feet to a point on the north line of said 3rd Street, being the southwest corner of Block 8; thence N 88°56'01" E along said north line 62.80 feet; thence N 01°03'59" W 10.00 feet; thence N 88°56'01" E 176.13 feet to a point on the west line of North Main Street; thence S 01°18'53" E 70.00 feet to a point on the south line of said 3rd Street, being the northeast corner of said Block 15; thence S 88°56'01" W along said south line 239.09 feet to a point on the east line of said Washington, being the northwest corner of said block; thence S 01°04'03" E along said east line 242.01 feet to the point of beginning.

Containing 84,413 square feet or 1,937.8 acres.

A map of the described area can be viewed at City Hall, 127 S. Sawyer St., Shawano, WI.

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

Lesley Nemetz, City Clerk

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SHA-320

PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY
SHERIFF'S
DEPARTMENT
Sept. 13
Deputies responded to 30 incidents, including bail jumping at the Shawano County Jail, 405 N. Main St., Shawano; suspicious activity on Krueger Road in the Town of Grant; a disturbance near Lake Drive and Park Avenue in the Town of Wescott; theft on Nauman Road in the Town of Green Valley; an assault near Cedar and South Beech streets in Tigerton; bail jumping on Wescott Drive in the Town of Wescott; a disturbance on West Third Street in Shawano; harassment on Curt Black Road in the Town of Wescott; three 911 calls; five traffic stops; three reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazard; one crash.

Sept. 12
Deputies responded to 53 incidents, including a noise disturbance on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; four 911 calls; 24 traffic stops; four reckless driving incidents; three crashes.

Sept. 11
Deputies responded to 69 incidents, including drugs on Prospect Circle in Shawano; suspicious activity on Mork Avenue in the Town of Wescott; suspicious activity near East Grand Avenue and North Ellms Street in Wittenberg; disorderly conduct on Pioneer Court in the Town of Wescott; suspicious

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activity on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; suspicious activity at Golfside, W5802 Lake Drive, Town of Wescott; operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated near U.S. Highway 45 and Western Avenue in the Town of Birnamwood; 10 911 calls; 22 traffic stops; two reckless driving incidents; five welfare checks; three crashes.

Sept. 10
Deputies responded to 65 incidents, including an animal bite at ThedaCare Medical Center, 100 County Road B, Shawano; a scam on Old Lake Lane in the Town of Wescott; operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated on Red Oak Lane in the Town of Wittenberg, and at the Shawano County Jail, 405 N. Main St., Shawano; 12 911 calls; 23 traffic stops; four reckless driving incidents; three traffic hazards; one welfare check; one crash.

Sept. 9
Deputies responded to 60 calls, including a fire control burn near North High Line Road and County Road B in the Town of Hartland; harassment on Blueberry Road in the Town of Herman; suspicious activity on Lake Drive in the Town of Warrington; five 911 calls; 21 traffic stops; four reckless driving incidents; two traffic hazards; one welfare check.

REMEMBER, continued from page 1

it,” Braun said. “We wanted to make sure that her tradition of doing this and honoring those who passed away was carried on.”

More than 9,000 people have died in the years since from illnesses related to 9/11 from the toxic air and other conditions produced from the destruction. Braun said the classes have talked about those who have found out that being in the area where the attacks have caused cancer and various other illnesses that have killed first responders and others who helped to find people, both living and dead.

“We do talk about how the smoke and what they breathed in, and even the people in the area who have perished now because of it,” Braun said. “We haven’t talked about adding strips (for chain links) for them at this point.”

Matt Peterson, Brener principal, remembered where he was Sept. 11, 2001, monitoring the playground at Marion Elementary School before going over to the high school and seeing that the students were watching the televisions instead of the teachers providing lessons.

“This was back when we had the TVs on the carts,” Peterson said. “Before I got over there, a kid came over to me and said planes were crashing in the buildings. They were younger kids, so I just thought they were joking around, but that was before social media. I think we had cellphones then.”

Peterson, who was also Marion’s football coach at the time, remembered that everything slated to take place that day, including football practice and a middle school game, were cancelled after realizing what had happened.

“I remember the Green Bay public schools and the Appleton public schools



Brent Buettner with AmVets Post 10 plays taps Sept. 11 outside the Shawano Fire Station as traffic passes by while the Shawano Area Fire Department remembers those who died on 9/11 25 years ago. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

cancelled school and sent everybody home because they were by an airport,” Peterson said.

Peterson noted that the book “The Red Bandana” has been the topic of much discussion at the school recently. The book chronicles Welles Crowther, who was working on the 104th floor of the World Trade Center and how he helped as many as a dozen people down a stairwell to meet firefighters before going back up to help others following the plane crash.

Crowther was known to always carry a red bandana he received from his father when he was 6 that he had at all his sporting events, including when he played lacrosse at Boston College, and the bandana stayed with him when he took a job at an equity firm in the tower in 1999.

“It’s a little more history now that it’s been 25 years,” Peterson said.

The second commemoration in Shawano saw more than a dozen firefighters, along with other people, join together for a walk leading from ThedaCare Medical Center-Shawano to the fire station on the north end of Shawano, a tradition that has gone on for years.

Along the way, drivers on Main Street honked their horns in support of the firefighters remember their fallen brethren.

At the end of the walk, Brent Buettner from AmVets Post 10 was waiting to play taps while the firefighters stood silently and saluted.

Mark Retzlaff, a captain with the Shawano Area Fire Department, remembered that he was in eighth grade when 9/11 occurred. It started out as a normal day at school when word broke out about the terrorist attacks, and the rest of the day was spent watching the news on the televisions at school.

“We were scared, not knowing if we were under attack or going to war,” Retzlaff said.

For Retzlaff, it’s important to keep remembering what happened that fateful day and support the fallen.

“A lot of people today have no idea everything that happened that day,” he said. “It’s important to remember.”

On that day, 343 firefighters died. Chuck Felts, SAFD’s assistant chief, noted that losing that many first responders in one day is something that should never be allowed to happen again.

“It captured a lot of attention,” Felts said. “It wasn’t just one engine. It was almost the entire fire department.”

Stu Kohlin, commander of AmVets Post 10, was waiting for the firefighters



In full gear and carrying an American flag, Shawano firefighters walk Sept. 11 from ThedaCare Medical Center-Shawano to the fire station at the north end of the city as a remembrance for the victims of 9/11. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

to walk by the Sherman tank at Memorial Park and saluted them as they walked by. Kohlin said he was delivering things to local restaurants Sept. 11, 2001, when he found out about the terrorist attacks.

“Listening to all the old radio (broadcasts) and telephone calls, that was pretty emotional,” Kohlin said. “It does seem like

yesterday. It always seems like yesterday. People on the day of the Kennedy assassination remember where they were, but I was too young for that. Now I say where I was and what I was doing the whole day (of 9/11). Every time I stopped at a restaurant, I told them, “Turn the news on. Turn the news on.” A lot of people were

turning the news on, and they were just shocked.”

Even though the mantra is “Never forget,” Kohlin doesn’t think it’s possible for those who are alive that day to forget.

“This will be part of America for another 25 or 50 years,” he said. “I hope so.”

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Above, firefighters and others walk along Main Street as they head for the Shawano Fire Station to hold a quiet ceremony remembering the victims of 9/11. At left, Olga Brener Intermediate School fifth grade students walk out Sept. 11 onto the playground at the school with the paper chains made to commemorate the 2,977 victims killed during the 9/11 attacks. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

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BITTER RIVALS BATTLED

Vikings fourth quarter blitz eliminated all signs of Love; losing streak continues

By LUKE REIMER
Green & Gold Express

Eight months removed from blowing a first-half lead to the Chicago Bears in the playoffs, the Green Bay Packers squandered a 12-point lead in their Week 1 loss to the Minnesota Vikings, 39-22.

With 5:09 left in the third quarter, rookie kicker Trey Smack connected on a 26-yard field goal to give the Packers a 22-10 lead and what appeared to be the momentum to carry the team through the fourth quarter. What happened in the last 20 minutes of the game is something that Matt LaFleur, Jordan Love and Packers fans across the world are going to want to forget.

Minnesota ripped off 29 unanswered points while stopping the Packers offense in its tracks. While Green Bay was on offense, Minnesota defensive coordinator Brian Flores dialed up blitz after blitz leading to four sacks, two fumbles (one lost), an interception and no points scored.

“You are playing this defense, you know that there is going to be pressure. You know that is part of it,” Love said. “Like I said though, we’ll look back at the film, but there is just a lot of missed opportunities, which there are couple I wish we could get back.”

When Green Bay went up 22-10, it appeared the Packers were going to come away with an easy divisional win, given that Vikings quarterback Kyler Murray went down with a head injury after a brutal hit in the first quarter. It was backup quarterback Carson Wentz and Flores’ pressure-filled defense



Jordan Love was under pressure all day, even worse in the fourth quarter when the Packers’ offensive line failed to respond to the highest blitz percentage delivered in Week 1. The Vikings blitzed the Packers on 82.1% of their plays. Only one other team in Week 1 had a blitz percentage above 50%.

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At left, an unnecessary roughness call against Javon Bullard knocked out Kyler Murray with a concussion in the first quarter. At right, rookie Chris McClellan was called for roughing the passer against Carson Wentz on a third down play that kept the Vikings’ drive alive in the fourth quarter.

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Truly offensive: What’s the answer?

By JACOB WESTENDORF
Green & Gold Express

Green Bay will travel to the Big Apple (sort of) when they take on the New York Jets at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, New Jersey.

Packers offense vs. Jets defense

Green Bay’s offense was mostly excellent when they put the ball in the air in their season opener against the Minnesota

Vikings. Jordan Love threw two touchdown passes, including an 81-yard play to Christian Watson where Watson racked up 65 yards after the ball was in his hands.

Watson finished the game with more than 100 yards receiving and got off to an excellent start, fresh off a new contract extension. Matthew Golden had a solid debut as well, and Tucker Kraft made his return to the lineup with a

couple of nice plays down the field.

The problems Green Bay faced were whenever they tried to run the football, and eventually they were overwhelmed in pass protection. A make-shift offensive line that included Donovan Jennings as a surprise starter at left guard got Love hit a whopping 15 times on 46 drop-backs. He was sacked four times and snowed under by Minnesota’s defense

once they were trailing.

In the run game, Green Bay really struggled. Marshawn Lloyd and Chris Brooks did not have much going when the ball was in their hands. There was not a lot of room, which led to both of them finishing below 50 total yards rushing.

The offensive line is going to continue to be a major concern for this Packers team until the

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Rookie kicker Trey Smack connected on a 59-yard field goal in his first regular season attempt. On the day, he made three field goals and an extra point but also missed an extra point.

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problems at hand gets fixed. Jacob Monk and Donovan Jennings could both find themselves on the bench this weekend after being preferred starters in the first week of the regular season.

Aaron Banks, the \$77 million man has been out of the lineup with knee tendinitis for most of the offseason, and it's unclear how much the Packers will be able to count on him. That's assuming they can even count on him at all. Whoever is in front of Love on Sunday has protect him better than they did Sunday afternoon. Love is excellent, but no quarterback is going to be able to withstand a beating like the one he took in Minnesota.

Defensively, the New York Jets are still, amazingly without an interception in Aaron Glenn's era as the head coach. The former defensive back, in theory, would be able to get his team to force some turnovers, but it simply has not happened yet for Glenn's defense.

Packers defense vs. Jets offense

Green Bay's defense probably deserved a better fate than what the stat sheet will ultimately say about their performance Sunday. They allowed fewer than 300 yards on fewer than four yards-per-play.

Somehow, they still gave up 39 points on the scoreboard. A blunder on special teams and a fumble put the Vikings in business on two separate drives. Another was aided by three questionable penalty calls.

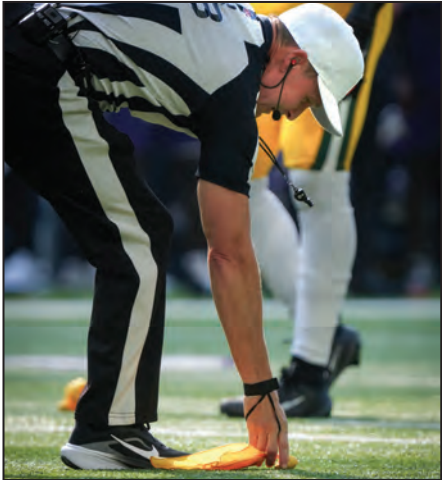
That being said, there is some reason for optimism on that side of the ball.

Linebacker Edgerrin Cooper looked like a man possessed at linebacker, and he could be poised for a breakout year. Keisean Nixon was active in the run game and secured the first interception of the season. Javon Bullard looked physical in the run game, and could be poised to be a breakout player as well.

Special teams

Bo Melton had an explosive return to set the Packers up for three points. Skyy Moore looked more comfortable as a punt returner than anyone Green Bay has thrown back there during Matt LaFleur's tenure as the head coach.

Smack made all of his field goals, including a 59-yard bomb for the first points of the season.



The Packers had 12 penalties vs. the three for the Vikings. The flags impaired both the offense and defense in the fourth quarter.

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Bo Melton returns a kickoff 59 yards in the first quarter Sept. 13 against the Minnesota Vikings. Melton was elevated from the practice squad for the game after earlier being released by the Packers. It is expected he will be a special teams players much of the season.

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that prevented the Packers from starting the season 1-0.

Wentz finished the game by completing 12-of-19 passes for 133 yards and three touchdowns. Two of Wentz's touchdown passes went to Justin Jefferson, with the other going to T.J. Hockenson.

In the run game, Jordan Mason led the way for the Vikings, totaling 59 yards a touchdown on 15 carries. Former Packers running back Aaron Jones finished the game with 40 yards and a touchdown on 12 carries.

On the Packers side of the field, Love completed 21-of-42 passes for 387 yards, two touchdowns and one interception. Christian Watson was the leading receiver for Green Bay, as he totaled 147 yards and two touchdowns on six receptions, including an 81-yard touchdown, in which Love was able to beat the blitz.

In the absence of Josh Jacobs, it was MarShawn Lloyd who led the Packers in rushing, totaling 37 yards on 13 carries. Chris Brooks added another 29 yards on seven carries.

While it didn't end up costing Green Bay the game, LaFleur was presented with an interesting scenario early in the fourth quarter. On fourth-and-six from the Vikings' 22-yard line, Smack connected on a 40-yard field goal giving Green Bay a 25-17 lead. An offsides penalty against Minnesota nullified the kick. Now faced with a fourth-and-one, LaFleur elected to take the field goal off the board and attempt to pick up the first down. On the ensuing play, Love attempted a quarterback sneak, but was stuffed, giving the ball back to the Vikings without Green Bay scoring any points.

Sunday's fast start solidifies new role, contract

Watson finishes the day with six catches, two touchdowns

By LUKE REIMER
Green & Gold Express

Green Bay's gamble started off with a bang.

Back in June, the Packers and wide receiver Christian Watson agreed to a maximum value contract for \$110.5 million, according to Spotrac, and cementing the North Dakota State alum as the perceived go-to pass catcher in the Green Bay offense.

"I am grateful. It feels real good," said Watson on his extension in June. "It was a blessing for sure."

After the extension was finalized, questions surrounding Watson appeared, given that he has never amassed 620 receiving yards or played a full season.

Packers general manager Brian Gutekunst and the rest of the front office didn't listen to the noise though. When Watson has been on the field, he has been one of



Packers fans celebrate Christian Watson's first touchdown of the season. It was also Jordan Love's first complete pass of the season.

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Green Bay's better offensive playmakers.

Watson didn't listen to the noise, either. Instead, he put together one of the best games

of his five-year career. Against Minnesota, Watson finished the game with six catches for 147 yards and two touchdowns. In what can often be a confusing offense on deciding who the No. 1 receiver is, Watson's extension in addition to his performance indicates that it is indeed him.

The next step is making sure he can stay on the field to continue to produce.

"I am capable of having a full season. That is the main thing," said Watson in June. "That is the main thing that everybody wants to see. That is my goal going forward, to put myself in the best position to stay healthy throughout the entire season."

More than just when he has the ball in his hands, one of Watson's strengths is the gravity around him. Defenses have to know where Watson is at all times and cannot leave just one defender on him. With his speed, opposing teams have to shade a safety over the top of his routes, which in turn opens a spot in the middle of the field for players like Jayden Reed and Tucker Kraft.

More than just the passing game though, having the threat of Watson taking the top off of the defense opens up the run, as safeties do not have the ability to cheat up. Without knowing the status of Josh Jacobs partnered with the inconsistent play on the offensive line, using Watson's threat to keep safeties backed up will benefit the offensive line.

Given Watson's injury history and his work to get back on the field, there is no doubt Watson has done his part in earning this extension. The point still stands though that he has never topped 620 receiving yards, so giving him \$115 million is a gamble that he can finally be what Green Bay drafted him to be.

GREEN BAY PACKERS AT NEW YORK JETS

Time and date: Noon, Sunday, Sept. 20

Location: MetLife Stadium, East Rutherford, New Jersey

TV: FOX

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

2026 records: Packers 0-1, Jets 1-0

History: The Jets and Packers have played 14 times in the history of the two teams. The

Jets lead the series 9-5, with the most recent matchup coming in 2022 where the Jets knocked off the Packers at Lambeau Field 27-10.

The last time these two teams played at MetLife Stadium, a wild game broke out with Aaron Rodgers and the Packers eliminating a double-digit fourth quarter deficit to force overtime. In overtime, Rodgers hit Davante Adams for a game-winning touchdown to give the Packers their final win of the 2018 season. It was a memorable moment in an otherwise forgettable

year.

Coaches: Packers, Matt LaFleur, eighth season, 75-40-1. Jets, Aaron Glenn, second season, 4-14.

Packers Schedule

Sunday, Sept. 13, at Minnesota, 3:25 p.m., L 39-22

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

Thursday, Sept. 17

Detroit at Buffalo, 7:15 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 20

Cincinnati at Houston, noon

Green Bay at NY Jets, noon

New Orleans at Baltimore, noon

Philadelphia at Tennessee, noon

Minnesota at Chicago, noon

Cleveland at Tampa Bay,

noon

Pittsburgh at New England, noon

Carolina at Atlanta, noon

Las Vegas at LA Chargers, 3:05 p.m.

Jacksonville at Denver, 3:05 p.m.

Washington at Dallas, 3:25 p.m.

Miami at San Francisco, 3:25 p.m.

Seattle at Arizona, 3:25 p.m.

Indianapolis at Kansas City, 7:20 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 21

NY Giants at LA Rams, 7:15 p.m.

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NIXON’S TURNOVER FLIPS OFFSEASON NARRATIVE

On the second play of the game, Minnesota quarterback Kyler Murray’s first pass attempt was intercepted by Packers starting safety Keisean Nixon. In two plays, Nixon matched his 2025 interception total. The play led to rookie kicker Trey Smack’s 59-yard field goal to give the Packers a quick 3-0 lead.

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WATSON'S FIRST CATCH IS 81-YARD TD

Christian Watson had six targets with 131 yards, a pair of 20-plus yard completions and two touchdowns at halftime. His 81-yard touchdown was aided by fellow starting wide receivers Matthew Golden, left, and Jayden Reed. Golden provided a crucial block on the play, which was initially flagged as a block in the back, but the referees picked up the flag and the touchdown counted.

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