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Fall colors burst along state Highway 22 just west of Gillett on Oct. 18. The Wisconsin Fall Colors Report on travelwisconsin.com indicates the colors are at their peak in Oconto County.

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Gillett passes '24-25 school budget, levy

District savings used to balance budget

BY WARREN BLUHM
News Editor

The Gillett School Board on Oct. 17 passed an $11.973 million budget for 2024-25, a 6.6% increase in expenditures from a year earlier.

The property tax levy of $3,108,639 is a 10.2% decrease from 2023-24, largely due to an increase in state aid, school officials said.

The levy was approved by a couple of dozen residents who attended the school district annual meeting prior to the board's regular monthly meeting.

School board treasurer Cliff Gerbers reported that during the budget process, the district found itself with a deficit and used $501,000 from its general fund — the district's savings account — to balance the budget.

The district had been able to bolster the general fund by about $200,000 in 2022-23 and another $119,000 in 2023-24, making a total of about $1.832 million available, Gerbers said.

"The absence of having any COVID money had an effect on our revenue," he said.

The federal government supplemented local school budgets from the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund, a program designed to offset the impact of lockdown measures imposed during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 and 2021.

That fund expires and any dollars allocated must be spent by the end of 2024, Gerbers said. Knowing that, the board did its best not to use the emergency funds for ongoing expenses.

"We didn't waste that money by any stretch," Gerbers said.

Still, many districts are finding themselves with deficits this year, Gerbers said, noting that the neighboring Suring Area Public School District was in the red by $915,000, according to its recently published budget.

"The state has put more money into the state aid formula, and that's why the taxes are decreasing this year," Gerbers said.

The fact that Gillett is considered a high-poverty district and an increase in equalized aid led to an approximately $800,000 increase in general state aid, he said.

Actions by the state Legislature continue to have an impact on local school budgets, Gerbers and Superintendent Nathan Hanson said.

Hanson noted that the state currently foots about 30% of the bill for special education services, which amount to about $2.1 million for 2024-25. The rest must come from the general budget.

"There's a push out there right now to move that total to 60% funding," he said. "That would be a tremendous financial benefit to the Gillett School District. It would be huge for us."

The state and federal governments require local school districts to provide education for students with special needs, Hanson said.

"We're happy that we can, because these are some of our kids who need support more than anyone else," but increased support would be welcome, he said.

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Suring School gets new, more inclusive playground

Over the summer, Suring Elementary School replaced its playground.

The new playground is more inclusive and safer for school and community use.

"It was a necessary decision," said Paul Orlich, Suring School District superintendent. The previous equipment was well over 15-20 years old. The year prior, we had to pay someone to come in and cut out some of the rusted components and weld in temporary fixes. So, from a safety standpoint, it was at its end-of-life cycle, and it needed to be replaced."

The total cost for the playground was $156,000. The money for the playground came from Fund 80, the district's community programs and services fund, which is intended for community recreation programs, day care programs or other community support. Fund 80 is totally separate from Fund 10, which is the school district fund. The money for the playground did not come out of Suring's general budget, according to Orlich.

"Because playgrounds are utilized during the summer as well as during out of school hours and available to all community members, I just think that it's a valuable improvement for not only the school district but the Suring community as a whole," Orlich said.

The playground was ordered in early spring and was installed in during. Lee Recreation LLC installed the playground, and the components are made by Burke. Everything made was produced in Fond du Lac.

Suring Elementary School children enjoy the new playground equipment installed over the summer.

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Second annual Trick or Treat Trail set for Saturday in Oconto Falls.

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Trick or Treat Trail winds through West Side woods

Saturday's second annual event features new activities and giveaways

By WARREN BLUHM
News Editor

The woods near West Side Beach in Oconto Falls are guaranteed to be packed with ghosts, goblins and goodies on Oct. 26.

The second annual Trick or Treat Trail is scheduled for 10 a.m. to noon along the trail next to West Side Beach, located at the end of North Flatley Avenue.

"Community support this year was absolutely fantastic," said Chrisine Grzelak, who has led, organized and managed the whole event since its inception a year ago.

Kids have an opportunity to dress up in their Halloween costumes and walk from station to station gathering sweets and playing games.

The event is completely run by volunteers, and as many as 600 young trick-or-treaters are expected to attend. There are nearly 30 confirmed vendors with new activities and giveaways planned, Grzelak said.

GRZELAK

"I have to give a big thank you to all our supporting businesses, community members and organizations, who are the heart of our event," she said.

The vendor list includes Ann Senn Real Estate Group, Bellin Health, Black Cactus Beauty, CJ Pet Sitting, Commando Paintball Sports, Encompass, Girl Scouts of Northwestern Great Lakes, Iverson's Piggly Wiggly, K9 Creations, Konkel Accounting, Noble HVAC and Refrigerative, Oconto Falls Community Library, Oconto Falls Municipal Utilities, Oconto Falls Youth Baseball/Softball, the OFHS Kindness Committee, Oconto Falls Lioness Club, Oconto Falls Sno-Jokers, Peshtigo National Bank, Posbrig's Ponderosa, Serendipity by Sami, S&L Ford, S&S Hometown, St. John's Lutheran Church of Morgan, The Cottages at Meadowlands, the Doggie Depot and the Witch Next Door Store.

Grzelak reminded participants and their parents to practice kindness and safe driving and parking while attending.

"This ensures safety and our ability to keep the event free," she said.

The latest information is posted on the Oconto Falls Trick or Treat Trail page on Facebook.

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Many of the vendors who joined the fun at the 2023 Trick or Treat Trail are back for the second annual event.
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Cornstalk decorations take over downtown

Oconto Falls Municipal Utilities tied for first place in the cornstalk decoration competition with its entry overseen by a line worker who went too far with his diet.

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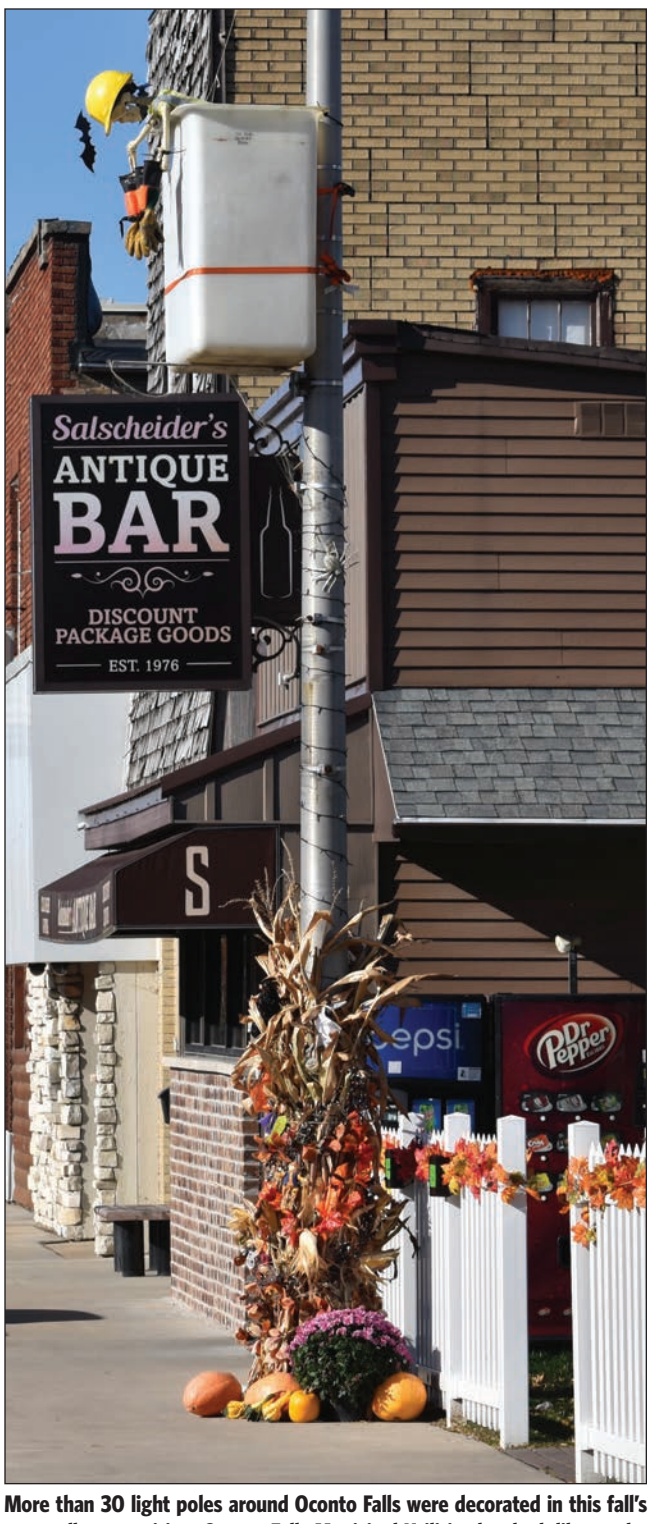
Hot Rod Detailing gets in on the fun of decorating a light pole with cornstalk art at North Main Street and Caldwell Avenue.

Senn Insurance tied for first place in this year's Oconto Falls cornstalk decoration contest with its entry that began at the light pole and crawled up the entire building.

Detail from the FFA entry along North Main Street.



More than 30 light poles around Oconto Falls were decorated in this fall's cornstalk competition. Oconto Falls Municipal Utilities has had dibs on the pole outside the Antique Bar since the beginning.

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School resource officer approval delayed

County administrator needs more info

BY WARREN BLUHM
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The Gillett Public School District will have to wait a little longer for a school resource officer (SRO) to be posted at the district's schools to interact with students.

The district has been working with Sheriff Todd Skarban to negotiate an agreement for the county to provide the officer on a cost-share measure, similar to the agreement currently in place with the Suring Area Public School District.

The 2024-25 budget approved by the Gillett School Board includes funding for the district's share of the cost.

Gillett Superintendent Nathan Hanson reported to the board Oct. 17 that the proposal was on its way to the Oconto County Board and the SRO position could be posted and filled by December.

But Hanson said Oct. 18 that he had learned County Administrator Richard Heath wants more information before signing off on the plan.

"The administrator wants the sheriff to follow the county's process for filling positions," Hanson said. "He needs to put a better plan together."

The possibility still exists that county approval of the proposal will be forthcoming by the end of the calendar year, Hanson said.

"Nobody has said no yet; nobody has said yes yet," he said. "We're going to sit down and try to figure out another way to move forward."

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Gerbers also said state-imposed revenue limits on local school districts remain a challenge after 30 years.

"We can only raise so much money per student, and that has not kept up with inflation," Gerbers said. He cited a study by a business group that indicated if the revenue limits had been adjusted for inflation over the years, districts would have an average of $2,100 per student in additional available funding. "When our expenses exceed what we can raise, that's why we have a fund balance."

During his welcoming remarks for the annual meeting, Hanson focused on interactions and partnerships between the school district and the community at large, including the Independence Day parade, Veterans Day programs, the annual Victory Olympics, the school's Grandparents Day breakfast and the recent Harvest Day celebration that was tied to the high school homecoming week.

Efforts to expand services for the community are under discussion, he said.

"We're working toward opening up our school facilities for walking during the winter months so they've got a place that they can be warm and get good exercise," Hanson said. "We're working on getting an indoor pickle ball court, and we're working on designing a process so our facilities will be more accessible to be used for other activities within the community."

Hanson, who started as superintendent on July 1, said he's been very impressed by his initial interactions with the the Gillett community.

"The last three months that I've been here, I've been excited by the relationships I've been able to build in the community and how much pride our employees and our community take in this school," he said. "We don't always agree on everything, but I think everybody really and truly believes that this is an important place for kids and a great place to be."

Among other actions at the annual meeting, residents voted to keep school board salaries at their current levels. Board members receive $100 for each regular meeting and $50 for any special meetings. The school board meets monthly on the third Thursday of the month. There were two special meetings last school year, according to minutes posted on the district website www.gillett.k12.wi.us.

OCONTO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Proceedings of Oct. 18

• Fred J. Masten, 75, Appleton, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to theft of movable property, taking and driving a vehicle without consent, criminal damage to property and arson of property other than a building, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred May 25. Judge Jay Conley scheduled a pre-trial conference for Nov. 21.

• Kendra Ivanell Gile, 36, Suring, waived her right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to two counts of capturing an intimate representation, burglary to a building or residence and misdemeanor counts of criminal trespass and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred April 25. Conley scheduled a pre-trial conference for Dec. 12.

• Bond was set at $750 cash for Nancy Noel Mulkey, 26, Green Bay, after she was charged with felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Oct. 17. Conley adjourned her initial appearance until Nov. 7.

Proceedings of Oct. 17

• Bond was set at $10,000 cash for Antonio Wells, 32, Gillett, after he was charged with misappropriating ID information to obtain money, six counts of felony bail jumping, and misdemeanor counts of credit card theft, fraudulent use of a credit card, theft of movable property, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Sept. 3. Conley scheduled a preliminary hearing for Oct. 24 for the new charges and a previously filed case where Wells is charged with six counts of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Sept. 11. He also faces May 25 charges of six counts of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of driving without a valid license.

• Bond was set at $8,000 cash for Alyssa M. Vanstraten, 32, Gillett, after she was charged with misappropriating ID information to obtain money, two counts felony bail jumping, and misdemeanor counts of credit card theft, fraudulent use of a credit card and theft of movable property, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Sept. 3. Vanstraten also faces two counts of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Sept. 11, and charges of felony bail jumping and misdemeanor battery and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred March 28. Conley scheduled a preliminary hearing on the new charges for Nov. 4.

• A bench warrant was issued for Venus Marie Nelson, 39, Green Bay, after she failed to make a court appearance on a charge of victim intimidation threatening force and misdemeanor disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred June 15.

• A bench warrant was issued for Harley Dean Stands, 30, Crandon, after he failed to appear for a hearing on charges of possession of cocaine (second or subsequent offense), three counts of felony bail jumping, and misdemeanor counts of operating while revoked and possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred July 22.

• A bench warrant was issued for Ivan Anthony Huff, 27, Chippewa Falls, after he failed to appear on a charge of fleeing an officer in his vehicle, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred July 25.

• Bond was set at $750 cash for Raymond Lawrence Pamanet, 21, Keshena, after he was charged with fleeing an officer in his vehicle and a misdemeanor count of operating a motor vehicle without a valid license, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Oct. 16. Conley adjourned his initial appearance until Nov. 7.

Proceedings of Oct. 14

• Dennis D. Miller, Green Bay, 66, Green Bay, was placed on four years probation after Conley imposed and stayed a prison sentence for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence (fourth offense), in connection with an incident that occurred Sept. 2, 2023.

• Bond was set at $5,000 cash for Chelsea Belle O'Donnell, 27, Amberg, after she was charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of narcotic drugs, felony bail jumping, and misdemeanor counts of resisting or obstructing an officer and possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Oct. 11. Conley adjourned her initial appearance until Nov. 7.

Proceedings of Oct. 10

• Bond was set at $2,000 cash for Joaquin Julian Alba, 29, Gillett, after he was charged with domestic abuse battery and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Oct. 9. Judge Jay Conley adjourned his initial appearance until Oct. 17.

Proceedings of Oct. 9

• Bond was set at $1,000 cash for Robert P. Shampo Jr., 28, Oconto, after he was charged with battery or threat to a law officer and misdemeanor counts of disorderly conduct and possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Oct. 9. Conley adjourned his initial appearance until Oct. 17.

• Bond was set at $500 cash for Ryker L. Shampo, 25, Oconto, after he was charged with felony bail jumping in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Oct. 9. Conley adjourned his initial appearance until Oct. 17.

Proceedings of Oct. 2

• Bond was set at $5,000 cash for Adam K. Couzzo, 41, Green Bay, after he was charged with felony bail jumping and misdemeanor theft, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Sept. 30. Judge Jay Conley adjourned his initial appearance until Oct. 17.

• Bond was set at $3,000 cash for Russell P. Radaj, 54, Lena, after he was charged with operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fifth or sixth offense), in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Sept. 29. Conley adjourned his initial appearance until Oct. 17.

Proceedings of Oct. 1

• A final pre-trial conference was held in the Nov. 5-6 jury trial scheduled for Keilon Allon Snipes-Reed, 20, a White Lake man serving time at Green Bay Correctional Institution. He faces three counts of armed robbery, two counts of first-degree reckless endangerment, two counts bail jumping, burglary and theft, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred June 4, 2021.

• Bond was set at $10,000 cash for Devin David Lakonen-Smet, 23, Suring, after he was charged with three counts of manufacture with intent to deliver amphetamine, three counts of maintaining a drug trafficking place and three counts of felony bail jumping, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Aug. 29, as well as possession with intent to deliver methamphetamine, maintaining a drug trafficking place, possession of THC (second or subsequent offense) and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Sept. 9. Judge Michael Judge adjourned his initial appearance until Nov. 7.

Proceedings of Sept. 30

• Michael D. Wood, 37, Oconto Falls, was placed on four years of probation with conditions after Judge imposed and stayed a prison sentence for first-degree reckless endangerment, substantial battery and a misdemeanor count of criminal damage to property, in connection with an incident that occurred Jan. 1, 2022, and misdemeanor disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that occurred last Dec. 25.

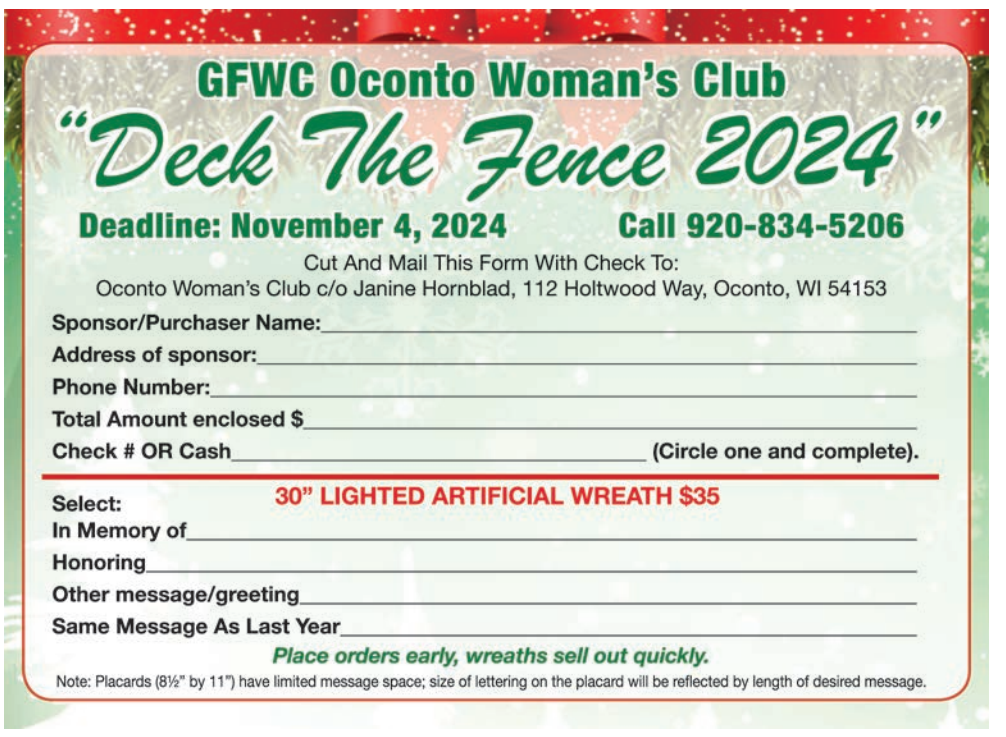
• A final pre-trial conference was held for a Nov. 5-6 jury trial scheduled for James P. Samuelson, 53, Suring, on charges of possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Nov. 17, 2023. After discussion, Judge scheduled another final pre-trial conference for Oct. 29.

• Anthony R. Mork, 34, Suring, pleaded not guilty to possession of methamphetamine, felony bail jumping and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Aug. 16. He is also charged with manufacturing with intent to deliver methamphetamine, manufacturing with intent to deliver THC and maintaining a drug trafficking place, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Aug. 1, 2023. Judge scheduled a plea hearing for Oct. 28.

• Bond was set a $1,500 cash for Brady Lee Boucher, 30, Oconto, after he was charged with possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), felony bail jumping and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Sept. 28. Judge adjourned his initial appearance until Oct. 29.

• Bond was set at $1,500 cash for Nicole M. Harris, 41, Oconto Falls, after she was charged with possession of THC (second or subsequent offense) and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Sept. 28. Judge adjourned her initial appearance until Oct. 17.

• Bond was set at $2,000 cash for Pa Ying Xiong, 57, Green Bay, after he was charged with operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fourth offense) and misdemeanor counts of possession of THC and possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Sept. 30.



Special fire order issued due to ongoing drought

DNR reinstates burning permits in parts of Oconto County

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) announced that due to prolonged drought conditions and potential for elevated fire danger throughout the fall, the agency is reinstating DNR burning permits by issuing a special fire order in 13 Wisconsin counties.

The permit reinstatement began Oct. 15 in designated DNR protection areas and will continue until further notice.

The permit reinstatement applies to 13 extensive DNR protection area counties outside incorporated cities and villages, including portions of Oconto County.

A DNR annual burning permit is now required for burning in a barrel, a debris pile and grass or wooded areas as outlined by the permit, unless the ground is completely snow-covered. Before burning in these areas, anyone wanting to burn must obtain a DNR burn permit and then visit WisBURN for the current burn restrictions.

Traditionally, DNR burn permits are required in extensive protection areas from Jan. 1 through May 31, anytime the ground is not snow-covered. Reinstating permits allows the DNR to restrict burning on a given day during times of elevated fire danger.

A DNR burn permit is not required for campfires intended for cooking or warming, but the public is reminded to use extreme caution. Consider having small campfires in a designated fire ring or device in the evening hours to avoid burning under elevated fire conditions, which are typically found during the day.

Current wildfire concerns are primarily due to the lack of precipitation across the entire state. Wisconsin has received record low rain in recent weeks, resulting in varying levels of moderate to severe drought. Wildfires that occur under these conditions can burn for great lengths of time and smolder underground for days and can be challenging to suppress.

The recent rain has not improved the overall drought. Ongoing dry conditions, coupled with the potential for increased fire danger in the fall due to dead leaves, pine needles and other dry vegetation on the ground, make debris burning especially risky. Debris burning continues to be the leading cause of wildfires in Wisconsin.

The DNR intends to keep the permit requirements in place until the drought situation improves significantly.

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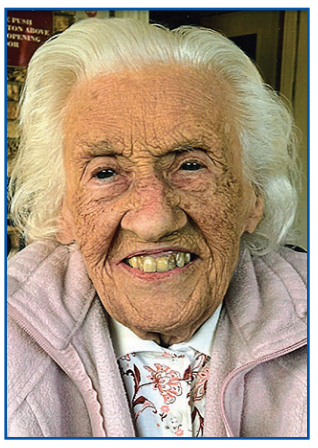
Jean J. Bartholomew



Jean Johanna (Zemke) Bartholomew, 100 years of age, passed away peacefully on Oct. 10, 2024.

She was born Oct. 8, 1924, in North Fond du Lac, the second child of the late Otto Zemke and Maureen Minahan. Jean's mother, Maureen, died when Jean was only 3 years old, leaving behind her husband Otto, Jean, sister Betty and brother Robert. She and her siblings lived in an orphanage in Oshkosh until their father Otto married Celia Muehrer in 1928.

Jean grew up in Gillett. Otto was a shoemaker, and Celia was a loving mother and wife.

Following high school, Jean attended The Milwaukee School of Business. While living in Milwaukee, she met and married John Bartholomew (Lodi) in 1945. Jean and John moved to Durand in 1947. During their 28 years together, they raised four children, Jane, Jack, Jody and Jim.

In the early 1960s, Jean and John were part of the founding group that organized and created Faith Lutheran Church in Durand. Jean faithfully served as church organist and choir accompanist there for several years. Her Hammond organ was the center piece of her living room.

In 1976, Jean moved to Shawano where she made her home for the next 30 years. During those years, she worked at the Shawano County Courthouse and was the office manager for First Presbyterian Church in Shawano. Jean was an active member of Zion Lutheran Church and served as an organist and member of their handbell choir.

Her hobbies included bridge, knitting and quilting.

Over the years, Jean made beautiful batik quilts, wall hangings, T-shirt quilts for her grandchildren and baby quilts for her great-grandchildren.

In 2007, at the age of 83, Jean moved to Iowa to be closer to her daughter Jody. Over the last several years, she continued to bring great joy with her wit and humor to not only her family but residents and staff wherever she resided. At the age of 96, she could still be found "tickling the ivories" with her rendition of the age old songs "Five Foot Two, Eyes of Blue" and "Around the World (in 80 Days)."

Over the course of Jean's 100 years, she witnessed and experienced many extraordinary things: The Great Depression, the attack on Pearl Harbor and World War II with her brother, Bob, in combat in Europe, the big band era of the 1940s, advancements in technology and engineering with television, microwaves and men landing on the moon, the evolution of typewriters to computers and the internet just to name a few.

Jean's parents, siblings and a granddaughter preceded her in death.

She is survived by her four children, Jane Bartholomew, John S. "Jack" Bartholomew (Trish), Jo Ellen "Jody" McNaughton (Michael) and James R. Bartholomew (Amy); former daughter-in-law, Patricia Bartholomew; eight grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and step-great-grandchildren.

Well done Jean, good and faithful servant. Praise be to God for the life of Jean Johanna Bartholomew.

The family extends heartfelt gratitude to the former Polk City Nursing Home staff, Granger Nursing and Rehab staff, and Hospice of the Midwest for their kind and loving care.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Hospice of the Midwest, Johnston, Iowa.

A celebration of life service will be held Monday, Oct. 28, at 11 a.m. at Lutheran Church of Hope Chapel, 925 Jordan Creek Parkway, West Des Moines, Iowa. Visitation and a luncheon will follow the service. Jean will be laid to rest at Peace Lutheran Cemetery in Oshkosh.

The service will be live streamed at https://wdm.lutheranchurchofhope.org/specialevents.

Bernice Birr

Bernice Birr (Schliep), 98, was born on her family's farm in Abrams on Dec. 30, 1925, the youngest of seven children.

A daughter of Albert and Augusta Schliep, she grew up on the farm, and like most children of that time, participated in many of the farm chores. On Oct. 16, 1948, she married Nathan Birr, and on their family farm in Morgan, they raised their six children.

Retirement from the farm came in 1989, though they continued to help with the farming and enjoyed spending time with their grandchildren for years afterward. In the past several years, Bernice resided at Serenity Gardens Assisted Living in Gillett.

As a young girl, she was given the opportunity to take piano lessons and learned to play with only one year of training. Later, Bernice became proficient at playing the organ as well, which she did for over 65 years at several area congregations including the Morgan EUB, and the Oconto Falls and Abrams United Methodist Churches.

Bernice was famous for making yummy foods – especially desserts. Well into her 80s, she entered baking contests at the Oconto County Fair, winning numerous times for her dairy inspired treats.

Bernice was an avid gardener enjoying creating and maintaining numerous flower beds as well as making beautiful floral arrangements. She was an active member of the Northern Gardeners' Club attending various garden walks, one of which she hosted at the age of 90. Bernice was also a member of the Chatty Hatters, a group that continued to visit her at Serenity on a monthly basis.

Bernice was preceded in death by her parents, her older siblings (Marjorie, Ada, Selma, Alfred, Edna and Ruth), her husband of 59 years, Nathan, and her daughter, Holly.

She is survived by her remaining five children, Bruce (Rae), Gene, Brian (Jill), Diane (Chuck) and Curt (Michelle); as well as her grandchildren, Marlene (Andy), Trevor (Jamie), Parker (Elizabeth), Landon (Melissa), Monica, Owen, Allison (Todd), Nathan, Marie; and step-grandchildren (Chris, Andrea, Renae), and great-grandchildren, Samantha, Jack, Olivia, Braedon, Aylie and Brody, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service celebrating Bernice's life will be held on Saturday, Oct. 26, 2024, at the Oconto Falls United Methodist Church on Farm Road. Visitation will begin at 10 a.m. with a noon service followed by a lunch.

The family would like to thank the staff at Serenity Gardens and Unity Hospice for their attentive care of Mom.

Memorial gifts may be made in Bernice's name to either the Oconto Falls United Methodist Church, of which she was a lifelong member, or to the Salvation Army.

Dean Uhl

Dean Uhl, 88, Oconto Falls, died Monday, Oct. 14, 2024, at home.

He was born June 6, 1936, in Oconto County to Earl and Theresa (Kutcha) Uhl. The oldest of six children graduated from Oconto Falls High School. Following graduation, Dean joined the U.S. Air Force where he served four years, working his way up to flying status on B-52 bombers on missions that lasted as long as 25 hours. Upon his honorable discharge, he obtained his private pilot's license, which he used to fly solo around the Fort Worth, Texas, area.

After serving in the military, Dean got a job with United Parcel Service, working his way up to operations manager, which meant he was in charge of some of their larger operations, overseeing as many as 200 or more people. After 25 years with UPS and purchasing a great deal of private company stock, he retired at the age of 53 as a self-made millionaire.

In retirement, Dean had a new log home built on the river next to the Westside Beach in Oconto Falls. Here he enjoyed his pontoon and speed boats as well as snowmobiles while living on the river.

He also had fun with his dogs, Mike, Pat, Tosha, Shadow and Honey. Dean also loved vehicles, owning over 30 new ones from Corvettes to trucks during his lifetime.

Dean also has a 240-acre estate at Athelstane, where he hunted deer, cut firewood and drove his many old trucks, four-wheelers and snowmobiles through the woods. The property also includes two beautiful homes and out buildings to store all the toys. Finally, Dean would like it known, he was always generous to his family whenever they needed help.

He is survived by nieces and nephews; two brothers-in-law, Bud Tisch and Babe Groth.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four sisters, Yvonne Groth, Donna Waschbisch, Janette Tisch and Judy Koss; and infant brother, Roger Uhl.

Visitation will be held after 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2024, at Jones Funeral Service until the time of service. A funeral service will be held 1 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial with military honors will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery, Oconto Falls.

City attorney pleads no contest

BY NEW MEDIA STAFF

A felony case against the Oconto city attorney involving target practice gone wrong has been resolved with no contest pleas to two misdemeanor charges.

According to Oconto County Circuit Court online records, Frank M. Calvert, 63, pleaded no contest Oct. 15 to two counts of endangering safety by use of a dangerous weapon. He was originally charged with two counts of recklessly endangering safety in connection with the incident, which occurred Nov. 23, 2023.

According to the criminal complaint, deputies were called after a .223-caliber bullet came through a kitchen window at a residence on County Road J in the Town of Oconto.

A woman standing at the sink received small cuts from the broken glass, and the bullet struck her brother in the right shoulder. Deputies found a red mark about a half-inch wide on his shoulder that looked like something had burned his skin, the complaint said.

The deputies heard gunfire nearby and tracked it to a home on Hoehne Lane to the southwest, where they found Calvert had been shooting a .223-caliber rifle at a target and a pumpkin from the porch.

Calvert told deputies he believed the target and pumpkin had been safely placed and was surprised that a round had traveled far enough to strike a residence to the northeast. Investigators determined the orientation of the targets and the line of fire from the patio was consistent with the trajectory a stray round would have had to travel to hit the home on County Road J.

Kewaunee County Judge Jeffrey Wisnicky, who heard the case because both Oconto County judges recused themselves, ordered Calvert to surrender any firearms he owns to a family member for one year. The judge imposed and stayed a five-day sentence in the county jail, which would be implemented if Calvert failed to turn over the weapons.

Calvert was also ordered to make a $2,500 contribution to the Oconto County Crime Prevention Fund and restitution of $2,842.12, which have already been paid in full, along with other fines and fees.

Christmas project underway at Grace

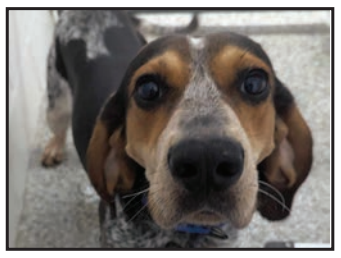
Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child shoe box project is well underway at Grace Lutheran Church, 501 S. Main St., Oconto Falls.

This year-round project is an effective means of sharing the gospel with children and their families around the world. In November 2023, 1,005 shoe boxes were collected and shipped from this area.

There is still time to drop off donations at the church. Donations include basic school supplies, games, puzzles, washcloths, toothbrushes, combs, brushes and anything suitable for young children ages 2-14. No liquids, candy or soap of any kind will be accepted. Monetary contributions are always welcome to defray expenses. Items can be placed in the blue tote by the church office door at any time.

Also available for convenience is Build a Shoebox online and select fun items from a large selection. For information, go to www.samaritanspurse.org/buildonline.

Packing shoe boxes at Grace is scheduled for 6 p.m. Nov. 11 and Nov. 14 and 9 a.m. Nov. 16 in the church basement. The area coordinator is Ellen Pritzlaff, and she can be reached at 920-362-5752.



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Remember a life by getting a tombstone

When Jon and Kathleen Marsh leave this world, there will be a tombstone to recall their contributions to northeast Wisconsin. KATHLEEN MARSH

On the date this column officially runs, I will be celebrating a birthday. It's not a milestone or anything, but I always view birthdays as a good time to take stock. Mentioning to Jon that I am mindful of approaching my expiration date, he remarked that I'm older than I've ever been before but also younger than I'll ever be again. Gee thanks,, honey. It does take me twice as long to look half as good, but saying I look great at 78 would have been a more welcome sentiment.

Yes, I can't do some things I used to take for granted, but thankfully I can still drive, which is good because my son lives in the Valley, and my daughter is in the Madison area. I wish they were closer so I could spend more time with them, especially with my granddaughter, who is growing up way too fast. When I do go to visit, I take frozen casseroles and soups and brownies. Even though I don't eat a bite of this food, I feel full and satisfied providing it.

That said, there is one major task I have completed that will also save my children time — and grief. Some people think it's morbid, but I'm preparing for the day when we say goodbye forever. I'm not doing this because I think they can't; I'm doing it so that they won't have to.

Thanks to now-retired Oconto attorney Bill Leege, Jon and I each drafted and signed a durable power of attorney, health care directive, last will and testament. Of course, you can never anticipate every single thing that might cause problems, which you will be too dead to solve, but with Bill's expert advice, we feel confident that we have covered the legal biggies.

Good start, but there was much more to do. When our church sponsored a session conducted by a local funeral home director, Jon and I went to update ourselves on what are called "final arrangements." The session was very interesting and informative; there were so many answers to questions I never knew I had. At breakfast afterward, Jon and I resolved to do what we could ahead of time to spare our children the agony of trying to figure out "what Mom and Dad would want."

First decision: what should happen to our bodies when we die. Neither of us wants to take up space six feet under, so cremation was the obvious choice. Though we aren't going to be buried, we nevertheless want to be permanently memorialized in a cemetery. You may disagree, but my view is that if your name isn't on a monument somewhere, it's as if you never lived. Okay, it's not that I think that after you die you are there. No, a tombstone is living proof that you were here.

Next question, where to put our memorial marker. Jon's from Elderon, and there's an empty lot next to his folks who are buried in the pastoral Elderon Cemetery. Jon's roots are definitely there, but mine aren't. Besides, he's been gone for so long that most people who would go there have no idea who he is — or was. My folks are buried in Sacred Heart Cemetery in Sherwood, but Jon has no ties there and the same lack of current connections applies to me.

The logical choice was Forest Home Cemetery in Townsend. We bought property on the flowage in 1993 and have lived here full-time since 2002. We were lucky to find a lovely plot under a tree near the edge of the access road. Excellent. Now all we needed was the stone. We made an appointment with Schneider Monument in Shawano.

As we walked among the samples in front of the office, I was a tad concerned we might not agree on this, but in less than an hour, we found the perfect one. All that was left to do was personalize it. Not surprisingly, Jon chose a majestic whitetail buck standing among pines. I came up empty until the owner, who also had a place on the flowage, suggested something about my Townsend books. Perfect. Our inscription was the finishing touch: "He found Townsend • She wrote its history." All the kids have to do is add our entrance and exit dates.

Jon views our headstone weekly because it's on the road to the dump (recycling center). Last year, when as a Legion volunteer he was putting out Memorial Day flags, he almost put one there. We still get a chuckle out of that. Death isn't funny, but it is comforting to know our kids won't have to do these tasks, and we have "saved our lives." Our cemetery monument is a testament that we lived, we loved, we mattered. It's all there in Townsend Forest Home Cemetery, etched in stone.

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, OCT. 25

BIRNAMWOOD: Schairer's Autumn Acres, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., 194 Western Ave. Corn mazes, sunflower fields, hay rides, wine tastings, apple products and more. Pumpkin Stroll 6-9 p.m.

BONDUEL: Farmtoberfest, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Porter's Patch, W4314 State Highway 156. Games for the kids, wagon rides, petting zoo, pumpkin painting, pumpkin bowling, pumpkin patch, mums, gourds, squash, NFL Draft corn maze. $11.37 plus tax for admission. Weather permitting.

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

WITTENBERG: "Doublewide Texas," 7 p.m., WOWSPACE, 114 Vinal St. Tickets $12 at Wittenberg Sentry or call 715-253-3525. Doors open 6:30 p.m.

SHAWANO: School play "This Murder Was Staged," 7 p.m., Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B. Tickets adults $5, students $3.

SATURDAY, OCT. 26

BONDUEL: Youth Craft Sale and Silent Auction, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. Paul Lutheran School gymnasium, 240 E. Green Bay St. Bake sale, chili dinner. 715-758-8532.

OCONTO FALLS: Trick or Treat Trail, 10 a.m. to noon, West Side Beach. Wooded trail walk, treats, vendors.

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SHAWANO: School play "This Murder Was Staged," 2 p.m., Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B. Tickets adults $5, students $3.

OCONTO: Knights of Columbus Booyah Sale, 3-6 p.m., Holy Trinity Church, 716 Madison St. $10 per quart.

PULASKI: Pumpkin Palooza, 3-5 p.m. Free family event sponsored by Pulaski Public Works. Pumpkin picking, hayrides, trunk or treating.

ABRAMS: 24-Hour Theater Performances, 7 p.m., Nancy Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple St. $5 admission.

WITTENBERG: "Doublewide Texas," 7 p.m., WOWSPACE, 114 Vinal St. Tickets $12 at Wittenberg Sentry or call 715-253-3525. Doors open 6:30 p.m.

BIRNAMWOOD: Creepy Hollow Haunted Trail, 7-11 p.m., N11818 Cedar Road. $15 regular pass, $30 fast pass. All funds raised will be donated to local charities. Not recommended for children 10 and under.

BOWLER: Halloween Costume Party, 8 p.m. to midnight, North Star Mohican Casino, W12180 County Road A. Customers in costume to receive $10 in free play after earning five points. Must be 21.

SUNDAY, OCT. 27

BIRNAMWOOD: Schairer's Autumn Acres, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., 194 Western Ave. Corn mazes, sunflower fields, hay rides, wine tastings, apple products and more.

BONDUEL: Farmtoberfest, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Porter's Patch, W4314 State Highway 156. Games for the kids, wagon rides, petting zoo, pumpkin painting, pumpkin bowling, pumpkin patch, mums, gourds, squash, NFL Draft Corn Maze. $11.37 plus tax for admission. Weather permitting.

CECIL: Republican Party of Shawano County Fall Dinner, 4 p.m., Golden Sands Golf Course, 300 Nabor Road. Dinner served 5 p.m. $30 members, $40 non-members.

NAVARINO: Night Sky at Navarino, 6 p.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. View Saturn through telescopes, learn about night sky constellations. $5 members, $10 non-member.

MONDAY, OCT. 28

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

TUESDAY, OCT. 29

SHAWANO: American Red Cross blood drive, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B. Appointments at RedCrossBlood.org or 800-733-2767.

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

OCONTO: Tryouts for "84 Charing Cross Road," 6 p.m., Park Avenue Playhouse, 408 Park Ave. Five actresses and three actors needed for Machikanee Players production scheduled for Feb. 7-9 and Feb. 14-16.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 30

SHAWANO: Halloween Spirit Parade, 12:45 p.m., Sacred Heart Catholic School, 124 E. Center St.

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

OCONTO: Auditions for "84 Charing Cross Road," 6 p.m., Park Avenue Playhouse, 408 Park Ave. Five actresses and three actors needed for Machikanee Players production scheduled for Feb. 7-9 and Feb. 14-16.

POUND: Line Dancing with the North Country Kickers, 6:30-9 p.m., Equity Hall, W7403 State Highway 64. Lessons 7 p.m. Admission $5. For information, call 920-606-4370 or 920-829-6316.

THURSDAY, OCT. 31

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

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Swifties turn their attention to birds

When I tell people I'm a swiftie, they ask what is my favorite song. While I like many of Taylor Swift's songs and I admire all she has accomplished, I'm not talking about her. I'm talking about the unique and spectacular bird, the chimney swift.

I had never witnessed the magical display of chimney swifts gathering at sunset to circle and slowly descend into a chimney to roost for the night. So, when I heard the Wisconsin Natural Resources Foundation offered a field trip called A Night Out With the Chimney Swifts, I was quick to sign up. Before that night arrived, I decided to learn all I could about this remarkable bird.

Chimney swifts are grayish-brown with thick cylindrical bodies, a very short neck, round head, no discernible tail, and short, stubby bills, earning them the nickname "flying cigars."

According to All About Birds, in flight, their wings are shaped like a boomerang. Their long wingtips allow them to fly rapidly, with stiff wing beats, often twisting from side to side and banking erratically as they give a loud chittering call.

I was amazed to learn that chimney swifts continuously fly all day long never stopping except to nest and roost overnight. They do everything in flight. They eat flying insects, bathe, collect nest material and even mate in flight.

According to the National Audubon Society, they eat as many as 12,000 insects in a single day, a third of their body weight. To build a nest, chimney swifts use their feet to snap off twigs in mid-flight. Then they use their saliva to glue them together to form a half-cup nest inside the chimney. Nests can consist of over 250 twigs.

Chimney swifts are not able to perch like other birds. Instead, their toes and nails have a unique structure allowing them to cling to vertical surfaces. The tail feathers have 10 stiff spines that also help to support them.

Interestingly, unmated swifts share a chimney, but mated pairs each nest in their own chimney. After the young fledge, parents and young join staging flocks in bigger chimneys nearby, hundreds, sometimes thousands, in a single chimney. According to All About Birds, during migration as many as 10,000 swifts roost together on their journey to South America.

When the time came for the field trip, I felt excited and prepared to experience the ceremony of the swifts coming in to roost for the night. We met at a library whose chimney had recently been an active roosting site.

However, upon arrival, our tour leader Spence Stehno, president of the Benjamin F. Goss Bird Club, announced that the swifts had changed locations to a chimney down the road. He explained that it is hard to predict when they will move on and how far away each move will be from the previous location. It is equally hard to tell if the swifts are the same ones from the night before or new ones.

Just before sunset, one by one, two by two, then 10 by 10 they appeared, dark silhouettes circling high above the chimney. Erratically, they slowly lowered as the circle got smaller and smaller, tighter and tighter. I could hear the chittering growing louder as my heart pounded to the beat. I could feel my cheeks lifting as my lips stretched into a wide grin. This is it. They are doing this and I am here to witness this amazing display of nature at its best.

Chimney swifts prepare to roost for the night recently. LISA JANSEN

There weren't enough swifts to make a tornado-like funnel, but counting observers estimated 180 birds circling and descending into the chimney, first the scouts, then the rest, some feet first, some head first. It was a night I will never forget.

I hope others can experience this, too, but the chimney swift population is in steep decline. Chimneys are being torn down or capped and not being replaced. According to American Bird Conservancy's "State of the Birds" report, between 1970 and2019, Chimney Swift population has dropped 50%.

People can help by preserving existing chimneys or creating new structures specifically for swift nesting. Designs can be downloaded from the North American Chimney Swift Nest Site Research Project.

Another way to help is to go see these birds for yourself and then spread the word. The best time in Wisconsin is September to mid-October. Look for uncapped chimneys on older buildings like churches, schools, factories, or historical structures. According to eBird, there were many swift sightings in this readership area this year. It is free and the whole family can join in to behold this phenomenon and share in the marvel of the chimney swift.

I'm a swiftie. I hope you become a swiftie, too.

Lisa Jansen is a Wisconsin master naturalist, nature writer, and award-winning photographer. She specializes in raising awareness of birds and butterflies of the Midwest.

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Focus on hate, war could drown America

As a veteran who served during the Vietnam War, I returned home from Honor Flight 70 to Washington, D.C., a few weeks ago already, but I am still assimilating the many sights and sounds of a very long day in the nation's capitol.

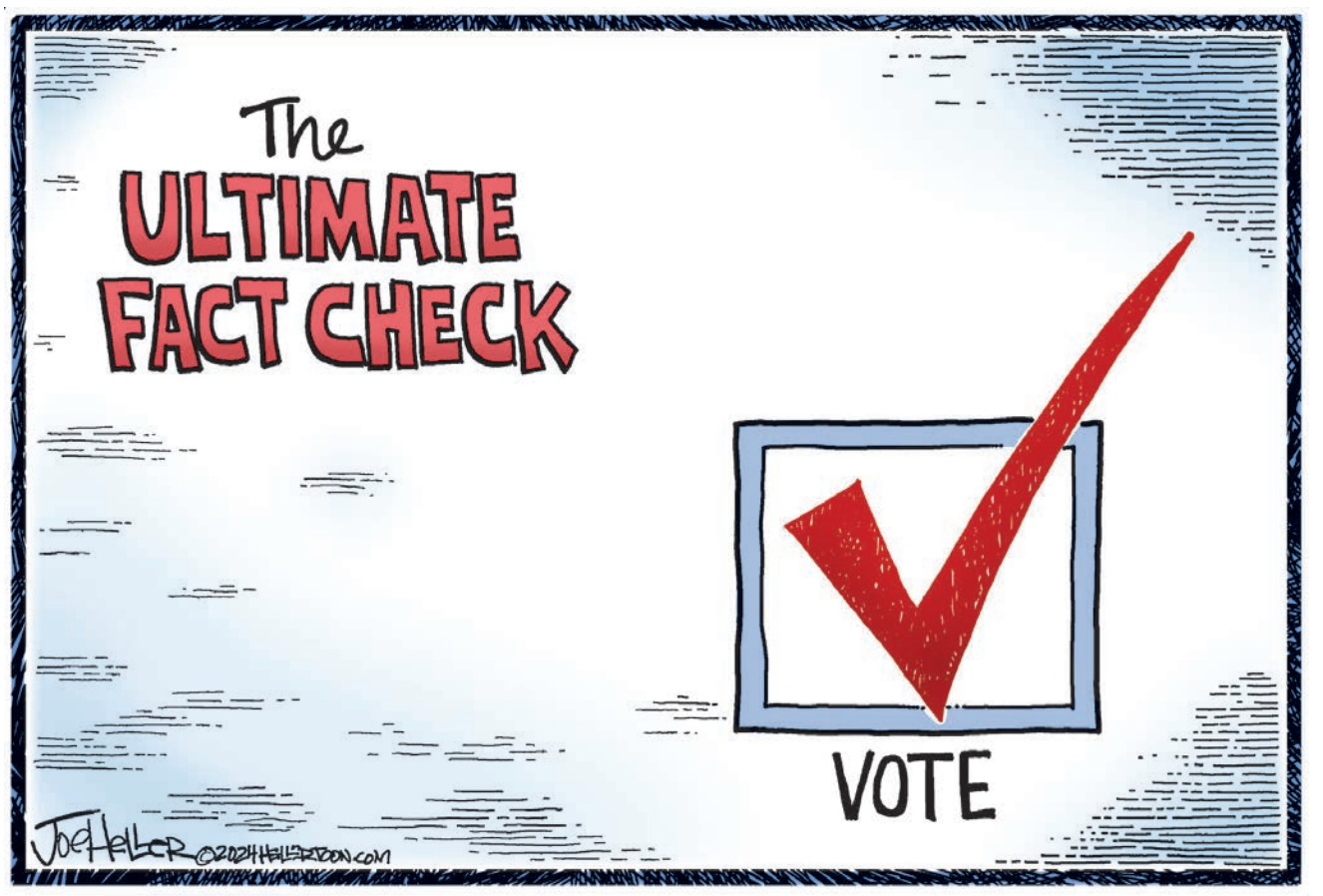
Though we were not rushed, visiting so many war memorials in such rapid succession is overwhelming and impossible to fully digest in real time. Fortunately, I had a very good guardian and guide who had been there multiple times, so all I had to do was put one foot ahead of the other, and stay hydrated and grounded the best I could.

I can't help but mention a few memorials — the profound Lincoln Memorial that included two of his most powerful speeches etched in stone, the haunting Korean War Memorial perfectly depicting a war that has never truly ended almost 75 years later, and the massive Arlington National Cemetery with its 400,000 grave sites spread over a square mile.

While we were at Arlington Cemetery, we watched the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. I was simultaneously struck by how much continuous attention is paid to this unknown soldier — there are actually three buried there and 4,000 more unknowns located throughout the cemetery — every hour of every day of every year by such young soldiers precisely doing their duty, and the fact that the mothers of 400,000 soldiers lost their child because their political leaders couldn't talk things out and do the right things for humanity and life itself.

As might be expected of someone who grew up in the 1950s and 1960s, I have lived a very experiential life and significant parts of it were distressing to me. It is these experiences and their impact on my life that have caused me to work hard in various capacities in retirement to make this world a better place so that Arlington Cemetery and its siblings do not reach capacity.

I don't like the contact sport called politics, otherwise defined as the exercise of power. If I wish my values to be represented and practiced by our political leaders who allegedly serve me, I need to be significantly, constructively and daily involved in that arena as every citizen ought to be.



In this eternal election season, the billions into trillions of dollars spent on war annually need to be questioned. Given the karma and debt associated with our national, continuous war posture and the price being paid by active duty and veterans alike on behalf of the rest of us, we are seriously hurting as shown by the increasing numbers of homeless, addicted, and suicidal veterans.

I have no representation in Congress right now and haven't since April. Hatred, resentment, misinformation and violence seem to be everywhere. I don't know what the future holds and it's scary with nasty rhetoric normalizing violence of all kinds. I'm hoping against hope that we may finally elect candidates who understand what loving your neighbor and sustainability itself truly means, and who will be a life-supporting breath of fresh air representing the poorer among us in a Congress whose median net worth is over a million dollars.

Thank you for listening to the reflections of a former flight medic who deeply hopes that we can rescue ourselves from ourselves one day soon, so our national debt based on destructive tendencies doesn't completely drown us, and our mothers don't have to bury their children anymore.

Mark Smith is an Oconto Falls resident who served as a flight medic in the United States Air Force from 1971-75.

YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW

Nursing home sale shows why transparency matters

On Sept. 17, the Sauk County Board voted to spend $40,500 to buy a sheriff's department vehicle to replace one totaled in a July incident. The resolution printed on the agenda included details of the incident, the car dealer and a fiscal note explaining that the money would come from insurance accounts.

This display of transparency happened one week to the day after the same county board approved contracts to sell the county-owned nursing home to a private entity. That agenda stated the board would meet in closed session to discuss the sale. It did not name the buyer or include the sale price. While the buyer was disclosed in the 45-minute public discussion following the closed session, the sale price was not. The $5.1 million price was revealed the following day in an attachment to a press release. There was no fiscal note on the agenda.

A note might have explained why the county accepted an offer $3.4 million less than the $8.5 million sought when it first marketed the nursing home, which has 48 residents. Nor did the county explain why the price was so much less than the $19 million value for which the county insures the nursing home. All these numbers are from records I obtained.

The December 2023 resolution that started the process included as a condition: "The potential buyer shall demonstrate a history of 5-star care ratings in the senior health care industry." That was the county nursing home's rating at the time.

Medicare's star system for rating nursing homes is based on regular inspections and citation history. Five-star is much above average, 4-star is above average, 3-star is average, 2-star is below average and 1-star is much below average. The buyer, Aria, operates three nursing homes in the north Milwaukee suburbs that currently have one- and two-star ratings.

The five-star condition was interpreted by most as meaning that the county would seek a private buyer with a history of high-quality care similar to that provided by the county nursing home, which had a 5-star rating in December 2023. That was the county's official public position concerning the sale, up until Sept. 10, when the board voted to approve the sale to Aria. In the Sept. 10 motion that passed, all of the conditions in the December resolution were superseded by the sale contract.

Between December and September, the board held two closed-session meetings. The only information that came out of those meetings was that the county had chosen to negotiate with a single interested buyer, whose name was kept secret, though it leaked out in late July. A petition drive collected 1,300 signatures opposing the nursing home sale that were presented to the county.

After numerous citizens expressed dismay about Aria's care rating in public comment on Sept. 10, the board met in closed session with an Aria representative, which was said to be reassuring. After the board came back into open session, one board supporter of the sale turned to the audience and said, "I really wish you could have all been here for the meeting."

Yes. The audience — made of citizens and taxpayers and people with loved ones in the home — would also have liked to hear the presentation. That this was not allowed was typical of the entire process, in which the public was given less information about the sale of the home for 48 Sauk County residents than it was about replacing a damaged squad car.

Why is the state's tradition of open government important? Just ask the citizens of Sauk County, who have been treated as though it isn't.

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Members of the Shawano Hawks football team prepare for the High School Quarterback Challenge at Lambeau Field during halftime of the Green Bay Packers vs. Houston Texans game Oct. 20. The contest tests which team's quarterback can complete the longest pass. Shawano took on Oconto Falls in the competition.

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Bears perfect in Packerland

Oconto Falls football team crushes Manawa

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Oct. 18

Bonduel 48, Sturgeon Bay 20

Bonduel went undefeated in the Packerland Conference following their 48-20 win over Sturgeon Bay.

The Bears ended the regular season at 7-0 in league play and 8-1 overall.

With a 7-0 lead after the first quarter, Bonduel broke the game open with a 28-point second quarter to take a 35-7 lead at the half. Each team added 13 points to their total in the second half.

Almond-Bancroft 46, Tigerton/Marion 12

Joey Zimdars threw for one touchdown and ran for another in the Thundercatz loss to Almond-Bancroft.

Zimdars was 3-for-6 for 70 yards, including a 16-yard score to Thomas Grimm. Sam Anhueser caught two passes for 54 yards.

Zimdars rushed 22 times for 87 yards and a score, but Tigerton/Marion's ground game was led by Braylon Mielke's 33 rushes for 136 yards.

Oconto Falls 56, Manawa 0

Wyatt Laughrin and Isaac Bramer each rushed for two touchdowns, Ethan Hill ran for another and Cole Bozile caught two more as the Panthers wrapped up their regular season with a 56-0 domination over Manawa.

Emerich Skarban completed 6-of-7 passing attempts for 130 yards and a pair of TDs.

Laughrin was the leading rusher, carrying the ball six times for 83 yards.

Oconto Falls started the game with three touchdowns in the first quarter and another four before halftime. The final TD was scored in the third quarter.

Bay Port 37, Pulaski 7

Pulaski took a 7-0 lead in the first quarter on a 50-yard touchdown pass from Bodhan Schmidt to Calan Bock.

After that, Bay Port scored an unanswered 37 points to earn the Fox River Classic Conference North win.

Bodhan Schmidt was 3-for-3 for 80 yards, and Ethan Schmidt was 8-for-14 for 75 yards.

Sawyer Goodness led the running game with eight carries for 38 yards.

Fox Valley Lutheran 31, Shawano 14

The Hawks' season ended with a 31-14 loss to Fox Valley Lutheran, giving Shawano an 0-7 record in the Bay Conference and 1-8 overall.

Shawano scored in the second and fourth quarters. Fox Valley Lutheran led 21-8 at the half, and they added another 10 points in the third quarter.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood 28, Amherst 19

Bryson Schmid ran for three touchdowns to lead Wittenberg-Birnamwood to a 28-19 win. He rushed 23 times for 126 yards.

Boone Schaier had the other rushing TD, carrying the ball 10 times for 45 yards.

Florence 36, Menominee Nation 8

Oct. 17

Algoma 22, Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy 20

A fourth-quarter touchdown pass lifted Algoma over Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy.

Lena rushers tallied 302 yards on the ground, including scoring all three team touchdowns.

Calvin Peters rushed 24 times for 149 yards and one score. Tyler Shallow carried the ball 15 times for 94 yards, while Max Peterson had 13 carries for 59 yards and two TDs.

Lena led 14-0 after the first quarter and stayed on top 14-6 at the half. They remained on top 20-14 going into the final stanza.

Oneida Nation/NEW Lutheran 53, Suring 24

Michael Pecanas and Taylor Booth-Stoffregen each threw for one touchdown and Grant Thomson ran for another in Suring's 53-24 loss to end the regular season.

Thomson scored first on a 15-yard run in the second quarter.

Pecanas connected with Michael Bailey for a 35-yard TD pass in the third quarter, which was then followed up with a 62-yard pass from Booth-Stoffregen to Jake Cornell.

Suring ended the year at 2-4 in the Across The Bay Conference and 3-5 overall.

Sevastopol 44, Gillett 11

Shawano volleyball team goes 3-2 at Luxemburg

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Oct. 19

Luxemburg-Casco Spartan Invite

Shawano went 3-2 at the Luxemburg-Casco Spartan Invite, losing its first two matches but winning the final three.

The Hawks lost 2-0 to Kimberly and 2-1 to Pewaukee. Wins for Shawano were 2-0 over Appleton East, 2-1 over Kaukauna and 2-0 over Pewaukee.

Marion 2, Elcho 0

Oct. 17

Coleman 3, Gillett 1

Crivitz 3, Gillett 0

Gillett lost to Coleman 23-25, 25-10, 25-15, 25-9 and then lost to Crivitz 25-23, 25-11, 25-11 at the Coleman Triangular.

Audrey Pate collected three aces, 13 kills, six blocks and four digs. Reece Franti had three aces and 35 digs. Clara Schaal tallied aces, 21 assists, five kills and six digs.

Menominee Nation 3, Gresham 2

Menominee Nation and Gresham went to five sets, and the Eagles pulled out the win on scores of 22-25, 18-25, 25-7, 25-22, 15-10.

For the Tigers, Janay Pecore-Kirkland had 11 kills, 10 digs and 14 service points. Lexi Baddmoccosin-Barnes tallied 10 kills and six assists. Kiara Cornelius had 10 assists, and Rylie Kakwitch had 12 digs and 10 service points.

Niagara 3, Lena 0

Lena lost 25-12, 25-20, 25-16 to Niagara t the Oneida Nation Triangular.

Oconto Falls 3, Clintonville 1

Oconto Falls finished its regular season by beating Clintonville 25-20, 25-18, 25-12.

Izzy Otto had 24 assist and four aces, while Lucy Ripley had 18 kills and seven digs. Rylie Shallow tallied 12 digs and two aces, and Brylee Gorman added four kills and four aces.

Oconto Falls ended the regular season 6-3 in conference and 28-12 overall.

Almond-Bancroft 3, Tigerton 0

Tigerton traveled to Almond-Bancroft for their last regular season match-up and suffered a 3-0 loss to the Eagles with set scores of 14-25, 19-25 and 8-25.

Aaliyah Lederhaus and Presley Stewart-Rolfs each had four kills, and Jade Selle and Angel Welch each had two.

Danika Tiller led the team with 10 assists.

Welch collected 13 digs, Lederhaus had 12, Selle and Tiller had 11 each, and Sienna Breaker collected 10.

Tiller served up eight service points, and Breaker had five.

Tigerton's regular season record is 9-10, and the CWC North record is 5-5.

Antigo 3, Wittenberg-Birnamwood 0

The Chargers lost to the Red Robins 3-0 on set scores of 17-25, 21-25, 14-25.

"Antigo is a good team, and at times we played really well against them, but we could never put a long streak of good play together to take a set," coach Becky Rew said. "Our best set was set number two. We led most of the set, but around point 19, they had two good runs of five points apiece to take the lead and finish the game.:

Charlie Eichman had 14 serving attempts with two aces, and Kendyl Kessen had 11 serving attempts with two aces.

Melaina Granquist collected 20 hitting attempts with seven kills, and four block kills. Laylah Horne had four block kills, and Lily Metropulos had14 assists and 10 digs.

Makayla Meronk also had 10 digs.

Bowler 3, Marion 0

Green Bay Southwest 3, Pulaski 0

Shawano 3, Amherst 0

Oct. 15

West De Pere 3, Shawano 2

The Shawano Hawks played against a tough West

VOLLEYBALL, CONTINUED ON PAGE 15

Shawwano, Bonduel, Witt-Birn win cross country championships

BY NEW MEDIA STAFF

Oct. 19

Bay Conference Championship

Shawano's girls cross country runners earned first place on the UW-Green Bay course, with four top 10 finishes.

Bailey Hendricks finished in second place in 20:33.2. She was joined by Adalyn Barkley in fifth place in 21:10.7, Maci Beyer in eighth place in 21:49.3 and Mikelah Powers in 10th place in 21:58. Right behind this quartet was Anabelle Schroeder, who finished in 11th place in 22:04.7.

Teagan Powers finished in 27th place, and Evelyn Kuehl was 32nd.

Shawano's boys placed fifth out of seven teams.

Josiah Kuehl led the Hawks with a 12th-place finish in 18:09.6. He was followed by Trevor Schwartz in 16th place in 18:23.2, Teagan Harkey in 24th place in 19:19, Aloysius Frechette in 26th place in 19:37.3 and James Lange in 29th place in 19:41.8.

Quinten Harkey finished in 30th, and Aiden Sischo was 45th.

Oct. 18

North Eastern Conference Championship

Oconto Falls' girls placed third and were led by Hailey Delzer's sixth-place finish in 20:24.9.

Emma Meissner finished 14th in 21:39.5, and Ava Hodkiewicz was 17th in 22:04.7.

The Panthers boys were also third.

Ben Adams ran to a third-place finish in 16:47.5. Evan Yuma was 11th in 18:11.9, and Isaiah Holtz was 13th in 18:21.9.

Oct. 17

CWC Conference

Bonduel's boys captured the conference crown at Weyauwega-Fremont High School, with Menominee Nation placing third and Wittenberg-Birnamwood in seventh.

This ends an 11-year dry spell for the Bonduel boys team. All five of the scoring runners were all-conference winners with Race Anvelink on first team all-conference, Cole Anderson, Griffin Uelmen and Oliver Chitwood on

CROSS COUNTRY, CONTINUED ON PAGE 16

Miller competes at state golf meet

Oconto Falls Taylor Miller finished in 10th place at the 2024 WIAA Division 2 state girls golf championships at University Ridge Golf Course in Verona. She hit a 92 on the first day (Oct. 14) and a 93 on the second day (Oct. 15) for a two-day total of 185. After the first day, she was in 12th place.

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De Pere squad in the final game of conference play but came up short 3-2.

The Hawks had been battling some illness since the weekend but still showed up to play extremely well. This is the first time the Hawks have played a five-set match all season.

Once Shawano's offense kicked in, they were tough to defend.

The Hawks were led by Leah Nordin with 28 kills and three aces. Natalie Bystol was right behind her with 19 kills and two aces. Teagen Thompson had 13 digs. Amelia Klement and Ella Stuber had a great night setting with 25 and 18 assists, respectively. The Hawks placed third in the Bay Conference with a 5-2 record in conference play. The team is 21-6 overall.

Bonduel 3, Weyauwega-Fremont 1

Bonduel won its home match against Weyauwega-Fremont 3-1 with set scores of 25-11, 25-19, 23-25 and 25-14.

Bonduel was led by Audrey Weier and Josie Anvelink. Weier compiled 15 kills and 21 digs, and Anvelink had 14 kills and 23 digs.

Juliana Jacobs added 10 kills to round out the team's attacking. Jayla Reinke contributed 36 assists and and three aces. Tatum Sporisky had 17 digs.

Bonduel finishes the regular season 25-4 overall and 6-1 in conference (finishing second behind Amherst).

Bonduel earned the first seed in their half-sectional and will be in action next Oct. 24 when they will play the winner of the Menominee Nation and Clintonville game.

Gresham 3, Bowler 2

Gresham clinched a tie for the CWC North Conference championship with the victory.

Gresham won its home in five sets on scores of 27-29, 23-25, 25-15, 25-11, 15-9

Lexi Baddmoccosin-Barnes led Gresham with 19 kills, 18 assists and 10 digs. Janay Pecore-Kirkland had 14 kills 15 digs and 17 service points.

Rylie Kakwitch added 13 kills and 19 digs, and Kiara Cornelius scored 31 service points. Mataya Hill contributed 14 digs, and Addison Fischer had 12.

Gresham is 12-8 overall and 8-2 in league play. The Wildcats will host Hilbert on Oct. 24 in regional play.

Tigerton 3, White Lake 0

Tigerton defeated White Lake at home in the last CWC North match of the season. Set scores were 25-12, 25-14 and 25-23.

Leading in digs were Jade Selle with 19, Sienna Breaker 13, Angel Welch 11, Danika Tiller 10 and and Lillian Welch nine.

Tiller had 19 assists.

As for kills, Aaliyah Lederhaus and Selle had seven each, Presley Stewart-Rolfs had six, and Lillian Welch added three.

Breaker led with 20 service points, followed by Selle with nine, Stewart-Rolfs and Angel Welch with five each, and Lederhaus with four.

Tigerton finalizes their CWC North record at 5-5. Their overall record is 9-9.

Coleman 3, Gillett 0

Gillett lost in three straight sets on scores of 25-5, 25-14, 25-16.

Suring 3, Lena 0

Northland Lutheran 3, Marion 0

Wittenberg-Birnamwood 3, Menominee Nation 0

Ashwaubenon 3, Pulaski 2

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Bonduel's boys won this year's conference title. From left, are Joah Dworniczak, Cole Anderson, Oliver Chitwood, Ben Reisner, Race Anvelink, Griffin Uelmen and Garrett Anderson.
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Gillett athletes won the boys and girls races at the Marinette & Oconto Conference Championship. Sophomore Hope Soper and junior Bradyn Wendorff are both repeat winners. They also earned first team all-conference and runners of the year awards.
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second team all-conference and Joah Dworniczak on honorable mention all-conference. Garrett Anderson and Ben Reisner completed the boys varsity team.

Menominee Nation's Bryant Waupoose III placed fifth overall in 17:10.1, followed by Anvelink in sixth in 17:28.9. The Eagles' Ryan Corn was ninth in 17:39, followed by Bonduel's Anderson in 1oth in 18:01.3.

Uelmen was 12th, and Chitwood was 13th.

Dworniczak placed 18th, followed by Menominee Nation's Jason Chapman in 19th. The latter's teammates Barron Waupoose and Michael Peters III were 22nd and 23rd, respectively.

Garrett Anderson was 26th, and Menominee Nation's Francis Delabrau was 35th.

For Wittenberg-Birnamwood, it was Milo Salvesen in 33rd in 19:51, Landon Meronk in 34th in 19:53, Jonas Bushman in 38th in 19:58, Marty Nowinsky in 39th in 19:58 and Hayden Miller in 42nd in 20:10.

Marion's Tristan Herro placed 49th.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood won the girls' title, with Bonduel in second.

For the Chargers, it was Rory Salvesen in second place in 20:15, Nora Bushman in fifth place in 20:40 and Harper Krull in sixth place in 20:54.

They were joined by Gabrielle Timm in 11th place in 22:14 and Jayden Zeinert in 33rd place in 24:38.

Bonduel's Mariah Wondra won the conference meet in 19:58 and earned first team all-conference honors.

Teagan Engel (eighth place, 21:15) and Hailey Berg (12th place, 22:29) were on second team all-conference.

Cierra Schnell, Seidy Blandon, Kember Frome and Taylor Rank completed the girls varsity team.

Menominee Nation's Urijah Reevis placed 1oth in 22:04.

Marion's Bella Conover finished in 43rd place, directly in front of teammate Bridget Much.

M&O Conference Championship

The Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy girls placed second and Gillett was third in the conference championship, but it was Gillett's Hope Soper who won the individual gold medal with a first-place finish in 21:50.4.

Joining Soper were Sophia Limberg in sixth, Lily Hansen in 12th, Maggie Kaczmarek in 16th and Cilena Guns in 30th.

Leading Lena/STAA were Aspynn Anderson in third place in 22:28.7, followed by Adrena Rabas in fourth place in 22:46.8.

They were joined by Madilyn Thomson in 11th place, Della Kostreva in 13th, Alexis Maloney in 18th, Miriam Alberts in 21st, Kali Fischer in 24th, Haley VanArk in 25th and Hannah Thomson in 28th,

Ginger Gerndt led Suring with a seventh-place finish in 23:12.8. Also competing for Suring were Natalie Seibert in 22nd, Ada Jantz in 26th and Allyson Seibert in 31st.

On the boys side, it was Gillett in third, Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy in fourth and Suring in fifth.

Gillett's Bradyn Wendorff won the gold in 16:52.7. Scott Heroux was eighth, Nash Stage was 11th, Ben Peterson was 16th and Jeremiah Froelich placed 22nd.

Lena/STAA was led by Mason Belongia in fifth place in 19:00.3. Erik Kosch placed 10th, Dash Comins was 17th, Dane Comins was 18th, Cooper Malloy was 29th and Sawyer Maloney was 34th.

Suring was led by Riley Thomson, who finished 24th in 22:17.7. Blake DeGrave was 25th, Garrett School was 26th, Liam Matelski placed 31st and Skylar Bristol finished 32nd.

Fox River Classic Conference Championship

Pulaski's boys placed fifth out of 10 teams at Shorewood Cross Country Course.

Parker Marshall led the Red Raiders with an eighth-place finish in 16:39.

Joining him were Grayden Gossen, 20th, 17:07; Arden Gillen, 24th, 17:15.2; Daniel Augustine, 33rd, 17:32.3; and Dayne Groth, 37th, 17:43.7.

Also competing for Pulaski were Mitchell Pilon, who finished 45th, Peyton Law, who placed 46th, and Thomas Murphy, who finished 56th.

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Trapping seasons open around Wisconsin

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reminds trappers to prepare for the opening of many furbearer trapping seasons across the state.

The first trapping seasons of the fall opened Oct. 19. Additional seasons for other species and zones will continue to open throughout the fall. Trappers are encouraged to double-check season dates, trapping regulations and ensure they have all required licenses before heading out.

During these periods, other outdoor recreators should be aware that traps may be present on public lands. To minimize the chance of encountering a trap, recreators should stay on designated trails and keep pets leashed.

All first-time trappers must complete an approved trapper education course unless trapping under the youth supervised option, mentored trapping program or other exemptions.

Trapping seasons in a particular zone may close before the listed closing date if the harvest quota for a specific species is reached.

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Chargers beat Truckers in the pool

Above, diving in for the 200-yard individual medley are, from top to bottom, Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Andrea Powell, Clintonville's Addie Lundt and Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Kelsie Davis. Placing first was Davis in 2:21.34, with Powell in third in 3:00.44 and Elizabeth Behnke in fourth in 3:12.46. At left, Wittenberg-Birnamwood seniors Andrea Powell, top, and Claire Timm compete in the 100-yard breaststroke in a dual meet against Clintonville on Oct. 17. The Chargers won 118-45.

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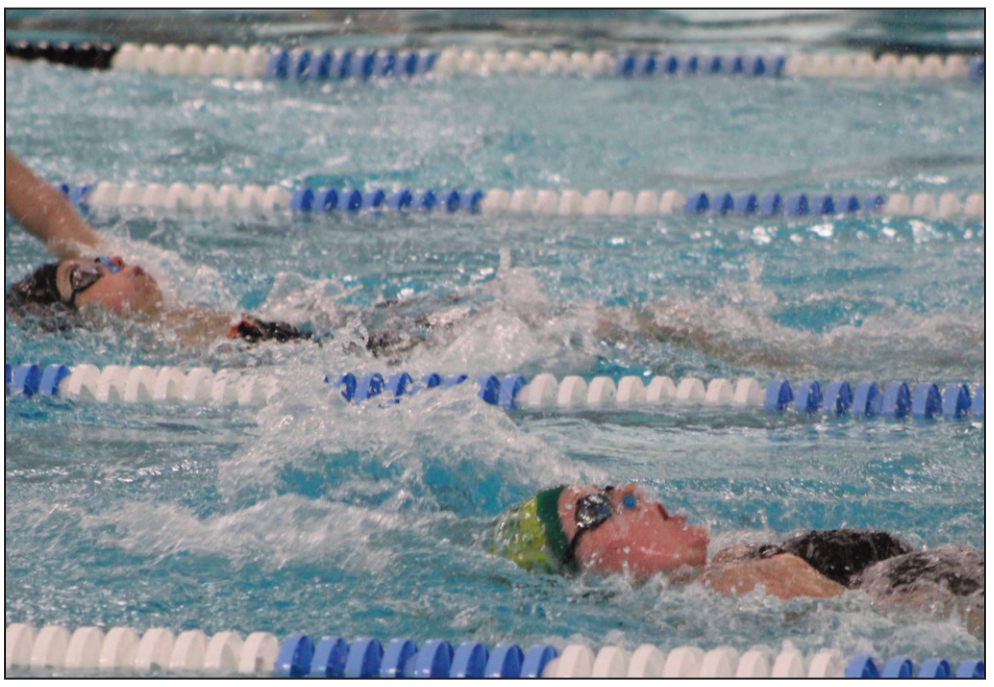

Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Ava Filtz swims the backstroke in the 200-yard medley relay. She was joined by Claire Timm, Andrea Powell and Elizabeth Behnke in placing third in 2:37.16. Teammates Olivia Bessette, Faith Resch, Rylee Crick and Reese Dickman won the event in 2:12.75.

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Pulaski soccer team shuts out De Pere

Pulaski 4, De Pere 0

Pulaski ended its regular season with a 4-0 shutout of De Pere to conclude with a 4-4-1 mark in the Fox River Classic Conference.

Hudson Schultz connected on two of the goals for the Red Raiders, while Tate Gerth and Maddox McKeefry each had one.

Assists were credited to Colin Tackmeier, Gerth, Deegan Lambert and Parker Sanders.

Josh Roth played 60 minutes in the goal and had five saves. Jonah Drews played the other 2o minutes, but De Pere had no shots on goal during his time in the net.

Columbus Catholic 8, Gresham/Bowler 0

Marinette 2, Shawano 1

Shawano's boys soccer team is ranked No. 8 in Division 3 in Wisconsin, according to the Wisconsin Soccer Coaches Association.

The Hawks posted an 11-5-2 record to earn the distinction.

Oct. 15

Green Bay Preble 5, Pulaski 1

The Red Raiders fell to the Hornets in Fox River Classic Conference play 5-1.

The game featured three goals in the first 11 minutes.

Talan Lecaptaine got Preble on the board with a goal in the fifth minute. Pulaski was able to equalize in the seventh minute when Donovan Holderness converted a penalty kick. Four minutes later, the Hornets took the lead back as Lecaptaine scored his second goal of the match.

The Red Raiders would be shut out the rest of the way as the Hornets scored three more unanswered goals en route to the win. Jonah Drevs made six saves in goal for Pulaski (12-4-3, 3-4-1). Landin Gauthier made four saves in goal for Preble (11-3-3, 5-1-1).

Green Bay East 4, Shawano 0

Oct. 14

Newman Catholic 7, Gresham/Bowler 0

Gresham/Bowler was shut out, giving up six goals in the first half and a seventh in the second half.

The team is 0-11 in the Central Wisconsin Conference and 1-14-1 overall.

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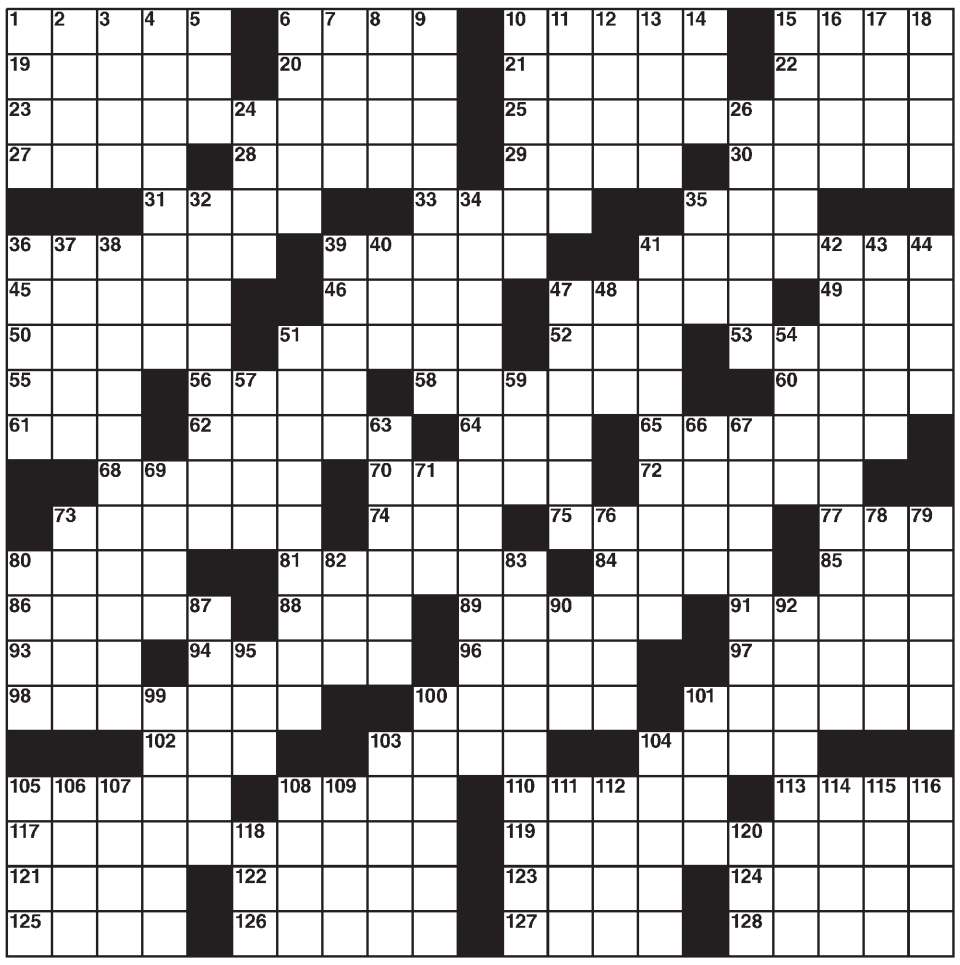

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20 Voice of the iPhone
21 Media mogul Winfrey
22 Stage work
23 Ne'er-do-well
25 Little Bighorn victor
27 Lost altitude
28 Part of a piano
29 Abhor
30 Vicuñas' habitat
31 Amenable (to)
33 Anthem start
35 Crunchy sandwich letters
36 Came to light
39 Numbers in weather charts
41 Doorkeeper guys
45 Falstaff-like
46 Forest growler
47 Sharp, as eyesight
49 Off __ tangent
50 Medal-worthy behavior
51 Conductor Georg
52 Architect from China
53 Dilapidated
55 Double curve
56 Lendl of tennis
58 Attach with a click
60 Mares and sows
61 "No talking!"
62 More amiable
64 College sr.'s test
65 Parade day
68 Copter part
70 Ghana's capital
72 22-Across filler
73 Pop singer/songwriter King
74 Derisive laugh
75 Less green, as bananas
77 BBC clock setting
80 Cotillion girls
81 "Shucks!"
84 Workbench device
85 Boathouse implement
86 Macaroni shape
88 Nashville-based awards org.
89 007 in *Skyfall*
91 Great distress
93 Quarterback Manning
94 Geological period
96 Sharp, as eyesight
97 Exodus VIP
98 Indy team
100 Orbital periods
101 Abhor
102 Obviously embarrassed
103 Compromise
104 Pasternak heroine
105 Ancient Peruvian
108 Trees with needles
110 Everyday
113 Barely defeats
117 Abrupt way to quit
119 Theme of the puzzle
121 Carrier to Tel Aviv
122 Skein fliers
123 Leave off
124 Game fish
125 A handful of
126 Qualifying races
127 Exodus river
128 Water power, for short

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1 Planets, to poets
2 Luau dance
3 Rickman of the Potter films
4 "I guess"
5 Old Testament ship
6 Drained of color
7 Headed for overtime
8 Zone
9 Embassy officials
10 Coffee orders
11 "Here's hoping..."
12 Campus club
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14 Far from outgoing
15 *Wuthering Heights* author
16 Tennyson title
17 Alternatively
18 Low marks
24 Made haste
26 Summer blouse
32 Look through, as a keyhole
34 Young person
35 Vampire guise
36 Pacifists
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38 Cheese-and-toast dish
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40 Sushi bar fish
41 Experimental subject
42 Nursery rhyme byline
43 Enroll
44 Parliamentary votes
47 Emerge
48 Big boss, briefly
51 Person above criticism
54 Concerning
57 Bass __ (stringed instrument)
59 O'Hare abbr.
63 Gung-ho
66 Star pilots
67 Party decoration
69 Approximately
71 Tuna holder
73 Stringed instruments
76 Columnist Molly
78 Leonine locks
79 Covert meeting
80 Low in pitch
82 Basic cable channel
83 Trample underfoot
87 Didn't exist
90 Starter like atm-
92 Became irate
95 __ XING (road sign)
99 Nursery furniture
100 Ardent assent
101 Painter of melting clocks
103 Port of Brittany
104 Coffee order
105 Tops with frosting
106 Court plea, in brief
107 Chowder morsel
108 For the asking
109 Scandinavian furniture chain
111 Prefix for sweet
112 Gas or electric co.
114 Sport shirt brand
115 Decant
116 __ speak (in a way)
118 Sound of discomfort
120 Imprecise degree

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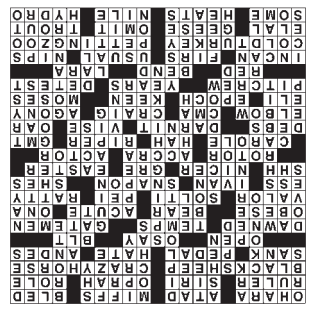

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Tribe honored for forest management strategy

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Ron Waukau, forest manager, accepted the 2024 Connor Award for distinguished service by an organization from the Wisconsin Forest History Association of Wisconsin at its fall conference held Oct. 11-12 in Keshena.

The Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin is known nationally for the character and condition of its forest. Visitors are reminded that in 1856, Chief Oshkosh offered a vision of sustainable forest practice to the tribe.

"Start with the rising sun and work toward the setting sun, but take only the mature trees, the sick trees and the trees that have fallen," he is reported to have said. "When you reach the end of the reservation, turn and cut from the setting sun to the rising sun, and the trees will last forever."

The forest landscape he was citing still retains some of that "ancient" character he saw at the time. That makes it different from the surrounding forest.

Sustainable management of the forest was an old concept to the Menominee in 1856 but an uncommon understanding to the general Wisconsin population that supplied logs and lumber for a rapidly growing United States. The Menominee have been applying modern forest management practices within an evolving natural science ever since they took in Chief Oshkosh's advice.

In 2005, the Menominee Tribal Legislature put forth an ordinance that codified the process of operational coordination between the Tribal Historic Preservation and Forest Management programs.

In traditional forest practice management data, the age, timber type, growth and volume are used to schedule forest treatments to include timber harvesting. Now, once forest treatment targets are mapped out to steer annual forest operations planning, the maps are shared with the Historic Preservation Office to add data layers that delineate current cultural preservation set asides within the forest.

Such sites include identification of ancient gardens, seasonal campsites, burial sites, mounds, sacred sites and the like. Forestry staff will then use the updated maps to mark preservation zones within the timber sale or other treatment being planned. All the planned activity is offered to tribal members via a blog at the tribal website.

In addition, the same tribal ordinance sets a design for basic and annual refresher training in identification of archaeological activity in the forest. This training is offered to all new forestry employees, interns, loggers and cooperators.

Waukau said new archaeological discoveries are made every year by forestry program workers.

"Staff always keep an eye out, especially for sites near water," he said. "Sites that look good for a campsite now looked good hundreds of years ago."

All discoveries of new sites are then fed back to the Historic Preservation Office to update its database to guide new archaeological research and set down data for future forest management practices.

10/25/2025

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10/25/2024

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Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 7:00 PM at the Spruce Town Hall, a PUBLIC HEARING on the PROPOSED 2025 BUDGET for the Town of Spruce Electors in Oconto County will be held. Immediately following the public hearing, the Town of Spruce Board will vote on the proposed budget during the regular November 12, 2024 monthly meeting. The proposed budget in detail will be available at the Clerk's office by appointment. The following is a summary of the proposed 2025 budget.

REVENUE	2024 Budget	2025 Budget
Taxes - Local Levy	$225,239	$222,576
Taxes - Other	$10,000	$10,000
Intergovernmental Revenues	$177,106	$232,327
Licenses/Permits	$2,100	$2,100
Public Charges for Services	$85,400	$85,700
Miscellaneous Revenues	$1,500	$1,500
Fund Balances Applied	$63,100	$19,000
TOTAL REVENUES	**$564,445**	**$573,203**
EXPENDITURES		
General Government	$101,830	$92,110
Public Safety	$93,273	$100,458
Public Works	$202,500	$253,331
Health & Human Services	$600	$600
Culture, Recreation & Education	$95,607	$95,505
Conservation & Development	$250	$200
Capital Outlay	$1,000	$1,000
Debt Service	$6,286	$0
To Contingency Fund	$0	$0
To Park Fund	$21,033	$6,333
To Reassessment Fund	$21,033	$6,333
To Capital Fund	$21,033	$6,333
TOTAL EXPENSES	**$564,445**	**$573,203**

Posted this 25th day of October, 2024
Lisa Peitersen, Town of Spruce Clerk
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Public Notice
Village of Lena Residents
Time: 10 am
Date: Tuesday, October 29, 2024
Location: 117 E Main Street, Lena, WI 54139

There will be Public Testing of the election/voting equipment at the above time and place. This test is open to the public. The General Election is scheduled for Tuesday, November 5, 2024. Polls are open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Jodi Marquardt
Clerk/Treasurer

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10/25/2024

Town of How
Notice of
PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Public Test for the Voting Equipment to be used at the General Election on Tuesday, November 5, 2024

will be conducted on **Wednesday, October 30 at 9:30 a.m.** at the Town of How Community Building in accordance with the Wisconsin State Statues, Ch. 5.84(1).

The Public Test is open to the general public.

Becky Dickson, Clerk
Town of How, Oconto County, WI

ELECTION DAY

Tuesday,
November 5, 2024

Polls open at 7:00 a.m.
Polls close at 8:00 p.m.

You are required to show a picture I.D. and sign the poll book.
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10/18 & 10/25, 2024

CITY OF OCONTO FALLS
2025 PROPOSED BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 5:00 pm in the Council Chambers of the Oconto Falls Municipal Building, 500 North Chestnut Avenue, Oconto Falls, Wisconsin, a public hearing will be held on the proposed 2025 budget. Following the public hearing, the Council will meet to vote on the proposed budget during the regular Council meeting at 6:00 pm. The proposed budget is available for inspection on the City website at www.cityofocontofalls.com, at City Hall, the Oconto Falls Public Library, the Oconto Falls Post Office and Iverson's Piggly Wiggly.

The following is a summary of the proposed 2025 City Budget:

GENERAL FUND	2024 Approved Budget	2024 Estimated Budget	2025 Proposed Budget	Percentage Change
REVENUES				
General Government	$2,908,552	$2,908,552	$3,083,558	6.0%
License	$32,250	$34,707	$36,575	13.4%
Gifts & Grants	$39,882	$36,657	$38,351	-3.8%
Penalties & Forfeitures	$53,400	$35,681	$38,400	-28.1%
Special Assessments	$151,908	$150,230	$153,000	0.7%
All Other Revenues	$170,908	$178,812	$169,159	-1.0%
Fund Balance	$0	$0	$0	0.0%
G. F. REVENUES	$3,356,900	$3,344,640	$3,519,043	4.8%
EXPENDITURES				
General Government	$1,017,757	$1,141,828	$1,098,984	8.0%
Protection Person & Property	$919,837	$751,215	$949,728	3.2%
Health, Welfare, & Sanitation	$293,731	$274,282	$352,164	19.9%
Transportation	$386,674	$373,319	$392,217	1.4%
Education & Recreation	$161,985	$149,965	$184,482	13.9%
Conservation & Development	$3,300	$4,274	$3,270	-0.9%
Transfer to Other Funds	$3,000	$0	$0	-100.0%
Transfer to TIF	$11,000	$11,000	$0	-100.0%
Transfer to Debt Service	$489,142	$489,142	$518,889	6.1%
Transfer to Capital Projects	$70,475	$70,475	$19,309	-72.6%
Transfer to Trust Agency	$0	$0	$0	0.0%
Transfer to Fund Balance	$0	$0	$0	0.0%
G. F. EXPENDITURES	$3,356,900	$3,265,501	$3,519,043	4.8%
GF NET SURPLUS (DEFICIENCY)	($0)	$79,139	$0	
DEBT SERVICE FUND				
Revenues	$489,142	$489,142	$518,889	6.1%
Expenditures	$489,142	$487,490	$518,889	6.1%
DSF NET SURPLUS (DEFICIENCY)	$0	$1,652	$0	
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND				
Revenues	$228,650	$585,541	$3,237,203	1315.8%
Fund Balance	$0	$0	$0	0.0%
Expenditures	$228,650	$549,248	$3,237,203	1315.8%
CPF NET SURPLUS (DEFICIENCY)	$0	$36,293	$0	
TIF PROJECTS FUND				
Revenues	$11,000	$11,000	$10,000	-9.1%
Expenditures	$11,000	$11,000	$10,000	-9.1%
TPF NET SURPLUS (DEFICIENCY)	$0	$0	$0	
TAX LEVY				
General Fund	**$979,708**		**$1,063,120**	8.5%
Debt Service Fund	**$489,142**		**$518,889**	6.1%
TIF Projects Fund	**$0**		**$0**	0.0%
Capital Projects Fund	**$70,475**		**$19,309**	-72.6%
Total Approved Levy	**$1,539,325**		**$1,601,318**	4.0%
Levy limit	**1,539,325**		**1,693,343**	10.0%

A quorum of the Common Council may be in attendance of this public hearing.
Notice was given to the public at least 15 days prior to this hearing - Notice was forwarded to newspapers and any news media or persons who have requested the same – Notice was published in the Oconto County Times Herald, Notice was posted at City Hall, Oconto Falls Community Library, Iverson's Piggly Wiggly, and on the City website at www.cityofocontofalls.com
Any person wishing to attend the hearing who requires special accommodations because of a disability should contact the Clerk's office at 920-846-4505 with adequate notice so appropriate accommo**dations can be made.**
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC TEST TOWN OF MAPLE VALLEY
A PUBLIC TEST OF THE ELECTRONIC VOTING EQUIPMENT FOR THE November 5th, 2024 GENERAL ELECTION WILL BE HELD ON October 29th, 2024 AT 5:30 pm AT THE MAPLE VALLEY TOWN HALL 9088 CNTY HWY Z SURING, WI 54174
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10/25/24
TOWN OF OCONTO FALLS NOTICE OF PUBLIC TEST
In accordance to Wis. Stats 5.84(1), Notice is hereby given that the Public Test of voting equipment to be used at the General Election on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, will be conducted for the Town of Oconto Falls on Wednesday, October 30, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the Town of Oconto Falls Town Hall, 8680 State Hwy 22 West, Oconto Falls. The Public Test is open to the general public.
Susan L Mogged
Town of Oconto Falls, clerk

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TOWN OF UNDERHILL
NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC
PUBLIC TEST OF ELECTRONIC VOTING EQUIPMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Test of the electronic voting equipment to be used at the 2024 General Election on November 5, 2024, will be conducted on Tuesday, October 29, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. at the following location:

UNDERHILL COMMUNITY CENTER
5597 Cardinal Road
Gillett, WI 54124

Dated this day, the 25th day of October 2024.
Tracy Winkler, Clerk
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10/25/24
TOWN OF BRAZEAU, OCONTO COUNTY SEEKING A PART-TIME HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE
The Town of Brazeau, Oconto County is looking for a Part-Time Highway Department Employee. Pay could be up to $21. Possessing a CDL is required. An application can be obtained by going on our website townofbrazeau.com, by contacting the clerk at (920) 897-3855 or townofbrazeau@centurytel.net.
Brooke Kriescher, Clerk/Treasurer
10/14/2024
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10/25/24
NOTICE TOWN OF BAGLEY PUBLIC TEST
The Town of Bagley will test the electronic tabulating machine to be used for NOVEMER 5, 2024 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION to be held on WEDENSDAY OCTOCBER 30th, 2024 at 6:00 PM at the Bagley Town Hall 9812 COUNTY HWY Z, POUND, WI. 54161. The test is open to the public.

ALAN SLEETER CLERK
TOWN OF BAGLEY
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10/25/24
City of Gillett Election Notice
150 N. McKenzie Avenue Gillett, WI 54124
www.cityofgillett.com
Fax 920-855-2255 Fax: 920-855-6283
PUBLIC NOTICE: Public Test In accordance to Wis Stats 5.84(1), Notice is hereby given that the Public Test of the Automatic Tabulating Equipment to be used at the November 5, 2024 General Election in the City of Gillett will be conducted on MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2024 at 1:00 PM at Gillett City Hall, 150 N McKenzie Ave, Gillett, WI. This test is open to the public.

Chelsea Anderson, Clerk Treasurer
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10/25/24
TOWN OF SPRUCE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC TEST
In accordance to Wis Stats 5.84(1), Notice is hereby given that the Public Test of the ICE voting machine to be used at the 2024 November General Election on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 will be conducted for the Town of Spruce on Monday, October 28, 2024 at 5:30 PM at the Spruce Town Hall, 9097 County Rd B, Oconto Falls. The Public Test is open to the general public.
Lisa Peitersen
Spruce Town Clerk

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10/25/24
Material Bid Request
The Weatherization Program of NEWCAP, Inc.,
1201 Main St., Oconto, WI 54153

Inviting vendors to submit bids to provide weatherization materials, i.e. caulk, fiberglass, lumber, electrical supplies, etc. for NEWCAP's warehouse in Oconto. Contact Julie Mueller for bid specifications at (920) 863-9455 or juliemueller@newcap.org. All bids are due by December 2, 2024.

Sincerely,
NEWCAP, Inc.

Julie Mueller
Newcap, Procurement Manager
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CITY OF OCONTO FALLS NOTICE OF PUBLIC TEST
In accordance to Wis Stats 5.84(1), Notice is hereby given that a Public Test for the voting machine to be used at the General Election on November 5, 2024 will be conducted for the City of Oconto Falls on Tuesday, October 29, 2024 at 10:00 AM at the City Municipal Building, 500 N Chestnut Avenue. The Public Test is open to the general public.
Jenny Friedman Deputy Clerk

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10/25/24

STATE OF WISCONSIN
Town of Spruce
Oconto County

Ordinance #01-2012
Revised 10-16-2024

The Town Board of Spruce, Oconto County, Wisconsin, has the specific authority under s.349.13, Wis. Stats., to adopt this ordinance.

This ordinance, adopted by a majority of the town board on a roll call vote with a quorum present and voting and proper notice having been given, provides for the regulation of the stopping, standing or parking of vehicles on town highways in the town as follows:

1. The stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles on the Town of Spruce roads is prohibited where posted.
2. The town chairperson, or his or her designee, shall place appropriate traffic signs on the above-described roads.
3. No persons may operate any vehicle on the above-noted town roads in violation of the above-noted stopping, standing, or parking restrictions and limitations as posted. Any violations shall be subject to forfeiture of $25.00 along with possible towing fees or court costs which may incur.

This ordinance is effective upon posting or October 17, 2024.

The town clerk shall properly post or publish this ordinance as required under s. 60.80, Wis. Stats.

Adopted this 16th day of October, 2024

Terry Brazeau — Town Chairman
Brad Paitl — Town Supervisor
Suzanne Verhagen — Town Supervisor
Lisa Peitersen — Attested by Town Clerk

Amended 10/16/2024

10/25 & 11/1/2024

CITY OF GILLETT
2025 PROPOSED BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Thursday, November 7, 2024 at 5:30 pm** in the Council Chambers of the Gillett Municipal Building, 150 N McKenzie Ave, Gillett Wisconsin, a public hearing will be held on the proposed 2025 budget, following the public hearing the Council will vote on the proposed budget during a Common Council meeting **at 6:00 pm that same night**. The proposed budget is available for inspection in the business office at City Hall during normal business hours 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Mon - Thursday; at the Gillett Public Library during normal business hours; at the Gillett Post Office or the Gillett Police Department during normal business hours. The following is a summary of the proposed 2025 City Budget:

	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2023 Actual	2024 Budget	2025 Budget
Taxes-General Levy	559,452.00	644,165.00	644,165.00	787,659.00	562,146.00
Other Taxes	118,007.00	118,007.00	25,312.00	118,307.00	103,018.00
Special Assessments/charges	1,000.00	1,000.00	-	0.00	0.00
Intergovernmental Revenues	709,837.00	639,681.00	797,117.00	766,347.00	798,596.00
Licenses & Permits	11,375.00	11,375.00	1 3,016.00	11,625.00	11,800.00
Fines, Forfeitures, Penalties	16,850.00	16,850.00	9,273.00	11,960.00	12,060.00
Public Charges for Service	148,890.00	148,890.00	141,596.00	161,940.00	160,740.00
Intergovernmental Charges	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	6,050.00	6,050.00	23,796.00	8,200.00	9,500.00
Other Financing Sources	0.00	225,000.00	114,882.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL REVENUES	**1,571,461.00**	**1,811,018.00**	**1,769,157.00**	**1,866,038.00**	**1,657,860.00**
"EXPENDITURES General Government"					
General Government	299,651.00	267,983.00	240,189.00	234,167.00	271,590.00
Public Safety	569,874.00	484,424.00	483,076.00	467,967.00	527,512.00
Public Works	381,946.00	407,240.00	503,002.00	517,035.00	546,348.00
Health and Human Services	24,900.00	26,500.00	25,012.00	27,800.00	27,150.00
Culture, Recreation, Education	21,300.00	30,300.00	20,041.00	42,700.00	28,800.00
Conservation and Development	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Outlay and Planning	-	-	60,866.00	-	-
Debt Service	70,277.00	265,020.00	299,294.00	400,864.00	181,560.00
Other Financing Uses	180,000.00	282,600.00	370,453.00	175,505.00	74,900.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	**1,547,948.00**	**1,764,067.00**	**2,001,933.00**	**1,866,038.00**	**1,657,860.00**
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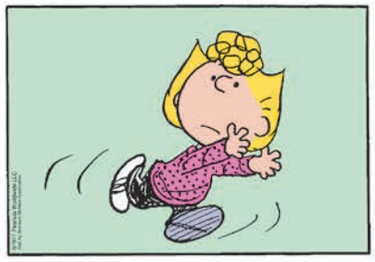

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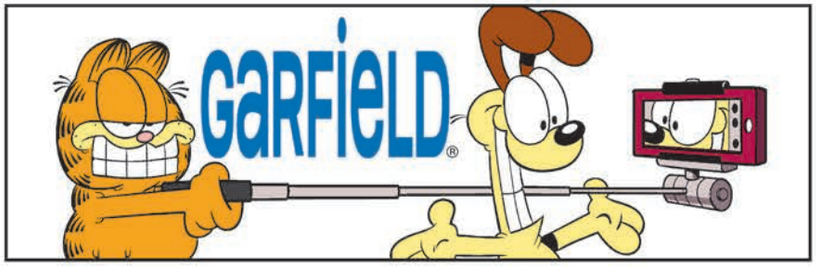

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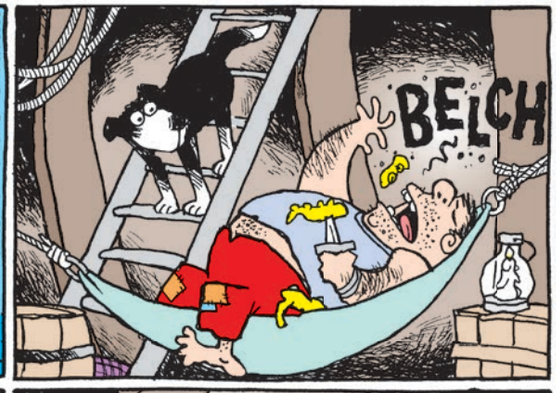

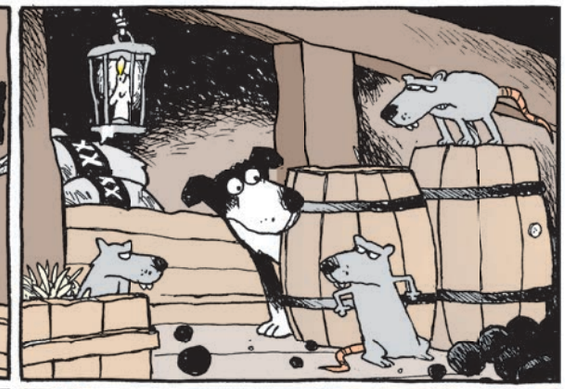

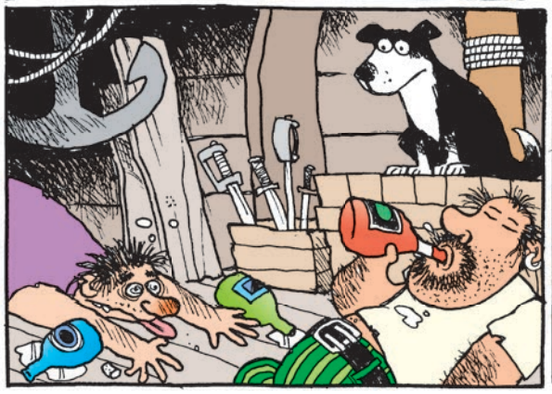

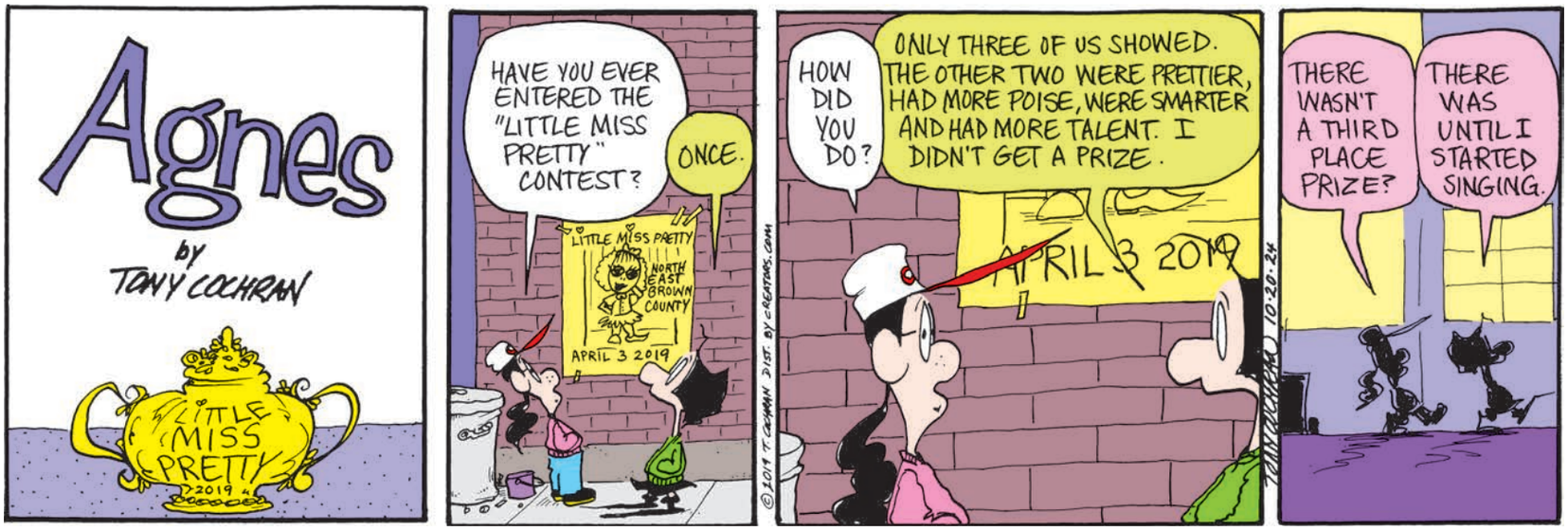
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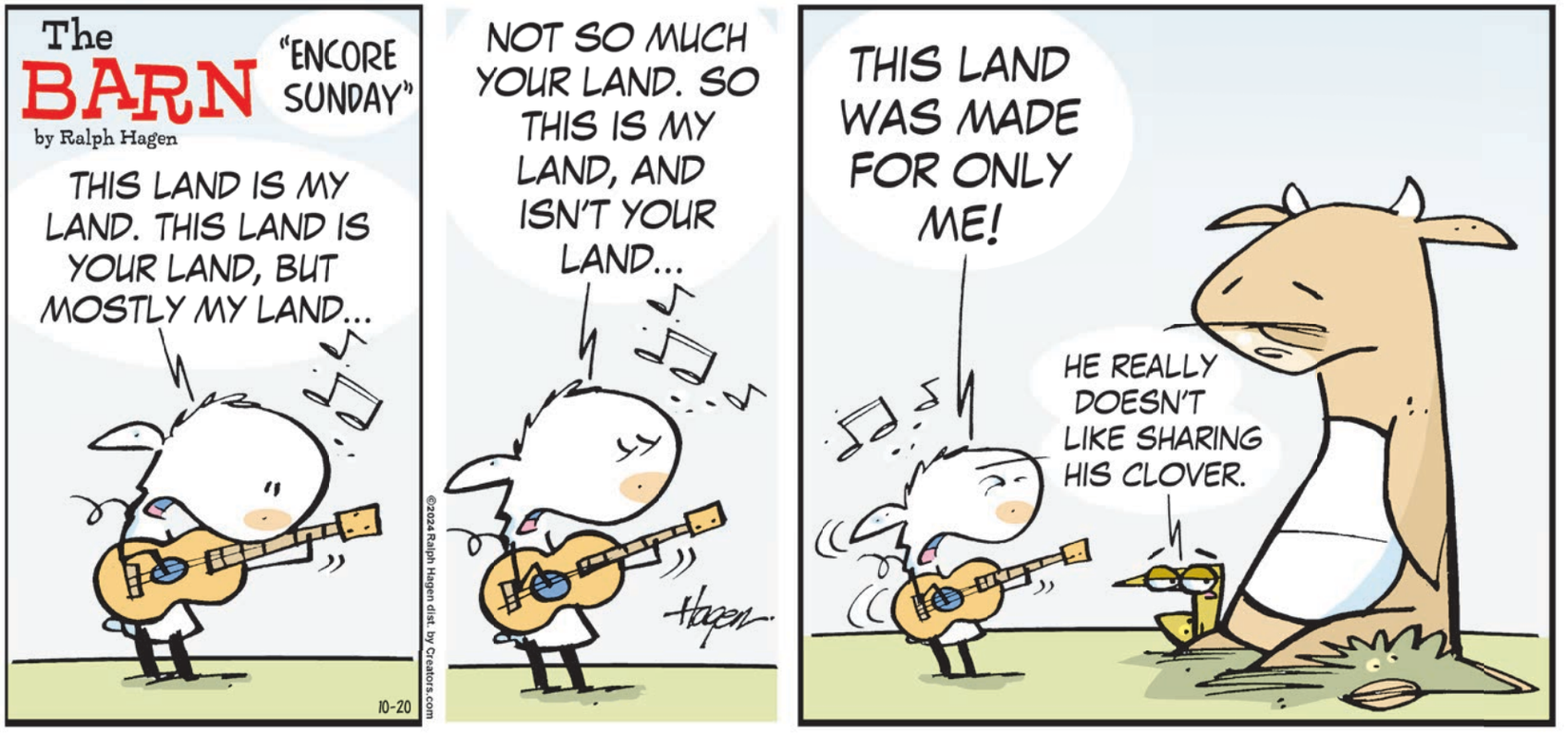
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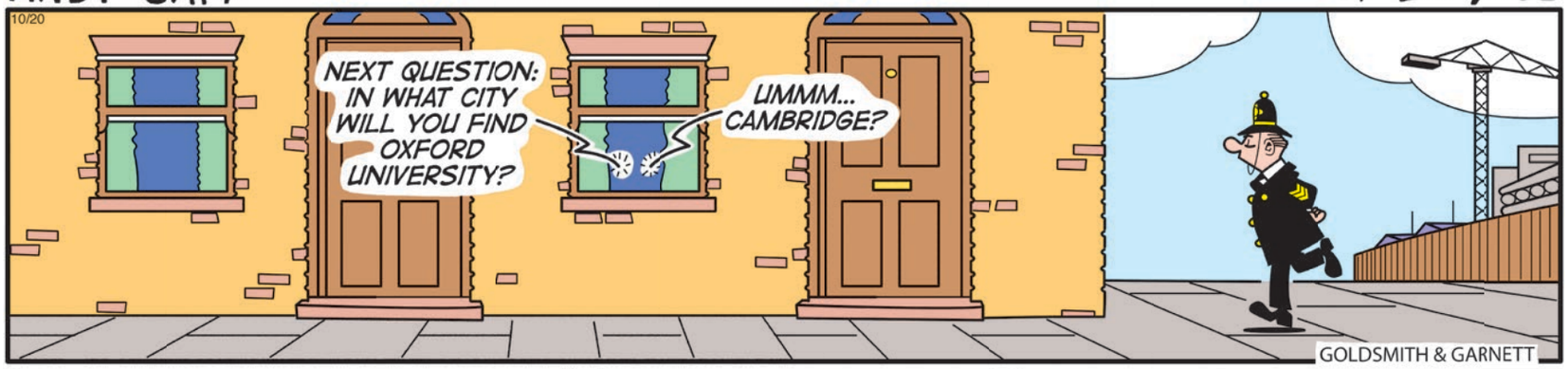

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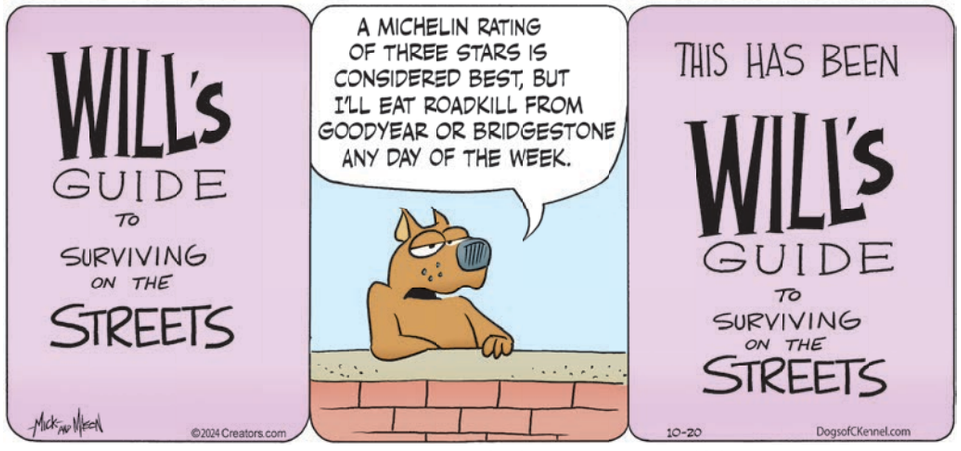

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Daniel Whelan punted five times against Houston for 284 yards, a 56.8-yard gross average that is the second-best single-game average in team history behind only Roy McKay's 61.6-yard average on five punts vs. the Chicago Cardinals in 1945. GREG MELLIS | GREEN & GOLD EXPRESS

TEXANS BOOTED OUT

McManus' last-second field goal takes Packers into Week 8 on a three-game win streak

BY LUKE REIMER
Green & Gold Express

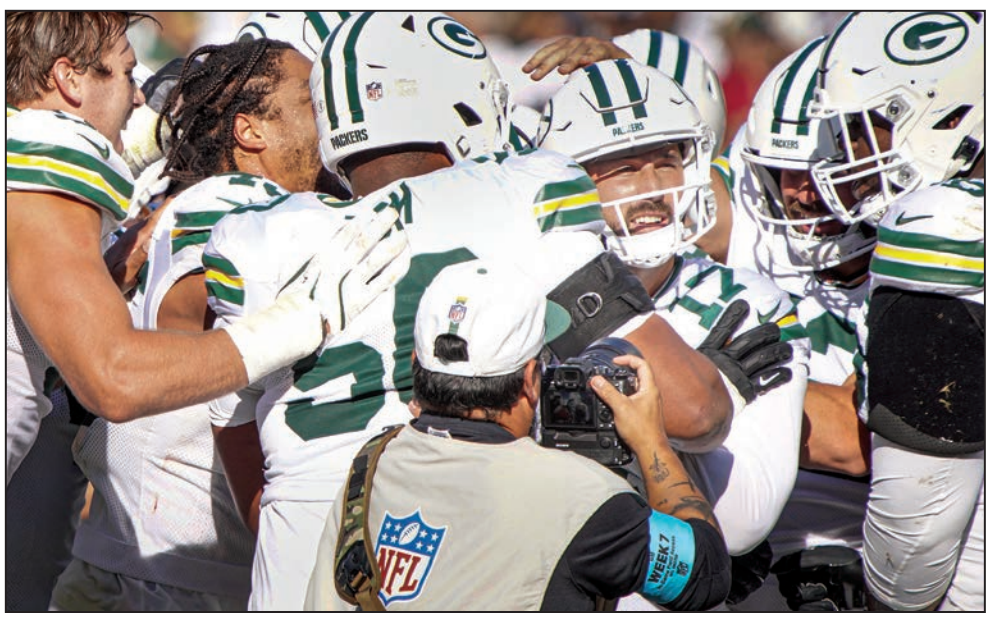
With time expiring, new Packers kicker Brandon McManus converted a 45-yard field goal to give the Packers a 24-22 victory over the Houston Texans on Oct. 20.

McManus, who was signed to the team on Oct. 16, converted three extra points and the game-winning field goal attempt after rookie kicker Brayden Narveson was waived.

"I am super excited to be here," said McManus. "You know, what a way to help this team win in my first game here at Lambeau Field."

The Packers looked to McManus for the game-winning kick after the Houston Texans had taken a 22-21 lead by the way of its kicker, Ka'imi Fairbairn, with 1:44 left in the fourth quarter.

After Fairbairn's kick sailed through the uprights, Packers quarterback Jordan Love was set to lead the game-winning drive. Starting on the Packers' 30-yard line, Love dropped back and fired a pass that was intended for Romeo Doubs. The pass was tipped twice by two Houston defenders before harmlessly landing on the ground. From there, Love completed five of seven passes on the drive, hitting Doubs, tight end Tucker Kraft and wide receiver Dontayvion Wicks to set up McManus' game winner.



At left, Brandon McManus is crushed by teammates after connecting on a 45-yard game-winning field goal against Houston on Oct. 20. Above, Texans' Stefon Diggs got into a pregame scuffle with Jaire Alexander and Keisean Nixon. "I'm never the bigger person," Diggs said about responding to "chirping" by Packers players. GREG MELLIS | GREEN & GOLD EXPRESS

"The mindset right there is always to go win the game," said Love, on the final drive of the game. "It is a two-minute drive. We need a field goal, and we know what we need to do. So the mindset is, 'Go win the game.'"

On the day, Love completed 24-of-33 passes for 220 yards and three touchdowns. He also had two interceptions, including one on the fourth play of the game.

Doubs was the main benefactor of Love's day, as the Nevada alum recorded 94 yards on eight receptions. The aforementioned Wicks and Kraft caught two of Love's touchdowns, while running back Josh Jacobs hauled in the third.

Jacobs' receiving touchdown marked the first of its kind in his career and helped to break a major streak. Jacobs held the record for most receptions (211) in NFL history without a receiving touchdown before his 8-yard catch and run in the third quarter.

"It was long overdue, but for me, I feel like other people put a lot more on to it than I do, but it felt good to finally get in the end zone in Lambeau and be able to do the Lambeau Leap," said Jacobs.

On the ground, Jacobs totaled 76 rushing yards on 12 carries. Emanuel Wilson added 11 yards on five carries, as well.

As for the Texans, the Packers' defense did its part in helping to limit quarterback CJ Stroud and Houston's dynamic passing offense. Stroud finished the game completing 10-of-21 passes for just 86 yards and no touchdowns.

With star wide receiver Nico Collins out of the game due to injury, only wide receiver Stefon Diggs had more than two catches. Diggs finished the game with 23 yards on five receptions, which was five yards behind tight end Dalton Schultz, who led the Texans with 28 receiving yards.

While Houston had a tough time passing the ball, its run game is what helped propel the offense to moving the ball downfield. Running back Joe Mixon recorded 115 rushing yards on 25 carries and scored two touchdowns.

All in all, the Packers' defense held a 5-1 Texans team to just 197 yards of total offense.

"Going into this, we did not want to allow CJ (Stroud) to get comfortable; I think (Stroud) is a real guy in this league, and he is going to be for a very long time," said Packers head coach Matt LaFleur. "So just to apply the pressure on him and overcome some very bad circumstances throughout the course of the game, in terms of sudden change opportunities where our defense was backed up, (Jeff) Hafley does an outstanding job and so does the rest of our staff."

Alluding to LaFleur's comments of Stroud being under pressure in this game, the Green Bay defense came away with four sacks, including three on third downs. In total, the Texans converted just four-of-13 third downs.

Can secondary get big plays against Lawrence?

Jacksonville's defense won't be as stingy as Houston's was for Love and company

By JACOB WESTENDORF
Green & Gold Express

Houston's defense kept them in the game, holding the Green Bay rushing attack to fewer than 100 yards, sacking Jordan Love three times and picking up three turnovers. Jacksonville's defense isn't as stout, but the Packers can't take the Jaguars for granted. GREG MELLIS | GREEN & GOLD EXPRESS

The 5-2 Green Bay Packers will travel to the 2-5 Jacksonville Jaguars for a game at noon Oct. 27.

Packers Offense vs. Jaguars Defense

After the previous week's strong start against Arizona, the Packers found things to be much tougher against Houston's stingy defense.

Jordan Love threw an interception on the first possession of the game. That was his seventh, which ties him for the league lead with famously turnover-happy Will Levis.

He threw another interception in the first half to take an outright lead.

Love needs to take better care of the football. He's missed two starts and is at the top of the league in turnovers. That's not going to be a sustainable way to play if the Packers are going to get where they want to go.

The high points for Green Bay's offense were certainly there. Love threw touchdown passes to Tucker Kraft, Dontayvion Wicks and Josh Jacobs in the Oct. 20 game.

He saved his best for late in the game. With the Packers trailing 22-21 with less than two minutes to play, Love was faced with a simple proposition – lead a scoring drive and win, or lose the game.

Love found Romeo Doubs twice, Kraft twice and Wicks once.

The result was setting up Brandon McManus for a 45-yard field goal to win the game.

McManus drilled the kick, and the Packers were celebrating a win instead of a disappointing loss.

Jacksonville's defense is not going to be the same type of challenge that the Texans were for Green Bay. Yes, Houston was missing some key pieces, but their star-studded defense had plenty of players to get the job done and make life difficult for Love and company.

Jacksonville's defense is a little out of sorts. They recently traded Roy Robetson-Harris, who was one of their starters on their defensive line.

Former top pick Travon Walker is having a bit of a breakout season with five sacks.

The Jaguars had 14 sacks going into last week's game and added two more against Drake Maye and the Patriots.

Green Bay has done a good job of keeping Love clean and will face another stiff test this week with Jacksonville's front.

Once the back end has to make plays on the ball, however, they do not come away with many takeaways.

The Jaguars have one interception on the season, which is a pace similar to the one set by the 2023 Packers, who did not take the ball away hardly at all.

Love and company should be able to exploit some weaknesses in the secondary — so long as they don't break the trend of the Jaguars' defense and take care of the football.

Packers Defense vs. Jaguars Offense

Green Bay's defense thrives on chaos. They're coming off facing one of their biggest challenges of the season. Yes, Nico Collins was unavailable for the Houston Texans, but CJ Stroud is one of the top young quarterbacks in all of football.

Green Bay's defense took that challenge and thrived.

Stroud was held to fewer than 100 yards passing.

The pass rush, which has been MIA for most of the season, sacked him four times and had him under duress for the majority of the game.

Rashan Gary got a sack and is starting to become more productive as the season wears on.

The secondary is the most impressive part of Green Bay's defense at this point of the year.

Jaire Alexander, Eric Stokes and Keisean Nixon all played well in the win over the Texans. Eric Wilson had a huge day.

Everyone on the team made key plays at key moments.

Green Bay's defense should have a smaller challenge waiting for them this week as they face off against Jacksonville.

Jacksonville's offense has been out of sorts for most of the season.

They've been up and down but do have some high-end talent.

Trevor Lawrence received a massive contract extension this offseason shortly before Love did, but he has not lived up to the billing thus far.

The group around him is far from stable, but at some point, Lawrence is paid to be a franchise quarterback and mask some of these flaws.

He has not done that.

He's completing just over 60% of his passes on the season but is coming off an efficient performance against the Patriots, completing 15-of-20 passes and throwing a touchdown while essentially being asked to manage the game.

Lawrence has a talented backfield including Tank Bigsby and Travis Etienne Jr.

Etienne did not play in London against the Patriots, but Bigsby ran for 118 yards and two touchdowns in his place.

At receiver, they're led by Brian Thomas Jr. the first-round pick out of LSU. Thomas and Christian Kirk make for a talented receiving corps, with Thomas averaging 17 yards per reception.

If there's a spot where the Packers can get after Lawrence, it's on the offensive line. Coming into the Oct. 20 game against New England, Lawrence had been sacked 15 times. They kept him clean against the Patriots, but that is likely more of a blip than a trend.

Special Teams

The Packers may begin to see a benefit of the kickoff rules, but with unseasonably warm weather at Lambeau Field on Oct. 20 and heading to Florida this week, it's unlikely there will be any significant changes in that regard.

Maybe as the weather continues to turn, the ball won't be able to boom through the back of the end zone, but that could be mid-November at this rate.

It's possible the Packers could give Nixon an opportunity as a punt returner if kickoffs continue to be a fruitless process.

Nixon took a couple of punt return opportunities against the Cardinals two weeks ago and had a 39-yard return that helped set up one of Green Bay's touchdowns. That appears to be a touch-and-go type of situation.

He was back deep to return a punt in Sunday's game but made a massive blunder. He did not signal for a fair catch, nor tell his team to get out of the way, which led to a fumble and easy points for the Houston offense on the ensuing possession.

Green Bay's kicking situation took a massive turn last week. Brayden Narveson was released after struggling against the Cardinals, and the Packers signed veteran kicker Brandon McManus.

What did McManus do for his debut?

Nothing other than make all of his kicks including a game-winning 45-yard field goal as time expired.

Would the Packers have won that game a week ago? Who knows?

With McManus, we now know they have a veteran kicker who can make the kicks he's supposed to.

Daniel Whelan continued what has been a strong season for him with another solid day against the Texans. That included a huge day as a holder as he saved a bad snap from Matt Orzech on McManus' game-winning kick.

The Jacksonville Jaguars' special teams finished ninth in last season's special teams rankings for Rick Gosselin.

Their return game, led by Bigsby and Devin Duvernay, is particularly strong.

Kicker Cam Little is kicking at over 90% this season.

GREEN BAY PACKERS AT JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

TIME AND DATE: Noon, Sunday, Oct. 27
LOCATION: Everbank Stadium
TV: FOX
RADIO: Flagship WRNW-FM Milwaukee — 97.3; Packers Radio Network includes WIXX-FM Green Bay — 101.1, WRLO-FM Antigo — 105.3, WLST-FM Marinette — 95.1, and WSAU Wausau — 550 AM and 95.1 FM
2024 RECORDS: Packers, 5-2, Jaguars 2-5.
HISTORY: The Texans and Packers have met just seven times with the Jaguars being established as an expansion franchise 30 years ago.
Their most recent meeting was in 2020, where Aaron Rodgers led a late comeback drive, including a touchdown pass to Davante Adams, before the Packers' defense slammed the door late.
That game was at Lambeau Field.
Their most recent meeting in Jacksonville came in 2016. The Packers' season opener was that year; it was Jordy Nelson's return to the starting lineup after a torn ACL ruined his 2015 season.
The Packers won 27-23, and the defense got a big stop late of Blake Bortles and Jacksonville's offense.
COACHES: Packers – Matt LaFleur (fifth season, 61-29). Jaguars – Doug Pederson (third season, 19-16)

PACKERS SCHEDULE

Friday, Sept. 6 at Philadelphia, L 29-34
Sunday, Sept. 15 vs. Indianapolis, W 16-10
Sunday, Sept. 22 at Tennessee, W 30-14
Sunday, Sept. 29 vs. Minnesota, L 29-31
Sunday, Oct. 6 at LA Rams, W 24-19
Sunday, Oct. 13 vs. Arizona, W 34-13
Sunday, Oct. 20 vs. Houston, W 24-22
Sunday, Oct. 27 at Jacksonville Noon FOX
Sunday, Nov. 3 vs. Detroit 3:25 p.m. FOX
Week 10 BYE
Sunday, Nov. 17 at Chicago Noon FOX
Sunday, Nov. 24 vs. San Francisco 3:25 p.m. FOX
Thursday, Nov. 28 vs. Miami 7:20 p.m. NBC
Thursday, Dec. 5 at Detroit 7:15 p.m. Amazon Prime
Sunday, Dec. 15 at Seattle 7:20 p.m. NBC
Monday, Dec. 23 vs. New Orleans 7:15 p.m. ESPN
Sunday, Dec. 29, at Minnesota Noon FOX
Week 18 vs. Chicago TBD

NFL SCHEDULE

Thursday, Oct. 24
Minnesota at LA Rams, 7:15 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 27
Green Bay at Jacksonville, Noon
Arizona at Miami, Noon
NY Jets at New England, Noon
Baltimore at Cleveland, Noon
Philadelphia at Cincinnati, Noon
Indianapolis at Houston, Noon
Tennessee at Detroit, Noon
Atlanta at Tampa Bay, Noon
New Orleans at LA Chargers, 3:05 p.m.
Buffalo at Seattle, 3:05 p.m.
Chicago at Washington, 3:25 p.m.
Kansas City at Las Vegas, 3:25 p.m.
Carolina at Denver, 3:25 p.m.
Dallas at San Francisco, 7:29 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 28
NY Giants at Pittsburgh, 7:15 p.m.

McManus glad to have another chance

Sexual assault accusation resolved with courts, NFL

The focal point of the Packers special teams unit that scored the winning field goal against the Texans are, from left, long snapper Matt Orzech, kicker Brandon McManus and punter Daniel Whelan. Orzech was cut Monday for procedural reasons but was expected to be resigned.

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BY JACOB WESTENDORF
Green & Gold Express

Kicker Brandon McManus signed with the Packers and, just days later, kicked a winning field goal for his new team.

It's a very different sensation from a year ago for the kicker.

Two women sued McManus and his then-team the Jacksonville Jaguars for actions that allegedly occurred during the team's trip to London on Sept. 28, 2023. McManus signed a one-year contract with the Commanders in March but was released by the team following the allegations.

The report claimed the kicker attempted to kiss one of the flight attendants and grinded on her while she was serving food to the team. The second flight attendant accused McManus of the same behavior when she served the team's second meal, according to the report.

Earlier this fall, the lawsuit was dismissed.

Have you thought since Commanders let you go that you deserve another chance?

It's been a difficult time these last couple of months. I'm happy that it's in the past now. I was hoping and working hard for another opportunity. I'm extremely grateful for the Green Bay Packers for giving me that next chance to come back out here and play the game I love. I'm fortunate to play it for 11 years, this being my 12th year. I'm extremely happy to be here and excited to be around the locker room again.

Were you confident you'd get that opportunity once the NFL made its ruling, or were you worried somebody still might not take a chance on you?

The kicker position, as we all know, it's a black-and-white position. I was hoping my previous track record and my performances on the field would be able to give me another opportunity. Like I said, extremely happy and excited when the Packers reached out, talking with Brian Gutekunst and (special teams coordinator Rich) Bisaccia just giving me that opportunity again.

What's your message to the league and to the Packers?

I guess I can't speak on the investigation, but I've been very honest about it, to them, the league and the Packers. I think they did the research. The NFL resolved it and so did the courts. The matter's been resolved. Like I said, I was always up front and honest about it. That's how I was able to kind of get through this all.

Were Packers the first team to call?

I've spoken with other teams, but like I said, I was excited to be here. What a great young team. Seeing what they did last year, and seeing what they're doing again this year, just an opportunity to come back here.

What did you learn about yourself through this process?

I'm just happy the matter's been resolved. Like I said, it's been difficult. I just continued to try to keep my head down, work hard, hopefully that opportunity (would come) again. Like I said, extremely thankful there was someone out there willing to give me another chance. Like I said, super excited to be here and help this team hopefully get to the next level.

When you say the matter has been resolved, do you mean just with the NFL's ruling or all over?

Yes, the league and the civil lawsuit. The matter's been resolved.

So the lawsuit isn't pending anymore? It's all done?

Correct.

Do you feel you need to prove yourself?

I think every single day you need to prove yourself. I spoke earlier, the kicker is such a black-and-white position. When I joined this league, I joined the Broncos, I was cut by the Colts, and the Giants traded me to Denver, and I played for like 13 weeks. Similar situation, the Broncos thought they had a Super Bowl champion team. They cut me for Connor Barth and brought me back to kick off actually the rest of the season.

And then I worked hard, earned my starting job back and had one of the best seasons in NFL history that year to help them win the Super Bowl. You always have to prove yourself in the kicking position. For Brayden (Narveson), like I said, I've been in that position before with him losing an opportunity but then work my butt off to get it back again. I was able to kind of succeed after that.

I think in the kicking position, you're always trying to obviously help the team put points on the board, but it's such a black-and-white position that you've got to stay focused every single time and go out. Every single kick has the utmost importance.

Comfort with the operation?

These guys are consummate pros, and we've got one of the best coordinators in the league who's very detail oriented and he's done a great job. Just how they operate and everything, the practice, it was a seamless flow today with everything. Extremely excited to be working with them as a unit.

Regimen to stay sharp?

I have 5-year-old twin boys and a 4-year-old boy, so definitely chasing them around, and then there's three different places I kicked at. One of them I was just kicking at a light post, just accuracy wise, and the other two I was going to football fields and kicking on the uprights there, been working my butt off to get another opportunity to get back in.

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KEYS TO THE GAME

Green Bay can't look beyond Jacksonville

Packers risk losing in an upset to Jaguars if they take them for granted

By JACOB WESTENDORF
Green & Gold Express

The Green Bay Packers were able to survive a poor performance against the Houston Texans on Sunday.

"They kicked our (butt)," head coach Matt LaFleur said, about Demeco Ryans' defense effort toward his offense Oct. 20. "I never got settled as a play caller."

This week, the Texans are not the team the Packers are going to face, but they will play a team from their division.

The Jacksonville Jaguars are coming off a 32-16 win over the New England Patriots.

Jacksonville's win helped them improve to 2-5. This weekend's game is not going to be easy; no game in the NFL is. However, the Jaguars are one of the bottom feeders of the NFL.

Green Bay is the better team and should win.

What are the keys to doing that?

Here's what we came up with.

Packers vs. Trap Game/Letdown

The Oct. 20 game was clearly emotional. Tempers flared prior to the game when Stefon Diggs got into a shouting match with Keisean Nixon.

The defense clearly had some extra juice knowing the type of team they were playing.

The offense was fired up. They just made a lot of mistakes and struggled to consistently move the ball.

This week is a potential letdown in two ways, the first of which is that the Packers are coming off an emotional victory over a good team and now are facing a team that is less talented.

Secondly, this is the game before they play the Detroit Lions at home in two weeks – a divisional showdown that could be for first place in the division.

Jacksonville has not had a good season but has enough talent to beat teams that do not play their best football. If the Packers are caught looking ahead, they could get stung by a motivated Jaguars team returning to U.S. soil for the first time in two weeks.

Turnovers

The Packers, remarkably, were able to win the Oct. 20 game despite being minus-3 in the turnover battle. The Packers talk about taking the ball away every week. LaFleur talks about valuing the football.

Jordan Love threw two interceptions and Nixon made an inexplicable mistake on special teams to give the Texans seven points.

Running back Josh Jacobs (8) celebrates the 8-yard touchdown pass from Jordan Love that gave the Packers a third quarter lead during their 24-22 win over the Houston Texans on Oct. 20 at Lambeau Field. It was the first touchdown reception in the career of the six-year veteran, who was joined in the end zone revelry by teammates Jayden Reed (11), Christian Watson (9), Romeo Doubs (87) and Bo Melton (80). Prior to coming onboard in Green Bay this year, Jacobs had scored 46 TDs on the ground in five seasons with the Las Vegas/Oakland Raiders.

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The Packers' defense, so adept at taking the ball away early in the year, did not have a takeaway in the 24-22 win over the Texans.

They did, however, play what was perhaps their most complete game in the passing game.

CJ Stroud struggled all game long. The pass rush, which has struggled most of the season, was able to keep Stroud under duress.

This weekend's game should give the Packers more opportunities to take the ball way. Trevor Lawrence and Jacksonville's offense put the ball in harm's way much more often than Houston does.

In addition, Jacksonville's defense does not take the ball away. The turnover battle is something Green Bay has been so good at winning this year.

One way to lose the game against an inferior opponent is to lose that battle.

Offensive Tackles vs. Pass Rush

Rasheed Walker and Zach Tom held up well enough against Will Anderson and Danielle Hunter.

Both players did get a sack on Love but did not wreck the game like they're capable of.

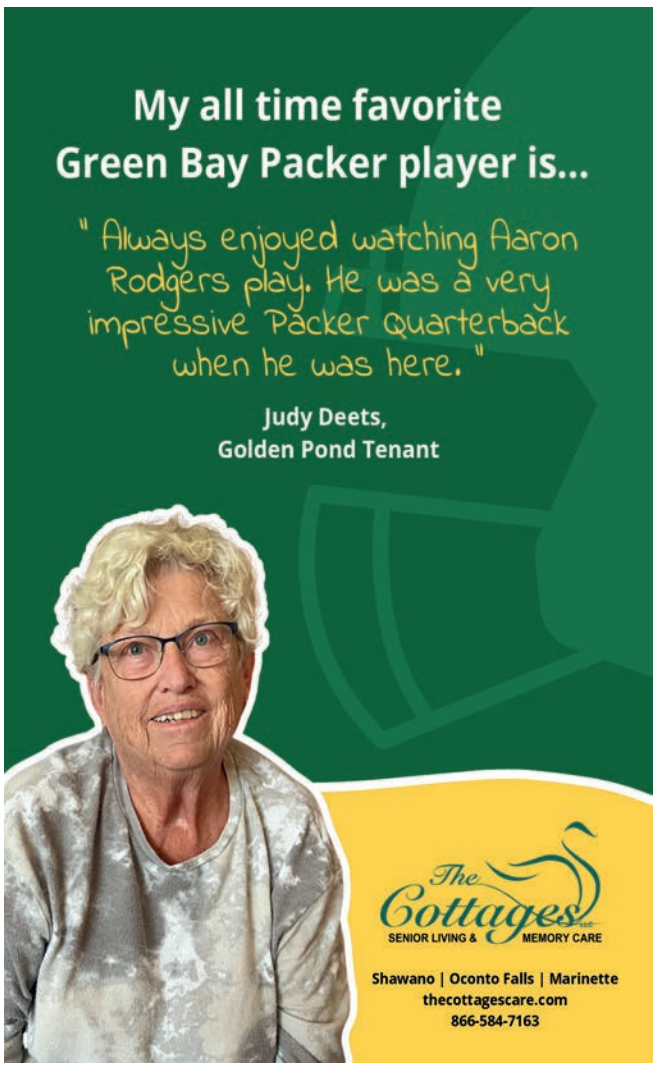
This week, they face a different type of challenge.

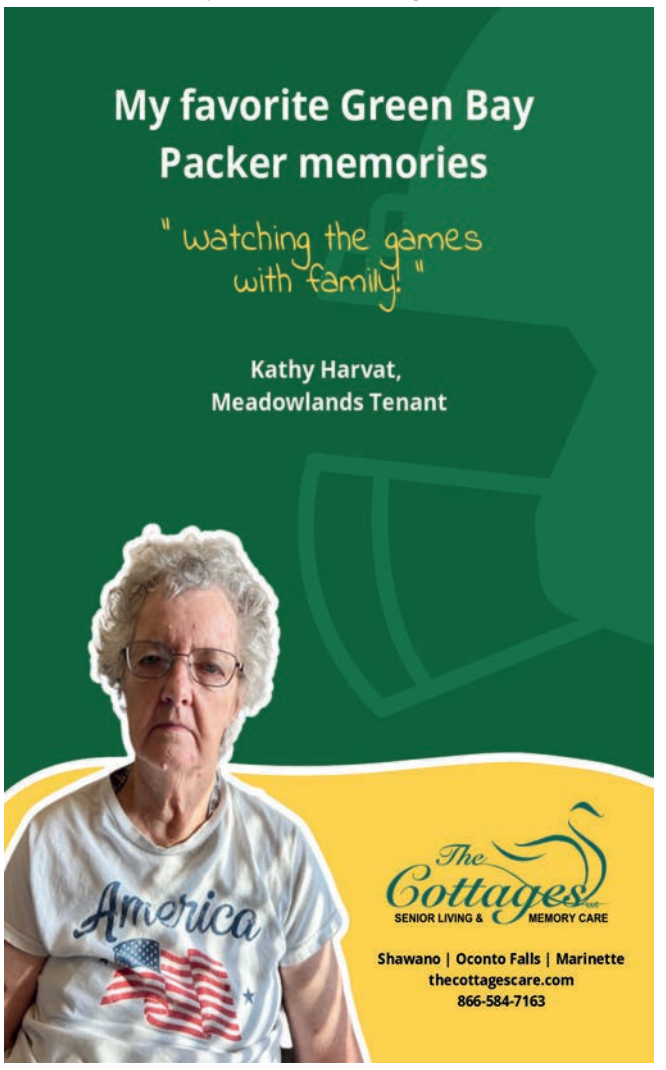
Josh Allen is a good player for the Jaguars as a former first-round pick.

Travon Walker was once picked first overall in the draft. He's enjoying a breakout season with five sacks on the year.

Through seven games, the Jaguars have 14 sacks. They are able to get after opposing quarterbacks.

Green Bay has done a good enough job at taking care of Love in the pocket but will need to do that this week. If Love has time, he should be able to find some receivers roaming in the secondary that has struggled this season for the Jaguars.





WEEK 7 / DEFENSE

THE MOMENT

PACKERS 24 VS TEXANS 22

Green Bay defensive tackle Rashan Gary (52) rushes Houston quarterback CJ Stroud in the Packers' 24-22 win Oct. 20. Gary had a sack, five tackles, two quarterback hits and several pressures. The Packers defense entered Week 7 as the NFL's leader in takeaways, and they still played well despite registering their first game of 2024 without one. They only surrendered four third downs on 13 tries and limited Stroud to a career-low 86 passing yards.

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Win over Texans proves Packers can hang with NFL elite

Green Bay continues to see substantial play from entire roster

BY LUKE REIMER
Green & Gold Express

Other than adding another notch in the win column, the victory over the Houston Texans does not have many major implications for the Green Bay Packers when it comes to postseason play.

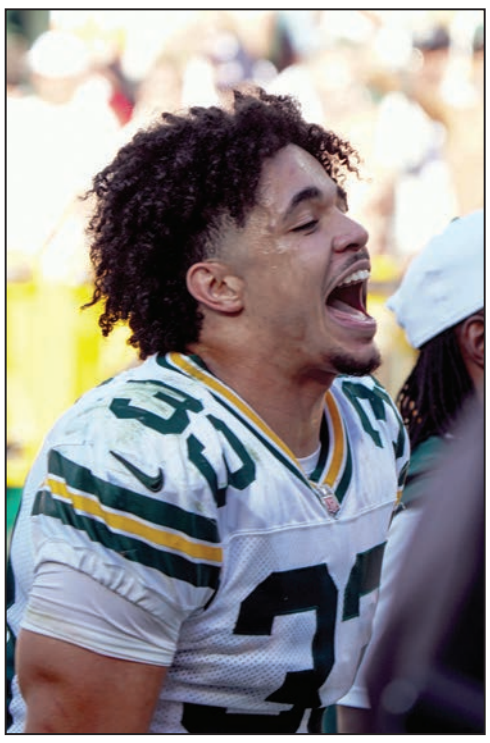
What this win over the Texans does prove for the Packers, though, is that it can play with — and beat — the elite teams in the NFL. Fans saw a spark of this last season, as Green Bay was able to take down the Detroit Lions, Kansas City Chiefs and Dallas Cowboys.

Through six weeks this season, the Packers have been able to grind out four wins, but looking at who it beat, there isn't really a signature team. The Tennessee Titans and the Indianapolis Colts have struggled this year, the Los Angeles Rams were without two superstar wide receivers and the Arizona Cardinals are very inconsistent.

Even though Houston was down some players due to injury, with quarterback CJ Stroud, running back Joe Mixon, wide receivers Stefon Diggs and Tank Dell and an above average offensive line, the Texans are still one of the better teams in the NFL.

Now it is still somewhat early in the season, but given what the Packers' defense has shown in weeks past, especially against the Texans, it really looks like this Green Bay team is a contender in the NFC.

While Houston did not play its best game of the season by any means, the same can be said about the Packers. In the game against the Texans, Green Bay turned the ball over three times, including a bad Jordan Love interception and a miscue on a punt return. Even with the inconsistency, the Packers were once again able to limit a really good Texans team and come away with the victory.



Safety Evan Williams, left, and linebacker Eric Wilson are among the players stepping when called upon as the Packers continue to get a strong effort from every member of the team. GREG MELLIS | GREEN & GOLD EXPRESS

"I also think that it is big, because we didn't play to our standard. So to be able to go out against a good team like that and not play your best and still win is definitely huge," said Packers running back Josh Jacobs.

What seems to be working for the Packers is having relatively unknown players step up and do their part in getting wins.

Defensive backs Xavier McKinney and Jaire Alexander are having excellent seasons, but rookie Evan Williams is playing just as well. Williams proved his ability in the win over the Texans, as on a two-point conversion attempt, Williams was squared up in a one-on-one situation with Mixon. Williams was able to stop Mixon short of the end zone; as it turned out, the Packers came away with a two-point victory.

Adding to players who are seemingly playing

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Week 8 Games: Sunday, Oct. 27

Minnesota @ LA Rams
NY Jets @ New England
Chicago @ Washington
Tennessee @ Detroit

Tie Breaker Game:
Green Bay @ Jacksonville

Weekly Standings	Weekly Record	Overall Record
Tim Murphy, NEW Media	4-1	27-8
Mike Worachek, Card & Coin	4-1	26-9
Matt/Rory, Buss Automotive	5-0	25-10
Jacob Westendorf, NEW Media	5-0	24-11
Tanya Hintz, Shawano Health Services	3-2	22-13
Staff, Walsh Dental Group	2-3	21-14
Luke Reimer, NEW Media	2-3	21-14
Allen Lundt, The Cottages at Meadowlands	2-3	20-15
Nancy Tachick, The Cottages on Golden Pond	3-2	20-15
Kevin Passon, NEW Media	4-1	18-17
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This Week's Picks:
Minnesota
NY Jets
Washington
Detroit

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Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Green Bay 33 @ Jacksonville 17

Week 7 Winner:
Jacob Westendorf
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This Week's Picks:
Minnesota
NY Jets
Washington
Detroit

Buss Automotive

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Green Bay 35 @ Jacksonville 21

This Week's Picks:
Minnesota
NY Jets
Washington
Detroit

Mike Worachek
Card & Coin

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Green Bay 34 @ Jacksonville 21

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LA Rams
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Chicago
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Kathy Harvat
The Cottages at Meadowlands

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Final Score: Green Bay 27 @ Jacksonville 10

This Week's Picks:
LA Rams
NY Jets
Washington
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Judy Deets
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Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Green Bay 26 @ Jacksonville 19

This Week's Picks:
Minnesota
New England
Washington
Detroit

Kevin Passon
New Media

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Green Bay 24 @ Jacksonville 10

This Week's Picks:
Minnesota
NY Jets
Washington
Detroit

Tanya Hintz
Shawano Health Services

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

This Week's Picks:
Minnesota
NY Jets
Chicago
Detroit

Staff
Walsh Dental Group Shawano

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Green Bay 34 @ Jacksonville 10

This Week's Picks:
Minnesota
NY Jets
Washington
Detroit

Jacob Westendorf
New Media

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score : Green Bay 31 @ Jacksonville 10

This Week's Picks:
Minnesota
NY Jets
Chicago
Detroit

Tim Murphy
New Media

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Green Bay 27 @ Jacksonville 24

This Week's Picks:
Minnesota
NY Jets
Washington
Detroit

Luke Reimer
New Media

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

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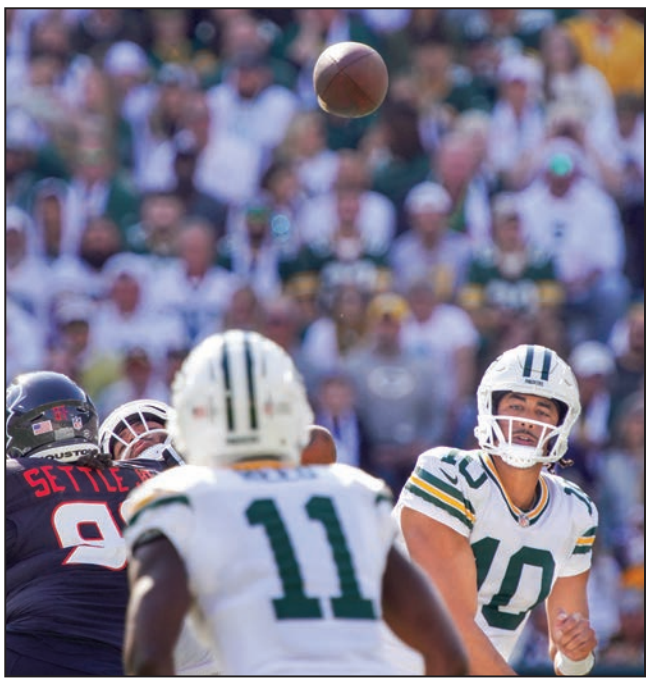
above their pay grade is punter Daniel Whelan. Whelan has been quietly putting together one of the best punting seasons in the NFL. Whelan is averaging 48 yards per punt and has recorded eight punts downed inside of the 20-yard line. Using Whelan as a weapon has benefited the Packers incredibly and has allowed the defense to play as well as it has this season.

"He has been really consistent," said Packers head coach Matt LaFleur, on Whelan. "We see it in practice. He is definitely the best (punter) that I have ever been around. Obviously he kicks it a long way, but the hang time, too. Some guys are going to kick it far, but they are going to out-kick their coverage."

After linebacker Quay Walker went down with an injury early, Eric Wilson was asked to step in and take on Walker's role. Walker finished the game against the Texans with six total tackles, all of them solo tackles, two sacks and four tackles for losses. While Wilson will likely see most of his snaps on special teams when Walker is healthy, seeing that kind of production and ability out of a backup linebacker who barely made the team in training camp, adds to how well-rounded this Packers team is and how good everyone on the roster is playing right now.



Jordan Love throws to Jayden Reed, who had a quiet day against the Texans, catching only two passes for 10 yards.

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While Green Bay will more than likely always get positive production out of its star players, like Love, Alexander and Kenny Clark, it really has been the lesser known players who have stepped up and helped this team to a 5-2 record.

"You have to be ready to go out there whenever," said Wilson. "You don't really know when that is, so I am glad that everything came together and our team really came together."

Whether it is Love completing a pass to Jayden Reed, Whelan booting 50-yard punts or Carrington Valentine making a tackle in open field on a punt return, this Packers team is not going to be carried by one or two players.

While the win over the Texans proves that Green Bay is a force in the NFL, the team will continue to be tested for the rest of the season. Four of Green Bay's next six games are against the Detroit Lions twice, the Chicago Bears and the San Francisco 49ers. The Packers are going to be tested and will need to continue to rely on their entire roster to win those games.

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