



Latest setup combines news and sports under a single heading

BY KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

Those of you who regularly visit new-media-wi.com have noticed a new look this past week. For those who haven't visited recently, log on and give it a look. The redesigned site offers a cleaner, more streamlined appearance with quick access to story and photo packages.

The new site — which offers free access for everyone — allows us to give users bigger, bolder photos when first opening the site. A revolving carousel of news stories with photos is underneath that section, and a roundup of the most recent stories can be found on the right side of the site.

In addition to the major news stories, there are dedicated pages for obituaries, sports, community news, opinions, e-editions, and the Green & Gold Express.

All of the news for the Shawano Leader, Oconto County Times Herald, and Wittenberg Enterprise and Birnamwood News is combined under one heading. So much of the news we cover affects more than just one segment of our readers.

The same is true for sports.
News and sports don't stop at the
county line nor the circulation bound-
aries of the physical newspaper.

A photo gallery is also featured on the homepage.

It's been several years since the site was last redesigned.

With the new site is a new opportunity for digital advertising, right next to those sought-after stories and photos.

Even before the transition to the new site, newmedia-wi.com was averaging more than 50,000 views each month and more than 15,000 active users.

A majority of the website users access it via their phones, but we still have a large number using laptop computers and tablets. No matter how you get there, we think you'll enjoy what you see.

Let us know what you think. Email kpasson@newmedia-wi.com.

Community collects anecdotes of community's pastimes and hobbies

BY LEE PULASKI
City Editor

Anyone wanting the inside scoop about residents of Pulaski and what they like to do had an opportunity Sept. 27-28 to go around the village and find out themselves during the first Sharing of Our Stories.

More than a dozen venues hosted people and organizations over a two-day period that make a difference not only for the collective community but for individuals craving something positive in their lives. From school choirs to local historians, stories were told to keep the flow of knowledge going.

Dawn Seiltz sat in the Pulaski Adult Activity Center with her sewing machine working on her latest quilt project. Nearby were several large quilts she'd completed.

"I started doing this 40-plus years ago, when my kids were babies, and then life got in the way," Seiltz said. "My second daughter got me back into quilting 13 years ago, and then I found this community of like women, with the same hobby I do."

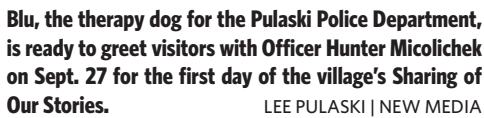
Seiltz said she used to craft her quilts to benefit her family, but now she makes them for charity.

"I keep those I like and give away those that someone else could use," she said.

Smaller quilts can take Seiltz about a week to complete, while some of the larger ones require about a month. She noted that she's not focusing all the time on quilting, but when she does get behind the sewing machine to work, she has a talent for speedy concentration.

"I sew when I can, try to sew an hour every day," Seiltz said. "That's my down time, and the senior center has quilting on Wednesdays, so I try to come on Wednesdays and quilt with the ladies."

One of the ladies Seiltz quilts with is Judy Schroeder. She displayed quilts of

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Encompass helping Oconto Falls families with child care.

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Affordable child care available in Oconto Falls

State-of-the-art facility, faculty available to help

By **NATHAN BIRR**
Correspondent

Last year in Oconto Falls, Encompass Early Education and Care opened its eighth center. The state-of-the-art facility, located at 650 E. Jackson St, opened its doors for the first time June 10, 2024. Since then, the facility has provided affordable day care to the greater Oconto Falls area. “When Encompass started the journey to open our eighth center in Oconto Falls, we were guided by one principle — expand child care where the need is the greatest,” said Alexa Priddy, the organization’s director of community impact. The Oconto Falls center boosts the overall volume of child care spaces available in Oconto County, providing all-day child care for ages 6 weeks and older. “The 140 child care spaces made available here in Oconto Falls increased the county’s total by 50%,” Priddy said. Encompass is a non-profit organization based in northeast Wisconsin,



Lead center director Jessie Mommaerts, left, and Alexa Priddy, Encompass’ director of community impact, stand outside the new Oconto Falls Encompass Childcare Center, which opened last year. The center provides a variety of day care and before-and-after school programs.

whose deep roots were first planted in Green Bay during the early 1900s. “We have a long and rich history thanks to the several organizations beginning with the Catholic Women’s Club, who in 1919 organized the Green Bay Day Nursery to help women whose husbands did not come home from World War I,” Priddy said. The Encompass child care experience is more than a typical day care. It implements the High-Scope and Conscious Discipline curriculum. “All children struggle with their emotions and behavior,” Priddy said. “Our evidence-based, trauma-informed approach supports a child’s social-emotional development so that they can build resilience, manage emotions and form positive relationships with adults and peers.” The curriculums see a child’s behavior not as a problem but as forms of communication. “When a child acts out, it may be an expression of an unmet need or a skill they haven’t yet

developed,” Priddy said. “By addressing the root causes of behaviors, we help children build new skills to navigate their social and emotional worlds.” Going the extra mile to nurture and support children’s growth has earned Encompass’s Oconto Falls center the highest quality rating — five stars — by the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families. “The children who attend our programs meet kindergarten benchmarks and possess stronger literacy skills,” said Priddy. In addition to all-day care, the center provides a morning 4-year-old kindergarten program through the Oconto Falls School District, an all-day preschool for ages 3 and older, summer day camps for ages 4-13, and before-and-after school program for elementary and middle schoolers. Encompass can offer families tuition support to help lessen the burden of the cost of care. “Our tuition support program ensures that families who are under this annual income threshold do not pay more than 15% of their gross household income on child care,” Priddy said. “In 2023, we provided 407 children with tuition assistance to attend Encompass centers.” The program also helps families get connected to third party assistance programs and supports families who are homeless, teen parents or in crisis situations. “The Oconto Falls center currently has 64 children enrolled, and 62% of them receive tuition support,” Priddy said. Opportunities to volunteer at the center are available to the senior citizens of the community. “We have a Foster Grandparent Program,” Priddy said. “This program gives seniors an opportunity to volunteer a minimum of five hours per week.” The Foster Grandparent Program is sponsored by AmeriCorps Seniors, an organization governed by the Corporation for National Service and funded by federal and state dollars. Foster grandparents receive a small, tax-free stipend and “lots of love from children.” “Some of a foster grandparent’s responsibilities might include working with children who need extra attention, rocking infants, reading to toddlers, assisting at mealtimes, accompanying children on walks and field trips, if able, and being an all-around grandparent role model,” Priddy said. The new center is continuing to establish itself in the community and raise awareness of services provided. “Our facility here is currently operating at half-capacity, and there’s so many families who just don’t know that the Oconto Falls center is an affordable, quality option here for them,” Priddy said. Enrollment and other information about Encompass Early Education and Care can be found at their website, www.encompasswi.org.

Trying on harvest apparel



Kasey Hayward, of Kaukauna, tries on new T-shirts Sept. 27 while walking Oconto's Main Street with his wife during Harvest Fest. This was the couple's first year attending the event.

NATHAN BIRR

Signs of AFib should be checked out by doctor

Atrial fibrillation is the most common irregular heart rhythm in the United States. AFib raises the risk of stroke and heart failure, yet it is frequently missed. The American Heart Association reports that more than one third of people with AFib have no symptoms, underscoring how often the condition goes undetected. Smartwatches and other personal devices give people new ways to notice when something might be wrong. A 2025 meta-analysis found that watches using photoplethysmography were able to flag AFib with 97.4% sensitivity and 96.6%

specificity. While these devices cannot diagnose AFib, they can provide a helpful nudge to get checked by a doctor when an irregular rhythm shows up. “AFib is often silent, but it is never harmless,” said Dr. John Johnkoski, Aspirus cardiothoracic surgeon. “Our message is simple. Know your risk, check your pulse, and follow up if you receive an alert. The earlier we detect AFib, the better we can protect patients from stroke and heart damage.” Raising awareness is only the first step. For patients diagnosed with AFib, treatment may include medications,

rhythm or rate control procedures, and surgical interventions. Lifestyle measures such as managing blood pressure, improving sleep and limiting alcohol use also play a key role. Physicians emphasize that detection leads to more effective treatment and prevention of complications. “Technology can support awareness, but it is not a replacement for medical evaluation,” Johnkoski said. “If you feel something unusual or if your watch flags an irregular rhythm, reach out to your care team. That simple step could prevent a stroke or even save a life.”

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DR. JOHN JOHNKOSKI, Aspirus cardiothoracic surgeon

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NorthLakes receives \$90K to expand child counseling

NorthLakes Community Clinic received a \$75,000 grant from the Otto Bremer Trust Community Responsive Fund, and a \$15,000 grant from the Funds for a Greater Green Bay. Both funds are part of the Greater Green Bay Community Foundation and will support behavioral health counseling services for youths in Oconto County.

“The funding will help expand access to critical mental health services both at the clinic and through NorthLakes’ school-based counseling program in the School District of Gillett and the Oconto Unified School District,” said Ana Tochtermann, CEO of NorthLakes Community Clinic.

NorthLakes opened its new 10,000-square-foot Oconto facility in January, expanding access to essential health care services for area residents. The clinic offers mental health counseling

services, chiropractic care, dental services, and vision and eye exams. Over the past year, NorthLakes has served nearly 3,000 patients from Oconto, Brown and Kewaunee counties, with 70% covered by Medicaid or Medicare.

“The Greater Green Bay Community Foundation is proud to support the expansion of mental health services in Oconto County,” said Kari Olsen, director of grants and scholarship and public relations and communications manager. “By supporting both clinic-based and school-based services, we’re removing barriers and meeting children where they are, ensuring they receive the care they need to thrive.”

The NorthLakes School-based Behavioral Health program serves 20 school districts across 35 buildings with 19 providers, representing a 400% increase since the program began in 2016.



NorthLakes Community Clinic received a \$75,000 grant from the Otto Bremer Trust Community Responsive Fund, and a \$15,000 grant from the Funds for a Greater Green Bay. From left, are Hannah Schadt, Oconto clinic manager; Naomi Adams, LCSW, behavioral health therapist; and Kari Olsen, director of grants and scholarship programming, Greater Green Bay Community Foundation.

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Next American Legion gunless poultry shoot coming in October

The next American Legion gunless poultry shoot begins at 1 p.m. Oct. 18 at Waters

Edge, 12058 State Highway 32, Suring. American Legion Sylvan Post 44 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.

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a variety of sizes and noted that not all quilts need to be the size of a bed. She showed off one quilted item with Green Bay Packers imagery that’s used to hold hot bowls in the microwave.

“You can make placemats. You can make lap quilts. You can make wall hangings. You can make kennel quilts for the pets,” Schroeder said. “It’s kind of to bridge the gap there. For a beginner, looking at a king-sized quilt, it’s pretty ‘Oh my God, I could never do that.’ Yes, you could. You could start as small as a pot holder or a cup holder and learn as you go.”

Schroeder developed an interest in quilting more than 20 years ago, after her children had all left home for college. She said she met other quilters in Pulaski while taking classes, and together they started a quilting guild.

“Quilting, I run on color,” Schroeder said. “If I feel like working on naturals one day, I’ll find something in a natural color. If I want something with lots of colors, I work on color, whatever excites my mind that day.”

While the ladies worked on their quilts, over on the other side of the village, Officer Hunter Micolichuk with the Pulaski Police Department introduced police station visitors to Blu, an Aussie labradoodle that serves as a therapy dog.

“We brought Blu home almost a year ago,” Micolichuk said, noting Blu came from Blueberry Cottage

Labradoodles in Osseo. “He’s assigned with me in our schools and for community stuff. He’s made a pretty significant impact already in the one year. People love this dog. Kids will chant his name and everything.”

Micolichuk said he loves seeing children’s reactions when Blu struts into the room. He said the dog helps the community to get to know the police department in a way other than when a crime has been committed.

“People are open to come and talk to cops and law enforcement more because they can pet a dog,” Micolichuk said. “He could have 40, 50 kids surrounding him, and it doesn’t bother him at all.”

Blu only gets tired when he’s actively working with Micolichuk. The officer noted he could be running around the yard or at home and not get tuckered out.

While many of the stories told in Sharing of Our Stories were singular in nature, some stops on the tour had multiple stories. Matt Clausen with Discount Appliance on South St. Augustine Street set up a pair of tables inside with dozens of ball caps, and each one had its own story as to where it came from.

“I think, as a kid, once I found out I could (collect them), it just went off from there,” Clausen said. “Every hat has a story or a good memory.”

Of the 280 hats Clausen has, many of them display pride in the Green Bay



Judy Schroeder crochets Sept. 27 in a corner of the Pulaski Adult Activity Center as a variety of quilted items surrounds her. Schroeder said quilting might seem daunting, but she encouraged newcomers to start with something small before eventually moving up to larger quilts.

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Packers. He said he has set a goal to eventually collect 365, one for every day of the year.

Clausen has a Pulaski Fire Department hat that he’s owned for nine years, getting it after working as a firefighter. Another one for The Pancake Place holds the memory of where he went as a kid for breakfast, and now he takes his children there. His late grandfather was a truck driver and had a McDonald’s racing hat, so Clausen got it after he passed.

“It just continued to grow,” Clausen said. “Once people knew I liked them, many of them would give them to me.”

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Matt Clausen stands among his collection of hats as part of Pulaski’s Sharing of Our Stories. He currently owns 280 but hopes to get to 365 eventually.

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MAA to present river drawdown history

Al Stranz of the Oconto County Historical Society will tell of his work while a member of a Wisconsin DNR team managing the complete drawdown of the Stiles Pond when the Machickanee Advancement Association meets next.

The foliage was heavily polluted over many years by agricultural, industrial and community abuse. His presentation will

include maps, pictures and graphics from his personal experience.

The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. Oct. 4 at Stiles Town Hall, 5718 Watercrest Road, Stiles.

PUBLIC RECORD

OCONTO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Sept. 25
Deputies responded to 68 incidents, including K-9 deployments at Oconto High School, 1717 Superior Ave., Oconto, and Oconto Middle School, 400 Michigan Ave., Oconto; threatening on Leos Road in the Town of Mountain; six traffic stops, four traffic offenses, two citizen assists, four miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; three 911 hang-ups and six open lines; eight ambulance calls.

Sept. 24
Deputies responded to 76 incidents, including harassment on West Main Street in Lena; harassment at Oconto County Human Services, 501 Park Ave., Oconto Falls; drugs in Oconto; property damage on County Road W in the Town of Mountain; a noise disturbance on County Road I in the Town of Stiles; fireworks on Wescott Lake Road in the Town of Bagley; suspicious activity on North Rosera Street in Lena; 14 traffic stops, two traffic hazards, 12 traffic offenses, two citizen assists, three miscellaneous traffic incidents, four welfare checks; two open-line 911 calls; eight ambulance calls; one crash.

Sept. 23
Deputies responded to 55 incidents, including suspicious activity on County Road N in the Town of Oconto; a disturbance on Duane Road in the Town of Stiles; an internet crimes against children incident in Oconto; threatening on Norway Woods Lane in the Town of Abrams; squad damage near County Road WW and Hogsback Road in the Town of Little River; an unwanted

party on Marl Lake Road in the Town of Brazeau; squad damage on River Road in the Town of How; suspicious activity on East Main Street in Suring; six traffic stops, one traffic hazard, one traffic offense, two citizen assists, six miscellaneous traffic incidents, four welfare checks; two 911 hang-ups and one open line; three ambulance calls; three crashes, two involving deer.

Sept. 22
Deputies responded to 58 incidents, including an animal bite on East Washington Street in Gillett; a missing person on Flower Lake Drive in the Town of Riverview; automobile theft from Trailside Bar, 15506 County Road W in the Town of Riverview; fraud on Sandy Corners Road in the Town of Gillett; seven traffic stops, three traffic offenses, one citizen assist, one miscellaneous traffic incident; one 911 hang-up and four open lines; six ambulance calls; two crashes.

Sept. 21
Deputies responded to 59 incidents, including a fire control burn on County Road B in the Town of Oconto Falls; suspicious activity near County Road S and East Frontage Road in the Town of Little Suamico; intoxication on Muehl Drive in Suring; suspicious activity on Wildflower Lane in the Town of Townsend; 10 traffic stops, two traffic offenses, two citizen assists, one miscellaneous traffic incident, three welfare checks; one 911 hang-up and two open lines; 10 ambulance calls; eight crashes, three involving deer, one involving a bear.

Sept. 20
Deputies responded to 60 incidents, including suspicious activity near state

Highway 32 and County Road E in the Town of Morgan; harassment at Dollar General, 611 E. Main St., Suring; an ATV accident near Pipeline and Logan roads in the Town of Bagley; trespassing on Red Maple Lane in the Town of Townsend; suspicious activity at St. John's Catholic Church, 127 S. Garden Ave., Gillett; a noise disturbance on Pleasant View Drive in the Town of Chase; a wrong-way driver near U.S. Highway 41 and County Road J in the Town of Pensaukee; 14 traffic stops, one traffic hazard, three traffic offenses, one citizen assist, four miscellaneous traffic incidents, two welfare checks; one 911 hang-up and four open lines; three ambulance calls; five crashes, one fatal, one involving bear, two involving deer.

Sept. 19
Deputies responded to 75 incidents, including a disturbance on Makholm Lane in the Town of Maple Valley; a death investigation in the Town of Oconto; harassment on River Bend Lane in the Town of Breed; suspicious activity near Frog Pond Road and Pine Avenue in the Town of Oconto; suspicious activity on County Road G in the Town of Spruce; suspicious activity near U.S. Highway 41 and County Road J in the Town of Pensaukee; suspicious activity on Evergreen Road in the Town of Morgan; a wanted person near U.S. Highway 41-141 and East Brown Road in the Town of Little Suamico; child abuse in Oconto Falls; 16 traffic stops, two traffic offenses, six citizen assists, three miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; one 911 hang-up and two open lines; 11 ambulance calls; one deer-related crash.

COURT NEWS

• Monnaleah Margaret Long, 41, Suring, pleaded no contest May 5 to possession with intent to distribute amphetamine or methamphetamine. A felony bail jumping charge was dismissed but read into the record in a plea agreement. Judge Michael Judge imposed and stayed a prison sentence Sept. 22, then placed her on three years of probation with conditions.

• Sarah J. Hujet, 42, Gillett, pleaded no contest Sept. 22 to possession of methamphetamine. Judge withheld sentencing and placed her on two years of probation with conditions.

• Joshua M. Samz, 43, Gillett, pleaded no contest Sept. 22 to misdemeanor charges of battery and disorderly conduct. The battery charge was amended from a felony in a plea agreement. Judge levied court costs of \$926.

• Judge Jay Conley on Sept. 24 dismissed state charges against Isaia R. Cupino, 65, Oconto Falls, of first-degree child sexual assault, child sexual exploitation, and possession of child pornography without prejudice, meaning they could be refiled at a future date. Cupino was then turned over to federal authorities and is scheduled to stand trial Dec. 1 after being indicted on charges of production of child pornography, transportation of child pornography and possession of child pornography.

• John J. Hanna, 39, Suamico, pleaded no contest June 25 to four counts of first-degree recklessly endangering safety and single counts of fleeing an officer in his vehicle and failure to comply with an officer attempting to take him into custody. Judge sentenced him Sept. 26 to two years in prison followed by three years of extended supervision with conditions.

• Jeremy W. Heise, 40, Suring, was charged Sept. 22 with possession with intent to distribute amphetamine or methamphetamine, felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Conley set a \$3,000 cash bond and adjourned his initial appearance until Oct. 16.

• Michael J. Neumann, 56, Shawano, was charged Sept. 22 with possession with intent to distribute amphetamine or methamphetamine and a misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Conley set a \$750 cash bond and adjourned his initial appearance until Oct. 16.

• Craig J. Luisier, 40, Lena, was charged Sept. 24 with second-degree recklessly endangering safety through the use of a dangerous weapon, causing mental harm to a child and a misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. Judge set a \$10,000 cash bond and adjourned his initial appearance until Oct. 16.

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Wild bat tests positive for rabies in Shawano County

A report of a wild bat testing positive for rabies has been verified in Shawano County, according to the Shawano-Menominee Counties Health Department.

The bat was found in the Town of Green Valley following an encounter with a family pet. The last report of a rabid animal in Shawano County was also a wild bat in 2023.

This recent report of a rabid bat provides the opportunity to remind people about what they can do to

protect themselves from rabies.

Ways to prevent the spread of rabies include:

- Ensure all pet dogs, cats, ferrets and livestock are vaccinated against rabies.
- Stay away from all wild animals, especially those acting abnormally.
- Do not keep exotic or wild animals as pets, regardless of how young or cute they may be.
- Exclude bats from inside living quarters by keeping screens in good

repair and closing up any small openings that could allow them to enter.

- Teach children not to approach any unfamiliar animals.

If you are bitten or scratched, follow these steps:

- Promptly cleanse the bite wound with liberal amounts of soap and water.
- Contact your physician or go to your local emergency room.
- If the offending animal can be safely captured without further injury, hold the animal until the local health department can be consulted.

Wild animals are a particular risk. Bats and skunks are the most commonly reported animal with rabies in Wisconsin and can expose domestic animals and people. Any exposure (bite or non-bite) to bats should be discussed as soon as possible with your physician or your local health department.

If your pet has been in a fight with a wild animal, contact your veterinarian and local health department.

For more information regarding rabies in animals, contact the Shawano-Menominee Counties Health Department at 715-526-4808.

Native American art showcase



Celebrating the creativity, heritage and stories of Native American and Indigenous artists, a Native American art showcase was held Sept. 25 at the Menominee Casino Resort in Keshena. Members of the Wolf River Development Company board were looking for artwork for their new headquarters, which opens to the public in October.

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The all-new season of Wisconsin Life on PBS Wisconsin takes viewers on a trip around the state to visit their neighbors and uncover their unique stories.

Twig's Beverage in Shawano is featured in the season premiere of Wisconsin Life on PBS Wisconsin 7 p.m. Oct. 9 and will also be available to stream online at that time from anywhere at www.pbswisconsin.org/wilife and on the free PBS app on all streaming devices and smart TVs.

Host Angela Fitzgerald connects the audience with people whose passions, experiences and expertise celebrate the best of Wisconsin. New episodes will continue to air into January.

Twig's Beverage has been a staple in Shawano for more than 75 years, bottling Sun Drop and other craft sodas since the early 1950s. Today the Hartwig family is preserving Twig's history one bottle, one case and one memory at a time.

This season, Fitzgerald crosses the state to explore Interstate Park in Polk County, Frank Lloyd Wright's Taliesin in Spring Green, Bookworm Gardens in Sheboygan, Jelli's Market in Helenville and more. The Wisconsin Life team also discovers and introduces creative and innovative people from all parts of the state and all walks of life.

Viewers can explore full Wisconsin Life episodes and additional online exclusives at pbswisconsin.org/wilife.

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Green Bay author Lynda Drews plans to present her latest true crime book “The Maid and the Socialite” on Oct. 20 at the Shawano Public Library. It tells how a famous doctor in Green Bay ruined the lives of two women with unsubstantiated claims they both had syphilis in a time where there was no blood test to prove one way or the other.

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Drews brings true crime story to Shawano

‘The Maid and the Socialite’ tells about syphilis claims ruining two women’s lives

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

Green Bay true crime author Lynda Drews will share how a college-educated woman and a servant in the 19th century got caught in the web of a sadistic doctor when she comes to Shawano on Oct. 20.

It sounds like an intriguing plot for a novel, but Drews noted in a recent interview that it’s all true and involves one of the community’s celebrated surgeons at the time, Dr. John R. Minahan. The Minahan family had a strong grip on Green Bay’s professional, business and political scenes from 1892 to 1954; the doctor’s wealth brought the city a stadium at St. Norbert College, six-story office building and science center in his name.

Drews started out wanting to write a book on the Minahan family, given that their name was all over the place. While doing research, however, she came across the two women whose names had nearly been erased from the history books.

Mollie was a socialite in Green Bay working as a teacher who later married Minahan, while Mary was an illiterate maid who found her herself raped twice by the doctor and went through a criminal abortion when she became pregnant with his child. Drews said the women’s lives were destroyed when Minahan claimed they both had syphilis, a disease popping up in cities on a global scale, but there

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AT A GLANCE

WHAT: “The Maid and the Socialite”
WHEN: 6 p.m. Oct. 20
WHERE: Shawano Public Library, 128 S. Sawyer St., Shawano

Storytelling takes center stage when electric grid goes down

Box in the Wood Theatre Guild actors to perform post-apocalyptic play

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

Madeline Stuewer believes storytelling is vital for communities, especially in times of uncertainty.

“It’s something that is more important than a lot of people realize — having that comfort, having a way to share your experiences with future generations, said Stuewer, director of “Mr. Burns: A Post-Electric Play,” which will be performed in October at the Mielke Arts Center.

The three-act play, the final show of the 2025-26 season at the arts center, touches on the evolution of storytelling in a post-apocalyptic world.

“The first act is about a year after the electric grid has gone down,” Stuewer said. “It’s following the survivors. They’re passing the time by remembering ‘Simpsons’ episodes and other bits of pop culture.”

Act 2 is seven years after the electric grid has gone down.

“This group of survivors has formed a theater troupe that is now going around, because that’s the main form of entertainment without electricity,” Stuewer said. “They’re not just recreating ‘Simpsons’ episodes; they’re recreating commercials, too, not to sell anything but more for nostalgia.”

The final act is about 75-80 years after the electric grid has gone down.

“Now there’s nobody alive who has seen a ‘Simpsons’ episode,” Stuewer said. “It’s kind of a game of storytelling telephone that has happened, and it has morphed into something bigger. It’s a Greek tragedy, Shakespearean retelling of the ‘Cape Fear’ episode of ‘The Simpsons,’ but there’s different elements of pop culture that are touched on as well.”

Even with all the references to “The Simpsons” animated TV series, audience members don’t have to be fans of the



Rehearsing a scene from Act 3 of “Mr. Burns: A Post-Electric Play” are Jason Linder (Mr. Burns), right, Samantha Grossen (Marge), left, and Kelly Donahue (Itchy), background.

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show to enjoy the play.

“It’s using ‘The Simpsons’ to talk about what stories mean to people,” said Jennifer Maglio, assistant director. “It’s just using it as a base to talk about what

stories mean to us, why do we tell stories, and what happens to stories over the decades.”

“I have actually seen very little of the ‘The Simpsons,’” Stuewer added.

The play is a drama with funny bits throughout and is appropriate for anyone in middle school or older.

For Maglio, this is her first time as assistant director, but she’s been on stage numerous times.

“I like that it’s experimental,” she said. “It’s very unusually formatted. It’s not something we see around here very much.”

Actor Samantha Grossen agreed.

“The creative elements are very unique, and we haven’t seen that at least in the last four years I’ve been in Shawano,” she said.

This is Grossen’s sixth show at the arts center. She has different parts in the first and third acts.

Maglio said that while the post-apocalyptic setting is unique, it also presented some challenges for the cast and crew.

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AT A GLANCE

WHAT: “Mr. Burns: A Post-Electric Play,” written by Anne Washburn, score by Michael Friedman and lyrics by Anne Washburn

WHEN: 7 p.m. Oct. 10-11 and Oct. 17-18, 2 p.m. Oct. 12 and Oct. 19

WHERE: Mielke Arts Center, N5649 Airport Road, Shawano

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Jennifer Maglio, assistant director, left, and Madeline Stuewer, director, lead a rehearsal of “Mr. Burns: A Post-Electric Play.” The three-act play uses “The Simpson” TV series as a basis for the importance of storytelling in society.

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IN THE KITCHEN WITH FRANCESCA



Tacos aren't often made into pies, but the recipe for this delicacy will give some families a new option for comfort food.

FRANCESCA ULLMER

Taco pie provides a new spin on favorite Spanish dish

National Taco Day is Oct. 4. Taco pie is a delicious new spin on normal tacos.

I love how easy this pie is to whip up. The crescent roll crust comes from a can. Besides a few utensils and measuring cups, the only other dish other than the pie pan is the pan used to brown the meat. There is no right or wrong way to arrange the crescent rolls to form the crust; the goal is just to cover the entire bottom and sides of the pie plate. I usually use tortilla chips, but other corn chips like Fritos will probably work, too.

This pie is very easy to reheat and still tastes great. The original recipe said to reheat this pie at 325 degrees for 30-40 minutes. However, I usually just reheat it at 350 degrees until it is warm.

At first glance, this recipe might seem strange. Whoever heard of taco pie? This delectable pie is a great comfort food. The crescent roll crust provides a unique flavor, the chips on the bottom soak up any moisture to ensure that the crust cooks



A lot of carrots in the garden prompted a new family favorite dessert.

FRANCESCA ULLMER



Francesca Ullmer
Columnist

completely, and the spicy meat is perfectly complemented by cool sour cream and cheese. And, it can be topped with any toppings you like. Beans, lettuce, tomatoes, taco sauce, salsa, more cheese — the possibilities are endless. Carrot bars are a new family favorite. As I've mentioned before, we have

a lot of carrots in the garden this year. Although every member of the family likes carrot cake, I wanted to find a more healthy and not so sweet recipe to try. I found a carrot muffin recipe and changed it up slightly. The original recipe called for a whole cup of raisins. I thought that a bit much, so I only did about 3/4 cup. Also, I let my raisins soak for 20-25 minutes while I mixed the rest of the batter. Soaking the raisins really makes a

difference, so although it sounds weird, do not skip this step.

To make these bars lighter, I replaced half the oil with drained applesauce. If you have very thick applesauce, you can skip this step. Draining the applesauce just helps keep excess moisture out of the bars.

Finally, I increased the amount of cinnamon and added a little cloves.

These bars are delicious. They are light and fluffy with plump, juicy raisins interspersed throughout, and with just a hint of spice. You can make these into muffins if you prefer, although the amount of baking time will probably vary. If you want to make these carrot bars into dessert, while keeping them light, you can frost these bars with a cream cheese frosting made with Neufchatel cheese.

Francesca Ullmer, the second child of a large homeschooled family, is from the Krakow area. She enjoys baking, reading, knitting, raising goats, and entering numerous items in the Oconto County Fair.

CARROT BARS

3/4 cup raisins	2 cups all-purpose flour
1 1/2 tsp. baking powder	1 tsp. baking soda
1/2 to 1 tsp. salt	1 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
1/4 tsp. cloves	1/2 cup oil
1/2 cup applesauce, drained	3/4 cup brown sugar
4 large eggs	3 cup grated carrots

Soak raisins in 2 cups of water for at least 15 minutes, then drain. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Line one or two baking sheets with parchment paper. Spray very lightly with cooking spray, if desired. Sift the flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, cinnamon and cloves together in a bowl. Beat oil, applesauce, brown sugar and eggs in a large bowl until well combined. Gradually mix in the flour mixture, then fold in the carrots and the drained raisins. Spread the batter evenly in prepared pan. Bake 15-20 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool in pan for 5 minutes, then remove bars from pan (leaving the parchment paper on the bars). Place on a cooling rack, and let cool.

TACO PIE

1 lb. ground beef	7 1/2 oz. can of tomato sauce
1 envelope of taco seasoning	1 tube of refrigerator crescent rolls
1 cup corn chips, crushed	1 cup sour cream
1/2 cup cheddar cheese, grated	1/2 cup mozzarella cheese, grated
1/3 cup corn chips, crushed	

Brown ground beef; drain if needed. Add the tomato sauce and taco seasoning; stir well. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Press crescent rolls together to form a crust in an ungreased 9-inch pie plate. Sprinkle the 1 cup of corn chips on the bottom. Spoon the beef mixture on top. Drop dabs of sour cream here and there over the beef mixture. Spread as evenly as you can. Sprinkle with both cheeses. Top with the 1/3 cup of corn chips. Bake for about 20-25 minutes or until the crust is browned. Top with desired toppings such as lettuce, tomatoes and taco sauce.

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"Everything has to be built from scratch," she said. "Because it's unlike any other previous show, we don't have a bunch of wardrobe. We don't have a bunch of set pieces. We're building a post-apocalyptic vibe, and that's not what we normally do, which means we don't have a bunch of stuff to rely on."

She said they referenced other groups' performances, other apocalyptic settings and a lot from Pinterest. Plus, they developed some things on the fly.

Heidi Weyker made her stage debut in "Oliver" this past summer. She's back this fall, taking on two roles in "Mr. Burns: A Post-Electric Play."

Originally from Minnesota, she lived in Gillett for several years and moved to Appleton about eight months ago. She has several friends who are thespians in the Box in the Wood Theatre Guild.

"I went to see many of their shows the past couple of years. Finally, I'm like, 'I'm going to audition,' and I auditioned for 'Oliver,' and I auditioned for this one," Weyker said. "I fell in love with acting, and I'm so excited to be doing this one. I have a much bigger part than the last one. With this much larger role, I have more lines to memorize than the

last play."

She has an a cappella solo performance in the show.

"I'm a little nervous about singing that by myself on the stage," she said.

Rehearsals began in August, and in two or three months, everything always seems to fall into place before opening night.

"Having a variety of ages in the actors and different backgrounds has been very fun," Stuewer said. "We have a very fun mix of people in this show — some Mielke veterans, some newbies, and everyone gets along well."

Months ago, Stuewer was reviewing possible plays to direct and was intrigued by this play. She had read some of playwright Anne Washburn's work before.

"The title stuck out to me," she said. "I was familiar with Anne Washburn, the author. I had read a couple of her other plays. She has a unique style that I thought would be fun and different."

She still reflects back to COVID-19 times and how people are still moving forward from the pandemic.

"I think this show is an interesting thought experiment or commentary on how humanity faces worldwide atrocities," Stuewer said.

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was no blood test at the time that could prove it.

"I uncovered the stories of the abuse," Drews said. "I was not going to write the stories of these women and had planned to start with the Minahan family, which was really one of the top families in the area."

Drews used newspapers.com as part of her research on the family history and came up with more than 32,000 entries. When she did a search with the words "Minahan" and "trial," because she had previously written a true crime novel about a tragic three-teacher love triangle titled "Run at Destruction," the search uncovered Mary and Mollie's stories.

"There were six trials, three for each woman," Drews said. "Nobody in Green Bay really knew anything about them — not the families, nobody. So it was like I uncovered some new history that nobody had known about, and then I was able to give these women a voice. That's what was important to me."

Drews' initial interest in the Minahan family cropped up when she moved to Green Bay and lived in a home in the historic Astor Park district that was once occupied by V.I. Minahan, the doctor's brother.

"When I started in (researching the Minahan

history), I really didn't plan on contacting any Minahan relative," Drews said. "But then as I got into it, I figured I should find someone and tell him I'm writing this story."

She discovered that V.I. Minahan's grandson, Tony Walter, wrote for the Green Bay Press-Gazette, and she talked with him. Walter was able to fill in some gaps on John Minahan and why there were three hospitals in Green Bay, she said, but he was unaware of Mary and Mollie's tales.

"I asked him about these women, and he said, 'What women?'" Drews said. "Then I asked him about the trials, and he said, 'What trials?' He was a direct descendant, and it was covered up in their family. It was never brought forward."

Drews said she liked the idea of bringing forward women's tales, especially after she spoke with a descendant of Mary, the maid, and learned that family knew all about the sinister doings of John Minahan.

"I call them more, like, everyday women in this era," Drews said. "You'll see a biography on one of the president's wives or something like that, but these are just everyday women, and there are very little true stories written about the everyday women in this era."

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Reiki practitioner combines healing techniques

Native American, Irish traditions part of Haffner's sessions

By LYNN ZAFFRANN
Correspondent

In a typical ranch-style home in Gresham, Amy Haffner practices the not-so-typical ancient healing methods of Reiki.

Haffner is a Reiki master practitioner. She combines the techniques of Reiki with Native American healing practices and Irish healing lore in her business, Inner Wisdom Healing and Massage.

Reiki has its roots in ancient Japanese healing practices and is considered a form of energy healing.

It is a gentle, non-invasive healing practice. Reiki practitioners act as a conduit for what is called the universal life force energy. They believe that they can channel the energy and encourage its movement through a client's body to help create a healthier environment within the body and mind.

Although there is no current scientific data to prove this energy, Reiki is being integrated into some health care settings as a complementary therapy.

Haffner said that during a regular Reiki session, her client will lie on a table to relax.

"I connect with them and have them breathe in through the nose and out through the mouth three times," she said.

She then feels their energy center and aura surrounding them. Reiki is typically a hands-off approach. The practitioner hovers their hands just above the client, using a series of hand positions.

"No session is the same," Haffner said.

People often say that Reiki brings them a state of relaxation and calm.

Haffner is also a certified massage therapist. Adding a massage therapy certification was a way to enhance her ability to practice Reiki, she said.

She gained her certification in August at Fox Valley Technical College in Appleton.

"It's not unusual to feel a person's energy and auras when I give a massage," Haffner said.

She added that when she does massages, she can't actually turn off her Reiki instincts.

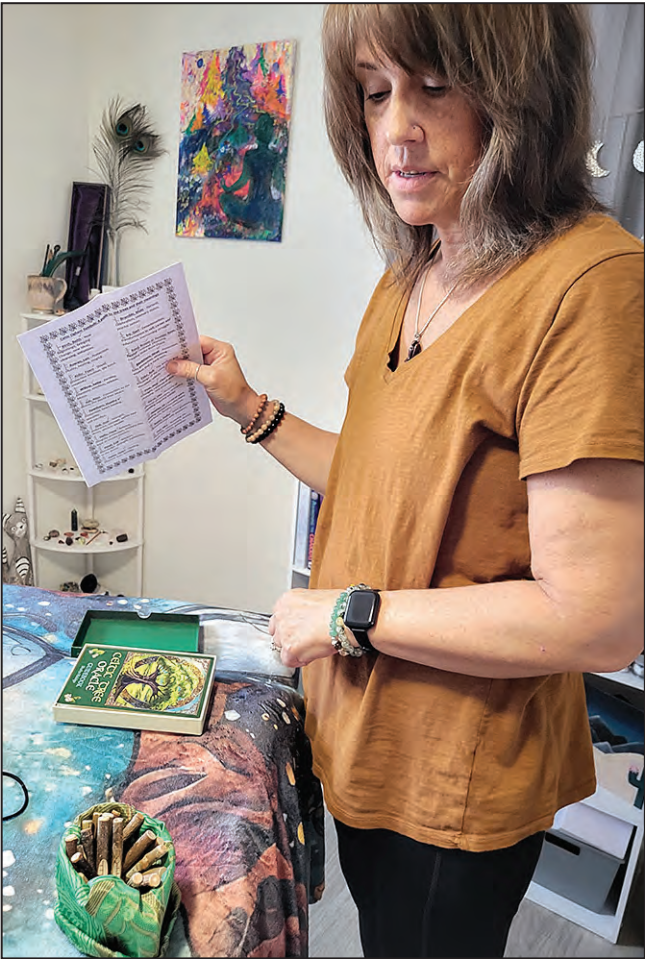
"The usual effects of a massage should last about three days," Haffner said. "Mine, done with Reiki, last up to a week."

Haffner said that she can feel where there is unbalance in a person's chakras and works to get them balanced.

Chakra is a Sanskrit word meaning "wheel" and refers to the energy points in a person's body that should stay open and aligned, according to New Age and yoga philosophies.

"Reiki is working with your body's energy and your energy centers," Haffner said.

Reiki works with seven main centers in the body, according to Haffner. She also said that Irish culture



Amy Haffner, master Reiki practitioner and massage therapist, looks over cultural Irish Celtic Tree Oracle pieces she utilizes to enhance a client's Reiki experience. Following the Native American tradition of morning prayers done with the burning of tobacco, Haffner does a ceremony every day in her treatment room in Gresham, with tobacco, sage, sweet grass and cedar. She found mugwort and juniper are used in Irish culture and is working to incorporate that into her daily routine.

LYNN ZAFFRANN

adds two more centers.

Haffner compared Reiki with Native American traditions and Chinese traditional medicine.

"These are different things but all the same thing," she said. "They are all dealing with energy. Native American culture, Irish traditions, there's lots of culture that makes us a mish-mash in the United States."

The Native American culture brings a medicine

wheel, while Irish culture has a medicine wheel, also, according to Haffner.

"We're all interconnected that way, and Reiki is part of it, as well," she said.

Haffner said that a friend suggested that she try Reiki, and she learned that one of her neighbors, Kim Hoffman, is a Reiki master teacher.

"So, I started with Reiki for my own journey, as well," Haffner said.

Haffner completed all of her classes through Hoffman's practice, Ol' Way Healing on Main Street in Gresham.

"For me, in my personal journey, I was angry. I spent 40-some years angry," she said. "The bottom line was that I wasn't allowed to have my feelings or my emotions while I was growing up. So, they had to go somewhere and had to be processed somehow. Reiki is what did it for me."

Haffner had been in talk therapy, a method used by mental health professionals that provides a safe place to discuss feelings and emotions, for many years. She felt that talk therapy was leaving something missing for her on an emotional level.

Haffner said the impact Reiki made on her can't be explained by simple words. Haffner decided to take the Reiki classes, feeling that at the minimum, it would give her tools to learn for herself and help her family.

Haffner said that there are many practices in the metaphysical world, including Reiki, Chinese traditional medicine, psychic mediums and all types of things that help people to heal and find answers that traditional medicine and society don't fulfill.

"People are talking more and more about different options and things," Haffner said. "The metaphysical world is becoming more prevalent, more acceptable these days."

Haffner said that people who may be inter-

ested in Reiki could go as light with it, or as deep as they want.

"If you believe in spiritual things, like energy, then a Reiki session could go deeper," she said. "If it's light, it's relaxing and comfortable, like having a massage. It's a form of meditation, relaxation and chilling out."

After gaining her master practitioner certification in July 2024, Haffner created a Facebook page, Inner Wisdom Healing and Massage.

"I started promoting myself in November-ish last year," she said. "Most of it has been word-of-mouth. Just recently, now that I have a massage therapy certification, I've been advertising on several Shawano-based Facebook pages."

She also has connections with Natasha Selle from Heart of Garnet Crystal Shop on Main Street in downtown Shawano.

Haffner noted that when she's working with an individual, if she gets a feeling that the person needs to work with a certain crystal, she refers them to the Heart of Garnet and specifies what to purchase there.

She also has visited Heart of Garnet and met a customer that needed the type of help she could provide, along with what Selle offered.

"We bounce off of each other and work very well together that way," she said.

Haffner may be reached at 715-853-3796 for information or to make an appointment.

Tuning archery gear can be almost as fun as bowhunting

My wife and I celebrated our 27th anniversary Sept. 19. We (she) decided to celebrate our mostly blissful, sometimes tumultuous years together (9,862 days) not by traveling to a warm beach or remote tropical paradise but by sharing her dad's lakefront cabin (Wausau home) on Lily Lake near Pickerel.

Now, I really shouldn't complain at all, because the lake view is beautiful, although the fishing is consistently bad. There's almost no traffic on our dead-end road, and there are few TV channels to interrupt the solitude (although ME TV has plenty of "Gunsmoke," "Bonanza" and "The Rifleman" episodes to break the silence).

Workaholic Dad and workaholic offspring have never fully mastered or even understood the concept of relaxation. Michelle spent almost all her time indoors, preparing many delicious meals, while her dad (who turned 87 on



Sept. 14) pattered around with burning or moving wood.

He and I waterproofed both decks and then the two of them double-teamed me and bought three sets of custom-cut window blinds to help me further enjoy the week. They took the old ones down, and I installed the new ones.

I did manage about 20 minutes of fishing (not even a nibble) and a brisk mountain bike ride, when I realized that the hills around Lily Lake are very steep, and I really need to get that new e-bike.

I did bring three recurve bows, stashed with some arrows and points between a giant dog cage (used to hold an 18-pound cat), a smaller cat cage (to hold

Hemingway, our 4-month-old yellow and white assassin cat) and a giant hard cooler full of stuff we could have put in a much smaller soft cooler.

Whenever I hold a wooden-and-fiberglass recurve bow in my hands, I smile. They are made with old-world craftsmanship and feel natural and primitive. Not quite as basic an all-wood self bow or long-bow, but about as far away from a metal-and-carbon compound bow as a Model A is from a Tesla.

My goal was to fine-tune my recurve bows to tighten groups and ensure a more accurate shot on a deer. My guidebook was "Traditional Archery," a great book by Sam Fadala, a well-known outdoors author whose "The Complete Black Powder Handbook" I had edited years ago at Krause Publications in Iola.

I'd never tried "bare shaft tuning" before, using an arrow shaft with no fletching to determine the

best shaft spine and point weight for dead-straight arrow flight. I used a carbon arrow shaft close to the spine, or flex, of my hunting arrows, and began my work.

The three bows were my current favorite, a 52-inch Bear Black Panther Hunter (45-pound draw weight), an old 62-inch Ben Pearson Colt (45 pounds) and a beautiful 62-inch Jeffrey Custom Takedown (47 pounds). I immediately noted how much smoother the latter two shot because of their longer limbs.

Using the bare shaft and later my feather-fletched hunting arrows, I used a combination of screw-in weights and 125-, 150- and 200-grain points to determine the perfect weight. Most local archery shops don't offer threaded weights or points in anything but 100 or 125 grains, so I chatted with a pro at Lancaster Archery before ordering.

Unlike a compound

bow, which has various adjustments for drop-away arrow rest, cam synching, windage and elevation on \$500 lighted sights and a zillion other tweaks, the recurve bow has none if you shoot off the arrow shelf. That leaves arrow adjustments. I love that.

The bare shaft used was a Gold Tip Hunter 400 spine (8.2 grains per inch), which was very close to my favorite Easton Legacy 500s (8.3 grains per inch). I also used Beman Centershot 600s (7 grains per inch).

The Bear loved a 150-grain point and Easton combo but also shot straight with the Beman and 150-grain tip. The bare shaft with a 250-grain combo seemed straight, too.

The Pearson was dead-on (no left, right, up or down angle from nock to point) with 150 grains and bare shaft, and also flew true with the 150-grain point on the Legacy shaft.

My favorite, the one initially coming with me

to the woods this fall, was the Jeffrey. I moved the screw-in hunting stabilizer from my Bear to the Jeffrey and dialed in the bare shaft with 200 grains, but settled in the Easton and Legacy shafts with 150-grain tips.

All that's left is trying some broadheads, either with or without added weights, to ensure proper flight. I don't use mechanical heads with my recurve bows, and you should always practice with your hunting heads before the hunt.

It's easy to accept the status quo and Uncle Joe's recommendation for gear, but don't be afraid to experiment a bit with your archery equipment for peak performance.

Now I just need something brown within 25 yards to shoot at.

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FARM LIFE FROM A FARM WIFE

Searching for beef that’s not so feisty

When we were dairy farming, we bred our cows, keeping the heifer calves to replenish our herd, and selling the bull calves. Once in a while a heifer couldn’t, for one reason or another, get bred. That one would be raised until she could be butchered.

Because the heifer was younger, her meat was very tasty, with dark red hamburger. The hamburger was used for hot dishes, in spaghetti sauce, chili, hamburgers on the grill with fried onions, barbecue, tacos — I mean the variety was endless.

We instructed our butcher to take cuts of meat including T-bone, ribeye and filet mignon. A meal like that could be \$50-\$60 at a restaurant. Some of the menus at establishments don’t include a price, simply noting “market price,” which I can’t blame them. They have costs to cover.

Before we sold our dairy cows in May 2016, we had bred them all with Angus bulls to establish our Black Angus herd, which we had intended to raise to augment our income.

After the cows birthed all those Black Angus calves, we re-bred them with Holstein bulls, which increased their worth when we were ready to sell the entire herd. It was a process that took a couple of years.

Our first herd of Angus were tame and manage-



Roy, the new Red Hereford on the Reminger farm, gets a warm welcome from the Holstein ladies that have been residents for quite a while.

KAY REMINGER



Kay Reminger
Columnist

able. I’d bottle-fed them and eventually weaned them off the bottle, introducing them in time to their powdered-milk formula in a pail. Scratching their foreheads, I’d talked to them as I scooped grain and fed wafers of hay, gradually getting them off milk and onto water.

My point is, I was physically interacting with them consistently. This first batch of tame animals were sold, and eventually purchasing a bull, they were bred naturally and pasture-raised basically on their own. Popping out calves, the mamas took care of their young stock themselves. My husband fed them surplus haylage, and their water was on the barnyard. Not having much personal interaction with them, they began to become more and more skittish.

After we’d dealt a while with Black Angus, we discovered we weren’t cut out for this feisty breed. Plus having a bull on the premises was especially concerning. We’d previously always used artificial insemination.

When we sold all those animals, we were left with the dilemma of not having an animal for our consumption. We did not want to resort to buying meat from the store, so we started looking for a farmer who’d consider selling us an animal, and

precisely a Red Hereford, staying away from those plucky Black Angus.

One day we were meandering on our side-by-side on county roads and discovered a farmer with a beautiful herd of white-faced Red Hereford’s grazing on the slope of a pasture in their backyard — a beautiful sight.

“Hey, let’s pull in and ask them if they’d wanna sell one,” I encouraged my husband.

Turns out, the timing was perfect. They were going to take their herd in to market within the next couple of days. We picked one out and they promised they’d keep that one back for us.

“How much does it weigh?” we inquired.

“Oh gosh. I don’t know.”

My husband had the idea of taking our truck and empty trailer to the Embarrass Feed Mill, drive up on their scale and after loading up the animal, come back to weigh it again, taking the difference as the weight of the animal. The farmer considered that to be a very fair way of figuring out how much the animal weighed.

The people at the feed mill are very accommodating. We get our pig feed mixed there and are familiar with their friendly helpfulness, so graciously they sort of let us “borrow” their scale.

Getting there with our Red Hereford in tow the thought crossed my mind

I hope he’s not too big. We wanted one about 600 pounds or so. The farmer wanted \$3 a pound, which is about the current going rate.

When I was in sixth grade, we periodically had height/weight measure days. I dreaded them. I was quite pudgy, loved to eat and always looked forward to my mom’s hearty meals with gusto. They worked hard and needed the fuel.

When it was my turn to step on the scale, I’d hold my breath, thinking irrationally, that holding my breath would make me somehow lighter. It didn’t work.

Laughingly on the way to the weigh scale, I told my husband maybe our Red Hereford would hold its breath. (He knew my sixth-grade story.) It didn’t, coming in at 650 pounds.

So now we have a little red who is settling in nicely for a number of months with the Holstein heifers my husband tends for our nephews. We’ve dubbed him Roy, the white-faced Red Hereford, and look forward to a juicy hamburger or a grilled steak.

“And your livestock and the wild animals in your land I give you for food.” Leviticus 25:7)

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.

WHAT’S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, OCT. 3

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 porterspach.com. Weekends through Oct. 26. Admission \$12.32 plus tax per person; ages 3 and younger free.

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

LITTLE SUAMICO: Ravencrest Haunted Park, 7-9 p.m., Commando Paintball Sports, 2055 W. Frontier Road. Ticket information at ravencrestpark.com or Ravencrest Haunted Park page on Facebook.

CAROLINE: 37th annual Lions Colorama, 7:30-11:30 p.m., W12721 Buss Road. Food and vendors, horse trail ride. Music by Still Reckless, \$5 admission.

SATURDAY, OCT. 4

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

CAROLINE: 37th annual Lions Colorama, 9 a.m. to 12:30 a.m., W12721 Buss Road. Food and vendors, horse trail ride. Legion Auxiliary craft sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., bean bag tournament 12:30 p.m.

NAVARINO: Fall Family Fun Day, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. Family Oriented activities and crafts, wagon tours. Cost \$1 per person age 3 and older. Soup and sandwiches available for purchase.

SHAWANO: Vendor and craft sale, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wolf River Lutheran High School, W7467 River Bend Road. Vendors, crafts, bake sale, concessions.

GILLET: Harvest Days Craft and Vendor Sale, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Gillett High School, 208 W. Main St.

SHAWANO: Downtown Octoberfest, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., 100 and 200 blocks of Main Street. Live polka music, craft vendors, children’s activities, farmers market. Brats, burgers, caramel apples, kettle corn, German cuisine and more.

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. Brandt’s horse-drawn wagon rides. Music by Gus Sent Me 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., \$5 admission.

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BONDUEL: Harvest Hayride, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Everflow Farm and Orchard, W3945 Landstad Road. Tickets \$15, \$13 for ages 3-12, includes hayride to and from pumpkin patch, corn maze. one large pumpkin, one small pumpkin and two gourds.

MOUNTAIN: Oktoberfest, meat raffle 11 a.m., Music by New Generation 1 p.m., Skinny Dave’s, 12848 State Highway 32.

TOWNSEND: Open house, noon to 3 p.m., Townsend Fire Department, 17937 Front St. (State Highway 32). Chili Cook-off, photo opportunities, games, tours, fire/smoke safety trailer, safety demonstrations, fire safety information, door prizes.

NAVARINO: Sunset with the Cranes Wagon Ride, 4:30 p.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. \$10 per person, max of 40 people, register by Oct. 1.

LITTLE SUAMICO: Ravencrest Haunted Park, 7-9 p.m., Commando Paintball Sports, 2055 W. Frontier Road. Ticket information at ravencrestpark.com or Ravencrest Haunted Park page on Facebook.

SUNDAY, OCT. 5

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 younger free with adult.

CAROLINE: 37th annual Lions Colorama, 7 a.m. to close, W12721 Buss Road. Food and vendors, horse trail ride. Pancake breakfast 7-10:30 a.m., parade 1 p.m., auction after parade.

BONDUEL: Harvest Hayride, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Everflow Farm and Orchard, W3945 Landstad Road. Tickets \$15, \$13 for ages 3-12, includes hayride to and from pumpkin patch, corn maze. one large pumpkin, one small pumpkin and two gourds.

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. Brandt’s horse-drawn wagon rides, live music by the Resch Family Gospel from 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 porterspach.com. Weekends through Oct. 26. Admission \$12.32 plus tax per person; ages 3 and younger free.

MONDAY, OCT. 6

SHAWANO: Recovery talking circle, 6-8 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, Room 4, 100 W. Presbyterian St. Information: Dallas Gast, 715-

701-5388 or dallasgast8@gmail.com.

TUESDAY, OCT. 7

BOWLER: Bowler Area Historical Society Annual Meeting, noon, Bowler Historical Society Museum, 104 E. Main St. Luncheon, tour of the museum, election of board members.

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

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 8

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

SHAWANO: Customer Appreciation Day, 3-6 p.m., Shawano Municipal Utilities, 122 N. Sawyer St. Giveaways, door prizes, bucket rides, kids activities, linemen demonstrations, diggers hotline information booth, snacks.

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

THURSDAY, OCT. 9

OCONTO FALLS: American Red Cross blood drive, 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., United Methodist Church, 165 N. Farm Road. Appointments at RedCrossBlood.org or 800-733-2767.

OCONTO: Community Bible study, 2:30 p.m., Farnsworth Public Library, 715 Main St.

GILLET: 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.

Rachel's Roadside shows off why it's the best



Amanda Valentine, right, host for America's Best Restaurants, laughs as she tries to hold onto the signature Wittenberger with both hands prior to taking a taste as Rachel Rasmussen looks on. Valentine also got to enjoy Rasmussen's popular Christmas curds and a French onion soup that includes cheese curds.



A batch of Rachel's Roadside Bar and Grill's Christmas curds is ready to be tasted for a future episode of America's Best Restaurants. The curds are popular at the restaurant, providing a unique sweet and salty flavor.



A chicken appears on the patio Sept. 23 at Rachel's Roadside Bar and Grill while America's Best Restaurants was filming, adding a unique touch among the almost 2,000 restaurants the online company has profiled across the United States.



Jay Menard, left, Joanne Menard, center, and Melissa DeBaker belly up to the bar to enjoy some drinks prior to lunch Sept. 23 at Rachel's Roadside Bar and Grill. DeBaker praised the restaurant, saying: "This is the spot to be. Good people. Good food. Good everything."



Rachel Rasmussen chats with a customer Sept. 23 after finishing film work on an episode of America's Best Restaurants. She said she loves her customers and believes her business would not have survived 20 years without them.



Bill Timm prepares some drinks behind the bar Sept. 23 for about 50 customers as filming for America's Best Restaurants winds down. He finds working behind the bar safer than working on demolition and building at Rachel's Roadside Bar and Grill.



Musician Tom Burt plays a cover of Kenny Chesney's "No Shirt, No Shoes, No Problems" for patrons Sept. 23 at Rachel's Roadside Bar and Grill during taping with America's Best Restaurants. Burt is based out of Medford and plays songs ranging from the 1960s to today.

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Lena/STAA's Sam Peterson brings Suring's Dayne Ermis down in the first half.

GREG SEUBERT

Lena/STAA stays unbeaten with homecoming win over Suring

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

Will the Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy football team advance to the WIAA 8-player state championship game for the second year in a row? That remains to be seen, but if their last game is any indication, the Titans are well on their way.

Lena/STAA improved to 6-0 on the season and 5-0 in Across the Bay Conference play Sept. 26 by handing Suring a 36-6 loss at Lena High School.

Besides holding a team to one score for the third game in a row, the Titans also piled up 241 rushing yards in its homecoming game, including 133 from Max Peterson.

Suring stayed within striking distance in the first half and only allowed the Titans' offense to score one touchdown.

A high snap on a punt led to Lena/STAA's first score with 5:28 remaining in the first quarter, as PJ Finger recovered the loose ball in the end zone.

The Titans also scored

on their next drive, as Jake Farley connected with Colt Miller for an 18-yard touchdown pass and a 12-0 lead with 9:18 to go in the first half.

Lena/STAA added to its lead with 9:40 to go in the third quarter on Peterson's 4-yard run. Farley added the two-point conversion run and the Titans led 20-0.

Suring answered with a touchdown on its first drive of the second half, as Kroix Kempka capped a 60-yard drive with a 4-yard run with 6:40 remaining in the third quarter.

The Eagles never made it to the end zone again, and Farley and Peterson added rushing touchdowns in the fourth quarter. Miller and Lucas Heimke added two-point conversions to complete the scoring.

Peterson averaged 9 1/2 yards a carry, as he picked up his 133 yards on 14 attempts. Farley added 79 yards on the ground.

Suring fell to 4-2 on the season and 2-2 in conference play.



Suring's Taylor Booth-Stoffregen is ready to return a punt for the Eagles.

GREG SEUBERT

Defense shines in Panthers' home win over Coleman

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

With three games remaining in the regular season, the Oconto Falls Panthers are in the hunt for another Northwoods Conference football championship.

The Panthers took a big step toward their first conference title since 2023 on Sept. 26 with a 24-8 win over Coleman while improving to 5-1 overall and 4-0 in Northwoods play.

Oconto Falls 24, Coleman 8

Coleman's only touchdown came on Kolton Peters' 88-yard kickoff return in the first quarter.

Oconto Falls had opened the scoring with Nathaniel White's 74-yard pass to Elijah White.

Peters' kickoff return after the touchdown and a two-point conversion gave the Cougars an 8-6 lead, but the Panthers took the lead for good on Nathaniel White's 1-yard quarterback keeper in the second quarter.

Oconto Falls led 12-8 at halftime, and neither team scored again until the Panthers found the end zone twice in the fourth quarter.

Isaiah Radart scored on a 9-yard run, and Ethan Hill wrapped up the scoring with a 3-yard run.

Wittenberg-Birnawood 19, Loyal/Greenwood 16

The Chargers snapped a two-game Central Wisconsin Conference-Large losing streak with a homecoming win over Loyal/Greenwood.

Wittenberg-Birnawood trailed 16-6 late in the third quarter but came up with touchdowns on consecutive drives.

The Chargers opened the scoring with Kaden Yaeger's 43-yard touchdown run midway through the first quarter.

Loyal/Greenwood took an 8-6 lead with 28 seconds remaining in the quarter as Jake Lindner found Cain Toufar in the end zone for a 7-yard pass and Rory Hanson added the two-point conversion run.

Neither team scored again until Lindner's 36-yard touchdown pass to Reed Stieglitz and a successful two-point conversion gave Loyal/Greenwood a 16-6 lead with 3:12 remaining in the third quarter. The touchdown came one play after a Wittenberg-Birnawood fumble.

A 51-yard run from quarterback Bo Davis set

up the Chargers' second touchdown. Alberto Sanchez scored from two yards out two plays later and the Chargers trailed 16-12 with seven seconds left in the third quarter.

Wittenberg-Birnawood scored again the next time the Chargers had the ball, as Sanchez scored from a yard out with 7:59 to go in the game.

Pulaski 42, Ashwaubenon 7

The Red Raiders headed to Ashwaubenon and returned home with a Fox River Classic Conference-North win over the Jaguars.

Pulaski opened the scoring midway through the first quarter on Anthony Ficarri's 10-yard run.

Bohdan Schmidt gave the Red Raiders a two-score lead in the opening minute of the second quarter with a 44-yard run and added a 14-yard touchdown pass to Kammron Mckeefry in the final minute of the half that gave Pulaski a 21-0 lead at the break.

Ashwaubenon cut into the Red Raiders' lead with a 6-yard touchdown pass in the third quarter, but Pulaski answered with Brock Weideman's 2-yard run on its next drive.

Schmidt's second rushing touchdown – this one from 41 yards out – gave Pulaski a 35-7 lead early in the fourth quarter, and Bruno Gajewski connected with Gavin Sikorski for a 29-yard pass for Pulaski's final score.

Schmidt finished with 152 of his team's 339 rushing yards.

Bonduel 34, Mishicot 6

The Bears built a 21-6 halftime lead before outscoring Mishicot 13-8 in the second half.

Bonduel improved to 4-2 on the season and 3-1 in Packerland Conference play.

Marion/Tigerton 56, Port Edwards 20

The Thundercatz outscored the Blackhawks 34-0 in the second quarter and cruised to a Central Wisconsin Conference 8-player win in Port Edwards.

Marion/Tigerton led 16-6 after one quarter, 50-6 at halftime and 50-14 after three quarters before each team added a touchdown in the fourth quarter.

Braylon Mielke scored three touchdowns on the ground, caught a scoring pass from Shane Blum and

No homecoming upset for Hawks this year

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

The final regular-season home game for the Shawano football team turned out to be one for the Hawks and their fans to forget about.

The Hawks will play their home games on a brand new turf field starting next season and wrapped up their home schedule Sept. 27 with a 37-8 nonconference loss to Luxemburg-Casco.

Shawano fell to 1-5 on the season and will now need to win its final three games - on the road against Xavier, Waupaca and Fox Valley Lutheran - to have a shot at qualifying for the upcoming WIAA playoffs.

The Spartans, on the other hand, are now 6-0 and well on their way to another North Eastern Conference championship.

Luxemburg-Casco scored on its opening drive as Eli Derenne found a wide open Tatum Klaubauf for a 28-yard pass with 5:21 to go in the opening quarter.

Shawano's Joseph Doperalski ended the Spartans' second drive by intercepting Derenne's pass, but the Hawks turned the ball over on downs. The Spartans took over at the Shawano 11-yard line and scored on Derenne's 15-yard pass to Mason Trimberger on a fourth-down play, and the visitors had a 14-0 lead with 3:52 remaining in the first half.

Trimberger's interception gave Luxemburg-Casco the ball at midfield, but the Spartans turned the ball over on downs. Shawano went three-and-out on its next drive, and the Spartans needed only two plays to find the end zone again before halftime.

Derenne's pass to Trimberger set the Spartans up at the Shawano 18-yard line and Cameron Dorner



Shawano's Joseph Doperalski breaks up a pass intended for Luxemburg-Casco's Joseph Jeanquart on Sept. 27. Jeanquart and the Spartans defeated Doperalski and the Hawks 37-8 in Shawano's annual homecoming game.

GREG SEUBERT



At left, Luxemburg-Casco's Mason Trimberger tackles Shawano's Joseph Kleinschmidt. Above, Elijah Senft waits for a kickoff from Luxemburg-Casco during the first half against the Spartans.

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scored on the next play to give the Spartans a 21-0 lead with 13 seconds to go

in the half. Derenne added a 9-yard touchdown run with 4:17

to go in the third quarter, and Wyatt Bailey added a 29-yard field goal with six

seconds remaining in the quarter to give the Spartans a 31-0 lead.

Luxemburg-Casco's final touchdown - Derenne's 10-yard pass to Trimberger - came with 5:49 remaining in the game.

The Hawks avoided their second straight shutout with 1:58 to go in the game on Aiden Rasmussen's 35-yard pass to Austin Heling.

"It was very frustrating how they scored their first two touchdowns," coach Alan Tomow said. "We got beat, and we were down seven (points). If he makes the catch (on the second touchdown) and we tackle him, it's our ball. We need to be better in those situations. We were fine getting them in third-and-longs and even fourth downs, but it's getting that next stop and that finish. They took advantage of opportunities. That's what 6-0 teams do."

Tomow realizes it's a long shot for his team to make the playoffs this season.

The Hawks will head to Appleton on Oct. 3 to face Xavier in a matchup of Bay Conference teams.

"I don't think we've beaten Xavier in our school history, and we have a Xavier squad that's struggling," Tomow said. "Something we can take out of this is we're playing without some defensive linemen, and we had a lot of guys get an opportunity and get experience against a really good team."

The bottom line is the Hawks need to be better, according to Tomow.

"It's the same mistakes that keep being made," he said. "We may have to shake things up there and try to jump-start our run game. We're in the position we are because of the mistakes we've made. We have Xavier next week, and that's what we're going to worry about. Hopefully, we're in a position to play our best football game."

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finished with 137 rushing yards on 10 carries.

Gibraltar 52, Gillett 14
Gillett led 8-7 in the first quarter but ended up

falling to the Vikings in an Across the Bay Conference 8-player matchup in Fish Creek.

After Gibraltar built


a 33-8 halftime lead, the Tigers scored a touchdown in the third quarter that cut the lead to 33-14. The Vikings ended the

game with 19 unanswered points.

Upcoming games
Oct. 2: Bonduel at Peshtigo, 7 p.m.

Oct. 3 (all games 7 p.m.): Shiocton at Oconto Falls; Appleton West at Pulaski; Shawano at Xavier; Wittenberg-Birnam-

wood at Colby; Marion/Tigerton vs. Tri-County at Marion; Gibraltar at Suring; Algoma at Gillett; Lena/STAA at Wausaukee.



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Oconto Falls won the West De Pere Invitational with a perfect 5-0 record. In front, from left, are Rhiana Van De Yacht, Izzy Otto, Rylan Macha, Rylie Shallow, Brenna Belanger, Addy Leja, Viviana Moua, and Leah Bigelow. In back, from left, are Megan Kesler, Ella Jahnke, Lucy Ripley, Brylee Gorman, Emily Elliott, Elsie, Trochil and Calli Bursa.

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Oconto Falls dominates West De Pere Invite with perfect 5-0 Record

The Oconto Falls volleyball team turned in a dominant performance at the West De Pere Invitational on Sept. 27, finishing the day undefeated and capturing the tournament championship with a perfect 5-0 record.

The Panthers controlled morning pool play with three straight wins, defeating Sheboygan Falls (25-10, 25-22), Marinette (25-12, 25-11) and county rival Oconto (25-23, 26-24).

Against Sheboygan Falls, Izzy Otto dished out 19 assists, Lucy Ripley hammered 11 kills, Brylee Gorman tallied five kills and four aces, and Calli Bursa added four kills.

Against Marinette, Ripley and Bursa combined for eight kills, with Ripley also recording five aces. Gorman chipped in three aces.

In the Oconto match, Otto set the pace with 19 assists and three aces, Rylie Shallow picked up eight digs, Ripley put down 11 kills with two aces, while Ella Jahnke with five kill and Gorman with four added balance at the net.

Carrying momentum into bracket play, Oconto Falls knocked off Kiel in the semifinals (25-18, 25-19) before battling host West De Pere in the championship match. The Panthers sealed the title with a hard-fought 25-22, 27-25 victory.

Against Kiel, Otto filled the stat sheet with 17 assists, five kills and nine digs. Ripley had 10 kills and eight digs, Bursa added eight kills and seven digs, and Jahnke contributed five kills.

In the championship match against West De Pere, Otto handed out 23 assists with two aces and seven digs, Shallow anchored the defense with 13 digs, Ripley finished with 11 kills, Bursa tallied nine kills

and two aces, and Gorman chipped in six kills and two aces.

The tournament sweep adds another highlight to Oconto Falls' impressive season as the Panthers continue to showcase their talent and competitive grit. Oconto Falls have improved their record to 24-4(4-0 in conference).

Luxemburg-Casco 2, Pulaski 0
D.C. Everest 2, Pulaski 1
Pulaski 2, Appleton East 1
Pulaski 2, Eau Claire Memorial 1
Sept. 25
Marion 3, Bowler 2
It was back and forth throughout the five-game match, but in the end, Marion topped Bowler 3-2.

Scores for the winning Mustangs were 25-21, 21-25, 25-19, 16-25, 15-11.

Suri Beilfuss led Marion with 11 kills, and Madeline Wudstrack led with nine aces. Madeline Wudstrack also had 15 digs, and Sophia Wudstrack had 10.

Pulaski 3, Ashwaubenon 0
Wittenberg-Birnamiwood 3, Shiocton 2
Oconto Falls 3, Denmark 0
Shawano 3, Merrill 2
Sept. 23
Wittenberg-Birnamiwood 3, Bonduel 1
Wittenberg-Birnamiwood's volleyball team defeated Bonduel 3-1 in a conference matchup.

The Chargers improved to 3-0 in league play and 15-6 overall.

"It was another hard-fought conference win for us," Witt-Birn coach Becky Rew said. "The girls had great composure and fought hard the entire match. We came back from a deficit in all three sets in which we won. The most impressive comeback was

in the second set in which we were down 18-24 and finished the set 26-24."

Scores for the four sets were 20-25, 26-24, 26-24, 26-24.

Lily Metropulos collected 20 service attempts with two aces, 35 hitting attempts with 10 kills, 10 assists and 20 digs.

Kaitlin Tuskowski tallied 20 service attempts with one ace, 21 assists and 15 digs.

Brie Ladika had 22 service attempts with one ace. Melaina Granquist recorded nine service attempts with two aces, 26 hitting attempts with 12 kills, seven block kills and 14 digs.

Tigerton 3, Marion 0
Tigerton defeated Marion in a CWC matchup meeting for the second time this season. The host Tigers won 3-0 with set scores of 25-19, 25-20, 25-21.

Presley Stewart-Rolfs led the Tigers with 13 kills, followed by Aaliyah Lederhaus with six and Mya Smith with five.

Danika Tiller tallied 19 assists.

Jaelyn Brady had 24 digs, and Renata Nordwig added 13.

Stewart-Rolfs earned two block kills, and Smith and Lederhaus had one each.

Nordwig recorded 15 service points with four aces. Brady had 11 points with two aces, and Lederhaus had eight points with four aces.

Tigerton improved to 4-2 in the CWC North and 8-5 overall.

Oconto Falls 3, Clintonville 0
The Oconto Falls volleyball team picked up a conference win, defeating Clintonville in straight sets 25-12, 25-14, 25-18.

The Panthers controlled the pace from the open-

ing serve, using strong serving runs and balanced offensive play to secure the sweep.

Setter Izzy Otto directed the offense with 23 assists and added three aces from the service line.

Rylie Shallow anchored the defense with 12 digs and chipped in two aces.

At the net, Lucy Ripley finished with 10 kills, while Calli Bursa tallied eight kills and five aces. Brylee Gorman also had a strong night, recording nine kills.

Bowler 3, Wolf River Lutheran 0
Gresham 3, Northland Lutheran 2
Fox Valley Lutheran 3, Shawano 0
Manawa 3, Menominee Nation 2
Suring 3, Gillett 0
Sept. 22
Port Edwards 3, Tigerton 2
Tigerton traveled to cross-conference foe Port Edwards on Sept. 22 and lost an exciting match 3-2 to the host team. Set scores were 25-16, 25-27, 25-22, 16-25 and 10-15.

Presley Stewart-Rolfs notched 15 kills, with Lillian Welch and Mya Smith getting four each and Renata Nordwig with three.

Danika Tiller contributed 13 assists, and Aaliyah Lederhaus added six.

Jaelyn Brady collected 26 digs. Lederhaus and Nordwig had 14 each, Tiller had 13, and Myah Dent recorded six.

Stewart-Rolfs and Smith each had one block kill.

Nordwig tallied 22 service points with seven aces, Brady had 12 points and four aces, Tiller notched eight points and an ace, and Stewart-Rolfs had seven points with an ace.

Lederhaus contributed six points, and Dent had four.

Shawano ties for third at tennis conference tournament

Appleton Xavier notched 21 wins at the Bay Conference tournament at home Sept. 27.

Menasha collected 13 wins, while New London and Shawano each had 12.

Other teams and wins were Fox Valley Lutheran 11, Marinette 6, Green Bay East 1 and Green Bay West 0.

Sept. 25
Pulaski 5, Manitowoc Lincoln 2
Pulaski's tennis team won three of four singles matches and a pair of doubles matches as the Red Raiders defeated Manitowoc Lincoln 5-2.

Ruth Krause, at No. 1 singles, defeated Sophia Levihn 6-0, 6-0. Anna Krause, at No. 2, beat Hannah Brown 6-0, 6-2, while Elizabeth Dornfeld, in the No. 4 slot, won 6-1, 6-2 over Maddie Black.

Manitowoc Lincoln's Aurora Jones and Emory Groteluschen battled it out in three sets at No. 3, as Joneas won 4-6, 6-3, 10-7.

Taylor Peterson and Jordin Popp defeated Pulaski's Linde Lemerond and Aubrie Schuessler, 6-3, 6-0 in the No. 1 doubles match.

Pulaski won the No. 2 and No. 3 matches.

First, Ayla Groteluschen and Gretchen Rottier beat Cadence Fischer and Julia Jagemann 6-3, 6-3, and then Aubrey Coel and Riley Hartman beat Breleigh Kowalski and Elighana Camacho 6-1, 6-4.

Sept. 23
Pulaski 7, Ashwaubenon 0
Pulaski shut out Ashwaubenon's tennis team 7-0 on Sept. 23 with two matches lasting three sets.

At No. 2 singles, Anna Krause defeated Khali Wickert 4-6, 7-6 (6), 10-4, and at No. 4, Elizabeth Dornfeld beat Corinne Coble 6-0, 4-6, 10-5.

Ruth Krause won at No. 1 singles, defeating Amrisha Prathigudupu 6-0, 6-1, and Emory Groteluschen, at No. 3 singles, defeated Eden Wojtyla 6-1, 6-3.

In doubles action, it was Linde Lemerond and Aubrie Schuessler over Sonia Scheiff and Kate Hanamann 6-4, 6-1; Ayla Groteluschen and Gretchen Rottier beating Mariah Weiss and Hailey Yang 6-1, 6-1; and Aubrey Coel and Riley Hartman defeating Sophia Becker and Calleigh Kiser 6-3, 6-1.

Pulaski golfers take eighth at conference championship

Pulaski's golfers scored an even 400 and placed eighth out of nine teams at the Fox River Classic Conference Championship on Sept. 25 at Wander Springs Golf Course in Greenleaf.

Bay Port was conference champion with a 328.

Scoring for the Red Raiders were Taylor Murphy with a 93, Charlie Lasecki with a 98, Morgan Schuh with a 101 and Ellie Mork with a 108.

Also, Paige Krahn carded a 108, and Grace Melzer had a 109.

Sept. 24
NEC Championship
Oconto Falls golfers scored a 412 and placed seventh among eight teams at the North Eastern Conference Championship at Wander Springs Golf Course in Greenleaf.

Scoring for the Panthers were Riley Borkovec with 97, Addy Kluth with

102, Kylie Thompson with 103 and Katelyn Kurek with 110.

Lilly Wagner carded a 111.

Bay Conference Championship
Shawano senior Madelyn Moesch placed sixth with a 99 to lead the Hawks to a fourth-place finish Sept. 23 at Wander Springs Golf Course.

Seymour won with a 374. Shawano had 425, and Bonduel was sixth among the 10 teams with a 439.

Also scoring for Shawano were Gwyn Hermann with a 103, Alyssa Singer with a 111 and Lauren Seehafer with a 112.

Hailey Hawkinson carded a 115.

Scoring for Bonduel were Leah Court and Paige Wolf each with a 108, Morgan Staszak with a 111 and McKenna Onesti with a 112.

Moesch earns first team all-conference golf honor

Shawano's Madelyn Moesch is among the Bay Conference golfers named to the all-conference first team for the 2025 fall season.

Paige Wolf, of Bonduel,

was named to the second team.

Honorable mention status was earned by Shawano golfers Gwyn Hermann, Lauren Seehafer and Alyssa Singer.

Wondra places third at Oshkosh

Bonduel’s Mariah Wondra placed third among girls competing Sept. 27 at the Lourdes Academy Invitational in Oshkosh. She had a time of 18:36:00.

Griffin Uelmen led the Bonduel boys, placing 35th in 17:47.7.

Also running for the Bonduel girls were Lillian Burrack, Payten Bierhals, Kember Frome, Cierra Schnell and Katie O’Brien.

Rounding out the male runners were Gage Anderson, Oliver Chitwood, Joah Dworniczak, Garrett Anderson, Jack Weier, Carter Johnson, Dylan Keller, Kaiden Thornborrow, Griffin Richter and Sawyer Rank.

Pulaski’s girls team had three top 20 finishes.

Emerson Fabry placed fifth in 18:55.5, followed by Maggie Gerth in sixth in 18:58.3 and Addie Bruckert in 16th in 10:04.3.

Also competing for the Red Raiders were Cameran Reiss, Ellie Murphy, Estalla Vieaux, Maya Barker, Peyton Anker, Amelia Lytie and Haily Joly.

Parker Marshall finished 10th among the boys in 16:25.2, and teammate Arden Gillen was 10th in 16:31.7.

Also competing were Grayden Gossen, Dayne Groth, Mitchell Pilon, Ben Augustine, Thomas Murphy, Nolan Greene, Joseph Phillips, Liam Ford and Micah Fenlacki.

Manitowoc Len Nikoli Invitational

Senior Bailey Hendricks paced the Shawano girls cross country team by placing 35th in 21:11.3 in

Manitowoc.

Bela Hopfensperger was 39th, Maci Beyer was 59th, Mikelah Powers placed 82nd and Emma Neilson was 92nd.

Jadyn Brown was Shawano’s sixth runner.

The boys did not field a full team, but Aloysius Frechette led the individual runners by finishing 59th. Josiah Kuehl and James Lange also competed.

Sept. 25 52nd Jim Bremser Memorial Meet

Oconto Falls runner Emma Meissner placed 10th with a time of 20:40.23 among large-school participants in Mishicot.

Lily Meissner placed 13th in 20:57.99.

Sydney Braund finished in 49th place, followed by Mackenzie Lotto in 52nd and Alexandria Braund in 53rd.

For the boys, Isaiah Holtz placed 30th with a time of 18:38.63.

Landon Timm placed 47th, Ethan Zielinski was 70th, Mason Lotto finished 78th and Sage Mendolla was 92nd.

Three Lakes Invitational

Suring’s Ginger Gerndt placed 14th in 24:22.5 to pace her teammates at Big Stone Golf Course on Sept. 25.

Allyson Seibert was close behind in 16th in 24:46.5, and Natalie Seibert was 18th in 25:36.5.

Blake DeGrave led the Suring boys by placing 33rd in 21:25.8.

Also running for the Eagles were Riley Thomp-

son in 41st, Liam Matelski in 53rd, Charles Richard in 54th, Garrett School in 67th and Skylar Bristol in 73rd.

Sept. 23 Menominee Nation Invitational

Menominee Nation’s Bryant Waupoose III won the boys cross country meet at home Sept. 23, and Wittenberg-Birnamwood’s Rory Salvesen won the girls meet.

In team competition, Bonduel won the boys meet with 24 points, followed by Wittenberg-Birnamwood with 66, Menominee Nation with 67 and Crivitz with 80.

For the girls, Wittenberg-Birnamwood won first place with 23 points, followed by Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy with 63, Bonduel with 64 and Oconto with 76.

Waupoose’s teammates Cashius Reeves placed 14th, Michael Peters III was 15th, Kai Wayka was 19th and Christopher Wabanascum was 43rd.

The Bears finished five in the top 10. They were Griffin Uelmen in second, Gage Anderson in fourth, Oliver Chitwood in fifth, Joah Dworniczak in sixth and Garrett Anderson in seventh.

Also competing for Bonduel were Jack Weier in 12th, Dylan Keller in 16th, Carter Johnson in 20th, Griffin Richter in 21st, Kaiden Thornborrow in 23rd, Garrett Klosterman in 26th and Kadyn Goldsberry in 38th.

Erik Kosch, of Lena/STAA, was eighth. Cooper

Malloy was 34th.

For Wittenberg-Birnamwood, it was Jonas Bushman in ninth, Marty Nowinsky in 10th, Dalton Fletcher in 17th, Milo Salvesen in 18th, Colten Mueller in 27th, Teagon Stewart in 28th and Monty Salvesen in 30th.

Marion-Tigerton’s Payton Prickette finished 11th, Tristan Herro in 22nd and Brayden Zietlow in 29th.

Breckin Gleason, of Gresham/Bowler, placed 25th. Derec Guthrie was 33rd, Mason Martin was 39th and Adam Liethen was 42nd.

For the girls, Wittenberg-Birnamwood captured five of the top 10 spots.

In addition to Salvesen, the Chargers placed Nora Bushman in third, Harper Krull in seventh, Harper Rogowski in ninth and Delilah Schairer in 10th.

Also, Lilyana Groh finished in 12th, and Sydney Schairer was 21st.

For Bonduel, it was Lillian Burrack in fourth, Cierna Schnell in 13th, Payten Bierhals in 15th, Kember Frome in 16th and Katie O’Brien in 29th.

Lena/STAA’s Aspynn Anderson placed eighth. Alisa Finger was 11th, Adrena Rabas in 14th, Carla Caballero Morante in 19th and Alexis Maloney in 22nd.

Menominee Nation’s Urijah Reeves finished 20th. She was followed by Keira Nacotee in 28th and Mimi Corn in 31st.

Brooklynn Ahlers, of Marion-Tigerton, placed 23rd.

Career milestone



Oconto Falls freshman Stella Ripley, left, celebrates her sister, Lucy Ripley, and her 1,000 career kills on the volleyball court. The milestone was reached in a match against Denmark.

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Pulaski soccer team shuts out Beaver Dam

The Red Raiders notched a shutout win over the Beaver Dam Golden Beavers in non-conference action Sept. 25.

Pulaski got two early goals and built a 3-0 lead by halftime. The strong first half proved to be the difference as the Red Raiders held the Beavers scoreless again in the second half.

Colin Tackmier, AJ Schenk and Josh Aranda each scored for Pulaski (5-4-3).

Jonah Drevs made one save on goal for the Red Raiders. Kaden Recek had 12 saves on goal for the Golden Beavers (2-10).

Shawano 3, Xavier 1

Sept. 23 Bay Port 1, Pulaski 0

The Bay Port Pirates notched a 1-0 conference win over the host Pulaski Red Raiders in Fox River Classic Conference action Sept. 23.

An early Bay Port goal proved to be the game winner in a tightly contested defensive battle. Grady Volmert scored the Bay Port goal in the eighth minute off a cross from Beau Wendricks.

David Dougherty made one save on goal to earn the shutout for the Pirates (8-2-1, 2-1). Jonah Drevs made three saves on goal for the Red Raiders (4-4-3, 0-2-1).

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Prescribed burns planned in Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest

Prescribed fires are scheduled for this fall in the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, including two locations in Oconto County.

Eric Britton, a public affairs specialist at the forest headquarters in Rhinelander, said burns are planned at Oconto River Savannas I, north and west of Riverside Road and southeast of Waubesa Lake; and Twin Pine 4, 6, 8, 11 and 12, near the intersection of forest roads 2307 and 2301 north of state Highway 64.

“We estimate this work to continue through the fall as weather conditions allow,” Britton said. “We use prescribed fires to help reduce overgrown vegetation to help protect local communities, infrastructure and natural resources from wildfires.”

Other burns are scheduled in Ashland, Bayfield, Sawyer and Taylor counties.

“Residents may experience smoke during the prescribed burns,” Britton said. “Those areas may close to the public for several days for public safety.”

OBITUARIES

Deborah McDermid

Deborah Ann (Brady) McDermid, 69, of Suring, passed away Sept. 22, 2025, peacefully at her home after a long-fought battle with cancer.

She was born July 26, 1956, in Mt. Clemens, Michigan. She graduated from Romeo High School in 1974. She married Daniel McDermid on March 22, 1975, in Yuma, Arizona. As a military spouse, she lived in Arizona, Japan, North Carolina and settled in Wisconsin.

She stayed at home raising her four wonderful children until she started working at Suring Family Center. She then worked at Witt's Piggly Wiggly as the deli manager. Her last job was a cook at Suring School until she retired.

She was then able to enjoy the company of her grandchildren. Her grandchildren and children were the joy of her life. She loved watching her grandchildren in everything they did from working on cars, golfing, baseball, football, softball, volleyball, basketball, horseback riding, wrestling, singing or playing instruments.

One thing she loved was



teaching her grandchildren to cook. They all have a favorite recipe or meal of hers, as she was an amazing cook and loved to feed masses. She always had a smile on her face and was so proud of her family.

She fell in love with quilting later in life, which brought her closer to her sisters despite the miles between them. She donated many quilts to VFW Post 7682 for their raffles for the auxiliary and veterans. She was loved by all and will be extremely missed.

Debbie leaves behind her husband of 50 years, Daniel; daughter, Patricia (James) Christian; three sons, Daniel L. (Donna),

David (Ashley) and Charles (Riley); 11 grandchildren, Braden, Jackson and Vivian Christian, Daniel C., Trent, Jesse, Carson, Brock, Ethan, Gracyn and Hunter McDermid. She is further survived by her sisters, Diane (Frank) Aul, Susan (Daniel) Canale, Patricia (Craig) Heikkila; brothers, Charles (Barb) and Robert (Christine); sisters-in-law, Patricia Wranosky, Geraldine (Rick) Kruse, Susan (Don Liegeois) McDermid and Mary McDermid; and many loving nieces and nephews.

Debbie was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Vivian Brady; nephew, Daniel R. Canale; parents-in-law, Neil and Violet McDermid; brothers-in-law, Michael McDermid, Robert McDermid and Dennis Meunier; and sister-in-law, Veronica (Craig) Kopatz.

Funeral services were held Friday, Sept. 26, 2025, at Jones Funeral Service in Oconto Falls.

A special thanks to Unity Hospice, especially Sarah and Tyler, for helping us in a time in need and Jones Funeral Service for assisting with arrangements.

Keith A. Schindel

Keith A. Schindel, 79, of Oconto Falls, passed away Sunday, Sept. 14, 2025.

Keith was born Oct. 25, 1945, to the late August and Irene (Heitke) Schindel in Oconto Falls. He graduated from Oconto Falls High School and then served in the U.S. Army for two years in Army Intelligence.

Keith was a hard worker, at times working two or three jobs. He worked for the U.S. Postal Service for 27 years. On Sept. 14, 1979, Keith married Dorene (Amond) Dordel. He passed away on their 46th wedding anniversary. Keith loved the outdoors, especially making wood projects. His last project was a she shed for Dorene. Keith also greatly enjoyed traveling, antiques and flowers.

Keith is survived by his wife, Dorene; five children, Eric (Angie) Dordel, Philip (Jessamyn) Schindel, Steven (Shannon) Schindel, Adam Schindel and Amanda Schindel; grandchildren, Jaedyn, Brandon, Evan,



Ben and Julie; great-grandchildren, Luna and Mars; siblings, Diane (Harlan) Hansen, Grace Schindel, Jim (Cindy) Schindel and Calvin Schindel; brothers-in-law, David (Connie) Amond, Douglas Amond and Dan (Carrie) Amond; his “joy,” Kitty Rascal.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Anna; brother, John; infant brother, Dennis; infant daughter; siblings-in-law, Donald Amond, Eleanor Braun, Carol Amond and Darrel Amond; precious cat, Little Man.

Visitation will be held on Friday, Oct. 17, 2025, at Hillside Assembly of God in Gillett from 10 a.m. until the funeral service at 11 a.m.

Gruetzmacher Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences can be expressed at www.gruetzmacherfuneralhome.com.

The family would like to say a special thanks to the staffs of Oconto Falls Ambulance, HSHS St. Clare, and St. Mary's Hospital and ICU. Also a big thank you to The Bay at Suring Nursing Home and all the workers who took care of Keith.

To Keith — “Bye for now. We love you.”



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Historical society plans event with veterans

The Pulaski Area Historical Society will host a special Meet the Veterans Day program from 1-3 p.m. Nov. 8 at the Pulaski Museum, 129 W. Pulaski St., Pulaski. This free event will feature a panel of veterans, sharing their stories, experiences and perspectives. Community members, young and old, are encouraged to attend, ask questions and take the opportunity to learn directly from those who have served. Meet the Veterans Day is held close to the country's Veterans Day as a way for the community to listen, learn, and say thank you to local heroes. Refreshments and snacks will be provided. For information or to be considered for the veterans panel, contact Pam Janssen at 920-655-0116. For information about the historical society, visit www.pulaskiwihistory.com.

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Packers, Cowboys cling to 40-40 tie

Numerous second-half lead changes lead to overtime

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Packers kicker Brandon McManus nailed a 34-yard field goal as the time expired in overtime, resulting in a 40-40 tie in Micah Parsons' return to Dallas on Sept. 28.

McManus' game-tying field goal matched Cowboys' kicker Brandon Aubrey's field goal, giving the Packers its seventh tie game since 1974, when overtime was introduced to the NFL, and the first since it tied the Minnesota Vikings 29-29 in 2018.

During Green Bay's drive in overtime, the Packers worked down to the Dallas 15-yard line down three points with 28 seconds left. From there it was obvious that there was confusion, as the Packers ran the clock nearly all the way down and snapped the ball with six seconds left in the game. Love fired a pass to the back of the end zone that landed incomplete with one second left, setting up McManus and saving Green Bay from a loss.

"That just goes to the level of detail of where we need to be," said Packers head coach Matt LaFleur, on the end-of-overtime chaos. "We have an on-the-ball call to send everyone to the end zone. It has to go out of bounds or end zone, obviously with time remaining, and the operation was just way too slow. Ultimately, the communication has to get better — myself to Jordan (Love) and Jordan to the huddle, and that is the bottom line."

LaFleur said there was no thought to try and throw another pass to the end zone with one second remaining in overtime.

Parsons was relatively



Green Bay Packers running back Josh Jacobs takes it to the house with an 18-yard rushing touchdown during the Week 4 game against the Dallas Cowboys. Below, Packers defensive lineman Micah Parsons gives Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott a strong look.

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quiet in his reunion with Dallas, as he was able to muster just three tackles and one sack that resulted in a loss of no yards. With Dallas trading Parsons to Green Bay exactly one month prior to the date of the game, there was understandable hype surrounding the reunion given the pass rusher's talent, as well as the messy divorce between him and Cowboys owner Jerry Jones.

"The emotions for me being in Dallas went away the moment they traded me," said Parsons, on how he was able to handle the reunion. "I didn't even get to talk to my owner, the

person that drafted me." Parson added that he found out through his agent that he was traded from Dallas to Green Bay. "To me, that emotion-side was pointless ... it was more about a respect factor at that point."

Even though Parsons seemed like he was going to be the main storyline of the game, that quickly shifted.

The story of the matchup between the Packers and the Cowboys was the excellent offenses and quarterback play as a whole.

Love finished the game completing 31-of-43 passes for 337 yards and three



touchdowns. On the other side, Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott completed 31-of-40 passes for 319 yards and three touchdowns as well. Prescott added

another touchdown on the ground.

Along with Love's big day, Romeo Doubs recorded the best game of his career, totaling 58 yards on six receptions and hauling in all three of Love's touchdown passes. Matthew Golden joined Doubs in the receiving column, totaling 58 yards on five receptions, while Tucker Kraft added another 56 yards on five receptions.

In the running game, Josh Jacobs was finally able to find some footing for the first time this season, rushing 22 times for 86 yards and two touchdowns. He also found success in the

receiving game, catching four passes for 71 yards.

Dallas was led by George Pickens in the receiving game, as the former Steeler caught eight passes for 134 yards and two touchdowns. Jalen Tolbert added another 61 yards on four receptions, while former Wisconsin Badger Jake Ferguson totaled 46 yards and one touchdown. On the ground, Cowboys running back Javonte Williams rushed for 85 yards and one touchdown.

After Dallas took a 37-34 lead with 50 seconds left in the fourth quarter, Love and the Packers offense quickly moved down the field with help from a 25-yard reception from Jacobs and nine-yard reception from Malik Heath. That set up McManus' first field goal with no time left on the clock, which sent the game to overtime.

While this game featured a flurry of game-changing plays, none may have been bigger than after Green Bay's second touchdown. After going up 13-0 on Doubs' second touchdown of the game, McManus' extra point attempt was blocked and returned back to the end zone by Dallas, giving the Cowboys two points and swinging the game by three points.

"That is disappointing two weeks in a row where you have a kick blocked," said LaFleur. "I thought we did a lot of good things throughout the week to correct the problem. Obviously it wasn't enough."

After being in control of the game for a majority of the first half, Green Bay had the ball, up 13-9, late in the second quarter. From there, Love was stripped and on the next play, Prescott connected with Pickens to give Dallas the lead heading into halftime.

Packers lead the NFL in most tie games since 1974

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How is a team supposed to react after battling for 60 or more minutes of grueling football, only for the game to end in a tie with no winner and no loser?

The Packers should know that answer better than any other team: Since 1974, when the NFL implemented its overtime rules, no franchise has tied more games than Green Bay.

With seven tie games, the most recent iteration of the feat came this past

week in a crazy football game against the Dallas Cowboys that saw Packer kicker Brandon McManus nail an overtime-expiring field goal to end the game 40-40.

"It doesn't feel good. It feels weird," said Packers quarterback Jordan Love, on tying a game. "It is my first time going through a tie. It feels weird to play a full game and end in a tie."

That same sentiment is probably shared with all of the other starting quarterbacks and players as a whole for the Packers

in its previous six tie game finishes as well.

The first of those seven ties came on Nov. 26, 1978, against the Minnesota Vikings with the final scoring showing 10-10.

The Packers were led by running back Terdell Middleton, who ran the ball 39 times for 110 yards and one touchdown in the game. Quarterback David Whitehurst completed 11-of-23 passes for 175 yards.

The tie resulted in the Packers and Vikings tying (8-7-1) in the division standings, which gave the

Vikings the division after beating the Packers in the teams' other matchup.

The next tie game for the Packers came on Oct. 12, 1980, to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers as Middleton again scored a touchdown, but it was quarterback Lynn Dickey who had the big game, throwing for 418 yards and a touchdown. That touchdown was caught by Paul Coffman. The Buccaneers were led by Doug Williams who passed for 103 yards and ran for a touchdown.

Two years later, the

Packers found itself in a similar spot, when it tied the Baltimore Colts 20-20 on Dec. 19, 1982.

Both teams exchanged two field goals apiece, but it was Packers kicker Jan Stenerud who missed what would have been a game-winning 47-yard field goal with two minutes left. This tie kept the Colts from finishing solidly in the loss column with a record of 0-8-1.

Seven years later on Sept. 20, 1987, the Packers found themselves in an evenly matched con-

test against the Denver Broncos.

Playing in Milwaukee, quarterback Don Majkowski dueled with Hall of Famer John Elway. Majkowski threw for 121 yards and one touchdown to Paul Ott Carruth. Brent Fullwood added another touchdown on the ground.

As for Denver, Elway threw for 285 yards, but it was the ground game that picked up the scores, with Gene Lang and Steve Sewell each recording a

TIES, CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

Packers welcome early bye this season

BY JACOB WESTENDORF
Green & Gold Express

Teams are just about one quarter of the way through the NFL season, and the Green Bay Packers are going into their bye week.

Their season started with a bang. A big trade Aug. 28 that netted Micah Parsons in exchange for two first round draft picks and defensive tackle Kenny Clark was a big boost to the team's morale — and, more importantly, their defense — before the start of the regular season.

The defense has been as advertised, as Parsons has worked his way into the fold.

The offense has some issues to work through, but they should have some reinforcements on their way.

Ultimately, their record is 2-1-1 through four games. They are second in the division.

Here are six of our thoughts as the team gets a week off.

 1. How welcome is this rest after just four games?

Incredibly welcome. When the schedule came out, there were some collective groans about the bye week being so early in the season.

There are still some challenges that come with that, but the Packers are a beat-up bunch, particularly on the offensive line.

The inactive list that came out 90 minutes before the team kicked


off their Week 4 contest against the Dallas Cowboys had three of their top seven offensive linemen on it.

Zach Tom in particular has been in and out of the lineup to start the year with an oblique injury that knocked him out after just one snap against Cleveland in Week 3.

Just as importantly, the Packers could be getting some reinforcements back at practice when they return from the bye.

Wide receiver Christian Watson will start practicing when the team gets back. Running back Marshawn Lloyd could give the team's run game a boost out of the bye as well.

Either way, this team should come out of the bye healthier than when they entered it.

 2. How good is the receiving corps with Watson and Jayden Reed both out now?

The receiving corps is still in good shape with both of those players still sidelined.

Reed is going to be back sometime in late November or early December, and he should be fully healthy.

He's not a player the Packers were going to have this season with Reed playing through a Jones fracture that was surgically repaired when he went in for surgery on his collarbone.

Watson should start practicing when the team returns from the bye week and could make his season debut before Halloween.

Romeo Doubs has been

solid if unspectacular. Don-tayvion Wicks has been much better this season.

Matthew Golden has shown flashes, even if they have not shown up in the box score yet.

Wide receiver is the least of Green Bay's worries on offense.

 3. What's next for the O-line?

For now, that group is in shambles. Through three games, they had played nine different offensive line combinations.


They went into the Dallas game with three of their top seven offensive linemen on the sideline with injuries.

Depth on the offensive line is always going to be tested. That position group rarely has the same five starters throughout the season.

Through four games, the Packers have not had the same starting five in back-to-back games.

The result has been an obvious lack of continuity, leading to some miscommunications while trying to protect Jordan Love.

Coming out of the bye week, the hope is that they'll have some of their guys back and be able to get some semblance of stability within that group

 4. When do the Packers need to make a special teams coaching change?

Weeks 2 and 3 in particular were rough showings for Rich Bisaccia's group.

The fourth game of the

year wasn't much better as Brandon McManus had a PAT blocked and returned for a two-point conversion, which helped the Cowboys take a lead into halftime.

The Packers have been putting a noticeable emphasis on the third phase of the game since the disastrous 2021 group played a large role in ending their season.

That included making Bisaccia the highest-paid special teams coordinator in football. He was also promoted to assistant head coach before the 2024 season as well.


Bisaccia is widely respected both by the coaching staff and by the players that he coaches.

Keisean Nixon, in particular, has been very outspoken about how Bisaccia has influenced his career.

That being said, at some point the results have to meet the investment made.

They've continued to change the players, but the unit still has not been up to par.

If that does not happen before the end of the season, there are plenty of fair questions that can be asked.

 5. How do you stop the penalties?

This is a tough one, because of the way the NFL works in regard to how much you're allowed to practice in pads.

This is not the old days when discipline was paramount, and coaches were allowed to make players run until they threw up, or anything like that.

It's a different world.

The preventable mistakes are the ones that are happening before the snap.

The false starts and illegal shifts have been tough, specifically during the team's 13-10 loss to the Cleveland Browns.

The easy answer is that some of the young players on the roster need to grow up quickly.

In addition, the veterans on the offensive line have to play better as well.

In general, some stability, specifically on the offensive line, will allow Green Bay to settle in and cut down some of their early season penalty issues.

 6. Where are the takeaways this season?

The defense is elite, first and foremost. That's a question that has been emphatically answered through the first four games of the season. That's true even despite a performance that was not fully up to the standard that they set in the first three games of the year.

Dak Prescott's touchdown run near the end of the first half was the first touchdown the defense had allowed in the first three quarters all season.

They were dominant in wins over Detroit and Washington at Lambeau Field to open the season.

Micah Parsons is a legitimate star, and he makes everyone else around him better. That trade has been worth its weight in gold.

When last offseason began, Brian Gutekunst said his team had to be able to pressure the quarterback

with just four players. Because of Parsons and the strong start to the season from Rashan Gary, they've been able to do that.

The special teams remains a roller coaster. They don't have a punt returner and don't seem particularly interested in going outside of the organization to find one at this stage of the season.

The punt game has been good with Daniel Whelan's strong start to the season.

The kicking game has been a bit of a disappointment. Brandon McManus was nearly perfect in training camp but missed a kick in Week 2 against Washington and had a potential game-winning kick blocked by the Cleveland Browns in the team's first loss of the year.

They had an extra point blocked against Dallas as well, which gifted the Cowboys two points.

Offensively, it's still a work in progress. The run game has really struggled through the first quarter of the year.

There could be a variety of reasons for that, but the Packers need to rectify that situation as one-dimensional teams are often bounced in the playoffs.

As it usually does, however, the big question will need to be answered by the team's quarterback: Is Love good enough to win a championship?

His highs are as high as anyone in football. His lows? Those can also be pretty disastrous.

Love will have a chance to win some big games

TIES, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

rushing touchdown. With a field goal each, the game resulted in a 17-17 tie.

Green Bay's next tie game came 26 years later in a different circumstance. In 2012, the rules were changed to prevent a field goal make on the first possession of overtime ending the game.

Once again, the Packers found themselves in a stalemate with the Minnesota Vikings on Nov. 24, 2013.

With Aaron Rodgers injured, it was Scott Tolzein who started the game for the Packers. He was ineffective in his start, only managing one rushing touchdown to open the scoring. Minnesota ripped off 23 straight points, including an Adrian Peterson touchdown run, before Tolzein was benched for Matt Flynn.

Flynn led a 16-point comeback, with Eddie Lacy and Jarrett Boykin both scoring touchdowns. Tied at 23, both Green Bay and Minnesota exchanged field goals in overtime, ending in a 26-26 tie.

Green Bay's sixth tie since 1974 also came against the Minnesota Vikings in a 29-29 battle on

Sept. 16, 2018.

Rodgers was healthy in this game, completing 30-of-42 passes for 281 yards and one touchdown. That touchdown went to Davante Adams.

Rodgers was out-duled by Vikings quarterback Kirk Cousins, who threw for 425 yards and four touchdowns. Stefon Diggs (two), Adam Thielen (one) and Laquan Treadwell (one) were on the receiving end of those touchdown passes. With Packers kicker Mason Crosby making five field goals, the other Packers touchdown came from defensive back Josh Jackson on a blocked punt recovery in the end zone. In regulation, it appeared Crosby had made the game-winning field goal, but the Vikings called a time out right before the kick. On the next attempt, Crosby missed the kick, sending the game to overtime.

In overtime, Vikings kicker Daniel Carlson missed both field goal attempts, saving the Packers from a loss. Carlson was cut from the Vikings shortly thereafter.

Green Bay's seventh

tie game then came seven years later against the Cowboys in Love's first

experience as a game-tying quarterback.

"It was a weird game,"



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GREEN BAY PACKERS 40, DALLAS COWBOYS 40



In the Week 4 game on Sept. 28, Romeo Doubs had a career-best game against the Dallas Cowboys, catching six passes for 58 yards and three touchdowns, a hat trick that helped the Green Bay Packers to a 40-40 tie and put them ahead late in the fourth quarter. This performance was a notable highlight for Doubs, especially with other key receivers out due to injury.

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MOMENTS

GREEN BAY PACKERS 40, DALLAS COWBOYS 40



Jordan Love and the Green Bay Packers battled the Dallas Cowboys to a 40-40 overtime tie Sept. 28, with Love throwing for 337 yards and three touchdowns. He led a perfect opening drive and continued to make big plays throughout the game, including a 25-yard run, but the Packers ultimately were unable to win, with a slow final drive that prevented a last-second winning touchdown.

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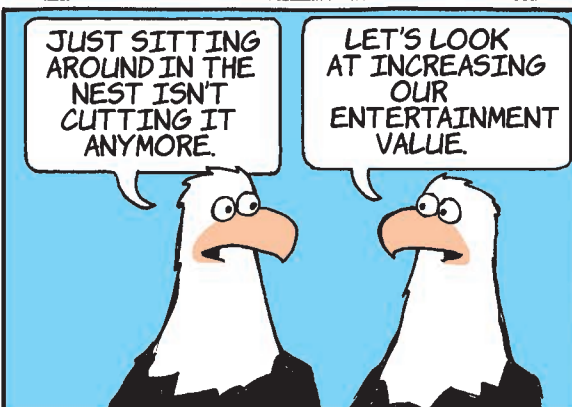
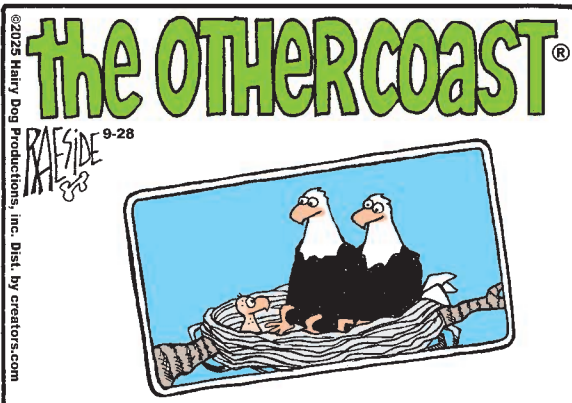
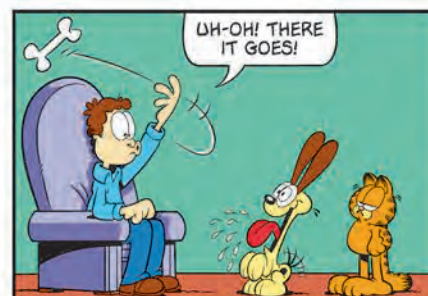
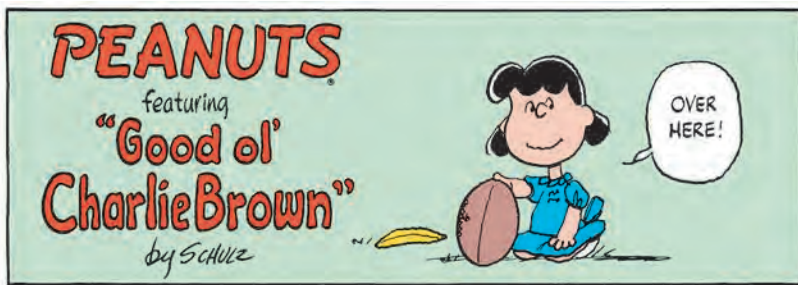
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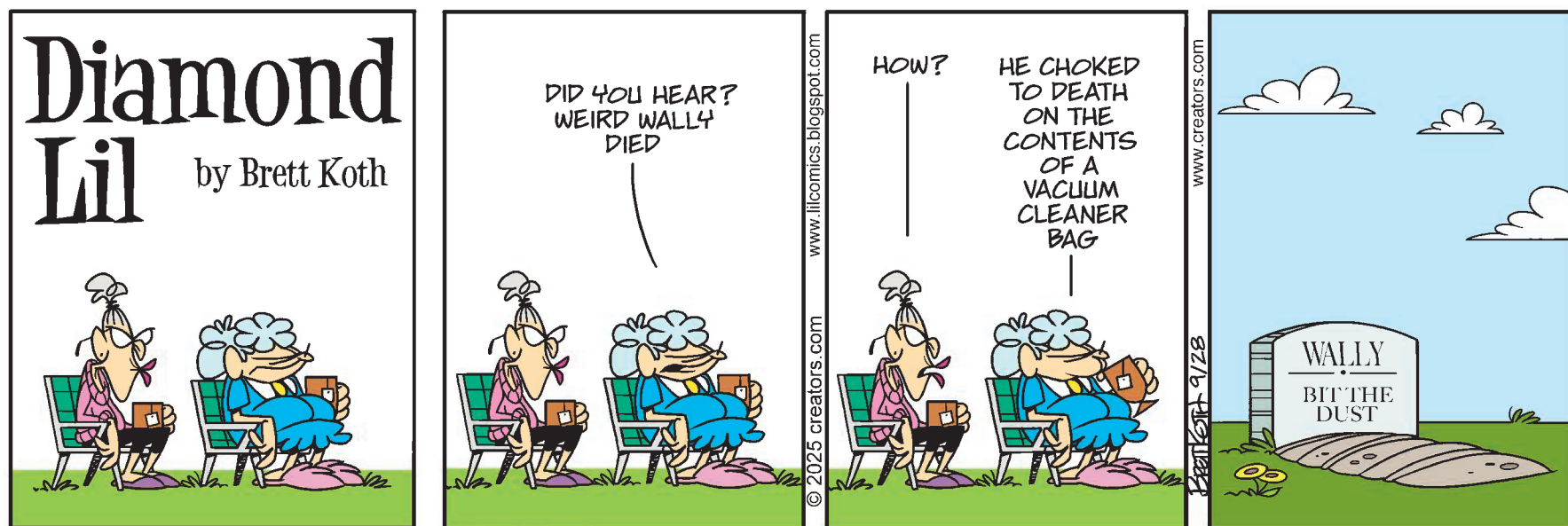
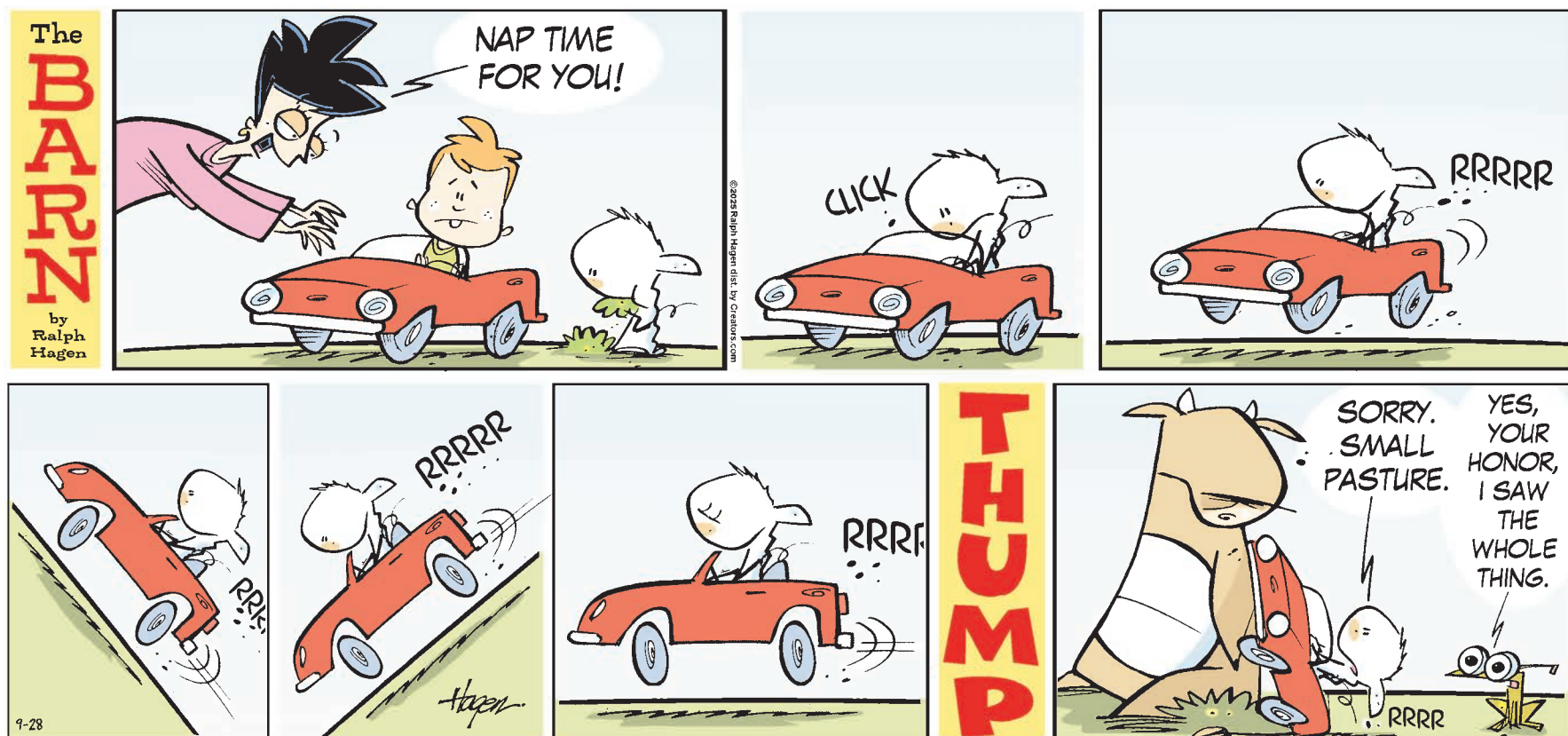
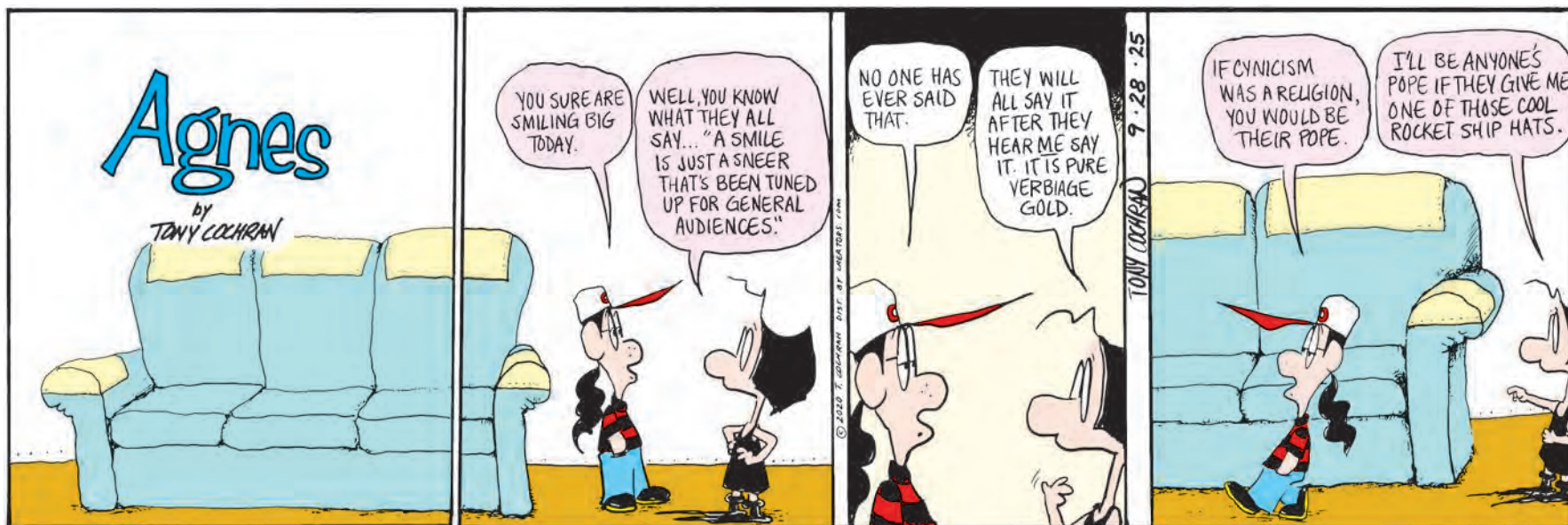
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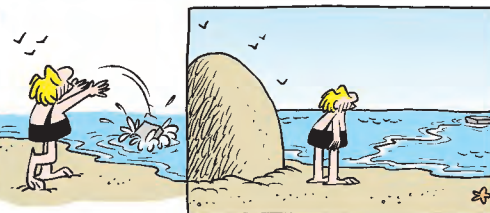
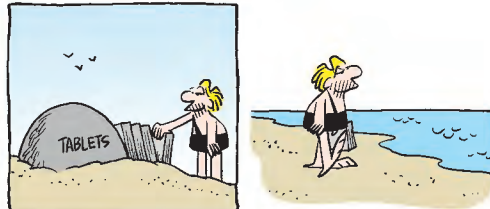
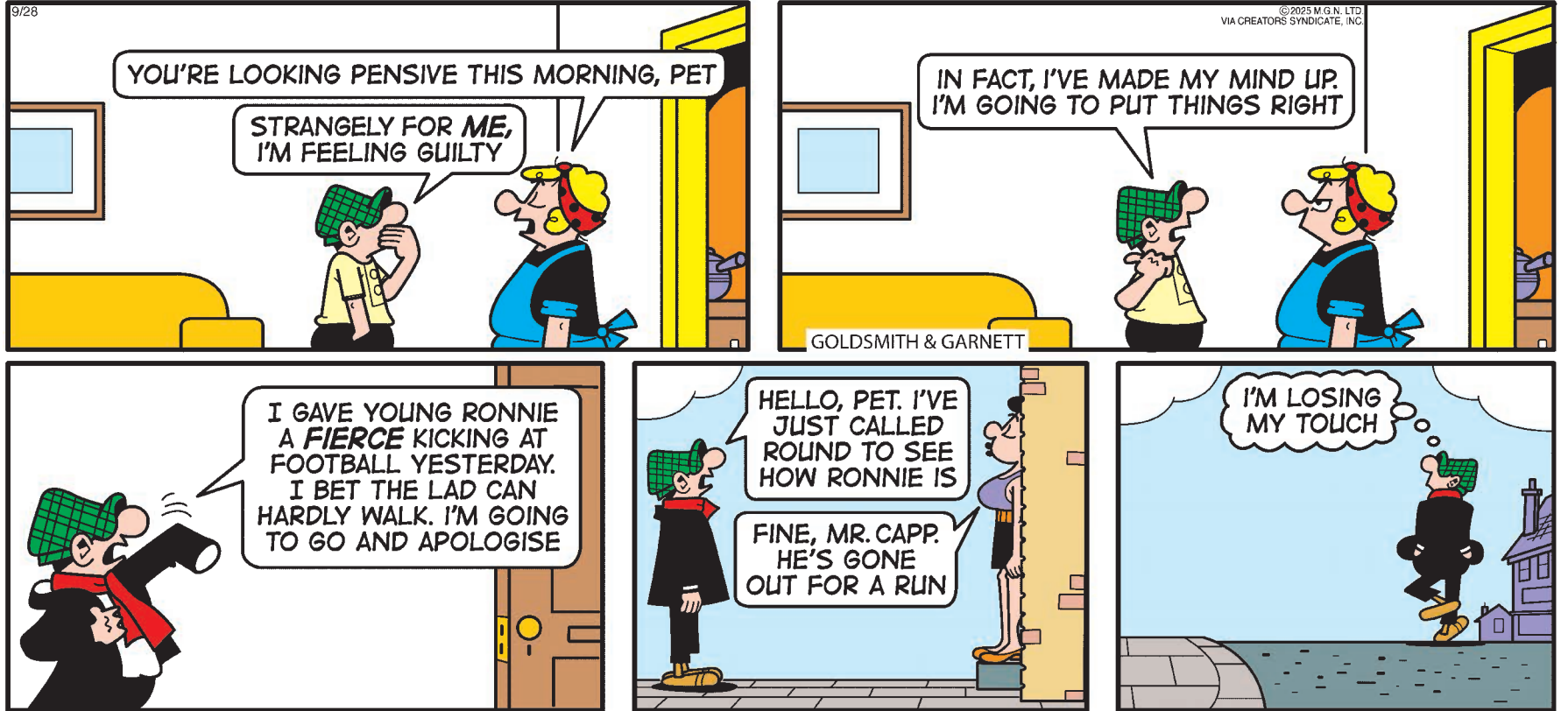
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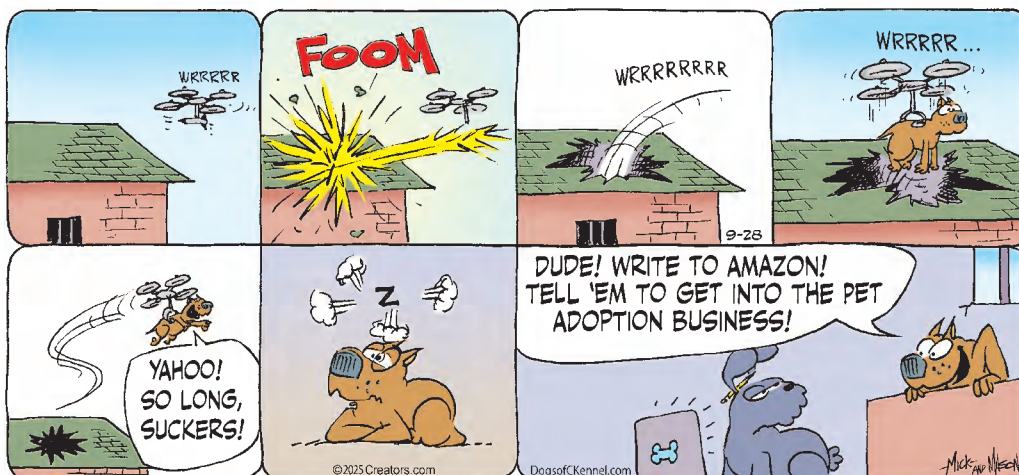
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