



Paula, who lives in the Oconto area, concentrates while filling plastic bags at New Life Industries in Gillett. The program offers several services, including employment and vocational training; day services; youth services; and community employment.

GREG SEUBERT

# Prison sentence ordered in fatal crash

## Wimber admits using heroin and cocaine on the day of the crash

BY NEW MEDIA STAFF

A former Wabeno man will spend up to 18 years in prison for a fatal head-on crash that claimed the life of a Lake Tomahawk woman and injured her husband and daughter.

The crash, which occurred Sept. 8, 2024, on state Highway 32-64 near Sparkys Road in the Town of Mountain, killed Lisa Marie Neitzel, 52. Her daughter Kaley, who was driving the car, and her husband, Ronald Neitzel, were seriously injured.

Zackery Dale Wimber, 31, who was already serving a sentence at Fox Lake Correctional Institution for another felony conviction, pleaded no contest July 15 to homicide by intoxicated use of a motor vehicle, two counts of operating a motor vehicle causing injury and possession with intent to distribute amphetamine or methamphetamine.

As part of the agreement, Oconto County Judge Michael Judge dismissed but read into the record charges of homicide by negligent use of a motor vehicle, possession with intent to distribute cocaine, possession with intent to distribute heroin, possession of a firearm by a person convicted of a felony, driving or operating a vehicle without consent and a misdemeanor count of operating while revoked.

Judge sentenced Wimber on Sept. 12 to an additional 15 years in prison, followed by five years of extended supervision, for the homicide charge, and one year in prison, followed by two years of extended supervision, for each of the other three charges. He further ruled that the sentences be served consecutively, for a total of 18 years in prison and 11 years of extended supervision.

He also revoked Wimber's license for five years and ordered that he have no contact with the Neitzel family.

The criminal complaint indicates that

# New View Industries still going strong in Gillett

## Disabled able to flourish with group's programs

BY GREG SEUBERT  
Correspondent

It's been around for more than 50 years and is one of Oconto County's best-kept secrets.

New View Industries is a community rehabilitation program that is a division of the county's health and human services department. It serves disabled adults and youth as well as individuals with mental health needs.

Will Kline is the department's vocational services manager and oversees New View Industries, 222 W. Park St., Gillett.

"We're part of Oconto County, and our facility is directly connected with Oconto County Human Services," he said. "We do a variety of programs here. One of the main things when we started many years ago is to have this as a work program. We



A Community Development Block Grant helped finance New Heights, located on Park Street in Gillett next to New View Industries.

GREG SEUBERT

do prevocational training and provide work opportunities for clients in our facility and outside our facility."

Besides employment and vocational training, New View Industries' other services include day services, youth services

and community employment.

Clients are referred to the facility.

"The majority of our clients are disabled or (have) mental health issues,

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Women's fund gives to nonprofits in Oconto County.

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# Nonprofits get funds to impact women, girls

The Women’s Fund of Greater Green Bay recently announced the grant recipients from the fund’s summer grant cycle.

Among the summer 2025 grant recipients are:

- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Wisconsin: Grant funding will help match girls facing adversity with caring female mentors through Big Brothers Big Sisters. With

42 girls currently on the waitlist, this support will provide critical mentorship that builds confidence, strengthens mental health and empowers girls to reach their full potential.

- Encompass Early Education and Care: The program helps stabilize single-mother households by empowering women and ensuring their children thrive in high-quality early

education. By addressing barriers mothers face — like housing and food security — and providing their children with one-on-one support for developmental/behavioral setbacks, they’ve increased retention of these at-risk families from just six months to more than three years.

- Family and Childcare Resources of Northeastern Wisconsin: Grant support

will expand access to child care by supporting women in launching home-based child care businesses. The Family Childcare Program offers training, startup funds and licensing support to reduce barriers for low-income women, including in rural areas. By creating 10-15 new providers serving up to 120 children, the program boosts employment and

economic stability for women while addressing urgent childcare shortages across Brown, Kewaunee and Oconto counties.

Grants are awarded twice per year, and in each cycle, the Greater Green Bay Community Foundation invites fundholders to co-invest in applications that align with their giving goals. During this cycle, fundholders contributed

more than \$75,000, significantly boosting the total amount awarded.

The Women’s Fund awards funds to organizations with programs and services that positively impact women and girls in the community. Grants are awarded based on a competitive application process which includes a review by a grants team of community volunteers.

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things like that,” Kline said. “They’re mostly enrolled in a state program called Family Care, a Medicaid program. The ADRCs (Aging and Disability Resource Centers) around the state basically will do an assessment on individuals to see if they’re eligible for Family Care. You have to be on Medicaid and certain limitations or disabilities, and they approve the funding. Once you’re enrolled in Family Care, other managed care organizations get involved.”

Kline said it can be difficult for people with disabilities to find employment in a rural county with limited opportunities.

The community employment program aims to provide those opportunities, he said.

“(Jobs) can be very limited, especially for full-time work,” Kline said. “Things that are available a lot of times are seasonal. Through that program, we can get people paid internships; I believe it’s up to eight weeks. That’s just for them to gain some experience, and we use that sometimes for clients to get a foot in the door. If we get an employer who’s willing to do that and (the client) does a good job during the internship, they might hire them.”

Many of the clients who get assistance from New View rely on benefits such as Social Security Disability or Medicaid.



Will Kline oversees New View Industries. He was instrumental in adding youth services to the Gillett facility. A building that opened in 2022, New Heights, provided programs for about 25 youth this summer. GREG SEUBERT

“That program also allows us to do a report for clients and helps explain to them that if you do go back to work, here’s what could happen to your benefits,” Kline said. “A lot of people are afraid of losing their Medicaid insurance and Social Security. It’s important for them to be able to understand what’s going to happen if they do get a job.”

New View initially focused on providing services for disabled individuals and those with cognitive disabilities. Mental health issues are now added to that list.

“Because we’re connected to human services, there’s a program in the county called Comprehensive Community Services,”

Kline said. “The focus on that program is adults and children with more mental health issues. We’ve served a few clients in that program. Our focus is more work-related for people. Mental health cycles for people. We just try to get them some structure, get them back on track and get them back out in the community.”

“It’s more of a shorter-term program to get them back on their feet. If somebody’s down on their luck for some reason, it’s possible for us to serve them in a work program and get them stabilized.”

Assistance through the work program depends on the client. Some of them

might not be able to hold down a regular job.

“We have some shorter-term individuals who maybe just need some job training,” Kline said. “They might have the ability to work out in the community. It’s really a mix. The important thing for the clients we have is for them to have that choice of whether they want to try to work in the community or work in a facility like ours.”

New View Industries currently serves about 70 clients.

“That’s mainly with adults in our day services and work programs,” Kline said. “In the summer, we have a kids’ program. This past summer, we had about

25 kids in addition to the 70.”

The facility has been based in Gillett since it opened in 1974.

“Originally, it was in a building in downtown Gillett,” Kline said. “It moved to this facility in 1980. They added some space in 1990. We added an additional break room and bathrooms in 2003. We added New Heights, the building across the street, in 2022.”

New Heights is located next door to New View Industries on Park Street.

“We started the kids’ program six years ago,” Kline said. “The first year, we had about six kids and hired a couple extra summer staff. We did that in our facility here, and there just wasn’t enough room. A couple of years after that, we rented the community center in Gillett that the bank owns.

“We wanted our own space. An opportunity came up to get a Community Development Block Grant, and that really started back around 2020.

“We were able to receive funds through that to build our new building,” Kline said. “We primarily use it in the summer for our kids’ program, but we also use it throughout the year with adults as well. There’s a little gym in there and nice kitchen facilities where we can do cooking groups.”

Besides working, some

clients also volunteer at a local humane society or pack meals at the Oconto Falls Senior Center.

“Without us, they wouldn’t have a whole lot to do,” Kline said. “It needs to be meaningful, too. The individuals that work here enjoy their work and are very proud of what they do.”

While some clients receive short-term assistance, some New View Industries clients have worked at the facility for 30 or 40 years.

“They enjoy it, and they have the opportunity to do other things if they choose,” Kline said. “The choice is there.”

Kline said it’s important for Oconto County to offer the services that New View Industries provides.

“If you look at some individuals who wouldn’t have these opportunities, they’d probably be sitting at home, be idle and not be active in the community, which is no good for anybody,” he said. “It’s important to be active. We offer those opportunities, whether it’s a work opportunity or a day services opportunity. Day services is a program where we work on different skills: life skills, communication skills. We get out and do different things in the community. Individuals wouldn’t have the opportunity to do any of that if facilities like ours didn’t exist.”

**“We just try to get them some structure, get them back on track and get them back out in the community.”**

WILL KLINE, New View Industries vocational services manager

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the Neitzels were traveling home after attending a wedding in Shawano. Kaley Neitzel, 16, who held a valid learner’s permit and had completed five of six driving lessons, was driving with her father in the passenger seat and mother in the back seat.

A witness told deputies that Wimber had been tailgating him and swerving on the road behind him, then passed at a high rate

of speed. Moments later, the witness saw a puff of smoke and came upon the crash scene.

Multiple witnesses saw Wimber leave his vehicle and drop something in the woods or ditch before coming back, despite significant injuries, the complaint said. One witness, an ICU nurse, said Wimber’s eyes were dilated and he made a comment about being afraid of being caught

with items that had been inside his vehicle.

Oconto County K-9 officer Emma was deployed into the woods to search for any contraband and alerted on a partially opened black box, the complaint said. Inside the box, deputies found seven clear plastic bags of a white powder that tested positive for cocaine, as well as two plastic bags with a substance that

tested positive for heroin, the complaint said. The box also contained a semi-automatic 9mm pistol.

Wimber admitted to an investigator that he had consumed heroin and cocaine earlier in the day, according to the complaint.

The next day, a friend of Wimber’s reported that his SUV had been stolen after he left it at Wimber’s overnight because

he had been intoxicated.

Wimber faced a maximum sentence of 25 years in prison and a \$100,000 fine for the homicide charge, 12 1/2 years and \$25,000 for each of the OWI causing injury counts, and six years and \$10,000 for the drug conviction.

At the time of the fatal crash, Wimber was on probation after being convicted in 2021 of possession of

methamphetamine, possession of narcotic drugs and possession of a firearm by a person convicted of a felony.

A Fond du Lac County judge had imposed and stayed a 7 1/2-year prison sentence, then placed Wimber on five years of probation with conditions including that he not possess or use controlled substances without a prescription.

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**Sept. 11**  
Deputies responded to 116 incidents, including suspicious activity near Huebscher and Oak Orchard roads in the Town of Pensaukee; theft on Allen Road in the Town of Little Suamico; suspicious activity on Coffey Lane in the Town of Oconto Falls; trespassing near Molitor Road and County Road J in the Town of Oconto; 44 traffic stops, one traffic hazard, three traffic offenses, one citizen assist, four miscellaneous traffic incidents; three open-line 911 calls; six ambulance calls; one crash.

**Sept. 10**  
Deputies responded to 67 incidents, including child abuse in the Town of Little Suamico; trespassing on Tom Post Road in the Town of Brazeau; fire on Allen Road in the Town of Little Suamico; an animal bite on Degantown Road in the Town of Oconto Falls; suspicious activity on Weso Flowage Lane in the Town of Breed; suspicious activity on Allen Road in the Town of Little Suamico; 10 traffic stops, one traffic hazard, four traffic offenses, one citizen assist, three miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; one 911 hangup and one open line; three ambulance calls; three crashes, two involving deer.

**Sept. 9**  
Deputies responded to 46 incidents, including a weapon offense on Pecore Lake Road in the Town of Bagley; animal neglect on West Main Street in Gillett; harassment on County Road M in the Town of Spruce; suspicious activity on Townsend Dam Road in the Town of Townsend; four traffic stops, one traffic hazard, two traffic offenses, five miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; one 911 hangup; eight ambulance calls.

**Sept. 8**  
Deputies responded to 58 incidents, including threatening on Douglas Road in the Town of Little Suamico; suspicious activity on East Main Street in Suring; harassment on Cheyenne Drive in the Town of Abrams; harassment on Morgan River Road in the Town of Morgan; harassment on Rocky Ledge Road in the Town of Pensaukee; suspicious activity on Morgan Marsh Road in the Town of Morgan; theft on state Highway 64 in the Town of Brazeau; a noise disturbance on Muehl Drive in Suring; three traffic stops, two traffic hazards, three traffic offenses, one citizen assist, two miscellaneous traffic incidents; one 911 hangup and three open lines; seven ambulance calls; six crashes, two involving deer.

**Sept. 7**  
Deputies responded to 61 incidents, including drugs in the Town of Stiles; suspicious activity near Timberline Road and Dogwood Lane in the Town of Abrams; 11 traffic stops, four traffic hazards, four traffic offenses, five miscellaneous traffic incidents, three welfare checks; two open-line 911 calls; six ambulance calls; two crashes, one involving deer.

**Sept. 6**  
Deputies responded to 45 incidents, including suspicious activity at Pioneer Park, 5388 Pioneer Park Road in the Town of Stiles; suspicious activity near North Stiles Tower and Timberline roads in the Town of Abrams; fireworks on Island Lake Road in the Town of Doty; suspicious activity on East Indianwood Drive in Oconto Falls; an unwanted party on Woodke Road in the Town of Gillett; a disturbance near Main and East Railroad streets in the Town of Abrams; fire on County Road S in the Town of Chase; a structure fire on Melissa Boulevard in the Town of Little Suamico; four traffic stops, two traffic offenses, one citizen assist, one miscellaneous traffic incident, one welfare check; five open-line 911 calls; five ambulance calls; one crash, involving deer.

laneous traffic incident, one welfare check; five open-line 911 calls; five ambulance calls; one crash, involving deer.

**Sept. 5**  
Deputies responded to 63 incidents, including suspicious activity on Machickanee Lane in the Town of Stiles; a noise disturbance on Hill Haven Court in the Town of Little Suamico; suspicious activity on McDermid Drive in the Town of Oconto Falls; theft on Sunset Bay Lane in the Town of Townsend; suspicious activity on Bachman Road in the Town of Mountain; a fire control burn on Sargent Avenue in Oconto; a noise disturbance on Warrington Lake Drive in the Town of Underhill; an animal bite on Waschbisch Road in the Town of Oconto Falls; suspicious activity on Morgan Marsh Road in the Town of Morgan; suspicious activity on Dittman Lane in the Town of Pensaukee; a noise disturbance on River Road in the Town of Mountain; eight traffic stops, one traffic hazard, four traffic offenses, one citizen assist, four miscellaneous traffic incidents, five welfare checks; three 911 hangups and two open lines; six ambulance calls.

**Sept. 4**  
Deputies responded to 68 incidents, including a disturbance on West Main Street in Lena; threatening on Saint Bernadette Road in the Town of Bagley; a disturbance at the courthouse, 301 Washington St., Oconto; burglary on Lafave Road in the Town of Riverview; a noise disturbance on Hip Hus Court in the Town of Underhill; a structure fire on Lilly Road in the Town of Little Suamico; a disturbance on County Road S in the Town of Pensaukee; suspicious activity on County Road N in the Town of Oconto; nine traffic stops, one citizen assist, three miscellaneous traffic incidents, three welfare checks; four 911 hangups and four open lines; eight ambulance calls; one crash.

Robert A. Schubert Sr.

September 17th

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COURT NEWS

▪ Darin Vaughn Kaquatosh, 40, Gillett, pleaded no contest Sept. 12 to a misdemeanor count of driving or operating a motor vehicle without consent. The charge was amended from a felony in a plea agreement. Judge Michael Judge levied court costs and fees and sentenced him to 210 days already served in the county jail.

▪ Tyler S. Klarner, 40, Appleton, was charged Sept. 8 with operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fourth offense), possession of methamphetamine and a misdemeanor count of possession of an illegally obtained prescription. Judge set a \$2,000 cash bond and adjourned his initial appearance until Oct. 16.

▪ Justin W. Craig, 39, Oconto, was charged Sept. 9 with two counts of attempted battery to certain individuals involved with the court or legal system and misdemeanor counts of disorderly conduct and resisting or obstructing an officer. Judge set a \$500 cash bond and adjourned his initial appearance until Sept. 11, when Judge Jay Conley further adjourned the appearance until Oct. 16.

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▪ Christian Ian Eccles, 27, Shawano, was charged Sept. 10 with armed robbery. Judge set a \$15,000 cash bond and adjourned his initial appearance until Oct. 16.  
▪ Thomas R. Speck, 28, Clintonville, was charged Sept. 10 with armed robbery. Judge set a \$20,000 cash

bond and adjourned his initial appearance until Oct. 16.  
▪ Debra T. Denny, 63, Little Suamico, was charged Sept. 11 with child abuse intentionally causing harm and misdemeanor counts of battery and disorderly conduct. Judge set a \$250 cash bond and adjourned her initial appearance until Oct. 16.

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OBITUARIES

Audrey Ann Rhode

The morning of Sept. 6, 2025, saw the closing of the final chapter of a remarkable girl from Coleman.

Audrey Ann Rivet (Chadwick, Rhode), 96, was born July 19, 1929, the firstborn of Ed and Delima (Woulf) Rivet, descendants of French Canadians who made their way to this frontier several generations prior. They worked a small plot of land on the Little Peshtigo River just west of town.

Along with her siblings, Audrey learned the hard work and determination necessary to survive on a small farm at the edge of the Great Northwoods during the Depression of the 1930s. She excelled in school, graduating valedictorian from Coleman High School in 1947.

Over the following three decades, Audrey brought her dedication and work ethic to motherhood. In 1953, she married Ernest (Ernie) Chadwick and raised their six children a few miles west on Kelly Lake. After Ernie's death, she married Ransom (Buck) Rhode and became mother to his four children.

With her children



grown, she and Buck returned to Coleman, living a mile upstream from her birthplace on the Little Peshtigo River. Here they would fill their house with laughter and joy, welcoming her returning children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and countless friends. Many called her Grandma Rhode. Friends knew her from the Round Roof Club at Kelly Lake and Coleman Insurance Agency in Coleman where she worked until retirement.

After Buck's passing in 2018, she spent her remaining years in Oconto Falls and Spruce with her two dearest lifelong friends, sister, Marie, and her daughter, Gail.

She is survived by her children, Scott (Carol) Chadwick, Steve (Joanne)

Chadwick, Mark (Gigi) Chadwick, Glenn (Ann) Chadwick, Gail (Paul) Yatso, John (Vicki) Chadwick, Steve (Kym) Rhode, Lynn Rhode and Mark Rhode; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; sister, Marie Janik; brother, Don (Judy) Rivet; and many other extended family and friends.

Audrey is preceded by her parents; husbands, Ernie and Buck; son, Paul Rhode; grandchild, Mike Rhode; brother, Allen Rivet; and sister, Germaine Mix.

In 2022, Audrey surrendered her will to Jesus and committed to following him each and every day. The girl from the Little Peshtigo River who touched so many people's lives will be missed.

Services were held Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2025, at Jones Funeral Service in Oconto Falls. Burial was in St. John's Cemetery in Coleman.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Christian Servants' loving caregiver, Erika Bauer, and The Cottages at Meadowlands Memory Care and Moments Hospice for their kindness, compassion and exceptional care.

Philip C. Schwenn Sr.



Philip C. Schwenn Sr., 85, of Suring, passed away Sept. 10, 2025, after a lengthy illness of eight years.

Philip was born Sept. 3, 1940, in Milwaukee, to Walter and Helen (Volk) Schwenn. They later moved to Kelly Lake where he met and married his wife Marlene (Detert) Schwenn on June 27, 1964.

Philip attended schools and vocational school in Milwaukee and then worked as a mechanic at Kelly Lake, for his wife's uncle, Eugene, at Detert's TV and Repair, and lastly finishing his career of many years at Nu-Line/Evenflo.

Philip's lifelong hobby was his love for CB and ham radios, and he had talked with people all over the world. He had the ability to fix just about anything and was often called upon by friends and neighbors for help. He also took very good care of his special needs son up until his illness wouldn't allow him the strength to do so any longer. His love and bond with Philip Jr. was like no other, and that also showed throughout all his

friendships.

Phil is survived by his daughters, Kim (Steven Welch) Krause, of Shawano, and Lisa Kuriatnyk, of Milwaukee; grandchildren, Taylor Krause, of Shawano, and Alex, Zachary and Kadence Kuriatnyk, all of Milwaukee. He is further survived by many other nieces, nephews, other relatives, friends and his very special bunch at Laverne and Gail's Diner.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marlene; sons, Philip II and Gary. He was further preceded in death by his sister, three brothers and their spouses.

Services were held on Monday, Sept. 15, 2025, at Gruetzmacher Funeral

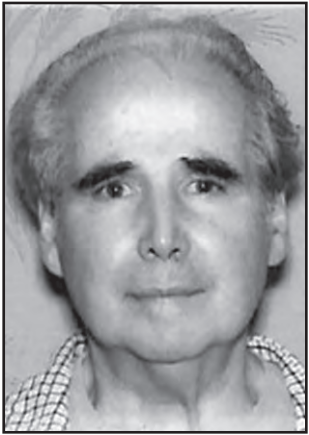
Home. Philip was interred at St. Michael Catholic Cemetery beside his wife and sons.

Gruetzmacher Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences can be expressed at [www.gruetzmacherfuneralhome.com](http://www.gruetzmacherfuneralhome.com).

The family wishes to thank the Bellin Cancer Center's Dr. Kevin Mortara, Dr. Anjali Budhathoki and their staff; Bellin Nephrology's Dr. Sturgill, Ruth Bloesl and staff; Bellin Cardiology Associates Dr. Wolfram, Dr. Hudson, Dr. Gerndt and staff. Our special heartfelt thank you goes out to the wonderful Bellin first floor nurses. There aren't enough words to describe our appreciation, and also to Bellin Security for making things easier for us. You are very special people.



Frank Borghese



Frank Michael Borghese, 80, of Morgan, passed away Sept. 11, 2025.

He was born in Chicago to the late Frank A. and Mary (Scolastico) Borghese. He will be sadly missed by his beloved wife of 53 years, Charlene (nee Tajak) Borghese.

Frank was a cardiac physiologist and also directed the cardiac department at St. Joseph Hospital in Chicago and Rush North Shore Hospital in Skokie, Illinois.

He will be remembered for his keen sense of humor, the strong bonds of friendship he forged with so many people, and his warm and caring personality.

Frank is survived by his

Walter Zywicki and longtime best friends Norman Birr and Ron Stancy.

In addition to his parents, Frank was preceded in death by his sister, Rose Jean (Vito) Melillo; and in-laws, Walter and Estelle Tajak.

The family would like to express sincere thanks to the nurses and staff at HSHS St. Clare Hospital for their outstanding care and compassion.

Private graveside services will be held at Town of Morgan Cemetery.

A memorial fund will be established. Contributions may be sent to the family in care of Jones Funeral Service, P.O. Box 124, Oconto Falls, WI 54154.

sister, Judy (late Robert) Wojtkiewicz; brother-in-law, Richard (Germaine E. Aprill) Tajak; and many cherished nieces and nephews. He will also be fondly remembered by special friends, Celeste (late Bob Duffer) Zywicki,


Legion poultry shoot at Long Branch Saloon

The next American Legion Gunless Poultry Shoot begins at 1 p.m. Sept. 20 at Long Branch Saloon Pavilion, 17901 State Highway 32, Townsend.

The legion will be raffling off packages of meat, poultry, sausages, bacon, beverages and items donated by local businesses. There will also be 50/50 and basket raffles.


American Legion Sylvan Post 44 of Wabeno is composed of veterans who are committed to helping veterans, their families and the community.

### Gotti




He is a 7 year old Boxer mix who was newly transferred to our shelter from the Milwaukee animal shelter. Gotti has been well behaved for the staff. He does well in his kennel and is potty trained. He is also treat-motivated and knows sit/shake.

### Henry




Meet Henry! He is a big 4 year old hound dog looking for his forever home. He has been waiting for months now at the shelter, although he has not let it dampen his spirits. He enjoys his routine and loves his time with staff even going on outings with volunteers.

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A map of aldermanic districts is available for viewing at the City Municipal Building, located at 500 Chestnut Avenue or on the City's website: [www.cityofocontofalls.com](http://www.cityofocontofalls.com) To view map online; click on Government tab and then click on physical-ward map.

The Common Council may appoint an alderperson for this vacancy at a meeting held on October 14, 2025.

Anyone interested in filling the vacancy, please submit your letter of interest by October 10, 2025 to:  
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# Lemonade stand to highlight childhood cancer awareness

## Bonduel girl wins battle with B-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia

By **KAY REMINGER**  
Correspondent

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness month.

Throughout the month, the goal of those personally affected is to spread awareness through social platforms — finding ways to encourage local families and organizations that support pediatric cancer.

A lemonade stand will be set up from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 20 on the north side of West Green Bay Street (booth 118) during Bonduel's Founder's Day, on behalf of Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation, a nonprofit that was launched to help kids with cancer.

Every dollar raised on Saturday will go directly to this organization to help fight against childhood cancer. US Venture is matching all money raised from the lemonade stand to double the donation. More information on the foundation can be found at [www.alexslimonade.org](http://www.alexslimonade.org).

Amira Rynish, daughter of Brianna and Jordan Rynish, has been on a journey no parent would ever wish for their child.

"Partnering with Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation is dear to our heart," Brianna Rynish said. "They are very intentional about where the money goes and how they can help as many kids as possible. They help to finance research, family support and advocacy work. We face challenges in advancing cures and safer treatment for children with cancer because, unlike adults who may be out of options and more willing to try clinical trials, parents are not as willing to enroll their children in these studies."

Out of all government funding for cancer, only 4% of it goes to pediatric cancer research. Between funding issues and the lack of research, there's been little to no progress toward new treatment discoveries. The medicines that are used are still from the 1970s.

Amira, a happy 6-year-old first grade student at Bonduel Elementary, is cancer-free currently and in remission.

"She loves her brothers, unicorns, crafting, swimming and anything pink," Rynish said. "Her dad and I are so proud of her, but nothing makes us happier than watching her play and experience life outside of a hospital like all kids should."

"We have a lot of prayer warriors that have helped us on our journey and still help us," she continued. "Going forward five years without chemo without relapsing, is when her medical team is confident that it's not coming back."

There will be long-term monitoring, testing and watching to determine if there would be any long-term side effects post-chemo.

Amira's cancer journey began in June 2021. After a month of searching for a diagnosis for fevers and shoulder pain, her parents sought out several doctors and specialists, including an oncologist, for an answer. Amira's blood work at that time didn't look like it would point to cancer, and her parents were told to keep looking.

"After two more weeks of pokes, prods and no answers, our pediatrician recommended we get blood work yet again," Rynish said. "Hearing our daughter has cancer and her bone marrow is packed



**Amira Rynish, 6, is all smiles today after her cancer was diagnosed to be in remission. The beads hanging from her arms indicate how many rounds of chemo she endured.** CONTRIBUTED



**Amira Rynish had to undergo multiple rounds of chemotherapy and much more than a child should ever have to go through in order to fight back the B-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia.** CONTRIBUTED

with cancer cells and 44% of her blood is cancer was devastating."

They were given the diagnosis that

Amira had B-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia.

For almost 2 1/2 years, Amira needed constant circulation of chemo in her body for the doctors to be confident that every last cancer cell was eliminated. One month into treatment, the staff learned that Amira was a unique case in leukemia. There is no cure currently. Only the best known treatment the medical community has found so far is to give kids the best chance of survival.

Amira was not responding well to this best-known treatment.

"Amira ended up going paralyzed almost up to her neck," Rynish said. "After pausing treatment with an immunotherapy drug, genetic testing was done, finding Amira has a genetic mutation that causes her to be unable to handle one of the chemo drugs she needed to get well. It became a balance of how much she could handle without possibly paralyzing her permanently."

Reaching out to other oncologists, Amira's team contacted those who run world-wide clinical trials and top oncolo-



**The DNR estimates the current wolf population at 1,226 animals, but folks living with wolves and monitoring trail cams believe it could be twice that many. Those who believe a wolf is threatening them can shoot in self-defense, but there is little else we can do to control wolf numbers.** FREEPIK.COM

## Follow the science with annual wolf hunts

Most wildlife experts and sportsmen agree the best way to protect a species is to make it a game animal. State biologists will analyze the species, conduct various

population estimates and set hunting limits to ensure that species doesn't drop below a certain level. Although non-game species in general are protected from hunting (such as songbirds), their numbers are not as closely monitored.

That's why it is illogical to not return to a gray wolf hunting season.

In October 2021, Dane County Circuit Judge Jacob Frost halted wolf hunting at the request of several animal rights groups and six Native American tribes.

The anti-hunting protectionist groups that exist primarily as fundraisers for themselves have used the legal system to unscientifically bully their way into stopping the hunting of wolves as a random species they hold a fondness for. If only they loved opossums as much as wolves, perhaps we would now be ankle deep in road-killed possums.

We should be using science and facts, not emotions, to protect and manage biological diversity, not just preserve the critters that we consider cute or special.

Just months before Frost's decision, Hunter Nation successfully sued the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to hold a wolf hunt in February 2021.

Another judge ruled the state had shirked its clearly defined duty to hold a wolf hunt in part because the species had been removed from the Endangered Species Act via federal order. The hunting and trapping season was halted early, because sportsmen bagged 216 wolves in 60 hours, suggesting the population was more robust than the state believed. The official quota was 119 animals.

A federal judge in February 2022 returned wolves in most of the lower 48 states to federal protection under the Endangered Species Act, but several states were not included because of a previous federal law.



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IN THE KITCHEN WITH FRANCESCA

Fall brings cravings for pizza, carrot cake

Now that fall is getting closer, warm suppers are sounding more and more appealing.

Homemade pizza is one of my new favorites suppers to throw together. When I was younger, I was not the biggest fan of homemade pizza, but this recipe has made me change my mind.

Growing up in a large family, I have been to Little Caesar's pizza quite frequently. So, I do prefer thick crust pizzas. However, usually time is tight when getting supper together. Since pizza crust usually has to rise, we would just make thin crust pizzas. Then, I found this recipe.

Since there is a large amount of yeast, the dough does not have to rise at all. You can use it immediately after kneading, which is great. The one drawback is that since there is so much yeast, it reacts with the sugar and can give off an alcoholic smell. As annoying as this is, it is completely normal and it disappears after baking. One more note about the dough: Do not forget the salt. The dough will still rise fine, just will lack taste.

Any kind of sauce is fine, just make sure it is not too thin. I hate soggy pizza, so I found that mixing a little flour into the sauce helps, as does sprinkling the dough with flour before spreading the sauce. Also, unless you like a lot of sauce, use only a thin layer.

Preheating the pan is also important. The hot pan begins browning the crust immediately and helps cooks everything evenly. I like the taste of a little cornmeal on the bottom of my crust (like Little Caesar's) but flour will work as well. This just helps the dough to not stick to the parchment paper while rolling out the dough, and technically, since you use parchment paper anyway, is not strictly necessary. It just makes it easier.

The type of cheese is also optional. I really like using muenster cheese. Muenster cheese is very mild and melts amazingly. Seasoning is very adjust-



Homemade pizza with a thick crust is possible when the dough doesn't have to rise at all, making this recipe a good one to turn to as fall arrives.

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able, use whatever you like.

This pizza is very delicious. To give myself plenty of time, I like to start making this pizza about 1 to 1 1/2 hours before supper time.

Carrot cake is also a perfect fall treat. As we have a bumper crop of carrots this year, I wanted to try out a new carrot cake recipe.

This recipe is deliciously moist. The rich cake pairs beautifully with the cool cream cheese frosting. Make sure to follow the



A bumper crop of carrots by fall is good to have whenever anyone gets a hankering to make some carrot cake.

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directions carefully, and add the ingredients in the order specified to ensure a cake that turns out.

This is a quite easy cake that can be made only by

hand. I did use a hand mixer while beating the butter and cream cheese together for the frosting. Otherwise, for the cake, I used a whisk and a wooden spoon.

HOMEMADE PIZZA

<b>DOUGH</b>	
1 cup water	1 tbsp. yeast
1 tbsp. sugar	1 tbsp. olive oil
2-2 1/2 cups flour	1 tsp. salt
<b>TOPPINGS</b>	
Tomato sauce	Muenster cheese
Garlic powder, nature's seasoning, oregano, basil	
Pepperoni slices	

Mix the yeast and sugar into the water. Let sit until foamy, 1-5 minutes. Gently mix in the olive oil. Add 2 cups of flour and the salt, mix until combined. Pour the remaining 1/2 cup of flour onto a flat surface and add the dough. Knead until dough is no longer unmanageably sticky. Let rest while gathering the other ingredients. Preheat oven to 430 degrees. Line pan with parchment paper, leaving on excess. Remove parchment paper and place pan in the oven. Sprinkle the parchment paper with flour or cornmeal, place the dough on top and roll out. Sprinkle the rolled out dough with a little flour. Add desired amounts of sauce, cheese, seasonings and pepperoni. Carefully remove hot pan from the oven and slide the pizza onto the pan. Drizzle with a little olive oil and bake for about 10-15 minutes. If the top looks done but the bottom doesn't look dark enough, move the pan to a lower rack and cook for 2 more minutes. Remove from oven and let cool for 10 minutes. Slice and serve with a little parmesan, if desired.

CARROT CAKE

2 1/2 cups flour	1 cup sugar
1 cup brown sugar, firmly packed	1 1/2 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. baking powder	2 tsp. cinnamon
1/4 tsp. nutmeg	1/4 tsp. cloves
1 cup oil	1/2 cup melted butter
4 large eggs, room temperature	1 tsp. vanilla extract
3 cups grated carrots	
<b>FROSTING</b>	
1/2 cup butter, softened	8 oz. cream cheese, softened
1 tsp. vanilla, softened	3-4 cups powdered sugar

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line the bottoms of two circular cake pans with parchment paper; grease and flour the sides. Whisk together the dry ingredients. Add the oil and butter and mix well, batter will be thick. Add the eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Mix in the vanilla. Stir in the carrots. Divide the batter evenly between the two pans. Bake for 30-40 minutes, or until toothpick inserted in then center comes out clean; a few moist crumbs are OK. Cool in pans for 10 minutes, then remove from pans, remove parchment paper and let cool completely. For frosting, beat the softened cream cheese until smooth. Add the vanilla. Sift in the powdered sugar gradually until desired consistency. Frost cooled cake and store in the fridge.

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States with an even larger overabundance of wolves, including California, Idaho, Colorado, Wyoming and Minnesota, have seen an uptick in predation on livestock, pets and game animals, including deer and elk.

An Associated Press study shows that 800 domestic animals were killed by wolves in 10 states in 2022. The states or national parks that have taken a protectionist stance toward wolves have come up with some unusual ways to shoo away wolves intent on a steak dinner.

I recently read a story that the government is using drones that play heavy metal music to chase off wolves near the Oregon-California border. "Thunderstruck" by AC/DC is particularly effective (hey, I love that tune).

Wyoming, meanwhile, has a section of the state that designates wolves as trophy animals, with strict quotas, but in most of the state, they are considered predators and can be killed without a license.

Wisconsin is now seeing more wolf predation, too. Those living in the northern third of the state have been battling wolves in some way or another for decades. I've talked to hunters with firsthand experience who have lost prized bear-hunting dogs to wolves.

There are depredation reports kept by the DNR and a system in place to compensate farmers, hunters and pet owners for their losses, but this

misses the bigger picture.

The DNR estimates the current wolf population at 1,226 animals, but folks living with wolves and monitoring trail cams believe it could be twice that many.

Those who believe a wolf is threatening them can shoot in self-defense, but there is little else we can do to control wolf numbers.

The DNR and United States Department of Agriculture create "warning zones" when a documented wolf attack occurs. Considering the range of a wolf, I'm not sure this is going to protect anyone's pets or livestock, but hey, you've been warned.

Wolves get blamed for decimating our deer herd, but the truth is, each wolf eats about 20 deer per year. That's 20,000 deer statewide (there are many wolf packs scattered in all directions, including southern Wisconsin). Bears also take fawns, as do coyotes. I think a managed number of wolves on the landscape is fine, but I don't own bear dogs, cattle or sheep.

What I do have are three points toward my wolf tag, several center-fire rifles and a clear idea of what needs to be done to get our wolf population under control. If you can give me a biological reason not to have a season, please let me know. The rest of the nation is already figuring out what needs to be done.

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gists at St. Jude's, to determine if anyone had seen a case in leukemia like Amira.

As expected, Amira lost feeling and function in a large part of her body once chemo was restarted.

"After continued physical and occupational therapy, Amira was able to work incredibly hard to regain her abilities to move and walk," Rynish said. "This did not come without extreme neuropathy pain on top of endless side effects from the treatment."

After almost 100 blood draws through a chest port, 46 overnight stays at the hospital or ICU, 17 procedures, a feeding tube and more throughout her treatment and beyond, the entire family and their medical team are celebrating two years off chemo without a relapse.

"We thank God and her entire team at Children's Hospital that she is with us today," Rynish said.

After treatment ended, the family began to circle back to as many organizations as possible that

helped them along their journey. Amira was most recently the Honored Hero for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. She was the face of one of its fundraising campaigns over several months this year.

Traveling to meet with groups in Green Bay and Milwaukee, inspiring the staff and volunteers through the course of their campaign to raise funds, Amira and Rynish spoke to hundreds of people and the campaign successfully brought in an incredible \$1.2 million that will go toward family support advocacy and blood cancer research.

"My husband Jordan, myself and Amira have spoken at events for several organizations, including Blood Cancer United, Families of Children with Cancer, Make-A-Wish, Children's Cancer Family Foundation, Community Benefit Tree and more," Rynish said.

Their hope is that they can continue to support more and more kids in their journeys and make an impact in the world of pediatric cancer — not only in September, but always.



# Cabra Mama’s raises food it sells in farm store

Farmers want people to know where food comes from

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Cabra Mama’s Homestead, located at W4977 County Road BE in the Town of Waukechon, offers an all-natural, farm-to-table service to their customers.

Owners David and Whitney Altenhofen maintain a small-scale farming operation, raising goats, beef cattle, pigs, rabbits and chickens on their 8-acre homestead.

“We offer locally raised farm-fresh meats including beef, pork and chicken, as well as farm-fresh eggs and maple syrup. The meat we raise and sell is all pasture-fed, sustainable and natural — no antibiotics nor hormones,” said Whitney Altenhofen. “Our family enjoys being out in the woods together collecting sap. Our four kids aged 10 to 3 all help on the farm tending to the animals with daily chores, such as gathering eggs, watering animals and giving lots of love to each animal.”

The name Cabra Mama originated when Whitney Altenhofen took Spanish in high school. Because of her fondness for goats, school-age Whitney became known as the crazy goat girl — the girl who loved goats. Convincing her teacher to allow her to bring in two baby goats for Spanish class show-and-tell, she brought bottles of milk for the class to feed her goat babies. That very day, the class dubbed her “Cabra Mama,” which in Spanish means “goat mom.” She knew one day that it



David and Whitney Altenhofen stand with a refrigerator full of packaged meats offered at Cabra Mama’s Homestead in the Town of Waukechon.

KAY REMINGER

would be her future farm’s namesake.

All the meat that the Altenhofens sell in the farm store has been raised on their homestead. They buy calves every year from a friend, raising them until they’re ready to butcher. Pigs are all farrowed on the farm.

The meat chickens are ordered through Gillett Milling. The original flock of laying hens came from numerous other farms. Every spring, the Altenhofens hatch an incubator full of Rhode Island Reds to maintain their flock.

“They’re our work-horse breed that we have as our primary egg-layers,” said David Altenhofen. “We also have Americana

chickens that lay blue eggs,” he added, “just for the fun of adding color to our egg cartons.”

The Altenhofens had an appreciation for agriculture at an early age. While David grew up on a farm, Whitney loved 4-H and FFA and raising animals.

“When we moved here, we knew we wanted to raise our own meat and grow a garden,” she said.

The Altenhofens’ initial goal was simply to be self-sustaining. One of the things that moved them along to the next level was partnering with Stubborn Brothers Brewery in Shawano. In 2020, they reached out to the brewery, explained they were a small homestead and inquired about their spent

brewers’ grain.

“We asked them if we could pick up their brewers’ grain to feed to our animals, and they said sure. So we make a trip to the brewery about five days a week, sometimes six, and pick up their fresh brewers’ grain,” said Whitney Altenhofen. “We have to add minerals and carbs, but most of the farm runs on that brewers’ grain. Because our feed costs aren’t crazy high, we can keep our prices down.”

The availability of the brewers’ grain gave the family a means to increase the number of animals they raise while, in turn, keeping overhead feed costs minimal.

“Because we utilized the brewers’ grain to feed

our animals, we have more options available to us,” said David Altenhofen.

That’s what helped jump-start the family to the point of producing excess of what they needed. Pondering how they could go about sharing this surplus with others, they decided to make a business out of it.

At a competitive price to the consumer, they offer individual cuts of meat instead of halves and quarters. For sale are bulk hamburger and patties; steak, roasts, brats, snack sticks, pork chops, pork loin, brisket and chicken.

All their meat — except for chicken — is packaged through Roskom Meats in Freedom. They maintained food retail license to sell

prepackaged food, with required routine inspections of the premises.

Whitney and David Altenhofen plan to expand the footprint of the location to accommodate growth by adding an extra freezer and a bigger display area for new products such as craft items, farm décor and all-natural dog treats. Whitney Altenhofen also wants to experiment using tallow for lotions and soaps and fashioning suet bars for birds. Next year a bigger garden is planned as well, to offer vegetables.

“We want to stress that we are a farmstead which provides locally-grown, home-raised, natural and sustainable, high-quality meats that we put a lot of love into and are fortunate to have an abundance of to share with the community,” David Altenhofen said. “We are trying to spread the love of farming. It’s important to us to teach our kids to have some connection to their food instead of just going to the grocery store.”

David Altenhofen said it’s important for people to know the origins of their food, which includes knowing the farmer that raises the animal and knowing that the animal lived in a pasture or in a backyard.

“We’re glad we ended up here. We have just opened our farm store this past January and have been blessed with local support,” he said. “We have a convenient location with good traffic flow. Most of our business is local — there’s been a lot of great support from the Bonduel and Shawano communities. The people are amazing and loving.”

Cabra Mama’s Homestead operates a self-serve store which is open daily from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., with cash and Venmo accepted. The Altenhofens have a Facebook page at Cabra Mama’s Homestead.

# ThedaCare encouraging good health for children at school

Now that school is back in session, ThedaCare is reminding parents and guardians about ways to help keep the kids in class and off the sickbed.

“From vaccination and good hygiene to proper sleep and nutrition, families can take many steps to help keep children healthy,” said Sarah Bauwens, family medicine nurse practitioner. “Studies show that students who miss too many school days are more likely to need more support academically.”

Staying on top of immunizations is crucial in helping to help keep kids well, Bauwens said.

Vaccines may help protect kids from serious diseases, prevent outbreaks within schools and contribute to overall healthier communities. Children

receive an early series of vaccines from birth through 18 months and require boosters as they get older. Wisconsin state law requires school-age children to have certain vaccinations to attend class.

“It’s important for kids to complete on-time well-child checkups,” Bauwens said. “Your child’s family medicine or pediatrics provider can help ensure they’re up to date on vaccines.”

In addition to the required series of vaccines, health care organizations recommend an annual flu shot for children ages 6 months and older.

Children’s immunization records can be reviewed through the Wisconsin Immunization Registry.

“Good hand hygiene can go a long way in stopping the spread of illness,”

Bauwens said. “Encourage your children to wash their hands throughout the day, especially after using the restroom and before eating. As your child grows, their teachers typically will help reinforce good hygiene habits.”

Hand sanitizer may help prevent the spread of colds and respiratory viruses but not stomach viruses, Bauwens said. Wash with soap and water to help halt the spread of “stomach bugs.”

“Teach children good habits around sneezing and coughing as well,” Bauwens said. “Sneeze or cough into your elbow — or ‘chicken wing’ — not your hands. You can also sneeze into a tissue and throw it away, following up with handwashing.”

Healthy eating is vital for a child’s growth, brain

development and immunity, Bauwens said.

Encourage children to eat a variety of foods including plenty of protein, whole grains, low-fat dairy products and fruits and veggies. Getting adequate nutrition through meals and healthy snacks may help kids focus on learning.

Inadequate sleep can lead to problems with concentration and behavior. It also may make it hard to complete homework later or to participate in after-school activities.

“Screen use has only made the problem worse,” Bauwens said. “The blue light that screens emit can negatively impact sleep. Limit young kids to an hour or less of screen time outside of school each day. For older kids, keep devices stored outside of

their bedroom at night.”

The American Academy of Sleep Medicine and American Academy of Pediatrics recommend 10-13 hours of sleep for ages 3-5, including naps, as well as 9-12 hours for ages 6-12 and 9-12 hours for teens.

“While it’s important for kids to attend school regularly, some situations call for a sick day,” Bauwens said. “We want to be mindful of others and stop the spread of contagious illnesses.”

Parents should keep children home if they’re experiencing:

- Fever: Fever is a common symptom of many illnesses and can indicate an underlying infection. If a child has a temperature of 100.4°F or higher, it is generally recommended to keep them home until they have

been fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications.

- Cold and flu: Respiratory illnesses like colds and flu are highly contagious. If a child has a runny nose, persistent cough, sore throat or body aches, it’s best to keep them home until their symptoms improve.

- Stomach issues: Vomiting and diarrhea can signal a stomach virus or food poisoning. Children with these symptoms should stay home until they’re symptom-free for at least 24 hours.

- Infections: Certain infections, such as strep throat or pink eye, require treatment with antibiotics. Pink eye is highly contagious, and a child must be on antibiotics for 24 hours before heading back to school.



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# For many women, hot flashes no joking matter

Hot flashes are a common joke in movies and sitcoms, in memes and amongst friends, but for a lot of women, menopausal hot flashes (aka vasomotor symptoms or VMS) are no joke.

They are not just annoying and so often poorly timed, they can actually have an adverse impact on a woman's long term health and quality of life. This is in large part why treating VMS with estrogen and/or progesterone (menopausal hormone therapy or MHT, previously known as HRT) was so popular during the last three decades of the 20th century.

Women just felt better, and they were told the risks were very minimal and the benefits were substantial. Beyond just the resolution of VMS, it was thought that MHT also decreased cardiovascular risk and prevented osteoporosis.

So, in 1992, the Women's Health Initiative (WHI), which was a very large study of post-menopausal women looking primarily at the impact of MHT on cardiovascular disease (i.e., stroke and heart attack, etc.), but also as a secondary outcome looked at breast cancer, colon cancer and osteoporosis prevention.

Most were anticipating this study would support continued use of MHT. So, many were surprised, in 2002, when WHI researchers abruptly stopped the combined estrogen and progesterone wing of the trial earlier than they had planned when it seemed clear that the risks associated with the treatment outweighed the benefits.

It identified an increased risk of coronary artery disease in women on combined estrogen and progesterone therapy (combo of both is necessary in any woman who still has a uterus) and a slight increased risk of breast cancer in the study group.

The way this information was initially presented in the popular press, it was unfortunately misrepresented, essentially scaring women all of the world off of their estrogen and progesterone. Then, in 2004, the estrogen only arm of the study was also stopped due to increased risk of stroke.

This made it seem pretty clear that MHT was not safe, which is why so many women were taken off of their hormones, and why so many women were miserable due to their



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uncontrolled hot flashes in the early 2000s-2010s. Unfortunately for those women, this was actually not so cut and dry.

In a more detailed review of the data, what was identified is that the cardiovascular risks were increased but only in the older women in the study. In fact, in women who were started on MHT by age 60 or within 10 years of menopause, there was no increased risk of heart attack or stroke, and in many younger women, it even lowered that risk. Unfortunately, this does mean that women who are above this age and window now have missed the safe opportunity to be on MHT.

As for the breast cancer risk, this was also misunderstood.

The risk only went up in the women who were on both estrogen and progestin and that risk, although statistically significant, was very minimal, and the risk of dying from breast cancer did not go up at all. In the women on estrogen only, the breast cancer risk actually decreased slightly.

There were also known benefits that are not often talked about but were never in dispute. The risk of osteoporosis and risk of colon cancer decrease with MHT was reaffirmed with the WHI study.

All of this does not mean that all women should be started on estrogen and/or progesterone in menopause, as there are some women who never have VMS, and/or others with very clear, definite reasons that they cannot be.

For those women, although not as effective, there are multiple non-hormonal treatment options that can be used to improve hot flashes.

What this does mean, though, is that moving forward, in consultation with their gynecologist or primary care provider, when women have significant menopausal hot flashes and no contraindications to hormones, we can now feel more comfortable treating women with the most effective option for VMS warranted.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### FRIDAY, SEPT. 19

**SHAWANO:** American Red Cross blood drive, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., City Hall, 127 S. Sawyer St. Appointments at RedCrossBlood.org or 800-733-2767.

**KESHENA:** Kehtekaewak Farmers Market, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., College of Menominee Nation, N172 State Highway 47-55.

**NAVARINO:** Farmtoberfest, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Porter's Patch, W4314 State Highway 156. Variety of family activities, 60 varieties of pumpkins for sale, food, live music. Details at porterspatch.com. Weekends through Oct. 26. Admission \$12.32 plus tax per person; ages 3 and under free.

**SHAWANO:** Power Play For the Future Fundraising Gala, doors open 5:30 p.m., dinner 7 p.m., Crescent Ballroom at Stubborn Brothers Brewery, 220 S. Main St. Formal/semi-formal fundraiser for Shawano Hockey. Ticket information at president@shawanohockey.org or 715-526-5336.

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

**WITTENBERG:** Walls of Wittenberg Show, 6:30-9 p.m., Art Park, 114 Vinal St. Cloud Nine Fire Show.

### SATURDAY, SEPT. 20

**TOWN OF MORGAN:** American Red Cross blood drive, 8 a.m. to noon, Morgan Town Hall, 3276 County Road C. Appointments at RedCrossBlood.org or 800-733-2767.

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

**BONDUEL:** Founders Day, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., downtown on Green Bay, South First, North Second and Mill streets. Annual event with over 160 craft vendors, Amish buggy rides, baked goods, live music, handmade crafts and items, food trucks/food court, petting zoo, free parking.

**OCONTO:** Elks Fly-In, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. 2983 Airport Road. Veterans ceremony 10 a.m. Aircraft on display, over 350 show cars, trucks and tractors (car show entry fee \$10), remote control air show, food court with nine vendors, craft vendors, bounce houses, bungee jumpers, rock climbing wall; monster truck rides and helicopter rides for a fee. Admission \$7 per person, 12 and younger free.

**SHAWANO:** Street Lust Presents Drift Tetsusaiga Vol. 2, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., USAir Motorsports Raceway, W5901 County Road BE. Admission \$20.

**BIRNAMWOOD:** Schairer's Autumn Acres, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., 154 U.S. Highway 45. Corn maze, pumpkin patch, wagon rides, petting zoo and other family activities. Live music by the Burdocks noon to 3 p.m.

**NAVARINO:** Farmtoberfest, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Porter's Patch, W4314 State Highway 156. Variety of family activities, 60 varieties of pumpkins for sale, food, live music. Details at porterspatch.com. Weekends through Oct. 26. Admission \$12.32 plus tax per person; ages 3 and under free.

**WITTENBERG:** Walls of Wittenberg Fall Art Show, 11 a.m.

to 3 p.m., WOWSPACE, 114 Vinal St. Theme "Art Through Fire." Photography, glasswork, metalwork and pottery.

**BOWLER:** Third annual Recovery Walk, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Stockbridge-Munsee Public Safety Building, W13455 Camp 14 Road. Food, information booths, guest speaker, free Narcan, door prizes and games.

**SHAWANO:** Headstones — Honoring the Vietnam Veterans of Shawano County, 3 p.m., Woodlawn Shawano City Cemetery, 1115 E. Green Bay St. Graveside stories and recollections of the lives of four veterans. Free to the public.

**PULASKI:** Booyah Bash, 3-11:30 p.m., Pulaski Polka Days Grounds, 429 E. Pulaski St. Booyah until sold out, bands and beer including Johnny Wad 8-11:30 p.m.

### SUNDAY, SEPT. 21

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

**PULASKI:** Pancake and Porkie Breakfast, 8 a.m. to noon, Pulaski Adult Activity Center, 430 S. St. Augustine St. Admission \$8, children 5-12 \$3, 4 and under free. Quilts, basket raffles, free shuttle to and from car show.

**PULASKI:** Showin' Off for a Reason Car Show, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Pulaski Polka Days Grounds, 429 E. Pulaski St. Booyah Bash until sold out, registration begins 9 a.m.

**BIRNAMWOOD:** Schairer's Autumn Acres, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., 154 U.S. Highway 45. Corn maze, pumpkin patch, wagon rides, petting zoo and other family activities.

**NAVARINO:** Farmtoberfest, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Porter's Patch, W4314 State Highway 156. Variety of family activities, 60 varieties of pumpkin for sale, food, live music. Details at porterspatch.com. Weekends through Oct. 26. Admission \$12.32 plus tax per person; ages 3 and under free.

### MONDAY, SEPT. 22

**STILES:** American Red Cross blood drive, 1-6 p.m., St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 5246 St. Patricks Road. Appointments at RedCrossBlood.org or 800-733-2767.

**SHAWANO:** Community Blood Center blood drive, 1-5:30 p.m., Zion Lutheran Church, 1254 S. Union St. To schedule an appointment, call 715-799-3507.

**OCONTO FALLS:** Food trucks, 4-7:30 p.m., St. Anthony School, 253 N. Franklin St. Up to six food trucks, art vendors, live music.

**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, SEPT. 23

**BONDUEL:** American Red Cross blood drive, Bonduel High School, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.,

400 W. Green Bay St. Appointments at RedCrossBlood.org or 800-733-2767.

**GILLETT:** American Red Cross blood drive, noon to 5:30 p.m., Gillett High School, 208 W. Main St. Appointments at RedCrossBlood.org or 800-733-2767.

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

### WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 24

**SHAWANO:** Walk Wednesdays, 7-8 a.m., USAir Motorsports Raceway, W5901 County Road BE. Track is open for walkers. Free admission.

**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.

### THURSDAY, SEPT. 25

**KESHENA:** Native American Art Showcase, 2-6 p.m., Menominee Casino Resort Convention Center, N277 State Highway 47-55.

**OCONTO:** Faithful Readers community Bible study, 2:30 p.m., Farnsworth Public library conference room, 715 Main St.

**MARION:** Navarino Nature Center Banquet, 5 p.m. social hour, 6:30 p.m. dinner, Northwinds Banquet Hall, 1103 N. Main St. Tickets \$50 per person, \$90 per couple, tickets picked up at the door, order by Sept. 23 at navarino.org/banquet.

**GILLETT:** Community Market, 5-7 p.m., Ebenreiter Square, 200 E. Main St.

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

### FRIDAY, SEPT. 26

**KESHENA:** Kehtekaewak Farmers Market, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., College of Menominee Nation, N172 State Highway 47-55.

**NAVARINO:** Farmtoberfest, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Porter's Patch, W4314 State Highway 156. Variety of family activities, 60 varieties of pumpkins for sale, food, live music. Details at porterspatch.com. Weekends through Oct. 26. Admission \$12.32 plus tax per person; ages 3 and under free.

**SHAWANO:** Homecoming Parade, 6 p.m., downtown. Starts at Elizabeth and Main streets, north on Main, left at Green Bay Street, left on Washington Street to Franklin Park.

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

**WITTENBERG:** Walls of Wittenberg Show, 6:30-9 p.m., Art Park, 114 Vinal St. Cloud Nine Fire Show.

**WABENO:** "The Wild Women of Winedale," 7 p.m., Nancy Volk Auditorium, 4325 Branch St. Wabeno Area Players production. Tickets \$15, \$10 for students at wabeno-areaplayers.org.

**BOWLER:** Hollywood's Greatest Game Shows, 8 p.m., North Star Mohican Casino Resort, W12180 County Road A. Ticket information at www.northstarcasinoresort.com.

### SATURDAY, SEPT. 27

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

**LENA:** STEF's Fall Color Memorial Ride, 9-11 a.m. registration, ride leaves 11 a.m., Ray's Boneyard, 9089 D and B Frontage Road. 50/50 and bucket raffles, table raffles, silent auction.

**OCONTO:** Harvest Fest, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Main Street. Over 150 craft and vendor booths, car show, live music, food trucks, kids activities.

**BIRNAMWOOD:** Schairer's Autumn Acres, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., 154 U.S. Highway 45. Corn maze, pumpkin patch, wagon rides, petting zoo and other family activities. Horse-drawn wagon rides, apple fest and craft show weekend, live music by The Drovers noon to 3 p.m.

**TIGERTON:** Applefest, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tigerton Community Park, 236 Pine St. Kids activities, bounce houses, vendors, crafts, apple pie contest and sales. Pie and ice cream inside Legion Hall, 223 Pine St.

**NAVARINO:** Mycological Society Foray/Mushroom Hike, 10 a.m. to noon, Navarino Nature Center, W4656 Lindsten Road. Learn more about mushroom hunting. Registration is required, call 715-758-6999.

**PULASKI:** The Annual Sharing of Our Stories, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., various locations. Details at pulaskichamber.org.

**NAVARINO:** Farmtoberfest, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Porter's Patch, W4314 State Highway 156. Variety of family activities, 60 varieties of pumpkins for sale, food, live music. Details at porterspatch.com. Weekends through Oct. 26. Admission \$12.32 plus tax per person; ages 3 and under free.

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**CRIVITZ:** Crooked Trails ATV Club Summer Long Poker Party and Cookout, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Crooked Lake Sportsmen Park, 15526 County Road W. Fall Fest and poker run, raffles, spin wheel.

**WABENO:** "The Wild Women of Winedale," 7 p.m., Nancy Volk Auditorium, 4325 Branch St. Wabeno Area Players production. Tickets \$15, \$10 for students at wabeno-areaplayers.org.

**KESHENA:** Sounds of Summer — A Beach Boys Tribute, 8 p.m., Menominee Casino Resort, N277 State Highway 47-55. General admission \$25.

### SUNDAY, SEPT. 28

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

**BIRNAMWOOD:** Schairer's Autumn Acres, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., 154 U.S. Highway 45. Corn maze, pumpkin patch, wagon rides, petting zoo and other family activities. Horse-drawn wagon rides, apple fest and craft show weekend, live music by Carl Jackson and Barn Dance Band from noon to 3 p.m.





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Collision with deer impacts vehicle, social life

It startled me to slam on my brakes as fast as I could. Looming larger than life next to my car window appeared a small doe, darting out of nowhere as they're prone to do. Before I had a half-second to even think, she thumped-thumped against the passenger door behind me and limped off the highway, thankfully before any other car hit her.

I was on a highway going the speed limit. Cars coming toward me in their lane, cars behind me in mine, there was no possible way to stop immediately.



Kay Reminger  
Columnist

Finding the first spot to pull over, my adrenaline was off the roof.

People hit deer. It happens, and everyone has their own story.

A friend described her deer collision to me in detail — her text message was accompanied by several exclamation points. She had been

at a dead stop and the buck that hit her ran right into the side of her car. It slammed into her car so hard that his antlers shattered and came down like rain on her roof. Six thousand dollars later, she got her car back.

I exclaimed over her incident and had told her I was gun-shy now. I see deer running out behind every nook and cranny. She said I'd be paranoid until Christmas. At that, she mentioned she's still a better deer-watcher than her husband.

The worst thing about this whole thing — well, be-

sides the five Ben Franklins just thrown out the window — is the lack of mobility. I like to accept impromptu lunch dates with girlfriends, or schedule feature story interviews without a second thought to, "Hey, wait. Do I have wheels?"

We have my husband's farm truck, yes, but that thing feels like driving a semi after my sweet little Chevy Trailblazer with the push-button-on-the-trunk for groceries. My depth perception is off-kilter in that thing. I park and get out, finding that I've overstepped my boundaries, taking up two car spaces.

These days without a car, I have to check my husband's schedule before making my own. He is in the throes of the volleyball season as a middle school referee, which will just now take him off the farm numerous times in the weeks to come.

We are getting text message updates from the body shop, which is helpful and maddening. What takes so long? I'm learning patience in a hard, literal way. It's not that I'm a social butterfly, by any means. Give me a good book, a quiet time relaxing on our deck and I'm happy as a clam. I just need to have wheels when I wanna ride.

Why don't I rent a car, you may ask? It's not cov-

ered under our insurance plan, and I'm too cheap.

The newer cars these days are so high-tech, they talk to you on the display to your immediate right. Once I had to drive our son's girlfriend's car to Appleton. I had wandered over, hugging the right side one too many times and on her display I saw a steaming cup of coffee (the steam was literally wafting) and a large note read: "Do you need a break?"

I laughed out loud. Coming up to a red light, the car shut down. I was frantic, wondering if it had just crashed on me and thoughts flew. Taking my foot off the brake, it woke up. It had one of those default shut-down-at-stop features. Who knew?

Purchasing our car last year, we now are familiar with this feature and to be honest, what is it there for? To save gas? It's a mystery to me.

These cars though, are very thoughtful. Once I was in Shawano running errands. Parked right across from Dreier's on Main Street, I was going to zip across to pick up a prescription. Thinking I'd just grab my debit card, I proceeded to try to push-button lock the door.

My car answered with a swift and startling beep-beep. Two little sounds that

stopped me in my tracks. It wouldn't lock. It dawned on me like the sun coming out from behind a cloud — goodness gracious sakes alive, I had left my keys (and my cellphone) in my purse. In the car.

Had the little high-tech guru not warned me, I'd have been locked out of my car without a cellphone in the middle of Shawano's Main Street.

So back to the deer mishap, my car had given me no message saying my tire was low or whatever it might have said. Getting out, I found I could open and shut the very sorry looking back passenger-side door. I noticed the wheel well had telltale deer hair mashed all along the side. Poor thing. I felt sorry for both the deer and me.

For now, while I'm sort of homebound, I am trying to learn patience while I wait. Deer beware; I'll be up and running soon.

("The end of a matter is better than its beginning, a patient spirit is better than a proud spirit." Ecclesiastes 7:8)

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

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Despite the warm weather this week, fall really is on its way. At the far left, a recent full moon helped set the stage for hauntingly good times ahead, while, at left, Les Jepson has been growing gourds and pumpkins for seven years across 13 acres at N1108 Highway 22, Clintonville. Starting on Labor Day, the pumpkins are sold on the honor system for \$5 each. Below, the Shawano Paddlers continue to enjoy the waters of the Wolf River for an early morning adventure as they push off from The Lighthouse.

# Summer sun giving way to fall fun



As summer begins to wind down, leaves on the trees are starting to turn colors, as is the case with these trees in Clintonville. To help decide where to best view the colors in Wisconsin, visit the Fall Color Report at [www.travelwisconsin.com](http://www.travelwisconsin.com). In the northern hemisphere, fall begins with the astronomical autumnal equinox Sept. 22 at 1:19 p.m. This event marks the official start of astronomical fall and occurs when the sun is directly over the equator, resulting in nearly equal day and night lengths.



Let the search begin for the best pumpkins for decorating and eating. To choose a good pumpkin, select a firm, heavy-for-its-size pumpkin with no soft spots, mold, bruises or cuts. A sturdy, intact stem is important, and when you tap it, it should sound hollow, indicating ripeness. The ideal pumpkin depends on its intended use: a flat-bottomed, round one is good for carving, while a smaller, sweeter one is better for cooking.

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Niagara Badgers players attempt to block a spike from Suring's Ellayna Skarban.

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## Oconto Falls wins Hawks volleyball invite

The Oconto Falls volleyball team captured the championship at the Shawano-Abby Tuma Invitational on Sept. 13, finishing the day with a perfect 5-0 record.

In morning pool play, Oconto Falls defeated Pulaski (28-26, 25-13), Peshtigo (25-11, 25-15) and Manitowoc Lutheran (25-23, 25-21). Pulaski pushed the Panthers in the opening set of the day before Oconto Falls pulled away in set two. Izzy Otto directed the offense with 26 assists and seven digs, while Lucy Ripley tallied 11 kills. Rhiana Vande Yacht added seven kills and six digs, with Ella Jahnke and Calli Bursa each contributing five kills. Rylie Shallow anchored the defense with 12 digs.

Against Peshtigo, the Panthers rolled behind Otto's 16 assists, 10 digs and three aces. Ripley chipped in five kills and four aces, and Shallow picked up seven digs.

Oconto Falls closed pool play by taking down a tough Manitowoc Lutheran squad. The Panthers won a tight first set 25-23, then outlasted the Lancers 25-21 in set two. Otto recorded 15 assists, 13 digs and three aces, Ripley hammered 10 kills, Bursa chipped in five kills, and Shallow collected 11 digs.

In the Gold Bracket, Oconto Falls swept Oconto (25-12, 25-21) to set up a championship rematch with Manitowoc Lutheran. Ripley led the way with 12 kills and two aces, Otto added 20 assists and eight digs, and Bursa chipped in seven kills and five digs.

The championship match was a thriller, as Oconto Falls edged Manitowoc Lutheran 23-25, 25-19, 15-13. After dropping their first set of the day, the Panthers rallied to win the next two. In a nail-biting third set, Manitowoc Lutheran led



Chloe Schroeder (2) serves the ball for an ace against Gillett on Sept. 11. Suring hosted a triangular and won in three sets against both of their opponents — the Gillett Tigers and Niagara Badgers.

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13-12 before Oconto Falls closed with kills from Ripley, Otto and Bursa, who sealed the victory with the match-winner.

Otto finished with 25 assists and 14 digs in the championship. Ripley posted 12 kills, Bursa had seven kills, Jahnke added six kills, and Shallow led the defense with 17 digs.

### Ozaukee 2, Gillett 0

Ozaukee beat Gillett 2-0 on individual games of 25-12 and 25-16.

### Mineral Point 2, Suring 0

### Thursday, Sept. 11 Suring 3, Niagara 0 Suring 3, Gillett 0

Suring shut out both opponents at a home triangular with Niagara and Gillett.

The Eagles topped Niagara 25-20, 25-19, 25-12, and defeated Gillett 25-22, 25-12, 25-18.

Against Niagara, Chloe Schroeder collected 23 assists and two attack kills; Grace Christiansen had

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## Eagles football team soars over Gillett

By GREG SEUBERT  
Correspondent

Whether the Suring football team qualifies for the WIAA 8-player playoffs this season remains to be seen.

If the Eagles' latest win is any indication, however, the team is in good shape of advancing to the post-season for the first time since 2019.

Suring hosted Gillett on Sept. 12 for its annual Across the Bay Conference matchup, scored on all five of their possessions in the first half and cruised to a 47-6 win over the Tigers.

The Eagles improved to 3-1 on the season, while Gillett fell to 0-4.

Grant Thomson capped the game's opening drive with a 1-yard run and Kroix Kempka added the two-point conversion run to give the Eagles an 8-0 lead with 7:45 remaining in the first quarter.

After forcing a three-and-out on Gillett's opening drive, the Eagles took over on their own 45-yard line. Thomson's 51-yard run on the second play of the drive and another two-point run from Kempka made it 16-0 with just under five minutes remaining in the opening quarter.

Taylor Booth-Stoffregen hooked up with Kempka



Gillett's Brandon Slatky keeps Suring's Dyllan Flynn from getting into the end zone.

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for a 48-yard touchdown pass on Suring's third drive of the first quarter and Dyllan Flynn added the two-point run.

The Eagles weren't finished in the quarter, as Suring recovered a Gillett fumble at the Tigers' 40-yard line. Kempka scored again on the first play of the drive and Flynn added the two-point run with 30 seconds on the clock.

Suring added to its lead with two more touchdowns before halftime.

Dayne Ermis returned an interception 34 yards on

the first play of the second quarter and Kempka's two-point run made it 40-0.

The Eagles' next drive ended with their final score, as Kempka opened the drive with a 57-yard run with 8 1/2 minutes to go in the half.

A running clock in the second half limited both team's possessions.

Trevor Schaal set up Gillett's touchdown in the final minute of the third quarter with a fumble re-

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Suring's Grant Thomson tackles Gillett's Mason Herzog for a 2-yard loss Sept. 12 in an Across the Bay Conference game in Suring.

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## Lena/STAA stays undefeated with victory over Sevastopol

By GREG SEUBERT  
Correspondent

Wins continue to add up for the Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy football team.

The Titans improved to 4-0 Sept. 12 in Lena with a 44-20 win over Sevastopol in an Across the Bay Conference matchup of undefeated 8-player teams.

### Lena/STAA 44, Sevastopol 20

Lena/STAA found the end zone three times in the first quarter and added two more touchdowns before halftime to take a 38-14 lead over the Pioneers at the break.

The teams combined for 30 points in the first quarter alone.

Sevastopol opened the scoring with Logan Schuh's 78-yard pass to Cash Kuehn, but the Titans' Max Peterson answered that score

with touchdown runs of 4 and 5 yards and a 40-yard interception return.

Schuh connected with Ray Peterson for a 28-yard touchdown pass in the second quarter to cut the lead to one score, but Lena/STAA added to its lead with Peterson's 3-yard run and a 2-yard score from Sam Peterson.

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Each team added a touchdown in the second half. Luke Koslowsky scored on a 2-yard run for the Titans in the third quarter, and Schuh and Kuehn hooked up for a 15-yard pass with just under five minutes to go in the game.

Lena/STAA outgained the Pioneers 309-247, with all of the Titans' yards coming on the ground.

Max Peterson finished with 101 yards on 15 carries, while quarterback Jake Farley added 81.

Pulaski 48, Green Bay Southwest 13

At the same time the Green Bay Packers were taking on the Washington Commanders, the Red Raiders took care of business Sept. 11 with a Fox River Classic Conference-North home win over the Trojans.

Five players had rushing touchdowns for Pulaski as the Red Raiders finished with 329 yards on the ground on 32 carries and didn't have a 100-yard rusher.

Gavin Sikorski, Bohdan Schmidt and Anthony Ficari scored on runs of 37, 55 and 12 yards, respectively, in the first quarter.

Brock Weideman added touchdown runs of 13 and 3 yards in the second quarter and Schmidt returned a punt 61 yards for another score as the Red Raiders built a 41-0 halftime lead.

The Trojans' first touchdown came in the third quarter on a blocked punt and 42-yard return. Southwest also found the end zone in the fourth quarter

on a 22-yard pass before Pulaski's Drake Coppens capped the scoring with a 7-yard run.

Sikorski led the Red Raiders with 88 rushing yards in only three carries and Bruno Gajewski completed all four of his passes for 37 yards.

Kewaunee 14, Bon-duel 7

Kewaunee snapped Bonduel's streak of 11 straight Packerland Conference wins Sept. 12 in Kewaunee.

Kewaunee quarterback

Brett Paulsen scored both of the Storm's touchdowns in the first half.

Bonduel tied the game at 7-7 in the second quarter on Carter Moesch's 12-yard run, but the Bears never scored again.

Bonduel fell to 2-2 overall and 1-1 in conference play, while Kewaunee won its third straight game after dropping its season opener.

Other scores

Sept. 12: Oconto Falls 36, Crandon 8; Shawano 15, New London 12; Stratford 16, Wittenberg-Birnam-

wood 13 (OT); Menominee Nation forfeited to Marion/Tigerton.

Upcoming games

Sept. 19 (all games 7 p.m. except where indicated): Winneconne at Shawano; Marinette at Bonduel; Clintonville at Oconto Falls; Pulaski at West De Pere; Wittenberg-Birnamwood at Spencer/Columbus Catholic at Spencer; Wild Rose at Menominee Nation, 4 p.m.; Suring at Niagara; Newman Catholic at Marion/Tigerton at Marion; Lena/STAA at Gillett.

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covery that set the Tigers up at the Suring 26-yard line. Clayton Borremans capped the drive with an 11-yard touchdown run to complete the scoring.

"It basically comes down to if we play clean, we have success, and that's what plagued us last week against Sevastopol," Suring coach Mitch Taylor said. "We spotted them 28 points, came back and made it a battle."

The Eagles will wrap up their nonconference schedule Sept. 19 at Niagara before heading to Lena to face undefeated Lena/STAA Titans, which knocked off the only other unbeaten team in the conference - Sevastopol - 44-20 on Sept. 12.

"We have two (conference) wins and a big loss to Sevastopol," Taylor said.

Suring hasn't been to the postseason since the Eagles switched to 8-player football in 2019. Suring qualified for the WIAA 11-player playoffs 10 times from 1999 to 2018 and made it to Level 3 in 2008.

"They haven't been

a part of (the playoffs)," Taylor said. "We've been in the middle of the pack or the lower part. Now, they're working hard, because they want to bring it back up and make Suring football what it once was."

The WIAA's 8-player format gives programs like Suring an opportunity to field a team.

"Our enrollment's going to be under 100 (students) at the high school," Taylor said. "We get to keep our identity, and we're not combined with anybody. They're playing hard, and that's exactly what I want to see. They get out there, and they're not afraid to play against some bigger kids."

Gillett and Suring are only 10 miles apart and players from both communities know each other well.

"It's Gillett and Suring," Taylor said. "This is the one that you always mark on the schedule. That's what they told me when I moved here. I'm not from the area, but they said, 'If you beat Gillett, you're OK.'"



A trio of Suring defenders hold Gillett's Chad Samz to a short gain.

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four attack kills, one block kill and two digs; Karissa Hischke had three attack kills; Aliya Cox tallied six attack kills, three block kills and a dig; Lexis Remic had four attack kills and two digs; and Ellayna Skarban has 22 attack kids and two assists.

In the three games against Gillett, Schroeder had 18 assists, an attack kill and a dig; Christians had four block kills, three digs and an attack kill; Hischke collected six attack kills and a dig; Cox tallied five attack kills and four digs; Remic collected four attack kills and a pair of digs; and Skarban contributed six digs and five attack kills.

Tigerton 3, Gresham 0

Tigerton traveled to Gresham to play a CWC North matchup, and the Tigers defeated their hosts 3-0 with set scores of 25-22, 25-19 and 25-15.

"The girls played excellent defense and transitioned to excellent offense," Tigerton coach

Holly Meverden said. "They made great choices when playing the ball. This win was a total team effort."

Jaelyn Brady led Tigerton with 24 digs. Also contributing were Aaliyah Lederhaus with 17, Lillian Welch and Presley Stewart-Rolfs with 11 each, Danika Tiller and Myah Dent with eight each and Renata Nordwig with seven.

Tiller had 18 assists, and Lederhaus had seven.

Stewart-Rolfs led with 14 kills, followed by Welch with nine, Lederhaus with six, Nordwig with three and Tiller with two.

In block kills, Stewart-Rolfs led with four, while Nordwig collected three, and Myah Smith had one.

Nordwig earned 17 service points and had two aces, while Brady collected 12 and two, respectively. Lederhaus tallied 10 points and two aces, and Dent had two and two.

Hilbert 3, Bowler 0

Crivitz 3, Lena 1  
Winneconne 3, Shawano 0  
Oconto Falls 3, Wau-paca 2

Tuesday, Sept. 9  
Lena 3, Niagara 2

Lena and Niagara played tight throughout the night, but the Eagles wore down their opponents to take the final game and the match.

Niagara ran a tough offense, but Lena played very scrappy and it was difficult for the Badgers to get the kill where they normally would. Lena played a short game and put Niagara's defense on their heels too many times.

Niagara jumped out and won the first two games 25-20 and 25-23, but Lena hung in there and won the final three games 25-23, 25-7, 16-14.

Northland Lutheran 3, Tigerton 1

Tigerton hosted CWC North opponent Northland Lutheran, but despite hard and consistent play, the Tigers lost 3-1 with scores

of 22-25, 26-24, 20-25, 18-25.

"I'm seeing so much improvement in many aspects of the game, and I'm not disappointed in the girls' efforts," coach Holly Meverden said.

On the night, Danika Tiller led with 14 assists, and Aaliyah Lederhaus had 10.

Presley Stewart-Rolfs led with 11 kills, followed by Lillian Welch with five, Lederhaus with four, Tiller and Renata Nordwig with three each, and Myah Smith with two. As for digs, Jaelyn Brady had 21, Lederhaus and Nordwig had 13 each, Welch had 10, Tiller had five, Stewart-Rolfs and Smith had four each, and Myah Dent had a pair.

Welch and Smith each had one block kill.

Brady recorded 20 service points with four aces, followed by Stewart-Rolfs with nine points and five aces, Nordwig with five points and an ace, Lederhaus with four points and

a pair of aces, Tiller with four points and Dent with three points.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood 3, Iola-Scandinavia 2

Wittenberg-Birnamwood's girls volleyball pulled out a fifth set win to defeat Iola-Scandinavia 3-2 in the Chargers' first conference matchup of the season.

"After being down 0-2 to a very scrappy Iola team, we cleaned up a few things in our defensive pursuit, which allowed us to pick up their tips and keep rallies alive once the ball hit our hands on the block," coach Becky Rew said. "Our offensive attack also started finding the holes in their defense by attacking out of system very well and using a large variety of hitters in our chase for the win. It was definitely a good solid win as we started our conference play."

The Thunderbirds won the first two sets 25-19, 25-

20, while the Chargers won the final three sets 25-19, 25-22, 15-11.

Lily Metropulos racked up 18 serving attempts with four aces, 51 hitting attempts with 18 kills, a pair of block kills and 17 assists.

Charlie Eichman recorded 17 serving attempts with three aces, 38 hitting attempts with 16 kills, and 15 digs.

Melaina Granquist, had 37 hitting attempts with 13 kills, three block kills and 18 digs.

Kaitlin Tuskowski sacred a 95% serving percentage with 22 serving attempts and two aces, as well as 23 assists.

Bowler 3, White Lake 2

Shiocton 3, Bonduel 2  
Bay Port 3, Pulaski 0  
Crivitz 3, Gillett 1  
Weyauwega-Fremont 3, Menominee Nation 0  
Monday, Sept. 8  
Bonduel 3, Sevastopol 1

Northland Lutheran 3, Marion 0



# Witt-Birn swimmers take fifth at Jaguars Invite

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Wittenberg-Birnamwood's swim team wasn't able to field a team in the last event, the 400 freestyle relay, which caused the Chargers to drop from third place to fifth place among 16 teams at the 44th annual Jaguar Girls Swimming Invitational on Sept 13. In total, 16 teams competed.

Going into that last event, Wittenberg-Birnamwood was three points behind the second-place team. With only five swimmers, they finished 24 points out of second place, with the five teams in front of them Division 1 teams.

Bay Port was the clear winner with 547 points, followed by Ashwaubenton with 215, Sheboygan United with 206, De Pere/West De Pere with 205, Witt-Birn with 191 and Eau Claire Memorial with 171.

Kelsie Davis, Brooklynn Beran, Eleanor Tassler and Reese Dickman won the 200 freestyle relay in 1:44.49, while the 200 medley relay team of Davis, Dickman, Rylie Crick and Tassler earned second place in 1:56.48.

Davis, a junior, won the 200 individual medley win 2:15.96 and the 100 butterfly in 1:01.15.

Beran, a sophomore won the 100 backstroke in 1:03.87 and placed sixth in the 200 freestyle in

2:08.52. Dickman, a senior, was second in the 100 breaststroke in 1:09.62 and fourth in the 100 freestyle in 57.70.

Tassler, a sophomore, placed 10th in the 50 freestyle in 26.66 and 12th in the 100 freestyle in 59.39.

Crick, also a sophomore, placed 17th in the 50 freestyle in 28.01 and 18th in the 100 backstroke in 1:10.76.

## Thursday, Sept. 11

Seymour's swim team traveled to Wittenberg to take on the Chargers and returned home with an 83-60 victory.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood had five swimmers competing in the dual meet against the Thunder.

Brooklynn Beran, Reese Dickman, Kelsie Davis and Eleanor Tassler set a new Witt-Birn pool record when they placed first in the 200 medley in 1:55.58.

In the 200 freestyle relay, Dickman, Tassler, Rylie Crick and Davis took first in 1:50.38.

Davis won the 200 intermediate medley in 2:18.72 and the 100 backstroke in 1:03.91.

Dickman captured first in the 500 freestyle in 5:49.19.

In the 100 butterfly, Crick took first place in 1:09.39, while Tassler was third in 1:13.78.

Beran was second in the 100 freestyle in 58.69 and second in the 200 freestyle



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Kelsie Davis prepares to begin the 100 backstroke Sept. 11 against Seymour. She won the event in 1:03.91. Davis also won the 200 intermediate medley.

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Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Reese Dickman swims to second place in the 100 breaststroke at the Jaguars Invitational Sept. 13.

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in 2:13.14. In the 50 freestyle,

Dickman placed second in 26.04, followed by Tassler in third in 27.11 and Crick in fourth in 27.89.

# Panthers golfers outplayed on home course

Freedom golfers topped Oconto Falls at River Island Golf Course on Sept. 11. The visitors finished with a 197, while the host Panthers hit 211.

Katelyn Kurek led Oconto Falls with a 47, followed by Addy Kluth with a 53, Kylie Thompson with a 54 and Chloe Anastasopoulos with a 57.

Anna Burd carded a 59.

## FRCC Mini-Meet #3

Pulaski tied the co-op team Sheboygan North, Oostburg and Sheboygan South, but both were well off the mark at Thornberry Creek at Oneida/Iroquois Course in Hobart.

Bay Port, whose golfers earned four of the top five individual scores, won at 150, while Pulaski was at 209.

Pulaski was led by Charlie Lasecki's 49. She was joined by Taylor Murphy at 51, Grace Melzer at 53 and Ellie Mork at 56.

Morgan Schuh carded a 57, and Paige Krahn carded a 58.

## Tuesday, Sept. 9 Bay North

### Conference

#### Mini-Meet #4

Seymour won the top spot again, this time at the Shawano Lake Golf Course.

Seymour scored a 188, followed by Shawano with 203, Bonduel with 229, Oconto at 240 and Sturgeon Bay at 241.

Lauren Seehafer led the Hawks with a 46. She was joined by Madelyn Moesch at 51, Hailey Hawkinson at 52 and Gwyn Hermann at 54.

Alyssa Singer carded a 56.

Bonduel was led by Paige Wolf and her 51. She was joined by Leah Court and McKenna Onesti each with a 59, and Quinn Hartlaben with 60.

Elena Schultz carded a 75.

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## Pulaski tennis team shuts the door on Preble

The Red Raiders tennis team notched another shutout, 7-0 over Green Bay Preble on Sept. 11.

The closest match came at No. 1 doubles when Linde Lemerond and Aubrie Schuessler defeated Isabella Garcia and Ayla Rozz 7-5, 6-2.

Also winning in doubles play were the No. 2 duo of Ayla Groteluschen and Gretchen Rottier 6-1, 6-1, and the No. 3 team of Aubrey Coel and Riley Hartman 6-0, 6-0.

Ruth Krause won 6-2, 6-4 at No. 1 singles, and Anna Krause won 6-1, 6-0 at No. 2. In the No. 3 flight, Emory Groteluschen won 6-0, 6-0, while Elizabeth Dornfeld won 6-3, 6-1 in the No. 4 spot.

### Tuesday, Sept. 9 Pulaski 7, Green Bay Southwest 0

Pulaski shut out Green Bay Southwest 7-0, with Green Bay losing twice by default and winning zero games on the night.

Cruising to wins in the singles flight were Ruth Krause at No. 1, Anna Krause at No. 2, Emory Groteluschen at No. 3 and Elizabeth Dornfeld by default at No. 4.

In doubles play, Linde Lemerond and Aubrie Schuessler won at No. 1, and Ayla Groteluschen and Gretchen Rottier won at No. 2. Aubrey Coel and Riley Hartman won by default at No. 3.

**Shawano 6, Marinette 1**

**Monday, Sept. 8  
Shawano 7, New London 0**

# Wendorff wins at Shawano invite

Bailey Hendricks, of Shawano, placed third in Division 2 among runners at the Shawano Hawk Invitational on Sept. 13. She had a time of 20:37.5.

Shawano runners were second, and Oconto Falls was third.

Tela Hopfensperger finished fifth in 20:51.0, and Maci Beyer was 10th in 21:49.5.

Oconto Falls' Emma Meissner placed fourth in 20:44.1. Lily Meissner was ninth in 21:46.9.

Urijah Reeves, of Menominee Nation, placed 48th in 25:56.4.

In Division 3, Bonduel's Mariah Wondra finished in second in 18:40.9. Teammate Lillian Burrack was eighth in 21:24.8.

Gillett was led by Hope Soper, who placed 12th in 21:50.2.

Violet Buchholz, of Wolf River Lutheran in Shawano, finished the course in 26th place in

25:23.8.

Marion's Kennedy Zuni-ga placed 36th in 26:26.1.

In the boys race in Division 2, Menominee Nation's Bryant Waupoose II led the area runners in ninth place in 17:32.1.

Josiah Kuehl led the Hawks in 13th place in 18:09.6.

Oconto Falls was paced by Isaiah Holtz, who placed 14th in 18:27.5.

For Division 3 male runners, Gillett's Brayden Wendorff won first place in 17:47.0.

Bonduel placed six runners in the top 10.

They were Gage Anderson, second, 18:38.1; Griffin Uelmen, third, 18:46.3; Oliver Chitwood, fourth, 18:54.2; Joah Dworniczak, sixth, 19:16.7; Garrett Anderson, seventh, 20:09.4; and Jack Weier, ninth, 20:56.0.

Marion's Payton Prickette placed 10th in 21:15.3.

Suring's Charles Rich-

ard was 13th in 22:00.4.

Mason Martin, of Gresham/Bowler, was 27th in 23:40.4.

Mark Buchholz, of Wolf River Lutheran in Shawano, placed 41st in 34:38.9.

**Roncalli Schmitt/Schneider Cross Country Invitational**

Pulaski's Maggie Gerth won first place in 19:11.87 running in Manitowoc.

Teammates Emerson Fabry placed third, and Addie Bruckert placed sixth.

For the boys, Arden Gil-len placed second in 17:21.5.

Parker Marshall placed third, followed by Mitchell Pilon in sixth.

**Tuesday, Sept. 9  
Manawa/Symco Invitational**

Menominee Nation's boys placed second among three teams and the girls were fourth among five competing at Symco.

Bryant Waupoose led all runners with a time of

17:54.6, followed by Ryan Corn at 18:46.8.

Darcy Webster led the girls, placing fifth overall in 23:53.5.

**Algoma**

Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy and Wolf River Lutheran in Shawano runners competed as individuals and not as a team at Algoma.

Aspyynn Anderson, Lena/STAA, was third best with a time of 22:47.72, and teammate Alisa Finger was fifth in 23:57.94.

Wolf River Lutheran's Violet Buchholz placed 14th in 25:48.91.

For the boys, Erik Kosch, of Lena/STAA, placed ninth overall with a time of 21:00.12.

**Marshfield Invitational**

Leading the way for Wittenberg-Birnamwood was Rory Salvesen, who placed sixth overall in 20:34.3. Teammate Nora Bushman was close behind



Gillett's Bradyn Wendorff took first in Division 3 with a 17:47, 27th overall in Shawano on Sept. 13.

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in ninth place in 20:47.6.

Jonas Bushman led the boys, placing 69th.

**Monday, Sept. 8  
Shawano vs. Seymour**

Seymour's boys and girls defeated Shawano's runners in a dual meet 83-36. The boys won 36-21, while the girls won 47-15.

## Pulaski, Shawano soccer teams win in shutouts

The Red Raiders posted a 2-0 shutout victory over the host Panthers on Sept. 13.

Gunner Decker got the scoring started for Pulaski in the 17th minute when he found the net on a corner kick. Logan Seubert added a goal for the Red Raiders in the 29th minute off an AJ Schenk assist to cap the scoring for the day. Schenk assisted on both Pulaski goals.

Jonah Drevs made three saves in goal to earn the shutout for Pulaski (4-1-3).

**Shawano 0, Lakeland 0**

**Shawano 7, Rhinelander 0**

Shawano won a game and tied another at Rhinelander.

The Hawks blanked Rhinelander 7-0; the Hod's have yet to score a goal this season.

The Hawks also tied Lakeland 0-0.

**Thursday, Sept. 11  
Pulaski 3, Marshfield 1**

The Red Raiders notched a 3-1 victory over the host Tigers in a non-

conference matchup.

Walker Wozniak opened the scoring for Pulaski with a goal in the 26th minute. The Red Raiders went up 2-0 in the 47th minute on a goal from AJ Schenk.

The Tigers grabbed a goal back when Cash Frey found the net in the 50th minute.

Pulaski regained its two-goal advantage courtesy of a goal from Alex Klopotic in the 56th minute.

Schenk finished with a goal and an assist for

Pulaski (3-1-3).

**Shawano 2, Winneconne 0**

Shawano never let Winneconne get on the board, defeating the host Wolves 2-0.

It was the Hawks' third straight win on the road, which pushed their record to 4-2.

**Tuesday, Sept. 9  
Pulaski 1, Green Bay Preble 1**

Pulaski and Green Bay Preble opened Fox River Classic Conference play with a 1-1 draw.

The Hornets struck first on a Joe Rivas goal with nine seconds left in the first half. In the 74th minute, the Red Raiders found the equalizer when AJ Schenk fired a shot just outside the 18 that buried in the top corner of the Preble goal.

Jonah Drevs had eight saves in goal for Pulaski (2-1-3, 0-0-1).

**Fox Valley Lutheran 3, Shawano 0**

**Monday, Sept. 8  
Stockbridge 4, Gresham/Bowler 1**

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**HOUSE SPECIAL: From the construction menu**

by Guilherme Gilioli

**ACROSS**

1 Dual-purpose pronoun

6 Lava, before its exit

11 Speaker's platform

15 Periodical, for short

18 Head of the Huns

20 Of hearing

21 "In that case..."

22 \_\_\_ carte menu

23 What poker is dealt from

25 Bridges over valleys

27 Mani-\_\_\_ spa

28 Slushy drink

29 Video game pioneer

31 Make ready, informally

32 Crafty

33 Without public knowledge

37 "Am too!" reply

39 Drought relief

40 Poetic "over there"

41 Colonial announcers

43 Implement for a 72-Across

44 Christmas song

46 Consumes

49 Failed to, for short

50 Very inexpensive

55 Nothing special

56 OPEC nation

57 Unauthorized revelation

58 Prefix for matter or body

59 Scenic view

62 "No returns"

64 Bard's fairy king

66 Overcomes invisible barriers

72 Whitewater enthusiast

73 Walked heavily

74 Offends

75 Play to \_\_\_ (have no winner)

76 Spice in eggnog

78 "Average" fellow

79 Piece of a nest

83 Making a legislative speech

88 Fancy pancake

89 WSW opposite

90 Dollar fraction

91 \_\_\_ down the law (get tough)

92 Composed for group singing

93 Craving

94 Top a cast

96 "It's \_\_\_-up!" (patsy's plaint)

98 Charity financed by legacy

104 Half of hex-

107 Move higher

108 Comes by deservedly

109 On one's own

110 Cash advance

111 To some extent

113 London police headquarters

117 Pope Leo XIV's birthplace

118 Glorifying poems

119 Tag on a T

120 Karate instructor

121 Brief moment, in brief

122 Quick snack

123 Mideast rulers

124 Optional purchase

11 Prima donnas

12 In flames

13 "Time to set a date"

14 Outfield surface

15 Word processor shortcut

16 Amend

17 Sounds frightened

19 Sci-fi characters

24 Twice-heard sound

26 Fully aware of

30 Freight measure

33 Yellow Muppet

34 Pull with a mouse

35 Italian endearment

36 Parcel (out)

38 Made over

41 Multiyear bank accts.

42 Brazil's former capital

43 Mined matter

44 Hoopsters' org

45 Wine barrel wood

46 Painter Matisse

47 Playwright Chekhov

48 Wasp attack

50 Cigar remnant

51 Sound of satisfaction

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53 Legendary loch

54 Powerful whirlpool

60 Prez after Harry

61 Either of two former UN members

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63 \_\_\_-mo replay

64 Antonym of 'neath

65 Comedy routine

66 Danish astronomer

67 Boca \_\_\_, FL

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69 Engrave deeply

70 "Scram!"

71 Stage coach

76 Wizard of Oz studio

77 Eroded

78 Extreme delight

80 Cry of the soon-to-be defeated

81 Pub designation

82 Salon stiffener

84 Mental image

85 Video game giant

86 Custardy dessert

87 Sort of shortening

88 Jackie of action films

92 Sings soothingly

93 Part of YSL

94 Cain, first of all

95 Small brawl

96 Coral islands

97 Nike competitor

98 Toyota hybrid

99 Dishwasher cycle

100 Author Asimov

101 Facilitates

102 Just-baked

103 Daisylike flower

105 Less frequent

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110 Bobcat cousin

112 Very long time

114 Device above a dash

115 Kimono belt

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# Over \$407K awarded through grants

## Event explores importance of men's mental health

Donor co-investment expands impact, supporting 40 nonprofits

The Greater Green Bay Community Foundation, along with its fundholders, awarded a record \$407,655 during the summer cycle of its Funds for Greater Green Bay grants program.

The awards support the work of 40 nonprofit organizations in Brown, Kewaunee, and Oconto counties working across a diverse range of causes — from the arts to community improvement, health, education, the environment and more.

Funds for Greater Green Bay grants are awarded twice a year, and in each cycle, the Community Foundation invites fundholders to co-invest in grant applications that align with their giving goals. Nearly half of the funds awarded this cycle — more than \$200,000 — were contributed by community founda-

tion fundholders.

The following area organizations and programs were awarded during the 2025 summer cycle:

- Holy Trinity Oconto Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul | St. Vincent de Paul: Funds will support St. Vincent de Paul in providing critical assistance to individuals and families facing hardship.

- Marinette County Committee on Aging | Oconto County Home Delivered Meals: Funds will support the delivery of hot and frozen meals to homebound older adults in Oconto County.

- Northeastern Wisconsin Affordable Housing Solutions | Affordable Housing: Funds will provide the expansion of operations to serve more families on the brink of homelessness in Brown and Oconto

counties.

- NorthLakes Community Clinic | School-Based Behavioral Health Program: Funds will support the expansion of the clinic's School-Based Behavioral Health Program to the Gillett School District.

- Reach Out and Read | General Operating Support: Funds will support one year of evidence-based literacy intervention for children under age five in Brown and Oconto counties.

- The Nurse's Nook | Weekend Food Program: Funding will support the weekend backpack food program during the school year for students in Oconto County.

More information about available grants programs and the grants application process can be found at [ggbcf.org/nonprofits/grants-programs](http://ggbcf.org/nonprofits/grants-programs).

Healthy Oconto County's Healthy and Wellbeing Committee is hosting a men's mental health event in Suring. Participants from across the region are invited for an evening of laughter, connection and education.

The event will take place Oct. 23 from 5-8 p.m. at Romy's Holiday Inn at 9600 County Road G, Suring. A family style meal will be served at 5:30 p.m. Cost for the event is \$25 and includes dinner, presentation and a chance to win a Fishsconsin Outdoors Fishing Charter or a pair of tickets to the Packers vs. Bears game on Dec. 12.

The event is designed as a male-friendly space for guys to learn about mental health, as well as how to live well and support one another. The gathering features guest

speaker Tom Farley, the brother of the late actor and comedian Chris Farley, who died in 1997 as a result of substance abuse. Farley uses the power of improv comedy to foster connection and community peer-led discussion circles, as well as guide workshops focused on stress management, emotional resilience and suicide prevention.

"Men in rural areas face unique pressures — economic uncertainty, isolation and cultural expectations around masculinity," said Ron Christensen,

event planning member and local veteran. "This event is about breaking down those barriers and letting men know it's OK to ask for help."

Numerous other raffle prizes will be available. Thanks to grant dollars, funding is available to offset the cost of registration if needed. For information, contact Monica Wagner at 920-433-3703. Anyone in need of transportation can call Kasey Ermis at 920-246-7045. Registration is available online at <https://go.wisc.edu/lyq74j>.

## Hillside participating in Back to Church Sunday

Hillside Assembly of God will join thousands of churches nationwide Sept. 21 in celebrating Back to Church Sunday.

Hillside, 5890 State Highway 22, Gillett, will mark the event with a special service, including a children's program on the lower level, followed by a time of fellowship with desserts.

"With recent studies showing that loneliness is a growing issue in our culture, we want our community to know that our church — and, really, every church — is here as a resource, a place where

people can connect, make friends and find encouragement, support and a sense of belonging to help navigate the ups and downs of life," said Pastor Jonathan Carlson. "Nobody should have to walk through life alone; we're here for one another."

This year's Back to Church campaign carries the theme "Life is Better Together," encouraging church attenders to invite friends and neighbors to experience connection, support and hope, as well as to discover the deeper spiritual benefits that faith provides.

The National Back to

Church movement marks its 16th year in 2025, and it continues to gain momentum. Since 2009, more than 5 million people have participated through 33,000 churches nationwide. The day centers on uniting churches and equipping attenders to extend invitations. Research shows that eight out of 10 people say they are open to visiting church if invited; they are simply waiting for someone to ask.

Community members who are interested in finding a participating church can visit [www.backto-church.com](http://www.backto-church.com) to search for locations near their home.

## Kwik Trip offering Packers prizes this fall in giveaway

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- A \$50,000 cash prize.

Seven contestants will be selected during the upcoming Green Bay Packers season, with each receiving a pair of tickets to a preselected 2025 Packers game. The winners will then compete for the grand prize through a public voting process hosted on the Ultimate Packers Fan voting page at [www.kwiktrip.com](http://www.kwiktrip.com) from Jan. 5-18, 2026.

The grand prize winner will be announced on Feb. 6, just in time for Super Bowl weekend.

"This promotion is a celebration of the incredible passion Packers fans bring to the game," said Mark Meisner, Kwik Trip vice president of marketing. "We're beyond excited to offer a one-of-a-kind giveaway experience — something truly special that fans have never seen before."

For full rules and entry details, visit [www.kwiktrip.com/sweepstakes/ultimatepackersfan](http://www.kwiktrip.com/sweepstakes/ultimatepackersfan).



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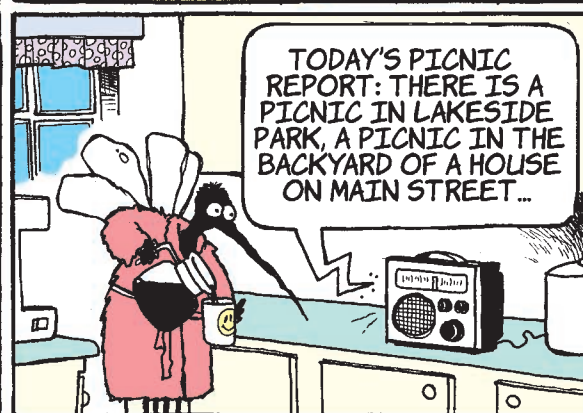
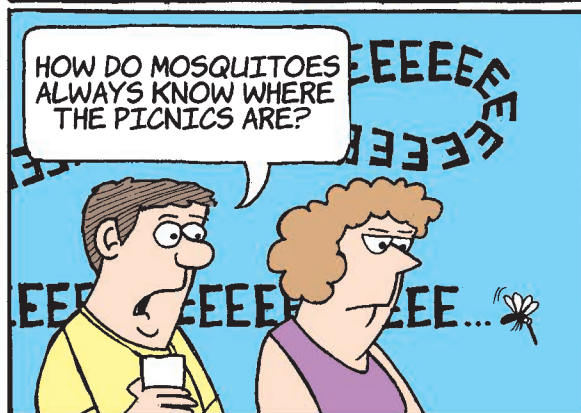
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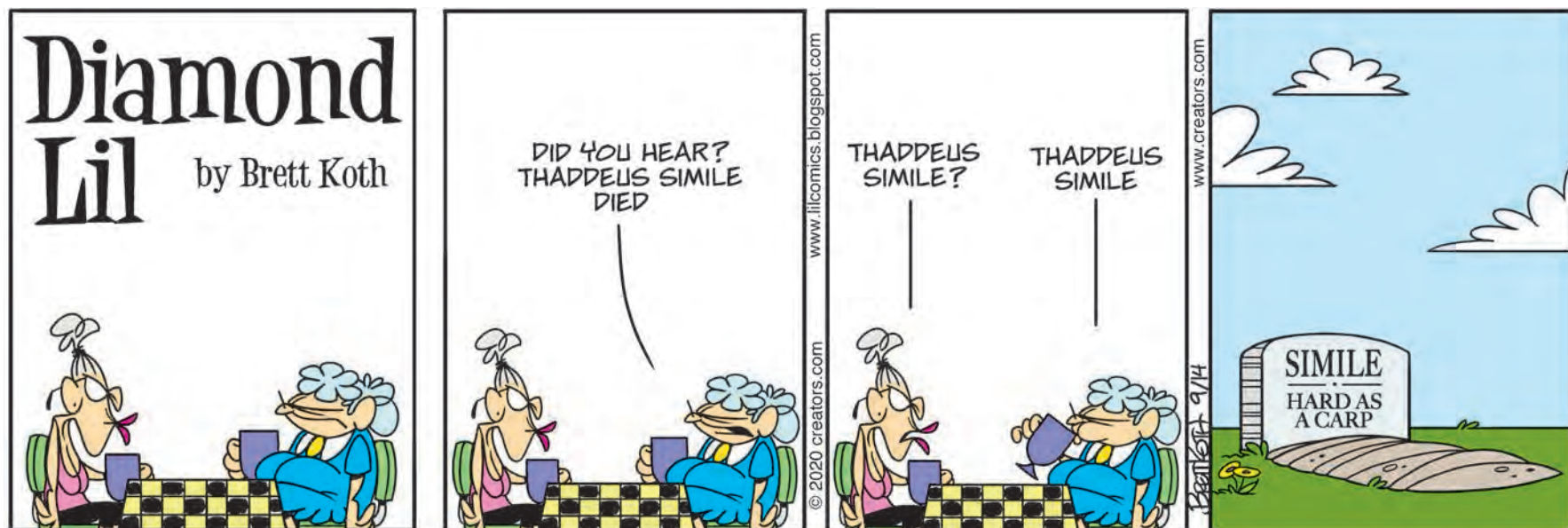
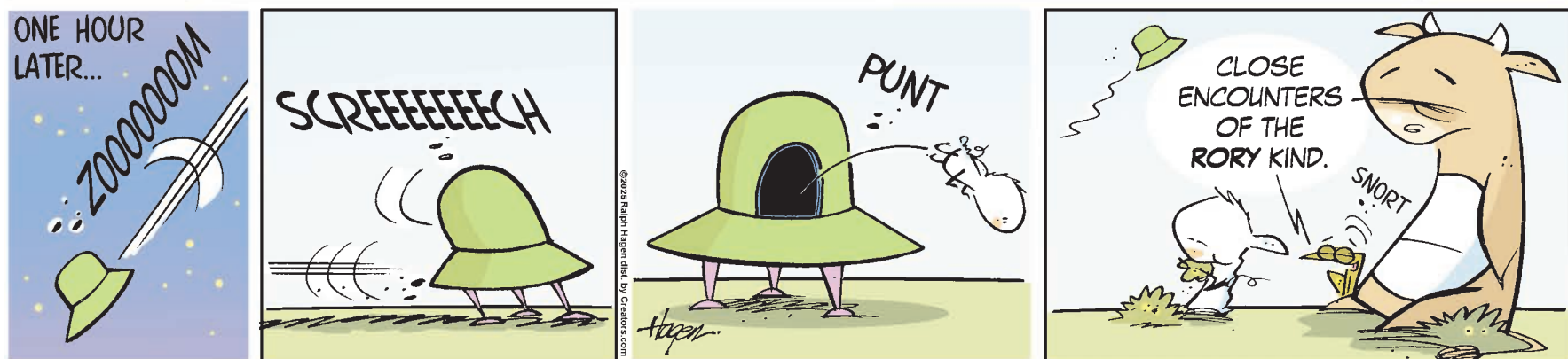




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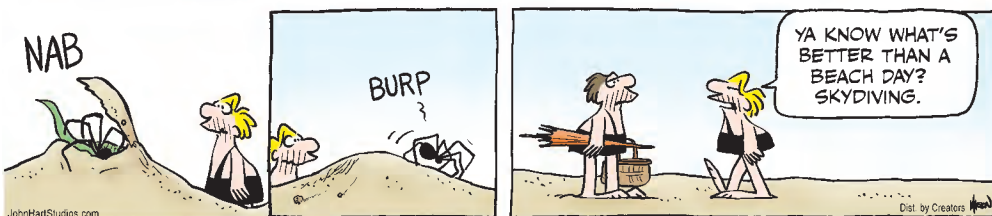
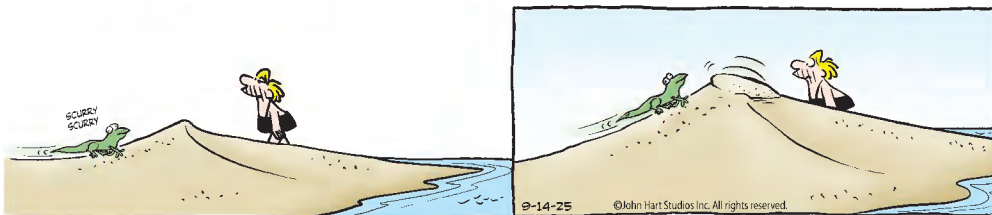
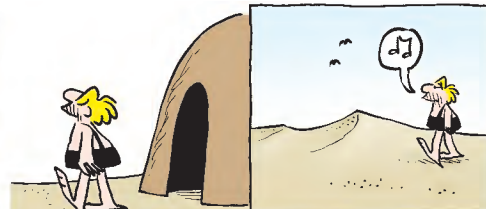
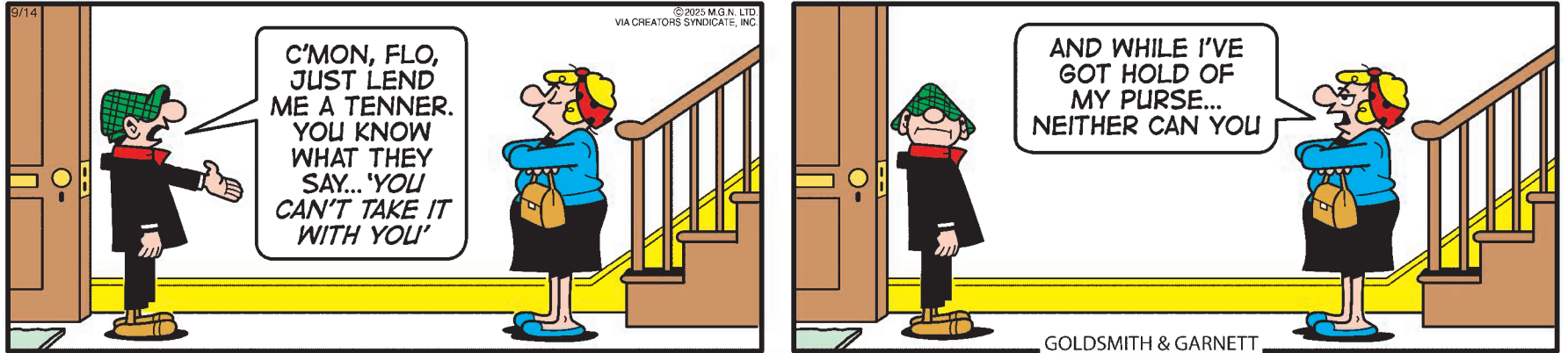






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# Defense could have big day against Cleveland

Packers need to start strong on offensive side

BY JACOB WESTENDORF  
*Green & Gold Express*

Green Bay will travel to Cleveland to take on the Browns at noon Sept. 21. **Packers' offense vs. Browns' defense**

Green Bay's offense has been a mixed bag through two games to start the year.

They've looked unstoppable at times and inept at others.

Jordan Love has yet to turn the ball over on the young season. He's thrown multiple touchdown passes in each of the first two games.

He looks much healthier and in total command of Green Bay's offense in his third season as a starter.

Tucker Kraft is coming off a monster game in Green Bay, the first 100-yard game of his professional career. The Packers came into the season saying they wanted to feature him more, and they have certainly done that through two games, most notably the Sept. 11 win over the Commanders.

Kraft has one touchdown in each game this year and is the team's leading receiver.

The rest of the pass catchers have been good by committee. There is no receiver who has really separated himself in the team's competitive situation at the position.

Romeo Doubs, Dontayvion Wicks and Matthew Golden have all found ways to be involved.

Golden just missed two explosive plays, with Love underthrowing him once and overthrowing him another time.

Golden's time will come. He still looks the part as a receiver; there



Green Bay Packers defensive end Micah Parsons (1) and linebacker Edgerrin Cooper (56) wrap up Washington Commanders quarterback Jayden Daniels (5) on Sept. 11 in Green Bay. The Packers won 27-18 to improve to 2-0 on the season. AP PHOTO/JEFFREY PHELPS

have just been limited opportunities thus far.

The offensive line could be in makeshift mode for a second consecutive week depending on the health of Aaron Banks and Zach Tom, who both missed the last game due to an ankle and oblique injury, respectively.

Darian Kinnard and Anthony Belton rotated at right tackle in Tom's absence, while Jordan Morgan started at left guard for Banks.

Whoever is blocking for Love better have his

chinstrap buckled extra tight, because one of the best defensive players in football is coming to face off against them Sept. 21.

Myles Garrett was locked into a contract dispute this offseason and, before Micah Parsons became available via trade, there was some speculation the Packers could make a play for Garrett if the Browns could not come to terms with their All-Pro.

Instead, Garrett and the Browns came to terms on a contract, and now he'll face the Packers in Week 3.

Garrett already has 3.5 sacks on the young season, with 1.5 coming against Lamar Jackson in last week's loss to the Baltimore Ravens.

He's as good as it gets, and the Packers are going to need to have a plan for him regardless of who is suited up for them. Cleveland's defense was solid against Joe Burrow in the opener, giving up only 17 points, but struggled against Baltimore's offense.

Mason Graham was the fifth overall pick, and he'll start on the interior lining

up next to Garrett.

Denzel Ward and Greg Newsome form an interesting cornerback tandem, with Grant Delpit as a nice player in the safety group.

This still should be a group the Packers can exploit offensively but not a group to be taken lightly.

**Packers' defense vs. Browns' offense**

Year 2 of Jeff Hafley is off to a roaring start. Green Bay is fresh off dominant performances against two of the best offenses in football from a season ago.

If you needed to feel

any better about Green Bay's defense, the Detroit Lions hung 52 points on the Chicago Bears, after only being able to muster 13 against the Packers.

Washington's offense was held to its lowest yardage output since Jayden Daniels became the starting quarterback a season ago.

Green Bay's defense has had four sacks in each of the first two weeks and this week should be primed for more.

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Green Bay Packers tight end Tucker Kraft celebrates with fans after catching a touchdown pass during the second half against the Washington Commanders on Sept. 11 in Green Bay. AP PHOTO/MATT LUDTKE

## Kraft lights up Thursday Night Football

### Tight end records first 100-yard receiving game in career

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It was a career night for Tucker Kraft as the Green Bay Packers jumped to 2-0 on the season after defeating the Washington Commanders 27-18 on Sept. 11 in Green Bay.

Kraft finished the game with six receptions, totaling 124 yards and one

touchdown.

The tight end led both teams in receiving in this one, but to take it one step further, this was Kraft's first 100-yard receiving performance and in turn the highest receiving total of his career.

This was the first time a Packers tight end registered 100 receiving yards in a game since Jimmy

Graham did so in 2018.

A big chunk of Kraft's receiving yards came on Green Bay's first scoring drive of the game in the first quarter. After rookie Matthew Golden was tackled on the Packers' 4-yard line, Jordan Love and the offense stared down a 96-yard field to score a touchdown. On the third play of the drive, Love

surveyed the field before finding a wide-open Kraft streaking down the seam, eventually coming away with a 52-yard gain. That drive ended with a Romeo Doubs 5-yard touchdown reception.

"Hopefully I can keep stacking games like that," said Kraft of his perfor-

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KEYS TO THE GAME

# Packers need to bury Browns early

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The Green Bay Packers are off to as good of a start as they could have hoped for. When the schedule was announced in April, the Packers and those around them likely would have settled for a 1-1 start with two games coming against NFC playoff contenders.

Of course, the Packers have done better than that. They have not just won, they've been dominant through two weeks — winning both of their games by two scores.

This week will be different.

For one, they'll be on the road, traveling to Cleveland for the first away game of the year.

The other difference is that the Browns were not an AFC playoff team a year ago. They are not expected to be a playoff team this year. They're 0-2 on the season and are coming off a blowout loss to the Baltimore Ravens.

The Packers have a prime opportunity to get to 3-0, and here are the keys to doing just that:

**1. Myles Garrett**  
The Cleveland Browns do not have a lot of great players, but they do have one great one on the defensive side of the ball. Myles Garrett is on track to be fitted for a gold jacket when his playing career ends. After an offseason contract dispute, Garrett



Green Bay Packers wide receiver Romeo Doubs (87) catches a touchdown pass as Washington Commanders cornerback Mike Sainristil (0) defends during the first half Sept. 11 in Green Bay.

AP PHOTO/MATT LUTKKE

agreed to a contract extension to keep him in Cleveland for what will likely be the rest of his career. One issue in Green Bay currently is the health of their offensive line. Aaron Banks is injured and missed the Washington game. Ditto for Zach Tom, who missed the game with a torn oblique muscle.

Coach Matt LaFluer said he'd give the two guys all the way up to game time for whether they'd be able to play, but it did not sound like either one was close. If Tom cannot go, Darian Kinnard and Anthony Belton were in rotation a week ago, and they'll have their work cut out for

them. The Packers used a bunch of two tight end sets against Washington and likely will need to do the same against Cleveland to make sure they keep Garrett under control. **2. Sound the alarm** It's a small complaint, but no doubt one that Jeff

Hafley is talking about through the first two games. Hafley said his goal was for his team to lead the league in forced fumbles and takeaways. When they do take the ball away, the Packers have an alarm they'll sound as the turnover alarm. Through two games,

the Packers have just one takeaway, with Evan Williams picking off Jared Goff in the season opener. This week, there will be some opportunities to take the ball away. Joe Flacco is Cleveland's starting quarterback. Flacco has had a penchant for putting the ball in harm's way during his career. He threw one interception against the Ravens.

The Packers' secondary should be at full strength with Nate Hobbs making a cameo in the team's game against Washington.

They'll need to catch the ball when it is thrown to them.

**3. Avoid the lull**  
Again, complaining about a 2-0 start can feel nitpicky, but the Packers have had some struggles during their 2-0 start.

Most of those struggles have come on offense. In the 27-18 win over the Commanders, the Packers led by two scores for a majority of the game but failed to deliver a decisive blow early.

As a result, the Commanders pulled within one score early in the fourth quarter.

The Packers, ultimately, were able to put together a drive that ended in a touchdown pass to Tucker Kraft to put the game out of reach.

The reality is the game should have been out of reach much sooner than that. Against an inferior opponent, the Packers need to look to bury them early.

# Packers, Browns six pack of what-ifs


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The Green Bay Packers will take their show on the road after an impressive 2-0 start with wins over NFC contenders at Lambeau Field.

This week, they'll be guests of the Cleveland Browns, who are looking to get off the mat after losing their second consecutive game to start the season.

The goal this week is a little different. The team they're facing is not as good, so they'll need to learn not to play with their food.

Here's a six-pack worth of thoughts as the Packers head to Cleveland.

 **1. Clash of the Titans**  
When these two teams face off, it could represent a bit of a passing of the torch in a way. The Cleveland Browns

have one of the best pass rushers in all of football with Myles Garrett.


The Packers recently traded for a guy like that with Micah Parsons bringing his talent to Green Bay.

Both players have been incredibly impactful during their careers — and to start this season.

Garrett has 3.5 sacks on the season, with at least 1.5 in each of the first two games.

Parsons has been playing with a limited workload due to a lack of practice time in the offseason. Despite that, he has at least 0.5 sacks in each game, and he had a whopping eight pressures against Washington.


This week, they'll never be on the field at the same time, but it will be something worth watching.

 **2. Kraft YAC and Cheese**  
Tucker Kraft had his best game as

a professional in the Sept. 11 win over Washington. He is one of the best players in football with the ball in his possession. Of his 124 receiving yards, 74 of them came after the football was in his hands.


He also had a career-long 57-yard reception that led to the team's first touchdown.

Getting him involved against a linebacker corps that struggles in coverage will be paramount for this week's game.

 **3. Wildcat?**  
One of the wrinkles the Packers threw in last week was the expansion of Savion Williams' role.

Williams had one catch on a pop pass in the season opener, but he was largely otherwise nondescript in his NFL debut. His second game, however, showed some of the juice the Packers likely saw when they drafted him in the third


round. Williams played snaps at receiver, running back and wildcat quarterback in college. He went to his roots as a wildcat quarterback on Sept. 11, taking a direct snap from Elgton Jenkins and rushing for 16 yards before falling down. Had he not slipped, he might have scored. Williams can create some easy offense by simply getting the ball in his hands, and the Packers may look to do more of that this week.

 **4. Sitting duck**  
Last week, the Packers faced what Preston Smith used to call the fastest chicken in the yard with no fence to contain him. Jayden Daniels is an excellent runner, and the Packers were able to hold him down as a runner.

This week, they'll face someone who is not a runner. Joe Flacco has never been overly mobile during

his career. He's less mobile than he's ever been as he continues to age.

The Packers' pass rush has been excellent through two weeks and will face an offensive line that has allowed two sacks in each of the first two games. If Green Bay's pass rush turns up the heat, Flacco won't be able to escape.


 **5. Old friend.**  
Punters are people, too, or something like that. One former Packer who will take the field against them this week is Cory Bojorquez.

Bojorquez lasted one season in Green Bay and started off well before tailing off down the stretch of the 2021 season.

When Maurice Drayton was fired after the disastrous showing during the season, Bojorquez was replaced with Pat O'Donnell.

The Packers now have stability with Daniel Whel-

an in the kicking game.

 **6. Jayden Reed**  
Who is going to replace Jayden Reed is a two-fold question.

The answer at wide receiver is built in. Matthew Golden, Dontayvion Wicks and Romeo Doubs have all been solid to start the season.

The Packers have also leaned on their two tight end package early in the year.

The bigger question might be: Who is returning punts?

Golden and Keisean Nixon were the answers Sept. 11, but with a full week of practice and preparation, the Packers may go in another direction.

Mecole Hardman could be a candidate for a practice squad call-up, or a signing to the Packers' roster to take over Reed's roster spot when he is placed on injured reserve.



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Cleveland’s offensive line has had its struggles; Joe Flacco was sacked twice and had a fumble returned for a touchdown in Week 2’s loss to the Ravens.

After facing Daniels last week and having to chase him all over the field, the Packers’ front should likely relish the opportunity to face a quarterback who is more apt to stand in the pocket.

They should have a full workload ready for Micah Parsons, who has been everything the team could have asked for and more through his first two games. He was dominant against Washington, with eight pressures and 0.5 sacks.

He was not alone. Rashan Gary and Devonte Wyatt have a sack in each of the first two games. Lukas Van Ness has looked

better, and the Packers are more than willing to send Edgerrin Cooper and Quay Walker from the second level if they need to create pressure.

They should have their whole secondary ready for this week’s game after Nate Hobbs played in limited fashion against Washington.

On the other side of the ball, it’s Flacco running the show for Cleveland’s offense.

The Browns are in rebuilding mode, but they do have some weapons in their offense. Jerry Jeudy is a former first-round pick whom the Browns acquired via trade. David Njoku can cause some problems as a tight end.

Their run game is spear-headed by Jerome Ford and second-round pick Quinshon Judkins.

Judkins made his NFL debut on Sept. 14 with 61 yards on 10 carries. He should be able to handle a heavier workload another week removed from his off-season issues that kept him out of training camp.

The Browns have yet to score more than 17 points in a game this season. They have really struggled on offense in the early going.

**Special Teams**  
Green Bay’s special teams was pretty disastrous in the win over the Commanders after having a strong debut to the season against Detroit.

Some of that could be attributed to missing Bo Melton and Zayne Anderson, two of the team’s core players.

They still gave up an explosive return in both the kicking and punting game, and Brandon McManus

missed a field goal. The punt return game is in flux with Jayden Reed down for the next 6-8 weeks due to a collarbone injury. Matthew Golden and Keisean Nixon both took reps there last week, so it will be interesting to see how the Packers choose to navigate the Reed injury from here.

Presumably, Reed will be placed on injured reserve, which could open a roster spot for Mecole Hardman, who has plenty of experience as a returner from his days in Kansas City.

Cleveland’s return game is headed by running back Jerome Ford and undrafted rookie Isaiah Bond out of Texas.

Andre Szmyt is a rookie and made all three of his kicks last week against Baltimore.



0	Matthew Golden.....	WR
1	Micah Parsons.....	DL
2	Malik Willis.....	QB
7	Quay Walker.....	LB
8	Josh Jacobs.....	RB
10	Jordan Love.....	QB
11	Jayden Reed.....	WR
13	Dontayvion Wicks.....	WR
16	Bo Melton.....	CB
17	Brandon McManus.....	K
18	Malik Heath.....	WR
19	Daniel Whelan.....	P
20	Javon Bullard.....	S
21	Nate Hobbs.....	CB
23	Emanuel Wilson.....	RB
24	Carrington Valentine....	CB
25	Keisean Nixon.....	CB
27	Kitan Oladapo.....	S
29	Xavier McKinney.....	S
30	Chris Brooks.....	RB
31	Nick Niemann.....	LB
33	Evan Williams.....	S
36	Kamal Hadden.....	CB
39	Zayne Anderson.....	S
42	Matt Orzech.....	LS
50	Zach Tom.....	OL
52	Rashan Gary.....	DL
55	Kingsley Enagbare.....	DL
56	Edgerrin Cooper.....	LB
58	Isaiah McDuffie.....	LB
59	Ty’Ron Hopper.....	LB
63	Rasheed Walker.....	T
65	Aaron Banks.....	G
67	Donovan Jennings.....	G/T
70	Darian Kennard.....	T/G
71	Anthony Belton.....	T
74	Elgton Jenkins.....	C/G
75	Sean Rhyan.....	G
77	Jordan Morgan.....	T/G
83	Savion Williams.....	WR
85	Tucker Kraft.....	TE
86	John FitzPatrick.....	TE
87	Romeo Doubls.....	WR
88	Luke Musgrave.....	TE
89	Ben Sims.....	TE
90	Lukas Van Ness.....	DL
91	Warren Brinson.....	DL
93	Nazir Stackhosue.....	DL
94	Karl Brooks.....	DL
95	Devonte Wyatt.....	DL
96	Colby Wooden.....	DL
99	Barryn Sorrell.....	DL

0	Greg Newsome II.....	CB
2	DeAndre Carter.....	WR
3	Jerry Jeudy.....	WR
5	Rayshawn Jenkins.....	S
8	Dillon Gabriel.....	QB
9	Grant Delpit.....	S
10	Quinshon Judkins.....	RB
12	Shedeur Sanders.....	QB
13	Corey Bojorquez.....	P
15	Joe Flacco.....	QB
16	Isaiah Bond.....	WR
17	Jereome Baker.....	LB
19	Cedric Tillman.....	WR
20	Jarrick Bernard-Converse.....	CB
21	Denzel Ward.....	CB
22	Dylan Sampson.....	RB
23	Damontae Kazee.....	FS
25	Andre Szmyt.....	K
26	Myles Harden.....	CB
29	Cameron Mitchell.....	CB
30	Devin Bush.....	LB
31	Donovan McMillon.....	S
33	Ronnie Hickman.....	S
34	Jerome Ford.....	RB
35	Raheim Sanders.....	RB
42	Easton Mascarenas-Arno.Id.....	LB
43	Mohamoud Diabate.....	LB
44	Harold Fanin Jr.....	TE
49	Carson Schwesinger.....	LB
50	Rex Sunahara.....	LS
51	Mike Hall Jr.....	DT
55	Ethan Pocic.....	C
56	Luke Wypler.....	C
57	Isaiah McGuire.....	DE
70	Zak Zinter.....	G
71	Cornelius Lucas.....	T
72	KT Leveston.....	T
74	Teven Jenkins.....	G
75	Joel Bitonio.....	G
77	Wyatt Teller.....	G
78	Jack Conklin.....	T
79	Dawand Jones.....	T
80	Jamari Thrash.....	WR
85	David Njoku.....	TE
86	Blake Whiteheart.....	TE
90	Joe Tryon-Shoyinka.....	DE
91	Alex Wright.....	DE
93	Shelby Harris.....	DT
94	Mason Graham.....	DT
95	Myles Garrett.....	DE
96	Maliek Collins.....	DT
98	Ardin Huntington.....	DT
99	Cameron Thomas.....	DE

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mance. “It is the first time that I have ever gotten over 100 yards including college, so I am feeling it now — you just tackled that many more times.”

Along with Kraft’s big day, it was another dominant performance from Green Bay’s defensive unit in this game.

Washington, which made it to the NFC Championship game last season, was held to 230 total yards. Quarterback Jayden Daniels threw for 200 on 24-of-42 passes and two touchdowns.

It was Washington tight end Zach Ertz who led the Commanders in receiving, as he totaled 64 yards and a touchdown on six receptions. Deebo Samuel was the other recipient of Daniels’ touchdown passes, finishing the game with 44 yards on seven receptions.

As it did in the team’s first game of the season against the Detroit Lions, the Packers defense excelled against the run. The Commanders were only able to muster 51 rushing yards on 19 attempts.

“We came out and did it again — played consistently,” said Packers defensive lineman Micah Parsons, on how the defense built upon the week one victory. “We gave up things we did not want to, some more points than we wanted to, but we made (Washington) earn everything, and that is just important.”

As for Green Bay’s offense, Love registered another solid game in 2025, as he completed 19-of-31 passes for 292 yards and two touchdowns. With Kraft having the big game for the receivers and tight ends, Dontayvion Wicks finished second on the team in receiving, totaling 44 yards on four receptions. Malik Heath added another 37 yards, while Luke Musgrave recorded 32 yards.

In the running game, Josh Jacobs led the Packers, taking 23 carries for 84 yards and one touchdown. Jacobs’ second-quarter touchdown extended his franchise record of most consecutive regular season games with a rushing

touchdowns to 10.

Wide receiver Savion Williams was the team’s second-leading rusher as he finished the game with 24 yards on two carries. The exciting play from Williams came when he took the snap on a sweep to the left. He faked a reverse to Love who was running to the right and picked up 16 yards.

Even without starting offensive linemen Zach Tom and Aaron Banks, who were both out due to injury, things seemed to click for the Packers offense for the most part.

Those successes may take a little halt in the near future though, as wide receiver Jayden Reed was knocked out of the game with a shoulder injury on a touchdown reception that was called back due to a holding penalty. Packers head coach Matt LaFleur said in his post-game press conference that Reed left the game after breaking his collarbone.

A broken collarbone can take anywhere from six to 12 weeks to heal, so it

is likely that Green Bay is without one of its top pass catchers for a majority of the regular season.

“He is going to miss a lot of time,” said LaFleur. “Certainly I would expect him back at some point this season, but obviously it is a big blow to us. He is a guy that is a catalyst for our offense and our football team quite frankly. Fortunately for us, I feel like we have a pretty deep wide receiver room and there are going to be opportunities there for other guys to step up and take advantage of.”

Without Reed and Christian Watson for the foreseeable future, players like Matthew Golden, who did not record a catch in the team’s Week 2 game, and Luke Musgrave have an opportunity to make a major impact.

By way of its defense, Green Bay looks like one of the better teams in the NFL through the first two weeks and will look to continue that momentum before matching up with the Cleveland Browns on Sept. 21.

GREEN BAY PACKERS AT CLEVELAND BROWNS

**TIME AND DATE:** Noon on Sunday, Sept. 21  
**LOCATION:** Huntington Bank 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 — 550 AM and 95.1 FM  
**2025 RECORDS:** Packers 2-0. Browns 0-2.  
**HISTORY:** The Packers lead the all-time series 14-7 over the Browns, with the most recent meeting coming in 2021 on Christmas Day at Lambeau Field.  
Aaron Rodgers set the franchise record for career touchdown passes that day, as the Packers escaped with a 24-22 victory. The last time the two teams met in Cleveland was in 2017, when the

Packers rallied late to win over the eventual 0-16 Cleveland Browns.  
The most famous meeting, however, was in 1966, when the Packers won the first of three consecutive NFL championships, with a 23-12 victory at Lambeau Field over the Browns.  
**COACHES:** Packers, Matt LaFleur (sixth season, 69-33). Browns, Kevin Stefanski, (sixth season, 40-46).  
**PACKERS SCHEDULE**  
Sunday, Sept. 7, vs. Detroit Lions, W 27-13  
Thursday, Sept. 11, vs. Washington Commanders, W 27-18  
Sunday, Sept. 21, at Cleveland Browns, noon  
Sunday, Sept. 28, at Dallas Cowboys, 7:20 p.m.  
Bye Week  
Sunday, Oct. 12, vs. Cincinnati Bengals, 3:25 p.m.  
Sunday, Oct. 19, at Arizona

Cardinals, 3:25 p.m.  
Sunday, Oct. 26, at Pittsburgh Steelers, 7:20 p.m.  
Sunday, Nov. 2, vs. Carolina Panthers, noon  
Monday, Nov. 10, vs. Philadelphia Eagles, 7:15 p.m.  
Sunday, Nov. 16, at New York Giants, noon  
Sunday, Nov. 23, vs. Minnesota Vikings, noon  
Thursday, Nov. 27, at Detroit Lions, noon  
Sunday, Dec. 7, vs. Chicago Bears, noon  
Sunday, Dec. 14, at Denver Broncos, 3:25 p.m.  
Saturday, Dec. 20, at Chicago Bears, TBA  
Saturday, Dec. 27, vs. Baltimore Ravens, TBA  
Sunday, Jan. 4, at Minnesota Vikings, TBA  
**NFL SCHEDULE**  
**Thursday, Sept. 18**  
Miami and Buffalo, 7:15 p.m.  
**Sunday, Sept. 21**

Cincinnati and Minnesota, noon  
Houston at Jacksonville, noon  
Indianapolis at Tennessee, noon  
Las Vegas at Washington, noon  
LA Rams at Philadelphia, noon  
Atlanta at Carolina, noon  
Pittsburgh and New England, noon  
Green Bay at Cleveland, noon  
NY Jets at Tampa Bay, noon  
Denver at LA Chargers, 3:05 p.m.  
New Orleans at Seattle, 3:05 p.m.  
Dallas at Chicago, 3:25 p.m.  
Arizona at San Francisco, 3:25 p.m.  
Kansas City at NY Giants, 7:20 p.m.  
**Monday, Sept. 22**  
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Green Bay Packers tight end Tucker Kraft (85) runs after making a catch against the Washington Commanders on Sept. 11 in Green Bay. Kraft finished the game with six receptions for 124 yards and one touchdown in Green Bay's 27-18 win. Kraft is coming off his best season in 2024, as he posted 707 yards and seven touchdowns from 50 receptions to surpass his rookie season stats. And now, after his quiet Week 1 outing (16 yards, one touchdown), he reminded everyone that of all of the Packers' offensive weapons, his name still needs to be mentioned as one to watch.

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TUCKER KRAFT EXPLODES

TIGHT END NETS FIRST 100-YARD GAME OF HIS CAREER

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