



Nikki Coopman, center, holds two picket signs and leads a protest Nov. 14 outside Oconto Falls High School, where NextEra Energy Resources was holding an informational meeting about its plans to build a 1,100-acre solar farm in the Town of Morgan.

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Riverview Community Center opens

One wing will serve as a northern satellite for Oconto County sheriff and other departments

BY WARREN BLUHM
News Editor

With the opening of the new Riverview Community Center, the town's fire department is finally able to take full possession of the building that has served as the fire station and town administrative offices for nearly two decades.

About 150 people took advantage Nov. 16 of the opportunity to tour the new facility, which is located along Island Lake Road but can also be accessed by driving through the fire station parking lot at 15471 State Highway 32 north of Mountain.

Town officials moved into the center in time to run the Nov. 5 election, Town Clerk Beth Hartman said, but signs direct-

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Opposition to solar flares in Morgan

BY WARREN BLUHM
News Editor

A proposed solar farm in the Town of Morgan continues to raise emotions, as was evident when the corporation that wants to build the farm held an informational session Nov. 14 at Oconto Falls High School.

More than a dozen protesters greeted people outside the auditorium carrying signs opposed to the NextEra Energy Resources project. It was originally dubbed the Birch Solar project but renamed Fox Solar to avoid confusion with another company's proposed facility near Lima, Ohio, also named Birch Solar.

Two members of the Morgan Town Board were recalled in July 2022 after they were accused of not doing enough to prevent the project from advancing.

Danilo Cabrera, project director, told the audience of about 100 people that NextEra Resources is the world's largest generator of renewable energy from the wind and sun, with a current generating capacity of 37 gigawatts in 41 states and Canada.

In Wisconsin, NextEra operates the Point Beach Nuclear Plant and an adja-



Danilo Cabrera, project director for NextEra's proposed Fox Solar project in the Town of Morgan, answers audience questions during an information meeting Nov. 14 at Oconto Falls High School.

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cent solar array, as well as a wind site in Dodge County, Cabrera said.

The proposal is for a 100-megawatt solar project on 1,100 acres in Morgan, a capital investment of about \$180 million,

generating electricity for about 25,000 homes, he said. The company plans to submit an application to the state Public Service Commission in the first quarter of 2025, with a goal of being operational in the second half of 2028.

The project would qualify for annual state shared revenue payments of about \$291,000 to Oconto County and \$208,000 to the Town of Morgan for hosting the facility, Cabrera said.

"These funds help towns and counties support education initiatives, improve road conditions — different initiatives for the town and county seat to be able to use those funds," he said.

Cabrera said NextEra has tried to keep stakeholders updated on its efforts, including town and county officials and residents of the area near the American Transmission Co. substation, to which the solar farm would be connected.

"I know it's been kind of dormant for a couple years, but we're here now to provide you with an update. We've reached out to the chamber of commerce, and we're going to continue to have channels of communication with the town leaders,

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Former Riverview Town Chairwoman Ann Hogan thanks the taxpayers of the town and county Nov. 16 for supporting the new community center.

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Council approves 2025 city budget, borrowing

By **WARREN BLUHM**
News Editor

The Oconto Falls City Council voted Nov. 12 to approve the issuance and sale of \$2.02 million worth of general obligation promissory notes to fund a major street reconstruc-

tion and other purchases in the 2025 city budget.

Joe Murray, municipal adviser for the Ehlers Inc. public finance advisory firm, said the city received four bids for the notes, all of them at interest rates higher than the hoped-for 3.1%.

The council approved a bid from Baird to issue the bonds at 3.95%, which Murray said will result in interest costs about \$48,000 higher over the 20-year life of the notes.

“I don’t remember how many bids it was the last time the city went to mar-

ket, but four bids in this market is good,” he said.

The funds are expected to cover the local share of costs for the reconstruction of Columbia Street and other street improvement projects, department of public works projects and equipment, City Hall proj-

ects and parks and recreation projects during 2025.

The council also passed a \$3.083 million budget for 2025, a 6% increase over this year with a proper tax levy of \$1,584,294 for city purposes, an increase of about 3.2%.

No one from the public

went to the official public hearing on the budget that preceded the council meeting, and City Administrator Peter Wills reported that he had received no calls or emails with questions from the public.

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Falls resists industrial park apartments

Not a good idea, say several alderpersons

By **WARREN BLUHM**
News Editor

Members of the Oconto Falls City Council said Nov. 12 that the city industrial park is probably no place for an apartment complex that could include up to 200 residential units.

City Administrator Peter Wills said he has been reaching out to a variety of commercial developers and Realtors in an attempt to market some of the long-vacant land on the edges of the industrial park, and one came back with a suggestion for apartments.

The Realtor didn’t want to identify the interested party unless the city was willing to commit about 20 acres for 200 units of multifamily residential housing.

“They believe the assessed value could be upwards of \$25 million,” Wills said. “It’s not the first thought I would have for the industrial park, and there’s a lot of reasons not to, but I guess there’s about 25 million reasons to look at it.”

The city of Waupaca recently approved a housing project in its industrial park, he said.

The council felt it might

be a welcome idea but not in that location, north of Highland Drive near the city limits.

“I don’t think an apartment complex in the back corner of our industrial park is a good idea,” Alderperson Devin Wirtz said, citing the amount of truck traffic and other commercial and industrial activity that entails. “There’s just going to be complaints (from the residents). I know it’s been sitting there, I’d love to put something there that we can tax.”

Council President Ashley Bahrke noted that there are no sidewalks or

other residential amenities in that area and only one street to access the complex.

“There’s so many questions before we ever dive into something like this — would we want to rezone it, etc.,” Bahrke said.

“I’m all for more development, but I don’t think this is the way to go,” said Alderperson Mat McDermid. “If it’s just someone kicking the tires, we don’t want to put in that much effort. Have them come back with more information if they’re really serious.”

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Fire call, power outage enliven council meeting

By **WARREN BLUHM**
News Editor

The Oconto Falls City Council meeting proceeded Nov. 12 with two department heads distracted by emergencies.

The council was wrapping up a budget hearing and moving into its regular monthly meeting when police and fire crews were called to a traffic accident at state Highway 22 and U.S. Highway 141 in the Town of Stiles at 5:57 p.m.

Fire Chief Tim Magnin and other fire personnel bolted from the room and headed for the new fire station down the street.

Just after 6 p.m., the lights went out at City Hall and across the city, leaving the city council in the dark — their faces lit only by

the light from their laptop computer screens.

After a few moments, the building’s generators kicked in and the meeting proceeded, but it soon became clear the outage covered a large part of the city.

Greg Kuhn, general manager of Oconto Falls Municipal Utilities, continued to participate in the council meeting but left the room several times to get updates from his staff.

Officials said a WE Energies transformer had blown near HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital. It took crews about an hour to restore power.

Magnin returned from the accident scene around 7:30 p.m.

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Gillett church inviting women to Christmas tea

Women of all ages are invited to an annual Christmas Tea, Dec. 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the gymnasium at Hillside Assembly of God, 5890

State Highway 22, Gillett. This year the church’s Mpcat girls clubs will be hosting and leading folks in Christmas carols and

also doing a skit. Guests are encourage to bring in their favorite Christmas finger food or dessert. The church will be providing sand-

wiches and veggies.

Reservations are required. For information, call the church office at 920-855-2962.

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county leaders and so forth,” Cabrera said.

Josh Adams, a battery storage and fire safety expert with NextEra, also gave a presentation on large batteries that would store electricity generated by the solar farm for distribution during the hours when the sun is not shining.

Most of the two-hour meeting was devoted to a question-answer session moderated by Alan Anderson, an attorney and University of Kansas law professor who is a shareholder and vice chair of the Polsinelli law firm’s national energy practice group.

A six-member panel — which included Cabrera, Adams, project managers and engineers and Renew Wisconsin policy director Andrew Kell — fielded written questions from the audience in a format that, at times, led to frustration. At least two audience members were escorted from the auditorium after objecting that their questions had not been an-

swered fully or directly.

The questions generally addressed safety concerns, the impact of the solar array on wildlife habitat and water quality and what would become of the property if the project is decommissioned or fails.

A question about how the project will affect land and home values drew the loudest reaction when Cabrera said, “There is no evidence that solar projects impact the values of homes.” Several audience members groaned and said, “Oh, come on.”

The application process includes a requirement to conduct an economic impact study that would include property values, Cabrera said.

Panel member Chris Olson of NextEra said he appreciated the audience concerns but added that everyone needs electricity.

“The reality is all of these facilities have to be sited somewhere,” Olson said. “I recognize that some of you don’t think it’s fair that it may be near you, but the reality is we



Audience members begin to take their seats Nov. 14 for an informational meeting on the Fox Solar energy project in the Falls Area Performing Arts Center at Oconto Falls High School.

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all end up having to use the power, and we do have to site them in area like this, and we’re going to site it safely. We’re going to site it properly.”

As the session ended, Cabrera said the company plans to provide an update to the town before it submits its application to the PSC next year.

“I don’t want anyone to feel that it’s one and done,” he said. “We’re committed to different channels of communication, constantly having that and finding ways to provide an update to you in different ways. If you didn’t get your question answered today, you can reach out to us indepen-

dently with your town leadership. Get the question over to us, and we’ll get an answer for you.”

Oconto County Board Supervisor Jolene Barkhaus, who helped to screen the written questions for the panel, took the stage after the session ended and said the written question format frustrated

many in the audience.

She referred to the April 2023 referendum in which 67% of town voters said they opposed industrial solar in Morgan and 75% said the town board should support health, safety and environment requirements pertaining to industrial solar.

“I know people will leave frustrated because it wasn’t a two-way conversation. There were a lot of good, tough questions that they didn’t get to,” Barkhaus said. “There’s so many emotions here, if we could have raised our hand, ask the question, we would have had a seven-hour meeting. I think this was the best way they could design this (meeting), but I also think it lacks a lot.”

That said, Barkhaus encouraged town residents to engage with Cabrera and other NextEra officials because she said they do answer people’s questions.

“Please contact Danilo; he’ll answer,” she said.

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US House seat may be out of reach for Dems

Wied won district by nearly 15 points in a race expected to be competitive

BY PETER CAMERON
The Badger Project

The dominoes seemed in place for, if not a Democratic win, at least a close race.

The 8th Congressional District was open after the popular incumbent retired. The Republican candidate was a political novice who struggled to fundraise. The Democrat was riding a powerful issue that many thought would lift her party to victory.

The end result was the same as it has been for years — the Republican won in a near landslide.

Tony Wied, the Donald Trump-endorsed, former owner of a Green Bay-area

chain of dinosaur-themed gas stations, easily defeated De Pere physician Kristin Lyerly by nearly 15 points.

Wied, also of De Pere, got 240,214 votes, or 57.4% of the total, to Lyerly's 178,621 votes, or 42.6% of the total.

"That is certainly not a good sign if you are the Democratic Party and thinking about trying to win that district in the future," Aaron Weinschenk, a political science professor at UW-Green Bay, wrote in an email. "Most political scientists would characterize (anything around) a 15-percentage-point margin as a landslide victory."

Like many political watchers of the district, Weinschenk said while he thought the Republican would win the right-leaning district, he believed the race would be closer. He guessed maybe 5-10 points.

The district has been mostly Republican-dominated for decades, and several reasonable Democratic challengers have lost there over the years, Ed Miller, a political science professor emeritus at UW-Stevens Point, wrote in an email.

Lyerly also did not have much political experience and had hoped that the abortion issue would be more effective for her than it was, Miller said.

"Apparently it paralyzed the national vote," Miller said. "(Vice President Kamala) Harris didn't get as much mileage out of the abortion issue that some had expected."

Wied was somewhat politically fortunate. He won the Republican primary with about 42% of the vote after two experienced state legislators split the remaining vote against him. One of those politicians, former state Sen. Roger Roth, was directly targeted by Donald Trump, who apparently believed Roth to be insufficiently loyal, publicly calling him a "RINO," a common insult hurled within the GOP that stands for "Republican In

Name Only."

Wied also struggled to fundraise, bringing in only about \$1 million by mid-October, not including a contribution of \$500,000 he gave to his own campaign. Lyerly raised \$2.4 million in the same time frame.

The former holder of the seat, Mike Gallagher, regularly won reelection with huge margins. The last time Democrats challenged the seat was 2020, when Gallagher won with more than 64% of the vote.

By that measure, Democrats did much better this time, but knocking out a veteran in future elections could be even harder, Weinschenk noted.

"Once a candidate is elected to Congress, they start to build the incumbency advantage and it is usually hard to beat an incumbent," he said. "In the House, I think the incumbent reelection rate is hovering in the 98% range these days. The size of the incumbency advantage has decreased over time, but it certainly still exists and is hard to overcome. It certainly seems like a district that will be hard for the Democratic party to win anytime soon."

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ing the public to the new building are still to come.

"We had people in the parking lot on Election Day pointing the way for voters to find the new polling place," Hartman said.

Construction of the \$2.25 million building was a joint project of the town and Oconto County, which provided about \$550,000 in federal funds to establish northern offices for the sheriff, veterans services, health and human services, and the land and water conservation departments.

Riverview Town Chairman Jim Zittlow praised Bayland Buildings for its work on the project.

"They're a great company to work with," he said.

The sheriff's department plans to have an investigator based at the northern office four days a week. Veterans Services Officer Ron Christensen said he plans to be in Riverview every Tuesday. Bill Lester, an assistant zoning administrator who has been working in Lakewood for many years, is moving his office to Riverview and plans to be available daily.

The Health and Human Services Department also plans to operate some of its services out of the new facility, Zittlow said. He credited former Town Chairwoman Ann Hogan for advocating to establish satellite offices to serve residents in the northern communities of Oconto County.

"We're going to have a good presence for northern Oconto County up here, thanks to Ann working on it for so many years to get it done," he said.

Hogan said the Riverview Town Board promised the fire department 16 years ago that one day, hopefully in five years, it could take over the town community center that had been built after the devastating June 2007 tornado.

"The fire department was on my case every single year," Hogan said. "It's 16



Riverview Town Chairman Jim Zittlow welcomes visitors to the Nov. 16 open house at the newly opened community center that will house town offices and serve as a northern satellite for Oconto County. Looking on, from left, are County Board Chairman Al Sleeter, Sheriff Todd Skarban and County Administrator Richard Heath.

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Visitors get a look at the Oconto County Sheriff's Department offices at the new Riverview Community Center during the Nov. 16 open house.

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Dozens of local residents take advantage of the opportunity to tour the new Riverview Community Center during an open house Nov. 16.

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years later, but they're finally in the building, so I think we're all friends again."

She thanked the current town board, town officials, the committee that worked on the project, the county board and county officials, starting with Sheriff Todd Skarban.

"He wanted to bring community services to our northern population," Hogan said. "Thank God for Todd, I have to say it. He gets a lot of credit."

She told the story of a meeting at the Mountain Ambulance building about

20 years ago when Skarban, then just a deputy, came into the building full of energy.

"What he said is: 'Some day I'm going to be your sheriff.' I looked at him and said, 'Hmm, he's a young buck. I don't know about that,'" Hogan said. "Then I thought more about it, and I thought to have a man stand up and announce his goals way ahead of time, when you don't have the darnedest idea what it is will happen, was fantastic. That's the way you achieve things."

Lastly, Hogan thanked the taxpayers of the town and county.

"You made my dream come true; it never would have happened without you," she said.

Skarban credited the seven northern Oconto County towns that have been working together to tackle local issues since the 1990s, especially the Town of Riverview under Hogan's leadership.

"The people of Riverview really impacted the seven northern towns in such a significant way to be

able to build those bridges and to unify," Skarban said. "That was a big deal. There are 72 counties in Wisconsin, and I don't know if there is another organization like that with seven towns together unified, working together for the common good of the area."

The sheriff said he hopes to be in the northern office on Fridays, and his investigative lieutenant will also work at least one day a week there, sharing an office with two other administrators.

"You're going to see us

here a lot more, a lot more of a presence up north than you have in the past," Skarban said.

Building the town center in partnership with the county cemented relationships among local municipalities, he said.

"This is a legacy — this is a 50-, 60-, 70-year thing that's happening right now," Skarban said. "It's a big deal. We're going to be up here forever, at least in my lifetime."

County Board Chairman Al Sleeter and County Administrator Richard Heath also spoke, both of them also crediting Erik Pritzl, Heath's predecessor, for laying the groundwork for the project.

"I used to work up here for Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission on a number of different projects, and one of the things I would here about Oconto County is that it's always City of Oconto-centric. People would say: 'You have to go to the courthouse; you have to go down south,' and it's a journey," Heath said. "To be able to have this northern office to decentralize some of our services, I think it's going to be a great asset."

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OBITUARIES

Barbara L. VanHulle

Barbara L. VanHulle, 90, Oconto, passed away peacefully Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2024, with family by her side.

Barb was born Aug. 27, 1934, in Oconto to the late Edmund and Celia (Belongia) Bourassa. She married Jerald VanHulle on Nov. 28, 1953, and they were married for 70 years before Jerry preceded Barb in death on Oct. 22, 2023.

Barb and Jerry farmed the VanHulle Homestead for 30 years, and she kept many beautiful flower beds all around the farm as well as a big garden. She loved mowing the grass and taking care of the yard. Every Christmas, she made hundreds of Christmas cookies to give to family and friends. Barb loved her grandchildren and made sure each one had a special birthday. She was always the life of the party and loved taking pictures.

In retirement, she enjoyed traveling with Jerry and attending country music shows. She even got to kiss Johnny Cash on stage one time. Barb was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Oconto. She will be greatly missed by many.

Barb is survived by three daughters, Diane (Richard) Riewe, Sharon (John) Nordquist, Kathy (Tom) Klarner; three sons, Robert (Kathy) VanHulle, Kevin (Angie)



VanHulle, Randy (Kelly) VanHulle; one brother, Byron Bourassa; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Claudia Bourassa, Viola Bourassa, Evelyn Pansier, Marietta (Jim) Allen, Frank (Janice) VanHulle, Howard (Donna) VanHulle; 16 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

Along with her parents, Barb was preceded in death by her husband, Jerald; sisters, Bette, Jean and Marilyn; and brothers, Clifford, Francis, Robert, William and Thomas.

The family will receive relatives and friends at the Gallagher Funeral Home, Oconto, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 18, 2024. Funeral services will be conducted 2 p.m. at the funeral home with Deacon Dave Westenberg officiating. Burial will be at Oconto Catholic Cemetery.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.gallagherfuneralhome.net.

Board accepts Hess retirement request

By WARREN BLUHM
News Editor

With a bit of emotion and a show of gratitude, the Oconto Falls School Board on Nov. 11 “regretfully but respectfully” approved Superintendent Dean Hess’ retirement request, effective at the end of the school year.

When the matter came up on the agenda, Hess seemed to pause to collect himself before saying, “I’m asking the board to consider taking action on the retirement of the superintendent after 10 years of service.”

After accepting a motion and second, board President Clint Gardebrecht read a statement “to acknowledge the

progress we’ve made as a district under his leadership” since Hess was hired in 2015. As an example, he pointed to the growth of the district’s fund balance, its financial reserves or savings account. “Dean took over a district operating with a fund balance of only around \$500,000, which was less than 3% of our annual budget,” Gardebrecht said. “By contrast, our fund balance today is approximately \$3.7 million or 12% of our annual budget.”

Hess also beefed up the district’s capital improvement account and bolstered the post-employee benefits. He guided the district in successful referendum questions that gave Oconto Falls voter approv-

al to exceed state-imposed levy limits and to build the new middle school scheduled to open in September 2025, Gardebrecht said.

He credited Hess with spearheading the school district’s first strategic community-based planning session, known as Destination Education, in 2017, improving the compensation model for district employees, and implementing an annual employee satisfaction survey to help find ways to improve the school culture.

“In the face of adversity, it takes real leaders to make tough decisions,” Gardebrecht said. “I rarely encountered a leader so willing to tackle the hard tasks.”

He noted Hess’ in-

volvement in the greater community, where he is active in the Oconto Falls Lions Club and chamber of commerce, as well as the successful effort to build the Oconto Falls Area Veterans Monument next to the school district offices on North Farm Road.

“Dean, thank you for your service to the Oconto Falls School District. I wish you and your wife, Lucy, the best in retirement,” Gardebrecht said.

Board member Chad Earley also thanked Hess for his service and for giving the board plenty of time to search for a new superintendent. Hess’ last day with the district is expected to be June 30, 2025.

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Design firm hired for baseball fields

By WARREN BLUHM
News Editor

The Oconto Falls School Board on Nov. 11 approved spending up to \$20,000 to get the planning process off the ground for new baseball fields on the campus of the new Oconto Falls Middle School.

The board voted unanimously to contract with the civil engineering firm Point of Beginning Inc. to design the baseball facility.

In October, the organization Trent Maloney Memorial Inc. asked the board to support building high school varsity and junior varsity baseball fields on the new middle school campus, which is located across County Road I from Oconto Falls High School, in a community campaign to raise private and public funds.

Board members were generally in support of the idea but wanted more

information, including a professional design to help determine the project’s feasibility.

“We don’t know if the project can happen at this point, so this is us paying for the design work up front,” Superintendent Dean Hess said in presenting the proposal from Point of Beginning.

The \$20,000 figure for design work is about one-third of the cost estimate presented in October.

Hess said most firms are reluctant to create a design unless there’s some assurance they will also be hired to build the project, but the district is not yet certain the project can move forward.

“So unfortunately we’re only able to have one bid, so to speak, for this design work, but I think the cost is in our favor,” he said.

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A crowd of about 200 people witnessed the introduction of a dozen more yearling buffalo into the Medicine Fish sanctuary, bringing the herd to 29 animals.
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Buffalo herd continues to grow in Middle Village

Medicine Fish, Nature Conservancy partner to restore cultural, ecological relationships

By **WARREN BLUHM**
News Editor

About 200 people came from as far away as California, Atlanta and New York, and as near as Keshena and Gresham, to welcome a dozen young bison to a herd that lives near the Menominee Nation community of Middle Village. Spectators stood along a fence and cheered Nov. 9 as the young animals sprang from a trailer and raced into the prairie sanctuary maintained by Medicine Fish along County Road G.

The yearling bison, who were born in the Nachusa Grasslands in Illinois, a Nature Conservancy preserve, joined 17 others that have called the local preserve home since November 2022.

The effort is an initiative of Medicine Fish, an Indigenous-led nonprofit organization that works with local youth, to restore the Menominee's relationship with the buffalo that once roamed the area by the millions.

"The buffalo being introduced has built a movement across the nations," said Bryant Waupoose, executive director of Medicine Fish. "It's about restoring and cultivating relationships that remove cultural barriers with tribal and non-tribal members to work together taking care of Mother Earth."

The Nature Conservancy has been working with tribal nations to restore the relationship with the buffalo, which Waupoose described as "a cultural keystone species and an ecological keystone species" for the Menominee and other nations.

"We are always working to restore relationships and connections to bring healing to our culture and the land," he said. "That's what brought these people



Donavan Waupoose, director of buffalo restoration for Medicine Fish, stands on the Nature Conservancy trailer that delivered 12 yearling bison to the organization's preserve outside Gresham to explain how the animals are to be released Nov. 9.
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from all over to witness this."

Ten buffalo were brought to Menominee Tribal land and released Nov. 12, 2022, through the efforts of Medicine Fish, Menominee Nation, Nature Conservancy and the Inter-Tribal Buffalo Council. In 2023, an additional five yearlings were brought and celebrated as well. Earlier this year, two calves were born, bringing the herd to 17.

During the ceremony that took place before the 12 new buffalo were introduced, tribal elder and preservationist Dave Grignon said a Menominee prayer for "our buffalo relatives," asking the Creator to look to their well-being on this

new land and welcoming them to their new home.

He explained that historically, there was a connection between the Menominee and the buffalo, which in their language are called pesaehkiw or "prairie animal."

Grignon praised Waupoose and his brother, Donovan Waupoose, director of buffalo restoration for Medicine Fish, for their work in restoring the buffalo to their historic home.

"We're so happy that these young guys, Bryant and Donovan, and the group Medi-

Down With Mylestones helps kids with needs

Family starts foundation after giving birth to child with Down syndrome

By **KAY REMINGER**
Correspondent

Lisa and Robbie Hill are the parents of three boys — the youngest of whom, Myles, happens to have a form of Down syndrome.

Myles has Trisomy 21, which is caused when there is an extra copy of chromosome 21. According to Lisa Hill, it is a very individualized condition.

"Every child with Down syndrome is different," Hill said. "There's no two alike. It doesn't mean they're going to be doing the same things or have the same health concerns. You don't know until you know. The journey can feel impossible to some; it did for me. But the second he was born and we locked eyes, I knew he would lead me through this."

When Myles was just eight months old, Lisa Hill took her boys to a park to play, and her older boys wanted to put their little brother in a swing. Myles was just sitting up on his own and just started to have head control, Hill recalled, so he was unable to use the swing, as this equipment had no support for his head and neck. If Myles were to sit in a typical swing, he could hurt his neck; he wouldn't be able to sit upright and his little body needed extra support.

The boys had asked, "Is there any park he could play in?" and Hill had to say no. This was the first time her boys saw Down syndrome as a bad thing. They felt it wasn't fair and didn't understand why God would do this to their brother. Barely holding back tears of frustration, Hill gathered her boys and headed home.

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Lisa Neely Hill and her 3-year-old son, Myles, sit at home as she talks about Down With Mylestones, a nonprofit working to raise funds to help children of all abilities, especially at public parks. The effort sprang up after the mother had to explain to her two older sons why Myles couldn't use regular playground equipment.
KAY REMINGER

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Thanksgiving important time to cherish family

Thanksgiving has always been my favorite holiday because it's about appreciating, not accumulating. The fourth Thursday of November is the perfect combination of joyful human activities — family, feasting and taking time to count our blessings. I like that there's a holiday to express that without sounding churchy. It also doesn't hurt that I enjoy the special foods connected with it.

Thanksgiving was a big deal when I was growing up on Hilrose Dairy Farm. With at least 16-20 people to feed, Mom had to roast a huge turkey. Funny, it seemed about the same year after year, but Dad always said it was her best one ever. No one disagreed; you wouldn't be so bold as to argue with my father over something that serious. Mom's stuffing and gravy — if I live to be 100, I'll never be able to duplicate that.

After I started my own family, I continued to carry on familiar traditions such as going around the table with each participant sharing what they were thankful for. I remember so many of those moments. One of my favorite



Kathleen Marsh, front row, center, poses with all of her siblings and spouses in a 2021 family photo. Marsh recently lost her sister, Carol Roche, front row, second from left, due to cancer in October.

CONTRIBUTED



ites happened when my son was 8. He said he was thankful that his father "didn't tell Mom I drove the Jeep down the lane and hit a tree, not hard, just kinda bumped it," or when my tweener daughter said she was grateful her mom was an English teacher because "reading books is the most fun you can have in this house."

As the years passed, I hosted Thanksgivings for our blended family.

That tradition continued when Jon and I retired in Townsend, but then we started celebrating at my sister Carol's in Mequon after her husband, Dave, was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. Our sister, Sharon, her husband, their daughters and special friends joined us. My daughter and granddaughter usually came, too. It was always a day filled with laughter and love.

Carol, a home economics major in college, worked overtime to make every detail perfect. Their condo was decorated as if it was being featured in House Beautiful Magazine. Seriously, it was like we were on the set

of a Hallmark holiday movie. Her turkey melted in your mouth, and her stuffing was incredible. Each of us brought a side dish; my contribution was always homemade dinner rolls and cranberries. Instead of pumpkin pie, Sharon brought pumpkin cheesecake. Now I do not often do dessert. But that cheesecake? It was divine.

COVID interrupted our visits, and Dave's illness progressed so Carol was unable to host the past few years. In September, we discussed resuming the tradition, albeit on a scaled-back version. Then, out of the blue, she called on Oct. 2 to tell me she had been diagnosed with

cancer. The oncologist told her it was incurable but treatable. She sounded upbeat, ready to fight, determined to resume caregiving for Dave.

Of my four sisters, I have always been closest to Carol. She was born 10 years after me, so she was my "living doll" for real. I fussed over her until Sharon came along to dislodge her from her lofty place. I spent time reading aloud school assignments to her, teaching her cursive, practicing my oratory for the annual 4-H Speaking Contest, showing off the latest dance steps featured on Dick Clark's "American Bandstand."

Imagine my shock Oct. 11 when I got the news that Carol had been hospitalized. The next day, I made the three-hour drive to Mequon. She was sedated, but she smiled and nodded and squeezed my hand when I showed her mementos I had brought that meant something special to both of us.

I tried to ease the pain and fear in her eyes by reading her a favorite bedtime story, but I couldn't stop choking up. So I just told her how much I loved her and what a great sister

she was. The next day I held her hand as she drew her last breath, her hospice room full of family to comfort her and each other. I was heartbroken, bewildered and, yes, angry. How could this be happening? I couldn't get my head around it.

Fortunately, I had booked the next few days for a grandma-duty visit with my granddaughter. An 11-year-old is truly a balm for a broken heart. When I got home, I wrote Carol's obituary, the most difficult series of sentences I've ever put on paper. I wanted it to be perfect, like her Thanksgiving décor and dinner. It ends with her favorite Irish blessing: "Death invites a heartache no one can heal; love leaves a memory no one can steal."

So, this Thanksgiving, hug those you hold dear; tell them how much you love them. Don't squander the time you have together on petty disagreements. Make a memory no one can take away. Happy Thanksgiving.

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

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That night, Hill approached her husband with a mandate, "We are going to build a playground." The sadness and disappointment of the afternoon at a park that could not accommodate her special needs child was the impetus needed to begin a project that would take the Hills on the intricate journey to secure the right of every little boy or girl: to play on a playground, no matter their ability.

"Down with Mylestones is a nonprofit my husband and I established," Hill said. "Our heart's desire is to help educate others about Trisomy 21 and other disabilities as well as bring resources and opportunities into our community. A lot of Myles' care is located in Appleton or Green Bay, such as occupational, speech and physical therapies, so we need to travel anytime he needs therapy."



Myles Hill, 3, smiles recently as he holds on to the couch for support in the family home. Because he has Down syndrome, he's not able to play in public parks the same way as other children, but his parents are working to develop a park in Clintonville that would include playground equipment for children of all abilities.

KAY REMINGER

Approaching Clintonville's city administrator and mayor, the Hills explained the idea of a

playground, and to their great delight, the officials were more than happy to help make this happen. The area they felt best to accommodate the playground was to add onto Olen Park in Clintonville, which isn't as busy. They wanted to make it convenient for the surrounding areas, including but not limited to New London, Marion and Shawano.

The Hills touched base with physical therapists who work with Myles and other children with special needs, getting ideas on what equipment would be safe but universal, such as a five-point harness swing for more stabilization and a Jenn swing with a headrest. The merry-go-round would have three sections with one wide enough for a wheelchair, one section for someone to sit and a third section to stand, so it can accommodate any child and any level of ability.

The ideal is to have a big playset in which all wheelchairs can fit through the whole playset, according to Hill. An innovative wheelchair swing was discussed, one that can go back-and-forth and side-to-side to give the rider the motion of swinging. There would be a bay of swings that offer more support than a typical swing. Also incorporated would be a climber in a ninja-warrior-type style. Poured-in-place rubber would be used for the foundation. Unlike mulch and/or pea gravel, using this as the foundation is easier for wheelchairs and strollers.

"We want to stress how important it was to have something for all kids, not only for kids with disabilities," Hill said. "This park is to be inclusive. This equipment doesn't mean that typical kids can't go on it; it means that kids with special needs can."

AT A GLANCE

WHAT: Breakfast and Photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus, a benefit for Down With Mylestones
WHEN: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 30
WHERE: Blue 52, W12850 County Road M, Caroline
ADMISSION: \$20 adults, \$5 children. Price includes breakfast, professional photo and kids' craft.

Hill noted there are challenges to having a Down syndrome child, as Myles is 3 but unable to talk or do other things. He has to do much more work than a typical child does, she said, which often generates questions from his brothers on "why."

"The benefits outweigh the challenges," Hill said. "He's given us a whole new way to look at the world. He's been working for six months on how to jump, and he doesn't give up. Myles takes perseverance to a whole new level. Something as simple as a leaf falling on his face

makes him smile. He has such an appreciation for the smallest things."

The nonprofit was officially established a year ago in April with a board of directors in place.

"The nonprofit is founded on faith; that is our foundation," Hill said. "Second to that is if a community needs a park, it should be a park for all abilities, all kids. The gift of play needs to be available for all. Kids are wired to play; it's not just a fun time. It's all parts put together — cognitive, mental, physical and emotional — it's all those pieces together and helps build the character of the child."

The website www.downwithmylestones.com and its Facebook page show where the Hills' journey is documented and events are shared. Anyone wanting to donate can click the "Donate Now" button on the website.

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cine Fish are bringing these back home to us, and I want to say these words today to thank the Creator for bringing the buffalo home to us," Grignon said.

After the prayer, a group of about a dozen young men sang a song in honor of the buffalo and thanked the Creator for protecting them on their journey. Then, the trailer gates were opened and the huge animals galloped

onto the prairie toward their new family.

Elizabeth Bach, a research assistant for Nature Conservancy, said the Nachusa Grasslands preserve covers 4,000 acres in north central Illinois.

"The buffalo have access to 1,500 of those acres. They were reintroduced to Nachusa Grasslands in 2014, so they've been on our land now for about 10 years," Bach said.

The bison have become an integral part of the ecosystem, she said.

"They're shaping the native plant and animal community in our neighborhood," Bach said. "We have to keep the herd at a certain size so that that grazing is in balance with the other parts of the ecosystem. After several years, it got to the point where we needed to transfer some of these young ones."

That was the beginning of the collaboration with Medicine Fish and the Menominee Buffalo Initiative, Bach said.

"For the past three years, we've been able to take some of these yearlings who've been born at the Nachusa Grasslands Preserve and bring them to this amazing landscape up here and share," she said.

Medicine Fish plans to replicate the work done

at Nachusa Grasslands as prairie restoration contributes to carbon sequestration, something the Menominee Nation has done since time immemorial and is exemplified through their world renowned forestry practices, Bryant Waupoose said.

"In addition to the ecological and environmental impact, Medicine Fish's vision is holistic wellness for the community," he

said. "Buffalo rematriation provides incredible opportunities to bring people together to restore native plants through seed collection, community harvest, and events that inspire purpose and represent healing."

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

WITTENBERG: "The Most Wonderful Crime of the Year," 6 p.m., Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg, N7198 U.S. Highway 45. Dinner theater performed by the Murder Mystery Company. Tickets: \$95 available in the gift shop.

SATURDAY, NOV. 23

KESHENA: Holiday Bazaar, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. Michael's Church, N816 State High-

way 47-55. Christmas Shop, cookies by the pound, basket raffle and food. Thrift and Gift open.

SHAWANO: Shawano School District Pow Wow, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Shawano County High School gymnasium, 220 County Road B. Grand entry at noon.

WITTENBERG: "The Most Wonderful Crime of the Year," 6 p.m., Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg, N7198 U.S. Highway 45. Dinner theater performed by the Murder Mystery Company. Tickets: \$95 available in the gift shop.

MONDAY, NOV. 25

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, NOV. 26

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

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 27

GILLET: 34th annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner, 3:30-6:30 p.m., Hillside Assembly of God, 5890 State Highway 22. Servings at 3:30-4:15 p.m., 4:15-5 p.m. or 5-5:45 p.m. Reservations call

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

THURSDAY, NOV. 28

SHAWANO: Total Fitness Turkey Trot 2024 5K run, 9 a.m., Total Fitness, 116 N. Main St. \$25 Adults and \$20 for Kids 10 and under. Register at front desk, 715-526-2899 or www.shawanototal-fitness.net. Proceeds benefit the Shawano Menominee Resiliency Coalition.

SHAWANO: Thanksgiving

Dinner, noon to 1:30 p.m., Zion Lutheran Church, 1254 S. Union St. Reservations appreciated by Nov. 18 at 715-526-2017. Free will donations, \$8 per plate suggested. Children under 5 free. No carry-outs.

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

FRIDAY, NOV. 29

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

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

SATURDAY, NOV. 30

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

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

SHAWANO: Holiday Stroll and Tree Lighting, 3-5 p.m., Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St. Features 100 decorated Christmas trees, Santa and his reindeer, horse and wagon rides, Christmas caroling, kids activities. Community Tree lighting at 5 p.m.

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

SUNDAY, DEC. 1

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DNR proposes pre-2014 deer management units

Deer management boundaries may return to a pre-2014 habitat-based system rather than the current county boundaries in an effort to improve hunting and management. Although this system is only being considered in the Northern Forest Zone tier of counties, it seems likely it will be used in the rest of the state if the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' Natural Resources Board approves the proposal in February, according to DNR deer program specialist Jeff Pritzl.

The DNR hosted a series of informational meetings this month in Woodruff, Cable, Adams and virtually to explain the plan and the timeline for its implementation. Pritzl noted that the proposed system likely would have fewer management units than the somewhat "micromanaged" units used prior to 2014 in a form of hybrid management used in other states.

The state switched to management of deer by counties in 2014 in response to hunters, forestry interests, tourism leaders, wildlife lovers and other stakeholders, as well as suggestions offered by nationally noted biologist James Kroll, better known as "Dr. Deer." County Deer Advisory Councils (CDACs) made up of various stakeholders have since guided the number and distribution of antlerless hunting permits in an effort to manage the deer population. The CDACs are led by representatives of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress.

The largest problem revealed with a decade of county management units is that there are different kinds of habitat and distribution of deer within each county, Pritzl explained. Northern hunters have faced the most



A deer approaches the tribal office for the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians in the Town of Bartelme on Oct. 21. Deer make their homes in areas of mixed woods and croplands or recently harvested timber with fresh plant growth. In thicker woods, deer are common around dwellings and towns.

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Columnist

difficulties with this system, because some areas of vast forests may have few deer, but permits may be issued based on the overall county population, which could have sections where deer are plentiful.

"Deer are creatures of the edge of habitat," Pritzl said.

Deer thrive in areas of mixed woods and croplands or recently harvested timber with fresh plant growth. In thicker woods, deer gravitate toward dwellings and towns, often where hunters can't access them.

Counties like Ashland and Iron, the only two counties in the 2024 gun season to allow only buck hunting, routinely see the fewest buck harvests in the state, he noted. Northern Forest Zone hunters

have faced the problems of a "one-size-fits-all" county management system and expressed their concerns at the County Deer Advisory Council meetings as well as special hearings called by state legislators, Pritzl noted.

The DNR routinely reviews the management units every three years. Although the county management units offer little flexibility, a few counties, such as Oconto County, are split into the Northern Forest and Central Farmland zones because of their habitat diversity and varied deer distribution.

The proposed 26 DMUs in 19 counties use the same boundaries as they were prior to 2014. Pritzl said the DNR consulted with biologists and looked at changes in the habitat landscape, and all agreed that the earlier boundaries were still appropriate.

Another advantage of using the old boundaries is that comparisons of

harvests, bear and wolf predation, winter kill and severity indexes can be made more easily.

Boundaries could change, based on public comments during a formal virtual hearing in January and consulting with members of the ceded territory of the Ojibwe (Chippewa) tribes, he noted.

The proposal will officially go to the Natural



This map shows the proposed numbered deer management units (DMUs) in the Northern Forest Zone that the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources plans to present to the Natural Resources Board in February. If approved, this would mark a return to habitat-based management units, used prior to 2014, rather than county-based units. The goal is to offer more flexibility in antlerless tag numbers within county boundaries, as requested by many hunters.

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Resources Board at its Feb. 25-26 meeting. In order for the new system to be implemented in next year's hunting season, the plan would need to be approved in the spring of 2025 so the process of CDAC review could be done, he said.

If the new habitat-based management unit system is approved, it probably would be ap-

plied to other portions of the state but possibly in a hybrid format that could combine county and habitat-based zones.

Issues with public versus private antlerless harvest authorizations (permits) also could be addressed in later years.

Ross Bielema is a freelance writer from New London and owner of Wolf River Concealed Carry LLC. Contact him at Ross@wolfriverccw.com.

Pow wow coming to Shawano Community High School

The Shawano School District, in conjunction with its Title VI program, is having its first-ever pow wow Nov. 23 at the Shawano Community High School gymnasium, 220 County Road B.

Doors open at 11 a.m., with grand entry at noon and finishing at 3 p.m. The free event is open to everyone.

The pow wow is an opportunity to connect and experience a pow wow in an experiential way that creates dialogue and bonds for everyone in the Sha-

wano community.

During the pow wow, the district will be working with Life Church of Shawano to collect non-perishable food items for local district families for Thanksgiving.

Several high school clubs will be selling food to support their programs. The culture club will be selling Indian Tacos. The baking club will be selling baked goods. Student council will be selling candy, soda and water. Title VI will be selling fry bread, chili, Menominee

hull corn soup, wild rice casserole, and wild rice and berries.

Prizes donated by local businesses will be given during the pow wow's spot, potato, feather, swan and fish dances.

Honor songs will be performed for the high school's state volleyball, soccer and cross-country programs.

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Lena/StAA falls 50-36 in state title game

Owen-Withee (12-0) completed an undefeated season by capturing the state 8-player football championship with a 50-36 victory over Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas (10-2) at South Wood County Stadium in Wisconsin Rapids on Nov. 16.

The Blackhawks scored touchdowns on their first four drives of the game. Gaining possession of the ball with only five seconds remaining in the first half may have kept them from scoring on every possession until their final drive of the game.

Statistically, the game was remarkably even. Owen-Withee gained 417 yards of total offense to Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas' 412 yards. The Titans actually had more than a four-minute advantage in possession time in the game.

After forcing a Titans' punt on their first possession to begin the game, Owen-Withee marched 86 yards on 10 plays to go ahead 8-0 after the successful two-point attempt. Mason Gay, who set the 8-player state record with six touchdowns in the game, capped the drive with a 3-yard run.

The Titans tied the score at 8-8 on the ensuing kickoff on a 95-yard return by Lucas Heimke and the successful two-point try. Just eight seconds later, the Blackhawks regained the lead at 16-8 with a 46-yard run by Gay on the first play from scrimmage following a failed onside kick. Lena/St. Thomas

Aquinas scored on its next possession, going 80 yards in 12 plays to tie the game at 16-16 with a 27-yard pass from Calvin Peters to Ty Shallow at the 9:11 mark of the second quarter.

The Blackhawks would add two more Gay scoring runs of 5 and 34 yards to open a 30-16 halftime advantage. They took control of the game with a five-play, 55-yard drive on the first possession of the second half when Gay raced 37 yards to give Owen-Withee a 36-16 lead.

Peters plunged into the end zone on a 1-yard run to cap an 11-play, 64-yard drive to cut the Titans' deficit to 36-22 with 4:52 remaining in the third quarter. The Blackhawks responded with a touchdown on its next drive on a 44-yard pass from Dominic Sherwood to Tim Stock, who was alone behind the Titans' secondary to double-up the score at 44-22.

Shallow scored a rushing touchdown from a yard out to bring the Titans' back to within two scores at 44-30 with 9:58 to play in the fourth quarter. However, the Blackhawks answered with its final score of the game on an 11-yard Gay scamper, capping an eight-play, 54-yard drive with 5:47 remaining in the game. The Titans scored on the game's final play with a 12-yard pass from Peters to Shallow as time expired to account for the final score.

Gay accounted for most of the Blackhawks' offense, rushing for 321



Members of the Titans hold up their second-place trophy at the end of the state title game Nov. 16 in Wisconsin Rapids. Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas lost 50-36 to Owen-Withee in the WIAA 8-player championship game. ROSS PATTERMANN

yards and six scores. His rushing yardage total ranks second-most in championship game history. Sully Poehler ran for 35 yards on nine carries. Sherwood completed his one pass attempt for 44 yards and a touchdown. The Owen-Withee defense was led by

Colin Fritz with 17 tackles, including 10 solos and a sack, and Sherwood contributed with 12 tackles.

Peters rushed 30 times for 178 yards and a score to lead the Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas offense. He also completed 10-of-16 passes for 122 yards and a pair of

scores.

Max Peterson and Shallow each carried the ball eight times for 42 and 37 yards, respectively.

Shallow caught five passes for 74 yards and two touchdowns, and Max Peterson made four receptions for 51 yards. Peterson

led the Titans' defense with 11 tackles.

Owen-Withee wins its first 8-player football title in the Blackhawks' first appearance in the championship game, and Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas finishes runner-up in its first experience in the state final.



Tyler Shallow is in the end zone following a touchdown in the state title game Nov. 16. Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy lost 50-36 to Owen-Withee. ROSS PATTERMANN



After Owen-Withee took an 8-0 lead in the first quarter, Lucas Heimke returned the kickoff 95 yards. A successful two-point conversion tied the score at 8-8. ROSS PATTERMANN



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W-B swimmers place fifth at state

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood girls swim team placed fifth out of 34 teams at the Division 2 state swim meet Nov. 15 in Waukesha. Swimmers also broke five school records.

Whitefish Bay won the title with 360 points, followed by Edgewood with 270, Rhinelander with 251, Kohler co-op with 148 and Wittenberg-Birnamwood with 122. The Chargers edged out Shorewood, which placed sixth with 121 pants.

The foursome of Kelsie Davis, Reese Dickman, Brooklyn Beran and Faith Resch placed fourth in the 200-yard medley relay in 1:50.76, just four seconds behind the winning Whitefish Bay team.

The team also placed fourth in the 200-yard freestyle relay in 1:39.99, fewer than three seconds off the Whitefish Bay winning time.

In the 50-yard freestyle, Resch finished sixth in 24.64, with Dickman behind her in seventh place with a time of 24.8.

Davis finished seventh in the 100-yard butterfly in 59.32.

Resch placed eighth in the 100-yard freestyle in 54.31.

Dickman was eighth in the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:08.57.

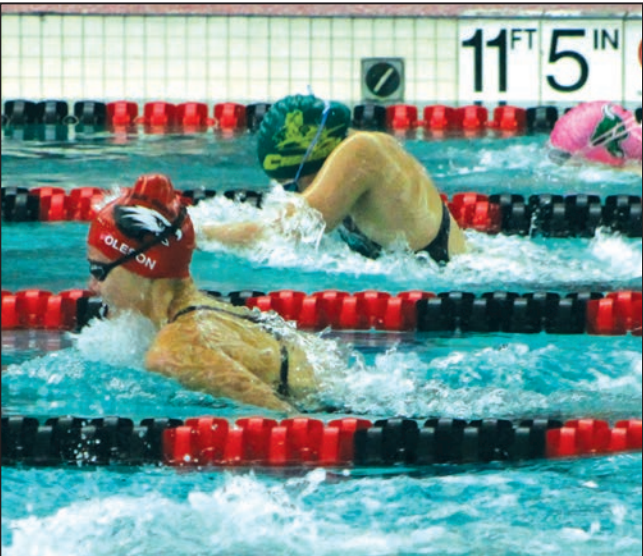
In the 100-yard backstroke, Davis was 13th in 1:00.4.



The Wittenberg-Birnamwood foursome of Kelsie Davis, Reese Dickman, Brooklyn Beran and Faith Resch placed fourth in the 200-yard medley relay in 1:50.76 and fourth in the 200-yard freestyle relay in 1:39.99. In front are Dickman, left, and Resch. In back are Beran, left, and Davis.



Faith Resch tied for eighth place in the 100-yard freestyle in 54.31 seconds at the state swim meet Nov. 15 in Waukesha. The Wittenberg-Birnamwood team of four swimmers placed fifth overall among 34 teams.



In the 100-yard breaststroke at the Division 2 state swim meet, Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Reese Dickman finished eighth in 1:08.57.

Kapla takes over as Pulaski girls wrestling coach

Ashton Kapla and Cole Motiff will coach the Pulaski High School girls wrestling team this season.

Kapla replaces long-time PHS boys and girls wrestling coach Terry Manning, who started the girls program two years ago, as head coach. Motiff will continue his role as assistant coach.

Both are graduates of Pulaski High School and have been involved in Pulaski wrestling as athletes and coaches for many years. They both have served as assistant coaches

for the girls program the past two years.

"We are excited to have Ashton Kapla and Cole Motiff back guiding our girls wrestling program at Pulaski High," said Janel Batten, PHS athletic and activities coordinator. "Their Pulaski wrestling backgrounds will be helpful moving forward, and we are thankful that they are back with us."

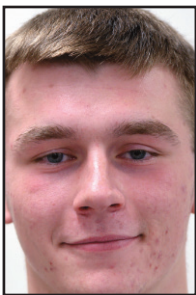
Kapla graduated from PHS in 2022. He is on pace to graduate from the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay in May 2025

with a degree in accounting. He is a credit analyst at Premier Community Bank.

Kapla, who began wrestling in first grade and in high school wrestled on varsity all four years and was a team captain, is excited about the opportunity.

"It allows me to give back to the sport that gave so much to me," he said.

Motiff, assistant girls wrestling coach, is a 2012 PHS graduate. He earned a degree in forest administration and utilization



ASHTON KAPLA

for the city of Green Bay Forestry Department.

He wrestled in the Pulaski wrestling program from kindergarten through his senior year of high school. He has been a vol-

unteer youth wrestling coach since 2017, mainly working with third through fifth grade wrestlers.



COLE MOTIFF

unteer youth wrestling coach since 2017, mainly working with third through fifth grade wrestlers.

"Coach Manning was also my head coach in high school. Over the last two seasons, I was very fortunate in being able to

coach with him as the Red Raider girls wrestling team took shape," Motiff said. "I can't thank him enough for all he has done for Pulaski wrestling and for all he has done for me as an individual as well. Coach Kapla and I are both very excited for another season and for another opportunity to grow as a program."

Kapla urges PHS students to join in.

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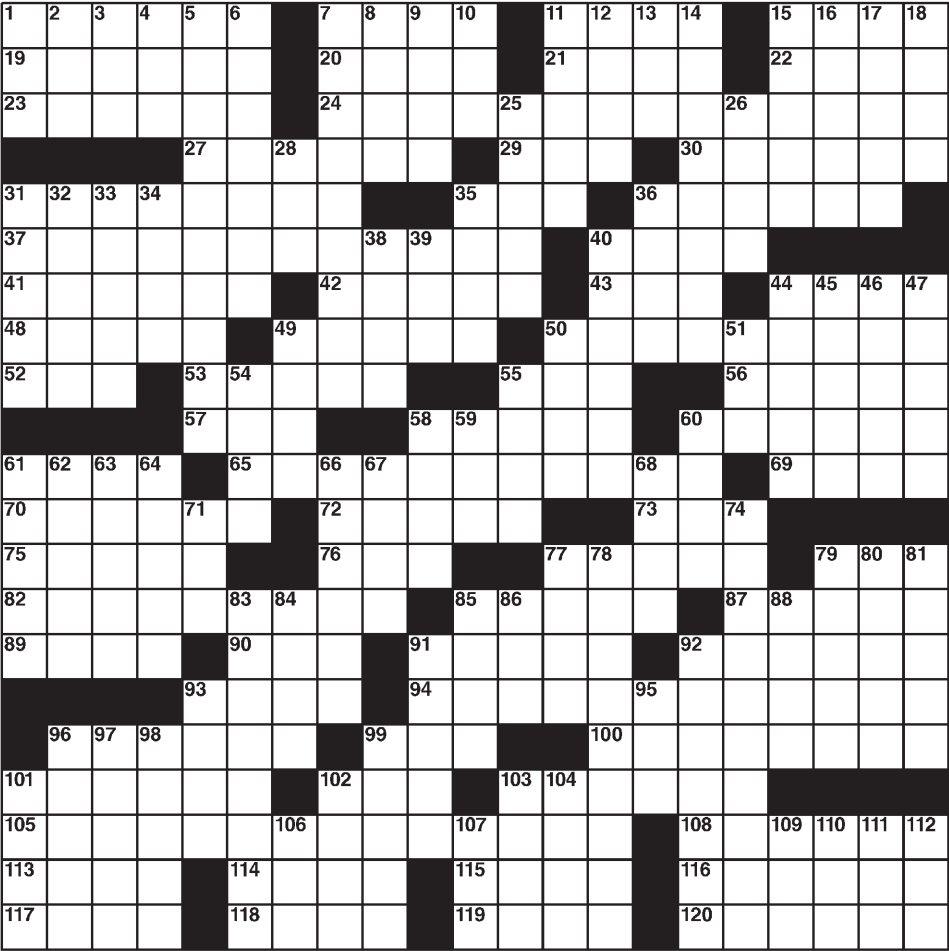
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Nationstar Mortgage LLC
Plaintiff, Case No. 2024CV000001
v.
Warden E. Lindstrom, et al.
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a judgment of foreclosure made in the above-entitled action on April 26, 2024 in the amount of \$94,314.55, I will sell at public auction, located in the lobby, in front of the Treasurer's Office, in the Oconto County Courthouse, 301 Washington Street, Oconto, WI 54153, on

December 3, 2024
At 10:00 AM, all of the following described premises, to wit:

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CITY OF OCONTO FALLS NOTICE -
RESOLUTION 24-015 APPROVAL

The following resolution has been passed by the Common Council for the City of Oconto Falls at a meeting held on November 12, 2024. A full text of said resolution may be obtained from the Oconto Falls clerk's office located at 500 N. Chestnut, Oconto Falls, WI 54154. Phone: 920-846-4505. RESOLUTION NO. 24-015 2025 UTILITY COMMISSION BUDGET RESOLUTION
Posted by City Deputy Clerk Jenny Friedman

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given, that The City of Oconto Falls Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on December 03, 2024 at 5:00 PM in the Municipal Building, 500 N Chestnut Ave, Oconto Falls, Wisconsin. The purpose of this hearing is for the consideration of: Oconto Falls Municipal Utility Annexation Petition Doc# 768590 0.406 Acres Part of Parcel# 40-30300010322 Driveway for Utility Substation
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CITY OF OCONTO FALLS NOTICE - RESOLUTION 24-014 APPROVAL

The following resolution has been passed by the Common Council for the City of Oconto Falls at a meeting held on November 12, 2024. A full text of said resolution may be obtained from the Oconto Falls clerk's office located at 500 N. Chestnut, Oconto Falls, WI 54154. Phone: 920-846-4505. RESOLUTION NO. 24-014 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$2,020,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION PROMISSORY NOTES, SERIES 2024A
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Abrams Spotlight Productions Inc., a volunteer-led community theater organization, seeks donations for its online virtual auction.

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Anyone interested in donating prizes, auction baskets, money or gift certificates can call 920-826-5852 or email theater.aspi@gmail.com. Donations are due Nov. 29, and pick-up service is available.

ASPI is a community theater operated solely by volunteers, and the fundraiser's proceeds will go to the Light the Way capital campaign.

ASPI is raising \$25,000 to upgrade the theater's lighting system.

OCONTO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Proceedings of Nov. 15

- Bond was set at \$15,000 cash for James John Crouse, 52, Menominee, Michigan, after he was charged with possession with intent to deliver methamphetamine, possession with intent to deliver cocaine, possession with intent to deliver fentanyl, possession with intent to deliver THC, two counts of felony bail jumping, misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, operating while revoked and violating an ignition interlock device order, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Nov. 12. Court Commissioner Jacob Evans adjourned his initial appearance until Dec. 12.

Proceedings of Nov. 12

- A bench warrant was issued for Kyle K. Sydor, 35, Oconto, after he failed to appear for a jury trial on a charge of theft in a business setting in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred March 18, 2021.
- Chelsea Belle O'Donnell, 27, Amberg, waived her right to a preliminary hearing and was bound over on charges of 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 and scheduled an arraignment for Dec. 12.

Proceedings of Nov. 11

- Jessica J. Baxter, 28, Marinette, was placed on three years and six months of probation with conditions after Judge Michael T. Judge imposed and stayed prison sentences for possession of methamphetamine, in connection with an incident that occurred June 9, 2021; felony bail jumping, in connection with an incident that occurred May 22, 2022; and another count of felony bail jumping, in connection with an incident that occurred April 6.
- Bond was set at \$2,000 cash for Paul J. Wirhanowicz, 39, Suring, after he was charged with false imprisonment, victim intimidation and misdemeanor disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Nov. 8. Conley adjourned his initial appearance until Dec. 12.
- Bond was set at \$2,000 cash for John M. Sundberg, 69, Suring, after he was charged with child abuse intentionally causing harm, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Nov. 9. Conley adjourned his initial appearance until Dec. 12.
- Bond was set \$1,500 cash for Tiffany R. Polzin, 41, Peshtigo, after she was charged with felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of retail theft, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Oct. 30. Conley adjourned her initial appearance until Dec. 12.

Proceedings of Nov. 8

- Benjamin W. Buch, 23, Tigerton, was placed on three years, six months of probation after Judge James Morrison imposed and stayed a prison sentence for exposing himself to a child, in connection with an incident that occurred Jan. 1, 2020. Conditions of probation include 90 days in jail.
- An April 1-3 jury trial was scheduled for Cody John Krueger, 37, an Oconto man currently serving time at Green Bay Correctional Institution, on charges of attempted first-degree intentional homicide, armed robbery and first-degree recklessly endangering safety, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred in Oconto on Sept. 3, 2021. Krueger is also awaiting trial on two counts of second-degree recklessly endangering safety, fleeing an officer and misdemeanor driving while his license was revoked, in connection with his arrest a week later on Sept. 10, 2021. Judge scheduled a final pre-trial conference for March 18.

Proceedings of Nov. 7

- Tiffany A. Peshek, 33, Oconto, pleaded not guilty to child neglect with a consequence of bodily harm, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Feb. 25. Judge scheduled a pre-trial conference for Jan. 16.
- Kevin James Landree, 43, Marinette, pleaded not guilty by reason of mental defect to charges of taking and driving a vehicle without the owner's consent and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred April 9. Judge scheduled a pre-trial conference for Jan. 16.
- Richard Frank Rau, 65, Lakewood, pleaded not guilty to two counts of battery or threat to a law officer, first-degree recklessly endangering safety, two misdemeanor counts of disorderly conduct, two counts of bail jumping and criminal damage to property, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred May 25, and two counts of felony bail jumping, two counts of misdemeanor bail jumping and misdemeanor possession of THC, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred June 15. Judge scheduled a pre-trial conference for Jan. 16.
- Dillon Steven Renard, 39, Green Bay, pleaded not guilty to burglary, theft, taking a vehicle without consent, criminal damage to property, possession of burglarious tools, and misdemeanor counts of criminal damage to property, criminal trespass, receiving or concealing stolen property, possession of cocaine, possession of THC, resisting or obstructing an officer and possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred June 16. Judge scheduled a pre-trial conference for Dec. 12.
- Adam J. Julius, 24, Oconto Falls, pleaded not guilty to misappropriating ID information to avoid a penalty, along with misdemeanor counts of resisting or obstructing an officer, possession of THC, possession of amphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred July 8. Judge scheduled a pre-trial conference for Dec. 11.
- A \$5,000 signature bond was set for James C. Boucher, 41, Oconto, after he was charged with child neglect (consequence is bodily harm), in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Oct. 3. Conley adjourned his initial appearance until Dec. 12.

Proceedings of Nov. 11

- Adam J. Julius, 24, Oconto Falls, pleaded not guilty to misappropriating ID information to avoid a penalty, along with misdemeanor counts of resisting or obstructing an officer, possession of THC, possession of amphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred July 8. Judge scheduled a pre-trial conference for Dec. 11.
- A \$5,000 signature bond was set for James C. Boucher, 41, Oconto, after he was charged with child neglect (consequence is bodily harm), in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Oct. 3. Conley adjourned his initial appearance until Dec. 12.

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Dumpster program helps control CWD among deer herd

Testing sites also available

With the gun deer hunting season set to run Nov. 23 through Dec. 1, the Department of Natural Resources and local volunteer organizations have again established the Adopt-a-Dumpster program to provide a safe and healthy way to dispose of deer carcass waste.

Wisconsin prides itself on the quality of its deer herd and the availability of hunting opportunities; however, with a successful harvest comes the generation of deer carcass waste. Unfortunately, much of this waste is discarded in the fields, woods and waterways that support the herd, raising the risk of transmitting chronic wasting disease (CWD).

Chronic wasting disease is a fatal, infectious nervous system disease of deer, moose, elk and reindeer/caribou. The Wisconsin DNR began monitoring the state's wild white-tailed deer popula-

tion for CWD in 1999. The first positives were found in 2002.

The main goal of the Adopt-a-Dumpster program is to provide hunters an option for appropriate deer carcass waste disposal, especially in areas where carcass disposal options are very limited or unavailable. Individuals or organizations can volunteer to sponsor a Dumpster during the deer season at a mutually agreed upon location with the DNR.

The DNR maintains a list of licensed or approved facilities willing to accept deer carcasses at dnr.wi.gov/topic/hunt/landfillmap.html.

Dumpster locations in Oconto County include:

- DNR Ranger Station, 300 Hank Marks Drive, Oconto Falls.
- Junction Shell, 12470 State Highway 32, Suring.
- Suring Village Hall, 604 Main St., Suring.
- Gillett Town Hall, 10908 Gillett Town Hall

Road, Gillett.

- Morgan Recycling Center, 3276 County Road C, Oconto Falls.
- Oconto Sportsmen Club, 605 Wedgwood Ave., Oconto.
- G3 Up North Convenience, N4111 County Road S, Pound.

Hunters anywhere in Wisconsin can also submit a sample from their deer for CWD testing. Testing through the DNR is free for deer harvested in Wisconsin.

Oconto County sampling sites include:

- Gillett Shell Station, 6255 State Highway 32, Gillett.
- DNR Ranger Station, 300 Hank Marks Drive, Oconto Falls.
- Junction Shell, 12470 State Highway 32, Suring.
- Abrams BP, 2531 E. Frontage Road, Abrams.
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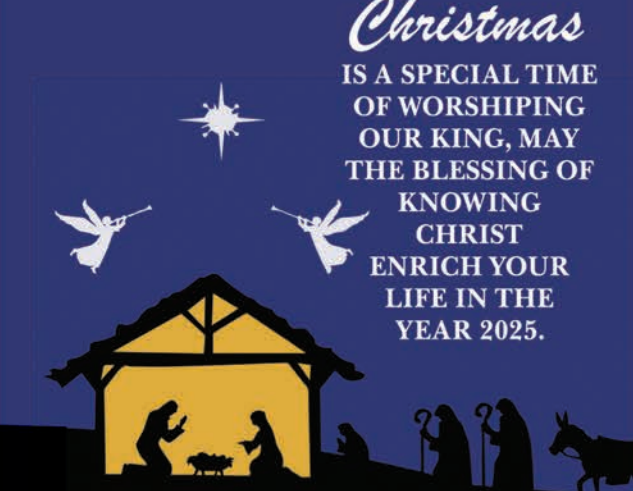
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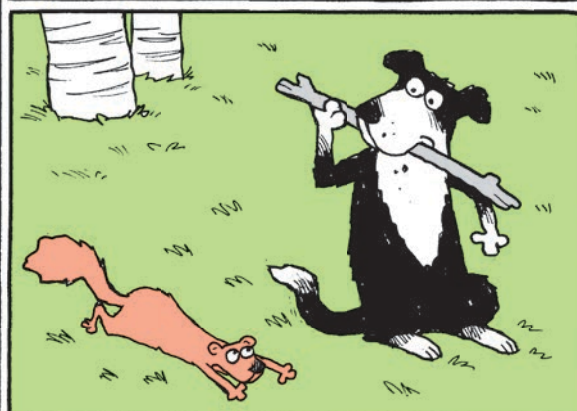
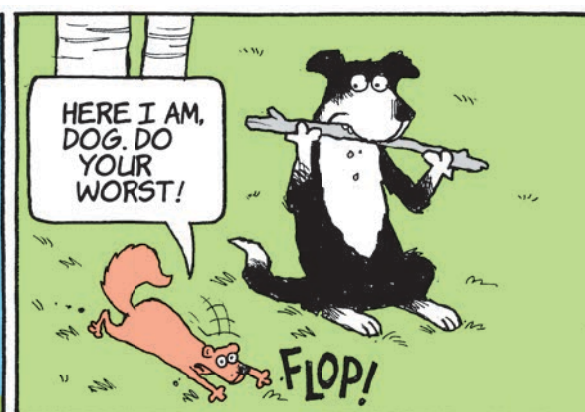
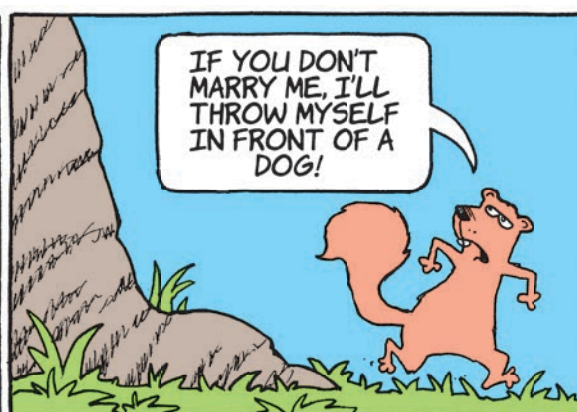
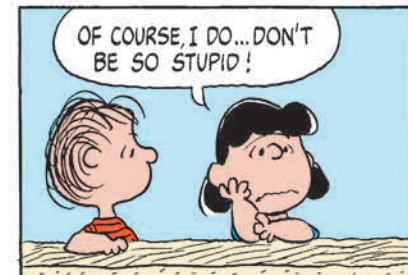


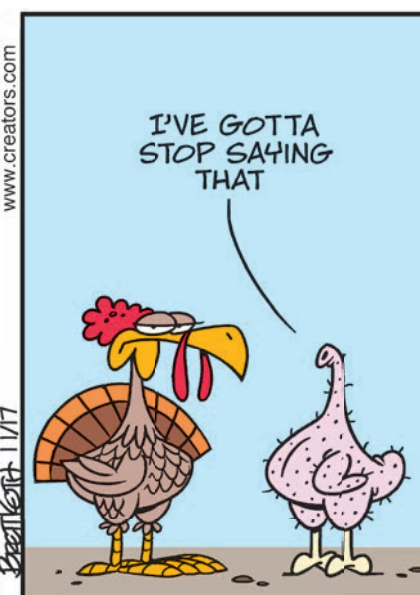
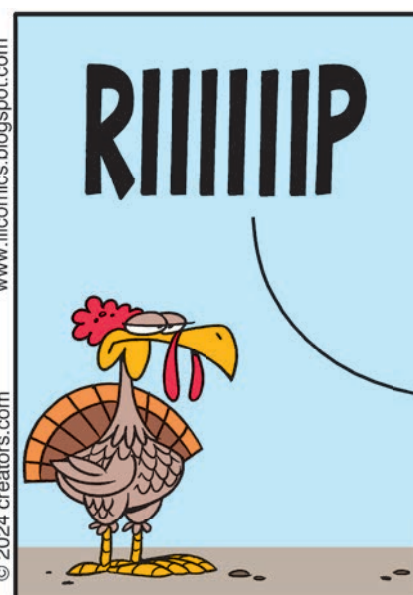
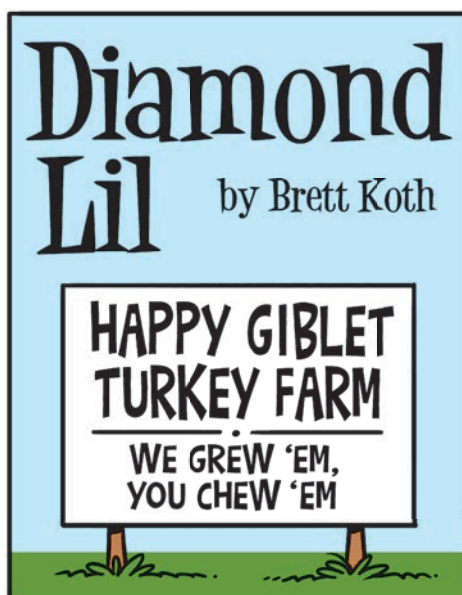
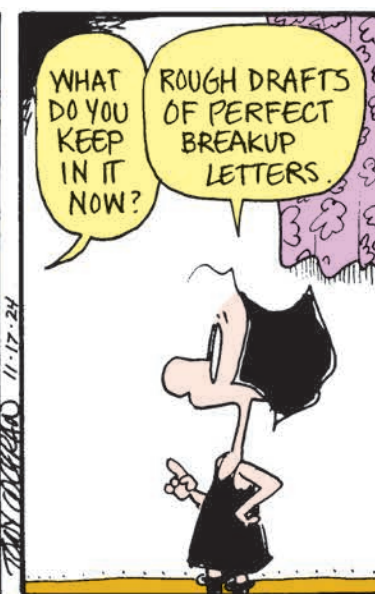
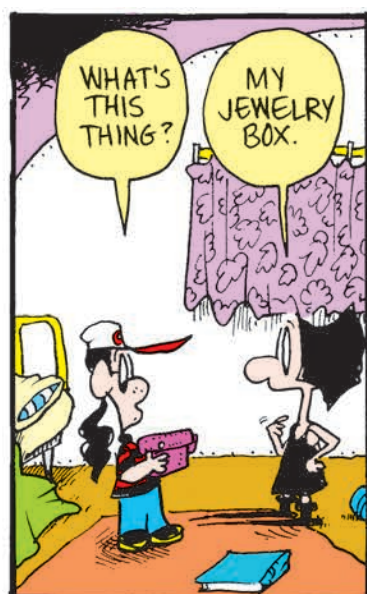
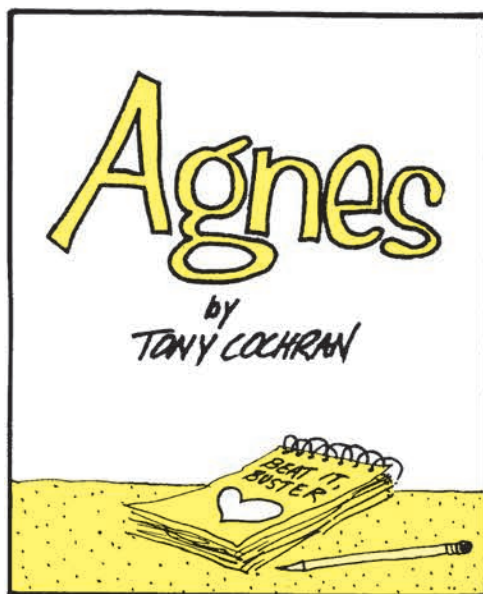
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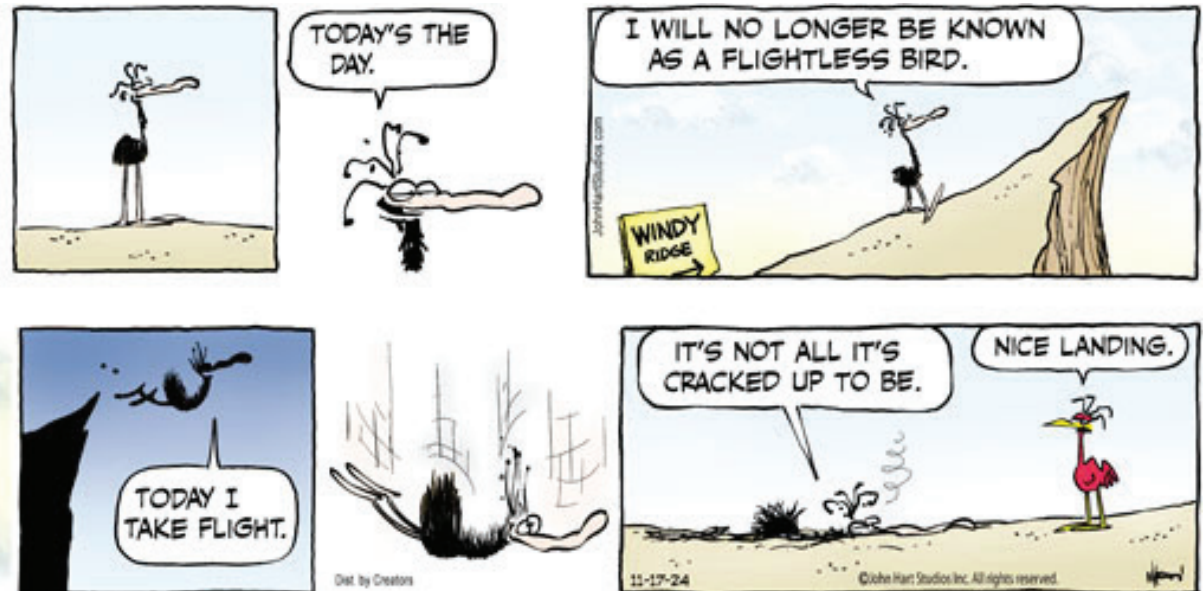
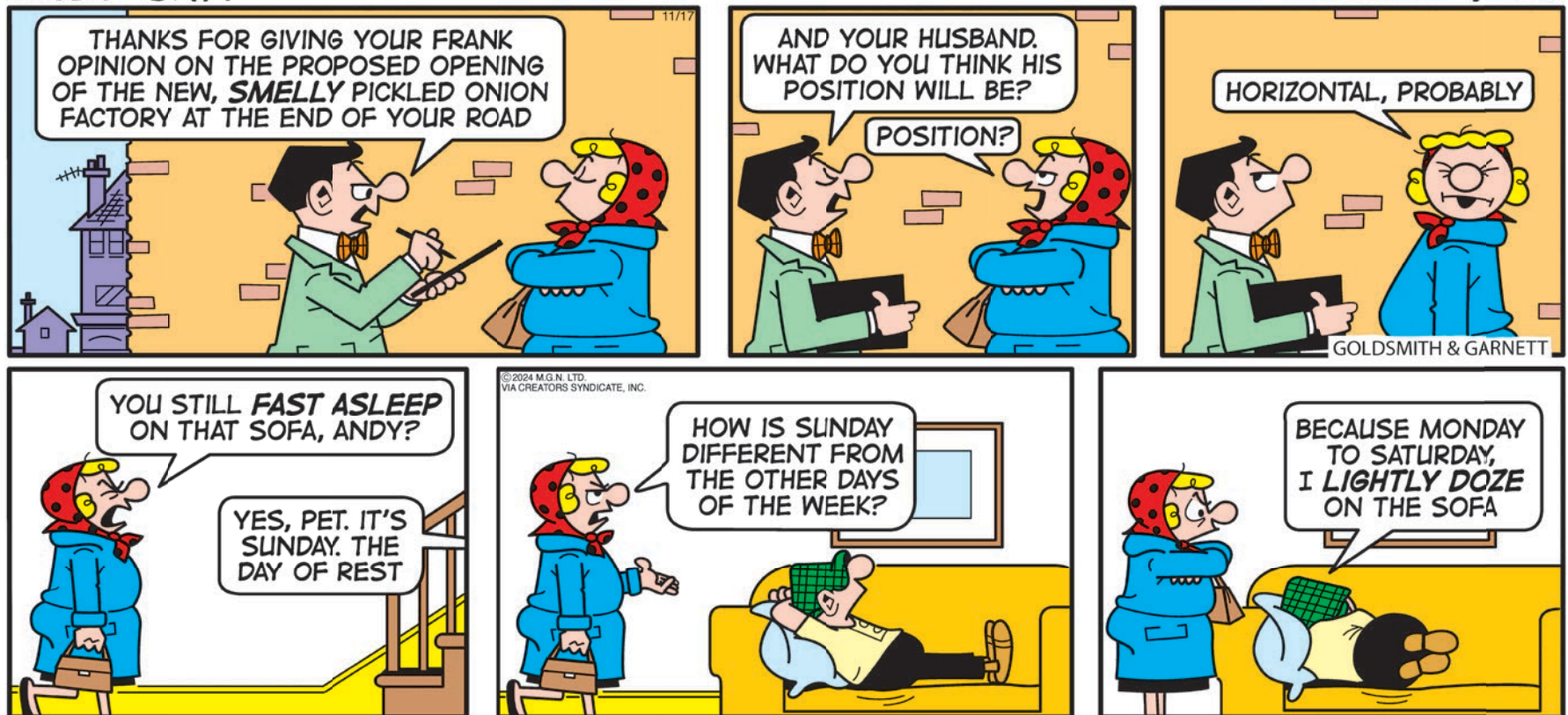
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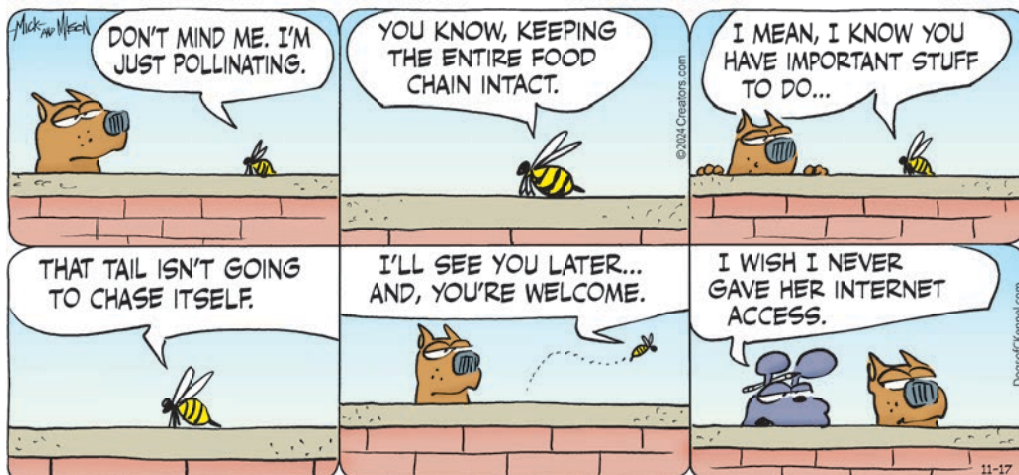
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BY MICK MASTROIANNI AND MASON MASTROIANNI



I know of something amazing that should be in the newspaper! I should drop them a line at news@newmedia-wi.com





Leading up to Sunday6s game against Chicago, the Packers’ special teams coordinator Rich Bisaccia saw a potential gap in the Bears’ field goal protection on film and relayed that to Karl Brooks and the rest of Green Bay’s blocking unit. With the game on the line, Brooks charged, raised his left hand and got his middle finger on Cairo Santos’ attempt at a game-winning 46-yard field goal to preserve a 20-19 Packers victory as time expired. According to the Elias Sports Bureau, it was the second time the Packers blocked a field goal on the final play of a game. The other was nearly 85 years ago during a 7-6 win over the Cleveland Rams on Nov. 26, 1939. Brooks also blocked a field goal against Minnesota last year.

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DIFFERENT KEY, BUT SAME HAPPY TUNE



Jordan Love ran for a go-ahead score in the closing minutes, and Green Bay hung on to beat Chicago 20-19 on Sunday. It helped make up for a play earlier in the quarter, when Love scrambled on a fourth down play, headed toward the end zone but was pulled down shy of the goal line as the Packers turned the ball over on downs.

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Brooks blocks Bears game-winning field goal attempt to give Pack victory

BY LUKE REIMER
Green & Gold Express

Another chapter was added in the legendary Green Bay Packers and Chicago Bears rivalry this past Sunday. With three seconds left in the game, the Bears were set up to kick a game-winning field goal. As the kick went up, Packers defensive lineman Karl Brooks got his hand up to block the attempt giving Green Bay a 20-19 victory in Chicago.

“I just got penetration – I just wanted it more and I got a hand up,” said Brooks.

The field goal attempt was set up after Green Bay took a one-point lead on a Jordan Love 1-yard touchdown rush with 2:59 left in the game. On the ensuing possession, Chicago quarterback Caleb Williams was sacked twice on the first two plays, setting up a third-and-19.

On third down, Williams rolled to his right and fired a dart to wide receiver Rome Odunze to bring up fourth-and-3. Williams then connected with Odunze again to pick up the first down. From there, Chicago milked the clock, eventually finding itself with a second-and-8 to set up the game-winning attempt.

Love finished the game completing 13-of-17 passes for 261 yards, one touch-



Christian Watson set a career high with 150 yards on just four catches, including a 60-yarder that set up Jordan Love’s touchdown run, and the Packers (7-3) avoided falling further behind Detroit and Minnesota in the NFC North.

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down and one interception.

Christian Watson was the main benefactor through the air, as he compiled 150 yards on four receptions. The 150-yard game for Watson is his highest yardage total as a pro.

Josh Jacobs added 58 yards on four receptions, while Jayden Reed recorded 23 yards and a touchdown on two receptions.

As for the ground game, Jacobs was the leader for Green Bay, as the Alabama alum totaled 76 yards and touchdown on 18 carries. Love added another 18 yards and a touchdown on four carries.

On Chicago’s side of the ball, Williams completed 23-of-31 passes for 231 yards and no touchdowns.

Odunze led the Bears in receiving, as he caught six passes for 65 yards. DJ Moore and Keenan Allen

added 62 yards on seven catches and 41 yards on four catches, respectfully.

D’Andre Swift found success on the ground in this one, as he totaled 71 yards on 14 carries, scoring a touchdown. Roschon Johnson added the second touchdown on the ground for the Bears, while Williams used his legs nine times to pick up 70 rushing yards.

In a hard fought divisional matchup, Green Bay’s best drive of the game came immediately after the opening kickoff. Jacobs picked up 25 yards on the ground on four rushes, while Romeo Doubs hauled in a 17-yard reception. After Emmanuel Wilson broke free for a 13-yard rush, Love connected with Reed for a 15-yard touchdown.

KEYS TO THE GAME

Big names could mean big trouble for Packers

By JACOB WESTENDORF
Green & Gold Express

The Green Bay Packers' second half of the season is off and running.

Their game against Chicago on Sunday was their first of three in a span of 11 days.

The middle game of that stretch is against what feels like a perennial thorn in their side.

The San Francisco 49ers will be coming to Lambeau Field. It's their first trip to Lambeau since what turned out to be Aaron Rodgers' last play-off game as a Packer.

The 49ers won 13-10 that night.

They ended the Packers' season last year with a 24-21 win over Jordan Love and company.

This year, the roles are slightly reversed. The 49ers have been ravaged by injuries but have rebounded like the strong team that they usually have been under Kyle Shanahan.

They've lost Brandon Aiyuk for the season but will have Christian McCaffery back, after an ominous injury cycle that plagued him early in the season.

The Packers need more wins against NFC opponents, as this game could help decide another tiebreaking scenario in a competitive NFC. The Packers do not have many of those advantages at this point with losses to Philadelphia, Minnesota and Detroit already on their resume.

Here are the keys to finally getting the monkey off their back, and beating their arch nemesis.

Christian McCaffery

Running backs do not matter is the saying that goes around social media. Apparently Christian McCaffery did not get the memo. The 49ers win more than 80% of the time when McCaffery has been active since they traded for him.

They are around .500 when he does not play.

McCaffery is as dual threat as it comes in the NFL. He's productive in the backfield as a runner but also dangerous as a receiver. He caught six



Josh Jacobs (8) celebrates with Jordan Love (10) as Tucker Kraft (85) looks on during the Packers 20-19 victory over the Chicago Bears on Nov. 17. It was the 11th straight win for the Packers in the longtime rivalry.

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passes in his first game back in the lineup. He's still finding his way in the run game, but he's someone the Packers have seen plenty of.

McCaffery scored twice the last time these two teams met in January. He's one of the best players in all of football.

On a star-studded team like the 49ers, McCaffery is the star that shines the brightest. Keeping him under control needs to be priority number one for Jeff Hafley and his defensive staff.

Special Teams

The last time these two teams met at Lambeau Field, the Packers' special teams' unit was historically bad.

It was a trend that was noticeable all season long. It reared its ugly head at the worst possible time, as a blocked punt that was returned for a touchdown was a big reason San



The Packers' defense generated back-to-back sacks of Caleb Williams on the Bears' last drive of the game. Facing third-and-19, Williams regrouped and hit fellow rookie Rome Odunze with passes on back-to-back plays to put the ball in Packers territory.

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Francisco was able to pull off the upset on that cold January night.

This time around, the roles are reversed. The 49ers special teams unit is horrendous, ranked 31st in the NFL by FTM Fantasy's DVOA stat.

Their kicker, Jake Moody, has struggled mightily since being

drafted out of Michigan.

Their coverage units have struggled, and their return game is not particularly explosive unless they put Deebo Samuel back as a returner.

This could be a big week for Keisean Nixon as the temperatures are supposed to drop, potentially leading to more oppor-

tunities for the two-time first-team All-Pro return man.

It's rare that the Packers have an advantage in the third phase of the game, but this week they should. A few big plays in this phase could swing the game in Green Bay's favor.

Packers tackles vs. Nick Bosa

Bosa is one of the premier rushers in all of football. It's rare that a player qualifies as a game-wrecker, but Bosa certainly is one.

He's one of, if not the best player in football at his position.

Putting pressure on Jordan Love, or any quarterback, can make them prone to more mistakes.

Love has been prone to those this season, and could be more affected if Bosa has his way.

He lines up on both sides of the line of scrimmage, which will pit him against both of Green Bay's tackles.

They'll need to protect Love. If they can, there is room in this secondary for Green Bay's talented pass catching group to roam.

If they don't, this game could look like a re-run of so many matchups between these two teams in the past five years.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS AT GREEN BAY PACKERS

TIME AND DATE: 3:25 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 24

LOCATION: Lambeau Field

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 — 55.0 AM and 95.1 FM

2024 RECORDS: Packers, 7-3, 49ers 5-45

HISTORY: The 49ers and Packers have been a tale of two eras. In the 1990s, and early 2000s, Brett Favre and the Packers dominated the

49ers, beating them in three separate playoff games.

Since the days of Jim Harbaugh stalking the sidelines for San Francisco, the 49ers have owned the Packers, especially in the playoffs.

They bludgeoned Aaron Rodgers four times and continued their dominance in last year's 24-21 victory in the Divisional Round.

Overall the Packers lead the series 38-34-1.

The last time the two teams met at Lambeau Field was the Divisional Round in January 2022, where the 49ers won on the strength of a

blocked punt that was returned for a touchdown.

The last time the two teams played at Lambeau Field in the regular season was a Monday night classic in October 2018.

Aaron Rodgers led a late drive that culminated in a short Mason Crosby field goal to give the Packers a 33-30 victory.

COACHES: Packers - Matt LaFleur fifth season, 63-30. 49ers - Kyle Shanahan, eighth season 69-55.

PACKERS SCHEDULE

Friday, Sept. 6 at Philadelphia, L 29-34

Sunday, Sept. 15 vs. Indianapolis Noon W 16-10

Sunday, Sept. 22 at Tennessee Noon W 30-14

Sunday, Sept. 29 vs. Minnesota Noon L 29-31

Sunday, Oct. 6 at LA Rams 3:25 p.m. W 24-19

Sunday, Oct. 13 vs. Arizona Noon W 34-13

Sunday, Oct. 20 vs. Houston W 24-22

Sunday, Oct. 27 at Jacksonville W 30-27

Sunday, Nov. 3 vs. Detroit 3:25 p.m. L 14-24
Week 10 BYE

Sunday, Nov. 17 at Chicago Noon W 20-19

Sunday, Nov. 24 vs. San Francisco 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, Nov. 21
Pittsburgh at Cleveland, 7:15 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 24
Tennessee at Houston, Noon

Minnesota at Chicago, Noon

Dallas at Washington, Noon

New England at Miami, Noon

Kansas City at Carolina, Noon

Tampa Bay at NY Giants, Noon

Detroit at Indianapolis, Noon
Denver at Las Vegas, 3:05 p.m.
Arizona at Seattle, 3:25 p.m.
San Francisco at Green Bay, 3:25 p.m.
Philadelphia at LA Rams, 7:20 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 25
Baltimore at LA Chargers, 7:15 p.m.

WEEK 11 / OFFENSE

THE MOMENT

PACKERS 20 VS BEARS 19



Green Bay Packers quarterback Jordan Love rushed four times for 18 yards, including one touchdown, against the Chicago Bears on Nov. 17. In the passing game, Love completed 13-of-17 for 261 yards and a touchdown. The Packers won 20-19 when Karl Brooks blocked a Chicago field goal attempt as time expired. Green Bay leads the longtime series 108-95-6, including victories in the last 11 games. The Bears have won only three times since Jan. 2, 2011.

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Packers extend winning streak over longtime rival Chicago

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2024-25

Week 12 Games: Sun., Nov. 24

Minnesota @ Chicago
Detroit @ Indianapolis
Dallas @ Washington
Baltimore @ LA Chargers - Mon., Nov. 25

Tie Breaker Game:
San Francisco @ Green Bay



This Week's Picks:
Minnesota
Detroit
Washington
LA Chargers

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: San Francisco 20 @ Green Bay 31



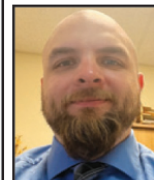
This Week's Picks:
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Washington
Baltimore

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: San Francisco 31 @ Green Bay 24



This Week's Picks:
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Detroit
Washington
LA Chargers

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: San Francisco 21 @ Green Bay 24



This Week's Picks:
Minnesota
Detroit
Washington
LA Chargers

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score : San Francisco 21 @ Green Bay 27

Week 11 Winner:
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This Week's Picks:
Minnesota
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Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: San Francisco 10 @ Green Bay 24



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Final Score: San Francisco 17 @ Green Bay 24



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This Week's Picks:
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Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: San Francisco 21 @ Green Bay 27



This Week's Picks:
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Final Score: San Francisco 28 @ Green Bay 14



This Week's Picks:
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Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: San Francisco 20 @ Green Bay 21

WEEK 11 / OFFENSE

THE MOMENT

PACKERS 20 VS BEARS 19



Josh Jacobs battles for extra yardage after catching one of his four passes against the Bears on Sunday. He picked up 58 receiving yards on the day. On the ground, he ran up the middle for a 7-yard touchdown in the third quarter for his 50th career rushing touchdown. The TD tied the game at 13-13 and capped off a six-play, 65-yard drive. Brandon McManus' extra point kick gave the Packers at 14-13 lead.

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A STEP AHEAD OF THEIR OLDEST RIVAL

Jacobs gets 100-plus yards rushing, receiving against Bears



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Jordan Love prepares to take a snap against the Bears on Sunday. In three games against the NFC North rivals, Love is 3-0. He is 55-of-76 for 822 yards with six touchdowns, one interception and a passer rating of 128.3. So far in 2024, Love is 160-for-257 for 2,081 yards, 16 touchdowns, 11 interceptions and a passer rating of 90.6. His only rushing touchdown in 2024 came Sunday against the Bears.

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SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

0	Renardo Green.....	CB
1	Deebo Samuel Jr.....	WR
2	Deommodore Lenior.....	DB
4	Jake Moody.....	K
5	Joshua Dobbs.....	QB
6	Malik Mustapha.....	S
7	Charvarius Ward.....	CB
9	Brayden Willis.....	TE
10	Ronnie Bell.....	WR
13	Brock Purdy.....	QB
14	Ricky Pearsall.....	WR
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18	Chris Conley.....	WR
19	Jacob Cowing.....	WR
22	Isaac Yiadom.....	CB
23	Christian McCaffrey.....	RB
24	Jordon Mason.....	RB
27	Ji'Ayir Brown.....	S
30	George Odum.....	S
31	Isaac Geurendo.....	RB
33	Rock Ya-Sin.....	CB
40	Pat O'Donnell.....	P
44	Kyle Juszyk.....	FB
45	Demetrius Flannigan-Fowles.....	LB
46	Taylor Pepper.....	LS
48	Tatum Bethune.....	LB
50	Khalil Davis.....	DL
51	Robert Beal Jr.....	DL
53	Dee Winters.....	LB
54	Fred Warner.....	LB
56	Leonard Floyd.....	DL
59	De'Vondre Campbell.....	LB
63	Nick Zakelj.....	OL
64	Jake Brendel.....	OL
65	Aaron Banks.....	OL
68	Colton McKivitz.....	OL
69	Evan Anderson.....	DL
71	Trent Williams.....	T
74	Spencer Burford.....	OL
76	Jaylon Moore.....	OL
77	Dominick Puni.....	OL
79	Ben Bartch.....	OL
82	Eric Saubert.....	TE
85	George Kittle.....	TE
88	Jake Tonges.....	TE
90	Kevin Givens.....	DL
91	Sam Okuayinonu.....	DL
92	Jordan Elliott.....	DL
93	Kalia Davis.....	DL
94	Yetur Gross-Matos.....	DL
97	Nick Bosa.....	DL
99	Maliek Collins.....	DL



GREEN BAY PACKERS

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

BEARS, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

While Green Bay came away with the victory, the team struggled again when it came to the red zone. The most notable occurrence came in the second quarter after Green Bay dove down to the Bears 15-yard line. On the ensuing play, Love dropped back and threw a pass intended for tight end Tucker Kraft. The ball sailed over Kraft's head and was intercepted by Chicago defensive back Terrell Smith.

In total, Green Bay came away with points on three of its five red zone trips. While 60% isn't horrible, Jacobs knows the offense is capable of so much more.

"We just have to execute, you know," said Jacobs, on Green Bay scoring just 20 points in the game. "When we get in the red zone, you know, we have to execute. We have to make plays when it is time, and it is really just as simple as that. We were moving the ball, we didn't

really feel like we had a problem with that ... we just have to be better when it is time."

The Packers have now won each of the past 11 games against its NFC North rival. More important though, the win pushes the Packers to a 7-3 record. With the Washington Commanders losing to the Philadelphia Eagles, the Packers jumped up to the sixth seed in the NFC playoff picture. At four games over .500, Green Bay now has an 85% chance to make the playoffs according to the New York Times NFL Playoff Predictor.

The Packers will look to improve those playoff odds, as it takes on the San Francisco 49ers this week.

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A photograph of Green Bay Packers head coach Kyle Shanahan on the sidelines during a game. He is wearing a black puffer vest with the Packers 'G' logo over a white long-sleeved shirt. He has a headset with a microphone and is making a 'V' hand gesture with his right hand. In the background, a player in a yellow and green Packers uniform is visible, along with a blurred crowd in the stadium stands.

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WEEK 11 / OFFENSE

THE MOMENT

PACKERS 20 VS BEARS 19



Running back Josh Jacobs (8) and wide receiver Romeo Doubs (87) jump for joy after the Packers scored a touchdown against their longtime rival, the Chicago Bears, on Sunday. Green Bay leads the series 108-95-6 and now prepares for another rival, the San Francisco 49ers. In the 1990s, and early 2000s, the Packers dominated the 49ers, beating them in three separate playoff games. Since then, the 49ers have owned the Packers, especially in the playoffs. Overall the Packers lead the series 38-34-1.

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